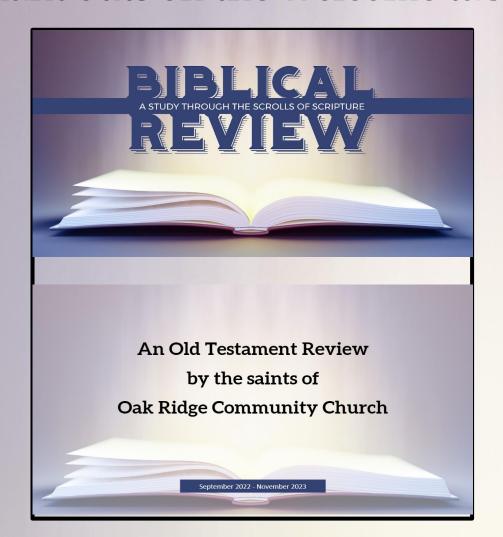


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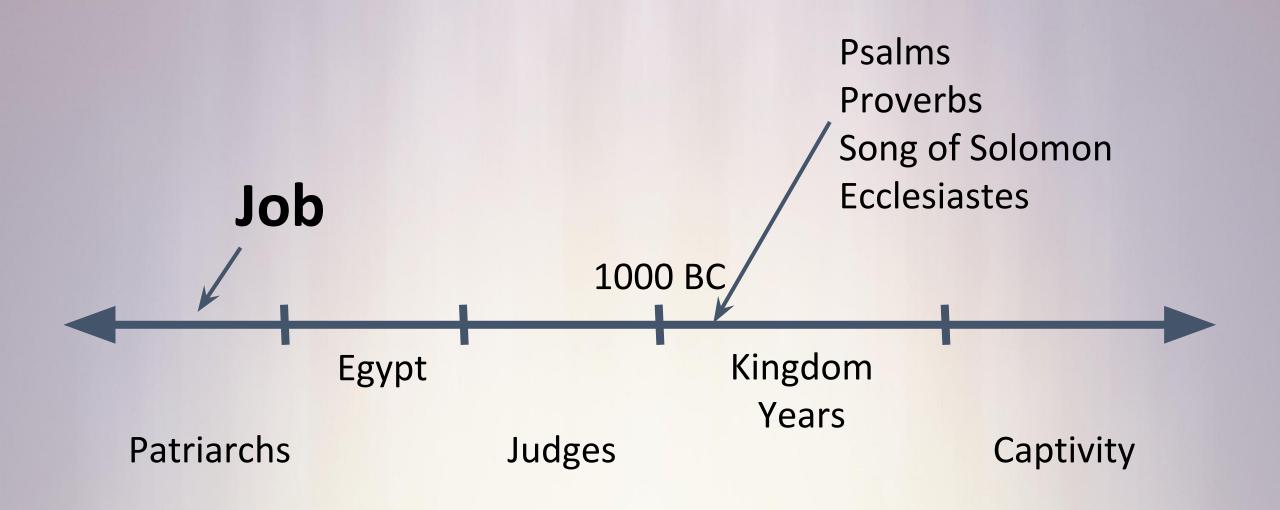
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The Key Question

How is Job <u>different</u> at the end of his experience?

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Key verses

"Then the Lord asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He <u>fears</u> God and stays away from evil.

Satan replied to the Lord, "Yes, <u>but</u> Job has good reason to fear God. You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property....But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!"

Job 1:8-11 NLT

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"I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!"

Job 1:21

Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

Job 2:10

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Short-sighted Conclusions

- Innocence is rewarded.
- Sin is punished.
- Suffering is explainable.

Key verse

Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.

Job 13:15

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Job's monologue

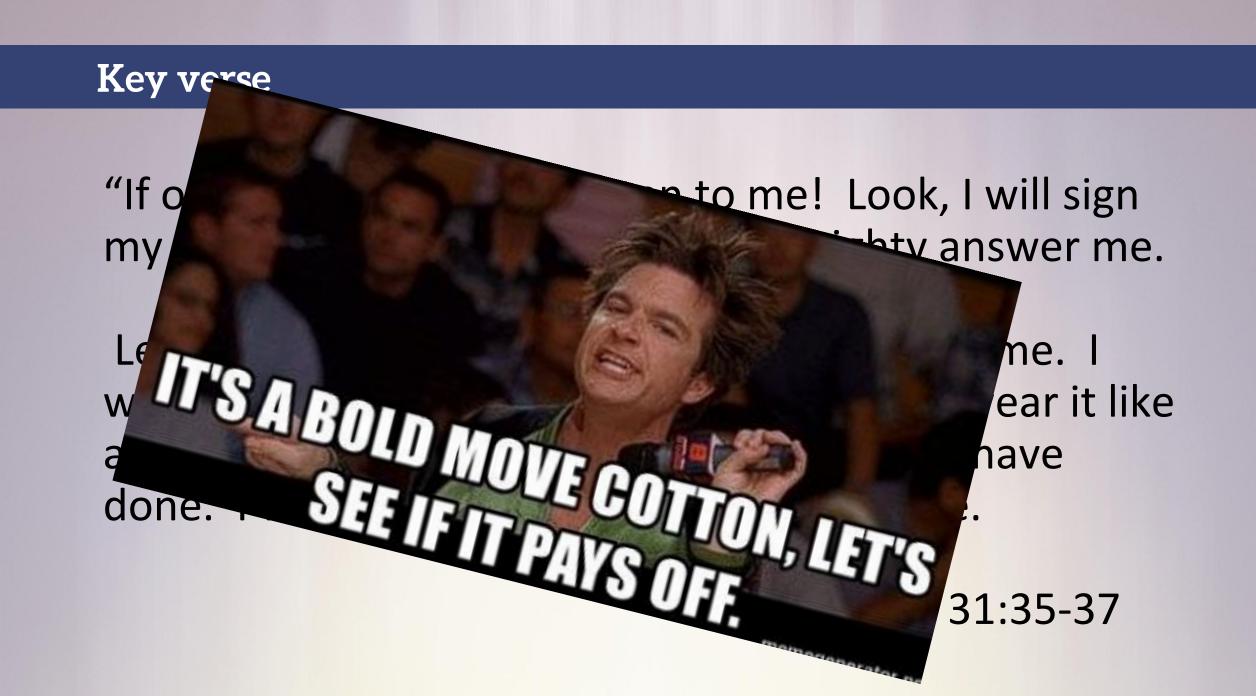
- Mourning his loss
- Declaring his <u>innocence</u>
- Demanding to be heard

Key verses

"If only someone would listen to me! Look, I will sign my name to my defense. Let the <u>Almighty</u> answer <u>me</u>.

Let my accuser write out the charges against me. I would face the accusation proudly. I would wear it like a crown. For I would tell him exactly what I have done. I would come before him like a prince.

Job 31:35-37



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Then Elihu continued and said, "Do <u>you</u> think this is in accordance with justice?

Do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's'?

Job 35:1,2

Key verse

Then Elihu continued and said, "Wait for me a little, and I will show you that there is <u>still more</u> to be said on God's behalf.

Job 36:2

Scarlet Thread

- Sacrifices | Blameless | Suffering
- Mediator
- Advocate
- Redeemer

Mediator

For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. "There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us **both**.

Job 9:33

Advocate

"Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, And my advocate is on high. "My friends are my scoffers; My eye weeps to God. "O that a man might plead with God As a man with his neighbor!

Job 16:19,20

" ...if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1

Redeemer

I know that my redeemer <u>lives</u>, and that in the end he will <u>stand</u> on the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my **flesh** I will see God;

Job 19:25,26

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Decision Point

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Job 40:1-2

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Then the Lord said to Job, "Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who rebukes God give an answer."

Then Job answered the Lord and said, "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my <u>hand</u> on my mouth."

Job 40:1-4

God has grace to forgive and restore

- God responds to Job but does not explain.
- God allows Job to <u>speak</u> and <u>repent.</u>
- God <u>restores</u> Job.

Job wanted vindication, but God wanted Job's heart.

How is Job different at the end of his experience?

Job had an <u>encounter</u> with God.

- God granted him an eternal <u>perspective</u>.
- Job made a godly <u>decision</u> based on revelation.
- Job experienced the blessings of fellowship with God as a result of his decision.

The question for us is:

How are **you** different during your experience of suffering?

Decisions based on revelation

- Focus on <u>Faith</u> rather than Fairness.
- Eternal Perspective rather than **Anxiety**.
- Cultivating <u>Thankfulness</u> rather than Self-Pity.
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I put my hand on my mouth."

Job 40:4

I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

Job 42:6