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### Job

#### What is the book of Job?

- Job is a book of Israel's wisdom, poems and songs. It asks many questions about suffering and offers some answers. It does this through a story about Job and speeches by Job, his friends and God. Most of the book is written as long poems.
- The story of Job took place in the times when Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived. It took place east of the land of Israel.
- It isn't known who wrote the book of Job or when it was written down.

#### Who was this book written for?

- For the people of Israel.

#### Why was Job written?

- To explain different ways that people suffer.
- To show that God has more power and authority than anything or anyone else.
- To show that God makes life possible for everything he created.
- To give an example of someone remaining faithful to God when they are suffering.

#### Main ideas

- Suffering happens for many different reasons. It can't be explained only as the result of someone's sin.
- Human beings can't fully understand God and his actions. They can trust that he loves everything he created and does good for his creatures.
- God tests human beings. Tests can show if a person is truly committed to God.

#### Outline

**Job is blessed with success (1:1–5).**

**Job is tested (1 – 2).**

**Speeches by Job, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar (3 – 31).**

**A speech by Elihu (32 – 37).**

**Speeches by God (38:1 – 42:6).**

**Job is blessed with success again (42:7–17).**