

# The Book of Job

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# Brief Review

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- The book of Job is not defined in history
- Job is not an Israelite
- Author unknown
- A book of Wisdom



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- Chapters 1-2
  - Job is a blameless, upright man who feared God
  - Satan challenges God on Job's commitment to God
- Chapters 3-37
  - Job speaks with his three friends

# Brief Review – Job's 3 Friends

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- Job debates with his three friends
  - Is God just
  - Does God run the universe on justice
  - Why is Job suffering
- Eliphaz the Temanite
- Bildad the Shuhite
- Zophar the Na'amahite

# Brief Review – Job's Debate

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- Job debate
  - “I’m innocent” -> suffering is not Divine punishment
  - Concludes that God doesn’t run the world according to justice / God is unjust
- Friends debate
  - God is just / runs the world according to Justice -> Job must have sinned
- Fourth Friend – Elihu -> God is just -> Suffering to be used as warning / build character
  - Says not to accuse God



# Jobs conversation with God

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- Responds to Job's accusation
  - Incompetent/ unjust -> shows Job virtual tour, origin of Earth, many many details
  - The point -> Job and his friends assumed that they have a wide enough perspective on life and the world to make these assumptions
- Asks Job if he would like to manage the world -> too complex, not black and white
- God's World – Amazing but not perfect/safe

# Conclusion

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- Job's life restored
- Why is there suffering? No explanation from God. World is not designed to prevent suffering
- Challenge our thought -> Why should we be good? To “ensure” a good future?

# Lessons

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- An opportunity for the Glorification of God through suffering -> The man born blind
- Bad things happen to good people / Good things happen to bad people
  - Avoid justifying events
- Trust God -> “Thought He slay me, yet I will trust Him” (Job 13:15)
  - Do not lose hope
  - Did Job lose hope?



# Lessons

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- Friends may fail us, God will not
  - Pray for wisdom
- God may be silent, but his presence is with us
- Pray for wisdom (this is a book of wisdom)
- Trials are a good time for repentance “Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6)