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**BOOK OF JOB**

*This Book takes its name from the holy man of whom it treats: who, according to the more probable opinion, was of the race of Esau; and the same as Jobab, king of Edom, mentioned Gen. 36:33. It is uncertain who was the writer of it. Some attribute it to Job himself; others to Moses, or some one of the prophets. In the Hebrew it is written in verse, from the beginning of the third chapter to the forty-second chapter.*

**CHAPTER** **1**

*Job’s virtue and riches. Satan by permission from God strippeth him of all his substance. His patience.*

**1** There was a man in the land of Hus, whose name was Job, and that man was simple and upright, and fearing God, and avoiding evil.

**2** And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

**3** And his possession was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a family exceeding great: and this man was great among all the people of the east.

**4** And his sons went, and made a feast by houses every one in his day. And sending they called their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

**5** And when the days of their feasting were gone about, Job sent to them, and sanctified them: and rising up early offered holocausts for every one of them. For he said: Lest perhaps my sons have sinned, and have blessed God in their hearts. So did Job all days.

**6** Now on a certain day when the sons of God came to stand before the Lord, Satan also was present among them.

**7** And the Lord said to him: Whence comest thou? And he answered and said: I have gone round about the earth, and walked through it.

**8** And the Lord said to him: Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a simple and upright man, and fearing God, and avoiding evil?

**9** And Satan answering, said: Doth Job fear God in vain?

**10** Hast not thou made a fence for him, and his house, and all his substance round about, blessed the works of his hands, and his possession hath increased on the earth?

**11** But stretch forth thy hand a little, and touch all that he hath, and see if he blesseth thee not to thy face.

**12** Then the Lord said to Satan: Behold, all that he hath is in thy hand: only put not forth thy hand upon his person. And Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

**13** Now upon a certain day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother,

**14** There came a messenger to Job, and said: The oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them,

**15** And the Sabeans rushed in, and took all away, and slew the servants with the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

**16** And while he was yet speaking, another came, and said: The fire of God fell from heaven, and striking the sheep and the servants, hath consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

**17** And while he also was yet speaking, there came another, and said: The Chaldeans made three troops, and have fallen upon the camels, and taken them, moreover they have slain the servants with the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

**18** He was yet speaking, and behold another came in, and said: Thy sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their elder brother:

**19** A violent wind came on a sudden from the side of the desert, and shook the four corners of the house, and it fell upon thy children and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

**20** Then Job rose up, and rent his garments, and having shaven his head fell down upon the ground and worshipped,

**21** And said: Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: as it hath pleased the Lord so is it done: blessed be the name of the Lord.

**22** In all these things Job sinned not by his lips, nor spoke he any foolish thing against God.