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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-22

Background: The Book of Job is about a man named Job who experienced disaster even though he was faithful to Yahweh. Job spoke with three friends and asked why Yahweh let him experience trials and losses. The book teaches that we cannot understand all of Yahweh's ways, and when we suffer, it is more important to trust Yahweh than it is to understand the reason for the suffering.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless and upright, feared God and turned away from evil. [1:1-5]
- ☐ Satan came into the presence of Yahweh and asked God to remove the barrier around Job, his family, and his possessions. [1:9-10]
- ☐ Yahweh said Satan was allowed to bring harm to all that Job had but that he could not bring harm to Job himself. [1:12]
- ☐ Job's livestock, servants, and children were stolen or killed on the same day. [1:13-19]
- ☐ Job responded by humbling himself and worshiping God. [1:20-22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How was Job's character described? [1:1]
Job was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
2. What did Job do after his sons held feasts with their brothers and sisters in their houses? [1:4-5]
Job consecrated them to God, offered burnt offerings, and prayed for them.
3. When Satan appeared before Yahweh, where did he say he had been? [1:6-7]
He had been wandering on the earth and going back and forth on it.
4. Why do you think Yahweh said Satan should consider Job? [1:7-8]
There was no one like Job on the earth, a perfect and upright man who feared God and turned away from evil.
5. How did Satan say Yahweh had protected Job? [1:10]
He put a barrier around Job, around his house, and around all that he had on every side.
6. What did Satan think would cause Job to curse God? [1:11]
He said that Job would curse God if he brought harm on all that he had.
7. What did Yahweh give Satan permission to do? [1:12]
He gave him permission to take everything from Job but not to bring harm on Job himself.
8. What did the messenger tell Job the Sabeans had done? [1:14-15]
They killed all Job's servants in the field and took away all the oxen and donkeys.

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9. What did the second messenger tell Job had happened to his sheep? [1:16]
The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned them up along with the servants.
10. What did the third messenger tell Job had happened to his camels? [1:17]
Robbers came and stole all the camels and killed all the men that were caring for them.
11. What news did the fourth messenger bring to Job? [1:18-19]
Job's sons and daughters were all killed in a storm while feasting.
12. What did Job do after he got all these messages? [1:20]
Job tore his robe, shaved his head, lay facedown on the ground, and worshiped God.
13. Who did Job say gives and takes away? [1:21]
Job said Yahweh gives and takes away.
14. How do you think Job showed that he was not a foolish man? [1:22]
Job did not sin or accuse God of wrongdoing.

Comment Section:

2:1-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Satan came before Yahweh a second time and asked to bring harm to Job's body. [2:1-5]
- ☐ Yahweh gave Satan permission to harm Job but not to kill him. [2:6]
- ☐ Satan struck Job with painful boils all over his body. Job mourned by sitting in ashes. [2:7-8]
- ☐ Job's wife said that Job should curse God and die. However, Job did not say anything sinful. [2:9-10]
- ☐ Job's friends came and sat with him for seven days and nights. None of his friends spoke to Job because they saw that he was greatly grieved. [2:11-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who came with the sons of God when they presented themselves before Yahweh? [2:1]
Satan also came before Yahweh.
2. What did Yahweh say that Job continued to do after Satan's attacks? [2:3]
Job continued to do what was good and right.
3. What do you think Satan wanted to do to Job so that Job would curse God? [2:5]
Satan wanted to bring harm to Job's body.
4. How did Satan bring harm to Job's body? [2:7]
Satan brought harm to him with severe boils.
5. What did Job do to deal with his pain? [2:8]
He took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself as he sat in ashes.
6. What did Job's wife tell him to do? [2:9]
She told Job to curse God and die.
7. What did Job accuse his wife of? [2:10]
He accused her of talking foolishly that they should only be willing to receive good from God.
8. What did Job's three friends do when they heard what happened to Job? [2:11]
They came to mourn with him and comfort him.
9. How did Job's three friends show their grief when they saw him? [2:12]
They raised their voices and wept, tore their robes, threw dust on their heads, and sat on the ground in silence for seven days and nights.

Comment Section:

3:1-26

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job cursed the day that he was born. [3:1-10]
- ☐ Job asked if it might have been better if he had died when he was born. [3:11-19]
- ☐ Job lamented his suffering. [3:20-26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Job say about the day he was born? [3:1-3]
He cursed the day he was born and asked that it would perish.
2. What did Job want the day he was born to be like? [3:4-6]
He wanted that day to be a day of darkness and the shadow of death.
3. What did Job wish not to be heard on the night he was born? [3:7]
Job wished that no joyful voice be heard on that night.
4. What did Job wish had happened when he came out of the womb? [3:11]
He wished he had died at that time.
5. What did Job say he would be doing now if he had died at birth? [3:13-14]
He would be sleeping and at rest with kings and counselors of the earth.
6. Whom did Job say were able to rest in death? [3:17-19]
Wicked people, weary people, prisoners, and servants were able to rest in death.
7. To whom did Job say death did not come? [3:21]
It did not come to the person who wanted to die.
8. What do you think it meant that light was given to a man whom God has hedged in? [3:23]
Perhaps it meant that he continued to live and did not die.
9. What did Job do instead of eating food? [3:24]
He sighed instead of eating.
10. What were the things Job had feared that did happen to him? [3:25-26]
He was not at ease or quiet, and he had no rest.

Comment Section:

7:5-21

Background: Job responded to words spoken by Eliphaz the Temanite, one of Job's friends who came to comfort him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job talked about the sores on his flesh and about how hopelessly his days passed. [7:5-6]
- ☐ Job asked God to remember how soon he will die. [7:7-10]
- ☐ Job complained to God and asked why God was troubling him. [7:11-21]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What image did Job use to describe how quickly his days went by? [7:6]
He said his days were swifter than a weaver's shuttle.
2. To what did Job compare the man who goes down to Sheol? [7:9-10]
He was like a cloud that could no longer be seen.
3. In what way did Job speak and complain? [7:11]
He spoke in anguish and complained bitterly.
4. What did God do to Job when Job went to bed? [7:14]
God scared him with dreams and terrified him through visions.
5. Why do you think Job wanted God to leave him alone? [7:16]
He believed his days were useless.
6. What did Job say that God did to people? [7:17-18]
God observed people and tested them.
7. What did Job ask God to leave him alone long enough to do? [7:19]
He asked to be left alone long enough to swallow his own saliva.
8. What did Job think God would not do? [7:21]
Job thought God would not pardon his transgression nor take away his iniquity.
9. What do you think Job meant when he said he would lie down in the dust? [7:21]
He meant that he would die.

Comment Section:

8:1-7

Background: Bildad the Shuhite was another one of Job's friends who came to comfort him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Bildad the Shuhite answered Job. He asked Job questions because he thought Job should know the answers. [8:1-3]
- ☐ Bildad thought Job's children died because they sinned against God. [8:4]
- ☐ Bildad told Job that God would restore him if he were pure and upright. [8:5-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. To what did Bildad compare the words of Job's mouth? [8:2]
He said they were a mighty wind.
2. How do you think Bildad expected Job to answer his questions of whether God perverted justice and righteousness? [8:3]
Bildad probably would have expected Job to answer that God did not pervert justice and righteousness.
3. How did Bildad say he knew that Job's children sinned? [8:4]
He said he knew this because God had handed Job's children over to their sin.
4. How did Bildad say God would bless Job if he was pure and upright? [8:6]
He said God would restore Job to his rightful place and make his final condition even greater than before.
5. What did Bildad say Job's life would be like if he did not have sin?
He said things would be much greater than it was before. [8:7]

Comment Section:

16:1-5

Background: After answering his other two friends, Job responded to more words spoken by Eliphaz the Temanite.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job said that his friends' words were troublesome and useless. [16:1-3]
- ☐ Job told his friends that he too could speak mocking words. [16:4-5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Job say about the comfort of his friends? [16:1-3]
Job said they were troublesome comforters using useless words.
2. What do you think Job meant when he said his friends were troublesome comforters? [16:2-3]
Perhaps it meant that their words were accusing him of sinning instead of providing comfort to him.
3. What did Job say he could do that would be like how they treated him? [16:4]
He could speak and mock them as they do to him.
4. What other way did Job say he could speak to his friends if their roles were reversed? [16:5]
Job said he could strengthen them with his words.
5. What do you think Job was talking about when he referred to his mouth and the quivering of his lips? [16:5]
Perhaps he was talking about the words he spoke with his mouth and lips.

Comment Section:

19:23-29

Background: After Bildad answered Job a second time, Job again spoke to his three friends.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job wished that his words were permanently written down. [19:23-24]
- ☐ Job said he knew that his Redeemer lives and that Job would personally see him. [19:25-27]
- ☐ Job warned his friends to fear being judged. [19:28-29]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Job want to happen to his words? [19:23-24]
He wanted them to be written in a book or forever engraved in rock.
2. What did Job say he knew about his Redeemer? [19:25]
He knew that his Redeemer lives and that at last his Redeemer would stand on the earth.
3. What did Job say would happen when his body was destroyed? [19:26]
Job in his flesh would see God.
4. Where do Job's friends think his troubles come from? [19:28]
They say his troubles are caused by Job himself.
5. What did Job warn his friends about? [19:29]
He warned them of the judgment that comes from wrath.

Comment Section:

28:1-28

Background: After answering each of his three friends once again, Job continued his discourse.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job talked about many things people did in search of riches. [28:1-11]
- ☐ Job said that only God knows and understands the way to wisdom. [28:12-27]
- ☐ Job said that fearing God and departing from evil was wisdom and understanding. [28:28]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. From where was copper smelted? [28:2]
Copper was smelted out of stone from the earth.
2. What did man search out to the farthest limit? [28:3]
Man searched out valuable stones.
3. Where did man break open a shaft? [28:4]
He broke open a shaft away from where people live.
4. What did the dust of the earth contain? [28:6]
The dust of the earth contained gold.
5. What could not go where people went? [28:7-8]
Birds and animals could not go there.
6. What did man see in the channels he cut among the rocks? [28:10]
He saw every valuable thing there.
7. Where were wisdom and understanding not found? [28:12-13]
They were not found in the land of the living.
8. What could not be used to buy wisdom and understanding? [28:15]
Gold and silver could not buy them.
9. What could not equal the worth of wisdom and understanding? [28:17]
Gold and crystal could not equal their worth.
10. What jewel was wisdom worth more than? [28:18]
It was worth more than rubies.

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11. From whose eyes was wisdom hidden? [28:21]
Wisdom was hidden from the eyes of all living things.
12. Who knows the place of wisdom? [28:23]
God understands the way to wisdom and knows its place.
13. For what did God make a decree? [28:26]
He made a decree for the rain.
14. What did God tell people is wisdom and understanding? [28:28]
To fear the Lord and turn from doing evil.

Comment Section:

33:1-18

Background: After Job finished his discourse, a younger person named Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite began speaking to Job.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Elihu asked Job to listen to his words because his words came from the uprightness of his heart. [33:1-7]
- ☐ Elihu said that Job was wrong in what he said, for God is greater than man. [33:8-12]
- ☐ Elihu said that God causes men to stop doing evil things by warning them. [33:13-18]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Elihu beg Job to hear? [33:1]
Elihu begged Job to listen to all his words.
2. What did Elihu say that he spoke? 33:3]
Elihu said that he spoke pure knowledge.
3. Whom did Elihu say made him? [33:4]
Elihu said the Spirit of God made him.
4. What did Elihu ask Job to do? [33:5]
Elihu asked Job to answer him if Job was able.
5. What reason did Elihu give that Job should not be afraid of him? [33:6-7]
Elihu told Job that they were the same in God's sight and they were both formed out of the clay.
6. What had Elihu heard Job saying? [33:8-11]
Elihu heard Job saying that he was innocent and God was treating him as his enemy.
7. How did Elihu say God compared to man? [33:12]
Elihu said God is greater than man.
8. Why did Elihu say it was useless to struggle against God? [33:13]
God did not need to account for any of his doings.
9. How did Elihu say that God speaks to man? [33:14-15]
God speaks in dreams and visions during the night while men are sleeping.
10. Why does God open the ears of men and frighten them with threats, according to Elihu? [33:16-17]
Elihu said God does this in order to turn men away from sinful deeds and keep pride from them.

Job 33:1-18 continued

11. Who kept a person's life from crossing over into death? [33:18]
God kept a person from death.

Comment Section:

38:1-41

Background: After Elihu finished his discourse, Yahweh began to speak to Job.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh called to Job out of a fierce storm and told Job to answer his questions. [38:1-3]
- ☐ Yahweh asked Job where he was when he made the world. He questioned Job about his understanding of how the earth was made and how all created things are governed. [38:4-30]
- ☐ Yahweh asked Job if he is able to rule over creation. [38:31-41]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh speak out of? [38:1]
He spoke out of a fierce storm.
2. What did Yahweh say about Job's words? [38:2]
They were words without knowledge.
3. What did Yahweh say Job must do? [38:3]
He said Job must answer his questions.
4. What sang together and who shouted for joy when Yahweh laid the cornerstone of the earth? [38:6-7]
The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy.
5. To what did Yahweh compare the sea bursting out after it was shut up with doors? [38:8]
God compared the sea bursting out to coming out of the womb.
6. What did Yahweh put in place to bound the sea so that it could come only so far and no farther? [38:10-11]
Yahweh put in place bars and doors to bound the sea.
7. To what did Yahweh ask Job if he had given orders? [38:12-13]
He asked if Job had given orders to the morning.
8. How does the earth change in appearance like clay changes under a seal? [38:14]
The light of dawn changes the earth so that all things on it stand out clearly.
9. What did Yahweh take away from the wicked? [33:15]
Yahweh took their light away from them.
10. In what place did Yahweh ask if Job had walked? [38:16]
Yahweh asked if Job had walked in the lowest parts of the deep.

Job 38:1-41 continued

11. What did Yahweh ask if Job had seen? [38:17]
He asked if Job had seen the gates of the shadow of death.
12. What did Yahweh say to mock Job about his lack of knowledge, and about the way to the resting place of light and darkness? [38:19-21]
Yahweh mocked Job by saying that Job should surely know about this because the number of Job's days was so large.
13. What do you think it meant that Yahweh mocked Job about Job's days being so large? [38:19-21]
It probably meant that Job was surely not alive when Yahweh made the world.
14. What did Yahweh keep for times of trouble and war? [38:22-23]
Yahweh kept storehouses of snow and hail.
15. Why does Yahweh cause it to rain on the wilderness in which there is no person? [38:25-27]
He causes it to rain in order to meet the needs of the barren and lonely regions and to make the grass grow there.
16. What did Yahweh ask Job if he could do to Pleiades and Orion? [38:31]
He asked Job if he could fasten chains on Pleiades or undo the cords of Orion.
17. Why do you think Yahweh asked Job if he could control the earth and sky? [38:31-33]
Perhaps Yahweh asked him so that Job would remember that Yahweh is powerful and in control of all these things.
18. What happened to the dust and clods of earth when Yahweh poured out water on them? [38:37-38]
The dust ran into a hard mass and the clods of earth clumped tightly together.
19. Where do the young lion cubs wait for their food? [38:39-40]
They wait in their dens and shelter in hiding.
20. Why do the young ravens cry out to Yahweh? [38:41]
They cry out for lack of food.

Comment Section:

40:1-24

Background: Yahweh continued to speak to Job out of a fierce storm.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh asked anyone to speak who wished to argue with God. [40:1-2]
- ☐ Job answered by saying he should be silent. [40:3-5]
- ☐ Yahweh questioned Job about his understanding of God's justice. [40:6-14]
- ☐ Yahweh questioned Job about his understanding of God's power. [40:15-24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh ask of those who would try to correct him? [40:1-2]
He asked them to answer him.
2. What did Job do to show he should be silent before Yahweh? [40:4]
He put his hand over his mouth.
3. Why do you think he put his hand over his mouth? [40:4-5]
Probably because he knew he should not speak any more than he already had spoken.
4. What did Yahweh answer Job out of again? [40:6]
He answered out of a fierce storm.
5. What did Yahweh tell Job to do to prepare to answer Yahweh? [40:7]
He told Job to gird up his loins like a man.
6. Why did Yahweh say that Job was condemning Yahweh? [40:8]
So that Job could claim he was right.
7. With what did Yahweh challenge Job to clothe himself? [40:10]
He challenged Job to clothe himself with glory, dignity, honor, and majesty.
8. What did Yahweh tell Job to do to the wicked people? [40:12]
Yahweh told Job to trample them down where they stood.
9. What would Yahweh acknowledge about Job if he could trample the wicked and bury them in the earth? [40:14]
He would acknowledge that Job's own hand could save him.
10. What did the behemoth eat? [40:15]
He ate grass like an ox.

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11. What was the tail of the behemoth like? [40:17]
Its tail was like a cedar.
12. What were the bones of the behemoth like? [40:18]
They were like tubes of bronze.
13. Who could defeat the behemoth? [40:19]
Only God could defeat the behemoth.
14. What provided food for the behemoth? [40:20]
The hills nearby provided it with food.
15. Where did the behemoth lie? [40:21]
He lies under the lotus plants in the shelter of the reeds.
16. How did the behemoth respond when the river flooded? [40:23]
He was confident and did not tremble.

Comment Section:

42:1-6

Background: Yahweh finished speaking to Job out of the fierce storm.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Job answered Yahweh and said that he had spoken things he did not understand. [42:1-3]
- ☐ Job repented after hearing and seeing Yahweh. [42:4-6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Job say Yahweh can do? [42:2]
He said Yahweh can do all things.
2. What kind of things did Job speak about? [42:3]
He spoke about things that were too difficult for him to understand.
3. How did Job respond to Yahweh after seeing him with his eye? [42:5-6]
Job despised himself and repented in dust and ashes.

Comment Section:

42:7-17

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh was angry with Eliphaz and his friends for saying things about Yahweh that were not right. Yahweh required they make a burnt offering for their sin. [42:7-9]
- ☐ Job prayed for his friends, and Yahweh blessed Job with twice as much as he had before. [42:10-12]
- ☐ Job had seven sons and three daughters, and he lived 140 years. [42:13-19]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh say that Eliphaz and his two friends had done wrong? [42:7]
They had not said the right things about Yahweh, as Job had done.
2. What did Yahweh tell Eliphaz to give as an offering? [42:8]
He told Eliphaz to take seven bulls and seven rams to offer for himself and his friends as a burnt offering.
3. Whom did Yahweh accept? [42:9]
Yahweh accepted Job.
4. What happened after Job prayed for his friends? [42:10]
Yahweh restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as what he had possessed before.
5. What did every person give to Job who came to comfort him? [42:11]
They each gave him a piece of silver and a ring of gold.
6. How did Yahweh bless Job at the end of his life? [42:12]
Yahweh blessed Job more than the first part of Job's life.
7. How many more sons and daughters did Job have? [42:13]
He had seven sons and three daughters.
8. What was unique about Job's daughters? [42:15]
There were no women in the land as beautiful as Job's daughters, and he gave them an inheritance with their brothers.
9. How long did Job live? [42:16]
He lived 140 more years.

Comment Section: