

**THE BOOK OF  
JOB**

**SUFFERING & THE CHARACTER OF GOD**

Love  
one another.

JOHN 13:34

Encourage  
one another.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

Build  
one another up.

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Be kind  
to one another,  
tenderhearted,  
forgiving one  
another.

EPHESIANS 4:32

Submit to  
one another  
out of reverence  
for Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:21

Stir up one  
another to love  
and good works.

HEBREWS 10:24

Much of the  
New Testament is  
explaining  
how we are to  
treat one another.



Bear  
one another's  
burdens.

GALATIANS 6:2

Pray  
for  
one another.

JAMES 5:16

Forgive  
one another.

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Serve  
one another  
through love.

GALATIANS 5:13

Confess  
your sins to  
one another.

JAMES 5:16

Live in harmony  
with one another.

ROMANS 12:16

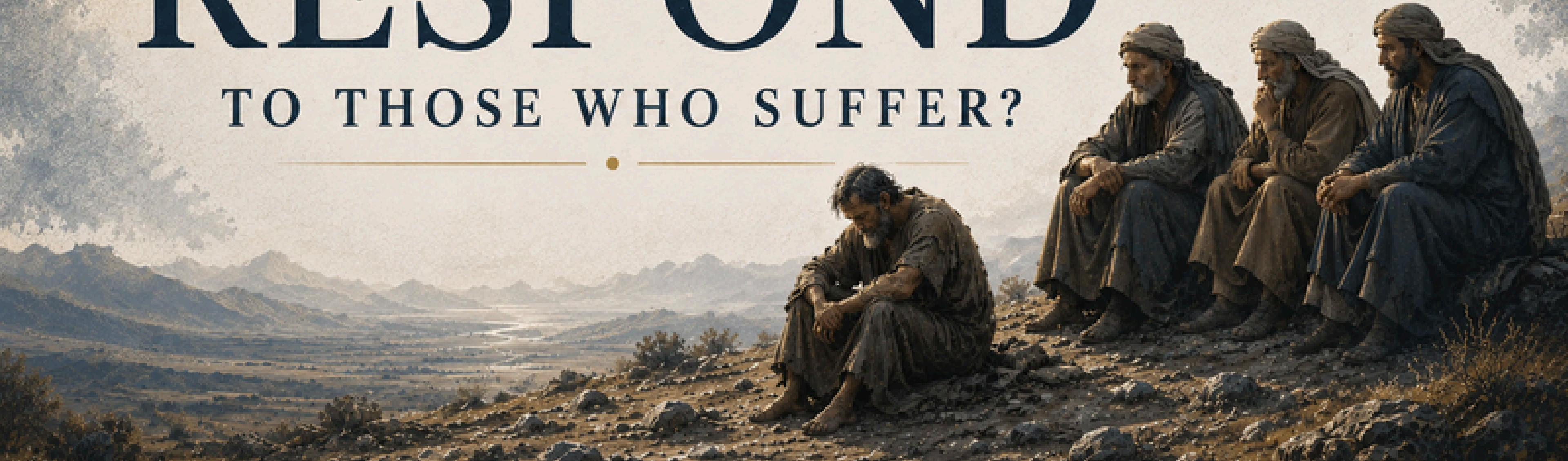




HOW SHOULD WE

# RESPOND

TO THOSE WHO SUFFER?



# THE FOUR ATTACKS

JOB 1:13-19

**1** THE SABAEANS  
TOOK THE OXEN  
(v. 13-15)



The Sabaeans raided and stole the oxen and donkeys, killing the servants with the sword.

**2** FIRE FELL FROM  
HEAVEN AND  
CONSUMED THE SHEEP  
(v. 16)



Fire from heaven struck and consumed the sheep and the servants in the fields.

**3** THE CHALDEANS  
TOOK THE CAMELS  
(v. 17)



The Chaldeans attacked and carried off the camels, killing the servants with the sword.

**4** A GREAT WIND  
STRUCK AND  
DESTROYED THE HOUSE  
(v. 18-19)



A great wind struck the house where Job's sons and daughters were dining and it collapsed, killing them all.





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Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

JOB 2:9-10

THE THREE FRIENDS OF

# JOB



**ELIPHAZ**  
THE TEMANITE

Believes suffering is always the result of sin and calls Job to repentance.



**BILDAD**  
THE SHUHITE

Asserts God's justice and reminds Job of human frailty and deserving judgment.



**ZOPHAR**  
THE NAAMATHITE

Insists that the wicked always reap what they sow and urges Job to confess his sin.



<sup>11</sup> Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, **they came each from his own place**, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. **They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.** <sup>12</sup> And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. <sup>13</sup> And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

## JOB 2:11-13

# JOB'S FRIENDS: WHERE THEY CAME FROM

In the book of Job, three of Job's friends came from distinct regions surrounding the land of Uz.



## ELIPHAZ THE TEMANITE

Teman was a region in Edom, southeast of the Dead Sea. (*Job 2:11*)



## BILDAD THE SHUHITE

Shuah was a land in the region of Arabia, east of the Arabah (the Rift Valley). (*Job 2:11*)

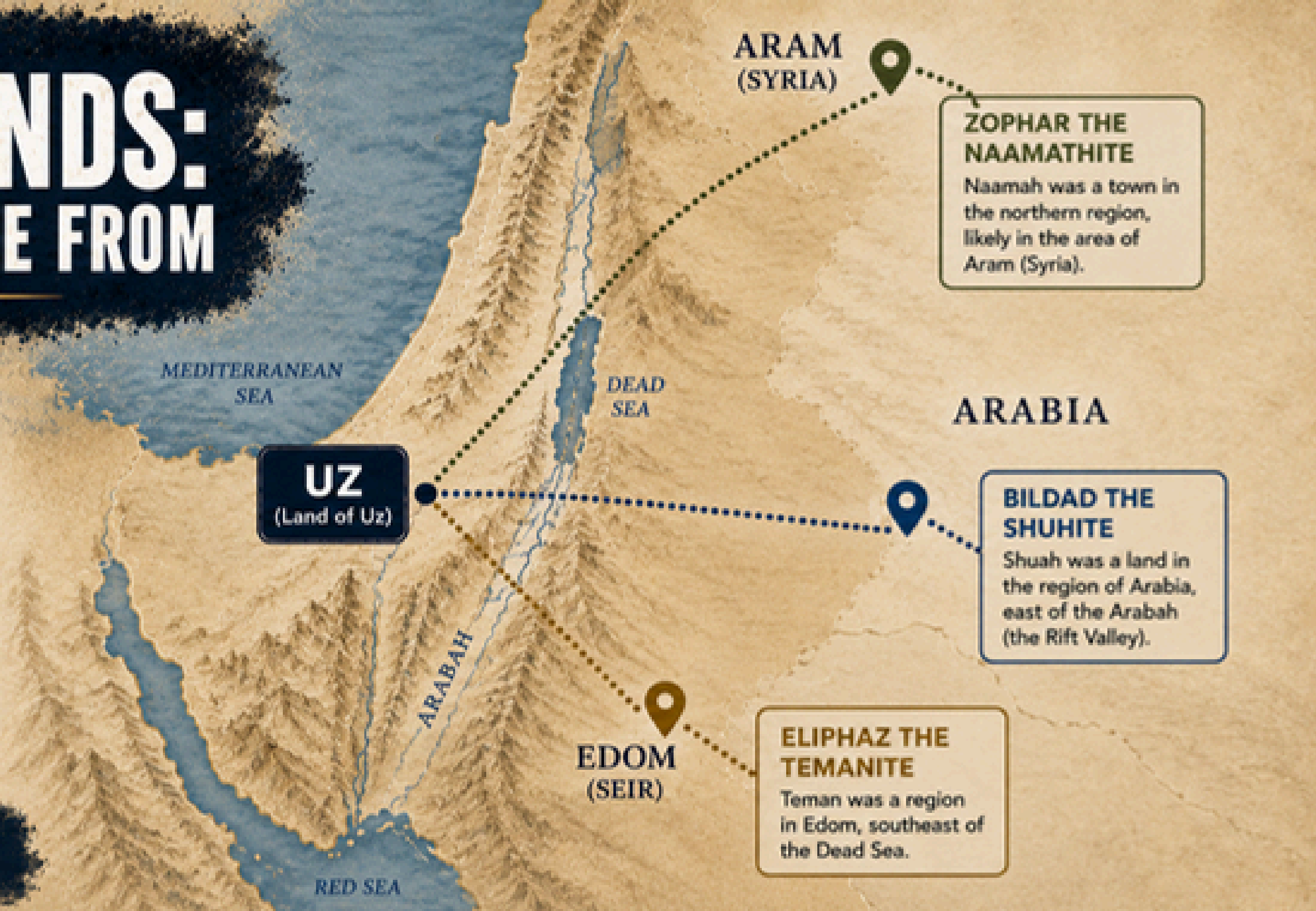


## ZOPHAR THE NAAMATHITE

Naamah was a town in the northern region, likely in the area of Aram (Syria). (*Job 2:11*)



These men traveled from their homes to sympathize with Job and comfort him in his suffering. (*Job 2:11*)



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(Land of Uz)

ARAM  
(SYRIA)

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ARABIA

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**EDOM (SEIR)**

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“The aim of the friends, to comfort Job in his affliction, begins something of a theme in the book. To comfort is an appropriate response in situations like Job’s, and the friends’ aim is noble. We shall learn, however, that they fail to fulfill their task, providing no real comfort to Job (Job 16:2; 21:34) despite Job’s need and desire for comfort. Ultimately, it is only at the end, following God’s words to him, that Job will finally be comforted and be able to begin to rebuild his life.”

————— MARTIN A. SHIELDS —————

LIVE  
*the*  
TEXT



# HOW TO MINISTER TO THOSE WHO SUFFER:



1

## MOVE TOWARD THOSE SUFFERING.

- *“They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.” // JOB 2:11*

2

## MEET SUFFERING PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION.

- *“They raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.” // JOB 2:12*

3

## DO NOT RUSH TO EXPLAIN WHAT GOD HAS NOT EXPLAINED.

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