

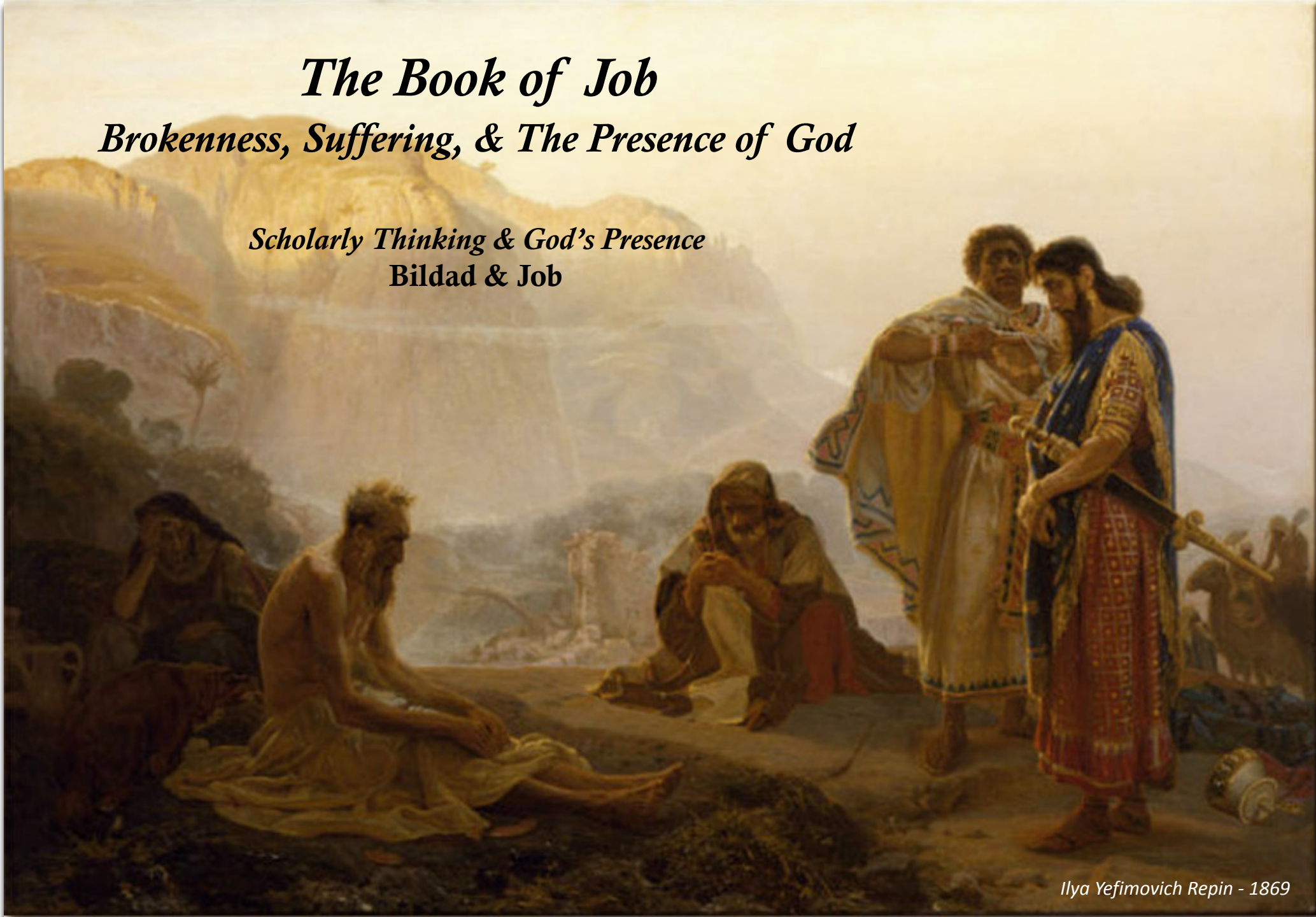
The Golden Gate - eastern wall of Temple Mount



The Book of Job

Brokenness, Suffering, & The Presence of God

Scholarly Thinking & God's Presence
Bildad & Job



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*Will they not teach you and tell you
and utter words out of their understanding?*

*How long will you say these things,
and the words of your mouth be a great wind?*

Does God pervert justice?

Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

if you are pure and upright,

surely then he will rouse himself for you

restore your rightful habitation



Job Responds To Bildad – Chapter 9

5 he who removes mountains, and they know it not,

when he overturns them in his anger,

6 who shakes the earth out of its place,

and its pillars tremble;

7 who commands the sun, and it does not rise;

who seals up the stars;

8 who alone stretched out the heavens

and trampled the waves of the sea;



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Job Responds To Bildad – Chapter 9

⁹ who made the Bear and Orion,

the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;

¹⁰ who does great things beyond searching out,

and marvelous things beyond number.

¹¹ Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not;

he moves on, but I do not perceive him.

¹² Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back?

Who will say to him, ‘What are you doing?’ ESV



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Job Responds To Bildad – Chapter 9

Then Job answered and said:

² “Truly I know that it is so:

*But **how can a man be in the right before God?***

³ If one wished to contend with him,

one could not answer him once in a thousand times.

⁴ He is wise in heart and mighty in strength

—who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?



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Job' Climactic Statement to Bildad – Chapter 19

23 "Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.



Job' Climactic Statement to Bildad – Chapter 19

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!



How can I answer him, choosing my words with him?

Though I am in the right, I cannot answer him,

I must appeal for mercy to my accuser...

