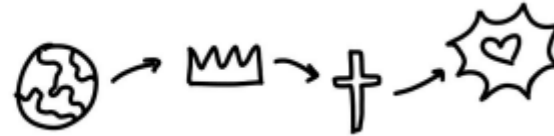
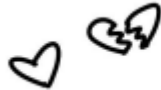




OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: JOB, PSALMS, AND PROVERBS



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JOB - THE BASICS

- **Author:** Unknown
- **Time written:** depends on author- some say 4000 BC
- **Purpose:** to show God's goodness through **suffering** in the world, especially by righteous or innocent people
- **Division of book:**
 - **Prologue:** Chapter 1- Earth/ Chapter 2- Heaven
 - **Chapters 3-31:** Cycles of Dialogues between Job and 3 friends
 - **Chapters 28:** The "Interlude" on Wisdom
 - **Chapters 32-37:** Monologues-Elihu speaks
 - **Chapters 38-42:6:** God speaks
 - **Epilogue: Chapter 42:7- 17:** Job's restoration
- **Main characters/ events**
 - Job = hated (one)
 - The Adversary (Satan)
 - 3 friends: Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar
 - Elihu
 - GOD

STORY THAT
ADDRESSES
SUFFERING
ALONGSIDE
God's goodness

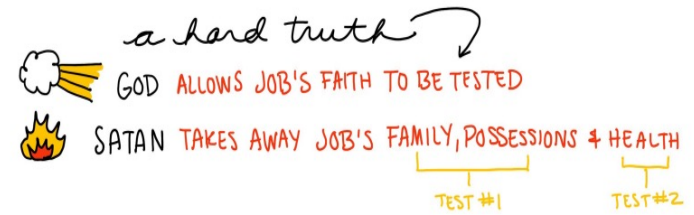


JOB

	Introduction to the Suffering	Discussion of the Suffering			Correction in the Suffering	Submission under the Suffering	Restoration from the Suffering	
	<p>Scene 1 Job's purity and prosperity</p> <p>Scene 2 Satan's proposition and Yahweh's permission</p> <p>Scene 3 Satan's persecution and Job's patience</p> <p>Scene 4 Satan's persistence and Yahweh's permission</p> <p>Scene 5 Poverty and plagues</p> <p>CHAPTERS 1-2</p>	<p>Words of Job (Eyes on Self)</p> <p>Curses birth</p> <p>Curses life</p> <p>CHAPTER 3</p>	<p>Words of Three Friends (Eyes on Humanity)</p> <p>Eliphaz</p> <p>Job</p> <p>Zophar Bildad</p> <p>CHAPTERS 4-14</p>	<p>Eliphaz</p> <p>Job</p> <p>Zophar Bildad</p> <p>CHAPTERS 15-21</p>	<p>Eliphaz</p> <p>Job</p> <p>Bildad</p> <p>Job's monologue</p> <p>CHAPTERS 22-31</p>	<p>Words of Elihu (Eyes on Yahweh)</p> <p>To Job</p> <p>To three friends</p> <p>To Job</p> <p>CHAPTERS 32-37</p>	<p>Words of Yahweh (Emphasis on Sovereignty)</p> <p>Job's admission</p> <p>Job's confession</p> <p>CHAPTER 42:1-6</p>	<p>Yahweh's anger with the three friends</p> <p>Yahweh's blessing on Job</p> <p>CHAPTER 42:7-17</p>
Key Sections	Historical	Theological / Philosophical			Logical	Revelational	Confessional	Historical
Key People	Job, Yahweh, and Satan	Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar			Elihu	Yahweh	Job	Yahweh, Job, and the three friends
Key Sayings	"Have you considered My servant Job?" (1:8)	"... then Job ... Eliphaz ... Bildad ... Zophar answered"			God does "great things which we cannot comprehend" (37:5).	"Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine." (41:11)	Therefore I retract, / And I repent in dust and ashes. (42:6)	The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. (42:12)
Theme	God's sovereignty and humanity's struggle in the midst of suffering							
Key Verse	42:2							
Christ in Job	Job's cry for a mediator (9:33; 33:23-24) and his faith in a Redeemer (19:25-27) foreshadow the intercessory work of Christ.							

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Who is JOB?



- ?? Son of Issachar, grandson of Jacob (Israel): Genesis 46:13
- Job is blameless and upright
- He feared God and shunned evil
- He lives in Uz and acts as priest for his family (v. 5)
- He is prosperous and "he was the greatest man among all the people of the East."
- He has God's trust ("Have you considered my servant Job?")
- He has an adversary/ enemy of his soul- Satan
- He loses his 10 children and all his belongings- 4 messengers: oxen, donkeys, servants, sheep, camels, sons and daughters- all killed
- He loses his health: festering sores, pain, fever, insomnia, hopelessness, fear and alienation from friends and wife, but God still told Satan he could not kill Job
- He had a foolish wife ("Curse God and die.")
- He becomes depressed, but does not curse God!



"JOB WAS BLAMELESS & UPRIGHT; HE FEARED GOD & SHUNNED EVIL." JOB 1:1

Job's 3 "Friends"- Eliphaz 1st

- The "sons of God" approach God AND Satan is with them
- After losing everything, Job's 3 friends, **Eliphaz**, **Bildad**, **Zophar** heard about what happened, met together and went to comfort him.
- They saw him, but could not recognize him and began to weep aloud, tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads
- They sat on the ground with him for 7 days and 7 nights and no one said a word to him!
- **Eliphaz is the 1st to speak**

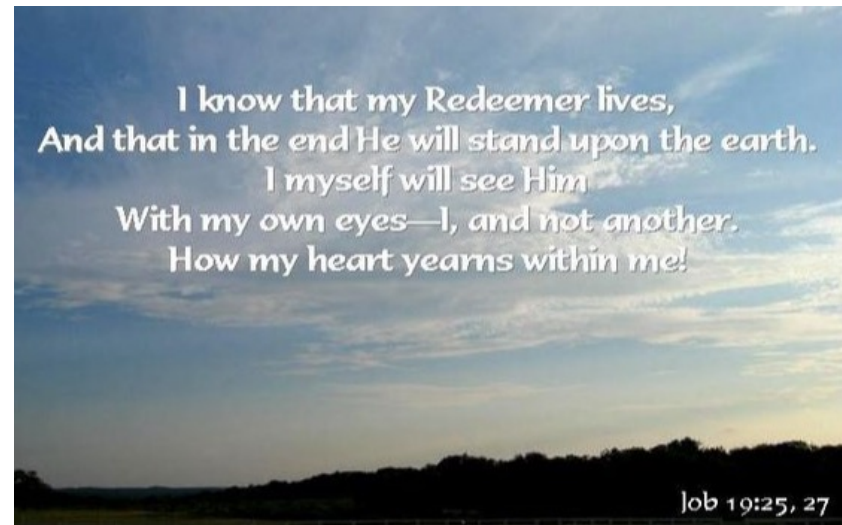
JOB'S 4 FRIENDS

1. ELIPHAZ
 2. BILDAD
 3. ZOPHAR
 4. ELIHU
- ASSUME JOB IS BEING PUNISHED FOR HIS SINS
- SUGGESTS GOD MAY BE USING THIS FOR GROWTH



Bildad and Zophar

- Bildad- 2nd to speak with Job and wants Job to repent of his wrong
 - Is rude and implies Job's children died deservedly because of sin
 - Compares Job to a beast and describes the ultimate fate of such a wicked man
 - States man is infinitely imperfect, "a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm!"
 - Job's responses: *Job 9:33-35 (Mediator) and Job 10:8-12 (Creator), Job 19:25-27 (Redeemer and Resurrection!)*
- Zophar- spoke 3rd, only 2 dialogues with Job
 - Job deserved even worse than what he got!
 - One who commits wickedness, will suffer for it.
- **Job 27:1-6 Job's final words to his "friends"**
- Chapter 28: Interlude on Wisdom



Elihu Speaks

- Elihu, son of Barakel the Buzite, of the family of Ram
- A younger man, who arrived later
- Honored and deferred to the elders until his anger was aroused against Job AND the 3 friends
- His **condemns the 3 friends**, **confronts Job**, **lifts up and exalts God's greatness** and finally, **God speaks!**



- JOB'S FRIENDS QUESTION JOB'S FAITH + INTEGRITY
- JOB QUESTIONS GOD'S REASONS, BUT CONTINUES TO OBEY GOD

God Speaks and Job is Restored

"I WILL QUESTION YOU & YOU SHALL ANSWER ME!"
38:3

GOD SPEAKS!

- REMINDS JOB OF HIS WISDOM, POWER & AUTHORITY
- REFUSES TO BE TREATED AS A MORTAL
- REBUKES JOB'S FRIENDS FOR JUDGING
- REWARDS JOB DOUBLE FOR FAITHFULNESS

2 TESTS



- ① FAMILY & POSSESSIONS KILLED
- 7 SONS + 3 DAUGHTERS
 - LARGE # OF SERVANTS
 - 7000 SHEEP
 - 3000 CAMELS
 - 500 OXEN
 - 500 DONKEYS

→ REWARDED W/ DOUBLE!

AFTER



- 7 SONS + 3 DAUGHTERS
- LARGE # OF SERVANTS
- 14,000 SHEEP
- 6,000 CAMELS
- 1,000 OXEN
- 1,000 DONKEYS

Jesus and the Holy Spirit in Job!

- During his darkest time, Job is the 1st to “see” Jesus resurrected AND to see himself resurrected!
 - **Job 19:25-27** *“²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my heart, I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”*
- **El Shaddai = God Almighty- over and over and over again in Elihu’s monologue to Job/ friends**
- **Revelation 21:5-6** He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- **Job 32:8** But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.
- **Suffering! Did Jesus not suffer the most for US?**
- **Our assignment: 2 Corinthians 1:3–7**
 - All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. **For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.**

PSALMS

POETRY + WISDOM

THE BASICS

- **Author:** David, Solomon, Hezekiah, sons of Korah, Asaph, the choir leader, other priests/ scribes
- **Time written:** Over a 1000 year period!
- **Purpose:** Variable- the subjects as God and His creation, war, worship, wisdom, sin and evil, judgment, justice, and the coming of the Messiah.
- **Division of book:**
 - **Chapters 1-41:** Genesis Psalms (Sovereignty)
 - **Chapters 42-72:** Exodus Psalms (Freedom)
 - **Chapters 73- 89:** Leviticus Psalms (Priesthood)
 - **Chapters 90- 106:** Numbers Psalms (Rehearse History)
 - **Chapters 107- 150:** Deuteronomy Psalms (Power of the Word of God)

150 PSALMS WRITTEN BY:

- DAVID 73 
- ASAPH 12 
- SONS OF KORAH 11 
- SOLOMON 2 
- MOSES 1 
- HEMAN 1 
- ETHAN 1 
- UNKNOWN 49 ???

LAMENT ☹️

1. PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE
2. DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM
3. PETITION FOR HELP
4. COMMITMENT TO SERVE GOD WHEN DELIVERED
(EX: PSALM 3, 54, 26, 35)

GENRES:

- ① HYMN/PRAISE
- ② LAMENT/SUFFERING
- ③ THANKSGIVING
- ④ TEMPLE/ROYALTY
- ⑤ TEACHING/WISDOM

THANKSGIVING 😊

1. PRAISE GOD
2. DESCRIBE ADVERSITY DELIVERED FROM
3. GRATITUDE TOWARD GOD
(EX: PSALM 116, 118, 124, 129)

God is the same Lord in all the Psalms. But we respond to Him in different ways, according to the specific circumstances of our lives. What a marvelous God we worship, the psalmist declares, *high and lifted up beyond our human experiences but also close enough to touch and who walks beside us along life's way.*

We can bring all our feelings to God—no matter how negative or complaining they may be—and we can rest assured that He will hear and understand. The psalmist teaches us that the most profound prayer of all is a cry for help as we find ourselves overwhelmed by the problems of life.



- **The Book of Psalms is a collection of prayers, poems, and hymns that focus the worshiper's thoughts on God in praise and adoration.** Parts of this book were used as a hymnal in the worship services of ancient Israel. The musical heritage of the psalms is demonstrated by its title. It comes from a Greek word which means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a musical instrument."



Colossians 3:15-16 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.





Praise and Worship



HARP



LYRE



TIMBREL



TRUMPET



CYMBALS



HORN



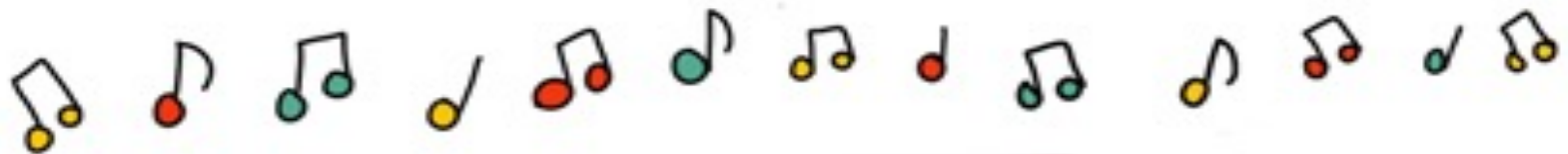
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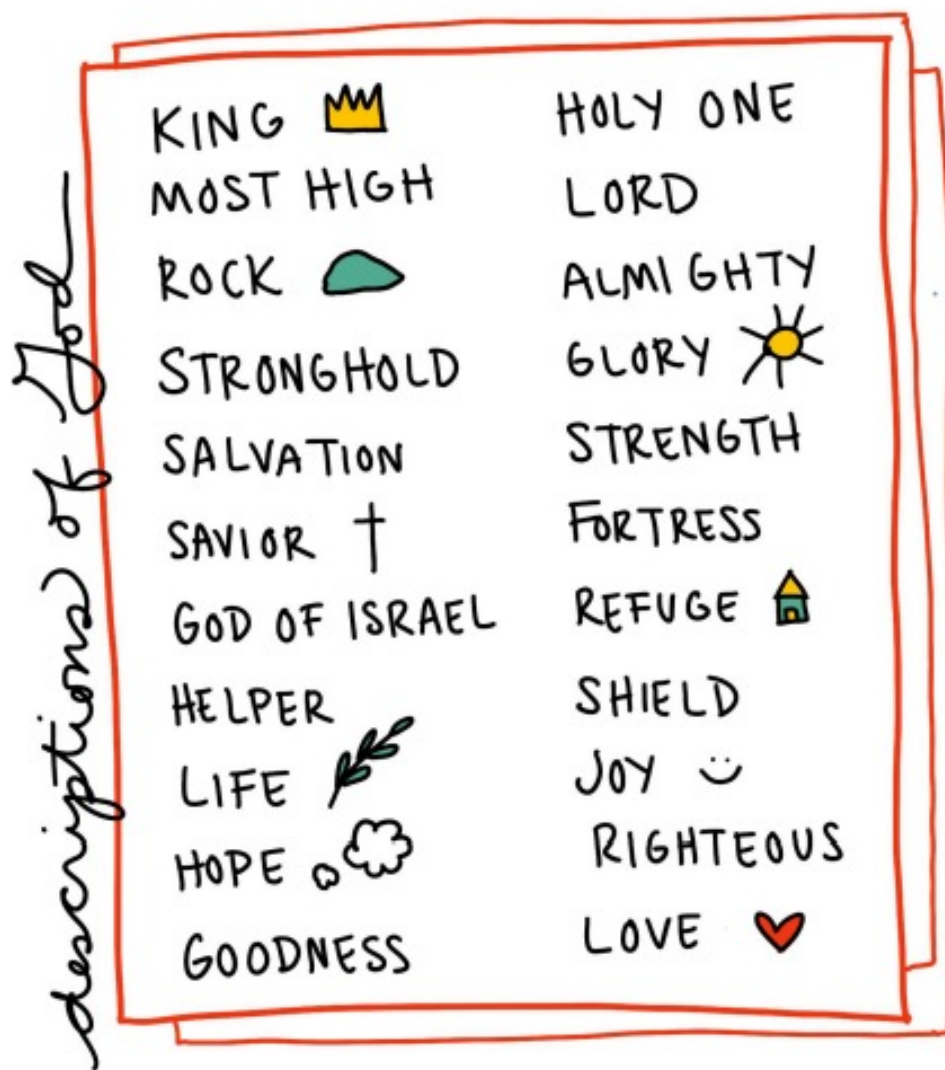
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WAYS TO WORSHIP:

- SING SONGS + HYMNS
- PRAY
- PROCLAIM W/ VOICE
- PLAY INSTRUMENTS
- SHOUT
- SACRIFICE
- FULFILL VOWS
- LIFT OR CLAP HANDS
- KNEEL OR BOW
- DANCE



Descriptions of God in the Psalms!



Jesus in PSALMS

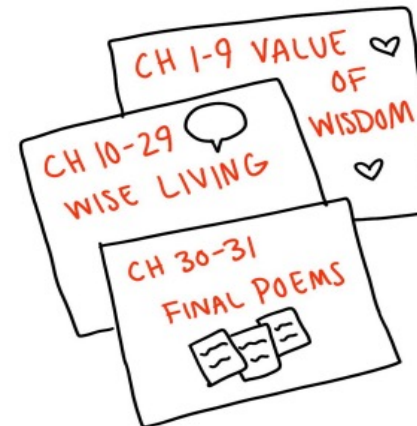
- 25 different Psalms include at least one Messianic Prophecy! These are quoted in 11 NT books, especially in the 4 gospels and Acts. There are at least over 400-500 Messianic prophecies in the Psalms!
- **Psalm 22:** Prophecy on the Cross/ in Hell
- **Psalm 23:** The Names of God
 - Jehovah Rohi- The Lord My Shepherd- The LORD is my shepherd
 - Jehovah Jireh- The Lord who Provides- I shall not want
 - Jehovah Shalom- The Lord my Peace- He makes me lie down in green pastures & leads me beside restful waters
 - Jehovah Rapha- The Lord who Heals- He refreshes (heals) my soul
 - Jehovah Tsidkenu- The Lord My Righteousness- He leads me in the paths of righteousness
 - Jehovah Shammah- The Lord is There- For you are with me
 - Jesus – Your rod and Your staff (The Word)
 - The Holy Spirit- You anoint my Head with Oil (Priesthood)
 - Resurrection- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

PROVERBS- THE BASICS



- **Author:** Solomon, Agur, Lemuel
- **Time written:** 900 BC + some later
- **Purpose:** WISDOM... and the Fear of the Lord!
- **Division of book:**
 - **Chapters 1-9:** The Value of Wisdom
 - **Chapters 10- 29:** Wise Living/ Wisdom
 - **Chapters 30-31:** Final Poems

THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM
is THE FEAR OF THE LORD
1:7 2:5 9:10 10:27 14:27



Why Proverbs?

written for:

- WISDOM
- DISCIPLINE
- UNDERSTANDING 
- INSIGHT 
- PRUDENCE
- RIGHTEOUSNESS 
- JUSTICE 
- FAIRNESS
- KNOWLEDGE 
- DISCRETION
- GUIDANCE 

Jesus and the Holy Spirit in PROVERBS!

- Jesus IS wisdom!
 - Prov. 8:12, 22-33 and Col. 1:15-17 and Col. 2:3
- Jesus lived the wisdom described in Proverbs
 - He discussed theology with teachers of the Law and “amazed” everyone with His understanding... then He grew in MORE Wisdom (Luke 2:52)
- Jesus gives the wisdom described in Proverbs to us
 - Wisdom vs. folly

Estimated Schedule of OT Survey

- *January 4 - Overview*
- *January 11 – Cancelled*
- *January 18 – Cancelled*
- *January 25 – Genesis*
- *February 1- Exodus and Leviticus*
- *February 8 – Numbers and Deuteronomy*
- *February 15 – Cancelled*
- *February 22 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth*
- *March 1- 1 and 2 Samuel*
- *March 8 – Kings/ Chronicles and Prophets*
- *March 15 – SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS*
- *March 22 – Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther*
- *March 29 – Job, Psalms and Proverbs*
- **April 5 – Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations**
- **April 12- Isaiah and Jeremiah**
- **April 19- Ezekiel, Daniel**
- **Tuesday, April 25 or taped only and watch on YouTube or May 24**
- **April 26 – NO CLASS - Chris out of town**
- **May 3 – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah**
- **May 10- NO CLASS- Awards for Boys/ Girls Clubs**
- **May 17 – Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk**
- **May 24- Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi**

**ALL dates are ESTIMATES
depending on weather and pace of
previous classes!**