

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME THREE  
POETS, PROPHETS, AND PROMISES—A SURVEY OF JOB–DANIEL  
JOB: MAGNIFICENT MAN OF MISERY  
A SURVEY OF JOB



## The Heart of the Matter

The subject of pain and suffering is a popular one for a very simple reason—humans experience a lot of it. At this very moment, vast numbers of people around the globe are enduring physical and emotional trauma—heartache, illness, death. Ours is a life of suffering. We enter the world crying. We walk through the world with our shoulders bent into the fiery blast and icy blizzard of affliction. We leave the world in death. As one writer put it: “Man is born for trouble, / As sparks fly upward.” Who offered this insight? A philosopher in an ivory tower or a monk in a cloistered monastery? No. These words dripped with pain from the pen of a flesh-and-blood sufferer. These words came from the pen of Job.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. A Brief Glimpse into the Life of Job

At forty-two chapters, the book of Job is long . . . too long to cover every highlight in one sermon, but we can get a brief glimpse of the book's five major sections.

### 2. Surveying the Depths of Job's Suffering

Every sufferer asks the question, “Where is God?” Job, in his own way, asked the same question. And the book that bears his name answers that God is there at the beginning, middle, and end.



## Starting Your Journey

Passing over the painful sores of Job leads us to conclude that answers to suffering are not easy to come by. We learn from Job that our ultimate and final comfort comes not from answers to our questions but from God Himself. Finite, human reason is a deceptively weak crutch for faith. Reason gropes in the dark for answers. Faith waits silently for God.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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# JOB

	<div>Introduction to the Suffering</div> <div>Scene 1 Job's purity and prosperity</div> <div>Scene 2 Satan's proposition and Yahweh's permission</div> <div>Scene 3 Satan's persecution and Job's patience</div> <div>Scene 4 Satan's persistence and Yahweh's permission</div> <div>Scene 5 Poverty and plagues</div> <div>CHAPTERS 1–2</div>	Discussion of the Suffering				Correction in the Suffering		Submission under the Suffering	Restoration from the Suffering
		Words of Job (Eyes on Self)	Words of Three Friends (Eyes on Humanity)			Words of Elihu (Eyes on Yahweh)	Words of Yahweh (Emphasis on Sovereignty)	Job's admission  Job's confession	Yahweh's anger with the three friends  Yahweh's blessing on Job
		Curses birth  Curses life	Eliphaz ↓ Job ↙ ↘ Zophar Bildad	Eliphaz ↓ Job ↙ ↘ Zophar Bildad	Eliphaz ↓ Job ↓ Bildad  Job's monologue	To Job  To three friends  To Job			
		CHAPTER 3	CHAPTERS 4–14	CHAPTERS 15–21	CHAPTERS 22–31	CHAPTERS 32–37	CHAPTERS 38–41	CHAPTER 42:1–6	CHAPTER 42:7–17
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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