

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◎ **Old Testament categories thus far**
 - The Pentateuch - Genesis thru Deuteronomy
 - The Historical Books - Joshua thru Esther

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- Possibly between Genesis 11 and 12.

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- Land of Uz (North Arabia)

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- **Part 3 - The Deliverance of Job (Chaps. 38-42)**
 - God Challenges Job and he responds
 - The Deliverance of Job and His friends

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - God allows human suffering for His own purposes.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** uses Job as an example of a man of faith
- **Satan:** challenges God to show that peoples' love for Him is not dependent on blessings
- **Job:** a wealthy happy man who endures the trials of Satan
- **Job's Friends:** Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar
- **Elihu:** a younger man who also seeks to advise Job

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - In his great losses and suffering, Job cries out for a mediator to stand between him and God (Job 9). Christ is the answer to that heart cry. “For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, Himself human” (1 Timothy 2:5).

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job 1:21)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- The book of Job makes no mention of Israel, the exodus from Egypt, the Mosaic Law, or the Tabernacle.
- Many scholars consider Job to be the oldest book in the Bible.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - When we live faithfully in God's will, nothing can happen in our lives unless He allows it.
 - Job's difficult season didn't change until he prayed for his friends. (Job 42:10)

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in Job this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.