

“On the Way” 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOB 1

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Job one introduces us to one of the most familiar names in the Bible. Many times, people refer to someone having the “patience of Job” but what does that mean? As we learn about Job, we will find out that Job was a man greatly blessed and used by God to instruct everyone who comes after him about how to walk with God.

Job was set during the patriarchal age due to several factors we discover in the book itself. Job was a man of great wealth, and his wealth was measured in the same categories as the other patriarchs of the same period, such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Wealth was measured by livestock such as sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys; besides all that, he had a large family. He was recognized as a great and godly man. (Job 1:3)

Job served as the high priest of the family. This one fact places the time period when Job lived and went through the events recorded in the book that bears his name. He was sacrificing for his family. This period is labeled as the “Patriarchal Period” not because this period ended with the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and after the events that took place at Mt. Sinai. From that time

onward, Aaron and his sons were to be the priests and offer sacrifices for the people. This period should be dated from Abraham (2166 -1446 BC; the exodus took place in 1446 BC) to the Exodus.

We are also introduced to a heavenly council where “Satan” is introduced, Satan in Hebrew means “Adversary” which could be just a title at this point. I Chronicles 21:1 is the first time the term Satan is used for an individual. This is the end of the last book in the Hebrew categorization of the Bible. This was a personal attack against David that was allowed by God. The term “Sons of God” has been debated as to who these sons are. It is not as easy as one might think when you just read the text. God asked for consideration of Job as a righteous servant. Satan basically said, “Let me at him and he will curse you.”

Prayer and Action Steps

God allows things to come into our lives to “test” us for our good; Satan tempts us to do evil. One is designed by God to bring out the good in us; the other designed by our adversary to bring out the bad in us. God give me discernment.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
