

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

(The Book of Job)

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I. The Prologue or Introduction (1-2). In Hebrew Narrative where God says,

“Job is innocent.”

II. The Dialogue with Job’s Friends (3-42:6). In Hebrew Poetry where Job’s

friends say very emotionally that “Job is guilty.”

A. The first cycle of speeches (3-14) (Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, and Job)

B. The second cycle of speeches (15-21)

C. The third cycle of speeches (22-31)

D. The speeches of Elihu (32-37)

E. God’s Two Divine Speeches (38-42:6)

1. God’s first speech and Job’s response (38-40:5)

- a. God questions Job about His Creation of the Physical World (38:4-21)
- b. God questions Job about His Control of the Heavens (38:22-38)
- c. God questions Job about His Care for Animals (38:39-39:30)
- d. Job’s response of silence (40:1-5)

2. God’s second speech and Job’s response (40:6-42:6)

- a. Job can you handle Behemoth? (40:7-24)
- b. Job can you handle Leviathan? (41:1-34)
- c. Job’s response of repentance (42:1-6)
 - 1) Job repents of his accusations against God (41:3) Same words of God in 38:2.
 - 2) Confession is saying the same thing about our sin as God does (1 John 1:9)

III. The Epilogue or Conclusion (42:7-17). In Hebrew Narrative where God says

again, “Job is innocent.”

A. God restores Job’s fellowship (41:7-9)

B. God restores Job’s friends (41:10)

- C. God restores Job's wealth (41:11-12)**
- D. God restores Job's children (41:13-15)**
- E. God restores Job's age (41:16-17)**