

Job – An introduction

JOB!

The King James Bible throughout.

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Study 1. Introduction

The story of Job could almost be a fairy tale if it were not such a serious book full of help and instruction to Christians who are asking the question “where is God in my suffering”? Many Christians today are going through all sorts of pain, setbacks, illness and the like and at sometime or other felt the need to ask themselves what is in my life that hinders God’s healing hand towards me? As we go through this remarkable book I hope we can all learn something from this upright and God fearing man that will help us keep our focus on the Lord and not our suffering. The book of Job is believed to be the oldest book in the world and it throws some light why some good men are afflicted with sickness. It would appear reading the book of Job the subject is not so much the conversion of the sinner but the sanctification of the Saint it is to bring about our separation to God; the Bible calls it sanctification meaning set apart from. It is worth noting that separation unto God is dealt with so early in man’s history and the Bible confirms that as far as God is concerned separation from the world is vital. Also we learn from this book, at least the first part that Satan plays a very prominent part in Job’s life. Some do not like to give Satan any room in their thinking at all but as we progress I hope you see the need to understand his ways and even get to know him better so as to be better equipped to deal with him and his subtle ways and not to be caught unawares.

Being the oldest book in the world the happenings recorded in Job took place before the time of the law, he was born about 352 years after Noah died and was about 70 years old when his afflictions began and lived to be about 210 years old. Certain portions of Job have been found among the Dead Sea Scrolls which date back to the first century BC.