

Prologue (chapters 1-2)

In the center of the book are 5 sections that are dialogues in poetic form. They focus on the question of what Job's suffering reveals both about him and about God's governing of the world.

Job's opening lament (chapter 3)

Arguments between the three friends and Job (chapters 4-25)

Job's closing monologue (chapters 26-31)

The Fourth friend's response (chapters 32-37)

The Lord's appearance and interaction with Job (chapters 38-41).

Epilogue (chapter 42)

Job 3

1. What is the main theme of Job's lament in vs. 1-19?

2. What does he long for in vs. 20-22?

3. How does he think God has treated him in vs. 23? See Job 19:8-12 where Job expands on the thought.

4. What reason does he give for all the things he wishes for in vs. 24-26?

5. Would it have helped Job to know that he was suffering because of his faith? Does it help us? See Rom 5:3-4 and 1 Pet 1:7.

## Job 4-5

As is often said Job's three friends were most helpful before they spoke.

Yet Eliphaz says he needs to speak in vs. 2. We will see in these 2 chapters that he has a solution to Job's suffering.

1. What does he remind Job of in vs. 7? And what has Eliphaz seen in vs. 8? These are the commonly held views in that time.
2. In Job 4:12-21 Eliphaz claims to have had a vision from which he received a message. Is it any different from Romans 3:23? What is he not considering? See Job 1:8; Genesis 15:6; Hebrews 11:6
3. Eliphaz proposes a solution to the suffering in Job 5:8. What was it?
4. The rest of the chapter gives the reason why Eliphaz proposes to do this. What is it? It is made especially clear in vs. 17-18.
5. Eliphaz closes by saying where wisdom comes from in vs. 27. Is it from God?