

## JOB - A CHAPTER BY CHAPTER OVERVIEW

### FIRST DEBATE CYCLE 1-14

1 **God** allows Satan to test Job - 4 disasters follow & comforters  
2 Satan attacks Job's health  
3. **Job's** eight curses and 3 questions  
4 **Eliphaz**- "you reap what you sow"-it's your power & your wife  
5 Pray and serve God  
6 **Job** "You are not kind" "Go away"  
7 Job contemplates suicide-tomorrow  
8 **Bildad** "It's your sons' fault" You may make a come-back!  
9 **Job** won't justify himself & seeks a mediator  
10 Job "God was gentle with Satan and touch with me"  
11 **Zophar** "God knows you- your future is uncertain!"  
12 **Job** "You torture me. Mind, God is the final authority  
13 You are woeful physicians. God imprisons me in pain  
14 I wish I could do it all again - it would be different

### SECOND DEBATE CYCLE 15-21

15 **Eliphaz** Do the wise know the Spirit?  
Why act as if you were with Adam?  
Don't wink! Flesh is impure. Man has pain  
Satan terrorises. Rebels meet a fiery end  
16 **Job** Be kind Job recalls how Abel suffered but heaven listens  
17 **Job** "I sin, I pray, I cry, I want an advocate

You wait and see what happens!"  
18 **Bildad** you are just a statistic-a wicked man  
Sledge hammer judgments are in store  
Your sons have sinned  
19 **Job** Records 10 reproaches and 8 questions  
Show sympathy states his faith warns-God judges  
20 **Zophar**  
You have serious sins-you are preoccupied with wealth  
You will never see the land of milk and honey  
You can expect an arrow in the gut!  
21 **Job** If I were you and you me I would console you  
You assassinate good character  
We must know our judge & live by his light

### THIRD DEBATE CYCLE 22-31

22 **Eliphaz** Produces a moral catechism  
Job has stripped the poor & ill-treated the widow  
As in the deluge you will perish-get to know God  
23 **Job** Feels out of touch with God  
God knows where I am. God is better than food  
Afraid of God  
Glad of grace Happy to be alive

24 **Job** why don't men see  
 God's grace & judgment?  
                     Wild ass is  
 better. Man adulterer  
 murders steals  
                     God warns of  
 death, loves us, we fly in  
 his face  
 25 **Bildad** God is sovereign  
 Man impure-a long worm  
 26 **Job** you lack  
 experience, you are too  
 hasty  
                     At flood God though  
 patient judged as  
 sovereign  
                     Satan twists but God  
 is straight  
 27 **Job** Trials teach us to  
 pray & walk with God  
                     When Abel died  
 Adam felt empty  
                     Wealth won't buy  
 friends or a place in  
 heaven  
 28 **Job** God can make gold  
 out of dirt  
                     God sees secrets  
 the best eyes miss  
                     Wisdom is best-  
 derives from relations  
 with God  
 29 **Job** To be a spiritual  
 leader, a judge, preacher  
 and a  
                     Chieftain is a  
 privilege  
 30 **Job** Youths mistreat me.  
 I ask compassion in the  
                     congregation. I  
 console myself with music  
 31 **Job** asserts integrity  
 of thought, business &  
 marriage  
                     The care of poor &  
 orphans, disdains wealth &  
                     idols. He pays fair  
 wages & makes criticism a  
 crown

32 **Elihu** Comforters  
 argument declared empty  
                     They fall  
 silent and take practical  
 action!  
 33 **Elihu** Chides Job on  
 striving with God  
                     Envisage a  
 redeemer-think what a  
 change!  
 34 **Elihu** Why should this  
 happen to a righteous man?  
                     You are  
 patient but speak careful  
 to potentates  
 35 **Elihu** Challenges on  
 justification, brevity of  
 life, sin, righteousness  
 gifted, seeking God, Jobs  
 clamour not praying, Job  
 is not trembling, his  
 suffering not extreme!  
 36 **Elihu** The ultimate  
 explanation  
 Grace was shown - a great  
 penalty is pending  
 God is sovereign- He will  
 outpour His Spirit  
 The shepherd saves-will  
 return from death with  
 wealth  
 37 **Elihu** The still small  
 voice and great birthright  
                     Queries on origins  
 Fearless prayer-The light  
 of lights  
 38 **God** Job to clothe as a  
 soldier to battle Queries  
 on earth's founding, the  
 times, salvation stars and  
 seasons  
 39 **God** Lessons freedom &  
 wild animals Intelligence  
 & ostrich Fearlessness&  
 horse "Clean-up" & eagle  
 40 **God** Job drops charges 4  
 theological queries Man  
 can't save himself  
 Behemoth must become  
 extinct

41 **God** Queries (14) on  
Leviathan-cum-Satan  
Satan's mouth fury & power  
make him deadly.  
Satan selects his victim  
42 **Job** A full retraction  
Theology reshaped Friends  
reconciled family &  
fortune restored.

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