

# The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at  
the Old Testament

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# Job at a Glance

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# Overview of the Drama

## ❖ Act 1: Prologue (chs. 1–2)—A Cosmic Challenge

### ❖ Overview:

#### ❖ Setting (1:1–5)

#### ❖ Scene 1 (1:6–22)

- ❖ A Heavenly confrontation (1:6–13)

- ❖ Test 1: Job's earthly suffering (1:14–22)

#### ❖ Scene 2 (2:1–13)

- ❖ A Heavenly confrontation (2:1–6)

- ❖ Test 2: Job's earthly suffering (2:7–10)

- ❖ Transition: Three friends mourn with Job (2:11–13)

❖ **Setting (1:1–5)**

❖ Job's *piety* (v. 1)

❖ Job's *progeny* (v. 2)

❖ Job's *possessions* (v. 3)

❖ Job's *pattern*: a patriarchal-priestly role (vv. 4–5)

## ❖ **Scene 1 (1:6–22):**

### ❖ **A Heavenly Confrontation (1:6–13)**

- ❖ **Setting:** The Satan (“adversary/accuser”) before Sovereign Yahweh (v. 6)
- ❖ **Q&A 1:** The sphere of the Satan’s accusatory power (v. 7)
  - ❖ Yahweh’s query (v. 7a)
  - ❖ The Satan’s answer (v. 7b)
- ❖ **Q&A 2:** The object of the Satan’s next attack (vv. 8–12)
  - ❖ Yahweh’s query (v. 8)
  - ❖ The Satan’s response (vv. 9–11)
  - ❖ Yahweh guidelines (v. 12)

❖ **Test 1: Job's earthly suffering—deep loss (1:14–22)**

❖ **The nature of Job's loss described (1:14–19)**

- ❖ The setting (v. 13)
- ❖ *Messenger 1*: Foreigners from the south steal oxen and donkeys and slay servants (vv. 14–15)
- ❖ *Messenger 2*: Fire from heaven consumes sheep and servants (v. 16)
- ❖ *Messenger 3*: Foreigners from the north steal camels and slay servants (v. 17)
- ❖ *Messenger 4*: Wind destroys house, killing all his sons and daughters

**Job 9:13, 17–18.** God will not turn back his anger;  
beneath him bowed the helpers of Rahab. . . . <sup>17</sup> He  
crushes me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds  
without cause; <sup>18</sup> he will not let me get my breath, but  
fills me with bitterness.

❖ **Job's response detailed (1:20–22)**

❖ *Job's posture: grief and trust (v. 20)*

❖ *Job's pronouncement:*

▪ **Job 1:21**. Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

❖ *Job's purity:*

▪ **Job 1:22**. In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.



**2 Sam 24:1**. Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

**1 Chr 21:1**. Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.

**2 Cor 12:7–9**. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that is should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## ❖ **The Lesson from Test 1**

- ❖ **Satan's query:** "Does Job fear God for no reason? . . . Stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face" (Job 1:9, 11).
- ❖ **The truth:** Yahweh's worth is greater than all possessions or family.

## ❖ **Scene 2 (2:1–13):**

### ❖ **A Heavenly Confrontation (2:1–6)**

- ❖ **Setting:** The Satan (“adversary/accuser”) before Sovereign Yahweh (v. 1)
- ❖ **Q&A 1:** Restating the sphere of the Satan’s accusatory power (v. 2)
- ❖ **Q&A 2:** The object of the Satan’s renewed attack (vv. 3–6)
  - ❖ Yahweh’s query and reassertion of Job’s integrity and, ultimately, his own worth (v. 3)
  - ❖ The Satan’s response (vv. 4–5)
  - ❖ Yahweh guidelines (v. 6)

- ❖ **Test 2 Introduced: Job's earthly suffering—  
deep physical, emotional, and theological pain  
(1:7–10)**
- ❖ **The source and nature of Job's physical pain  
described (v. 7)**
- ❖ **The response detailed (vv. 8–10)**
  - ❖ Job's *posture*: mourning and attempt to  
ease the physical pain (v. 8).
  - ❖ Job's wife's *plea*: to curse God and die  
(thus failing the test) (v. 9)
  - ❖ Job's *pronouncement* (v. 10):
    - **Job 2:10**. You speak as one of the  
foolish women would speak. Shall we  
receive good from God, and shall we  
not receive evil?

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  - ❖ Job's *purity* (v. 10)
    - **Job 1:10**. In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**Job 28:20–28.** From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air. <sup>22</sup> Abaddon and Death say, “We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.” <sup>23</sup> God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. <sup>24</sup> For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. <sup>25</sup> When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, <sup>26</sup> when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, <sup>27</sup> then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. <sup>28</sup> And he said to man, “Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.”

**Rom 11:33–36**. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup> For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? <sup>35</sup> Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



❖ **Why would good grant that suffering would hit his children?**

- ❖ **It must be for his own glory and for our good.**
- ❖ **We know “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (1 Pet 5:5).**
- ❖ **When believers cry for help, God is magnified and we are satisfied.**