

Consider Job!

Lesson 3: Job 1-2

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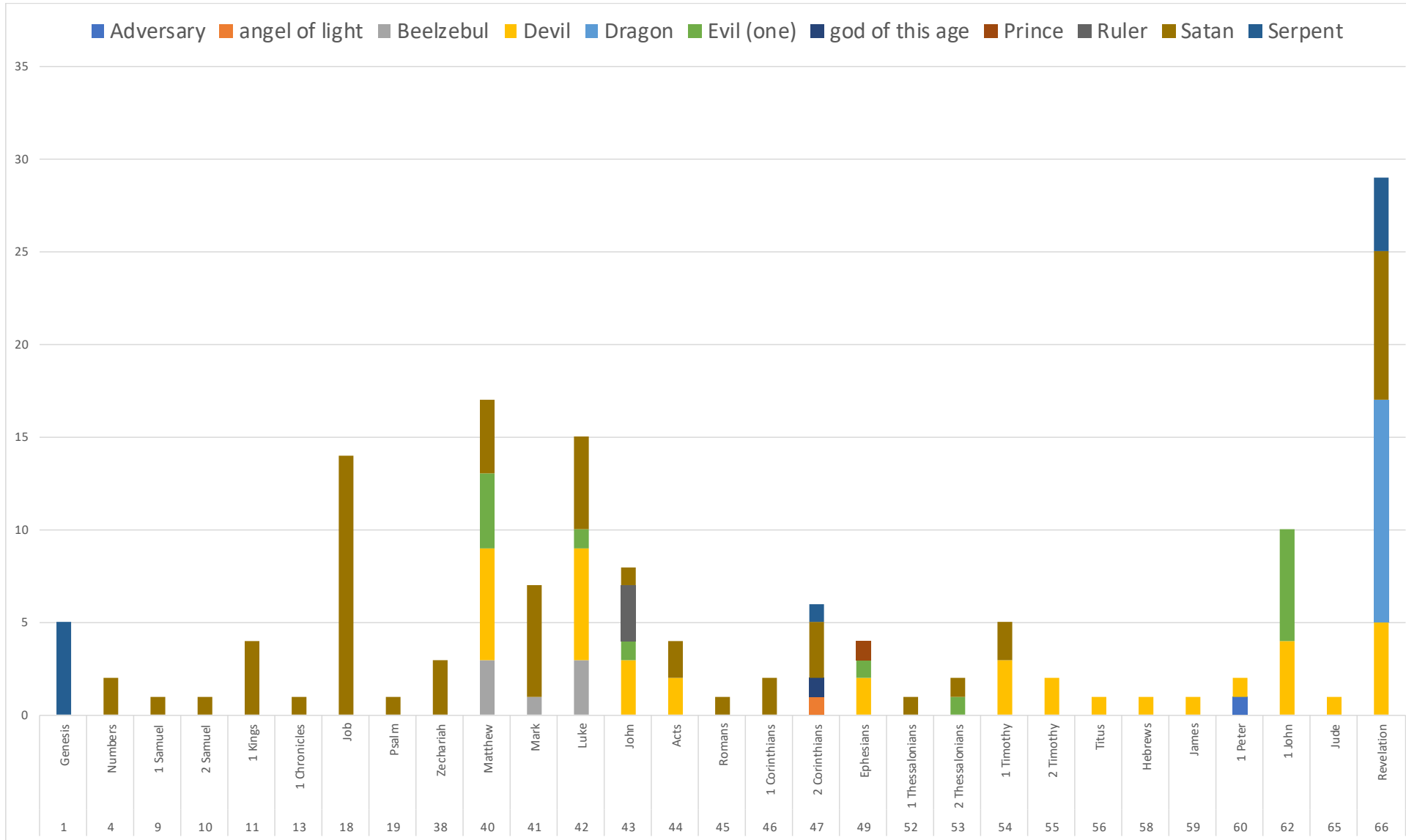
Practical

- Know the enemy
 - Who he is
 - How he operates
- Know ourselves
 - Know our own weaknesses
 - Realize our inability
 - Know our position in Christ
 - Know the help that is available to us

Words for Satan

- Satan
- Devil
- Evil one
- Accuser
- The ruler of this world
- Prince of the power of the air
- Dragon
- Serpent
- The god of this age
- Beelzebul
- Angel of light

Words for Satan



Introduction

- This book is composed of narrative and dialog
- Job may be one of the first books written
- He may have been contemporary with Abraham
- Book structure
 - Situation
 - Three rounds of dialogue
 - Job's monologue
 - Elihu speaks
 - God speaks
 - Conclusion

Outline

- 1:1-5 Setting
- 1:6-12 Scene 1: A day in Heaven, round 1
- 1:13-22 Scene 2: A day of loss
- 2:1-6 Scene 3: A day in Heaven, round 2
- 2:7-13 Scene 4: Job's physical afflictions

Setting

Job 1:1-5

¹There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. ²Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. ⁴His sons used to go and hold a **feast** in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵When the days of **feasting** had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

- Job's qualification for this test
 - Blameless, upright
 - Fearing God, turning from evil
 - A good family
 - Many possessions
- Job was concerned about inner character

A day in Heaven

Job 1:6-10

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God **came** to present themselves before the **LORD**, and **Satan** also **came** among them. ⁷The **LORD** said to **Satan**, "From where do you come?" Then **Satan** answered the **LORD** and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." ⁸The **LORD** said to **Satan**, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, **fearing** God and turning away from evil." ⁹Then **Satan** answered the **LORD**, "Does Job **fear** God for nothing? ¹⁰Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

- Dialog
 - God: From where do you come?
 - Satan: From roaming the earth.
 - God: Have you considered Job?
 - Satan: You have protected Job.

A day of loss Job 1:11-15

¹¹But **put forth Your hand** now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.” ¹²Then the **LORD** said to **Satan**, “Behold, all that he has is in your **power**, only do not **put forth your hand** on him.” So **Satan** departed from the presence of the **LORD**.

¹³Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

- Dialog continued
 - Satan: Remove Job’s protection.
 - God: All Job has is in your hand.
- How the losses came
 - Sabeans
 - Fire of God
 - Chaldeans
 - Great wind

A day of loss

Job 1:16-19

¹⁶**While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, “The fire of God **fell** from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁷**While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁸**While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, “Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it **fell** on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

- Order of the losses
 - Oxen and donkeys, servants
 - Sheep, servants
 - Camels, servants
 - Children

A day of loss Job 1:20-22

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹He said,

“**Naked** I came from my mother’s womb,
And **naked** I shall return there.

The **LORD** gave and the **LORD** has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the **LORD**.”

²²Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

- The expected responses
- The unexpected response
- Job maintains his integrity

A day in Heaven

Job 2:1-4

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to **present** themselves before the **LORD**, and **Satan** also came among them to **present** himself before the **LORD**. ²The **LORD** said to **Satan**, “Where have you come from?” Then **Satan** answered the **LORD** and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.” ³The **LORD** said to **Satan**, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause.” ⁴**Satan** answered the **LORD** and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

- There is great similarity with ch. 1
- There has been no change in Job
- The same picture is given of Job
- Satan thinks more trials will change Job

Job's physical afflictions

Job 2:5-10

⁵However, put forth Your **hand** now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face.” ⁶So the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your **power**, only spare his life.”

⁷Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!” ¹⁰But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed **accept** good from God and not **accept** adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

- Satan is restricted both times
- All of Job's body is afflicted
- Job also becomes isolated from those close to him
- A hint at Job's later sin

Job's physical afflictions

Job 2:11-13

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

¹²When they **lifted** up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they **raised** their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky. ¹³Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

- The friends come to comfort
- Job was much altered

Summary

- Satan is constrained by God
- Satan believes people love God only because of benefits they receive
- We need to love God for Who he is, even if we receive nothing, more than that, even if we receive afflictions
- We need to hold fast our integrity
- Satan is convinced we will cave under enough pressure
- We need to accept both good and adversity from God