

WEEK 4 — JOB AND MOSES

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC (Job) • about 1876-1447 BC (Exodus)

The Story: In Job, after Job has finished his defense of his innocence and called on God for justice once more, a younger man, Elihu, speaks up in God's defense. Then God himself speaks, reminding Job that mortals are woefully unqualified to question God's ways. Nevertheless, God vindicates Job and restores his blessings to him. Job has passed the test set for him in chapters 1-2. In Exodus, God raises up Moses and works miracles of punishment on Egypt to begin to deliver the Israelites, who have now been in Egypt 400 years and are enslaved there.

* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

JANUARY 23 JOB 22-27

Today's reading takes us through round three of Job's argument with his friends, which is truncated as Bildad seems to run out of words and Zophar does not even speak. Job, however, continues to speak, proclaiming his innocence (23:10-12) and asserting that God has denied him justice (27:2).

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Job 23 • Job 25-27

Kids' Reading*: Job 38

JANUARY 24 JOB 28-31

Today's reading begins with a poem on the mystery of wisdom (Job 28), which God alone understands, but which human beings may acquire by fearing the Lord (28:28). Then the story of Job's turmoil resumes, and he continues and completes his defense of his innocence (Job 29-31).

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Job 28-29 • Job 31

Kids' Reading*: Job 39-40

JANUARY 25 JOB 32-35

Today's reading opens Elihu's speech to Job and his three friends. Elihu, younger than the others, waited until they finished speaking before offering his opinion. He, like the friends, assumes Job is being punished for doing wrong. But most of all, he is offended that Job would accuse God of treating him unjustly (34:3-12). So he speaks in God's defense and accuses Job of rebellion against God (34:37).

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Job 32 • Job 34-35

Kids' Reading*: Job 41-42

JANUARY 26 JOB 36-38

Today's reading offers the last part of Elihu's argument, which continues as before until Elihu apparently spots a mighty thunderstorm coming and begins to proclaim God's grandeur in terms of such a storm. Sure enough, God himself speaks to Job out of the storm, fulfilling Job's wish from earlier (13:20-22). But conversation with God is not what Job expected: God does not try to defend himself for letting Job suffer, but reminds Job of the one with whom Job is speaking, the creator of everything.

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Job 36:22 to 38:41

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 1-2

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JANUARY 27 JOB 39-42

Today's reading concludes the story of Job with the rest of God's conversation with Job and the resolution of Job's story. Again God does not defend himself, except to remind Job of his immeasurable power. Job gets the point and repents of his accusations against God. Then God deals with Job's friends and blesses Job again, so that Job's health and joy are restored.

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Job 40-42

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 3:1 to 4:20

JANUARY 28 EXODUS 1-4

Today's reading brings us back into the timeline of Israel and introduces the book of Exodus. We learn that between Genesis and Exodus (a period of about 400 years), Israel has been enslaved. Its baby boys are being killed ruthlessly. But young Moses survives, grows up in Pharaoh's household, gets himself into trouble, ends up living in the wilderness—and is unexpectedly called by God to rescue the Israelites from slavery.

Date: about 1876-1447 BC • Moses is born around 1526 BC, when the Israelites have been in Egypt for about 350 years.

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 3-4

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 5:1 to 6:12

JANUARY 29 EXODUS 5-8

Today's reading sees God begin to fight for Israel, to win their freedom. Moses and his brother Aaron act as God's representatives before Pharaoh, demanding that the king set Israel free. When Pharaoh refuses, God begins to send terrible plagues on Egypt, the first four of which are covered in this reading.

Date: about 1447 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 7-8

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 7:8 to 8:32

Parents' Guide

PG preview for young children

Job 22:6-9 (T), 6 (N)

Job 23:14-17 (T)

Job chapter 24 (N, S, T, V)

Job 27:14-15 (T, V)

Job 30 (T)

Job 31:1 (S), 10 (S), 22 (T)

Job 33:19-22 (T)

Job 34:6-9 (T), 14-15 (T), 20 (T)

Job 40:11-13 (T)

Job 41:7 (T)

Ex 1:15-22 (V)

Ex 2:11-15 (V)

Ex 4:23-26 (C, V)

Ex 5:14-16 (V)

PG-13 preview for under age 13

Job 36:14 (S)

R shocking, graphic, or disturbing

none

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N = Nudity
S = Sexuality
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes
V = Violence