

The Outline of Job

I. Prose introduction (Job 1:1–2:13)

- A. Job's prosperity (Job 1:1–5)
- B. The first accusation and Job's loss (Job 1:6–22)
- C. The second accusation and Job's further loss (Job 2:1–10)
- D. Job's friends arrive to comfort him (Job 2:11–13)

II. Job's crisis (Job 3:1–27:23)

- A. Job's complaint (Job 3:1–26)
- B. First fourfold cycle of speeches (Job 4:1–17:16)
- C. Second fourfold cycle of speeches (Job 18:1–27:23)

III. Celebrating divine wisdom (Job 28:1–26)

IV. Towards a solution (Job 29:1–42:8)

- A. Job restates his complaint (Job 29:1–31:41)
- B. Elihu's four speeches (Job 32:1–37:25)
- C. Yahweh speaks four times (Job 38:1–42:8)
 - 1. Yahweh's first speech (Job 38:1–39:30)
 - 2. Yahweh's second speech (Job 40:1–2)
 - 3. Job's reply (Job 40:3–5)
 - 4. Yahweh's third speech (Job 40:6–41:34)
 - 5. Job's reply (42:1–6)
 - 6. Yahweh's fourth speech (Job 42:7–8)

V. Prose conclusion (Job 42:9–17)

- A. Job's friends obey Yahweh (Job 42:9)
- B. Job is restored (Job 42:10–17)