

## AN OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JOB

- A. a prose prologue 1:1 - 2:13
- B. a poetic middle 3:1 - 42:6
- C. a prose epilogue 42:7- 42:17

### I. The Center of the Story - the Poetic Middle

Job states his case: 3:1 - 3:26

- A. three cycles of speeches
  - 1. Eliphaz speaks 4:1 - 5:27
    - a. Job replies 6:1 - 7:21
  - 2. Bildad speaks 8:1 - 8:22
    - a. Job replies 9:1 - 10:22
  - 3. Zophar speaks 11:1 - 11:20
    - a. Job replies 12:1 - 14:22
- B. a second cycle as per the first
  - 1. Eliphaz speaks 15:1 - 15:35
    - a. Job replies 16:1 - 17:16
  - 2. Bildad speaks 18:1 - 18:21
    - a. Job replies 19:1 - 19:29
  - 3. Zophar speaks 20:1 - 20:29
    - a. Job replies 21:1 - 21:34
- C. yet a third cycle
  - 1. Eliphaz speaks 22:1 - 22:30
    - a. Job replies 23:1 - 24:25
  - 2. Bildad speaks 25:1 - 25:6
    - a. Job replies 26:1 - 26:14
  - 3. Zophar speaks 27:13 - 27:21
    - a. Job replies 27:1 27:12

D. Job's closing arguments: 28:1 - 31:37

### II. The Resolution

A. Elihu speaks: 32:1 - 37:24

### III. The Answer

- A. God speaks: 38:1 - 41:26
- B. Job learns: 42:1 - 42:6