

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Early Old Testament Foundations: Job 28-42 & Exodus 1-4

For class to be held Nov. 7, 2015

Put priority on reading for a spiritual experience. Always pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a heart to conform to truth. Guide questions are to help the reader catch some of the key concepts and details. It would be good to review Job 27 and 28.

### Job 29-31: Job continues his final reply to his friends.

1. What is the importance of Job going out to the gate (vs. 7)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What's the point of Job 29:8-10? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What kind of person is described in Job 29:15-17? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What were the results of Job's words during his days of prosperity (Job 29:21, 22)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the contrast between chapter 29 and 30?
6. Of what kind of sin does Job claim innocence in Job 31:1-12? \_\_\_\_\_
7. List the types of people that Job claims he never mistreated while he had power (Job 31:13-23).
8. In what specific ways does Job claim innocence from Job 31:24-28 and from verses 29-31?
9. As Job concludes his speech, what does he seem to want more than anything else?

### Job 32-37: Speeches of the young man, Elihu.

1. What aroused the wrath of Elihu against Job? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two things aroused the wrath of Elihu against Job's three friends?
3. In what verse in chapter 33 does Elihu sound arrogant or over confident? \_\_\_\_ What verse in chapter 33 constitutes a challenge to Job to debate? \_\_\_\_
4. For what does Elihu find fault with Job in chapter 34? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is probably the most important point Elihu makes about God in chapter 34?
6. What does Elihu conclude about Job in the last few verses of this chapter?
7. What is one key point that you get out of chapter 35? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In chapters 36 & 37, Elihu claims to speak great things on God's behalf. He talks of God's justice, power, control over nature. What specific points made do you think are his best or most impressive?
9. Overall, how would you assess Elihu's speech? Does he show more wisdom than Job's other three friends in your opinion? Why or why not?

### Job 38-39: The LORD answers Job.

1. What is the LORD asking Job about in Job 38:4-6? \_\_\_\_\_
2. On what specific day did the great rejoicing occur in verse 7? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who are the sons of God in verse 7?
4. What is God asking Job in verse 12? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is God asking these questions in Job 38:16-21? What's the point of verse 21?
6. In Job 38:22-41 God continues to ask questions that Job can't possibly understand how to answer. Which question(s) is/are the most intriguing/interesting to you?

7. In chapter 39 God asks questions and describes some amazing things about specific animals to just give samples of a few things that belong to the realms of God's wisdom. Which question or description was the most interesting to you and why?

**Job 40-41: God's second speech.**

1. What wisdom does Job exhibit in 40:1-5? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What seems to be God's point in Job 40:8-14?
3. What is the behemoth of Job 40:15-24? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is Leviathan? What is described in chapter 41?

**Job 42: Conclusion**

1. What does Job do in the end? \_\_\_\_\_ What does Job conclude about God's purposes?
2. How does God contrast what Job's three friends said about Him compared to what Job said about Him?
3. Why did God not address Elihu at all? \_\_\_\_\_
4. "When" did God restore Job's losses? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did God do about Job's loss of his children?
6. Why didn't God ever give Job an explanation for why he went through all of his suffering?
7. Did Job's words of Job 23:10 prove to be true? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: *Education* p. 154-156 and *Prophets and Kings* p. 162-164.

**Exodus 1-4:** Read these four chapters carefully. Remember that Exodus is a continuation of the history from Genesis by the same author.

1. What are the main points of chapter one? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How was Moses saved as a child?
3. What blunder did Moses make in Ex. 2? \_\_\_\_\_ What was Moses' real problem?
4. How did Moses come about to marry Zipporah?
5. What was the amazing thing about the burning bush? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was the Angel of the LORD in the flames of the burning bush? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Right from Moses' call at the burning bush, what did God tell him would be Pharaoh's reaction to the request to go into the wilderness to worship for three days? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What were the three signs God gave to Moses to show the Israelites so they would believe that God sent him?
9. What terrible and specific warning was Pharaoh to be told right from the beginning of his encounters with Moses? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Why did Moses almost lose his life on the journey to Egypt with his family?
11. How did the Israelites initially respond to the concept of Moses being sent of God to deliver them from Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: **Patriarchs and Prophets, chapter 22**