

Structure of the Book

The **writing styles** give us hints as to the overall structure of the book:

- Job 1–2. _____ (narrative style writing; “story”)
- Job 3–31:40. _____ (speech cycles)*
- Job 32:1–5. _____ (description / introduction)
- Job 32:6–42:6. _____ (two additional speeches)
- Job 42:7–17. _____ (reflecting the start of the story)

Characters (people) in the book of Job

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- Job’s friends
 - Eliphaz the Temanite
 - Bildad the Shuhite
 - Zophar the Naamathite
- Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite

Genre and Style: _____.

Timing / Chronology / Setting

See *Genesis 10:23*.

Themes in Job

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The setting. (Job 1:1–5)

Moral description (1:1)

Family description (1:2)

Economic description (1:3)

Job’s family and spiritual life. (1:4–5)

The challenge. (Job 1:6–12)

The calamity. (Job 1:13–19)

Job’s response. (Job 1:20–21)

* Other uses of poetry include the prophets (sermons), poetic literature (like the Psalms), wisdom literature (like Ecclesiastes or Proverbs), and songs (like the Song of Moses in Exodus 15).