
Through the Bible!

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF JOB

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Ezekiel 14:14, 20 “Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD...²⁰Even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

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Job 29:7-11 When I went out to the gate by the city, When I took my seat in the open square, ⁸The young men saw me and hid, And the aged arose and stood; ⁹The princes refrained from talking, And put their hand on their mouth; ¹⁰The voice of nobles was hushed, And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth. ¹¹When the ear heard, then it blessed me, And when the eye saw, then it approved me;

Who is Job?

- Job live in the land of Uz
- Job was very wealthy (1:3)
- Job's family consisted of 10 children
- Job was respected, and likely a leader or elder of his city
- Job was a righteous man

Job 1:1 “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.”

Authorship of Job

Many theories exist regarding the authorship of Job

1. Job or Elihu
2. Solomon
3. Isaiah or Hezekiah
4. Moses

Ultimately we do not know who wrote the book of Job, or when it was written.

Timeframe of Job

Pre-Flood?

Job 22:15-16 Will you keep to the old way Which wicked men have trod, ¹⁶Who were cut down before their time, Whose foundations were swept away by a flood?

Timeframe of Job

Most likely timeframe is Patriarchal period

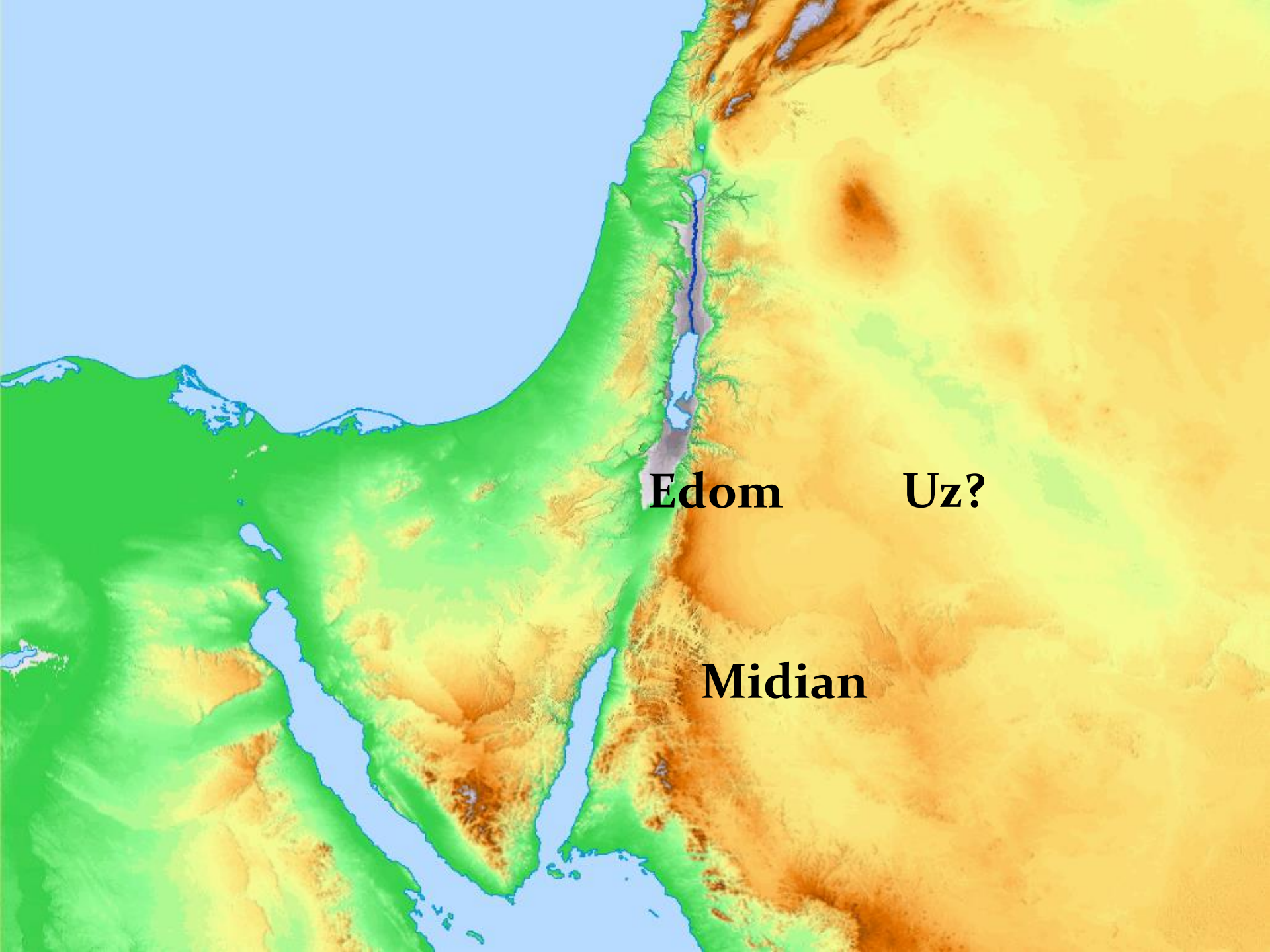
1. Job's wealth is given in livestock
2. Job acted as a priest for his family
3. Job's lifespan fits the age of the Patriarchs
4. References to the Mosaic law or Hebrew way of life are completely absent

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Can possibly be narrowed down to time period while Israel is in Egypt.

Genesis 26:10-11 “These were the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. ¹¹And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.”



Edom

Uz?

Midian

Summary of Context and Background

Pinpointing who Job was, when he lived, where he lived, and who wrote his story is impossible.

The unknown factor of Job's context actually adds to its applicability, as it is a message for all people in all times.

Outline of Job

- I. Background (1-2)
- II. First Round of Debates (3-14)
- III. Second Round of Debates (15-21)
- IV. Third Round of Debates (22-31)
- V. Elihu's Discourse (32-37)
- VI. God Speaks to Job (38-41)
- VII. The Conclusion (42)

Themes in Job

1. Suffering

- *The Book of Job focuses on our attitude towards suffering more than it does explaining or justifying suffering.*

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1. Suffering

2. Wisdom

- Eliphaz – Wisdom comes from experience
- Bildad – Wisdom comes from those who've gone before
- Zophar – Wisdom is a gift for certain people
- Job – Wisdom comes from God

Job 28:20-23 “From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? ²¹It is hidden from the eyes of all living, And concealed from the birds of the air. ²²Destruction and Death say, 'We have heard a report about it with our ears.' ²³God understands its way, And He knows its place”

Themes in Job

1. Suffering
2. Wisdom
3. God

Job 28:28 And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.

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