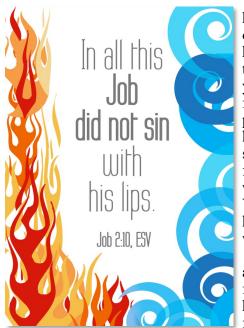


WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE BOOK OF JOB?

A long time ago, there lived a righteous man named Job. He served Yahweh and was blessed with many riches, possessions, and a large family. He was so righteous that he even offered sacrifices on behalf of his children, just in case one of them had sinned!



One day, Satan, the enemy, presented himself before Yahweh and said, "Job is only serving you because you put a hedge of protection around him. If you take away the good things, Job will curse you." So Yahweh allowed Satan to afflict Job with horrible trials. Job's many possessions were taken away, including his children. Even Job's health was destroyed! His body was covered in painful boils. Job had no idea why his life was being shredded to pieces. Only Yahweh knew what was happening behind the scenes. He wanted to see if Job would still serve him despite suffering.

Even Job's friends Zophar, Bildad and Eliphaz came to visit him in his affliction. But instead of trying to comfort him, they tried to blame him for his suffering. They implied that Job was being

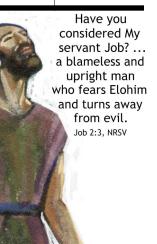
punished for "secret" sins. Needless to say, Yahweh was not very happy with Job's friends.

We can learn a lot from Job's sufferings. Yahweh's people suffer too. We suffer even when we are doing nothing to deserve it. But like Job's situation, we might just be going through a test. Yahweh needs to see that we will serve Him no matter what happens to us! This is not easy, but with His help, we can pass any test that we are given. Even Abraham was tested, when Yahweh instructed him to sacrifice his son.

In the end, Job's situation turned around for the better. Yahweh restored all that Job had lost. Never give up when you are struggling. Keep your eyes on Yahweh, and He will help you overcome to the end.

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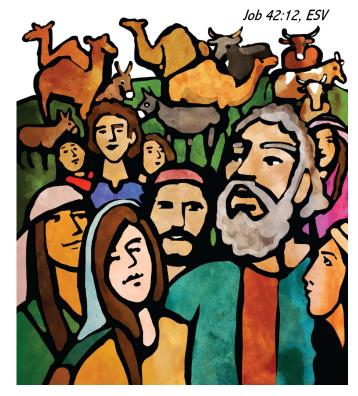
Do you remember?

- 1. What is true of Job?
- A. He was wealthy.
- B. He served Yahweh.
- C. He had a large family.
- D. All are true.



- 2. Why did Yahweh allow Job to be afflicted? Which statements are wrong?
- A. He was being tested because Satan had implied that Job would curse Yahweh if his blessings were removed.
- B. Yahweh was just being mean.
- C. Job was being punished for his many sins.
- D. B and C are wrong.
- 3. What were the names of job's friends?
- A. Matthew, Mark, and John.
- B. Eliphaz, Zophar, and Bildad.
- C. Paul, Peter, and Barnabas.
- D. Miriam, Esther, and Rachel.
- 4. How was Job afflicted?
- A. Painful boils.
- B. Death of his children.
- C. Riches taken away.
- D. All of the above.
- 5. Did Job's friends comfort him?
- A. Yes, they threw him a big party.
- B. No, they implied he deserved his suffering.
- C. Yes, they gave him gold and silver to feel better.
- D. Yes, they brought him ointment for his skin problems.

Yahweh blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.



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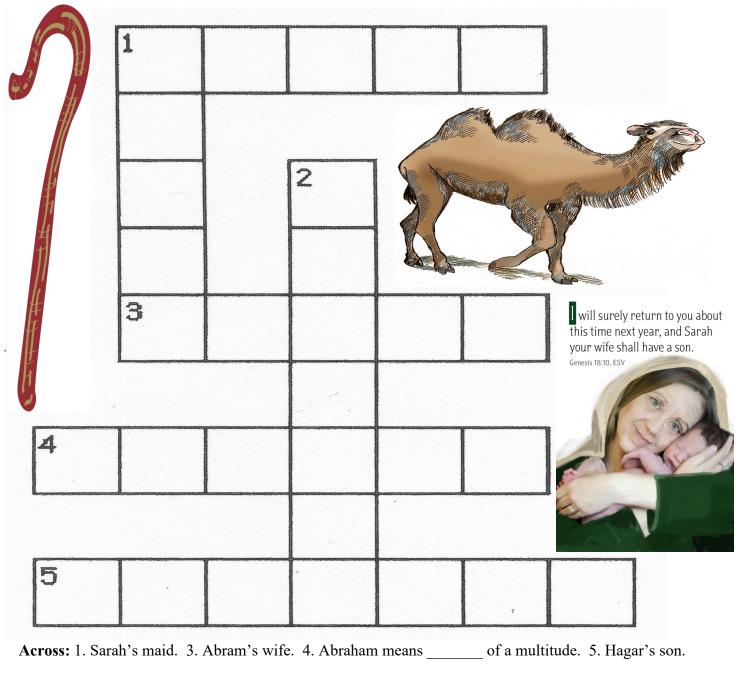
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Please read the account in Genesis 16:1-17:21.



Down: 1. Ishmael means Yahweh _____. 2. Abram's new name.

Answers: 1 across: Hagar, 3 across: Sarai, 4 across: Father, 5 across: Ishmael, 1 down: Hears, 2 down: Abraham.