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JOB – LESSON 1

The Book of Job is counted among the poetry and wisdom books of the Bible. The man Job lived in the patriarchal period which is seen by his age of at least 140 years (or more possibly: Job 42:16).

He lived in the land of Uz during the time of the Sabeans (1:15) who were from South Arabia around 1200 B.C. which may have made him a contemporary of Moses. However, he clearly did not know of the Mosaic law, yet he had a knowledge of God. Jehovah communicated directly with him as seen in chapters 39 to 41.

The land of Uz is thought to have been somewhere in the vast territory stretching from Western Arabia eastward to Chaldea (Babylon). Possibly it may have been named for Uz, a descendant of Jacob's (Israel) brother Esau. (Genesis 36:28.) It would account for Job's knowledge of Jehovah. However, we do not conclusively know the location of Uz, or the time period of Job. Archbishop James Ussher placed the time of Job at 1520 B.C. (as often seen in some KJV bibles).

Job was clearly not Jewish, nonetheless, he knew the same Jehovah known by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The very first verse of the Book says that Job ***"...was perfect and upright, and one that feared (revered) God, and eschewed (shunned) evil."***

This is a book that very few people get deeply into, so we shall attempt to do a deep study. We all know the basics of it, but most do not get into the meat of the dialogues, so stay tuned.