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**Chapter 1**

(1) There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job {persecuted};<sup>a</sup> and that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared {revered}<sup>b</sup> God, and turned away from evil.

(2) And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

(3) His possessions were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred female donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

(4) And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, everyone on his birthday; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

(5) And so it was, that when the days of *their* feasting were completed, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *according* to their number: because Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. This Job did continually.

(6) Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD {Jehovah}, and Satan also came among them.

(7) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Where have you come from?* Then Satan answered the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil?*

(9) Then Satan answered the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

(10) Have You not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

(11) But put forth Your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to your face.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Look, all that he has is in your power; only do not put forth your hand against him.* So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

(14) And there came a messenger to Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them:

(15) And the Sabeans came *upon them*, and took them away; yes, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

(16) While he *was* still speaking, another also came, and said, The fire of God has fallen from heaven, and has burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone am escaped to tell you.

1:1a - Job {אִיּוֹב} - hated, persecuted

1:1b – feared God – revere; reverence; honored; had profound respect towards

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(17) While he *was* still speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and came upon the camels, and have carried them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

(18) While he *was* still speaking, there came also another, and said, Your sons and your daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

(19) And, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

(20) Then Job arose, and tore his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped,

(21) And said, Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return: the LORD {Jehovah} gave, and the LORD {Jehovah} has taken away; blessed is the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) In all this Job did not sin, nor charged God foolishly.

### Chapter 2

(1) Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD {Jehovah}, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Where have you come from?* And Satan answered the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

(3) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil? and still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him, to destroy him without cause.*

(4) And Satan answered the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, Skin for skin, yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

(5) But put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face.

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, *Look, he is in your hand; but save his life.*

(7) So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, and struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

(8) And he took for himself a broken piece of pottery to scrape himself with; and he sat down among the ashes.

(9) Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold onto your integrity? curse God, and die.