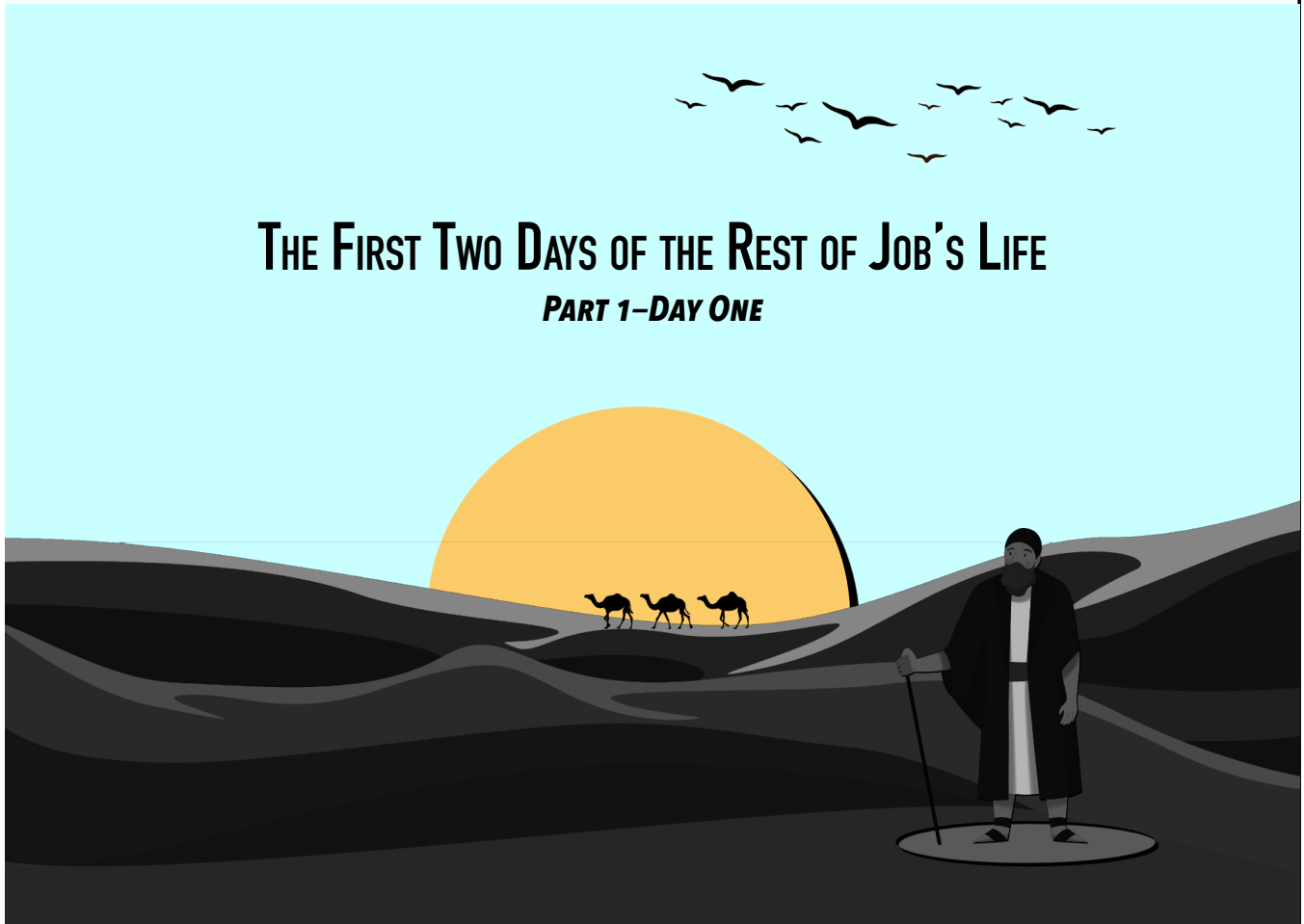




# THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE REST OF JOB'S LIFE

## PART 1—DAY ONE



### DAY ONE LOG

- Job's journey to complete acceptance of and belief in the compassionate, merciful and sovereign purpose of the Lord began in heaven one day in the presence of God.
- On the first day of the rest of his life, Job lost everything because he feared God and turned away from evil.

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BEHOLD, WE CONSIDER THOSE BLESSED WHO REMAINED **STEADFAST**. YOU HAVE HEARD OF **THE STEADFASTNESS OF JOB**, AND YOU HAVE SEEN **THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD**, HOW THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL.

(JAMES 5:11 ESV)

## Outline ... (Job 1:1-22 ESV)

### THE SETTING ... JOB'S LIFE IN UZ BEFORE SATAN'S ATTACK.

On the first day of the rest of his life, Job lost everything as Satan attempted to destroy his faith. Satan had challenged the LORD that Job only feared God because God protected and abundantly blessed him.

#### 1. Job was a man who lived in the land of Uz and who feared God and turned away from evil, 1:1-5.

- (Job 1:1–5 ESV) There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. 2 There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. 3 He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. 4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.
- a. Job was an actual historical person who lived in the land of Uz.

Job was a real person who lived possibly around the time of Abraham. He is referred to as a historical figure in Ezekiel 14:14, 14:20 and also by James in the NT.

- (James 5:11 ESV) Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.
- b. Job was a godly man—blameless, upright, feared God and turned away from evil.
- c. Job was a very wealthy man with a large family, many servants and large herds of livestock.
- d. Job was concerned for the spiritual wellbeing of his family.

### DAY ONE IN HEAVEN ...

There was a day in heaven when the LORD (YAHWEH) called Satan to give an account for his activity. Satan answered that he had been going to and fro on the earth.

#### 2. The LORD gives Satan permission to test the faith of Job, 1:6-12.

- (Job 1:6–12 ESV) Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” 8 And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?” 9 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason?” 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and 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 stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” 12 And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

### EXCURSUS: WHO IS SATAN? WHAT DOES HE DO? WHY IS HE SO SUCCESSFUL?

#### I. Who is Satan?

Satan (pronounced saw-*tawn*) is also referred to as Lucifer in the KJV, NKJV in Isaiah 14:12) and means ... accuser, adversary — someone who offers opposition, one who withstands.

- a. Satan is a created being, an angel who attempted to make himself like the Most High.
  - (Isaiah 14:12–14 ESV) How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star [Lucifer, KJV], son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the

mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will make myself like the Most High.**"

b. Scripture labels him as "the ruler of this world" and "the god of this world."

- Called ... **the ruler of this world** in John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11 and ... **the god of this world** in 2 Corinthians 4:4.

c. Satan is a deceiver.

- (Genesis 3:13 ESV) Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" **The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."**
- (2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV) But I am afraid that **as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning**, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
- (1 Timothy 2:12–14 ESV) **I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.** 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 **and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.**

d. Satan is an accuser.

- (Zechariah 3:1 ESV) Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, **and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.**
- (Revelation 12:9, 10b ESV) **And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—... for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.**
- (Job 4:7–8 ESV) [*Eliphaz began his response by accusing Job*] ... Remember: **who that was innocent ever perished?** Or where were the upright cut off? 8 **As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.**
- Cf. Galatians 6:7b ESV ... **for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.**

e. Satan is a murderer and a liar.

- (John 8:44 ESV) You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he lies,

he speaks out of his own character, **for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

f. Satan is the thief who comes to kill and destroy.

- (John 10:10 ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

## II. What does Satan do?

He does what he has done from the beginning. He opposes the purpose of God by deceiving, lying, accusing, murdering, stealing and destroying.

a. Satan, the devil, prowls around the earth seeking someone to devour.

- (Job 1:7 ESV) The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.**"
- (1 Peter 5:8–11 ESV) Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.** 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 **And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.** 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

b. Satan attempts to devour God's people by destroying their faith—Peter is an example.

- (Luke 22:31–32 ESV) Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.** And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.

c. Satan finds irreverent, prideful people and captures them to do his will.

- (2 Timothy 2:24–26 ESV) **And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the**

**devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

- (1 Timothy 1:18–20 ESV) This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, **that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,** 20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

### III. How does he do this? Why is he successful?

**The devil searches “to and fro” on the earth to find people who ...**

- **do not fear God,**
- **have no reverence for the word of God,**
- **live in disobedience and rebellion,**
- **do not turn from evil.**

The people he captures to do his will are those who are “like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:6). They waver in their faith, do not trust in the LORD with all their heart, do not tremble before the word of God, seek to please people more than to please God, live as unbelievers in the futility of their minds.

- (Ephesians 4:18 ESV) **They are darkened in their understanding,** alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart.**

If they do not come to repentance, then they will ultimately fall to the evil they think they are standing against. (Cf. John 8:44.)

- (Romans 12:21 ESV) **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

They are vengeful, live in self-justified rebellion and do not know the joy and peace of a life submitted to God and his word.

- (Hebrews 13:17 ESV) **Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.** Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**—END EXCURSUS—**

## DAY ONE ON EARTH ...

### 3. Satan begins his challenge to YAHWEH by destroying Job’s wealth and his family, 1:13-19.

- (Job 1:13–19 ESV) **Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest 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 fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, **and I alone have escaped to tell you.**” 16 **While he was yet speaking, there came another and said,** “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, **and I alone have escaped to tell you.**” 17 **While he was yet speaking, there came another and said,** “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, **and I alone have escaped to tell you.**” 18 **While he was yet speaking, there came another and said,** “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, 19 and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, **and I alone have escaped to tell you.**”

### 4. Job passes the day one test, 1:20-22.

- (Job 1:20–22 ESV) **Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.**