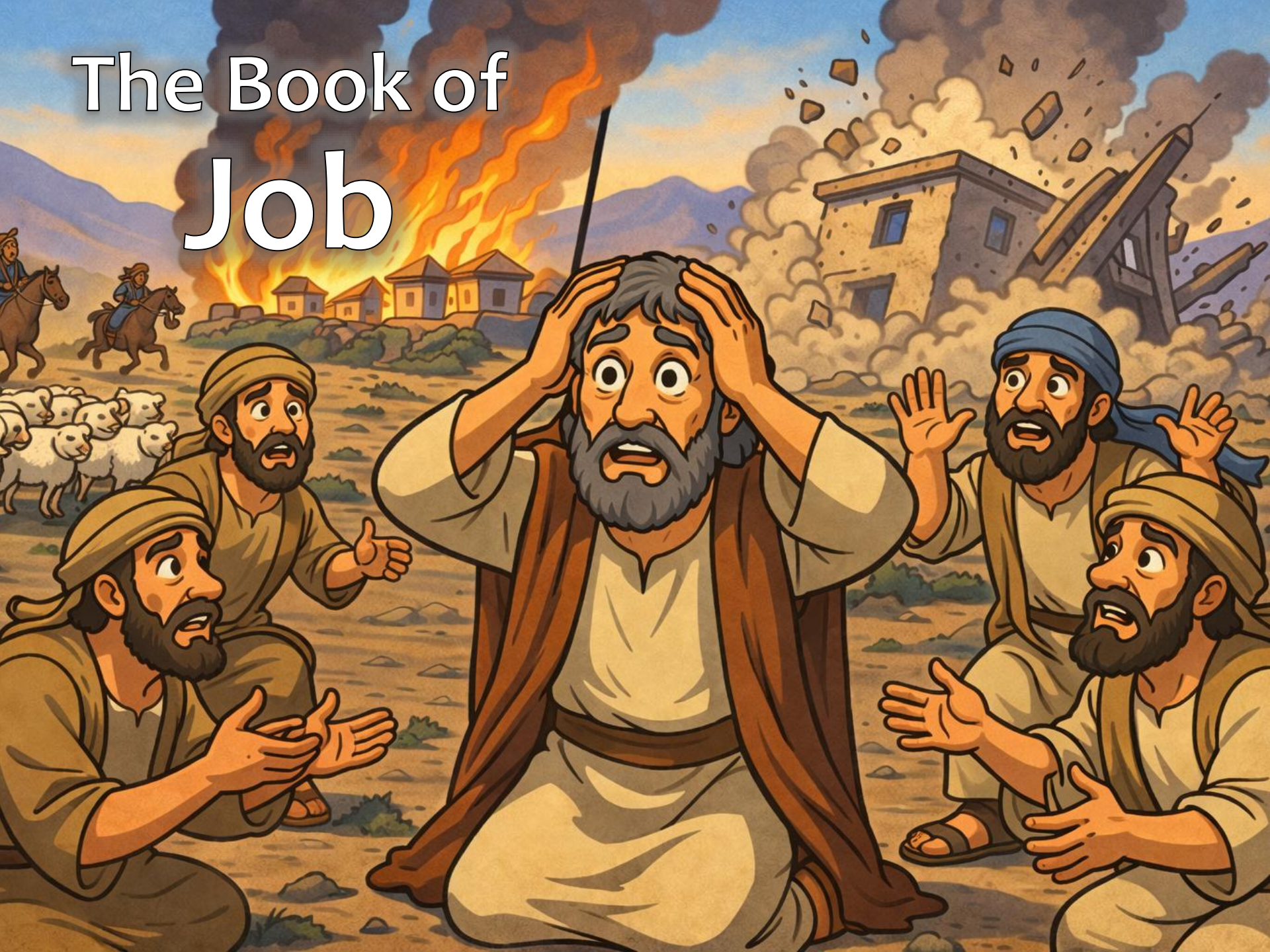
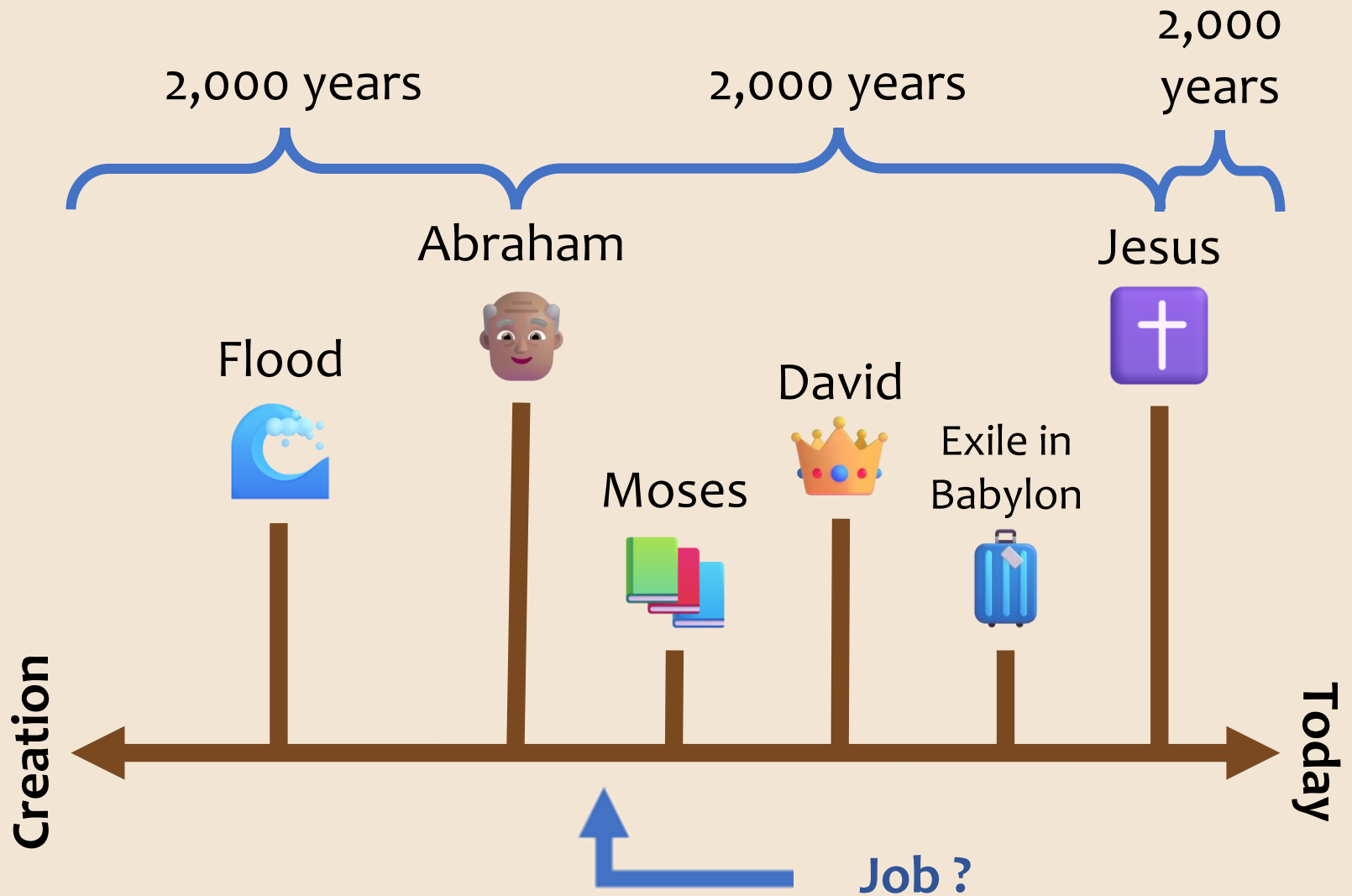


The Book of Job



Bible timeline



Summary

Job

- Job is a devout believer who is tested by God
 - He loses and regains everything
- Most of the book is *poetic* conversations between Job and others (38 of the 42 chapters)
- The book as a whole is considered poetry








Why *Job* is special

- Job = enduring hardship
- **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.”



Main characters

-  **Job**
 - Lost everything (and he was rich)
-    **Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar**
 - Three “friends” of Job (2:11) that verbally beat up Job for 22 chapters
 - (Who needs enemies?)
-  **Elihu**
 - Young man who rebukes the other four men at the end of the story

Outline of *Job*

- **Job loses everything: chapters 1-2**
 - Satan asks God for permission to torment Job
 - Job loses everything but stays faithful
- **Dialogue (was Job wrong?): chapters 3-37**
 - Job laments (ch. 3)
 - 3 friends accuse and Job responds to each in turn (chs. 4-14)
 - 3 friends accuse and Job responds to each in turn (chs. 15-21)
 - 2 friends accuse and Job responds to each in turn (chs. 22-25)
 - Job makes a much longer speech (chs. 26-31)
 - Elihu pops up and accuses Job (chs. 32-37)
- **God responds: chapters 38-42**
 - Putting Job in his place (chs. 38-41)
 - Rebuking the friends (42:7-9)
 - Restoring to Job twice what he lost (42:10-17)

Theology and doctrine

- The scenes in chapter 1 with Satan are very unique in the Bible
 - Rarely do we see Satan as a being that speaks
 - Here as “Satan”
 - As the serpent in Genesis 3
 - As “the devil” and “the tempter” in Matthew 4 and Mark 4

Recap of *Job*

- **Summary**

- Job is a devout believer who is tested by God

- **Why it is special**

- Job = enduring hardship

- **Main characters**

- Job
- Three friends
- Elihu

- **Outline**

1. Job loses everything (chs. 1-2)
2. Dialog with Job and others (chs. 3-37)
3. God responds (chs. 38-42)

- **Theology and doctrine**

- Rarely do we see Satan as a being that speaks
 - Job 1-2, Genesis 3, Mark 4, Luke 4

Chariots of fire

2 Kings 6:8-23



Summary

Chariots of fire
2 Kings 6:8-23


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- A foreign army surrounds Elisha, but he's not scared.
 - We get to see why.

Why this story is special

- It pulls back the curtain so that we see part of the spiritual army of God.
 - When we say “spiritual army” we probably mean “earthly people who are nice” – but this is the opposite: it is a very powerful troop of warriors, unseen to mortals – normally.



Main characters

-  **Elisha**
 - Prophet of God in northern kingdom
-  **Servant of Elisha**
 - Afraid of enemy threat
-  **King of Syria (Aram)**
 - An enemy of Israel
 - Suspects Elisha is a mole
-  **King of Israel**
 - Northern tribes

Outline of 2 *Kings* 6:8-23

1. Vs. 8-10 Elisha provides military intelligence about Syria to Israel's king
2. Vs. 11-14 Syria's king thinks Elisha is a mole and sends his army to kill him
3. Vs. 15-1 Elisha's servant is afraid
4. V. 17 Elisha shows the servant God's chariots of fire
5. Vs. 18-20 The Syrian army is blinded and led to Samaria
6. Vs. 21-23 Elisha commands Israel's king to be kind to the foreign army

In case you missed it

- Elisha has seen chariots of fire before
 - **2 Kings 2:11**
- The king of Israel calls Elisha “father”
 - Not literal, of course
 - Elisha used the same words of Elijah (**2 Kings 2:12**)
 - King Joash used *those* words of Elisha (**2 Kings 13:14**)

Theology and doctrine

- The spiritual army
 - God's army isn't only in some distant cloud; It would seem that it is all around us all the time
 - We feel temptation and the devil's schemes around us – why, then do we find it strange that God's army is also just as prevalent?
 - We meet “the commander of the army of the LORD” in **Joshua 5:13-15** (ESV)
 - We find that Jesus can call on “more than twelve legions of angels,” **Matthew 26:53**.
 - (Legions are large military groups.)

Recap of 2 Kings 6:8-23

- **Summary**

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- **Why it is special**

- It pulls back the curtain so that we see part of the spiritual army of God.

- **Main characters**

- Elisha
- Servant of Elisha
- King of Syria (Aram)
- King of Israel

- **In case you missed it**

- Elisha has seen chariots of fire before (2 Kings 2:11)
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- **Theology and doctrine**

- The spiritual army

Poem: *The LORD Answers Job*

Job 38-39

Control over the elements

38:4–7 - Were you there at the dawn of time?

38:8–11 - I can even restrain the oceans

38:12–15 - I make light come and go and fill everything

38:16–18 - You have not seen every place on earth

38:19–21 - Where is light's house located?

38:22–24 - Or the snow, hail or wind?

38:25–27 - Ever seen someone tell a lightning bolt where to go?

38:28–30 - Where does water even come from?

38:31–33 - Can you direct the constellations or heavenly bodies?

38:34–38 - I control the elements

Control over the animals

38:39–41 - I manage the food chain

39:1–4 - Can you manage the gestational calendars of animals?

39:5–8 - A wild donkey won't listen to you

39:9–12 - A wild ox won't willingly serve you

39:13–18 - The ostrich has no sense

39:19–25 - Did you create strength in the horse?

39:26–30 - Did you program the minds of predatory birds?