

4. The age of Job.

- Lived 140 years after this trial, probably 50-70 at start. Longevity was reduced after Jacob.

Note: These things suggest that Job may have been written toward the end of the patriarchal period before the exodus from Egypt took place.

C. Authorship of Job.

11. Moses.

- Eben Ezra (1150 AD) said the tradition says that Moses wrote it.
- Talmud also says this.

12. Job and Moses (joint authorship).

- Job wrote the dialogue, Moses added the prologue (1-2) and epilogue (42:7-17) after he came across it in Midian and saw the parallel righteous suffering of Job and Israel.
- Epi- and Pro-logue are in the same style as Pentateuch.

13. Elihu.

14. Job. -Either are possible.

15. Some unknown person, probably an eyewitness.

D. A Summary of the Book of Job.

1. Outline.

- I. Prologue 1:1-2:13.
- II. Job's Lamentation 3:1-26.
- III. The Debate between Job and his 3 Friends 4:1-31:40.
  - A. The First Round 4:1-14:22.
    - 1. The Argument of Eliphaz 4:1-5:27.
    - 2. Job's Answer 6:1-7:21.
    - 3. The Argument of Bildad 8:1-22.
    - 4. Job's Answer 9:1-10:22.
    - 5. The Argument of Zophar 11:1-20.
    - 6. Job's Answer 12:1-14:22.