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Basic structure of the book

- Chapters 1-2 Dialogue between Gd and Satan
- Chapter 3 Iyov suffers, and comes to curse his own birth
- Chapters 4-14 First round of debates: Eliphaz, Iyov, Bildad, Iyov, Tzofar, Iyov
- Chapters 15-21 Second round of debates: Eliphaz, Iyov, Bildad, Iyov, Tzofar, Iyov
- Chapters 22-26 Third round of debates: Eliphaz, Iyov, Bildad, Iyov
- Chapters 27-31 Iyov re-states his case
- Chapters 32-37 Elihu's arguments
- Chapters 38-41 Gd addresses Iyov
- Chapter 42 Iyov responds, and Epilogue

- Chapter 1 Gd seeks to prove the possibility that a human being could want a relationship with Gd  
Satan strikes Job's children and property  
Job responds by acknowledging the Divine right to all that is his
- Chapter 2 Job suffers physically  
Job rebukes his blasphemous wife, but is less pious  
Visitors arrive from afar, express their grief with actions, and remain in silence for 7 days
- Chapter 3 Job lashes out against his birthday/the stars  
Job desires to roll back his own creation, and perhaps all of Creation
- Chapter 4-5 Round One: Does approaching Gd lead to a happy ending?  
Eliphaz argues for a narrative of hope – Gd helps those who seek it  
People deserve their suffering, for their wickedness  
One cannot be more righteous than Gd  
Eliphaz urges Job to appeal to Gd
- Chapters 6-7 New element: Job's anger at Gd  
Job rebukes Eliphaz for not helping; the lack of empathy makes Job bitter  
Job makes a statement about Gd:  
  1. Either Job challenges Gd to leave him alone, or
  2. Job claims that Gd does not run the world, as that would be beneath Him  
There is no hopeful narrative; I will turn to Gd, but in defiance, not for help
- Chapter 8 Bildad defends Divine justice  
Bildad offers two plant parables:  
The Thirsty Reed – Those who are wicked will perish  
The Lush Plant – May be the same as the Reed, or may be describing suffering ending in prosperity, proving that the pain was actually building toward a positive end

Chapters 9-10	<p>New element: Job's desire to sue Gd in court</p> <p>Job rebukes Bildad; I cannot convince Gd that I am right, and Gd is hostile to me</p> <p>The world is run unjustly</p> <p>I cannot even get a day in court!</p> <p>If I were to talk to Gd, it would be to challenge Him for what He has done to me</p>
Chapter 11	<p>Tzofar says that Gd's wisdom involves hidden elements, beyond human ken</p> <p>An example of a hidden element: One may be judged for failure to fulfill potential</p> <p>Turn to Gd, and life will improve</p>
Chapters 12-14	<p>New element: Job insists that he is the pious one</p> <p>Job responds to the entire set of speakers from the first round</p> <p>You cannot convince me that there is justice in this world; you only mock me with your speech</p> <p>I will speak truth, regardless of what Gd does to me</p> <p>I am the true believer. You are false flatterers who misrepresent Gd, and Gd will punish you.</p> <p>Job wishes to bring Gd to justice in court, on three claims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: I am righteous</li> <li>2: Even if I have sinned, I am insignificant and unworthy of Your attention</li> <li>3: I am temporary and lowly, and therefore I am no threat to You</li> </ol> <p>There is no hope for a happy ending, including resurrection of the dead</p>
Chapter 15	<p>Round Two: Do the wicked suffer?</p> <p>Eliphaz tries again, arguing that Job fails to value righteousness</p> <p>Job is arrogant</p> <p>The wicked may not appear to suffer, but they suffer psychologically</p> <p>The wicked lack a future</p>
Chapter 16-17	<p>New elements: Gd as Enemy; A plea for empathy</p> <p>Job demands that Eliphaz stop judging him; if I were in your shoes, I would offer empathy</p> <p>Gd has become my enemy</p> <p>I demand justice from Gd</p>
Chapter 18	<p>Bildad rebukes Job, or his fellow visitors, for not listening</p> <p>Wicked people cause their own suffering</p> <p>Wicked people lose everything – as Job did</p> <p>Wicked people lack a future</p>
Chapter 19	<p>New element: An elaborate plea for empathy, companionship, and aid with his cause</p> <p>Job responds that the visitors are making him miserable</p> <p>Job feels surrounded, crushed and estranged from all around him</p> <p>Job pleads for someone to record his words, creating his posterity</p> <p>In a cryptic ending, Job says that someone, someday, will take his side – and that the visitors, and those who take their side, will be punished.</p>