

JOB'S TRAGEDY
(Job 1:13-22; 2:7b-10)

- I. Job's EXTERNAL Losses (Job 1:13-19)
 - A. Job lost his WEALTH (1:13-17)
 1. The SABEAN raid (1:13-15)
 - a. His FARM HANDS were MURDERED
 - b. His OXEN and DONKEYS were STOLEN
 - c. One servant SURVIVED to bring the REPORT
 2. The "FIRE" storm (1:16)
 - a. His SHEPHERDS were KILLED
 - b. His SHEEP were KILLED
 - c. One servant SURVIVED to bring the REPORT
 3. The CHALDEAN raid (1:17)
 - a. His CAMELS were STOLEN
 - b. Their KEEPERS were MURDERED
 - c. One servant SURVIVED to bring the REPORT
 - B. Job lost his CHILDREN (1:18-19)
 1. Had GATHERED for their regular WORSHIP
 2. WIND caused the house to COLLAPSE and KILL them
 3. One servant SURVIVED to bring the REPORT

- C. Job's losses were CATASTROPHIC
 - 1. Both HUMAN attacks and NATURAL disasters
 - 2. Came from ALL DIRECTIONS
 - 3. Came in RAPID SUCCESSION
 - 4. Seemed as if GOD and MAN were his ENEMIES
- II. Job's RESPONSE to EXTERNAL Loss (Job 1:20-22)
 - A. Expressed GRATITUDE to GOD
 - B. Expressed TRUST in GOD
- III. Job's INTERNAL Losses (Job 2:7b-9)
 - A. Job lost his HEALTH (2:7b-8)
 - 1. Smitten with OPEN, RUNNING sores
 - 2. Only RELIEF by scraping the PUS with a potsherd
 - B. Job lost his WIFE'S moral SUPPORT (2:9)
 - 1. Encouraged him to CURSE GOD
 - 2. Encouraged him to DIE
 - C. Job's losses were OVERWHELMING
 - 1. No more capacity to REBUILD
 - 2. Seemed as if his BODY and WIFE were his ENEMIES
- IV. Job's RESPONSE to INTERNAL Loss (Job 2:10)
 - A. Rebuked his WIFE for lack of SPIRITUAL insight
 - B. Reaffirmed his FAITH in God's SOVEREIGN Lordship