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T H E O L O G I C A L S E M I N A R Y

**BS 6015 JOB**

WITH DISSERTATION THEORY OPTION

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2. Separate page & heading for each new section, capitalized at top center of that page SUMMARY, PRECIS, PAPER
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# COURSE ASSIGNMENT: BS 6015 Job

## Textbook

*How to Read Job* (John Walton)

ISBN: 978-0830840892

## Summary:

We often turn to the book of Job when we encounter suffering. We look for an explanation for the questions "Why me?" or "Why her?" But what if it turns out that although Job does suffer, the book is not really about his suffering?

If ever a book needed a "How to Read" instruction manual, it is the book of Job. And when two respected Old Testament scholars team up—both of whom have written commentaries on Job—we have a matchless guide to reading and appreciating the book. From their analysis of its place in the wisdom literature of the Bible and the ancient Near East to their discussions of its literary features and relationship to history, Walton and Longman give us the best of their expertise. They explore the theology of Job, placing it within Israelite religion and Old Testament theology. And they coach us in how to read Job as Christians. When it turns out the book is not what we thought it was, our reading is richly layered and more satisfying.

Whether you are preparing for preaching, teaching, leading a Bible study, studying for a class or for personal enrichment, *How to Read Job* is your starting point.

## 1. WATCH

- Authorship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjgprxsxRgs>
- Intro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjoZNAidYss>
- Theological Questions: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_4MO43kgXo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_4MO43kgXo)
- Job's Wife: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umofUJfbwO4>
- The Satan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR2CcHG57I4>
- Characters and Speeches: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MlpJNrXcv7o>
- Chaos Monsters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iW4do-BNV34>
- Man Up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSTgVv2LTWc>
- Bless or Curse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CnRZ2tejME>

## 2. PRECIS

- Write a 1-page reflection and summary for each lecture. Combine into one document.
- Write an overview on Job based on information from the textbook. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
  - Master: 5
  - Doctorate: 8

## 3. PAPER

- Write a paper on a pericope (not just 1 verse), character, or a theme from Job.
- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
  - Master: 5
  - Doctorate: 8

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

### READ ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK:

Job (The NIV Application Commentary) (John Walton)

ISBN: 978-0310214427

### Summary:

**The NIV Application Commentary helps you communicate and apply biblical text effectively in today's context.**

To bring the ancient messages of the Bible into today's world, each passage is treated in three sections:

- **Original Meaning.** Concise exegesis to help readers understand the original meaning of the biblical text in its historical, literary, and cultural context.
- **Bridging Contexts.** A bridge between the world of the Bible and the world of today, built by discerning what is timeless in the timely pages of the Bible.
- **Contemporary Significance.** This section identifies comparable situations to those faced in the Bible and explores relevant application of the biblical messages. The author alerts the readers of problems they may encounter when seeking to apply the passage and helps them think through the issues involved.

This unique, award-winning commentary is the ideal resource for today's preachers, teachers, and serious students of the Bible, giving them the tools, ideas, and insights they need to communicate God's Word with the same powerful impact it had when it was first written.

### ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

**Write a paper on the concept of the problem of evil (theodicy) within Job. The Paper should be 15 pages citing at least 15 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.**

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## Course Summary

Many approach Job as a book that is supposed to solve the problem of evil in the world or at least how to make sense of the suffering of the righteous. It makes us ask question about why and what God allows to happen to those who trust him. When we look close at the context of Job, we are not actually given these answers. We are just called to trust God and to not put God in a box.

The message of Job seems rather to be about God's policy of blessing the righteous. This creates a quid pro quo that could be problematic. This is referred to as the retribution principal. This principal is the center of the conversation in the book of Job. Job suffers and looks for answers in his suffering, as anyone would naturally try to. We see with Job's friends that they do not give good advice and rather place blame where it should not be.

When God appears he gives Job a picture of Job's mindset and what it should be by using an illustration of 2 chaos monsters. One stands firm in the raging waters. This is a picture of what God is asking of Job, for total trust in the trial. The next is a sea monster that cannot be tamed. This is an illustration of what Job is trying to do, tame God, yet it is impossible. The message of Job is to simply trust God.