

Dear Co-Pilgrims in Faith,

With a brief review of the suffering and torment experienced by Jeremiah, for which he blamed God and about which he complained (Jeremiah 20.7–13) and because of which he prayed a death wish (Jeremiah 20.14–18), which I would encourage you to visit again to know the depth of Jeremiah's pain and suffering, we will walk, even with heavy steps into the world of wisdom literature in the Bible, beginning with the difficult-wonderful story of Job. If possible, please read **Job** in its entirety, and (re)read **at least Job 1-2, and 42**. Please, please bring to bring **lots of questions**, especially since there are many things about the book of Job that are perplexing, much of which tradition, including church traditions, have perhaps misrepresented over the ages.

Again, some helpful dates to keep in mind, especially in the light of the Deuteronomistic History (= Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings)—**especially the Babylonian exile**:

ca. 930 BC split of the united kingdom  
722 BC destruction of northern kingdom Israel  
586 BC destruction of southern kingdom Judah (& Temple; rebuilt 515 BC)

As always, I look forward to **your observations and questions**, and please never hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way. We can be flexible and take detours on our journey through the Bible. Please see the "[syllabus](#)" online for where we are headed: [Bible intro 2021-04 Ann's Choice](#) (printed copies also available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

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See you in class or via Zoom. Have a wonderful evening.

With prayer and best wishes,

