



International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism
Job and Other Biblical Responses to the
Problem of Evil
December 5-7, 2008 Farmington Hills, Michigan

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When calamity strikes, people often consult the Bible and in particular the book of Job, one the greatest stories ever told. Over the past 2000 years, ancient and modern interpreters of this masterpiece have left us with some amazingly diverse views concerning evil and its resolution. This study will focus on the problem of evil in the Bible and the human response thereto.

Friday, December 5th Opening Session / Everyone is welcome without charge
 8:00 p.m. "The Context of Biblical Evil: 'Acts of God' in the Ancient World."

Saturday, December 6th
 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "YHWH, Job and Satan: Like a 'Bat Out of Hell' thru the Bermuda Triangle."
 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. "David Calls Down Curses On His Enemies: God As 'Roving Hit Man'."

Sunday, December 7th
 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "Once Again, the Cry of Epicurus: Is God Able and Willing, Yet Silent?"

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Program Tuition:

Birmingham Temple Members: \$50 for both Sat. and Sun. or \$25 one day
Non-Members: \$75 for both Sat. and Sun or \$40 one day
Student IISHJ Leadership (JH108): Program cost plus tuition fee of \$100

Register no later than December 1st

Seminar Questions? Linda Glass at lglass@iishj.org or IISHJ (248)476-9532

Seminar Registration Form

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Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

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