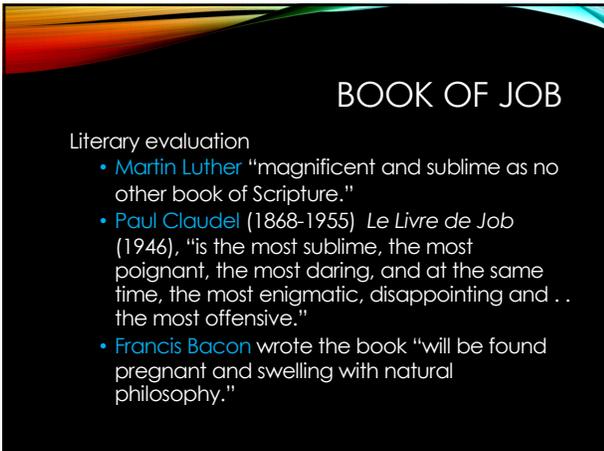
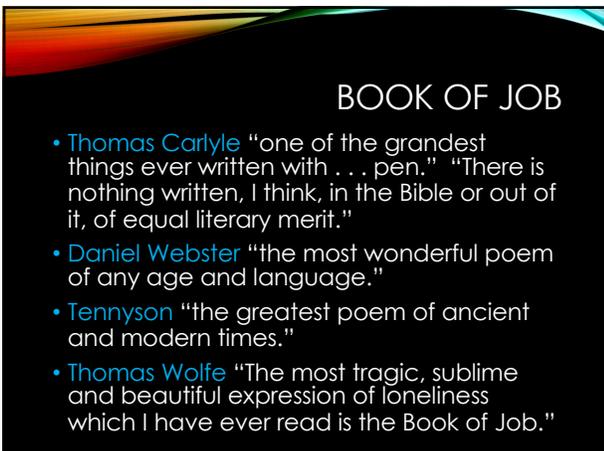


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THE BOOK CONTINUES TO PERPLEX INTERPRETERS AS TO ITS MESSAGE

- Theodicy
- A rejection of 'normative' reward and punishment theology
- A meditation on the unknowability of God
- A reflection on whether or not one will worship God in the absence of reward

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OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JOB

- Prologue 1:1-2:13 This and the epilogue may have been a separate tale about the undeserved suffering and restoration of the protagonist.
- 3:1-31:40 Dialogues between Job and friends on the nature of suffering
 - Interlude on the inaccessibility of Wisdom (28:1-28)
- 32:1-37:24 Speeches of Elihu
- 38:1-42:6 Dialogues between Job and God
- Epilogue 42:7-17 Restoration of Job

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JOB 1:9

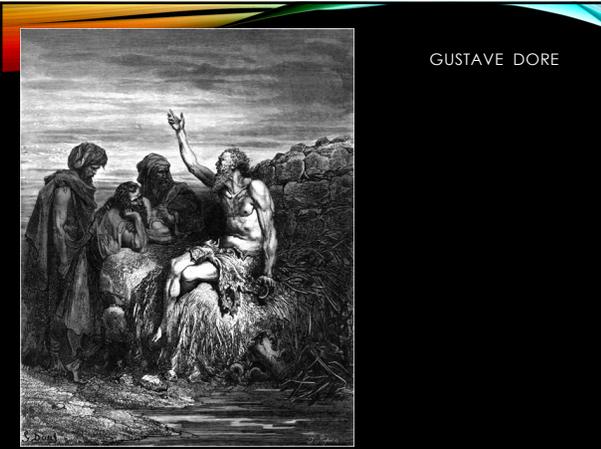
- Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? **NRSV**
- Yes,' Satan said, 'but Job is not God-fearing for nothing, is he? **NJB**
- 'Has not Job good reason to be godfearing?' answered the Adversary. **REB**
- Then Satan answered the LORD, "Is it for nothing that Job fears God? **NET**

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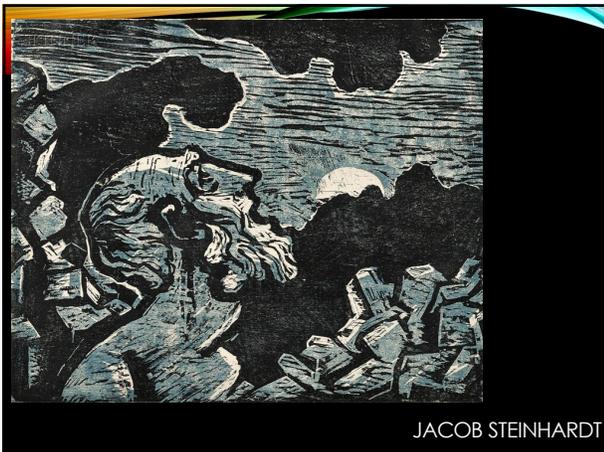
JOB 42:6

- That is why I am fed up;
I take pity on "dust and ashes." [Greenstein](#)
- therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes. [NRSV](#)
- I retract what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes.
[NJB](#)
- I'm sorry—forgive me. I'll never do that again, I promise!
I'll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor." [The Message](#)

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