

# “Through the Bible: Job 11-14, 20-21 (Zophar and Job)”

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## I. Zophar’s Comments to Job (Job 11,20)

A. Consider these comments of Zophar in Job 11.

1. Zophar starts by saying, “Should not the multitude of words be \_\_\_\_\_? and should a man full of talk be \_\_\_\_\_? Should thy \_\_\_\_\_ make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 11:2-3)?
2. What astonishing thing does Zophar say to Job in Job 11:6, with respect to God and punishment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What counsel does Zophar offer Job in Job 11:14? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. “But the eyes of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their \_\_\_\_\_ shall be as the giving up of the ghost” (Job 11:20).

B. Consider these comments of Zophar in Job 20.

1. Job 20 sees Zophar continuing his outpouring of false allegations. He says, “he shall \_\_\_\_\_ for ever like his own \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 20:7). Later, in Job 20:12-13, Zophar alleges Job had sinned with what part of his body? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two animals does Job make reference to in Job 20:16? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. All of the evil spewed out by Zophar ends with these words, “This is the portion of a \_\_\_\_\_ man from God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ appointed unto him by \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 20:29).

## II. Job’s Response to Zophar’s Comments (Job 12-14,21)

A. Job begins by sarcastically reacting to his friends.

1. He starts by saying, “No \_\_\_\_\_ but ye are the people, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall die with \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 12:2).
2. Job claims, “I have \_\_\_\_\_ as well as you” (Job 12:3), but informs his friends they are not alone in knowing things. In fact, who does Job say teaches us things in Job 12:7-8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Job asks, “Who \_\_\_\_\_ not in all these that the hand of the \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ this” (Job 12:9)? In your own words, summarize Job’s thought in this verse. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Job maintains his hope in God.
1. “\_\_\_\_\_ I would speak to the \_\_\_\_\_, and I desire to reason with \_\_\_\_\_. But ye are forgers of \_\_\_\_\_, ye are all physicians of no \_\_\_\_\_. O that ye would altogether hold your \_\_\_\_\_! and it should be your wisdom” (Job 13:3-5).
  2. Once again, what request does Job make in Job 13:23? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Job contemplates the end of all men.
1. “Man that is born of a woman is of \_\_\_\_\_ days, and full of \_\_\_\_\_. He cometh forth like a \_\_\_\_\_, and is cut \_\_\_\_\_: he fleeth also as a \_\_\_\_\_, and continueth not” (Job 14:1-2).
  2. “If a man \_\_\_\_\_, shall he \_\_\_\_\_ again? all the days of my appointed time will I \_\_\_\_\_, till my \_\_\_\_\_ come” (Job 14:14).
- D. Job asks and answers the ages-old question.
1. Job enquires, “Wherefore do the \_\_\_\_\_ live, become \_\_\_\_\_, yea, are mighty in \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 21:7)?
  2. Job 21:8-13 finds Job making several comments about wicked people living a good life. Find three you feel stick out and make note of them.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Job contends blessed people, often, say, “Therefore they say unto \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ from us; for we \_\_\_\_\_ not the knowledge of thy ways” (Job 21:14).
  4. Job concludes his argument by saying, “How then comfort ye me in \_\_\_\_\_, seeing in your answers there remaineth \_\_\_\_\_” (Job 21:34)?