Study Guide Job

Profound and very unique book set in Uz : Job is not even an Israelite :
Author Anonymous no clear Historical setting /period of time
Focus/ Point Author wants to focus on the questions raised by Job's Suffering
1-2 Open and 42 Closes with very short narrative prologue and then epilogue.
3-37 Center is dense Hebrew Poetry.
Representing conversations between Job and four dialogue partners (The Friends)
38-41 Poetic speeches given by God to Job.
Prologue Introduces to Job blameless upright man who Honors God.
Then transported Heaven where God holding a meeting with his staff team on how things are going.
Satan in Hebrew means The Accuser or The Prosecutor Court Scene
God presents Job truly religious man and then the accuser challenges God
He says the only reason Job is because you bless him with prosperity.
Let Job suffer then we'll how righteous he is 1st Time loses sons/daughters all things 2nd time his health
God agrees to let the accuser inflict suffering on Job. /What why God let good people suffer not in book.
The real question is Justice and does God run the world according to Justice?
Reason for suffering never reviewed. Job wife rebukes Job (curse God and Die) (3 friends with wisdom)
Job talks then Friend 1 talks then Job response then Friend 2 talks Job responds then friend 3 Job talks
Cycle 1 Chapters 3-14 Is God Just
Cycle 2 CH 15-21 Does God run the universe on Strict principles of Justice
Cycle 3 CH 22-28 How is Job suffering to be explained
Job and Friends are working from Bid assumption what God justice ought to look like in the world
Human Action God Justice
Wise & Good -----→ Success & Reward
Evil & Stupid _------→ Disaster & Punishment
~ Argument Implication Conclusion A or B
Job's I'm Innocent >>>My suffering not divined Justice / God doesn't run the world according to Justice
Conclusion B God is Unjust
Friends God is Just >>>> God runs the world according to justice/ Job Must Have Sinned
Job frustrated with Friend Protest to God
Know that Job on emotional rollercoaster during this time 1stGod was Just Now upset over his suffering
Has outburst ? God 27:2 16:9 27:8 all over the place says God is a Bully/God orchestrated all injustice
Wants to hopes God is Justice 29-31 Job Last statement Innocence/ demands God show up to explain
32-37 4 friend Conclusion suffering may be a warning to avoid future sin because it builds character
says it is wrong to accuse God of being unjust Job has no response to Him
God shows up in whirlwind to respond to Job 1st on being unjust taking to cosmos events ? you there
Then God talks about animals is about the thought that Job 3 thoughts they know how to run the world
Job view is so small and not in position to accuse God
40A Job revisit world and wanting to rule it with Justice extremely complex never black and white
40B-41 Symbols of Disorder & Danger God world Good/Not Perfect Ordered/wild Beautiful/Dangerous
? Why is there suffering in the world>> God> > We live in an amazing world does not prevent suffering.
Job asked to trust God his wisdom and character / Humility and repentance apologizes is Job response
God says friends were wrong too simple. God was ok with Job ? wanting to talk struggle/honesty
42B Job Family 7 sons 3 daughters & wealth restored Double returned simply generous gift from God