

Preface xi
Acknowledgments xiii
List of Figures xv
Abbreviations xvi

PART 1

Prologue: From Eden to Uz

- 1 "For No Reason" 3
 - 1 Job and Israel's "Grammars of Creation" 7
 - 2 "For No Reason" 13
 - 3 Some Concluding Ruminations on the Enigma of Evil 20

PART 2

Job and His Friends: "What Provokes You That You Keep on Talking?"

- 2 Who Will Be Job's Redeemer? 29
 - 1 Looking for the Redeemer through Job's Eyes: Job 19:21-29 30
 - 2 Looking for Job's Redeemer through the Eyes of the Artist: Gilding the Metaphor of Resurrection with "the Edge of Felt Conjecture" 38
 - 3 The Theodocists' Perspective: Remembering or "Dismembering" Job? 46
 - 4 Who Then Will Be Job's Redeemer? 49
- 3 "Let Love Clasp Grief Lest Both Be Drowned" 52
 - 1 Models of Friendship 53
 - 2 And Jesus Said, "Which of These Three, Do You Think Was a Neighbor to the Man?" 66
- 4 "What Are Human Beings That You Make So Much of Them?" Responses and Counter-Responses from Job, Prometheus, and Frankenstein 72
 - 1 "Job Is the Prometheus of the World" 73
 - 2 The End of the Promethean Myth? 79
- 5 "What Provokes You That You Keep on Talking?" 83
 - 1 Pastoral Care 101 84
 - 2 "What a Bunch of Miserable Comforters!" 91
 - 3 "Look at Me and Be Appalled, and Lay Your Hand on Your Mouth" 93

PART 3

Job and the Priests: "Look at Me and Be Appalled"

- 6 Job as Priest to the Priests 107
 - 1 Priestly Imagery in the Prologue and Epilogue of Job 110
 - 2 Inside the Priestly Rituals: Job's Affliction and Contention 118
 - 3 Job's Challenge to the Priestly System 126
- 7 Job and the Priests: "He Leads Priests Away Stripped" (Job 12:19) 133
 - 1 A Framing Perspective: The Priestly Profile of Job in the Prologue and Epilogue 136
 - 2 Concluding Reflections: "He Leads Priests Away Stripped" 144
- 8 "My Servant Job Shall Pray for You" 146
 - 1 The Conventional and Salutary View of Job as Intercessor 147
 - 2 The Nonconventional and Salutary View of Job as Intercessor 152
 - 3 Concluding Discernments: to Pray ("As My Servant Job Has") or Not to Pray? 160

PART 4

Traumatizing Job: "God Has Worn Me Out"

- 9 "Ask the Animals, and They Will Teach You" 165
 - 1 Creation's Ambiguous Truths 166
 - 2 Conflicting Discernments 167
 - 3 The Celebration of "Unman-aged Freedom" 172
- 10 Inside the "Sanctuary of Silence": The Moral-Ethical Demands of Suffering 175
 - 1 Inside the Sanctuary of Silence 175
 - 2 Job as a "Test Case" for the Sanctuary of Silence 180
 - 3 "Inside the House, an Archaic Rule; Outside, the Facts of Life"? 187
- 11 Traumatizing Job 194
 - 1 The Old Testament's Lexicon of Trauma 194
 - 2 "Have You Considered My Servant Job?" 196
 - 3 Traumatizing Job 201

PART 5

Out of the Whirlwind: "Can You Thunder with a Voice Like God's?"

- 12 "What Are Human Beings, That You Make So Much of Them?"
Divine Disclosure from the Whirlwind: "Look at Behemoth" 209
 - 1 Primordial Questions: "What Are Human Beings, That You Make So Much of Them?" 210
 - 2 Divine Disclosure: "Look at Behemoth" 214
 - 3 Job's Final Response: "Now My Eye Sees You" 224
- 13 "Will You Condemn Me That You May Be Justified?" - The Character of God in Job 229
 - 1 The Character of God in the Prose Tale of Job 231
 - 2 The Character of God in the Divine Speeches 240
 - 3 Which God Should We Emulate? 244
- 14 The Joban Theophany and the Education of God 247
 - 1 "Then the Lord Answered Job Out of the Whirlwind" 249
 - 2 The "Critical Inquisitiveness" of Rhetorical Questions 250
 - 3 God as Rhetor 252
 - 4 Dueling Banjos 255

PART 6

Preaching Job and Job's God: "Listen Carefully to My Words"

- 15 Moral Rebellion or Reverent Submission? (Job 23:1-9,16-17) 259
- 16 Preaching Job's God 265
- 17 The Church of Saint Job 273
 - 1 Ruminations on What Goes on Inside the Church of Saint Job 274
 - 2 Ruminations on What Goes on Inside the Church of the "Lectionary Job" 283
 - 3 Can You Tell Me How to Find the Church of Saint Job? 290

PART 7

Epilogue: "All's Well That Ends Well"... or Is It?

- 18 Re(reading) Job's Story in a Post-Holocaust World 295
 - 1 "You... Did Not Comprehend the Extent of Your Sleeping Power" 301
 - 2 "We Won't Allow Your Blood to Be Covered" 307
 - 3 "We Know His [Job's] Story for Having Lived It [...]. Whenever We Attempt to Tell Our Own Story, We Transmit His" 310
 - 4 "Have You Considered My Servant Job?" 317

