**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 39**

**G. The Answers of Eliphaz and Job (15:1-17:16)**

A. Who is the Wise Man? (15:1-6)

B. The Hubris of Job (15:7-13)

C. Heavens witness against Job (15:14-16)

D. The Vanity of Job (15:17-35)

**D.’ The Vanity of Friends (16:1-17)**

C.’ Heavens witness for Job (16:18-22)

B.’ The Humility of Job (17:1-7)

A.’ Who is the Wise Man? (17:8-16)

**PREMISE: Round Two: Eliphaz intensified his attack upon Job claiming that he certainly was not a wise man because of his words (cf. 4-5). Don’t excuse your obvious sin with a lot of words; confess it! > 5:7; 4:8, 18-19; 5:17; 5:8. Had Job examined his heart yet—who wants to know? Eliphaz, the Lord, and Job (!)? > Prov. 1:1-7. Job had rejected the wisdom of Eliphaz and the sages. He is the epitome of the “Proud Hypocrite”! How can God trust man or angels? The Torment of Job is well deserved!** **Job was abandoned by his friends and seemingly by God!**

**The Vanity of Friends (16:1-17)**

**A. Their Vanity Made them Miserable Comforters (vv. 1-3)** > see Job 2:11!?

 ***1. They were Miserable in Content (vv. 1-2)*** *`amal* (Job 15:35 > 16:2) > *“mischief”* vs. *“miserable”*

 ***2. They were Miserable in Continuation (v. 3)*** > *“vain” ruach* (cf. Job 15:2)

**B. Their Vanity Made him a Mindful Comforter (vv. 4-6)**

 ***1. His Comparison with them (v. 4)*** > what if we changed places? Words and gestures

 ***2. His Concern for them (v. 5)*** Job would *“strengthen”* and *“asswage”* (hold back)

 ***3. His Conclusion about them (v. 6)*** > so-called comforters did not comfort!

**A.’ Their Vanity Manifested the Messianic Comforter (vv. 7-17) >** Christ’s comfort for the sinner!

 ***1. The Suffering of Job (v. 7a)*** > *weary > la’ah* (19x) > Isa. 7:13 (weary God!)

***2. The Suffering of Jesus (vv. 7b-12a)*** > Ps. 22:1 ff. > Mt. 26:56

 a. *Desolate* > v. 7b > *“company”* > *`edah* (149x) vs. *ekklesia* (Mt. 26:56)

 b. *Leanness* > v. 8 > *“bones”* > Ps. 22:17

 c. *Gaped, cheek >* vv. 9-10 > Ps. 22:12-13; 37:12; Isa. 50:6

 d. *Delivered to ungodly, wicked* > vv. 11 > Ps. 22:16; Mt. 27:2 ff.

 e. *Broken* v. 12a > Ps. 22:14; Jn. 19:36; Ex. 12:46; I Cor. 11:24

***1.’ The Suffering of Job (vv. 12b-17)>* foreshadowed the Lord Jesus**

a. *Mark, Archers >* v. 12b-13 > Job 7:20

b. *Giant* > v. 14 > *gibbor* (158x) *>* “mighty man”

c. *Defiled my horn* > vv. 15-16 > *“crown of thorns”* > cf. Mt. 27:29

d. *Injustice in my hands and pure prayer* > v. 17 > *“without cause”* (Job 2:3; 9:17; Ps. 119:78, 161; Jn. 15:25) and pure prayer (Mt. 26:39 ff.)

**Conclusion: Job seemed to enact and foreshadow the Lord’s divine abandonment and suffering!**