**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 47**

**H. The Answers of Bildad and Job (18:1-19:29)**

A. The Criticism of Job’s Words (18:1-4)

B. The Wicked has no Hope in Life (18:5-15)

 B.’ The Wicked has no Hope in Death (18:16-20)

A.’ The Caution about Job’s Wickedness (18:21)

A. The Complaint about his Friend’s Words (19:1-6)

**B. He had no Physical Hope (19:7-22)**

B.’ He had Spiritual Hope (19:23-29)

A.’ The Challenge to his Friend’s Wrath (19:28-29)

**PREMISE: Bildad began his 2nd round with great frustration about Job and warned of his fate. He wanted Job to stop talking and listen to counsel. Cf. Job 29:22-30:1. Job, don’t stay on path of wicked!** **You have no hope! Obliteration is coming! You friends show your heart!**

**BUT**: Job > *“to destroy him without cause”* (Job 2:3); Jesus > *“they hated me without a cause”* (Jn. 15:25)!

**B. He had no Physical Hope (19:7-22)**

**I. The Recognition by his friends of his lack of physical hope (vv. 7-20)**

 ***A. The LORD hath Fenced him (vv. 7-13)>*** *Gadar* (10x) >walled up, inclosed (Num. 22:24; Lam. 3:7)

1. Injustice in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 7) > *“wrong”* > *chamas* (60x); “no *judgment” > mishpat* (421x)

 2. Darkness in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 8) > *“darkness” > choshec* (80x)

3. Diminished in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 9) > *“glory” > cavod* (200x) and *crown > `atarah* (23x) > Job 29:14

 4. Hopeless in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 10) > *hope > tiqvah* (34x) > see 14:7

 5. Enemy in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 11) > *enemy > tzar* (105)

 6. Troops all around his Fenced-up Cage (v. 12) *> troops > gedud* (34x)

 7. Friendless in his Fenced-up Cage (v. 13) > *estranged > zur* (77x)

 ***B. The Loved Ones hath Forgotten him (vv. 14-20)***

 1. My Kinsfolk (v. 14) *> kinfolk > qarob* (78x) and *yada`* (947x)

 2. My Maids (v. 15) > *maid >‘amah* (55x) > Job 31:13

 3. My Servants (v. 16) *>servant >`eved* (80x) > Ps. 123:2

 4. My wife and children (v. 17) > *wife > ishshah* (780x) *ben* (4906x)

 5. My young children (v. 18) > *young > `aviyl* (2x), cf. 21:11 > Ps. 50:20

 6. My inward friends (v. 19) > *inward > sod* (21x)

 7. My (even my) skin (v. 20) > *skin > `or* (99x) > cf. Ps. 22:17

**II. The Rejection by his friends in his lack physical hope (vv. 21-22)**

 ***A. The Lack of Human Compassion (v. 21)***

 1. The Request > *“Pity” > chanan* (78x) > grace, mercy; *“John”* (Jo-hn) = Jehovah is gracious

 2. The Reason > *“Touched”* > *naga`* (150x) > Job 1:11, 19; 2:5

 ***B. The Love of Divine Condemnation (v. 22)***

 1. The Question > *“persecute” > radaph* (143x) > chase, pursue (Ps. 23:6)

 2. The Quest > *“not satisfied” > saba`* (95x) “haven’t eaten enough!” Ps. 27:2

**CONCLUSION: Don’t be a Victim, be Victor (I Jn. 5:4-5)!**