**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 81**

**K.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Job and Friends (32:1-33:33)**

**A. Hear my Wrath (32:1-5)**

**B. Hear my Words (32:6-22)**

**B.’ Hear my Words (33:1-30)**

**A.’ Hear my Wisdom (33:31-33)**

**PREMISE: The young and unknown Elihu came on the scene and rebuked the three friends and Job in his first of four speeches. He was full of wrath, words, and wisdom, so he thought. He is unanswered by friends, Job, and God! The contribution of 3 friends: Job had secret sin that brought suffering. Elihu argued that Job developed an attitude toward God and was proud of his righteousness.**

**SUMMARY:**

**\*Simple Outline**

Disaster (1-2)

Dialogue (3-42:6): Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, Elihu, God with Job

Deliverance (42:7-17)

**\*Elihu** > *“my God is He,”* his father Barachel (“God blesses” [2x]); Buzite (“contempt” [2x]), Ram (exalted one [7x] > great grandson of Judah? [NO!]) > he was very prolix or “wordy” > 32:19-33:3; 12 (who is he trying to convince?)

**\*Contributions**: Friends: actions vs. Elihu: attitude (the pride of Job exposed through proud Elihu [cf. Job 36:4] > the verse for the ultimate narcissist).

**A. Hear My Wrath (vv. 1-5)**

***1. The Reason for His Rage (vv. 1-3)***

a. The Exhaustion of Arguments (v. 1) > *“righteous in his own eyes”* (cf. v. 1:1 with 29 & 31)

b. The Exacerbation about Answers (vv. 2-3)

1) From Job (v. 2)

a) *Wrath…wrath > ‘aph…‘aph* (= anger [4x/276x] > *“nose/nostrils”* [25x]); cf. Ps. 103:8 (*“slow to anger”* = literally “long nose” of God)

b) Self-justification > Job 27:5-6

2) From Friends (v. 3)

a. No answer > pro > Job 22:9

b. But condemnation > *contra* Job 31:16

***2. The Restraint of His Rage (v. 4)***

a. His Respite (v. 4a) > waited on Job’s dialogue

b. His Reason (v. 4b) > they were his “elders” (*zaqan = “beard”* [19x])

***3. The Resumption of His Rage (v. 5)***

a. The Reticent Answer > no more dialogue

b. The Rekindled Anger > *charah* (90x) > hot (English > “charred” is result of heat)

**CONCLUSION: Elihu presented himself as proud orator. It took him time to warm up with his arguments! The proud man challenged the pride of Job!**