**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 92**

**J.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Eliphaz (Job 34:1-37)**

A. The Wisdom of Elihu (vv. 1-4)

B. The Words of Job (vv. 5-10)

C. The Works of God (vv. 11-15)

B.’ The Words of Job (vv. 16-33) > “thou”

**A.’ The Wisdom of Elihu (vv. 34-37)**

**PREMISE: The young and unknown Elihu (“my God is he”) 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! In his second speech, Elihu seemed to respond to Eliphaz (cf. vv. 8, 28, 36, 37). Job was *“swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”* (Jam. 1:19). Elihu rebuked Job’s attitude toward God. He is the perfect Judge; you are not! We know you have sinned and want a trial so your rebellion against God and mockery of us will be exposed!**

**A.’ The Wisdom of Elihu (vv. 34-37)**

**1. The Collusion against Job (v. 34)**

***a. Let “men of understanding” Confirm my Evaluation (v. 34a)***

1) “Men of heart” (cf. v. 10)

2) Jam. 3:13-18

***b. Let “a wise man” Consider my Evaluation (v. 34b)***

1) Literally a “strong man of wisdom” (*geber chacam*)

2) *Tachmonite* (II Sam. 23:8 > I Chr. 11:11)

**2. The Condemnation of Job (vv. 35-37)**

***a. His Sins of Ignorance*** ***(v. 35)*** > probably refers to v. 9 (Job 21:15 > 35:3)

1) No Knowledge > *da`ath* > “data” > Gen. 2:9, 17

2) No Wisdom > *sacal* > “skill” > Gen. 3:6 > Prov. 15:24

***b. His Sins for Inquest (v. 36)*** Job’s desire too > Job 9:32-35

1) His Trying > *bachan* > Job 34:3; Prov. 17:3

2) His Testimony > he identified with wicked men > Job 4:8

***a.’ His Sins for Indictment (v. 37)*** > he adds, claps, multiplies hardening his heart!

1) His sins Increase (v. 37a) > *“rebellion” pesha* (Isa. 24:20; II Tim. 3:13)

2) His sins are Indignant (v. 37b)

a) Against Men> “clap hands” > mockery > Job 27:23; Num. 24:10; Lam. 2:15; Nah. 3:19

b) Against God > Ps. 51:4 > all rebellion and sin is against God!

**CONCLUSION: Elihu wanted to collaborate with 3 friends to indict Job for wickedness!**