**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 96**

**H.’ The Rebuke of Elihu to Bildad (36:1-37:24)**

**A. The One *“Perfect in Knowledge”* (36:1-21)**

**B. He is Perfect in Creation (36:22-33)**

**B.’ He is Perfect over Creation (37:1-13)**

**A.’ The One *“Perfect in Knowledge”* (37:14-24)**

**PREMISE:** Elihu focused on God Who is *“perfect in knowledge”* (cf. 36:4 and 37:16). His knowledge included giving Job afflictions so that the sufferer would nevertheless exalt the great God. His greatness in creation and over creation is greater than your sufferings, Job. The “Retributive Theology” of Elihu was unbending! The General Revelation in nature shows God’s greatness and goodness!

**B. He is Perfect in Creation (36:22-33)**

***1. The Exaltation of His Power (vv. 22-23)***

a. The Claim (v. 22a) > Rev. 4:11 & Job 35:11

b. The Challenges (vv. 22b-33) > Rom. 11:33-36

1) *“Who teacheth…”* (v. 22b)

2) *“Who hath enjoined…”* (v. 23a)

3) *“Who can say…”* (v. 23b) > Is God good or evil—whose perspective?

***2. The Exhortation about His Power (vv. 24-25)***

a. Remember His Works (v. 24) > Ex. 15:1; Ps. 59:16

b. Revel in His Works (v. 25) > Ps. 19:1-6

***1.’ The Examples of His Power (vv. 26-33)***

a. His Vastness—Everlasting (v. 26)

1) Gen. 21:33

2) I Ki. 8:27

3) Isa. 66:1

4) Prov. 8:22-23

5) Jn. 1:1

b. His Vapour—Effective (vv. 27-33) > *“rain”* (*matar* [38x]), *“clouds”* (*shachaq* [21x]; *`av* [32x]; *caph* [131x]), *“noise”* (*teshu'ah* [4x]; *rea`* [3x]), *“vapour”* (*‘ed* [2x]; *`alah* [889x])

1) The Clouds Sprinkling (vv. 27-28) > history of *“rain”* > Gen. 2:5; 7:4; Rev. 11:6; Zech. 14:18.

2) The Clouds Spreading (v. 29a) > Ps. 18:11-12

3) The Clouds Sounding (v. 29b) > *“thunder”* (Job 26:14) from his *“tabernacle”* > tent *> succah* (31x)

4) The Clouds Separating (v. 30) > God’s light spreads or separates the clouds and penetrates into the bottom (“roots”) of the sea.

5) The Clouds Serving (v. 31) > Ps. 18:14; Isa. 55:10; Acts 14:17

6) The Clouds Shading (v. 32) > literally covers with His *“hands;”* cf. Nahum 1:3.

7) The Clouds Showing (v. 33) > Cattle hear the thunder and realize rain is coming!

**CONCLUSION: Job, magnify the God of General Revelation Who manifests His creative goodness!**