# Job 32:1-22 Elihu Entered the Discourse after his elders has ended their words Elihu had waited to speak being the youngest

### Elihu – Angry at Job and his three Friends

- 1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
- 2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than Elohiym (God).
- 3 Also against his three friends his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

## Elihu waited to speak because he was much younger

- 4 Now because they were years older than he, Elihu had waited to speak to Job.
- 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was aroused.
- 6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said:
- "I am young in years, and you are very old; Therefore I was afraid, And dared not declare my opinion to you.
- 7 I said, 'Age should speak, And multitude of years should teach wisdom.'
- 8 But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.
- 9 Great men are not always wise, Nor do the aged always understand justice.
- 10 "Therefore I say, 'Listen to me, I also will declare my opinion.'
- 11 Indeed I waited for your words, I listened to your reasonings, while you searched out what to say.
- 12 I paid close attention to you; And surely not one of you convinced Job, Or answered his words —
- 13 Lest you say,' We have found wisdom'; El (God) will vanquish him, not man.
- 14 Now he has not directed his words against me; So I will not answer him with your words.
- 15 "They are dismayed and answer no more; Words escape them.
- 16 And I have waited, because they did not speak, Because they stood still and answered no more.
- 17 I also will answer my part, I too will declare my opinion.
- 18 For I am full of words; The spirit within me compels me.
- 19 Indeed my belly is like wine that has no vent; It is ready to burst like new wineskins.
- 20 I will speak, that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer.
- 21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone; Nor let me flatter any man.
- 22 For I do not know how to flatter, Else my Maker would soon take me away.

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  - ♦ Elihu was angry at Job because he justified himself rather than Elohiym (God).
  - ♦ He was angry at the three friends because they condemned Job but could not answer him.

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- ♦ Wisdom and understanding are not always found in the aged.
- ♦ Elihu has listened to their words and saw that none of Job's friends had convinced Job so Elihu will not answer Job according to their words. [Job 32:10-14]
- ♦ Because they had failed, Elihu feels compelled to declare his opinion without partiality or flattery. [Job 32:15-22]