

~**BILDAD (74)**  
(Bil'dad)

- One of Job's three companions, called the Shuhite, a descendant of Shuah, the son of Abraham by Keturah.
- And three companions of Job got to hear of all this calamity that had come upon him, and they proceeded to come, each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite and **Bildad** the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite. So they met together by appointment to come and sympathize with him and comfort him. (**Job 2:11**)
- In time she bore him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. (**Genesis 25:2**)
- As for the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, she gave birth to Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan. (**1 Chronicles 1:32**)
- Taking his second-place turn in the three rounds of debate, **Bildad** usually followed the general theme set by Eliphaz, his speeches were shorter and more biting, though not to the degree of Zophar's.
- **Bildad** was the first to accuse Job's children of wrongdoing and of therefore meriting the calamity that befell them. With misguided reasoning he used this illustration. As papyrus and reeds dry up and die without water, likewise all those forgetting God, a statement true in itself, but most erroneous in the intimation that it applied to God-fearing Job.
- And **Bildad** the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (**Job 8:1**)
- Like Eliphaz, **Bildad** falsely classified Job's afflictions as those coming upon the wicked, no posterity and no progeny for poor Job, **Bildad** implied.
- And **Bildad** the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (**Job 18:1**)
- With his third speech, a short one in which **Bildad** argued that man is a maggot and a worm and hence unclean before God, the words of comfort from Job's three companions came to an end.

- And **Bildad** the Shuhite proceeded to answer and say; (**Job 25:1**)
- Finally, **Bildad**, along with the other two, was divinely instructed to offer a burnt sacrifice and to have Job pray in their behalf.
- And it came about after Yehowah had spoken these words to Job, that Yehowah proceeded to say to Eliphaz the Temanite; My anger has grown hot against you and your two companions, for you men have not spoken concerning me what is truthful as has my servant Job. (**Job 42:7**)
- And now take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job, and you men must offer up a burnt sacrifice in your own behalf, and Job my servant will himself pray for you. His face only I shall accept so as not to commit disgraceful folly with you, for you have not spoken concerning me what is truthful, as has my servant Job. (**Job 42:8**)
- Accordingly Eliphaz the Temanite and **Bildad** the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did just as Yehowah had spoken to them, and so Yehowah accepted Job's face. (**Job 42:9**)