

~ELIPHAZ 2 (82) (El'i-phaz)

- One of Job's three companions.
- 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](#))
- A Temanite, he was likely a descendant of **NO. 1** above, therefore a descendant of Abraham and distantly related to Job. He and his posterity boasted of their wisdom.
- For Edom this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Is there no longer any wisdom in Teman? Has counsel perished from those having understanding? Has their wisdom gone to putrefying? ([Jeremiah 49:7](#))
- Of the three comforters, **Eliphaz** stands out as the most important and influential, suggesting that he may also have been the oldest. He speaks first in the three rounds of the debate, and his speeches are longer.
- **Eliphaz** reasoning in his first speech went like this; Who that is innocent has ever perished? And where have the upright ever been effaced? Hence, the conclusion he draws is that Job must have done something wicked to receive God's punishment. ([Job Chapters 4,5](#))
- In his second upbraiding **Eliphaz** ridicules Job's wisdom; Will a wise person himself answer with windy knowledge, or will he fill his belly with the east wind? What do you actually know that we do not know? Over the Almighty; Eliphaz implies, Job tries to show himself superior.
- Concluding his second smear of Job's virtues, the Edomite paints righteous Job as an apostate, living in tents of bribery, a man full of deceit. ([Job Chapter 15](#))

- Finally **Eliphaz** torments Job for the third time, falsely accusing him of all sorts of crimes extortion, withholding water and bread from the needy, and oppressing widows and orphans. (**Job Chapter 22**)
- Following **Eliphaz** second tirade Job answers well; All of you are troublesome comforters! Is there an end to windy words?
- I have heard many things like these. All of you are troublesome comforters! (**Job 16:2**)
- Is there an end to windy words? Or what galls you, that you answer? (**Job 16:3**)
- At the conclusion of the debates Yehowah himself addresses **Eliphaz**; 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. **Eliphaz** is told that they should offer up a sacrifice and that Job will then 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**)