

# Job 32:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

## Analysis

Elihu's anger is introduced: 'against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.' This accusation misunderstands Job - he seeks vindication, not self-justification. Elihu represents youthful certainty that misses nuance.

## Historical Context

Ancient respect for elders meant younger men typically waited to speak. Elihu's anger overcomes this protocol, revealing passion without full wisdom.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

1. When does seeking vindication become self-justification?
2. How does youthful certainty sometimes miss suffering's complexity?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּפָזִים בָּרְכָא לְאַלְיָה וְאַפְּזִים סְכָנָה  
the Buzite of Barachel of Elihu and even the wrath kindled  
H940 H1292 H453 H639 H2734 H2734  
בְּאַיּוֹב בְּמִמְּשָׁפֵעַ חַתָּם  
against Job for the kindred of Ram Then was kindled the wrath  
H5921 H639 H347 H7410 H4940  
מִאֱלֹהִים: בְּפָשָׁעַ וְצַדָּקָה  
rather than God himself he justified because  
H430 H5315 H6663

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 22:21** (Parallel theme): Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

**Job 27:5** (Righteousness): God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

**Job 40:8** (Righteousness): Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

**Job 35:2** (Righteousness): Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?