

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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הָבֹזִי	בֶּרְכָא ל	בֶּן	אֵלִיהּ וְא	אִפּוּ	הָ
the Buzite	of Barachel	the son	of Elihu	the wrath	Then was kindled
H940	H1292	H1121	H453	H639	H2734
עַל	אִפּוּ	הָ	בְּ אִיּוֹב	כִּי	מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת
H5921	the wrath	Then was kindled	against Job	of Ram	of the kindred
	H639	H2734	H347	H7410	H4940
מַאֲלֵהִים:	נִפְשׁוּ	צִדִּיקוּ			
rather than God	himself	because he justified			
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?