

## Chapters 36-37

Here is where Elihu changes his tone from “Job, look what you made God do!” to “Look what God will do to turn this around!”

### 36:2-7

Elihu shows great understanding of omnipresence (36:2-4) and omniscience (36:7). This is pretty good for a theologian this far before the first book of the Bible was composed.

### 36:14-17

Job is probably 70 years old and thought a youth!

### 36:24-25

“**Remember to magnify His work**, this will keep our minds off our failures. Incidentally, our preaching ought to be full of His work and that leaves precious little for “felt needs” and “life application.” Get lost in His work.

**25 Everyone has seen it; Man looks on it from afar.** In these last two verses we have two different Hebrew words behind **seen** and **looks**.

### 36:31-32

**For by these He judges the peoples; He gives food in abundance.** God both judges and rewards with the very same rain. The very thing that brings pain into one person’s life may be that which brings reward.

### 36:35

Barometric pressure seems to be referenced here.

### 37:1

“**At this also my heart trembles**, at what? At the storms he’s been describing in the previous verses (1st chapter). Why is Elihu now trembling? It will be evident that he sees the approaching storm that will speak in chapter 38. **And leaps from its place**. This is the reason for the change of heart that Elihu is experiencing.

### 37:5-8

**God thunders marvelously with His voice; <sup>b</sup>He does great things which we cannot comprehend.** Isaiah 40 speaks of this very thing when He speaks of nobody but God being able to **comprehend** the infinitudes of creation. So, sit back and see His works and **comprehend** His doings. If you don’t think God wouldn’t perform works through your calamity, then you probably wouldn’t think He’d come in a tornado. **7 He seals the hand of every man**, God stops people in their plans and paths and makes them relax. “I’m going to close your hand and let you recover from a surgery” for awhile. **8 The beasts <sup>f</sup>go into dens, And remain in their lairs.** “Look at them go, Job” as the storm approaches.

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<sup>b</sup>Job 5:9; 9:10; 36:26; Rev. 15:3

<sup>f</sup>Ps. 104:21, 22

**37:10-14**

**By the breath of God ice is given, And the broad waters are frozen.** Ice in the middle east in time of Abraham and Job? **13 He causes it to come, Whether for <sup>5</sup>correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy.** Three good reasons for every storm from God. **14 “Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.** Do you see Elihu’s change? Instead of “Look what you’ve done!” It’s “look at God!” There does appear to be much less fault finding when we see God.

**37:15**

**Do you know when God dispatches them, And causes the light of His cloud to shine?**

Nahum 1:3 seems to show that Nahum was influenced by Job.

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<sup>5</sup> Lit. *a rod*