

Job

Why Me?



**TWO
MAGNIFICENT
BEASTS**

¹⁵ “Look at Behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. ¹⁶ What strength it has in its loins, what power in the muscles of its belly! ¹⁷ Its tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of its thighs are close-knit. ¹⁸ Its bones are tubes of bronze, its limbs like rods of iron.

Job 40:15-41:34

¹⁹ It ranks first among the works of God,
yet its Maker can approach it with his
sword. ²⁰ The hills bring it their produce,
and all the wild animals play nearby. ²¹ Under the
lotus plants it lies, hidden among the reeds in
the marsh. ²² The lotuses conceal it in their
shadow; the poplars by the stream surround it.

Job 40:15-41:34

²³ A raging river does not alarm it; it is secure, though the Jordan should surge against its mouth. ²⁴ Can anyone capture it by the eyes, or trap it and pierce its nose? ¹ “Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook or tie down its tongue with a rope? ² Can you put a cord through its nose or pierce its jaw with a hook?

Job 40:15-41:34

³ Will it keep begging you for mercy? Will it speak to you with gentle words? ⁴ Will it make an agreement with you for you to take it as your slave for life? ⁵ Can you make a pet of it like a bird or put it on a leash for the young women in your house? ⁶ Will traders barter for it? Will they divide it up among the merchants?

Job 40:15-41:34

⁷ Can you fill its hide with harpoons or its head with fishing spears? ⁸ If you lay a hand on it, you will remember the struggle and never do it again! ⁹ Any hope of subduing it is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering. ¹⁰ No one is fierce enough to rouse it. Who then is able to stand against me?

Job 40:15-41:34

¹¹ Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.
¹² “I will not fail to speak of Leviathan’s limbs, its strength and its graceful form. ¹³ Who can strip off its outer coat? Who can penetrate its double coat of armour? ¹⁴ Who dares open the doors of its mouth, ringed about with fearsome teeth?

Job 40:15-41:34

¹⁵ Its back has rows of shields tightly sealed together; ¹⁶ each is so close to the next that no air can pass between. ¹⁷ They are joined fast to one another; they cling together and cannot be parted. ¹⁸ Its snorting throws out flashes of light; its eyes are like the rays of dawn. ¹⁹ Flames stream from its mouth; sparks of fire shoot out.

Job 40:15-41:34

²⁰ Smoke pours from its nostrils as from a boiling pot over burning reeds.²¹ Its breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from its mouth.
²² Strength resides in its neck; dismay goes before it. ²³ The folds of its flesh are tightly joined; they are firm and immovable. ²⁴ Its chest is hard as rock, hard as a lower millstone.

Job 40:15-41:34

²⁵ When it rises up, the mighty are terrified;
they retreat before its thrashing. ²⁶ The sword
that reaches it has no effect, nor does the spear
or the dart or the javelin. ²⁷ Iron it treats like
straw and bronze like rotten wood. ²⁸ Arrows
do not make it flee; slingstones are like chaff to
it.

Job 40:15-41:34

²⁹ A club seems to it but a piece of straw;
it laughs at the rattling of the lance. ³⁰ Its
undersides are jagged potsherds, leaving
a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge.
³¹ It makes the depths churn like a boiling
caldron and stirs up the sea like a pot
of ointment.

Job 40:15-41:34

³² It leaves a glistening wake behind it;
one would think the deep had white hair.
³³ Nothing on earth is its equal—a creature
without fear. ³⁴ It looks down on all that are
haughty; it is king over all that are proud.

Job 40:15-41:34

There have been three animals put forward for Behemoth:

A hippopotamus, the world's deadliest land mammal

An elephant, the world's largest land mammal

Some type of sauropod dinosaur

There have been three animals put
forward for Leviathan:

A whale, the world's largest sea mammals

A crocodile, the world's most dangerous reptiles

A serpent, the most cunning reptile

The secret things belong to the LORD
our God.

Deuteronomy 29:29

I) THE POWER OF BEHEMOTH

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Job 40:15-19

¹⁸ Its bones are tubes of bronze, its limbs like rods of iron. ¹⁹ It ranks first among the works of God, yet its Maker can approach it with his sword.

Job 40:15-19

²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:25

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

Genesis 2:19-20

2) THE PRIDE OF LEVIATHAN

⁸ If you lay a hand on it, you will remember the struggle and never do it again! ⁹ Any hope of subduing it is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering. ¹⁰ No one is fierce enough to rouse it. Who then is able to stand against me? ¹¹ Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.

Job 41:8-11

³³ Nothing on earth is its equal—a creature without fear. ³⁴ It looks down on all that are haughty; it is king over all that are proud.

Job 41:33-34

²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21

How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

Psalm 104:25-26

⁸ May those who curse days curse that day,
those who are ready to rouse Leviathan.

Job 3:8

¹² But God is my King from long ago; he brings salvation on the earth. ¹³ It was you who split open the sea by your power; you broke the heads of the monster in the waters. ¹⁴ It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave it as food to the creatures of the desert.

Psalm 74:12-14

Similar to the dragon depicted in Revelation 12:3, the beast out of the Sea in Revelation 13:1 was depicted as having “ten horns and seven heads”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.

Genesis 3:1

1 In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword—his fierce, great and powerful sword—Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

Isaiah 27:1

Christians often feel uncomfortable
about mystery found in scripture

“It is not important that you know. It is important that He knows.”

- Derek Thomas -

Why was Behemoth or Leviathan or anything for that matter created? The mysterious answer is “for God’s glory!”

Why is pain and suffering permitted? The hard answer is “for God’s glory!”

The Son, the second person of the Trinity, endured pain and suffering so that God was ultimately glorified

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

The problem is that many of us have
chosen to process the pain and suffering
in life apart from God

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