

## Job 41 - Leviathan: Instigator of Evil

The Lord continues His challenge to Job, which he began in last chapter (v 15). God illustrates His omnipotence in His power over both *behemoth* (ch 40) and *leviathan* here in chapter 41.

### Bible's word

ch 40 largest land animal = Titanosaurus	(est ~ 75 tons)	<i>behemoth</i>
ch 41 largest sea creature = Blue Whale	(est ~ 110 tons)	<i>leviathan</i>

whale - Gen 1:21 The only animal named by God (not Adam)

- a type of the the devil Eze 32:2 Jonah 1:17 & Mat 12:40 Job 7:12

**Leviathan - Isa 27:1** Psalm 104:25-26; Psalm 74:13-14 connected with *dragons*

**sea** Jude 13 (v 6) connected with *blackness* ~ Isa 50:3

fact : The *seas* of the earth separate people from each other.

truth : The dark *sea* of the universe, (i.e. the cold, empty, void with the stars, comets, asteroids, planets, etc...) separates people from God. therefore - Rev 21:1

The 'dark *sea*' of the second heaven is the present abode of the fallen cherub know as the devil or *leviathan* .

(1) historical, literal inter. = the Whale

note: Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* (1851) uses several biblical allusions including the whale as a type of a biblical monster(i.e. the devil).

(2) spiritual interpretation = the powers that operate against God's people thru history

e.g. v 2 ~ 2 Kings 19:28 (Isa 37:29)

v 14 - *his teeth* Dan 7:7 Joel 1:6

v 15 - *his pride* Psalm 10:2-4 Proverbs 6:16:16-17

(3) doctrinal inter. = the devil

"*Leviathan* is a detailed description of *Satan*, as *God* sees him." Dr. Ruckman

v 4 *make a covenant* Dan 9:27

v 5 *bind* - Matt 12:28-29, Rev 20:2

v 10 *dare* - where we get the term 'dare-devil'

v 15 *his scales* - *Lucifer* was heavens musician, Ezekiel 28:13

His iniquity was *his pride*, Ezekiel 28:15

He was enamored with his beauty, talent and riches.

v 18 *a light* = 2 Cor 11:14

v 19 *burning lamps* ~ false gospels, 2 Cor 11:4

which burn the followers, Gal 1:6-9, Mt 25:41

v 34 *king* (Rev 9:11) *over the children of pride* (Job 41:15)

God uses verses 22 and 24 to bring to Job's attention that *leviathan* is the cause of his sufferings. The serpent has 'a heart of stone' (v 24) and is 'stiff-necked' (v 22). This merciless condition enables him to derive sadistic pleasure from others hardships : the *sorrow* (of others) *is turned to joy before him*.

God tells us in the book of Job that He *will not conceal his* (Satan's) :

*parts* - Revelation 13:1

*power* - Ephesians 2:2

*comely proportion* - 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

This chapter answers the common question: "why is there evil in the world?" The instigator is *Leviathan ...the great dragon, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceiveth the whole world* (Rev 11:9). He is powerful, ruthless, fierce, dreadful, deceptive, malevolent. Evil is everywhere because our *adversary, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Leviathan laughs* at man's armies, weapons, philosophies, religions and exorcisms (vv 26-29).

Thankfully, our Creator can *play with him as a bird* (v 5). And our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, stripped him of his dominion on Calvary's cross (John 12:31).

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