The in Suffering

THE BOOK OF JOB

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Did you create and do you control . . .

- the construction site of the earth? (vv. 4-7)— the raging ocean? (vv. 8-11)
- the sunrise that scatters the wicked? (vv. 12-15)
- the place for the dead? (vv. 16-18)
 the light *and the darkness*? (vv. 19-21)
- the snow and hail storms? (vv. 19-21) — the snow and hail storms? (vv. 22-24)
- the rain and thunder? (vv. 25-27)
- the dew and the frost? (vv. 28-30)
- the constellation-indicated seasons? (vv. 31-33)
- the weather forecast? (vv. 34-38)

Job, do you control <u>the wild animals</u> in creation? (38:39–39:30)

Did you create and do you control . . .

- the wild lions? (38:39-40)
- the wild mountain goats? (39:1-4)
- the wild donkeys? (vv. 5-8)
- the wild ox? (vv. 9-12)
- the stupid ostrich? (vv. 13-18)
- the war horse? (vv. 19-25)
- the birds of prey? (vv. 26-30)

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See Psalm 74:13-14; Job 3:8; Isaiah 27:1.

"Leviathan is supernatural. Levithan is a dragon. . . . Leviathan is Satan." — Duane Garrett

THE MAIN POINT OF JOB 38-41

The Lord is in total control of his creation, including all the chaos and evil within it.

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DO I REALIZE WHO I'M DEALING WITH?

- This universe has 2 trillion galaxies.
- The Milky Way Galaxy has 100 billion stars.
- The closest star is almost 100 million miles away.
- Planet Earth has 7 billion people on it. It's spinning
 1000 mph as it speeds 67,000 mph thru space.
- Every human's brain has 100 billion neurons.
- Every human's body has 10 trillion cells.
- Each cell stores 1.5GB of information.

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions!" — Paul in Romans 11:33

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- 3. In suffering, you must personally encounter God's greatness.
- 4. <u>In suffering, you must trust that God</u> <u>controls the chaos</u>.

CONCLUSION

"Lay your hands on [Leviathan]; Remember the battle— You will not do it again."

— God speaks to Job in Job 41:8