

Job 41

1. In His final argument, God cites the “leviathan” as proof of His unfathomable designs. What is God’s purpose for citing this creature to Job?

2. As with the behemoth, scholars face great difficulties when trying to identify the leviathan. The Septuagint has the word “Drakonta” or “dragon,” which is also used in the Syriac and Arabic. Some believe the leviathan to be the whale. Some good arguments are made for it being the Nile Crocodile. Others see the chapter as allegorical, with the leviathan representing satan. (I believe that the text describes a real animal that once existed, but is now extinct.

Using the Job 41 text, give reasons either for or against the animal being:

a. A whale:

b. A crocodile:

c. A now extinct, *dragon*-like creature, similar to those of ancient legend?

3. What common fishing practices are referenced in verses 1, 2 and 7?

a. Why were they mentioned?

4. According to verse 5, what could leviathan *not* be used for?
5. Regarding leviathan, what would one NOT do again?
6. How did men react at the mere sight of leviathan? (9)
7. Describe leviathan's skin: (15-17)
8. What peculiar thing could come from his "sneezing" or exhaling? (18-21)
 - a. (*Related trivia - do not fret if you don't know*) What creature does something similar to this?
9. What all weapons were useless against leviathan?
10. What is meant by his making the sea (waters) "boil like a pot?"
11. What would he make in the water as he swam away?
12. In what sense was leviathan unique among other creatures? (33)