

LEVIATHAN

in Job chapter 41 **was** / is ...

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? Can you put a reed through his nose, or pierce his jaw with a hook? (41:1-2)

“When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; because of his crashings they are beside themselves. Though the sword reaches him, it cannot avail; nor does spear, dart, or javelin.” (41:25-26)

“He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. He leaves a shining wake behind him; one would think the deep had white hair. On earth there is nothing like him, which is made without fear. He beholds every high thing; he is king over all the children of pride.” (41:31-34)

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also in

Job 3:8, Psa. 74:14, 104:26

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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dangerous

to ignore or belittle

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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described relative

to Job & people in general

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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helping show that

man is not in charge

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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hopefully

preserved as a fossil

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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humbling

to think about (41:8-9)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

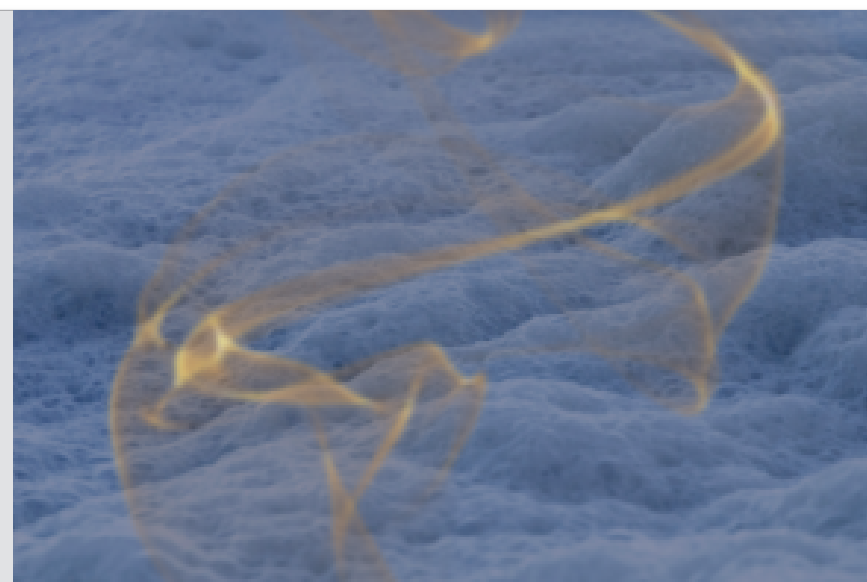
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impossible to

identify with certainty

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

dragon like (41:18-21) and
probably long necked (41:22, 31)

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like and unlike

behemoth in 40:15-24

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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much like

a proud king (41:34)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not too

big for God (42:2, Isa. 27:1)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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proudly rejected

by the proud (Rom. 1:20-25)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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taken seriously

by Job (42:1-6)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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the last / final
animal in a long series

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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the top

ocean predator (41:33-34)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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too big to

catch or challenge (41:1-10)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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used to

teach respect (41:10, 42:1-6)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **Job chapter 41** and **some of the context**, consider and discuss how Leviathan is described above. **Do you agree with the various points?** Would you change any of them in some way? At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications. In doing so, notice that several of the descriptive cards make similar points and show that the long chapter was more about restoring Job in his proper humble place than praising Leviathan who was “the king over all the children of pride” (41:34). — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.