



Dragons, Dinosaurs, and Declarations.

Job 39:15-42:6

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A. Brief Overview of Job 38:15—42:6

1. The Confrontation (Job 40:15-41:34)

The Lord asks Job if he can capture two fearful creatures.

A. The Behemoth

Job 40:15–19, NASB95 -¹⁵ *Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.* ¹⁶ *Behold now, his strength in his loins And his power in the muscles of his belly.* ¹⁷ *He bends his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are knit together.* ¹⁸ *His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron.* ¹⁹ *He is the first of the ways of God...."*

- i. "Behemoth," in Hebrew (בְּהֵמוֹת) means "super beasts" (plural).
- ii. "Behemoth" is used in Dt. 28:26; 32:24; Isa. 18:6; Hab. 2:17, where it is not rendered "behemoth" but "(large) beasts."
- iii. It has bones, skin, muscles, limbs, a tail, great strength and is feared greatly.
- iv. Not mythological—Job would have known of this super beast so God used it in His reply.

B. The Leviathan

Job 41:1, NASB95 -¹ *Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook?...² can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?...⁸ can you fill his skin with harpoons...or (even) lay your hand on him...¹⁰ no one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him...¹⁰ Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth as from a boiling pot...²¹ His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes forth from his mouth."*

- i. "Leviathan," in Hebrew (לְוִיָּאֵתָן) means "to twist, writhe."
- ii. Job 41:12-17ff describes mighty limbs, fierce teeth, strong jaws, impregnable covering, it was the fiercest and largest of all created animals and lived in and near water.
- iii. "Leviathan" was uncatchable (41:2), unfeeling (41:3), untrustworthy (41:4), unmanageable (41:5), unethical (41:8-9), and untamable (41:25-32) and to be greatly feared.
- iv. "Leviathan" is used literally in Job (he would have known of this beast) but figuratively in Revelation 12 to describe Satan and his defeat at the end of time. (NOTE: Leviathan is used in ancient Greek Mythology to describe a seven-headed dragon.)
- v. God created both Behemoth and Leviathan and only God could control them—which is the point God was trying to make.

2. The Confession (Job 42:1-6)

Job admits his utter impotence in comparison to the Lord's power and understanding over creation.

Job 42:2, NASB95 -² *I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.*

B. Thoughts about the Dinosaurs



1. Regarding the creation, we (you and me) did not create it, we cannot comprehend it, and we cannot control it.
2. One does not commit "intellectual suicide" by believing in creationism (vs. the theory of evolution).
3. Dinosaurs are NOT inconsistent with the Bible.
4. They lived in the time of Adam and Eve, and Job (ie., young earth theory vs. old earth theory).
5. They could have died from disease, the flood, or many things.
6. The Bible makes clear mention of these creatures and their descriptions fit the historical record.