

The Book of JOB

Chapters 39 – 42

“Job’s Confession & Restoration”

Chapter 39- “God’s Incredible Animals—Be in Awe!”

(v1-12) Observe the goat, the deer, the donkey, the onager, & the ox!

(v13-18) Think about the ostrich.

(v19-25) Contemplate the fearless horse.

(v26-30) Be amazed with the hawk & the eagle!

-From the beginning to the end- Observe the eagle- Matthew 24:21-31.

Chapter 40- “God Questions Job”

(v1-2) The LORD’S big question for Job!

(v3-5) Job responds in repentance; nothing more needs to be said.

(v6-14) The LORD resumes His questioning of Job.

(v15-24) Hey, Job! Contemplate the behemoth (the greatest of land creatures).

> The “behemoth” is called “*chief of the ways of God*” (Job 40:15, 19); and he “*moves his tail like a cedar*” (Job 40:17). Behemoth would be considered the most powerful animal on earth; probably an extinct dinosaur. Steve Ham from *Answers and Genesis* writes, “In many Bibles you might see a text note about these verses suggesting that this is a description of a hippopotamus or an elephant. However, neither of these creatures fit this description God called Job’s attention to the strength of this beast, especially the sinews of his thighs, bones that were like beams of bronze, and ribs like bars of iron. This animal was *chief of the ways* of God. God also described the behemoth’s tail as something that moved like a *cedar tree*. We only need to visit a zoo to discover that neither the elephant’s skinny little tail or the hippo’s tail (which looks more like a small flap of skin) could ever compared to a huge cedar. Rather, the description of this creature sounds very much like that of a large sauropod dinosaur.”

Maybe it looked like this?



Chapter 41- “God Continues to Question Job”

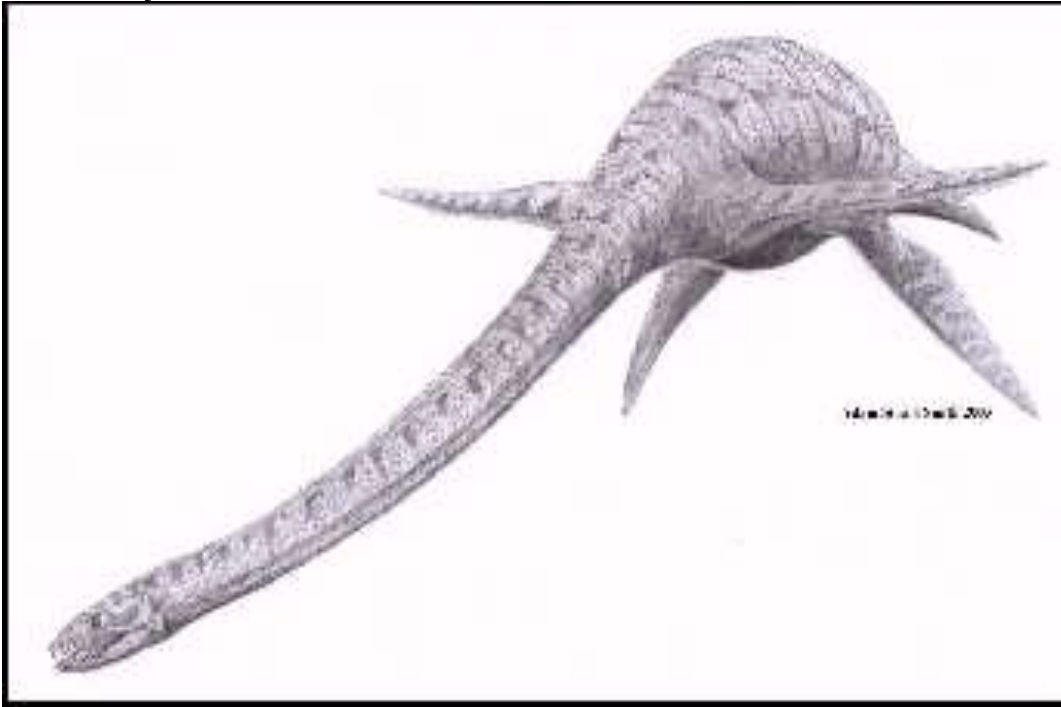
(v1-34) God describes Leviathan (the greatest of sea creatures):

- Leviathan is powerful
- Leviathan has terrible teeth all around
- Leviathan is covered with scales
- Leviathan’s sneezing flashes light
- Out of Leviathan’s mouth goes a burning light, sparks of fire shoot out.
- Leviathan’s nose is smokin’
- Strength dwells in Leviathan’s neck.

- **Leviathan is fearsome & leaves a massive shining wake behind him.**

> **Dr. Henry Morris** writes, “Leviathan was evidently the greatest of the marine reptiles, or dinosaurs, something like a plesiosaur, perhaps, although modern commentators tend to call it a crocodile. Isaiah says that leviathan was “the dragon that is in the sea” (Isaiah 27:1), and the psalmist said that leviathan “play(ed)” in the “great and wide sea” (Psalm 104:25-26). Verse 21 speaks of “*a flame*”; whatever leviathan was, it was not a crocodile! Many of the dragon legends indicate that they could breathe fire, and there are indications that at least certain dinosaurs may have been able to produce and expel combustible gases which, upon coming in contact with oxygen, could have ignited.”

Maybe it looked like this?



Chapter 42- “Job’s Confession & Restoration”

> **C.I. Scofield** writes- (1) Job’s experiences opened his eyes more fully to the ineffable holiness of God (42:5). (2) The sufferings of Job are shown to be corrective rather than a judgment, being used of God to test and refine his character (23:10). (3) The outcome demonstrates that by God’s grace His people trust and serve Him because of what He is, not as mere return for temporal benefits (13:15). And (4) such experiences, as interpreted here by divine inspiration, reveal the ultimate triumph of a wise and loving God in His unseen contest with Satan over the souls of men (chs. 1—2).

> **John MacArthur** writes, “Job did not need to repent of some sins which Satan or his accusers had raised. But Job had exercised presumption and allegations of unfairness against his Lord and hated himself for this in a way that called for brokenness and contrition.”

(v1-6) Job answers God in confession and repentance!

> **Understanding repentance: Prov 28:13-** *He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Observe David’s repentance in Psalm 51:1-13. Paul writes about repentance in Rom 2:4-11-* *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds": eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness -- indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. John the beloved writes to us 1 John*

1:8-2:2- *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

> **Job has learned not to question God, but to trust God!** **Proverbs 3:5-8** - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.*

(v7-9) God corrects the three miserable comforters.

(v10-17) Job was restored after he prayed for his friends.

> **Erwin Lutzer writes**, “It is only when Job obeys God and intercedes on behalf of his three friends—who had now become his enemies—that God actually blesses Job with a twofold inheritance (42:8-17). This “reward” was not at all some kind of “consolation prize” for Job’s unfair treatment; rather, it was the inheritance God promises to all who serve faithfully as redemptive agents of the Creator (cf. Daniel 12:3). Job obeyed God and was rewarded for his obedience. In the end, God’s wager with Satan actually achieved an incredible coup: He harnessed evil and turned it to good (cf. Genesis 50:20), and He transformed Job into the most effective servant of all, one who took on God’s own redemptive character and loved his enemies.”

**WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!
GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN!
ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD!**