

Job 41:1 ¶ Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord *which* thou lettest down?

Job 41:2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

Job 41:3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee?

Job 41:4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

Job 41:5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

Job 41:6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

Job 41:7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

Job 41:8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

Job 41:9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

Job 41:10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

Job 41:11 ¶ Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him? whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

God now directs Job's focus to leviathan, a complete contrast in nature with the mighty behemoth. As I read through this description, I couldn't help but get the picture of a mighty, fire-breathing dragon.

Leviathan is described as a creature that can't be caught with a hook. He has absolutely no fear of man. He is too dangerous to be captured and tamed or kept as a pet. The implication is that only a fool would try to capture him by any means. His skin cannot be pierced with darts (harpoons) or spears.

The LORD points out that as Creator of such a creature, why would anyone think they could stand against His authority. God boldly declares that everything under heaven belongs to Him; no one can claim authority over Him.

Job 41:12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

Job 41:13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* with his double bridle?

Job 41:14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

Job 41:15 *His scales are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

Job 41:16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

Job 41:17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

Job 41:18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

Job 41:19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

Job 41:20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, *as out* of a seething pot or caldron.

Job 41:21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

Job 41:22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

Job 41:23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

Job 41:24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

Job 41:25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

Job 41:26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

Job 41:27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.

Job 41:28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

Job 41:29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

Job 41:30 Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

Job 41:31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

Job 41:32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

Job 41:33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

Job 41:34 He beholdeth all high *things*: he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

Leviathan is described as a striking creature to behold. Though tempting to try, he cannot be captured. He is covered with rows of scales that are interlocked so close together as to prevent even air coming between them. He has powerful jaws and teeth. When he sneezes, it produces flashes of light; and he shoots fire from his mouth and smoke from his nostrils. To further emphasize this point, we are told that he can kindle a fire in coals with his breath. He has a very powerful neck and causes terror wherever he goes. The implication is that his skin is so thick and his heart so well protected that no weapon of man can pierce it. He has no fear of man or his weapons. The scales on his underbelly are not only dense, but sharp. His powerful movements in the water make it look like the water is boiling and he leaves a great white wake behind him. He is the proudest of creatures and fears nothing on earth. There is no other creature like him in this regard.

Again, we can note that this is a very powerful creature whose primary domain is the sea. His demeanor is fierce and combative compared to the quiet confidence evidenced by the behemoth. As I have continued to meditate on this section, I think it is possible that these two animals can be seen as types in the creation of the contrast between the Creator and Satan. Behemoth is pictured in peace and at rest in the confidence of his superiority over the other creatures. Leviathan, however, is pictured with great pride and arrogance; he seems to need to bolster his confidence by inciting fear and terror everywhere he goes.

The prophet Isaiah connects the dragon in the sea with leviathan.

Isaiah 27:1 "In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

The coming antichrist is also pictured as coming from the sea and coming in the power of the dragon—Satan.

Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 13:1-2 "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

Every comparison I make between leviathan and antichrist is actually a comparison to Satan as well since he is the controlling force behind the antichrist.

He cannot be caught or controlled by others. (v1-2)

He is proud and arrogant. (v3)

He is not trustworthy nor concerned with helping others. (v4)

He rejects discipline and cannot be tamed. (v5)

He cannot be manipulated by others. (v6)

He will act without mercy toward his enemies. (v7-9)

He cannot be intimidated. (v10)

His power and authority come through God's permission and is limited according to God's purposes. (v11-12)

He acts with impunity during the time allotted him according to God's purposes. (v13-17)

His eyes and his words are penetrating and cause great fear to his enemies. His attitude is marked with simmering anger. (v18-21)

He is brash and bold in his sense of power. He relishes in the sorrow of his enemies. (v22)

He is hard-hearted and merciless. (v23-24)

He inspires fear in even the mightiest of men. (v25)

He fears nothing because nothing that man can do to him can stop him. (v26-30)

He causes great turmoil wherever he goes. His presence always leaves its mark.
(v31-32)

He is full of pride to the point that he has no comparison on earth. There is no one on earth that can match his courage, confidence and power. (v33-34)