

Behemoth and Leviathan

Job 38 – 42

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The Lord spoke to Job out of a powerful wind, "Do you understand the workings of my creation? Can you control the weather? Are you able to coordinate the movement of the constellations through the night sky? Did you instill the animals with their instinctual behaviors?"

Job replied, "Lord, I know I asked 'Why is this happening to me?' but I withdraw my question."

Then the Lord said, "Job, have you considered Behemoth? Of all the beasts I have made, he is my masterpiece. He is large and strong. The other animals fear him. When violent weather strikes, he is unperturbed. No one can capture or tame him.

"Have you considered Leviathan, that ferocious creature of the sea – his strength, his graceful form, his fearsome teeth. The very sight of him is staggering. No one can pull him in with fishhooks, harpoons, or spears.

"Yet Behemoth and Leviathan are insignificant. Everything belongs to me and is under my direction."

Job replied, "Lord, I know you can do anything. I'm sorry I questioned you. I didn't know what I was talking about. I take back everything I said, and I ask your forgiveness."

After chastising Job's friends, the Lord restored Job to health, provided him with more riches than ever, and gave him the same number of children he had had before his ordeal began – seven sons and three daughters.

Job went on to live a long and happy life.