

Studies in Job

Yahweh, “Can you pull in Leviathan with a hook?”

Job 40:6-41:34

Rom. 11:33-36

I. Will you really challenge My justice? (40:6-14)

A. The challenge for round two (40:6-9)

B. Execute justice and I will confess your saving power (40:10-14)

II. Look at Behemoth, which I made as well as you (40:15-24)

Brief excursus on Behemoth and Leviathan

1) Behemoth
Leviathan

2) If the reference is only to these fierce animals of nature, they are painted with “some figurative strokes.”

3) Both names also express mythical, cosmic evil powers (Isa. 27; 51:9; Psa. 74:13-14; 89:10). If the animals are used to symbolize something more (like the sea in 38:8-11), then it could be an intimation of the Prince of proud rebels, Satan.

A. Behemoth’s strength (40:15-18)

B. Behemoth’s prominence (40:19-24)

III. Can you pull in Leviathan with a hook? (41:1-34)

A. Can you catch Leviathan? (1-2)

- B. Will Leviathan play nice with you? (3-6)
- C. How can you stand before Me? (7-11)
- D. I will brag of his invincible design (12-17)
- E. A fire-breathing, indomitable king! (18-34)

Conclusion