

JOB 41 vs 1

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Little is known about the man who names this book, but a few things we do know, beginning with Job was a real person (mentioned in Ezekiel 14; and James 5). Some scholars suggest this is merely an allegory or possibly an ancient; either way it mentions things that were more clearly understood in the 20th century. Whoever Job was, he knew celestial things; he knew terrestrial things; even things that suggest he lived concurrent to massive dinosaurs. The detailed conversations throughout this book, suggest real speeches inscribed shortly after the event, rather than what any poetic artist would write.



Now, the LORD continues His charges,

¹ Can you draw out leviathan with a fishhook? or hold down his tongue with a cord?

/ in chapter 39, the Lord spoke about the unruly rhinoceros, in chapter 40 the Lord spoke of Behemoth, His greatest creation of the land animals; and now He speaks of the great monster, the dinosaur of the sea – all hopes of seizing him are in vain.

² Can you put a hook in a crocodile's nose? or drill his jaw through with a thorn?

³ Will he make many appeals to you? will he speak softly to you?

⁴ Will he make a covenant with you? will you take him for a servant forever?

⁵ Will you play with him like a pet bird? or will you cage him to amuse your young girls?

⁶ Or will the fishermen make a meal of him? will they cut him in pieces for the merchants?

⁷ Can you plant harpoons in his skin? or pierce his head with little fishing spears?

⁸ Lay your hand on him – just once, and you will remember the fray.

⁹ Behold, your hope is false: it will be laid low even at the sight of him.

¹⁰ No one is so fierce that he dares to attack him: who then is able to stand before Me?

¹¹ Who has given to Me, that I should repay him? what is under the whole heaven is Mine.

¹² No hunter would survive to boast about his exploit and his fine arms.

¹³ Who can strip him of his hide? or who can pierce his armored scales?

¹⁴ Who can force open his jaws? his teeth are a terror.

¹⁵ His back is his pride, row on row of shields close and tightly sealed,

- ¹⁶ one scale is so near another, that no air can pass between them.
- ¹⁷ each are welded to one another, clasped together, that they cannot be parted.
- ¹⁸ His sneezes flash forth light, his eyelids flash like the morning.
- ¹⁹ Flames issue from his mouth, and sparks of fire fly out.
- ²⁰ Steam pours out from his nostrils, as from a seething, boiling pot.
- ²¹ His breath ignites coals, and a flame goes forth from his mouth.
- ²² Strength is in his neck, and dismay leaps before him.
- ²³ The folds of his flesh are joined together: they are firm and cannot be moved.
- ²⁴ His heart is hard as a stone; yes, as hard as the bottom millstone.
- ²⁵ When he raises up, the mighty are terrified: because of crashing water they are baffled.
- ²⁶ The sword used against him cannot hold: no spear, no dart, no arrow.
- ²⁷ He treats an iron harpoon like a straw, a bronze lance like rotten wood.
- ²⁸ No arrow makes him flee: sling stones to him are merely stubble.
- ²⁹ Clubs are mere bulrushes: and he laughs at their whizzing javelins.
- ³⁰ His lair is the sharp rocks beneath him: he rests his loins on the mud.
- ³¹ He makes the deep to boil and foam: churning the sea like ointments in a pot.
- ³² He leaves a shining furrow in his wake; one would think the deep was gray-haired.
- ³³ Nothing on earth is like him, a creature made to know no fear.
- ³⁴ He looks on all that is high: he is a king over all the sons of pride.

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