

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2021**  
**JOB 40,41**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Observing and contemplating the creation tells us much about the Creator.
  - a) The creation reveals God's "*invisible attributes...even His eternal power*" (Rom. 1.20).
  - b) **PSALM 19.1:** "*The heavens declare the glory of God.*"
2. The last chapters of Job detail some of God's creative power and wisdom.
  - a) Job contends, corrects, rebukes, annuls, and condemns God. (Job 40.2,6-8)
  - b) In Job 38-41, God responds to Job's bitter accusations. (Job 40.9-14)
3. The behemoth and Leviathan are used to illustrate the power of God. (Job 41.10,11)

**I. THE BEHEMOTH**

- A. The Identity of the Behemoth. (Job 40.15)
  1. Behemoth (bhmt; transliteration): Literally, a large animal.
  2. Some suggest an elephant or hippopotamus.
  3. The description of the text suggests a dinosaur.
- B. The Characteristics of the Behemoth.
  1. His diet: "*He eats grass like an ox*" An herbivore. (Job 40.15)
  2. His description: muscles, bones, and tail. (Job 40.16-18)
  3. His disposition: Calm and confident. (Job 40.19-24)

**II. THE LEVIATHAN**

- A. The Identity of the Leviathan. (Job 41.1,2)
  1. Leviathan (liwyatan): "sea creature"
  2. Some suggest a crocodile or whale, but this beast cannot be slayed. (Job 41.7-9)
  3. The description suggests a large reptilian sea creature. (Ps. 104.24-26; Isa. 27.1)
- B. The Characteristics of the Leviathan.
  1. His power: The leviathan is unconquerable. (Job 41.3-11)
  2. His physique. (Job 41.12-24)
  3. His position. (Job 41.25-34)

**III. REAL OR MYTHOLOGICAL**

- A. The behemoth and leviathan are among the list animals that did exist.
  1. Nine animals preceded these beasts. (Job 38.39,41; 39.1,5,9,13,19,26,27)
  2. If the behemoth and leviathan were not real, why would God use them?
- B. The behemoth and leviathan were used to make a point.
  1. God is powerful and in control. (Job 41.10,11)
  2. To make the point, God directs Job's attention to these animals.
    - a) **JOB 40.15,16:** "*Look now at the behemoth...See now his strength*" How can Job look at and see something that was not real?
    - b) Notice that these beasts existed with Job. (Job 40.15; 41.35; Ex. 20.11; Mark 10.6)
    - c) Showing these beasts to emphasize God's power would be lost on Job if not real.
- C. "But fire-breathing dragons are mythological." (Job 41.19-21)
  1. Have you seen every creature that has ever existed?
  2. Consider the electric eel, firefly, and the bombardier beetle. (Jer. 32.27)
- D. If you can turn these into mythological creature, you can do so with the Jesus.