



The Gospel According to Job

October 25: Job 41

Behemoth and Leviathan

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What animal would you least like to encounter on a walk through the park?

How did we define Behemoth last week?

Revelation 13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

Does God ever use hyperbole?

Matthew 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Job 41:1-7

What does Job call the creature he describes? What does it sound like?

^{NLT} **Job 41:1** Can you catch a crocodile with a hook or put a noose around its jaw?

Psalms 74:13-14 You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Does Leviathan speak soft words to Job?

Job 41:8-11

How does God describe the Leviathan's awfulness?

How does Leviathan inform our standing before God?

Romans 11:34-36 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Job 41:12-17

Leviathan is dangerous.

Job 41:18-24

What unique characteristics do we find in the Leviathan? What does this mean?

Psalms 18:6-8 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

Job 41:25-30

Leviathan is well-armored.

Job 41:31-34

How is Leviathan unique among the creatures of the earth?

^{ESV} **Job 41:34** He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride.

^{NLT} **Job 41:34** Of all the creatures, it is the proudest. It is the king of beasts.

What do Behemoth and Leviathan symbolize?

What does God's dominion over Behemoth and Leviathan mean for us?

This concludes God's poetic discourse with Job. What does He say about Job's case?

Does Job have more in common with these creatures or with God?