

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER MIGHTY CREATURES
(Job 40:6 - 41:34)

- I. God Is Sovereign over BEHEMOTH (40:15-24)
 - A. Some consider it MYTHOLOGICAL or SYMBOLIC
 - B. Frequently PRESUMED to be a HIPPOPOTAMUS
 - 1. An HERBIVORE (40:15)
 - 2. A SWAMPY habitat (40:21-23)
 - C. Described like NO LIVING CREATURE
 - 1. ENORMOUS and POWERFUL (40:16-19, 23)
 - 2. NOT a PREDATOR (40:15, 20-22)
 - 3. NOT a DOMESTIC ANIMAL (40:19, 24)
 - D. Must be a DINOSAUR, now EXTINCT
- II. God Is Sovereign over LEVIATHAN (41:1-34)
 - A. Some consider it MYTHOLOGICAL or SYMBOLIC-
 - B. Frequently presumed to be a CROCODILE
 - 1. Terrifying TEETH (41:12-14)
 - 2. WATER habitat (41:1, 7, 31)
 - C. Described like NO LIVING CREATURE
 - 1. Impossible to TAME or DEFEAT (41:1-9)
 - 2. STRONG and BEAUTIFUL (41:12)
 - 3. ARMORED scales (41:13-17)

4. Eyes GLOW (41:18*b*)
5. Breathes FIRE and SMOKE (41:18*a*, 19-21)
6. Impervious to IRON-AGE WEAPONS (41:22-29)
7. Undersides are JAGGED (41:30)
8. Causes the depths to BOIL and CHURN, leaving a GLOWING wake (41:31-32)
9. Causes TERROR but remains FEARLESS (41:25, 33-34)

D. Must be now EXTINCT

1. Possibly a DINOSAUR (*Tyrannosaurus Rex*, 41:34*b*)
2. More likely a DRAGON

III. God Is Sovereign over JOB

A. STATED in the introduction (40:6-14)

1. "Stand and ANSWER ME" a second time (40:6-7)
2. "Do you presume to PASS JUDGMENT on ME?" (40:8-9)
3. "When you can EXALT yourself, ABASE the proud, and DESTROY the wicked, I will confess you are ABLE to SAVE YOURSELF" (40:10-14)
4. "You wouldn't DARE arouse Leviathan; how can you presume to DEMAND something of ME?" (41:10-11)

B. EMPHASIZED as an INEVITABLE conclusion

1. "I CONTROL the circumstances of YOUR LIFE"
2. "I don't OWE YOU an EXPLANATION"