

BIBLICAL MONSTERS

THE LEVIATHAN & BEHEMOTH EXPLAINED

Using Scripture and historical Hebrew writings.



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WHAT'S UP WITH THESE TWO CREATURES? WHEN WERE THEY MADE AND WHY? WHAT'S THEIR PURPOSE?

I've learned that it's very important to read all the verses you can find about a topic in order to get context. Often times the picture painted in the bible is all over the place because we are reading writings about topics that the readers back then already understood. Stories about these creatures were passed on from generation to generation for thousands of years. Now we're picking up the pieces.

We are in some ways taught to avoid this topic all together. Some footnotes even refer to the Leviathan as a hippo or alligator. That's completely foolish! The description in Job is of a massive sea dragon that shoot fire from it's mouth. Plus, Yeshua comes to destroy both the Leviathan and the Behemoth of these creatures on the Day of the Lord. Some battle that'd be if he just killed an alligator. It'd be quite the buzz-kill for the most epic day of existence. On the other hand, a huge part of what makes Jesus' return so jaw-dropping is how he one hit KO's both of these sea Monster that God literally created for that very purposes. The Bible says that every knee will bow to his son Yeshua and wouldn't you after you saw some thing like that?! Among everything else that happening in that time!

Clearly there's somethings way more and that's what we're about to find out. We're about to learn more about how amazing our Creator is and just how much he care for his people in a way that certainly surprised me. We'll also gain a much clearer perspective of how absolutely awesome Yeshua's will be at his return. Movie don't even go to this level.

Let's get on it and as always we want to give all Glory to the Most High who made these bad boys. Praise YAH!

DEFINE OUR TERMS

I think it's very important to define what we know about the characters, based on scripture. What are their roles and when are they're roles finished, how did they come about, why are the bad guys bad? It help to think of this like watching a movie. When we watch movies or read other books understanding the backstory of each character, we' have a clearer understanding of the authors intended meaning. So lets first define a few types of speech the author uses and who the characters of this story are - at least to the best of our knowledge.

Prolepsis

: ANTICIPATION : such as

the representation or assumption of a future act or development as if presently existing or accomplished

This is used a lot in scripture because many of the authors have this kind of confidence in God's promises, as well all should. For example this type of speech is used often in reference to the Day of the Lord, our resurrected bodies and even in modern music such as Joy to the World - "He rules the world with truth and grace...." Understanding this use of speech makes a lot more of the Bible very clear! It's a huge blessing. You'll see the writer of Psalms speak of slaying the Leviathan as if it had already happened. That is proleptic speech

Agency

: a person or thing through which power is exerted or an end is achieved :

INSTRUMENTALITY

Communicated through the agency of the ambassador. Every time an Angel shows up and speak to someone on earth, that person falls on their face in worship, not to the angel but to the Most High because they know that this angel is relaying a message from Yahweh. That's how agency works.

The Father

HEBREW : El, YHWH, Yahweh, Yahuah,
ENGLISH : God, The LORD, The Most High,
the Almighty One, the LORD of Hosts

The Son

HEBREW: Yeshua, Yahshua, Yahusha
ENGLISH: Jesus, Son of Man, the Messiah

Angels

HEBREW : Malachim (plural)
ENGLISH : Angel

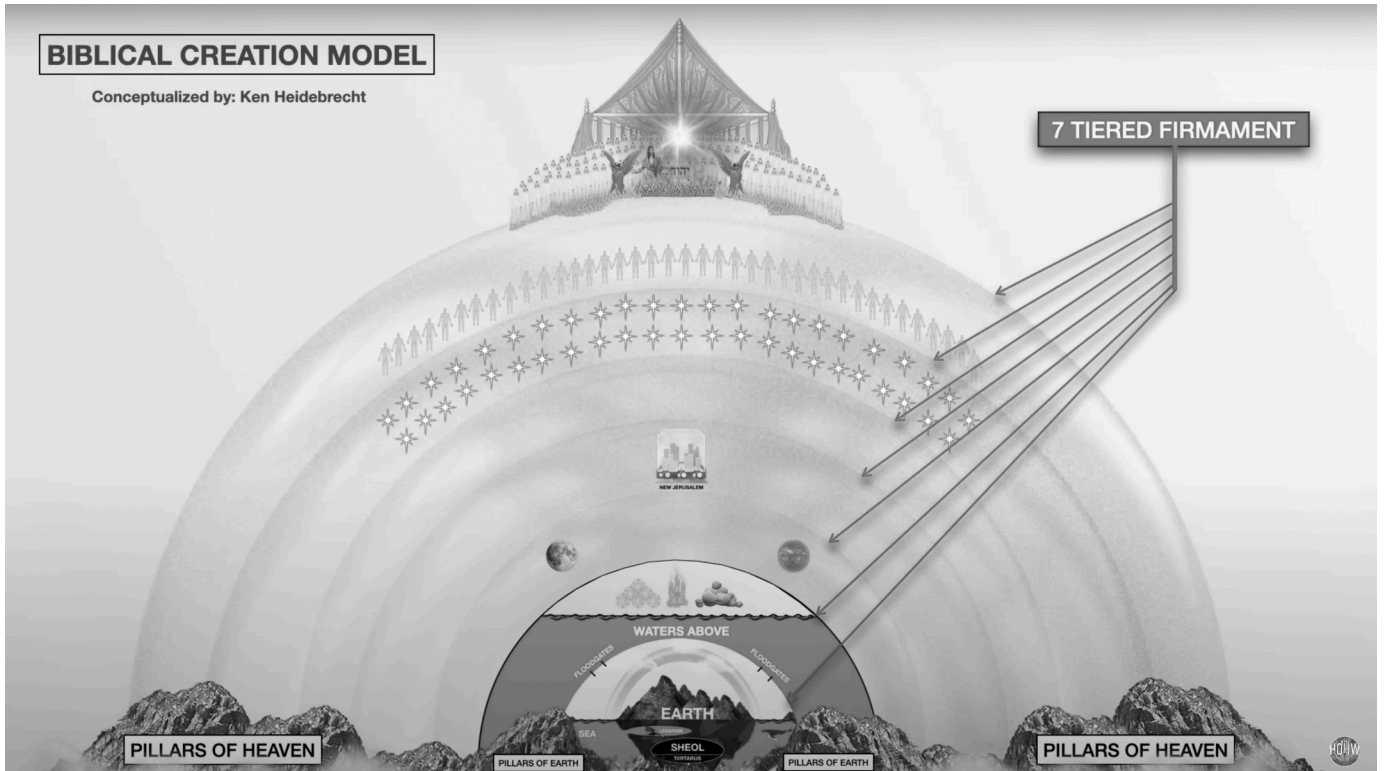
The Heavenly Father of all, the final Judge during the White Throne Judgment and the creator of the Heavens, the Earth and all that is in it.

The Son of Man, The Son of God, the firstborn of Creation and the Lamb. He lived a righteous life and willingly died on the cross in order to go to Sheol, snatch the keys to death and return to Heaven as our Eternal High Priest granting him the ability to petition to YHWH on our behalf, thus giving us forgiveness of sins and replacing the earthly high priest position. He is also the most epic warrior of all time and will return to slay the wicked and save the righteous at the same time. Jesus is an integral part in the plan to restore the Earth back to the way it was in the Garden and the Father has given him all power and authority until the mission is over.

A type of Elohim who's role is to be messengers of YHWH. They deliver messages in the agency of YHWH and also defend men against the rulers of the power of the air and unclean spirits. They can also disguise themselves as men - so that's cool.

LOCATIONS

No movie can be understood without the context of where each scene takes place. Scriptures paint a different picture of the locations talked about in this "movie." It helps make the story much clearer when we use the Scriptures about heaven and earth to visualize where these creatures are. and what the battle would look like.

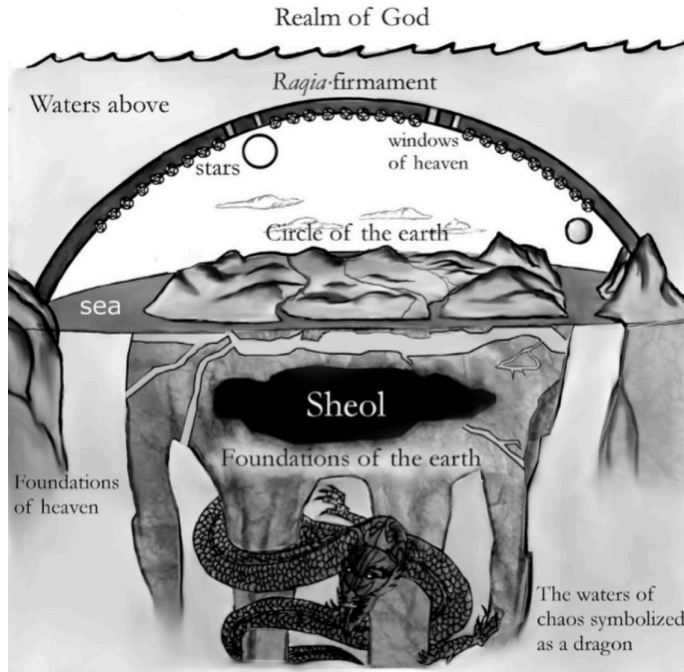


*There's that little stinker.
This depiction has a good
visual guesstimate of
where Leviathan would be.*



LOCATIONS

When you dig into it, you'll begin to see that our model of the Heavens and earth is clearly not what they had understood back then. Or really any other culture ever.



THE FIRMAMENT
Gen 1:7-8; Job 37:18;
Ex 24:10; Ezk 1:22-26

CIRCLE OF EARTH
Isa 40:22; Job 26:10;
Prov 8:27

WATERS ABOVE
Gen 1:7-8; Ps 148:4-6

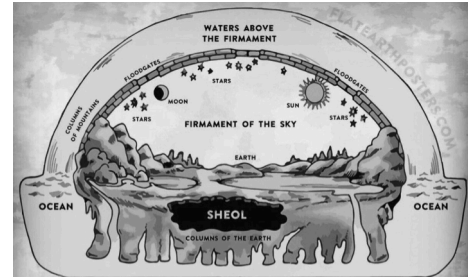
FOUNDATIONS OF EARTH
Job 9:6; Ps 75:3;
102:25

REALM OF GOD
Ps 104:2-3; 29:10;
Job 22:12-14

FOUNDATIONS OF HEAVEN
Job 26:11; 2 Sam 22:8

WINDOWS OF HEAVEN
Gen 7:11; 8:2; Is 24:18

THE CHAOS DRAGON
Ps 74:13-15; Job 7:12;
9:13; 26:12-13



The earth is a circle (Isaiah 40:22)
made with a compass (Proverbs 8:27)
laid upon a face (Genesis 1:2),
which is bounded (Job 26:10)
at its ends. (Job 38:13)
It does not move (Psalm 93:1).
and is covered by a dome (Genesis 1:6-8)
containing the sun, moon and stars (Genesis 1:14-18)
which are revolving. (Enoch 75:3-4)
Above and below is water (Genesis 1:6-8)



LOCATIONS

This is a massive study on it's own that absolutely worth investigating.

7th Heaven
Dwelling place of the Most High and His Son.
 Psalm 97:9 1 Enoch 71:5-13
 1 Kings 8:27 Apoc. of Abraham 19:3-4
 Ephesians 4:9-10 Testament of Levi 1:21
 Colossians 1:16 Testament of Levi 2:9

6th Heaven
Angels of the Presence, their temple and their homes.
 Psalm 102:20-21 LXX
 Jubilees 31:14
 Apoc. of Abraham 19:5-9
 Testament of Levi 1:21-22

4th Heaven
Thrones & Dominions in which hymns are ever offered to the Father.
 Ezekiel 10
 Testament of Levi 1:25
 Apoc. of Abraham 18

2nd Heaven
Sun & Moon. Also Fire, Snow & Ice prepared for the Day of The Lord
 Revelation 8:7
 Testament of Levi 1:17,18

Foundations of the Earth
 Psalm 102:25 Job 38:4
 Isaiah 13:13 Psalm 18:15
 Isaiah 48:13 Psalms 18:17
 Isaiah 40:21 Psalm 82:5
 Isaiah 51:16 Psalm 95:4
 1 Samuel 2:8 Deuteronomy 32:22
 2 Samuel 22:16 Proverbs 8:29
 Jeremiah 31:37 Amos 9:6
 Hebrews 1:10

Sheol / Hades Wicked Side
Unrepentant souls awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment
 Luke 16:19-31
 Amos 9:2
 Daniel 12:2
 1 Enoch 22:8-14
 Esdras 7:78-87

Pillars of Heaven
 Job 26:11

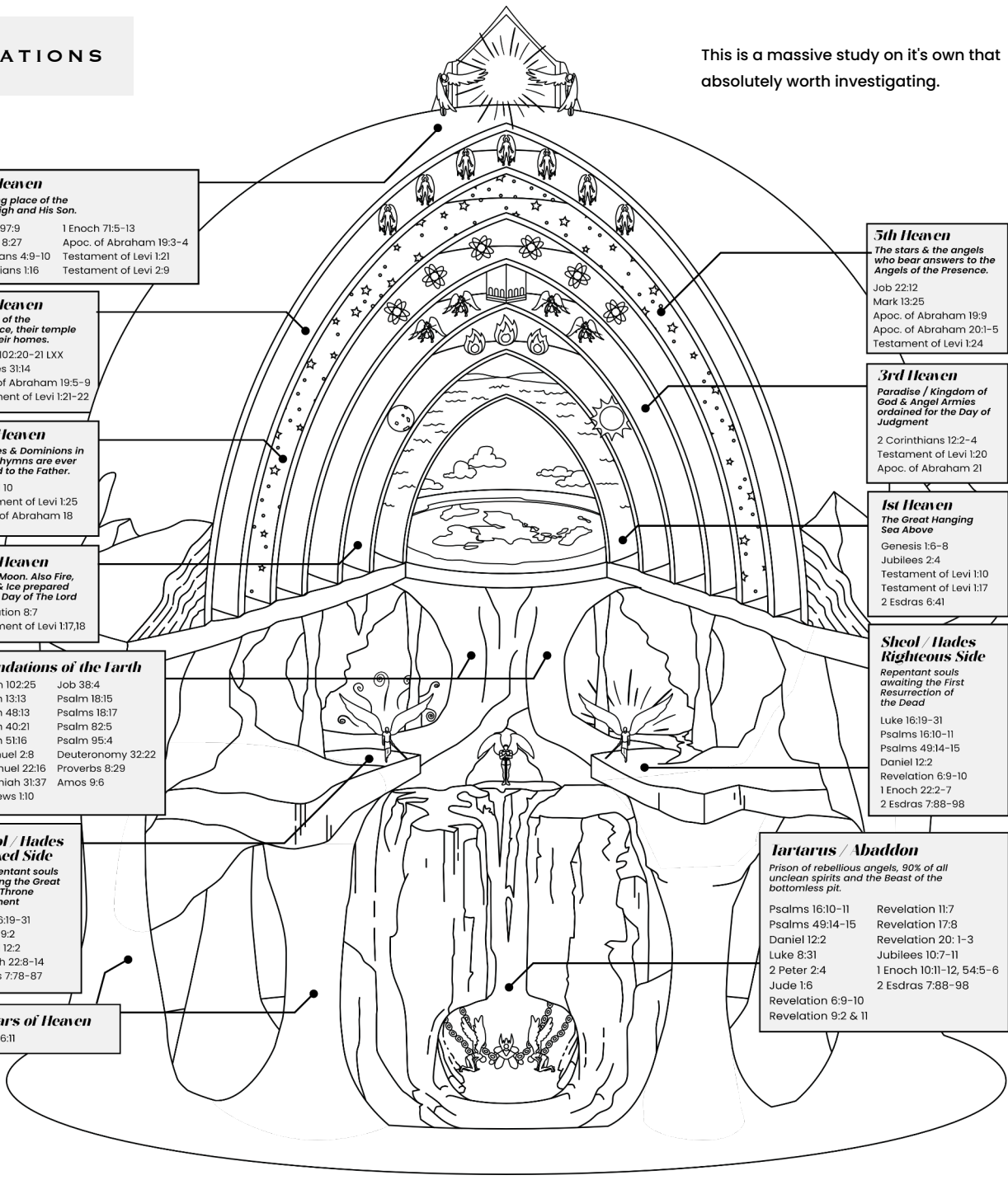
5th Heaven
The stars & the angels who bear answers to the Angels of the Presence.
 Job 22:12
 Mark 13:25
 Apoc. of Abraham 19:9
 Apoc. of Abraham 20:1-5
 Testament of Levi 1:24

3rd Heaven
Paradise / Kingdom of God & Angel Armies ordained for the Day of Judgment
 2 Corinthians 12:2-4
 Testament of Levi 1:20
 Apoc. of Abraham 21

1st Heaven
The Great Hanging Sea Above
 Genesis 1:6-8
 Jubilees 2:4
 Testament of Levi 1:10
 Testament of Levi 1:17
 2 Esdras 6:41

Sheol / Hades Righteous Side
Repentant souls awaiting the First Resurrection of the Dead
 Luke 16:19-31
 Psalms 16:10-11
 Psalms 49:14-15
 Daniel 12:2
 Revelation 6:9-10
 1 Enoch 22:2-7
 2 Esdras 7:88-98

Tartarus / Abaddon
Prison of rebellious angels, 90% of all unclean spirits and the Beast of the bottomless pit.
 Psalms 16:10-11 Revelation 11:7
 Psalms 49:14-15 Revelation 17:8
 Daniel 12:2 Revelation 20:1-3
 Luke 8:31 Jubilees 10:7-11
 2 Peter 2:4 1 Enoch 10:11-12, 54:5-6
 Jude 1:6 2 Esdras 7:88-98
 Revelation 6:9-10
 Revelation 9:2 & 11



LEVIATHAN AND BEHEMOTH ARE UNLEASHED & SLAIN FOR FOOD FOR THE SURVIVORS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

Created on Day Five

GENESIS 1:21

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

The First Flesh Created

JUBILEES 2:11

11 These three kinds He made on the fourth day. And on the fifth day He created great sea monsters in the depths of the waters, for these were the first things of flesh that were created by his hands, the fish and everything that moves in the waters, and everything that flies, the birds and all their kind.

Too Large To Live Together Anywhere on Land

2 ESDRAS 6:42

42 Upon the third day thou didst command that the waters should be gathered in the seventh part of the earth: six parts hast thou dried up, and kept them, to the intent that of these some being planted of God and tilled might serve thee.

2 ESDRAS 6:47-52

47 Upon the fifth day thou saidst unto the seventh part, where the waters were gathered that it should bring forth living creatures, fowls and fishes: and so it came to pass. 48 For the dumb water and without life brought forth living things at the commandment of God, that all people might praise thy wondrous works. 49 Then didst thou ordain two living creatures, the one thou calledst Enoch, and the other Leviathan; 50 And didst separate the one from the other. for the seventh part, namely, where the water was gathered together, might not hold them both. 51 Unto Enoch thou gavest one part, which was dried up the third day, that he should dwell in the same part, wherein are a thousand hills: 52 But unto Leviathan thou gavest the seventh part, namely, the moist; and hast kept him to be devoured of whom thou wilt, and when.

Reminds me of a Psalm...

PSALM 50:10

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

Behemoth Male and Leviathan Female?

1 ENOCH 60:7-10

7 "And on that day were two monsters parted, a female monster named Leviathan, to dwell in the abysses of the ocean over the fountains of the waters. 8 But the male is named Behemoth, who occupied with his breast a waste wilderness named Duidain, on the east of the garden where the elect and righteous dwell, where my grandfather was taken up, the seventh from Adam, the first man whom the Lord of Spirits created. 9 And I besought the other angel that he should show me the might of those monsters, how they were parted on one day and cast, the one into the abysses of the sea, and the other unto the dry land of the wilderness. 10 And he said to me: 'Thou son of man, herein thou dost seek to know what is hidden.'"

Job | The Most High Describes Behemoth

JOB 40:15-19

15 Look at Behemoth, which I made along with you. He feeds on grass like an ox. **16** See the strength of his loins and the power in the muscles of his belly. **17** His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. **18** His bones are tubes of bronze; his limbs are rods of iron. **19** He is the foremost of God's works; only his Maker can draw the sword against him. **20** Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. **21** He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. **22** The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. **23** Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. **24** He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

Job | The Most High Describes Leviathan

JOB 41:1-34 | ESV

1 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?
2 Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?
3 Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words?
4 Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever?"

JOB 41:1-34 | ESV (CONT.)

5 Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls?

6 Will traders bargain over him? Will they divide him up among the merchants?

7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?

8 Lay your hands on him; remember the battle—you will not do it again!

9 Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him.

10 No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me?

11 Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame.

13 Who can strip off his outer garment? Who would come near him with a bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror.

15 His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal.

16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another; they clasp each other and cannot be separated.

18 His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.

19 Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth.

20 Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

21 His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth.

22 In his neck abides strength, and terror dances before him.

23 The folds of his flesh stick together, firmly cast on him and immovable.

24 His heart is hard as a stone, hard as the lower millstone.

25 When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; at the crashing they are beside themselves.

26 Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.

27 He counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee; for him, sling stones are turned to stubble.

29 Clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rattle of javelins.

30 His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.

31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 Behind him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be white-haired.

33 On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear.

34 He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride."

Abraham's Vision of Creation

APOCALYPSE OF ABRAHAM 21:3-5

And (I saw) there the earth and its fruit, and its moving things and its things that had souls, and its host of men and the impiety of their souls and their justification, and their pursuit of their works and the abyss and its torments, and its lower depths and (the) perdition in it. And I saw there the sea and its islands, and its cattle and its fish, and Leviathan and his realm and his bed and his lairs, and the world which lay upon him, and his motions and the destruction he caused the world. I saw there the rivers and their upper (reaches) and their circles.

Leviathan Used For Sport

JOB 40:14 (LXX)

"This is the chief of the creation of the Lord. Made to be played with by his angels.

JOB 41:24-25 (LXX)

There is nothing on the earth like him. Formed to be sported with by my angels. He beholds every high thing. And he is king of all that are in the waters.

PSALM 104:24-26

O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions. There is the sea, great and broad, In which are swarms without number, Animals both small and great. There the ships move along, And Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it.

Yeshua Slays Both Creatures

ISAIAH 27:1

In that day the LORD will take His sharp, great, and mighty sword, and bring judgment on Leviathan the fleeing serpent—Leviathan the coiling serpent—and He will slay the dragon of the sea.

AMOS 9:3

Though they hide on the summit of Carmel, I will search them out and take them from there; And though they conceal themselves from My sight on the floor of the sea, From there I will command the serpent and it will bite them.

PSALM 74: 13-14

13 You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monstersd on the waters. **14** You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

Used for Food for Survivors of the Day of the Lord

2 BARUCH 29:3-4

And it shall come to pass when all is accomplished that was to come to pass in those parts, that the Messiah shall then begin to be revealed. And Behemoth shall be revealed from his place and Leviathan shall ascend from the sea, those two great monsters which I created on the fifth day of creation, and shall have kept until that time; and then they shall be for food for all that are left.

2 ESDRAS 6:52

And though has kept them to be eaten by whom thou wilt and when thou wilt.

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PSALM 74: 13-14 (LXX)

Thou didst establish the sea and thy might, though didst break to pieces the head of the dragon in the water. Though didst break in pieces the head of the dragon, thou didst give him [for] meat to the Ethiopian nations.

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1 ENOCH 60:12

And the angel of peace who was with me said, these two monster are by the power of God, prepared to become food, that the punishment of God might not be in vain

1 ENOCH 60:24

And the angel of peace who was with me said to me: ' These two monsters, prepared conformably to the greatness of God, shall feed . . .[fragment ends]

LOGICAL INSERTION

If these sea monsters are to be used as food for the survivors of Jesus wrath against the wicked, then it would make sense that God would have created them to be clean to eat. After looking at these descriptions I'm not sure about Behemoth, however there are no disqualifiers and Leviathan sounds like he is clean because he has scales etc.. Read Leviticus 11:3&9 for the breakdown. So on top of that fact that this is an epic insta-kill battle after which every knee will certainly bow, it looks like God continues to keep his standards because He does not change and His ways are perfect.

NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS!

I just want you to know that this topic is the gift that keep on giving. It seems to me that each generation is being given more from the Spirit than the last and I praise the Lord for that, but if you found any holes in this presentation of Scripture please reach out to me and let me know. (I can always revise it and print another.) The intent of this book was to get you thinking about what scripture says and not what doctrine of men have taught us, but I still have more to learn and your feedback is greatly appreciated. Also let me know if you learned something new that totally clicked for the first time! I hope it brings you to adore your heavenly father, his son and his plan to fix everything on a whole new level. This is a piece of the most epic story of all time and I hope you see it more clearly now.

- Bradley

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