

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 June 2013..... Job 01-02..... Is This Really Happening to Me?
- 2) 09 June..... Job 03-14..... Was It My Fault?
- 3) 16 June..... Job 15-21..... Who Said Life Would Be Fair?
- 4) 23 June..... Job 22-28..... Whom Can I Trust?
- 5) 30 June..... Job 29-31..... What Can I Do Now?
- 6) 07 July..... Job 32-37..... Am I On The Right Path?
- 7) 14 July..... Job 38-42..... What Am I Supposed to Learn?

INTRODUCTION

- God basically responds with “Who are you to question Me?”
- The way God comes across to a man who lost his kids, his wealth, his health, and the respect of his family, friends, and neighbors seemed rather harsh – but remember this is a poetic format written to convey honest and raw emotions for long lasting impact
- Job readily accepts God's answer, and God eventually restores to Job double what He initially took away from him

Passage	Comments
Job 38:1-22	<p>God Answers Job's Ignorance with an Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job receives a “theophany” – a visible or personal manifestation of God's presence through a “whirlwind” • God's seemingly harsh response firmly puts Job in his proper place – humbled before God Almighty – who owes no man anything, not even an answer to WHY • Job's theology taught him to fear God and blessings would be guaranteed (Deuteronomic principle) • BUT God's “progressive revelation” would expound on this theology to include God allowing bad things to happen to good people for therapeutic reasons, and good things to happen to bad people for judgmental reasons, for even God's goodness can bring repentance (Romans 2:4) and accountability (Romans 3:19)
A Note on Godly Experiences	<p>Everybody wants an Experience from God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are even encouraged to “taste and see that the Lord is good”..... Psalm 34:9 • Every answered prayer is an experience from God • But does God need to give us an experience for Him to be God and for us to believe? No • REMEMBER – We live by faith (which is based on substantiated knowledge of past experiences that God IS), and not by sight (or by ongoing experiences)
39:1-30	<p>God Shows His Majesty through the Animal Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job began to understand how little he really knew and how little he could do • Man is unable to fully comprehend the laws of nature; and he is even less able to comprehend the laws of the Spirit without God's help, for the wicked are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2Timothy 3:7) for His ways are beyond our comprehension (Romans 11:33 and Job 9:10)
40:1-5	<p>Job Responds – “What Can I Say?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job's eyes are more fully open and he shuts his mouth
40:6-14	<p>God Answers Job through a Storm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you, Job, can find something wrong with God (v8); clothe yourself with glory (v10); and tread down the wicked (v12); then you can save yourself (v14)
40:15-24	<p>God's Power Shown in Behemoth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job, assuming he lived near the time of Abraham, was only 300-500 years from the flood, so it is conceivable dinosaurs still roamed the earth. See link: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2010/11/19/big-about-behemoth

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41:1-34	<p>God's Power Shown in Leviathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an interesting article on Leviathan, see link: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v19/n4/sea-monsters • vv10-11. God makes a point that just as formidable as Leviathan was, in a larger extent so was God – in fact, God says He owes no man anything • Apostle Paul quotes this passage in Romans 11:35 to illustrate God's majestic and inexhaustible ways 																					
42:1-6	<p>Job Repents in Dust and Ashes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job had an incomplete knowledge of God – “God is my enemy” and “He has become cruel to me” – not realizing that God's treatment of him had an eternal purpose for his good and to instruct all mankind 																					
42:7-9	<p>God is Displeased with Job's Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v7. God affirms that Job spoke truthfully, more so than his friends who were too confident and aggressive • BEWARE – Not even counselors know everything, so it behooves us not to “play God” when advising people – we can only go as far as Scripture goes 																					
42:10-17	<p>God Restores Job's Fortunes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v11. A gold ring was a sign of reconciliation in the oriental mindset.....see Luke 15:22 • Job once viewed his possessions as rewards for his own righteousness (the Deuteronomic principle was a formula approach); now they were viewed as evidence of God's benevolence based on a faith relationship 																					
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CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- The KEY to this whole book is realizing God is too big and majestic to waste His time on us puny humans if there was no purpose in it
- Also, suffering may be mysterious, but it need not rob us of our faith in a sovereign, loving, and attentive God since pain does not last forever and no trouble is eternal

NEXT WEEK: Ecclesiastes 1-2. This book looks at life as a waste of time - IF lived without knowing and living for God



Then God answered Job out of the whirlwind and said “Who is this that darkens My counsel with ignorant words?” **Job 38:1-2**

Notes on Behemoth and Leviathan from Answers In Genesis

Did Noah's Ark Contain Dinosaurs?

The Ark easily had room for dinosaurs.

1. First, the Ark was the size of a huge cargo ship (at least 450 ft [137 m] long)
2. Second, there were not that many different kinds of dinosaurs (only about 50 "kinds")
3. Third, God most likely brought the smaller juvenile dinosaurs, because they would be better suited for the voyage and the responsibilities of reproducing rapidly after the Flood.

See Link: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v2/n2/sauropods>

Were Dinosaurs and "Pre-historic" Sea Creatures Still Around During Job's Life Time

- Assuming Job lived close to the time of the Patriarchs he would have been within 300-500 years of Noah's Flood – plenty of time for Dinosaurs and other pre-historic sea creatures to still be roaming the earth. For more information on this timeline see link: http://rodoneil.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Patriarch_Longevity.pdf

Disclaimer. Biblical creationists often refer to Job's mention of Behemoth and Leviathan when discussing possible descriptions of dinosaurs in the Bible. Although this is a great argument the point of Job 41 and 42 is not about showing that dinosaurs lived at the same time as man – but to contrast man's ability to contend with some of God's magnificent creatures with man's inability to contend with God

Behemoth of Job 40:15-24

In many Bibles you might see a textual footnote about these verses suggesting this is a description of a hippopotamus or an elephant. However, neither of these creatures fit this description. God called Job's attention to the strength of this beast, especially the sinews of his thighs, bones that were like beams of bronze, and ribs like bars of iron. This animal was chief of the ways of God.

God also described the behemoth's tail as something which moved like a cedar tree. We only need to visit a zoo to discover that neither the elephant's skinny little tail or the hippo's tail (which looks more like a small flap of skin) could ever be compared to a huge cedar. Rather, the description of this creature sounds very much like that of a large sauropod dinosaur.

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Leviathan of Job 41:1-34

Answers in Genesis posted this story in September 1997:

(See Link: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v19/n4/sea-monsters>)

Submarine report. A number of 'sea serpent' reports describe a large marine animal resembling a crocodile but much larger—15–18 metres (50–60 feet) long—and occurring far out at sea.

For example, one sighting of such a creature occurred in the North Atlantic during World War I with the sinking of the British steamer *Iberian* by the German U-boat *U28*.¹

Some seconds after the *Iberian* had been torpedoed and sunk, there was an underwater explosion. The submarine commander and some of his officers reported:

'A little later pieces of wreckage, and among them a gigantic sea-animal, writhing and struggling wildly, were shot out of the water to a height of 60 to 100 feet [18 to 30 metres] . . .

'We did not have the time to take a photograph, for the animal sank out of sight after 10 or 15 seconds . . .

'It was about 60 feet [18 metres] long, was like a crocodile in shape and had four limbs with powerful webbed feet and a long tail tapering to a point.'

One of the largest crocodiles ever caught was a 6.15 metre (20 foot) long specimen harpooned in 1960 near Borroloola in Australia's Northern Territory. This is not even half the size of the monster as described by the *U28* commander! " "

The mystery of Leviathan might have been solved in June 1983, when a carcass was found on Bungalow Beach in Gambia, but was unavailable for analysis by those who tried to identify it.² It was found and examined by Owen Burham who had no camera, and so was only able to bring back a description and measurements. Working on these, noted zoologist Dr Karl P.N. Shuker short-listed six possible identities. Only one, the Shepherd's Beaked-whale (*Tasmacetus shepherdi*), was a creature known to be still living in today's oceans. However, he considers it as the least likely of them. The other five possibilities were prehistoric marine animals. Two of these bear out the description of the leviathan and of the creature seen by the *U28*. One was the *mosasaur*, a giant marine version of the monitor lizards, and the other was a *thalattosuchian*, a kind of sea-crocodile supposedly extinct for 110 million years! Dr Shuker believes the latter to be the most likely contender.



CREATIONWISE

Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.
Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.
He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.
Job 40:15-17

"tail like a cedar"

-WOW!

*Footnote:
Behemoth is possibly an elephant or hippopotamus.

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