

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

(The Book of Job)



Dinosaurs & Dragons – The Comfort of God's Power & Providence Job 40:6-42:6

REVIEW – Let's remember what we have learned ...

God's 1st Speech to Job – The Importance of the Doctrine of Creation (**Chapter 38:1-40:2**)

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ...”

God has spoken, not to answer questions, but to ask questions.

Job is reminded of God's creative care for His creation – the lion, raven, deer, wild donkey, wild ox, ostrich, horse, and hawks/eagles.

Job's 1st Response to God (**Chapter 40:1-5**)

“Then Job answered the Lord and said, ...”

He was **SURRENDERED**. v. 4a *“I am insignificant; what can I reply to You?”*

He was **SILENCED**. v. 4b *“I lay my hand on my mouth.”*

He was **SUBMISSIVE**. v. 5 *“... and I will add nothing more.”*

INTRODUCTION – God's 2nd Speech (**Chapters 40:6-42:6**)

The Picture – Two large animals

*“Behold now, the **Behemoth**, which I have made ...”* 40:15

*“Can you draw out the **Leviathan** with a fishhook?”* 41:1

The Point – They point to God's **POWER** and **PROVIDENCE**.

LESSON—Dinosaurs & Dragons: The Comfort of God’s Power & Providence 40:6-42:6

I. GOD’S GIANT ANIMALS 40:6-41:34

God Speaks Something to Job — He asked 3 Questions (40:6-14)

God Shows Something to Job — He points out 2 Large Animals (40:15-41:34)

- ❑ The Challenge — Are these real animals or simply poetic creations to illustrate a point?

4 reasons why these are real animals

1. **ALL** the other animals, in the context of this section in Job, are real animals (Job 38-39).
2. The **DETAILED** anatomy of these two animals suggest they are real animals.
3. Both animals are treated as real animals in **OTHER** passages in the Bible (Psalm 104:26; Joel 1:20)
4. Most importantly, God said He **CREATED** them. (Job 40:15)

- ❑ The Creatures

“Behold now, the **Behemoth**, which I have made ...” 40:15 = The **DINOSAURS**

“Can you draw out the **Leviathan** with a fishhook?” 41:1 = The **DRAGONS**

II. JOB’S GRAND ANSWER 42:1-6

First, there was **AFFIRMATION**. v. 2

Second, there was **AWE**. v. 3

Third, there was **ATTENTION**. v. 4

Fourth, there was **ADORATION**. v. 5

Fifth, there was genuine **APOLOGY**. v. 6

The Final Message in Job: *Almost Happily Ever After* (42:7-17)