**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 112**

**D. The Dialogue of Eliphaz and Job (**[**4:1-7:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job4%3A1-7%3A21&version=NRSV)**)**

**D.’ The Monologue of the LORD (**[**40:6-41:34**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job40%3A6-41%3A26&version=NRSV)**)**

 **1. Job’s Criticisms (40:6-14)**

 **2. Jehovah’s Creatures (40:15-41:34)**

 a. The Ancient Behemoth (vv. 15-24)

 b. Then Ancient Leviathan (vv. 41:1-34)

**PREMISE: The LORD intensified His focus upon the heart of Job which was full of pride and who put himself on the same level as God. We are experts in criticizing His creation! Tell me about your criticism of Leviathan!**

**2. Jehovah’s Creatures (40:15-41:34)**

 ***a. The Ancient Behemoth (vv. 15-24)***

 ***b. The Ancient Leviathan (vv. 41:1-34)*** > hy"w>li *Livyah* > resembling a wreath or twisted garland ornament (Prov. 1:9; 4:9). Cf.Bombardier beetle shoots hot gas from tail! Since it has multiple heads it must be “the mythological creature destroyed in the primordial battle”?! Most evolutionist-influenced Bible “experts” think it is Canaanite myth!

**1) The Absolute Challenge (vv. 1-7)**

*a) Its Designation (v. 1a)*

*b) Its Denial (vv. 1b-2)*

*c) Its Demeanor (vv. 3-6)*

*d) Its Defense (v. 7)*

**2) The Awesome Characteristics (vv. 8-33)**

 ***a) It is Invincible (vv. 8-10)***

(1) Warning about fighting with Leviathan (v. 8) > you will only try once!

(2) Warning about hoping for Leviathan (v. 9) > you can hope in vain!

(3) Warning about stirring up Leviathan (v. 10) > you can’t take on Leviathan and you for sure can’t take on me!

 ***b) It is Incredible (vv. 11-14)***

 (1) The Lord’s creation (v. 11) > Rom.11:35

 (2) The Lord’s secret (v. 12) > you know nothing

 (3) The Lord’s challenge (vv. 13-14) >double bridle since it is two-headed!

***a’) It is Invincible (vv. 15-17)*** Job, you lost your scales! What were the “scales” of Job’s pride (Job 40:11-12)? His person, possessions, progeny, performance

(1) Pride in object > external scales > no one can penetrate external façade!

 (2) Pride in nature > can’t be penetrated

(3) Pride in protection > walls are tight and high! > who are you really? > a well ordered pile of dust with proud scales!

**CONCLUSION: Job, while in the dust, what part of Behemoth or Leviathan do you want to criticize about My creation? In your pride if you can’t criticize them, should you criticize their Creator?**

***c.) It is Incendiary (vv. 18-21)>*** light, morning, burning lamps, sparks of fire, smoke, seething pot coals, flame

 (1) It Sneezes fire (vv. 18, 20)

 (2) It Spits fire (vv. 19, 21)

 ***d.) It is Indomitable (vv. 22-30)***

 (1) Its Prominence (vv. 22-25)

 (2) Its Protection (vv. 26-30)

(a) It stops the weapons of metals (vv. 26-29)

 (b) It stops under-cuttings (v. 30)

 ***c.’) It is Incendiary (vv. 31-33)***

(1) Its Place is Hot (v. 31)

 (2) Its Path is Hoary (v. 32)

(3) Its Presence is Horrible (v. 33)

**1’) The Assumed Challenge (v. 34)**