

## Lesson 12

### God Answers Job Part 2

#### Job Warned To Prepare For Encounter

**JOB 40:6 Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm [whirlwind], and said,**

**JOB 40:7 "Now gird up your loins like a man; I will ask you, and you instruct [answer] Me.**

JOB 40:7 "Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. NIV

**JOB 40:8 "Will you really annul [cancel, reverse, discredit] My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?**

1. Elihu had earlier condemned Job "because he justified himself before God." (Job 32:2).

JOB 32:2 But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned, because he justified himself before God.

2. Job had left the impression that he was more just than God and believed God was wrong for disciplining him.

**JOB 40:9 "Or do you have an arm like God, And can you thunder with a voice like His?**

**JOB 40:10 "Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity; And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.**

**JOB 40:11 "Pour out the overflowings of your anger; And look on everyone who is proud, and make him low.**

**JOB 40:12 "Look on everyone who is proud, and humble him; And tread down the wicked where they stand.**

**JOB 40:13 "Hide them in the dust together; Bind them in the hidden place.**

**JOB 40:14 "Then I will also confess to you, That your own right hand can save you.**

JOB 40:14 Then I will also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can give you victory. NRSV

#### "Description of Behemoth"

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**JOB 40:15 "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.**

1. This may be a description of a hippopotamus.

2. The hippopotamus is a pachyderm [hoofed mammals], the largest except for the elephant and the rhinoceros, amphibious in habits, living on vegetable food, and corresponding well with the description here in Job 40.

3. It is found in the upper Nile and was common in the lower in ancient times.

4. The hippopotamus may have been found in the Jordan (Job 40:23).

5. Some suggest poetic license would make it quite possible that the mention of the Jordan river may be a reference only to the hippopotamus aquatic habits and its courage - not to its geographical range.

**JOB 40:16 "Behold now, his strength in his loins, And his power in the muscles of his belly.**

**JOB 40:17 "He bends his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are knit together.**

**JOB 40:18 "His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron.**

**JOB 40:19 "He is the first of the ways of God; Let his maker bring near his sword.**

**JOB 40:20 "Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the beasts of the field play there.**

**JOB 40:21 "Under the lotus plants he lies down, In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.**

**JOB 40:22 "The lotus plants cover him with shade; The willows of the brook surround him.**

**JOB 40:22 The lotuses conceal him in their shadow; the poplars by the stream surround him.**

**JOB 40:23 "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.**

**JOB 40:24 "Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, With barbs can anyone pierce his nose?**

### Leviathan

**JOB 41:1 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord?**

**JOB 41:2 "Can you put a rope in his nose? Or pierce his jaw with a hook?**

**JOB 41:3 "Will he make many supplications to you? Or will he speak to you soft words?**

**JOB 41:4 "Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant forever?**

**JOB 41:5 "Will you play with him as with a bird? Or will you bind him for your maidens?**

**JOB 41:6 "Will the traders bargain over him? Will they divide him among the merchants?**

**JOB 41:7 "Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears?**

**JOB 41:8 "Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle; you will not do it again!**

**JOB 41:9 "Behold, your expectation is false; Will you be laid low even at the sight of him?**

**JOB 41:10 "No one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him; Who then is he that can stand before Me?**

**JOB 41:11 "Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.**

**JOB 41:12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, Or his mighty strength, or his orderly frame.**

**JOB 41:13 "Who can strip off his outer armor? Who can come within his double mail?**

**JOB 41:14 "Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth there is terror.**

**JOB 41:15 "His strong scales are his pride, Shut up as with a tight seal.**

**JOB 41:16 "One is so near to another, That no air can come between them.**

**JOB 41:17 "They are joined one to another; They clasp each other and cannot be separated.**

**JOB 41:18 "His sneezes flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.**

**JOB 41:19 "Out of his mouth go burning torches; Sparks of fire leap forth.**

**JOB 41:20 "Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth, As from a boiling pot and burning rushes.**

**JOB 41:21 "His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes forth from his mouth.**

**JOB 41:22 "In his neck lodges strength, And dismay leaps before him.**

**JOB 41:23 "The folds of his flesh are joined together, Firm on him and immovable.**

**JOB 41:24 "His heart is as hard as a stone; Even as hard as a lower millstone.**

**JOB 41:25 "When he raises himself up, the mighty fear; Because of the crashing they are bewildered.**

**JOB 41:26 "The sword that reaches him cannot avail; Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.**

**JOB 41:27 "He regards iron as straw, Bronze as rotten wood.**

**JOB 41:28 "The arrow cannot make him flee; Slingstones are turned into stubble for him.**

**JOB 41:28 Arrows do not make him flee; slingstones are like chaff to him. NIV**

**JOB 41:29 "Clubs are regarded as stubble; He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.**

**JOB 41:30 "His underparts are like sharp potsherds; He spreads out like a threshing sledge on the mire.**

**JOB 41:31 "He makes the depths boil like a pot; He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.**

**JOB 41:32 "Behind him he makes a wake to shine; One would think the deep to be gray-haired.**

**JOB 41:33 "Nothing on earth is like him, One made without fear.**

**JOB 41:34 "He looks on everything that is high; He is king over all the sons of pride."**

1. There is a lot of uncertainty as to the identification of the "Leviathan."

2. In context God is emphasizing He is God and Job is not.

- a. God shows Job he would retreat in terror before a creature like Leviathan.
- b. If he had to retreat before Leviathan, he was no match for God.
- c. God uttered these words to Job. (Job. 41:10).

**JOB 41:10 "No one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him; Who then is he that can stand before Me?"**

- 3. One might ask "What is this amazing creature described by God?"
- 4. There are no animals known by this name today.
- 5. Many scholars believe that Leviathan is a crocodile, and some translations of Job suggest in the marginal notes or in some other way that the Leviathan was a crocodile.
- 6. This identification does not seem to match what we know about a crocodile.
  - a. The Leviathan cannot be caught with a hook nor can he be killed with a spear.
  - b. The Leviathan laughs at the threat of javelins. (Job 41:29).
  - c. The mighty are afraid of him. (Job 41:25).
  - d. When he swims, the water boils with commotion.
  - e. His underside is like sharp pieces of broken pottery that tear up the ground underneath him. (Job 41:30).
  - f. Flashes of light and smoke expel from his nostrils like steam coming out of a boiling pot.
  - g. Sparks of fire shoot out of his mouth, and his eyes glow like the morning sun.
  - h. Leviathan is too powerful and ferocious to be captured by man.
- 7. God's description does not fit the crocodile or any other creature in the world today.
  - a. Crocodiles have been captured in ancient times and today.
  - b. Some have even been tamed at least to some extent.
- 8. God's argument was not very strong if one could capture and tame [control] this animal.
- 9. One might then at least think he could "stand against God" if he could tame or overcome this animal.
- 10. It is evident from what God say the Leviathan was some other kind of creature.
- 11. Some believe the Leviathan is very similar in every way with the descriptions we have of dinosaur-like, water-living reptiles that once roamed the earth.
- 12. The arguments that dinosaurs became extinct millions of years ago assumes a very old earth and ignores evidence that dinosaurs have co-existed with man.

13. It is impossible to be dogmatic about the identification of the Leviathan, but that it was a crocodile appears to be false.

### **Job Speaks To God**

**JOB 42:1 Then Job answered the Lord, and said,**

**JOB 42:2 "I know that Thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted [stopped].**

**JOB 42:3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' "Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."**

**JOB 42:4 'Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask Thee, and do Thou instruct me.'**

**JOB 42:5 "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees Thee;**

### **Job Repents**

**JOB 42:6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes. "**

1. Job was an outstanding man.
2. Though he had not cursed God, he had, however, made some sinful and harsh statements against God.
3. He needed to repent and did.

### **God Speaks To Job's Friends**

**JOB 42:7 And it came about after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.**

1. The three friends of Job had misrepresented God in their speeches.
2. They had not repented. (Job 42:7,8).

### **Commanded To Offer Seven Bull And Seven Rams**

**JOB 42:8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."**

**JOB 42:9 "So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job.**

1. They offered the sacrifices for themselves and Job.
2. God accepted Job and his cruel friends.
3. Nothing is said about Elihu.

### **God Blesses Job**

**JOB 42:10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold.**

1. Job had been a very wealthy man. (Job 1:3).
2. It was necessary for Job to forgive and pray for his friends before his fortunes would be restored.
3. A lack of prayer and forgiveness on our part for others will keep us from being blessed by God.

### **Job Is Comforted Brothers, Sisters, Many Friends**

**JOB 42:11 Then all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold.**

1. They consoled and comforted him.
2. They gave him gifts.
  - a. “each one gave him one piece of money”
  - b. “and each a ring of gold”

### **God Blesses The Latter Days Of Job**

**JOB 42:12 And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had 14,000 sheep, and 6,000 camels, and 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.**

JOB 1:3 His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

### **Sons And Daughters - Names**

**JOB 42:13 And he had seven sons and three daughters.**

1. He had 10 children. (Job 1:2).
2. We do not know who the mother was of these children.
  - a. It may have been Mrs Job (Job 2:10).
    - 1) We do not know how old she was when the suffering of Job began or ended.
    - 2) She had 10 grown children when before Satan’s began his attack on Job. (Job 1:4, 10, 11).
    - 3) Considering the early age women often married she may not have been incredibly old.
    - 4) Job’s suffering seems to have been for months - not years.
    - 5) We need to keep in mind that God is blessing Job.
    - 6) It is possible, though not stated, that God miraculously intervened in these conceptions.

- b. It is possible, not likely, these children may have had another mother.
- c. The scriptures do not say, and it is vain for us to speculate.

### **Names of Three Daughters**

**JOB 42:14 And he named the first Jemimah [little dove], and the second Keziah [sweet smelling spice], and the third Keren-happuch [horn of pigment].**

1. The “horn of pigment” was used as eye paint to beautify the eyes.

**JOB 42:15 And in all the land no women were found so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.**

2. These girls were very beautiful.
3. They received an “inheritance among their brothers.”

### **Death Of Job**

**JOB 42:16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations.**

1. Job’s children were grown according to Job 1:4.
  - a. He could have been about 50to 60 by the time all 10 children were grown.
  - b. Job may have lived 200 years or more.
  - c. The text states “four generations” which may or may not have included Job as one of the four.
  - d. Job’s longevity seems to point to the fact that Job was a patriarch.
  - e. The life span of man after the time of Moses was greatly reduced.
2. The age of Job at death was approximately the age of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they died.
  - a. Abraham was 175.
  - b. Isaac was 180.
  - c. Jacob was 147.
  - d. Amram, the father of Moses, lived to be 137. (Exod. 6:20).

Exod. 6:20 Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years

- e. Moses lived to be 120 and Aaron 123. (Deut. 34:7; Num. 20:11,12; Exod. 7:7).

Exod. 7:7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

- f. Miriam lived longer. (Num. 20:1; Exod. 2:4). She was a young maiden when Moses was placed in the Nile.
- g. The patriarchs before the flood had lived much longer. The reasons for this are unknown.

**JOB 42:17 And Job died, an old man and full of days.**

1. It is not known if Job ever knew of the controversy in heaven. (Job 1, 2).
2. It is not known who wrote this book.
  - a. God could have inspired Job to record it, but he did not likely record his own death.
  - b. Moses, Solomon or some other inspired penman may have written it.
  - c. We will never know the author of this amazing book.
  - d. This grand book is like the book of Hebrews (the author is unknown), but its message will bless us.
  - e. The grand book is part of God's inspired word.
    - 1) It was accepted as part of the Hebrew canon.
    - 2) James rightly regarded it as a true narrative and an inspired narrative. (Jas. 5:11).

**JAM 5:11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.**

**Concluding Remarks**

1. The book of Job is one of the grandest books ever written.
2. It teaches us that God is aware of human conduct, and God was very proud of Job.
  - a. God is not indifferent to human conduct.
  - b. He is keenly aware of every action of man. (Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13).
3. It teaches us what Satan is our enemy and what he will do to us if he gets a chance.
  - a. This book gives us more information about Satan than any other Old Testament book.
  - b. It reveals that Satan is totally evil and he is eager to destroy man.
4. It teaches us that both the righteous and wicked suffer.
5. It teaches us that sin is not always the reason for suffering.
  - a. We do at times suffer for our sins or the sins of others.
  - b. We also suffer because of accidents, nature, over or under activity, discipline, test of faith, etc.

6. Job was suffering as a test of his faith.
  - a. He was not sinless and never claimed to be without sin.
  - b. Sin was not, however, the reason for his suffering.
7. It teaches us that even the best of people struggle with the “why” of suffering.
8. It teaches us that all our questions will not be answered now.
  - a. Faith does not mean all the riddles of life are answered.
  - b. It is certain, however, that unbelief solves or answers nothing.
9. It teaches us that even if we do not understand suffering we should not blasphemy God.
  - a. We must learn to trust God in good times.
  - b. We must learn to trust Him in bad times.
10. It teaches that a situation may appear hopeless, but God can bless us as He did Job.
11. It is wrong to jump to conclusions as Job’s friends did when they accused him of great iniquity.
  - a. Our theories or understanding about suffering may be very wrong and at best flawed.
  - b. We should seek to comfort rather than judge and accuse.
12. We learn that it pays to be patience - reward will come now or in heaven or both.

JAM 5:11 Behold, we count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

- a. Job questioned God and even criticized God, but he never lost his faith in God or cursed God.
  - b. If we give up or turn away from God, we gain nothing and lose everything of eternal value.
  - c. Heaven is for those who endure even in face of hardships and persecutions.
  - d. Even when we become discouraged and weak, we must still be persuaded that God is there and He loves us.
13. We should keep in mind that though the book of Job is inspired that the comments of Satan, Job, Mrs Job, Eliphaz, Zophar, Bildad, Elihu are all uninspired.
    - a. They were right about some things.
    - b. It is clear that they were wrong about many things about God and Job.
  14. This book teaches us that God is absolutely Sovereign.



- a. He has the absolute right to do as He chooses.
- b. We should be thankful that God is a God of love and He chooses to bless man.

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