

Behemoth and Leviathan

Job, Chapter 40 & 41

Biblical, mythical or legendary animals have often been associated with human behavior or other metaphorical applications, as opposed to the association with their actual existence.

"Often legendary creatures came to symbolize vices or virtues, or the power of good or evil. In many cases, their actual existence was secondary to the moral of the tale in which they featured" (New Word Encyclopedia; "mythical creatures".)

"Behemoth" is said to be an Oriental type of
"Self Will"

Self-will definition: *"persistent carrying out of one's own will or wishes, esp. when in conflict with others; stubbornness; obstinacy"*

According to Wikipedia: The word "Behemoth" "is most likely a plural form of (b hēmāh), meaning beast or large animal. It may be an example of pluralis excellentiae, a Hebrew method of expressing greatness by pluralizing a noun; it thus implies that Behemoth is the largest and most powerful animal ever to exist. Metaphorically, the name has come to be used for any extremely large or powerful entity."

"According to (the Hebrew) "midrash" recording traditions, it is impossible for anyone to kill a behemoth except for the person who created it, in this case the God of the Hebrews. (End quote)

Job 40:19 (Judaica Press Bible) V19 His is the first of God's ways; [only] his Maker can draw His sword [against him]. ("Behemoth")

"Leviathan" is said to be an Oriental type of
"Self-Love"

Job 41:34 ... (Leviathan)" ... a king over all the children of pride".
Job 41:1 " Who can draw out Leviathan.....?"

Have we now further identified some of the principalities and powers, that we war against in the Spirit, when we pray in the Spirit?

How can we pray only with our understanding and "draw out *Leviathan*.."??

How can we pray only with the understanding of men and "draw *His sword*" and kill **Behemoth?**

Do we understand, yet, it is the enemy of our souls that fights to remain seated on the throne of our own desperately wicked hearts?

How helpless we are to even understand where our enemies are or who they are, let alone fight and defeat our spiritual enemies without the Holy Spirit working in us.

*Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to **enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

*Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any **two edged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Do we, yet, understand what it means "to enter into that rest"?

Do we, yet, understand the relationship to "*the sword of the Spirit*" and "*the word of God*"?

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.?

Eph 6:17-18 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Much more could be said here by association. However, in the coming times, I believe it will be imperative for those who are focused on knowing and doing the will of God to **listen** to what the Spirit is saying, and to earnestly seek His understanding. Seek, knock and ask.

2Peter 1:19 (CEV) *All of this makes us even more certain that what the prophets said is true. So you should pay close attention to their message, as you would to a lamp shining in some dark place. You must keep on paying attention until daylight comes and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

Even for well-meaning Christians, the traditional, natural understandings which we may have embraced, in whole or in part, will not allow us to "see" more of this mystery unless we can "SEE", **more and more** with the eyes of the spirit. How can we grow further to be trusted participants in the culmination of God's plan in these times unless we are can SEE and HEAR and be LED by the Spirit?

This teaching is a glimpse, perhaps, into the hidden mystery of the Kingdom, deliberately hidden by God in the Holy Scriptures in parables, metaphors, similes, and dark sayings.

Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

A rough lesson; Behemoth and Leviathan apparently can't be killed by me.....well, well I was pretty sure I knew how to deal with them. Come to find out, not so.....
....now what? 😞

A friend of mine wrote the following about a year ago;

"We have done the very same thing with the Grace of the New Covenant that the Jews of Old did with the Law through Moses. We have externalized Christ's commandments to us, according to our 'own understanding..."

The above quote is So true and not surprisingly, in that there is "***nothing new under the sun***". Unless we are changed by the divine influence on our hearts (true Grace), our efforts to reach the full righteousness of "perfection" set before us, in Christ, (our promised land) must, also, fail, just as the Jews failed to fully possess theirs.

Christian experience, as far as I can tell, pretty much, tracks the natural history of the Jews who came out of Egypt, with a promise, also. The promise set before them; was a promise that was, also, "***at hand***" but, also, was conditional and involved choices to be obedient and to be led, not by man, but by God.

Like the Jews, the promise was "**at hand**" for Christians. However, not heeding Jesus warning of leavened doctrine, the "Church", by and large, quickly lost the true vision. Then, not unlike the Jews quest for their promised land, "the Church" has for 2,000 plus years, reaped the fruit of what Paul indicated would happen; " that **God will send strong delusions to those that should believe a lie and not receive the love of the truth.**"

Thus with no true vision set before us, now, with over two thousand years of this type of Christian experience we typically concluded that it is not possible, this side of heaven, to attain to the "**Perfection**" or the righteousness of Christ, except, by faith (someday in heaven). We have believed this leavened doctrine and since truth is non-discriminatory, the tares and the wheat have had to grow together.

So, here we are, by in large, in the same place the Jews found themselves in at the revelation of Jesus, by John in 30+/- AD. And....I believe, we Christians are, NOW, just as Matthew 9:36 described: "... *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*"

I don't think any of us have a clue how pitifully far we have missed "**the mark**" that Paul spoke of. That is; "**The mark of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus**".

There is no hope for us to ever see "**The Day of Christ**" except that the light of Christ floods us, by His Spirit and reveals "**that man of sin**" that sits in the throne rooms of our desperately wicked hearts. Only, by His coming... only by His flooding of our hearts with His light can lasting, permanent, righteousness... His righteousness, ever be manifest outwardly, in its fullness from our hearts. (Manifest Sons of God)

However, as pitiful as I am... we all are... there is the promise that He would leave in the midst of us a poor and afflicted people.... So, somehow we must **see**, that the thorns in our flesh are, in fact; necessary for our chastening and correction. Even Paul was given thorns in the flesh;..... "**lest I become exalted thru the abundance of revelation given me.**"

There are many influencing factors that filter our viewpoints. I have come to think of these as our "**paradigms**" and those influencing factors, must, of necessity, include the ongoing pruning and chastening process. Because, it is written; we enter the Kingdom (Kings-dominion within our hearts) through much tribulation.

I had no idea what that meant in the beginning, just as I had no clue of all that came with being, both, baptized with the Holy Ghost **AND with FIRE.**

Continue Lord to do whatever is necessary, do what only you can do, don't let me (us) miss...." **The Mark**".

*Mic 4:6-7 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her **that I have afflicted**;*

And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

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