

## The Almighty Answers Part 2

Pre Appetizer/Post Sermon: Grace Fast Tomorrow

Invitation to Serve: Special Friends Class, KidzMin, Grace Youth...Boards/Deacons

Appetizer: (Zoos and Circuses and...) The Amazing Animals of Chapter 1

Crazy Ostrich

Worshipping Crows

The Mighty Lion

KJV's Unicorn...Rhinocorn...the Pugicorn (pic)...whatever it is

9am – plural of Rhinos....-os (like deer), -eroses, -eri, -eroi, -erotes...all/nobody knows

(Becky Hartman) definitive answer is therefore – rhinocerosuses

From the song, I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas

Transition: but the beasts of the land and sea don't show up until The Almighty's 2<sup>nd</sup> Answer...

Main Course:

40:6

The LORD Answered (part 2)...but again, emphasis on God listening, Jesus the Tear Collector and our Pain Journaler, The Good Shepherd walking with us and leading us through the Valleys of the Problem of Pain

Read 40:7-41:34

(40:11 – the overflowings of your anger)

40:14 – the problem of pain WITHOUT God and without an answer:

Can YOU and YOUR OWN HAND save you

Remove God and you have no deliverer, no answer, just pain

40:15-24 – The Behemoth

Maybe, argued but NOT a hippopotamus or elephant (or crocodile/rhino? - already mentioned)

v.19 – a hippo???...the mighty hippo tail!!! (have you seen one?)...rhino even worse

maybe crocodile but crocodile was mentioned earlier

v.24 – tame or conquer Behemoth

Behemoth is the ultimate grass feeding land beast

Biggest and most powerful but ultimate no threat (unlike the hippo/rhino)

But cannot be domesticated (unlike the elephant)

#### 41:1-34 – Leviathan

Maybe a myth, NOT any creature we encounter...even if Behemoth was, this isn't!!!

No problem with God stating He can make a pet of our boogeymen and nightmares

That would fit many ancient stories & ideologies especially about the dangers of the sea

Doesn't fit here...seems to be talking about a real and known beast

Bible Project notes the Septuagint even translates this as drakon or dragon...a sea monster

Those keeping score – KJV has unicorns, the Septuagint has dragons

The Bible is NOT boring!!!

Arguably symbolic for a nation (like it's use in Isaiah 27)) but that doesn't fit here either

But Job seems to be talking about a real and terrifying beast

v.7 – catch and kill...then taxidermy and display

v.9,10 – too terrifying for man (not a crocodile...all kinds of people in Florida are much too unafraid of crocodiles for their own good...same with sharks, orca, etc...not that we need to be afraid...but they were!!!)

compare this with Gen 2 and 9, btw, this things different!!!

v.10,11 – a possible Rom 11:33-36 tie in!!!

v.33 – no creature his equal

too much for man, but not God

v.5 – play with him...put it on a leash for your girls

Not only does Job speak of Leviathan as real, so do Psalm 104 (our call to worship) and 74

Probably best to transliterate it, unlike the Septuagint, and stick with Leviathan, but like the Septuagint...

A known to Job, firebreathing multi-headed sea monster dragon beast that God can turn into a lap dog

**104** Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

<sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;

<sup>11</sup> they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
(<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!)

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

## Job 40

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>7</sup> "Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>8</sup> Will you even put me in the wrong?

Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?

<sup>9</sup> Have you an arm like God,

and can you thunder with a voice like his?

<sup>10</sup> "Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity;

clothe yourself with glory and splendor.

<sup>11</sup> Pour out the overflowings of your anger,

and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.

<sup>12</sup> Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low

and tread down the wicked where they stand.

<sup>13</sup> Hide them all in the dust together;

bind their faces in the world below.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Then will I also acknowledge to you

that your own right hand can save you.

<sup>15</sup> "Behold, Behemoth,

which I made as I made you;

he eats grass like an ox.

<sup>16</sup> Behold, his strength in his loins,

and his power in the muscles of his belly.

<sup>17</sup> He makes his tail stiff like a cedar;

the sinews of his thighs are knit together.

<sup>18</sup> His bones are tubes of bronze,

his limbs like bars of iron.

<sup>19</sup> "He is the first of the works of God;  
let him who made him bring near his sword!  
<sup>20</sup> For the mountains yield food for him  
where all the wild beasts play.  
<sup>21</sup> Under the lotus plants he lies,  
in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh.  
<sup>22</sup> For his shade the lotus trees cover him;  
the willows of the brook surround him.  
<sup>23</sup> Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened;  
he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth.  
<sup>24</sup> Can one take him by his eyes,  
or pierce his nose with a snare?

**41** "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook  
or press down his tongue with a cord?  
<sup>2</sup> Can you put a rope in his nose  
or pierce his jaw with a hook?  
<sup>3</sup> Will he make many pleas to you?  
Will he speak to you soft words?  
<sup>4</sup> Will he make a covenant with you  
to take him for your servant forever?  
<sup>5</sup> Will you play with him as with a bird,  
or will you put him on a leash for your girls?  
<sup>6</sup> Will traders bargain over him?  
Will they divide him up among the merchants?  
<sup>7</sup> Can you fill his skin with harpoons  
or his head with fishing spears?  
<sup>8</sup> Lay your hands on him;  
remember the battle—you will not do it again!

- <sup>9</sup> Behold, the hope of a man is false;  
he is laid low even at the sight of him.
- <sup>10</sup> No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up.  
Who then is he who can stand before me?
- <sup>11</sup> Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?  
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.
- <sup>12</sup> "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,  
or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame.
- <sup>13</sup> Who can strip off his outer garment?  
Who would come near him with a bridle?
- <sup>14</sup> Who can open the doors of his face?  
Around his teeth is terror.
- <sup>15</sup> His back is made of rows of shields,  
shut up closely as with a seal.
- <sup>16</sup> One is so near to another  
that no air can come between them.
- <sup>17</sup> They are joined one to another;  
they clasp each other and cannot be separated.
- <sup>18</sup> His sneezings flash forth light,  
and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.
- <sup>19</sup> Out of his mouth go flaming torches;  
sparks of fire leap forth.
- <sup>20</sup> Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke,  
as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
- <sup>21</sup> His breath kindles coals,  
and a flame comes forth from his mouth.
- <sup>22</sup> In his neck abides strength,  
and terror dances before him.

- <sup>23</sup> The folds of his flesh stick together,  
firmly cast on him and immovable.
- <sup>24</sup> His heart is hard as a stone,  
hard as the lower millstone.
- <sup>25</sup> When he raises himself up, the mighty<sup>[e]</sup> are afraid;  
at the crashing they are beside themselves.
- <sup>26</sup> Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail,  
nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
- <sup>27</sup> He counts iron as straw,  
and bronze as rotten wood.
- <sup>28</sup> The arrow cannot make him flee;  
for him, sling stones are turned to stubble.
- <sup>29</sup> Clubs are counted as stubble;  
he laughs at the rattle of javelins.
- <sup>30</sup> His underparts are like sharp potsherds;  
he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.
- <sup>31</sup> He makes the deep boil like a pot;  
he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
- <sup>32</sup> Behind him he leaves a shining wake;  
one would think the deep to be white-haired.
- <sup>33</sup> On earth there is not his like,  
a creature without fear.
- <sup>34</sup> He sees everything that is high;  
he is king over all the sons of pride."

**42** Then Job answered the LORD and said:

<sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> 'Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.'

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>7</sup> After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.