

LEVIATHAN : AN ANCIENT DRAGON OF THE SEA? : PART 1

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Schism Between Men Of Science And Men Of Faith, Billions Of Years Old And Big Bang Theory, Cause Of The Effect Is Denied By Some Men Of Science, God Made All Things Through Christ, From One-Celled Protozoans To Humans Theory, Periods Epochs And Ages, Carbon-14 Dating And Other Methodologies, Apes To Men, Wisdom Of This World Is Foolishness With God, Blind And Ignorant, Creationist View: Earth And Heavens Were Created In Six Literal Days, The Universe Is Under 7,000 Years Old, Man Was Created In God's Image With Intelligence And With Ability To Speak, Current Burst Of Knowledge Was Prophesied, Dinosaurs: Terrible Lizards On The Earth Millions Of Years Ago, Theories Regarding Disappearance Of Dinosaurs, Polar Shift And Nuclear Winter, Flood In Days Of Patriarch Noah, Job 41 And Leviathan: Fire-Breathing Sea Monster, All Things Are Possible With God, Was Leviathan A Plesiosaurus?, Deeper Spiritual Interpretation, The Bible Is Self-Interpreting, Be Careful Of Excessive Personal Speculation, The Lord Passes A Sentence Of Death On Leviathan, Satan Tempts Eve In Garden Of Eden, Real Serpent Or Satan Materialized In Physical Form?, Apostle Paul Warns Of Satan's Subtle Deceptions, False Angel Of Light, Sin And Death Are Passed To All Men Through Adam, Satan's Deception Of Darkness For Light And Bitter For Sweet

As many of you will no doubt realize, in our modern times, certain men of science have done much to try to discredit God and disprove the Bible. The great schism which exists between Darwinian Evolutionists and Biblical Creationists is a primary example of this spiritual battle and war of words. On one side of this vast gulf are men of science such as the archeologists, paleontologists, geologists, etc., who firmly embrace the view that the Earth -- in fact, the Universe -- is billions of years old. According to their theories -- and they truly are theories, being as no one was actually there to witness the event -- the Universe was created billions of years ago by a cosmic Big Bang.

They inform us that it is this primordial Big Bang which has resulted in the current plethora of galaxies, nebulae, stars and planetary systems which continue to expand outward to our current time, fueled by the awesome energy that was released during that first primordial event. While I honestly do not know what physical mechanism God may have used to create the Universe, the problem for me personally is that when it comes to discussing what kind of catalyst may have been responsible for such a powerful primordial event, they are apparently at a total loss for words and remain mute. It remains a mystery to them. While they can observe, measure and study the effect of the original event, many of them reject the actual cause of that event; which the Bible tells us is God, who worked by way of Jesus Christ, as we learn from the following verses:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
Genesis 1:1, KJV

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
John 1:3, KJV

"And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:"
Acts 14:15, KJV

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands . . . For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."
Acts 17:24, 28, KJV

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
Romans 11:36, KJV

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."
1 Corinthians 8:6, KJV

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"
Ephesians 3:9, KJV

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
Colossians 1:16-17, KJV

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"
Hebrews 1:1-3, KJV

"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."
Hebrews 2:10, KJV

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."
Hebrews 3:4, KJV

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by

the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Hebrews 11:3, KJV

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:"

2 Peter 3:5, KJV

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Revelation 4:11, KJV

Having convinced so many people that the previous Big Bang theory is the irrefutable truth, these atheistic men then ask us to accept that life on planet Earth slowly evolved over a period of millions of years from simple one-celled animals -- or protozoans -- which thrived in the primordial soup of the world's oceans, into our current vast array of exotic lifeforms, including man himself. This very lengthy process, we are told, involved chance mutations, adaptation, and other evolutionary mechanisms and processes. I discuss these topics more at length in articles such as "Adaptation, Evolution and the Six Days of Genesis".

To make it easier for our simple minds to grasp such a vast theoretical concept which stretches across so great a length of time, this process of gradual evolution has been neatly divided into various periods, epochs and ages, each of which has been assigned in-depth descriptions regarding what types of life existed during each period, what they looked like, what their diet consisted of, etc. We can only marvel at the apparent "wisdom" of man who has been able to decipher and unravel the mysteries of ages gone by in order to present us with such a clear picture of the distant past, even though he was not there to witness said events. Please note my obvious sarcasm.

All of these "wonderful" fruits of man's great wisdom have been accomplished by employing Carbon-14 dating techniques, and other "infallible" methodologies which are too detailed and complex to explain in this treatise. No doubt, the most crowning "achievement" of these men of science is how they have proudly explained to us how we, the dominate life form upon this planet, gradually evolved from our lower primate "cousins" who swung in the trees, to our ancient troglodyte relatives who grunted and built fires in dank caves, to our present glorious form. In thinking about these misguided men of science who have deceived so much of humanity with their ignorance, I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words when he writes "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Consider the following verses:

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into

an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things."
Romans 1:20-23, KJV

"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men . . . But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."
1 Corinthians 1:25, 27-29, KJV

"And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."
1 Corinthians 8:2, KJV

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"
Acts 17:30, KJV

"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."
1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."
1 Corinthians 3:19, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"
Ephesians 4:17-18, KJV

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."
Colossians 2:8, KJV

On the opposite side of this vast intellectual gulf are the people of faith who adhere to the account of Creation, as it is explained in the Pentateuch -- that is, the first five Books of Moses -- as well as in other Books of the Bible. As I explain in the article entitled "The Earth is Under 7,000 Years Old", we believe that the Earth, Sun, Moon and stars are not millions or billions of years old, but approximately six thousand years old. We also attest to the fact that the original Universe was created by God during a period of six literal, twenty-four hour days, just as we know them today.

Furthermore, we Creationists hold the view that man is not the result of some imaginary, slow, evolutionary process.

Rather, he was created in his current form -- and in God's image -- with a fully developed mind which enabled him to both speak and reason intelligently. Of course, this does mean that Adam and his descendants possessed the same level of knowledge that we possess today. After all, knowledge is acquired over time. The Scriptures provide us with a clear record of the development of man over the past six thousand years. Furthermore, God's Word seems to indicate that the current, unprecedented burst of knowledge that we are now experiencing, may have been prophesied thousands of years ago by the Prophet Daniel. Consider this verse:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."
Daniel 12:4, KJV

To discuss the previously-noted opposing views in detail would no doubt require a considerable amount of time, and would likewise fill many pages. Furthermore, in addition to what I already state in some of my own articles -- such as the aforementioned titles -- enough has already been said in other essays, papers and books, to give everyone ample data to make an intelligent decision regarding what they choose to believe.

However, there is one area -- and one topic in particular -- which I would like to address in this current article. In a companion article entitled "The Dinosaur Dilemma and Modern Science", I set forth some of my personal views concerning the existence of these mighty creatures in Earth's distant past. According to modern-day scientific thought, dinosaurs -- which is derived from the Greek "deinos sauros" meaning "terrible lizard" -- existed millions of years prior to the arrival of man on the Earth. However, as you will no doubt already know, science has taught that due to an unexplained cataclysmic event, they mysteriously disappeared.

Theories abound regarding what may have caused their demise. There are several prominent ones. One popular theory proposes that a giant comet, asteroid or meteorite slammed into, or at least brushed against, the Earth. This impact resulted in a polar shift, which in turn caused great climatic changes on Earth. These climatic changes were of such a degree, that the dinosaurs weren't able to adapt to them. Thus, they died out. A similar theory suggests that while a polar shift may not have necessarily occurred, the powerful impact of this great body from Outer Space may have thrown so much dust and debris into the Earth's atmosphere, that it resulted in a "nuclear winter". In other words, this great dust cloud blocked out the Sun's rays, which resulted in an extended period of both abnormal cold, and darkness, akin to an ice age.

The aforementioned theories aside, amongst Bible-believing Christians, a more acceptable view which in fact agrees with the Bible, is that all land-dwelling, air-breathing life was destroyed during the Flood that occurred in the days of the Patriarch Noah. Allow me to again refer you to the article entitled "The Dinosaur Dilemma and Modern Science" if you are interested in a more in-depth look at my position regarding this issue. As I point out in that article, one chapter which is often cited as proof that dinosaurs did at one time roam

the Earth, is Job chapter forty-one. This ancient manuscript is commonly believed by some Christians to be the oldest Book in the Christian Old Testament. Within this chapter we find the following interesting verses:

"Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine. I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle? Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about. His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him. The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone. When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves. The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire. He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary. Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride."

Job 41:1-34, KJV

The previous verses certainly seem to describe a fearsome, fire-breathing sea monster, don't they? Is it possible that in ancient times such creatures actually roamed the oceans of the world, but that at some point in the Earth's history they became extinct? Obviously, being as God is who He is, we know that all things are possible within His power. The Scriptures remind us of this truth a number of times, as we can see by the following verses that are found in three of the Gospels:

"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26, KJV

"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."
Mark 10:27, KJV

"And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."
Mark 14:36, KJV

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."
Luke 1:37, KJV

"And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."
Luke 18:27, KJV

Furthermore, the previous set of verses regarding Leviathan does in fact seem like a very literal description, and an eyewitness account of one of these great beasts. There are simply too many specific details regarding what Leviathan looked like, and how it acted, to simply assume the animal was an imaginary creature. In addition, I don't think that an imaginary creature of any kind would be described in the pages of the Bible, symbolic visions aside. We also find Leviathan mentioned in Psalm 104, as we see here:

"O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein."
Psalms 104:24-26, KJV

Certain people have theorized that Leviathan may have been similar to a plesiosaurus. For those of you who may not be familiar with the plesiosaurus, scientists describe this ancient dinosaur as a large marine reptile. It possessed a broad, flat body, large paddle-like limbs, and typically a long, flexible neck which terminated in a small head. While we may not all agree with the time frame regarding when the dinosaurs lived, perhaps this is what the writer of the Book of Job is describing in the forty-first chapter. Of course, the one big difference would be that, according to the Book of Job, Leviathan possessed the ability to breath fire from its mouth as well.

However, at the same time, let us not forget that the Bible is also replete with many hidden, symbolic meanings. Taking this thought into consideration, is it possible that while Leviathan may have been an actual creature which roamed the seas in ancient times, there may also be a deeper, spiritual interpretation to the beast that is described in Job chapter forty-one? As you will now see, there is another way to look at this fire-breathing monster of the ancient deep.

As I point out in other articles, it is my personal belief that the Scriptures are for the most part self-interpreting.

In other words, if a verse cannot be immediately understood, the best thing to do is to simply keep reading. Quite often, verses further on in the chapter will explain what was meant by the previous verse. If the answer cannot be found in the same chapter, it may be found in the same book. If it cannot be found in the same book, then perhaps it can be found in some other place within the Scriptures.

The last thing that we should do when we do not understand something is to immediately resort to personal speculation in our haste to find a solution to the problem. Once we begin to speculate, our imagination can very quickly carry us far from the truth, and even result in strong delusion and deception, if we are not careful.

By following the previous methodology of comparing Scripture with Scriptures, we can learn some interesting things about the mysterious Leviathan. Let us begin by taking a look at the Book of Isaiah. In Isaiah chapter twenty-seven we find another mention of this mysterious beast called Leviathan, as we see here:

"In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."
Isaiah 27:1, KJV

It is apparent that Leviathan has done something which has incurred the Wrath of the Lord. Whatever its crime has been, it has resulted in a sentence of death being passed upon the great beast. In the previous verse, Leviathan is described as being a serpent, and also as a dragon that is in the sea. The fact that it is described as a serpent reminds me of another verse that is found in the Book of Genesis. Consider this:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"
Genesis 3:1, KJV

This verse in the Book of Genesis is the very first mention of a serpent in the Scriptures. In both verses -- Isaiah and Job -- the word "serpent" is translated from the Hebrew word "nachash", which means serpent or snake. In the thirty-one times that it is used in the Old Testament, it is translated as "serpent". I have wondered about the actual nature of the serpent for many years now. On one hand, the fact that Moses describes this snake as being "more subtle than any beast of the field" -- emphasis on the words "of the field" -- seems to suggest that he is describing a real serpent. However, if we consider what this serpent does in the Garden, it suggests that at the very least, it must have become possessed by the Devil, or Satan.

The fact that the serpent is described as being subtle; then proceeds to speak to Eve in a tempting voice -- which as we all know results in both her and Adam becoming deceived and ultimately disobeying the Lord -- and then is later cursed to crawl upon its belly; clearly seems to suggest that if this was an actual snake, it was one which had become possessed by

a spiritual entity, namely Satan. Another possibility is that it wasn't a real snake at all. In other words, perhaps Satan materialized and took the physical form of a serpent. Even then, I still find it unusual that Eve would consider talking to a disgusting snake. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul mentions the deception that occurred in the Garden of Eden in the following verses, and he warns us to beware of Satan's subtle tricks, lest we become spiritually blinded by his evil deceptions:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ . . . And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."
2 Corinthians 11:3, 14, KJV

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."
2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
Ephesians 2:2, KJV

This is precisely what that deceiver Satan did in the Garden of Eden. He appeared to Eve as an angel of light, and as a supposed bearer of truth and spiritual enlightenment. Satan purposely deceived Eve when he falsely claimed the following:

"Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? . . . Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."
Genesis 3:1, 4-5, KJV

Contrary to Satan's claims, partaking of the forbidden fruit did not result in Adam and Eve becoming as gods. Furthermore, they died a spiritual death that day, which was physically manifested when the Lord ousted them from the Garden of Eden. Tragically, Adam and Eve could not have possibly realized the long-term effect of their rebellion against the Lord, which is clearly revealed in the following verses:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift:

for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."
Romans 5:12-19, KJV

"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
1 Corinthians 15:21-22, KJV

While that vile serpent Satan pretended to give Eve spiritual light and truth, in reality, he was actually filling her mind with spiritual darkness and lies. As we have seen, the tragic result of partaking of his deceptive, bitter fruit was both spiritual and physical death; not only for Adam and Eve, but for us as well. I am reminded of the following powerful verse that is found in the Book of Isaiah:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"
Isaiah 5:20, KJV

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Satan Is A Lying Deceiver And A Murderer, Spiritual Death Of Humanity Was Satan's Very First Act Of Murder, Lion Serpent And Dragon Are All Symbols Used For Satan, Satan Is A False Angel Of Light, Satan's Physical Form In The Garden Of Eden, Satan Shall Be Trampled Underfoot, "Dragon" In The Bible Is "Tanniyn" And "Drakon", Leviathan May Have Lived Socially In Pods, Leviathan Were Plenteous In Red Sea, Fed To Children Of Israel, Origin Of Word "Leviathan", Personal Doubts About Leviathan Being A Plesiosaurus, A Fire-Breathing Luminescent Sea Monster, Modern Proof: Fireflies And Bombardier Beetles, Leviathan May Have Possessed Multiple Heads, A Seven-Headed Red Dragon In Book Of Revelation, Satan Cast Into Bottomless Pit And Then Lake Of Fire, Greek Mythology Concerning Titans Olympians Hercules Hydra Hydrus And Multi-Headed Water Snake,

Examining Job 41 From New Perspective, Satan's Supplications To Eve, Beast's Deceptive Treaty, Scales Of Pride, Enticed By Temptations Of The World, Apostle Paul Healed Of Physical And Spiritual Blindness Resulting From His Pride, Herod Agrippa I Is Smitten With Worms By The Lord And Dies, Flavius Josephus

Continuing our discussion from part one, while Adam and Eve foolishly fell for Satan's deception in the Garden of Eden, in the Gospel of John, while speaking to His unbelieving Jewish enemies, Jesus fully exposed that liar, deceiver and murderer when He stated the following:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
John 8:44, KJV

While many Christians consider the story of Cain and Abel to be Satan's first murderous act in the Scriptures, the truth of the matter is that he really murdered all of humanity when he convinced Adam and Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit. Thank God that we can now find hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Thus far, we have seen that in the Scriptures, Leviathan is described as both a serpent, as well as a dragon of the sea. Another verse which mentions a dragon and a snake together can be found in Psalm 91, as we see here:

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."
Psalms 91:13, KJV

In the previous verse, the word "adder" is translated from the Hebrew word "pethen" which means a snake or a venomous serpent. While it is possible that a lion, a venomous serpent and a dragon are mentioned in the same verse together because they were animals which were feared, I must wonder if there is possibly a greater significance and meaning to the verse. It should not escape us that in the Scriptures, all three of these animals are used as symbols for Satan. We have already seen how "serpent" and "dragon" are used, but allow me to remind you of what the Apostle Peter writes in his Epistle:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"
1 Peter 5:8, KJV

If we accept the previous verse from Psalm 91 as meaning a real dragon, we run into an obvious problem. There is no way that a person can really trample a dragon underfoot. However, as I noted in part one, if we delve deeper into God's Word by comparing Scripture with Scripture, we arrive at a satisfying -- and Biblical -- answer. You may recall that in the Book of Genesis, after Adam and Eve had disobeyed the Lord by eating of the forbidden fruit, the Lord cursed the serpent by saying the following to him:

". . . Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
Genesis 3:14-15, KJV

There are two things I would like to bring to your attention regarding the previous verses. As I mentioned in part one, I have always wondered exactly what appearance and form Satan took in the Garden of Eden prior to the judgment that took place in the previous verses. Did Satan take the form of a serpent from the start, or did he actually appear to Eve in his original true form; that is, as an Angelic Being? If you had been Eve, would you be attracted to an ugly serpent, or to a beautiful Angelic Being who glowed with radiant light? Let's not forget what Paul wrote concerning Satan thousands of years after the event in the Garden:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."
2 Corinthians 11:14, KJV

If we consider that crawling on his belly was a part of the curse that was pronounced upon Satan after he had deceived Adam and Eve, and induced them to disobey the Lord, it does suggest that he may have possessed some other form prior to the curse. It may interest you to know that some additional support for this possibility likewise exists in some of the Apocryphal Works which were not included in our modern-day Bible. These ancient scrolls -- which include a large number of apocalypses, or revelations, as well as the Book of Enoch -- hint that before being cursed by God, this subtle serpent of Eden possessed arms, legs, ears, etc. He was humanoid.

The second point I would like to bring to your attention in regards to the previous verses that are taken from the Book of Genesis, is the fact that we are told "it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." You will recall that the verse that we examined a moment ago from Psalm 91 states the following:

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."
Psalms 91:13, KJV

It would certainly seem that the Apostle Paul had both the events of Genesis chapter three, as well as the verse from Psalm 91 in mind, when he wrote the following words in his Epistle to the brethren at Rome:

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Amen."
Romans 16:20, KJV

Thus, if we consider that a lion, a dragon and a serpent are all used to symbolize Satan in the Scriptures, it makes it a lot easier to understand how these creatures could indeed be trampled underfoot in a symbolic sense.

The word "dragon" is actually found nineteen times in the KJV Bible. In the Old Testament, in the six times that it is used, it is derived from the Hebrew word "tanniyn". Pronounced as 'tan-noon', the Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon provides the following definition for this ancient word:

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- 1) dragon, serpent, sea monster
 - 1a) dragon or dinosaur
 - 1b) sea or river monster
 - 1c) serpent, venomous snake

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In the New Testament, the Hebrew word "tanniyn" finds its Greek equivalent in the word "drakon", which Thayer's Greek English Lexicon defines as "a dragon, a great serpent, and a name for Satan." On a related note, as I mention in a few of my other articles, "Draco" also happens to be the name of a constellation which rotates around the North Pole. While we have already covered a lot of Scriptural territory in our endeavor to decipher the mystery surrounding Leviathan the dragon of the sea, we are not quite finished yet. There are still a number of other interesting verses to discuss. For example, consider the following verses which reveal another fact regarding Leviathan the ancient sea monster:

"Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers."
Psalms 74:13-15, KJV

The first thing to notice is that these verses are obviously referring to a very real, literal creature. After all, it is not possible to feed people with an imaginary sea monster. It is also interesting to note that there was more than just one Leviathan. Apparently, there were in fact whole herds of them, or perhaps "pods" would be a more correct word to use being as they lived in the seas and oceans of the world, and not on dry land. Furthermore, if we consider that the verses are describing how God divided the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites, it strongly suggests that these Leviathan were rather plenteous in the Red Sea during that time period.

The word "leviathan" finds its origin in the ancient Hebrew word "liviathan". Pronounced as 'liv-yaw-thawn', the Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon defines it as follows:

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- 1) leviathan, sea monster, dragon
 - 1a) large aquatic animal
 - 1b) perhaps the extinct dinosaur, plesiosaurus, exact meaning unknown

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As you can see, and as I mentioned in part one, it has been suggested that Leviathan may possibly have been related to the plesiosaurus. However, personally, I do have some doubts regarding this possibility. As we saw in part one, the Book of Job describes these sea beasts as great, fire-breathing dragons, and not just as marine reptiles. Recall that we are told that "Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth . . . He maketh the deep to boil like a pot."

There are also several indications that, similar to quite a few deep sea creatures which still exist today, the Leviathan may also have been luminescent to some degree. We are told that "by his neesings a light doth shine", and "he maketh a path to shine after him." The word "neesings" means sneezes. The original Hebrew words indicate that these phrases are referring to actual, physical light.

While some of my incredulous readers may scoff at the idea of fire-breathing dragons, the truth of the matter is that even today, there are some hints in nature which suggest that it may have been possible for certain creatures to breath fire a long ago. There are some insects which possess the ability to store certain chemical compounds in their bodies, which when mixed together can produce luminescence or some other effect. Everyone is familiar with the lightning bug, or firefly. An equally interesting insect is known as the Bombardier Beetle. Similar to the firefly, this unusual beetle possesses special reservoirs in its abdomen where it stores chemical compounds. When combined, the compounds are used as a powerful defensive mechanism. Consider the following excerpt that is taken from the Wikipedia website:

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"When disturbed, the beetle ejects a noxious chemical spray in a rapid burst of pulses from special glands in its abdomen. The ejection is accompanied with a popping sound. A bombardier beetle produces and stores two reactant chemical compounds, hydroquinone and hydrogen peroxide, in separate reservoirs in the rear tip of its abdomen. When threatened, the beetle contracts muscles that force the two reactants through valved tubes into a mixing chamber containing water and a mixture of catalytic enzymes. When combined, the reactants undergo a violent exothermic chemical reaction, raising the temperature to near the boiling point of water."

"The corresponding pressure buildup forces the entrance valves from the reactant storage chambers to close, thus protecting the beetle's internal organs. The boiling, foul-smelling liquid partially becomes a gas (flash evaporation) and is expelled through an outlet valve into the atmosphere with a loud popping sound. The flow of reactants into the reaction chamber and subsequent ejection to the atmosphere occurs cyclically at a rate of about 500 times per second and with the total pulsation period lasting for only a fraction of a second. The gland openings of some African bombardier beetles can swivel through 270° and thrust between the insect's legs, so it can be discharged in a multitude of directions with considerable accuracy."

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Notice that when this foul-smelling liquid is released by a Bombardier Beetle, it is almost as hot as boiling water, and yet the insect itself remains unharmed. If a modern beetle is capable of performing this amazing feat, who is to say that an ancient sea monster didn't possess similar chambers in its body, which would allow it to mix certain chemical compounds together, and then shoot fire from its mouth at will? Taking into consideration this modern scientific evidence, the idea of fire-breathing dragons does not seem so far-fetched after all. For those of you who may have an interest in seeing a Bombardier Beetle in action, I'll include a few YouTube links at the end of this series. I cannot guarantee that they will still be available at the time that you access them.

Whatever Leviathan was, the Book of Job makes it very clear that it could not be caught or tamed by man, regardless of the device that was used. This beast was greatly feared by everyone who encountered it. Furthermore, my impression is that this monster of the deep was of a very great size, and considerably larger than a plesiosaurus. It is because men were not able capture these creatures, that we are told that God Himself had to subdue it, in order to feed the children of Israel in the wilderness.

Returning to Psalm 74, there is a small hint that Leviathan may have possibly been a multi-headed sea serpent or dragon. The verses say "thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness." The first section states "heads" and "dragons" which matches in plurality. However, in the second part, we read "heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him." The words "leviathan" and "him" are singular, which seems to suggest that these heads are on one creature. If the second part is a repetition of the first section, then "him" should really be "them", but it isn't. In other words, it would read "heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest [them]."

If you are a serious student of God's Word, then you will no doubt already know that this latter interpretation regarding Leviathan -- the dragon of the sea -- having multiple heads finds full agreement in the Book of Revelation. Consider the following verses:

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."
Revelation 12:3, KJV

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy . . . And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."
Revelation 13:1, 3, KJV

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of

names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns . . .
And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I
will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast
that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten
horns."

Revelation 17:3, 7, KJV

Exactly what is going to be the fate of this seven-headed,
great, red dragon who we now know symbolizes Satan himself?
As I explain in articles such as "Satan: His Origin, Purpose
and Future", the Book of Revelation clearly informs us that
he has an appointment in the Bottomless Pit, and ultimately
in the Lake of Fire, as we can determine from the following
verses:

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven,
and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before
the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her
child as soon as it was born . . . And there was war in
heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;
and the dragon fought and his angels . . . And the great
dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and
Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into
the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 12:4, 7, 9, KJV

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is
the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years . . .
And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of
fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet
are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."
Revelation 20:2, 10, KJV

As I discuss in a few of my other articles, there exists the
possibility that some of the ancient Greek myths concerning
the Titans and the Olympians may have originally had a basis
in actual historical fact. However, with the passage of time,
these stories were embellished, distorted and exaggerated. It
is interesting to note that one such story involves Hercules
-- or Heracles as he is actually known -- and a multi-headed
monster that was known as Hydra. Each time that a head was
cut off, a new one would simply grow in its place. What you
may find interesting is the fact that in the Greek language,
"Hydra" is actually "Hudra", and it refers to a water snake.
In the field of Astronomy, Hydra and Hydrus -- they are two
separate constellations, one male, and one female -- are
called the Water Snake, or the Sea Monster. Is it possible
then that Leviathan and Hydra represented one and the same
multi-headed creature, or at least very similar creatures?

With the information I have now provided, we have discovered
a correlation between Leviathan, the serpent of Genesis, the
dragon of Revelation, and Satan himself. We have learned that
since the beginning of time, Satan has been using his powers
to deceive and lie to humanity. With this new understanding
regarding who Leviathan may represent, we can return to Job
chapter forty-one and see the Scriptures in a new light. Let
us begin by reconsidering the following two verses:

"Will he make many supplications unto thee? Will he speak
soft words unto thee? Will he make a covenant with thee?"
Job 41:3-4, KJV

As we have seen, this is exactly what Lucifer did with Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan did in fact make supplications to Eve and spoke to her in a soft deceptive voice which resulted in the downfall of humankind. I also find it interesting that in the Book of Revelation, the Satanic leader is referred to as the Beast. In the Book of Daniel we find another Beast -- who may possibly be the same secular leader as the one who is mentioned in the Book of Revelation -- who signs a covenant -- that is, a false peace treaty -- in order to consolidate his power by deceptive means. Consider this verse:

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Daniel 9:27, KJV

In verses fifteen and thirty-four of Job chapter forty-one we find another interesting description of Leviathan, as we see here:

"His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal . . . He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride."

Job 41:15, 34, KJV

Clearly, the scales of this fire-breathing dragon of the sea are used to represent pride. Furthermore, it was also pride which in the end, resulted in the fall of Adam and Eve, as we can determine by the following verse:

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Genesis 3:6, KJV

As the Apostle John reveals in his first Epistle, Satan, who is the false god of this current world, knew exactly what Eve's vulnerabilities were; and that old serpent used them to his advantage. Consider the following interesting verses:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

1 John 2:15-17, KJV

Of course, Adam and Eve were not the only two people in the Scriptures who have ever yielded to their pride. In the Book of Acts, we find the story of the Christian persecutor Saul of Tarsus, who later became known as the Apostle Paul. You may recall that after having been blinded by the Lord due to his pharisaical pride and persecution of God's children, the Lord sent Ananias to heal Paul. Notice the exact words which

are used to describe this particular miracle of healing:

"And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

Acts 9:18, KJV

Clearly, after his experience on the road to Damascus, the Apostle Paul became a much more humbler man, and a vessel who was more fit for the Master's use. At the same time, he received new spiritual insight which he had not previously had. I am likewise reminded of the awful fate which befell proud King Herod Agrippa I in the Book of Acts. This is the same Herod who killed James, the brother of John, and then proceeded to imprison the Apostle Peter as well, no doubt with the intention of executing Peter too. However, as we know, God had other plans in store for Peter, as well as for evil Herod Agrippa I. In his foolish pride, Herod made the mistake of allowing his subjects to deify him. Consider what happened to him next, and be warned:

"And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

Acts 12:21-23, KJV

In relating his account regarding the painful death of Herod Agrippa I in Book XIX Chapter 8 of his "Antiquities of the Jews", Jewish historian Flavius Josephus writes as follows:

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"Now when Agrippa had reigned three years over all Judea, he came to the city Cesarea, which was formerly called Strato's Tower; and there he exhibited shows in honor of Caesar, upon his being informed that there was a certain festival celebrated to make vows for his safety. At which festival a great multitude was gotten together of the principal persons, and such as were of dignity through his province. On the second day of which shows he put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a contexture truly wonderful, and came into the theater early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun's rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those that looked intently upon him; and presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another, (though not for his good,) that he was a god; and they added, "Be thou merciful to us; for although we have hitherto revered thee only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own thee as superior to mortal nature." Upon this the king did neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery. But as he presently afterward looked up, he saw an owl sitting on a certain rope over his head, and immediately understood that this bird was the messenger of ill tidings, as it had once been the messenger of good tidings to him; and fell into the deepest sorrow. A severe pain also arose in his belly, and began in a most violent manner. He therefore looked upon his friends, and said, "I, whom you call a god, am commanded

presently to depart this life; while Providence thus reproves the lying words you just now said to me; and I, who was by you called immortal, am immediately to be hurried away by death. But I am bound to accept of what Providence allots, as it pleases God; for we have by no means lived ill, but in a splendid and happy manner." When he said this, his pain was become violent. Accordingly he was carried into the palace, and the rumor went abroad every where, that he would certainly die in a little time. But the multitude presently sat in sackcloth, with their wives and children, after the law of their country, and besought God for the king's recovery. All places were also full of mourning and lamentation. Now the king rested in a high chamber, and as he saw them below lying prostrate on the ground, he could not himself forbear weeping. And when he had been quite worn out by the pain in his belly for five days, he departed this life, being in the fifty-fourth year of his age, and in the seventh year of his reign; for he reigned four years under Caius Caesar, three of them were over Philip's tetrarchy only, and on the fourth he had that of Herod added to it; and he reigned, besides those, three years under the reign of Claudius Caesar; in which time he reigned over the forementioned countries, and also had Judea added to them, as well as Samaria and Cesarea. The revenues that he received out of them were very great, no less than twelve millions of drachme. Yet did he borrow great sums from others; for he was so very liberal that his expenses exceeded his incomes, and his generosity was boundless."

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Clearly, in Herod's particular case, pride was a real killer, and in a very literal sense no less. We would all be wise to consider this wisdom that is found in the Book of Proverbs:

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18, KJV

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Returning to our discussion regarding Job chapter forty-one, you will recall the following verse which describes one of the more amazing attributes of Leviathan, the fire-breathing monster of the deep sea:

"His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth."
Job 41:21, KJV

Is it possible that there is also a spiritual parallel to his ability to breath fire? As it turns out, this too symbolizes another characteristic of Satan the Devil. This parallel is revealed by comparing the above verse with a passage that is found in the sixth chapter of the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. This chapter concerns the spiritual nature of our warfare against Satan. Consider the following verse:

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."
Ephesians 6:16, KJV

Thus we see that just as Leviathan was capable of shooting a flame from his mouth, Satan likewise attacks our minds with the fiery darts of his doubts. You will recall that when that sly serpent tempted Eve in the Garden, this is precisely what he did. He said "Hath God said? Are you sure, Eve? Are you so certain that God is telling you the whole truth?". In a word, that subtle snake caused Eve to doubt God's Word, and we have all paid for that mistake ever since. Satan murdered us all, but Jesus gave us a chance at New Life, Eternal Life. On a related note, the Apostle Paul also writes the following in his Epistle to the brethren at Rome:

"Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."
Romans 14:22-23, KJV

While Paul was obviously discussing dietary customs and laws in that chapter, and basically saying that each person must believe, eat and live according to their personal degree of faith, at the same time, a deeper spiritual lesson can also be learned from these verses as well. This lesson relates to the incident in Eden. As we have seen, Satan caused Eve to doubt God's Word. I can just imagine the conversation which may have occurred between Adam and Eve during those fateful moments: "What if the serpent is telling us the truth, Adam? What if God isn't really telling us everything? What if He is purposely holding back on us, because He does not want us to be as powerful as He is? What if eating this fruit will turn us into gods?"

Eve obviously knew in her heart that what she was doing was very wrong. God's Spirit must have been trying to convict her heart, even in those final seconds before she took the fateful bite. She knew that she should not doubt God's love for her. However, just like the Apostle Paul, she became spiritually blinded to the truth by her own free will. The Devil's seemingly well-meaning, soft supplications grasped her heart, and captured her imagination, and would not let go. The temptation was simply too great. "What if eating this fruit will turn us into gods? Gods, Adam; gods!"

That was all it took. Satan won in that particular moment. Eve, and then Adam, sinned against God. They rebelled and went against His Word. They broke His Divine Law; for He had clearly told them in so many words "Don't you touch it! Just don't dare touch it, or eat of it! Stay away from the Tree, or else you will surely pay the consequences for your sin!" And they did, and we did as well. As the Apostle John tells us in his first Epistle:

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."
1 John 3:4, KJV

As we all know now, rather than yield themselves to Satan's lies and deception, what Adam and Eve should have actually done is reflected in the following verses:

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."
Matthew 16:23, KJV

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."
Luke 4:8, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
John 8:44, KJV

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."
1 Corinthians 10:13, KJV

"Neither give place to the devil."
Ephesians 4:27, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
James 4:7, KJV

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

Jude 1:9, KJV

Of course, as Bible-believing Christians, we understand that even back then, God had already begun to put His great plan of Salvation into motion. As we saw in part one, the Apostle Paul informs us that this wonderful plan of Redemption was brought into force by the last Adam, or the substitutionary Adam; that is, Jesus Christ, who is the Testator and the Mediator of the New Covenant between God and man. Consider the following verses:

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."
1 Corinthians 15:45-49, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"
1 Timothy 2:5, KJV

"But now hath he [Jesus] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."
Hebrews 8:6-13, KJV

"And for this cause he [Jesus] is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."
Hebrews 9:15, KJV

"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."
Hebrews 12:24, KJV

If you are interested in acquiring a deeper understanding of this topic, please consider reading such articles as "The Blood Atonement: In Jesus' Own Words".

Another interesting attribute regarding Leviathan which is already apparent to you, is that contrary to what we often see depicted in fantasy movies and stories, the Bible does not describe him as a land-based dragon, but rather as a sea-dwelling monster. As we saw in part two, there exists a spiritual parallel to the Beast which rises up out of the sea in Revelation chapter thirteen. Allow me to share that verse with you again:

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

Revelation 13:1, KJV

Without going into extensive detail, as I do in a few other articles, let me simply say that I believe that this Beast which rises up out of the sea is the physical manifestation of Satan's power on Earth; that is, the governmental powers and leaders who Satan controls. Notice that the appearance of this Beast parallels the Dragon that we discussed earlier in Revelation chapter twelve. The primary difference is that the Dragon has seven heads with seven crowns, whereas this Beast which rises up out of the sea possesses seven heads with ten crowns. To resolve this difference, a possible solution can be found in Daniel chapter seven. In that chapter -- which also describes a Beast which rises to world dominance -- we find the following verse:

"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."

Daniel 7:24, KJV

This verse informs us that the Beast conquers or in some way destroys three nations or leaders who appear to oppose him. I offer one possible interpretation of this verse in my article entitled "The Beast and the Three Broken Horns". At any rate, this may explain why three crowns are missing from the heads of the Dragon in Revelation chapter twelve.

But the real question for our current discussion regarding the fire-breathing sea serpent Leviathan is this: Exactly what do the seas in which he swims represent? How do they relate to the sea out of which the Beast rises in the Book of Revelation? Once again we can find a Biblical answer in Revelation chapter seventeen. This chapter describes the mysterious Babylon the Great, which some Christians believe represents the false politico-religious system, being as she rides on the back of the political Beast. Consider this verse:

"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

Revelation 17:15, KJV

Thus we see that the seas and the waters actually represent

the peoples and nations of the Earth from which the kingdoms of Satan arise. This provides us with a clear parallel to the Book of Job, and Leviathan, the dragon of the sea. Being as Satan is a spiritual entity, it makes perfect sense that he must manifest his power through those individuals amongst the governments and people of the world who choose to do his evil bidding. We find another confirmation for this interpretation in the following verse that is found in the Book of Ezekiel:

"Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself."
Ezekiel 29:3, KJV

The previous verse appears to have a double meaning in that it not only describes Pharaoh as a great dragon -- meaning that he is one of Satan's worldly rulers -- but it likewise describes the people he rules as being rivers. Following is a similar verse in the Book of Ezekiel which also describes Pharaoh king of Egypt, using even more metaphors:

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and foulest their rivers."
Ezekiel 32:2, KJV

As in previous examples, the symbolic nature of seas, waters and rivers is rather apparent. Of course, there is likewise a more mundane explanation for the rivers in which this great Pharaoh lies. Similar to Cairo today, the capital of ancient Egypt was situated in the area of the Nile Delta. It was here where the Nile River -- which at 6,650 kilometers, or 4,130 miles, is generally viewed as the longest river in the world -- splits into various branches, which in turn empty into the Mediterranean Sea. Back then, the Nile Delta was divided by seven branches, which the ancients referred to as "septem ostia Nili"; that is, "the seven mouths of the Nile". Today, however, due to a variety of reasons, there are now only two branches; the Rosetta Branch in the western section of the delta, and the Damietta Branch in the eastern section of the delta.

A few additional verses which likewise describe Satan and his earthly rulers as dragons are the following:

"Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?"
Isaiah 51:9, KJV

"Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out."
Jeremiah 51:34, KJV

With these verses, we have now concluded our examination of the spiritual symbolism which may be associated with the sea monster Leviathan that is found in the Book of Job. While I

have not endeavored to find a symbolic or metaphorical link with every single aspect concerning Leviathan, nevertheless, I hope that the information I have provided in this series will help you to recognize how Leviathan may be a physical representation of Satan, who not only fell from Grace himself due to his pride, but who is also the king of the children of pride.

In summation, the seas in which Leviathan dwells represent the deceived nations, leaders and people of the world who do his bidding. The fire this sea monster breaths symbolizes the fiery darts of Satan's doubts, as well as the deceptions and lies which he casts out in order to snare unwary souls. The scales of this great water serpent represent the very pride which can result in our own downfall if we are not careful. The seven-headed dragon symbolizes Satan's spiritual nature, while the seven-headed Beast is the physical manifestation of his power through secular governments, leaders and their people.

Please note that this subject is considerably deeper than what I have presented in this series. In this series I have primarily focused on those verses which have assisted us in understanding the possible link between Leviathan and Satan and his global Kingdom of Darkness. Let me emphasize that this series represents my personal understanding regarding the possible symbolism behind Leviathan, and is based on what I have personally learned from God's Word over the past forty years. Obviously, I am not infallible. As such, you are not obligated to agree with my interpretation if you do not want to. I encourage you to read other articles, and compare them with what I have written in this series, in order to obtain a well-rounded understanding concerning this issue.

While this series has focused primarily on the spiritual side of Leviathan, let me remind you again that, personally, I am convinced that it was a real creature, and quite possibly an actual fire-breathing dragon, as this seems to be what the Scriptures strongly suggest, in my view.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I pray that you have found it informative, and that it has been a blessing in your life. If you have been inspired by it, I encourage you to share its URL link with all of your online friends. Also, if you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would very much appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you!

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Adaptation, Evilution and the Six Days of Genesis
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Satan: His Purpose, Origin and Future
Satan: King of Tyrus, King of Empires
The Beast and the Three Broken Horns
The Blood Atonement: In Jesus' Own Words
The Dinosaur Dilemma and Modern Science
The Earth is Under 7,000 Years Old
The Wisdom of God Versus the Philosophy of Men

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