

Job 40:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together." The tail compared to a cedar (erez, אֶרֶץ) suggests massive size and strength. The "sinews" (gidey, גִּידֵי) being "wrapped together" (yeshoragu, יְשָׁרוּגָעַ) emphasizes integrated strength. God created this creature with perfect structural integrity. Every detail serves function. This demonstrates divine craftsmanship at its finest—nothing accidental or poorly designed, even in creation's most powerful members.

Historical Context

Cedar trees were the ancient world's symbol of strength and majesty, used in temple and palace construction. Comparing Behemoth's tail to cedar emphasizes its extraordinary power. Ancient observers would be awed by God's ability to create such magnificent strength and coordinate it perfectly.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does observing intricate design in powerful creatures strengthen your trust in God's detailed providence?
2. What areas of your life need to recognize God's integrated design rather than seeing random elements?

Interlinear Text

רָקַע	וְיָתַר	כַּמָּוֹ	לִבְבָּשׁ	וְ	יְחִגָּעַ	אַ	כִּי	אַ	בְּ	יְהִי	אַ	בְּ	גָּדִיל	וְ	יְהִי	אַ	בְּ	גָּדִיל	
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