

# Job 40:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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"He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together." The tail compared to a cedar (erez, עֵרֶז) suggests massive size and strength. The "sinews" (gidey, גִּידֵי) being "wrapped together" (yeshoragu, יִשְׁרָגוּ) 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

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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

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**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

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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

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<b>He moveth</b>	<b>his tail</b>	<sup>H3644</sup>	<b>like a cedar</b>	<b>the sinews</b>	<b>of his stones</b>
<sup>H2654</sup>	<sup>H2180</sup>		<sup>H730</sup>	<sup>H1517</sup>	<sup>H6344</sup>
וְשִׁרְיָנָיו:					
<b>are wrapped together</b>					
<sup>H8276</sup>					

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