

Job 40:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron." The comparison to brass (nechushshah, נָחוּשָׁה) and iron (barzel, בָּרֶזֶל) emphasizes skeletal strength. Ancient metallurgy produced the hardest materials humans knew—yet Behemoth's bones surpass these. God designs creatures with specifications exceeding human engineering. This teaches that divine creation employs "materials" and principles humans cannot replicate, demonstrating the Creator's superior wisdom and power.

Historical Context

Bronze and iron represented the hardest substances in ancient technology, used for weapons and tools. God's comparison taught that even humanity's greatest technological achievements pale before natural design in God's creation. This would humble human pride in technological progress.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does nature's superior design compared to human technology reveal God's wisdom?
2. What human achievements are you tempted to pride yourself in, forgetting they cannot match God's creative work?

Interlinear Text

בָּרֶזֶל:	כְּתַבְתִּי	יְלִגְתִּי	בְּרִמְתִּי	נְחֹזֶשֶׁת	הַ	אֲגִילָּתִי	אֲתַתִּי
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