

Job 40:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

Analysis

"He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares." Behemoth cannot be caught by watching (be'eynav, בְּעֵינָיו, "with his eyes") or snares through the nose. Human hunting methods fail against this creature. Only God controls Behemoth. This demonstrates that some aspects of creation remain beyond human dominion, keeping humans humble. We are not given mastery over everything—some things remain exclusively under God's authority, teaching dependence and trust.

Historical Context

Ancient hunting employed traps, snares, and other methods to capture animals for food or control. Behemoth's immunity to such methods taught that human ingenuity has limits. Not everything can be controlled or domesticated. This humble recognition distinguished biblical wisdom from human hubris claiming to master all nature.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What aspects of creation or circumstance must you accept as beyond your control, trusting God's sovereignty?
2. How does recognizing limits to human dominion paradoxically free you from anxiety about controlling everything?

Interlinear Text

בְּעֵינָיו י'	יִקְחֵנוּ	בְּמִוְקֵשׁ ים	יִנְקֹב	אַף:
it with his eyes	He taketh	snares	pierceth through	his nose
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