

# Job 41:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

## Analysis

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God asks: 'Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?' This sea creature (possibly crocodile) cannot be caught with fishing gear. Divine power governs what human technology cannot capture.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern mythology featured Leviathan as chaos monster. God's domestication questions (hook, cord) mock human presumption to control cosmic powers.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What 'leviathans' in your life resist your attempts at control?
2. How does recognizing divine authority over chaos creatures comfort you?

## Interlinear Text

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Canst thou draw out	leviathan	with an hook	with a cord	which thou lettest down
H4900	H3882	H2443	H2256	H8257
לְשׁוֹנוֹ:				
or his tongue				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 27:1** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Psalms 104:26** (Parallel theme): There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

**Psalms 74:14** (Parallel theme): Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

**Job 3:8** (Parallel theme): Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.