

Job 41:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal." Leviathan's scales (aphiqey maginav, אִפְּיֵי מַגִּינָיו, "channels of his shields") form impenetrable armor, sealed tightly. The Hebrew gaavah (גָּאָוָה, "pride/majesty") suggests both defensive strength and God-given glory. Even in describing protective features, God reveals His craftsmanship. This teaches that divine design includes perfect defense mechanisms, demonstrating comprehensive wisdom in creation.

Historical Context

Ancient armor and shields protected warriors in battle. Leviathan's natural armor surpassed human military technology. This taught that God's design in nature exceeds human engineering, creating perfect defense systems. It assured readers that God can protect His people more effectively than any human armor.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does observing God's perfect design of natural defenses strengthen trust in His protection?

2. What "scales" has God given you—natural defenses and strengths—to steward wisely?

Interlinear Text

גַּ אֲזָה	אֶפִּיקַי	מִגְנֵי יָם	סָג וֹר	חוֹתָם	צָר:
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