

Job 41:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron." The smoke imagery continues emphasizing power and danger. A "seething pot" (dud naphuach, דוד נפוח) suggests intense heat and violent boiling. Leviathan embodies forces that could overwhelm any human opposition. God's detailed description teaches that He intimately knows even the most dangerous aspects of creation. Nothing escapes His awareness or control.

Historical Context

Boiling pots represented common but dangerous household realities. Comparing Leviathan to this made its danger relatable while emphasizing the scale difference. This taught that God manages forces infinitely more dangerous than any human hazard, yet with complete control.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's intimate knowledge of dangerous realities assure you He hasn't forgotten your threats?
2. What overwhelming forces must you remember are fully known and governed by God?

Interlinear Text

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