

Job 41:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him." Leviathan's neck contains concentrated strength (oz, רִי). The phrase "sorrow is turned into joy" likely means terror dances before it—enemies flee in panic. This demonstrates that overwhelming power changes circumstances dramatically—what opposes it becomes its celebration. Spiritually, this anticipates how God's power transforms sorrow to joy (Psalm 30:11), making enemies flee.

Historical Context

The neck's strength was crucial for ancient warriors and animals. Leviathan's extraordinary neck strength emphasized its dominance. The fleeing enemies taught that overwhelming power doesn't need to struggle—opposition simply dissolves. This assured readers of God's effortless victory over all threats.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How has God's intervention transformed your sorrows to joy, making opposition flee?
2. What enemies or threats need to be confronted by God's overwhelming power rather than your struggling effort?

Interlinear Text

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| In his neck | remaineth | strength | before | is turned into joy | and sorrow |
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