

# Job 41:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

## Analysis

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God describes Leviathan's underside and movement. 'Sharp stones are under him' (tachataiv chaddudei chares, תַּחְתָּיו חֲדָדֵי־חָרֶשׁ) suggests the creature's belly is covered with sharp, pottery-like projections. 'He spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire' (yirpad charuts alei-tit, יִרְפֹּד חֲרוּץ עַל־יֵטִיט) describes how Leviathan leaves impressions like a threshing sledge in mud. A threshing sledge was studded with sharp stones or metal to separate grain—Leviathan's movement creates similar patterns. This verse reveals that even the creature's underside—typically a vulnerability in armored animals—is weaponized. There is no weak point, no opportunity for attack. Theologically, this represents evil's comprehensive nature—it protects itself from every angle, requires divine intervention to defeat. The threshing imagery also connects to judgment (Isaiah 41:15), suggesting Leviathan's movement brings destruction, grinding whatever it passes over.

## Historical Context

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Threshing sledges were wooden boards studded with sharp stones, dragged over grain to separate kernels from chaff. This agricultural tool created distinctive patterns in the threshing floor. God's description of Leviathan creating similar patterns emphasizes its destructive power and the impossibility of approaching it from below—even its vulnerable underside is deadly.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What 'weak points' do you expect in evil or temptation that actually prove to be more dangerous than anticipated?
2. How does recognizing evil's comprehensive defenses drive you to depend on Christ rather than your own strategy?
3. In what ways does God use His enemies' destructive movements to accomplish His threshing purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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תַּחֲתָיו H8478	חֲדָשִׁים <b>Sharp</b> H2303	אֲבָנִים <b>stones</b> H2789	יִרְפֹּד <b>are under him he spreadeth</b> H7502	חֲרָצִים <b>sharp pointed things</b> H2742
עָלָיו H5921	עָלֵה <b>upon the mire</b> H2916			