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1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
LEVIATHAN, *TANNIN*, AND *RAHAV*

2 SAMUEL 7:18–29; PSALM 89:10

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Davidic Covenant***



Psa. 89:10, “You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;

You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.”

רַהַב comm masc sing abs *Rahab, Rahav*

רַחַב proper *Rahab, literally, Rachav, name*

This term shows up in Job 9:13; Job 26:12; Psalm 89:10; Isaiah 51:9. TWOT describes the verbal form in this manner:

“The verb occurs only four times in the OT and signifies storming at or against something. The fundamental idea of rahab appears in the proverb, ‘Make sure thy friend’ (Prov. 6:3 KJV), literally, storm him; ... It denotes a tempestuous, and then arrogant, attitude.” ~TWOT

1. God created all living things including Rahav, leviathan, behemoth, the sea, and the *tannin*. These are real, not mythological creatures and creation.

2. God in His omniscience designed all of these things. Their design was intentional, with a view to how they would be used as biblical symbols as well as mythological representations.

a. God knew that He would use them as metaphors for describing Satan, the demons, the chaos of evil and sin, and the overall angelic rebellion.

b. Thus the morphological features of these creatures were all intentionally designed this way.

Think about the descriptions in the Bible of

- **The seraphim in Isaiah 6:1–6;**
- **The cherubim in Ezekiel 1 and Ezekiel 10**

Isa. 6:2, “Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Isa. 6:3, “And one cried to another and said:

**‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”**

Ezek. 1:6, “Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

Ezek. 1:7, “Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves’ feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.

Ezek. 1:8, “The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings.”

Ezek. 1:10, “As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.

Ezek. 1:11, “Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies.”

Ezek. 10:14, “Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.”

Rev. 4:7, “The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

Rev. 4:8, “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

**‘Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!’ ”**

**Psa. 104:4, “Who makes His angels spirits,
His ministers a flame of fire.”**

**Ezek. 28:14, “ ‘You were the anointed
cherub who covers;
I established you;
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst
of fiery stones.’ ”**

Ezek. 28:18,

**“ ‘You defiled your sanctuaries
By the multitude of your iniquities,
By the iniquity of your trading;
Therefore I brought fire from your midst;
It devoured you,
And I turned you to ashes upon the earth
In the sight of all who saw you.’ ”**

Tracing these “sea monsters”

1. *Yam*
2. *Tannin*
3. Leviathan
4. *Rahav*
5. Behemoth

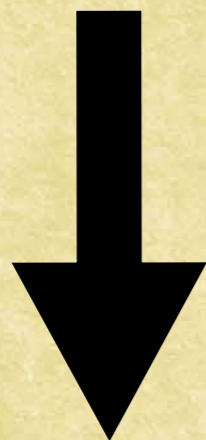
GOD the Creator

Mythological Deities

**All creatures:
*Yam, Leviathan,
Behemoth, Tannin, Rahav*
designed with a purpose**



**Uses God's creatures to
represent pagan deities
[demons] and to
describe origin myths.**



Referred to in the Bible:
**1. As actual, historical
creatures, and also**
**2. with a view to their
mythological connotations
to communicate God vs. evil.**

