

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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**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 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.**

