

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

LEVIATHAN, *TANNIN*, AND *RAHAV* – PART 2

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 basic meaning of the noun is arrogance. *Rahav* can best be translated as “the arrogant one.”**

**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.**

**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.”**

**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.”**

# Tracing these “sea monsters”

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

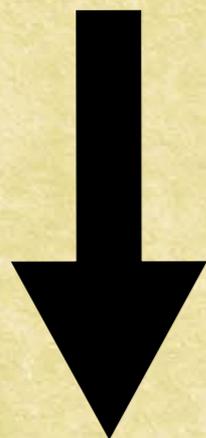
# **GOD the Creator**

# **Mythological Deities**

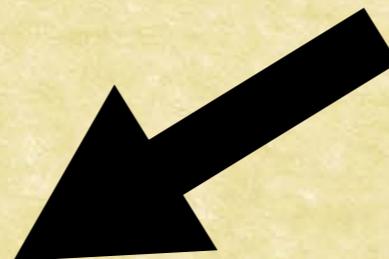
**All creatures:  
*Yam, Leviathan,  
Behemoth, Tannin, Rahav*  
designed with a purpose**



**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.**



**Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.**

**Job 1:7, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ ”**

**Job 2:1, “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.**

**Job 2:2, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ ”**

**Job 3:1, “After this Job opened his mouth and cursed [*Qala*] the day of his birth.”**

**Job 3:8, “May those curse it who curse the day,**

**Those who are ready to arouse Leviathan.”**

**Job 41:1, “Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,**

**Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?”**

**Job 3:8, “May those curse [*qabab* harsh] it who curse [*qll* treat with disrespect] the day,**

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**עוֹר *'ur***

**to wake up, be  
excited; causative-  
to wake someone  
up**

# Leviathan the Dragon?



# Leviathan

**Job 41:34, “He beholds every high thing;  
He is king over all the children of pride.”**

**Job 41:1, “Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,**

**Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?” ~NKJV**

**Job 41:1, “Can you pull the leviathan with a fishhook**

**or tie down his tongue with a rope?” ~NIV**

**Job 41:1, (40:25) “Can you pull in Leviathan with a hook,**

**and tie down its tongue with a rope?”**

**~NET**

**Job 41:10, “No one is so fierce that he would dare stir him up.**

**Who then is able to stand against Me?**

**Job 41:11, “Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him?**

**Everything under heaven is Mine.”**

**Job 41:31, “He makes the deep boil like a pot;**

**He makes the sea [*yam*] like a pot of ointment.**

**Job 41:32, “He leaves a shining wake behind him;**

**One would think the deep [*tehom*] had white hair.”**

**Job 41:34, “He beholds every high thing;  
He is king over all the children of pride.”**

**Job 41:33, “On earth there is nothing like  
him,  
Which is made without fear.”**

## **Psa. 74:13–14**

**“You divided the sea (*yam*) by Your strength;**

**You broke the heads of the sea serpents (*tannin*) in the waters.**

**You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces,**

**And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.”**

**Psa. 74:14, “You crushed the heads of Leviathan;  
you fed him to the people who live along the coast.” ~NET**

**Psa. 74:14, “You crushed the heads of Leviathan;  
You gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.” ~NASB95**

**Psa. 104:26, “There the ships sail about;  
There is that Leviathan  
Which You have made to play there.”  
~NKJV**

**Psa. 104:26, “The ships travel there,  
and over here swims the whale you  
made to play in it.” ~NET**

**Psa. 104:26, “There the ships move along,  
And Leviathan, which You have formed  
to sport in it.” ~NASB**

**Isa. 27:1, “In that day the LORD with His  
severe sword, great and strong,  
Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,  
Leviathan that twisted serpent;  
And He will slay the reptile [*tannin*] that is  
in the sea.” ~NKJV**

**Isa. 27:1, “In that day the LORD will punish  
Leviathan the fleeing serpent,  
With His fierce and great and mighty  
sword,  
Even Leviathan the twisted serpent;  
And He will kill the dragon who lives in the  
sea.” ~NASB**