

# NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOES

A study of the lives of Joseph, Jonah, and Job

## *Job - Chapters 41,42*

### Lesson 12

The final two chapters begin with God's last set of questions for Job, all revolving around the Leviathan, an unknown creature who was powerful and untameable. These chapters reflect Job's final discourse. The book of Job closes with Job's acknowledgment of the wonders of God, God's vindication of Job, and the restoration of his losses. God and Job proved Satan to be wrong. God is loveable!

#### **OBSERVATION: Read Job 41**

1. Read Job 41 using the Observation Worksheet. After reading through the chapter, what would you say to someone if they asked you what it is about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to *God* and *Job*.

Key Words: *God* and *Job*

#### **READ JOB 41**

1. As God continued with His questions, He spent an entire chapter addressing the strength and untamability of the *Leviathan*. Some think the *Leviathan* was a crocodile, others an enormous sea creature. Its identity matters little to us. Rather, we should note what God says about this creature. It is mentioned four other times in Scripture. Record what the following verses reveal about the *Leviathan*:

Job 3:8

Psalm 74:13-14

Psalm 104:25-26

Isaiah 27:1

2. Read through Job 41 and list facts about the *Leviathan* that help you determine what it was like.

3. After reading the verses in question #1 and the verses in Job 41, describe the *Leviathan*.

4. Considering God's choices of objects, as recorded in Job 38-41, what do you think He wanted Job and his friends to understand?

5. Why do you think He chose a creature like the *Leviathan* to accomplish His purposes?

6. List five questions God asked Job about his ability to deal with a *Leviathan*.

a. Considering God's questions, what was Job (or any man) unable to do?

7. In what ways does this chapter remind you of your lack of control and power over many things/situations in life?

a. What are we to do when we are without strength?

8. God revealed His strength throughout Job 38-41. He also revealed how weak man is in comparison. Lest we become discouraged in our weakness, bask in as many verses as you have time to look up:

Exodus 15:2

Exodus 15:13

Numbers 24:8

2 Samuel 22:33,40

1 Chronicles 16:11,27

Psalms 18:1,2

Psalms 27:1

Psalms 28:7

Psalms 29:11

Psalms 46:1

Psalms 73:26

Psalms 84:5

Psalms 105:4

Romans 5:6

2 Corinthians 12:9

Ephesians 3:16

Philippians 4:13

1 Peter 5:10

a. Summarize the truths of these verses.

- b. Ponder Paul's response after he realized his weakness and the strengthening power of God's grace in 2 Corinthians 12:9. What are your thoughts?

9. Why is it important to remember God's strength and control in times of troubles?

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Key Words: *God*, *Job*, and any words that relate to Job's three *friends*.
  
3. The contrasting word *but* is used in verse 5. Mark the word and record what is being contrasted.

### **Read Job 42**

1. What were the first words that Job spoke after hearing God? verse 2
  - a. Applying this to Job's calamities and the thoughts he expressed, what do you think Job realized?
  
  - b. What other attributes of God are helpful to remember in times of distress?
  
2. In Job 42:3, Job repeated God's first question (Job 38:2). Job followed the question with a term of conclusion. What did Job say?
  - a. The *wonderful* works of God should inspire a reaction from us. What is your reaction as you think about His *wonderful* works?

1.) The Hebrew word translated as *wonderful* in Job 42:3, has been translated as *wondrous* in other verses. Using the following verses, record the appropriate response to His *wondrous works*.

Joshua 3:5

1 Chronicles 16:9,12

Psalms 40:5

Psalms 105:2,5

b. What does Psalm 78:11 accuse Israel of doing?

1.) How important do you think it is to God, that we remember and praise Him for His *wonderful works*?

3. As we look at the progression of Job's thoughts, what statement did He make in verse 5?

a. In what ways can we, as believers, *see* God?

1.) What difference has it made in your life, when God reveals Himself to you in a deeper way?

4. Job's conclusion is stated in verse 6. Write Job's conclusion: *Therefore*, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Why is repentance often the result of *seeing* God?

5. Read Psalm 131 and share how David and Job can relate.

6. The LORD'S *wrath was aroused against Eliphaz and his two friends*. Why? see verse 7

a. Many of their statements about the LORD were correct. Yet, how did they misrepresent His character?

7. What instructions did the LORD give to the three *friends*?

a. What did He tell them that Job would do?

8. *And the LORD restored Job's losses...* (Job 42:10). When did He restore *Job's losses*?

a. If you had been Job, how would you have felt about having to pray for *friends* like the ones Job had?

b. Why would the restoration be incomplete if God had *restored the losses* before Job prayed for his friends?

c. Make a list of the *losses* that *the LORD* restored.

1.) Which *restored loss* would have been most significant to you?

a.) Why?

9. Job passed the test! He did not *curse God*. What are your thoughts as you contemplate this?

### REVIEW: Job 41,42

1. As you consider the journey we have been on with Job from the scene in heaven in chapter 1 to the restoration of his losses in chapter 42, what lessons have you learned?

...*Blessed be the name of the LORD.*  
- Job 1:21

## Observation Worksheet

### Job 41

<sup>1</sup> "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? <sup>2</sup> Can you put a reed through his nose, or pierce his jaw with a hook? <sup>3</sup> Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? <sup>4</sup> Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever? <sup>5</sup> Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you leash him for your maidens? <sup>6</sup> Will your companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants? <sup>7</sup> Can you fill his skin with harpoons, or his head with fishing spears? <sup>8</sup> Lay your hand on him; remember the battle--never do it again! <sup>9</sup> Indeed, any hope of overcoming him is false; shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him? <sup>10</sup> No one is so fierce that he would dare stir him up. Who then is able to stand against Me? <sup>11</sup> Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine. <sup>12</sup> "I will not conceal his limbs, his mighty power, or his graceful proportions. <sup>13</sup> Who can remove his outer coat? Who can approach him with a double bridle? <sup>14</sup> Who can open the doors of his face, with his terrible teeth all around? <sup>15</sup> His rows of scales are his pride, shut up tightly as with a seal; <sup>16</sup> one is so near another that no air can come between them; <sup>17</sup> they are joined one to another, they stick together and cannot be parted. <sup>18</sup> His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. <sup>19</sup> Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot out. <sup>20</sup> Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. <sup>21</sup> His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth. <sup>22</sup> Strength dwells in his neck, and sorrow dances before him. <sup>23</sup> The folds of his flesh are joined together; they are firm on him and cannot be moved. <sup>24</sup> His heart is as hard as stone, even as hard as the lower millstone. <sup>25</sup> When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; because of his crashings they are beside themselves. <sup>26</sup> Though the sword reaches him, it cannot avail; nor does spear, dart, or javelin. <sup>27</sup> He regards iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood. <sup>28</sup> The arrow cannot make him flee; slingstones become like stubble to him. <sup>29</sup> Darts are regarded as straw; he laughs at the threat of javelins. <sup>30</sup> His undersides are like sharp potsherds; he spreads pointed marks in the mire. <sup>31</sup> He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. <sup>32</sup> He leaves a shining wake behind him; one would think the deep had white hair. <sup>33</sup> On earth there is nothing like him, which is made without fear. <sup>34</sup> He beholds every high thing; he is king over all the children of pride."

### Job 42

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>2</sup> "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. <sup>3</sup> You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup> Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' <sup>5</sup> "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. <sup>6</sup> Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." <sup>7</sup> And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. <sup>8</sup> "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you.

For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." <sup>9</sup> So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had accepted Job. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. <sup>12</sup> Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. <sup>17</sup> So Job died, old and full of days.