

The PRIDE of LEVIATHAN

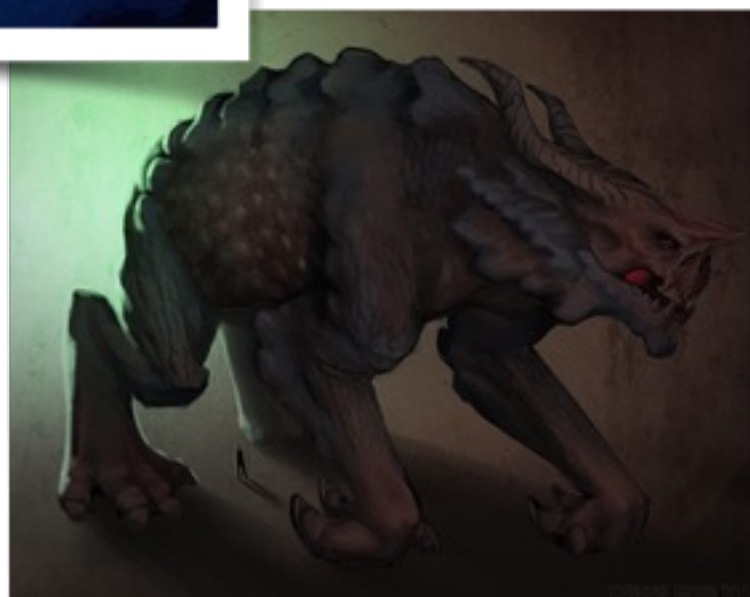


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PART 1: LESSONS FROM JOB ...

HEBRAIC PERSPECTIVES OF THE IMAGES OF LEVIATHAN AND BEHEMOTH

WE ARE CALLED TO WAR

There is no doubt that as free men, those who have crossed over into their destiny as Sons / Daughters of Abraham, we have been called to war until such time as there is rest in the Land.

A. What does it mean to be free?

Abraham made a choice to leave the gods of this world and move to the Land that God showed him. The children of Israel made a choice to leave the fleshpots of Egypt and move to the Land of Canaan that God had shown to Moses.

We make a choice to leave the gods of this world, in whatever form they may take in our lives in these modern times, to walk into a life of obedience to God's Commandments.



Whichever it is, whether:

- ◆ It is crossing the Jordan into Israel,
- ◆ Crossing the Reed Sea into the wilderness, or
- ◆ taking the Mikveh,
- ◆ to transform from the “old man” to the new man,

These are all spiritual journeys that lead you into the terms of a Covenant relationship with God.

B. What does it mean to be a warrior?

In a very simple form, it is the characteristics, attributes, and training needed to overcome any of the obstacles that stand in your way to achieve the goal. Warfare is NOT a recipe. Individual plans are constructed to suit the terrain, the opposition and so on. One of the most critical attributes of a **warrior is the ability to strategize**.

As part of the history of the time when the children of Israel enter into Canaan, we are told of the various Canaanite tribes that had, over time taken up residence there.

Each one of these tribes, had some or other unique feature, defensive structure or strategy, whether it's the high walls of the city-Jericho, or the complex maze of Ai, or the sheer weight of numbers, it really does not matter. You will read that in each case, a specific / unique battle strategy was adopted by Joshua that led to victory.

Paul sets out the guiding principles:

- ◆ ***We cannot expect a change in the Spiritual domain unless we occupy the same space in the Physical domain.***
- ◆ We will NOT understand the Spiritual ramifications of any action unless we understand the effects of the principle of “cause and effect” as it plays out in the Physical Domain.

C. Who / What is this enemy of today?

The Canaan invasion was clearly defined as a number of tribes of pagans that lived in a very specific part of land - a clear border. In other words, we went to war in physical terms.

While there are very specific enemy tribes noted on the taking of the Land, we are expected to look at the “type of attack” in order to identify the “type of warfare” that we would have to defeat that specific enemy.

The idea is not a one on one comparison, as an analysis of the various battles will highlight the fact that various of the enemy would consolidate together at one site to form a particular attack strategy.

Paul describes this enemy as follows:

Ephesians 6:11-12 “Put on the full armor of God (for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier), so that you may be able to (successfully) stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood** (contending only with physical opponents), but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this (present) darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.”

1. Leviathan and Behemoth

Many believers who are active as spiritual warriors in this field, quote the passage from the Book of Job that describes **Leviathan and Behemoth**, and attempt to find a description of Leviathan and Behemoth that defines the “enemy”, which Paul fails to identify.

These mystical creatures then become the means to describe an “enemy” that needs to be dealt with. It is a common thought pattern. We do not like things that do not have boundaries / size and so on.

(a) But is that really what Leviathan and Behemoth are all about?

Let us deal with **some of the confusion** that is found in the literature, (and we will see that these two “things” have been used to develop a number of theories):



Some say that these are mythological images that have been created to reveal a connection to pagan religions.

Pagan religions and many of the ancient myths that are passed from one generation to the next include mystical animals.

Common sense tells us this is nonsense!!

Job 40:15 *“Behold now, Behemoth, which I created as well as you; He eats grass like an ox.”*

“God made this creature”... this implies that it was created sometime during the six days of creation!!

(b) Some say that these are symbolic interpretations.

In Jewish mysticism, they thought that it was a “fish” which has great illuminating properties but will become the banquet for the righteous in Heaven. (Talmud Baba Bathra 75a) In some Christian circles, Leviathan is interpreted as the image of Satan - more specifically ... the principality of PRIDE and envy.

Common sense tells us this is nonsense!!

It is a creature made by God, that mankind could not compete with, but which is no match for God. This makes it a substantial part of creation, and we should be quick to reject any talks of symbolism.

(c) Some say that these are literal animals that we should identify with.

And it is here that mankind has really made the weirdest of connections. If we understand that God made these creatures, and if we then want to make a **comparison with the known creation, we should at least make sure that our conclusions would stand the test of reasonability.**

From about the Middle-Ages we start to see the idea that:

Behemoth = Elephant, or later on the Hippopotamus

- i) Behemoth has a tail like a cedar (**Job 40:17**)
Yet today it is common talk that this refers to the Hippo, which only has a six-inch tail.
- ii) Behemoth is the largest of the ways of God (**Job 40:19**)
The Hippo is only 6-7 feet tall.

iii) Behemoth cannot be apprehended by man (**Job 40:19**)

Yet it is common knowledge that the Hippo has been hunted since the earliest of times.

Leviathan = Whale or later on the Crocodile

i) Leviathan flashes forth light. (**Job 41:18-21**)

The crocodile has dull grey-colored eyes.

ii) Leviathan raises himself up (**Job 41:25/34**)

The crocodile have very short legs and cannot stand up at all.

iii) Leviathan is too mighty to be apprehended by man (**Job 41:1-2**)

The crocodile has been easily hunted since the earliest of times.

LET US SEE WHAT THE WORD SAYS!

We do not have many Scriptures that define these two creatures. I have quoted all of those known verses so that we can gain a better understanding.

What do we know?

- ◆ **They are creatures made by God.**
- ◆ **They are formidable warlike creatures.**
- ◆ **Man (at that time) did not have the ability to destroy them.**
- ◆ **One seems to be a land animal, while the other is a water lover.**

1. Behemoth

Job 40:15-24 “Behold now, **Behemoth**, which I created as well as you; **He eats grass like an ox.** “See now, his strength is in his loins **and his power is in the muscles and sinews of his belly.** “He sways his tail like a cedar; The tendons of his thighs are twisted and knit together (like a rope). “His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron. “He is the first (in magnitude and power) of the works of God; (Only) He who made him can bring near His sword (to master him). “Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the wild animals play there. “He lies down under the lotus plants, In the hidden shelter of the reeds in the marsh. “The lotus plants cover him with their shade; The willows of the brook surround him. “If a river rages and overflows, he does not tremble; He is confident, though the Jordan (River) swells and rushes against his mouth. “Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, Or pierce his nose with barbs (to trap him)?”



2. Leviathan

****Please note** the following verses from Job are from the **Complete Jewish Bible: Job 41:1-34**

Job 41:1-9 *“And Livyatan! Can you catch him with a fishhook or hold his tongue down with a rope? 2 Can you put a ring in his nose or pierce his jaw with a barb? 3 Will he entreat you at length? Will he speak with you softly? 4 Will he agree with you to be your slave forever? 5 Will you play with him as you would with a bird or keep him on a string to amuse your little girls? 6 Will a group of fishermen turn him into a banquet? Will they divide him among the merchants? 7 Can you fill his skin with darts or his head with fish-spears? 8 If you lay your hand on him, you won't forget the fight, and you'll never do it again! 9 Look, any hope (of capturing him) is futile.”*

(The Hebrew word used here 3576 carries the meaning that you would be a liar if you said that you had won in battle against this beast) - one would fall prostrate at the very sight of him.

Job 41:10-19 *“No one is fierce enough to rouse him, so who can stand up to me? Who has given me anything and made me pay it back? Everything belongs to me under all of heaven. I have more to say about his limbs, his strong talk, and his matchless strength. Who can strip off his (scaly) garment? Who can enter his jaws? Who can pry open the doors of his face, so close to his terrible teeth? His pride is his rows of scales, tightly sealed together – one is so close to the next that no air can come between them; they are stuck one to another, interlocked and impervious. When he sneezes, light flashes out; his eyes are like the shimmer of dawn. From his mouth go fiery torches, and sparks come flying out.”*

The Hebrew word used here “**ma”lat**”: 4422 - and carries the meaning of:

- **to cause to escape,**
- **to be delivered,**
- **to go away in haste ... an Arabian proverb “sparks about your head” means to go away with ones head, to preserve ones life.**

Job 41:20-25 “His nostrils belch steam like a caldron boiling on the fire. His breath sets coals ablaze; flames pour from his mouth. Strength resides in his neck, and dismay dances ahead of him (as he goes). The layers of his flesh stick together; they are firm on him, immovable. His heart is as hard as a stone, yes, hard as a lower millstone. When he rears himself up, the (1) **gods** are afraid, beside themselves in **despair.**”

The Hebrew word used for ‘**gods**’ is 410 and carries the meaning of:

- **god-like one,**
- **mighty men,**
- **mighty things in nature.**

The reason for **the despair** is found in the description of the destruction - the Hebrew word 7667 is used which means:

- **crushing/breach,**
- **ruin,**
- **fracture.**

Job 41:26-34 “If a sword touches him, it won’t stick; neither will a spear, or a dart, or a lance. He regards iron as straw and bronze as rotten wood. An arrow can’t make him flee; for him, slingstones are so much chaff. Clubs count as hay, and he laughs at a quivering javelin. His belly is as sharp as fragments of pottery, so he moves across the mud like a threshing-sledge. He makes the depths seethe like a pot, he makes **the sea (boil) like a perfume kettle.** He leaves a shining wake behind him, **making the deep seem to have white hair.** On earth there is nothing like him, a creature without fear. He looks straight at all high things. He is king over all proud beasts.”

Isaiah 27:1 (CJB) “On that day ADONAI, with His great, strong, relentless sword, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, the twisting serpent Leviathan; **He will slay the sea monster.**”

SUMMARY

Let's review where we are... It is something God created, therefore it is real. It does not seem to exist today, so that we can match the descriptions to things that we know.

But is there evidence of creatures that existed in time past?

1. THE DINOSAUR STORY

We have more than ample evidence of these massive creatures that lived many years ago.

Their sheer physical size would make of them the 'terror' that is described in Job.

Equally, no man, without the modern day weapons would have been able to attack / defend himself against these creatures.

The existence of the bones = a real creature = means that they must have been created by God.



2. Behemoth

- ◆ Lives on land and in the swamp.
- ◆ Is a mighty warrior that is unafraid of all others.
- ◆ Eats plants.

A THREE-horned dinosaur named TRICERATOPS lived on land, ate plants (a strict vegetarian), and was able to dominate the land.

*Triceratops*¹ is a [genus](#) of [herbivorous ceratopsid dinosaur](#) that first appeared during the late [Maastrichtian](#) stage of the late [Cretaceous period](#), about 68 [million years ago](#) (Mya) in what is now [North America](#).

3. Leviathan

- ◆ Lives on land and sea
- ◆ Is a mighty warrior, unafraid of others
- ◆ Is a meat eater

¹ Taken from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triceratops>

We have a number of possible dinosaurs that could fit this description:

The **Spinosaurus**, about 50 feet long and weighing in at 7-9 tons.

The **Afrovenator**, about 30 feet long, with 3 claws on each hand.

And finally,

The **Megalodon**, a shark type animal, over 60 feet long, with teeth that were 7 inches long and that ate Whales.

Megalodon ([/ˈmɛɡələdɒn/](#) [MEG-ə-lə-don](#); meaning "big tooth",

A WAY FORWARD

God is speaking to Job about an attitude of the heart, about a commitment to serve Him with his whole heart (*it's not about spiritual warfare in the community*).

God is testing Job to see if he has truly laid down his own life, has really dealt with the old man that Paul describes for us so well.

Job 1:8-12 (CJB) ADONAI asked the Adversary, "Did you notice my servant Iyov, that there's no one like him on earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and shuns evil?"

So if this is a test of character then we should look at the elements that God wants to test for.

What is it that HE wants to see and **make sure is not "inside"** of our soul / spirit-man.

We are told that Leviathan = PRIDE

Job 1:8-12 (CJB) "He looks straight at all high things. He is king over all proud beasts."

The world system of performance, the fact that the strong will inherit power, is developed from a very young age. (You only have to look at the 50m race with the under 10's to see the glory for one and the rejection and hurt for all others).

There is a reason that Paul teaches about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. We need these attributes in great quantities. And that is especially true of the Fruit of SELF CONTROL.

The point made to us is that we don't have a line or hook to conquer pride in our lives. Pride is such a strong, deeply rooted spirit that it is impossible to hook him and draw him out. The beginning of humility is recognizing our limitations and inability, and our dependence upon the Lord. A humble man recognizes his need for the Lord in everything he does.

The greatest battle you will ever fight is against Pride. Leviathan is an awesome foe. Don't underestimate his strength and power.

QUESTIONS

- ◆ **Were there creatures as scary as described to Job? It seems so...**
- ◆ **Why are they extinct? We don't know ...**

PART 2: Genesis 6 - AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH



J2F Book 6 Part 1: *Understanding iniquity, transgression, and sin.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=202>

J2F Book 6 Part 2: *The origin of iniquity and fertility cults.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=203>

J2F Book 6 Part 3: *Understanding generational and personal curses.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=204>

J2F Book 6 Part 4: *The Occult Root.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=205>

J2F Book 6 Part 5: *The Bloodshed Root.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=206>

J2F Book 6 Part 6: *The Sexual-Iniquities Root.*

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=207>

J2F Book 6 Part 7: *Dealing with our "mess".*

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<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=355>

PART 3: Definition of Leviathan

The transliterated Hebrew word for Leviathan (livyathan) means, "twisted," and "coiled." In **Job 3:8**, (Revised Version, and marg, of Authorized Version), it denotes "the dragon "which, according to Eastern tradition, is an enemy of light.

In **Job 41:1** ; In **Psalms 104:26** it suggests "any large animal that moves by writhing or wriggling the body, the whale, the monsters of the deep."

This word is also used figuratively for a cruel enemy, as some think "the Egyptian host, crushed by the divine power, and cast on the shores of the Red Sea" (**Psalms 74:14**)

As used in **Isaiah 27:1** "leviathan the piercing (RSV 'swift') serpent, even leviathan that crooked (RSV marg, 'winding') serpent."

Leviathan is NOT a demon, but a Principality

Leviathan is a demon principality not just a demon spirit. Lets look at a few verses;

Job 41:1 "Can you draw Leviathan out with a hook?"

Job 41:10 "No one is so fierce that they would dare stir him up."

Job 41:26-32 "Even if one strikes at him with the sword, it cannot get any hold, nor does the spear, the dart, or the javelin. He counts iron as straw and bronze as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make (the crocodile) flee; slingstones are treated by him as stubble. Clubs (also) are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rushing and the rattling of the javelin. His underparts are like sharp pieces of broken pottery; he spreads (grooves like) a threshing sledge upon the mire. He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a (foaming) pot of ointment. (His swift darting) makes a shining track behind him; one would think the deep to be hoary (with foam)."

A. Natural weapons have no power against Leviathan

It is clear that natural/physical weapons cannot destroy him.

Isaiah 27:1 *"In that day the Lord with his severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisted serpent, and he will slay the reptile that is in the sea."*

It will take the sword of the Lord to overcome this Leviathan; it is more than just a natural large sea mammal.

I believe that the primary purpose of the spirit is to attack ministries.

Psalms 104:25-26 *"This great and wide sea, in which are innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. There the ships sail about; there is the Leviathan which you have made to play there."*

B. Always in the Sea or Rivers

When the scripture speaks about the Leviathan, it is always in the sea or in the rivers.

The Egyptians both feared and worshiped this creature.

They feared him in ancient Greek mythology as the "God of Chaos" and also worshiped him as the great serpent in their rivers responsible for prosperity and good business. The Egyptians believed they had created the rivers just because they learned to use it.

Pride is therefore one of Egypt's greatest sins.

If we read **Psalms 104** we can see that the sea is a picture of the "Sea of humanity" —or said differently, the world.

In **Isaiah 27:1** it is clear that when God is speaking about Leviathan in the sea, He is speaking about the nations in the world that are enemies of Israel.

Psalms 104:26 *"There the ships sail about; there is the Leviathan."*

Ships are prophetic of merchants and business. I believe ships are ministries those who are at labor in the "sea of humanity". This spirit wants to destroy ministries, especially those at labor in the harvest. This spirit wants to destroy and bring down ministries and as we will see he will do it with his greatest weapon, his tongue.



It is clear in the Bible that Leviathan is a serpent -snake LIKE creature (**note:** not is).

Isaiah 27:1 *"In that day the Lord with His severe Sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisted serpent, and he will slay the reptile that is in the sea."*

Psalms 74:13-14 *"You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces."*

Leviathan was LIKE a crocodile (**Job 41:2**) *"because of his crashings they are beside themselves,"* (**Job 41:14-15**) *"who can open the doors of his face, with his terrible teeth all around? His rows of scales are his pride."*

It is interesting that not only did Egypt worship this Leviathan but also that Pharaoh's crown had the emblem of a large serpent with a ruby in it.

In the book of Ezekiel this principality is connected to both Egypt—the land and Pharaoh—the dictator. This gives us the clear indication that this principality can be embraced by man

Ezekiel 29:3-5 "Say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster (of sluggish and unwieldy strength) that lies in the midst of his (delta) streams, (boastfully) declaring, My river Nile is my own and I have made it for myself."

C. How the Spirit of Leviathan Attacks

(a) The first way that this spirit will attack is with his tongue.

Job 41:1 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line?"

The lying tongue: This spirit attacks out of his mouth with lies, gossip, accusation, criticism, faultfinding and slander.

Job 41:19 "Out of his mouth go burning lights, sparks of fire shoot out."

i) Spewing water out his mouth.

Revelation 12:15 "So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away with the flood."

This Leviathan wants you to be destroyed and carried away with the **lies, gossip, slander and accusations.**

ii) He wants you to lash out because of the accusation.

If the devil cannot get you to sin, he will **accuse you** or even make up a lie against you when you are innocent.

Proverbs 6:19 "A false witness that uttereth lies." is one of his heads."

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. We must also remember to respond in a right spirit. We cannot afford to allow Leviathan to operate in us, as we can become offended at the lie and accusations, criticisms or judgments spoken of us and strike back. To strike back or lash out is what Leviathan wants.

It is with his tail in ...

Revelation 12:4 "that he withdrew a third of the angels in heaven."

Leviathan is working today through the Body of Christ and we see many churches, ministers and organisations bringing accusation against one another. There is a critical, faultfinding spirit at work in church today judging and speaking against moves of God, ministries and denominations different from one another.

Galatians 6:1 *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."*

Let us not forget how many have been quick to judge harshly and criticize the Body of Christ, find fault and publicly publish Christian dirt. Let's not let Leviathan work through us but lets operate in the anointing of **Galatians 6:1**.

Another way we can counter attack this demonic assault of the tongue and lies, gossip and slander is by claiming God's promise:

Isaiah 54:17 *The mouth of the lies shall be stopped and No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord."*

iii) Miscommunication

Job 42:3 *"Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?" Or in the Amplified: "Who is this who darkens or obscures counsel without knowledge?" Or as in another translation; "Who is this who seals up counsel?"*

In **Job 42** he confesses that counsel and true understanding were kept from him. This spirit wants to get between you and the revelation of God and distort the word of the Lord.

Leviathan will seek to hide from you true revelation and confuse the true meaning of things.

iv) Sowing Discord

This Leviathan spirit will hide the meaning behind what is said and cause there to be **miscommunication and misunderstanding**. That's how this spirit can sow **discord** among brethren.

v) By attacking a Prophetic Word

In **Genesis 3:1-5** the serpent (Leviathan) is wanting to distort and hide the true word of the Lord from Eve. Leviathan wants to cast doubt, mistrust and suspicion on God's word:

Genesis 3:1-5 *"NOW THE serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he (Satan) said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden, Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity."*

The famous "Has God said?" Or is that really what he meant? Leviathan wants to twist God's truth and rob us of our promise. When this happens just simply bind this spirit from your prophetic promises.

(b) By creating Sons of Pride

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

This spirit carries an attitude of **superiority, haughtiness, boasting and arrogance**. He not only works in this kind of environment but also attacks ministries and individuals with the temptations of pride. Can you hear this spirit smooth and deceptive whispering in your ear?" ***Who do they think they are? They do not move in the power like you do. Who gives them the right to speak into my life?***" The Bible says **not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to.**

This spirit promotes self and self-serving agendas.

In **Ezekiel Chapter 29-32** we have a series of prophetic utterances against Egypt and pharaoh. One of the first sins of Egypt was its pride and boasting out of a false confidence in things rather than intimacy with God. Egypt puts its trust and confidence in its wealth, how many horses and chariots it had and the numbers of its people.

This Leviathan spirit wants to promote you ahead of the Lord's leading, move you into a position where you are no longer totally depend on the Holy Spirit but on your gifting, charisma, finances, or denomination, traditions or programs.

(c) By introducing the OCCULT - Water Spirits

Job 41:33-34 states, *"Nothing on earth is his (Leviathan) equal – a creature without fear. He looks down on all that are haughty; he is king over all that are proud."*

Current religious groups which exhibit a **direct worship of Leviathan** involve the **Temple of Set, Order of Leviathan**. (www.remanifest.com/public/purpose.htm) "The Temple of Set mixes black magic/witchcraft with the black arts used by the German Third Reich."

The 13th Tribe of Levi(athan), Shepherd Kings of Leviathan are an New Age organization. They are magicians that worship the sky through the snake. (www.reach.net/~wbarton/un.htm)

Oral tradition and some local intercessors in South Dakota suggest that Leviathan resides in the "troubled waters", one of the **ancestral names for the Missouri River**.

(d) By destroying Relationships

Via the Norse culture, the **Trickster** is the father of the **wolf spirit** and all "monsters". Leviathan is commonly found in relationship with **destruction** and **haughtiness**.

The purpose of Leviathan is "to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey Gods commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus

PART 4: SPIRIT OF LEVIATHAN

There is a very strong spirit, a very powerful demon called Leviathan, and it may be present as a result of a family curse. This very powerful demon has been repeatedly encountered and the more we know about what Leviathan does and how he operates, the more likely we are to win this fierce contest with him.

In **Psalm 74:13** it is associated with the ocean, and has multiple heads.

The same is found in **Psalm 104:26** and ...

Isaiah 27:1 "In that day the Lord shall punish Leviathan, that piercing serpent, even Leviathan, that crooked serpent, and He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea".

Here he is called a dragon and a serpent and is again connected to the sea.

The most extensive reference to this creature is found in **Job 41**. The fact that the Bible devotes an entire chapter to describe him, indicates his importance. **He is king over all the sons of pride.** Leviathan particularly hates this chapter, and the first and second commandments; also the references to him in Isaiah which label him as the crooked serpent. Undoubtedly, he is the inspiration for the various mythological gods of the sea: **Neptune, Poseidon, Dagon and others.** Always there is one demon god ruling the seas or the rivers or the dams with his characteristics. Some believe Leviathan was the chief deity worshiped in **Atlantis** and that this kingdom was destroyed by God in judgment.

This spirit is found where severe problems with **Bible reading or study** occur. We have found Leviathan operating where there is a **lack of concentration on spiritual goals, restrictions and bondages which hinder worship, or just about anything that is genuinely spiritual and of the Lord.** Here I refer to a genuine flowing with the Holy Spirit, not the shallow, bogus religious externals which often pass for spirituality today.

Another area where he works is in causing a variety of **learning difficulties** for youngsters, **including reading problems.** He may be present as a result of a curse riding the family.

He is also responsible for **stopping revival movements.** He is operating with other ruling spirits in the heavenlies seeking to **block and hinder the moving of God's Spirit in the climactic, final end-time revival.**

However, we do not go into this battle/conflict as natural men, and we can succeed because of the supernatural power which we have in the Name of Jesus.

Luke 10:19 "Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you."

When Leviathan manifests, expect a determined **resistance to expulsion**. Often he will manifest with serpentine twisting and winding of the person's head, body and limbs resulting in **pains in the neck and shoulders have been traced to Leviathan**.

One of the immediate resultant blessings from the expulsion of Leviathan is a radical change apparent in the **outlook and whole spiritual growth and progress of the person**. Many report a **clearing of confusion** and a greatly **increased ability to read and retain the Word**.

Freedom is available; **God has ordained it and we must never let the ridicule or opposition of skeptic people prevent us from pursuing deliverance**.

Job 41 is the key passage on Leviathan. Many people who have this powerful spirit never get deliverance, because one of his chief jobs is **to block deliverance**. Many ministry leaders who refuse to open up to the ministry of deliverance, are being controlled by a spirit of Leviathan.

Strong's Concordance (3882) defines Leviathan as a wreathed animal or a serpent. He is also called **the Constellation of the Dragon**.

It also seems as if the **seven stars in Orion** (as mentioned below), plays a specific role in delivering a person from the influence of Leviathan. This does not mean that the stars itself are of demonic nature, but that the demonic are able to draw powers from these stars to influence people.

They are:

- ◆ **Betelgeuse** (most powerful red star known)
- ◆ **Rigel** (the right shoulder)
- ◆ **Bellatrix** (left shoulder)
- ◆ **Saiph** (the two legs)
- ◆ **Mintaka,**
- ◆ **Anilam,**
- ◆ **Alnitak** (the belt).

These names are helpful in dislodging Leviathan in deliverance. **Pleiedas and Arcturus** are two other star constellations associated with Leviathan.

A word which occurs 6 times in the Old Testament, comes from the root word meaning to bend or to twist. Another word used to describe him, is wreathed – to gather itself in its folds. This context suggests some form of aquatic monster which dwells in the sea.

The same word occurs in **Ezek. 29:3-5**. Here Pharaoh and the Egyptians are used as symbols. There is an Egyptian spirit tied with Leviathan – **a spirit of the world and worldliness**.

The noun translated Leviathan, may also designate serpents such as might be roused by men who use snake charming, and so impose curses.

The reason why people get so shut in, is because of the effects of Leviathan's tight coils around them, inhibiting the moving of the Holy Spirit. They cannot hear or discern.

THE TONGUE

Job 41:18 *“By his sneezing a light doth shine and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning of the rays of dawn; out of his mouth does burning lamps and sparks of fire leap out”.*



This reminds us of the tongue, and how a fire is started. **Tongue problems are rooted in Leviathan** and when he lets loose some of that fire in the church, the whole place is set ablaze.

Verses 20, 21 describe the cutting, critical tongue, rooted in the spirit of Pride. This smoke going out of his nostrils is fake worship and praise to God, like the incense burning of Nadab. Because the person is bound up with pride, he cannot really praise God.

Verse 22 states *“... in his neck remaineth strength”*. The neck reminds us of the will: **stiff-necked pride and stubbornness are with Leviathan, and so is an uncircumcised heart**. Failure to bow the neck is rebellion, and this brings us back to pride and sorrow.

Dismay goes with stubborn people, just as the flakes or the folds of Leviathan's flesh are joined together; **people such as this, cannot be told anything**. They are firm in themselves and unable to be moved; they know it all! (**Verse 24**). His heart or chest is said to be as firm as stone, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone. **Here hard- en cold-heartedness are tied to Leviathan**. When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; by reason of breaking, they purify themselves.

In **verse 31**, he makes the deep to boil like a pot. **The deep here refers to the self** – the place **where the real you is located**, and it is here where **Leviathan causes restlessness and turmoil**.

Verses 32-34 “... *He beholds all high things, he is the king over all the children of pride.*” In other words, he looks down on all who are haughty and **he is the king of proud people. Pride and Leviathan are synonymous.** It is hard to separate them because pride causes the stony heart to close its scales and folds together, blocking out the Spirit of God. Some sit listening, but not understanding or hearing the Word of God. **The crucial area of his expertise is to keep people from receiving the things of God.**

Little wonder that Leviathan who wreaths himself so tightly in us, is so powerfully rooted in us.

Proverbs 8:13 declares that God hates pride, and **Proverbs 16:18** warns that pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

The tabernacle of Moses shows a fenced outer court with a tent-like structure on the inside, containing the two rooms, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies.

The second veil is the place of revelation and illumination by the Spirit of God, symbolized by the oil burning in the lamps. Nourishment comes from Jesus, the Bread of Life, on the shewbread table.

This is where Leviathan has his place, and he targets spirit-filled believers. He is more interested in Spirit-filled people than anyone else.

He attempts to block us from entering the Holy of Holies, into the very presence of God! He attempts to cut off the bread, he tries to keep us from offering up prayer (incense to God), he does not want us to move in the Spirit, and prevents us from using our spiritual gifts.

He will choke us off with spiritual deafness and blindness, and cause tongue-tiedness. He is a counterfeiter; his **seven heads** imitate the **seven lamps** of Revelation.

Pride may even hide itself under a false humility. “I’m such a mess”.

PART 5: The Seven Heads of LEVIATHAN

Until pride exalted Lucifer's mind, he was in unity and harmony with God. But sin corrupted his mind and perverted his wisdom. Instead of having a single mind to worship and serve God, the truth in his mind was distorted and split into seven ways. These heads he uses to serve himself. These heads come against us in the following ways are the heads of:

Affliction, death, blasphemy, rebellion, ignorance, enchantment and deceit.

In **Psalm 74:13,14** the Psalmist mentions the head of Leviathan and the Dragon, for it has seven heads. The fourteenth verse refers to Israel's flight through the Red Sea. With His strength, the Lord God divided the Red Sea and broke the heads of Leviathan in the waters. A careful study of the Bible reveals the serpent was working through the heart of Pharaoh to project the perverted wisdom of his seven heads.

Pharaoh and his army (and this principality) were broken to pieces when God commanded the waters of the sea to close them in.

1. THE HEAD OF AFFLICTION

This head he has been using against man since the day he ensnared Adam and Eve with the lie that man would be better off to disobey God.

The serpent's motive was to prevent Israel from possessing the land of Canaan as God had prophesied they would. The suffering that Israel endured in this case was a direct attack from the serpent!

We as children of God will suffer because the serpent would prevent us from entering the Promised Land.

2. THE HEAD OF DEATH

Leviathan has used this head against God's people, thinking that he is invincible. However, the Lord Jesus Christ broke all his heads on the cross at Calvary, so death is a defeated foe.

Again the serpent used Pharaoh to destroy all the new-born babies in Egypt (**Ex.1:15-17**) which again failed, since the midwives feared God.

As for believers, the serpent smites us with his head to cause both spiritual and physical death, leaving us with a desire not to want to live anymore.

3. THE HEAD OF BLASPHEMY

Often, through our carnal pride Leviathan arises to speak forth blasphemous words against God, who loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. The word "blaspheme" means: to belittle, vilify, degrade, to bring down.

We see how Pharaoh deliberately belittled and degraded the God of Israel YHVH. For he knew the history of God's land, about Joseph etc. - Israel had been in Egypt for four hundred years, so he instead of acknowledging God's great blessing and prosperity over Egypt, he belittled the Name of the Lord.

Here we see the serpent's head of blasphemy working through the mouth of Pharaoh. As believers, in our fleshly carnal nature, we all have inherited the degrading spirit of the serpent.

4. THE HEAD OF DEFIANCE AND REBELLION

Defiance is the serpent's theme song! (**Ex. 5:2**). "...*Neither will I let Israel go...*!" It was the serpent's head of rebellion and defiance that moved over Pharaoh, causing him to refuse Israel to worship their God.

Often the serpent would cause us to worship God on our own terms rather than according to the revealed Will of God.

5. THE HEAD OF IGNORANCE

Exodus 5:21 "...*I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.*"

Leviathan's head of blasphemy moved to belittle God's great Name, but it was his head of ignorance that provoked Pharaoh to disclaim all knowledge of God by saying:

"I do not know the Lord". This ignorance was all pretense, since he did not lack knowledge.

This head causes separation between God and us, also among the brethren. We feed on the darkness in others instead of the Truth of God, like Pharaoh.

6. THE HEAD OF ENCHANTMENT

This is a captivating head, since nothing can capture men's imagination like magic. This is the serpent's imitation of the supernatural, which from God is life-giving power. Pharaoh fell prey to this when his magicians ... did in like manner with their enchantments. (**Exodus 7:11-22 and 8:6-7**).

Lucifer's God-given primary ministry was to entwine, to cover, and to make the creation one with the Creator. But when he sinned, he corrupted this wisdom to entwine and changed it into a **head of enchantment**. This is to prevent people from serving God. The serpent uses his head of enchantment to charm men, to entwine himself around the hearts and minds of people, thrilling them with corrupt forms of life, since this head has no power to give life.

7. THE HEAD OF DECEIT AND LIES

Since the fall of Adam man has lived under the serpent's head of deceit until the Lord Y'shua (Jesus) is allowed to strip this away. The serpent used his lying tongue through Pharaoh who would make a promise, but had no intentions of keeping it.

(Exodus 8:28 & 10:8, 11) Only after the Lord visited death upon the firstborn in the land of Egypt did the king agree to allow the Israelites to go. However, he never fully intended for them to be completely released, and pursued them in order to gain control.

Likewise, as God's children, we must be careful lest we allow this head of deceit to influence us to stretch the Truth or add colour to a tale.



PART 6: The Root of Pride

The spirit of Leviathan starts with small steps - using our fallen nature as his spring board. This chapter shows you what the areas are that need to be addressed and taken to the cross.

Unless the small foxes of PRIDE are dealt with and, if you later come in to a position of leadership in the Body of Messiah, then there is a strong possibility that PRIDE will then develop in to the full manifestation of Leviathan.

In the next chapter we are going to study how this manifests in the life of Jeroboam



The Spirit that operates in God's Kingdom is that of HUMILITY. When the disciples argued about who is the greatest, Y'shua (Jesus) called a child. Pride is a very difficult area to deal with, because we all resist the truth of pride in our lives. We are brain-washed from childhood – the world has a high value on pride, focusing on talents, abilities, family pride, nation pride, spiritual pride, and so forth.

Arrogance / pride is not a demon.

It is an **attitude of the heart** that gives place to the enemy.

Pride is an image that has been erected to hide inner feelings of worthlessness just as a tombstone is erected on a grave with rotting flesh and bones.

Pride cannot be separated from rejection.

1 John 2:15-16 *“Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. **For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh (craving for sensual gratification) and the lust of the eyes (greedy longings of the mind) and the pride of life (assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things)—these do not come from the Father but are from the world (itself).**”*

Jeremiah 9:23 *“Thus says the Lord: **Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich (in physical gratification and earthly wealth) glory and boast in his (temporal satisfactions and earthly) riches;**”*

Philippians 3:4 *“Though for myself I have (at least grounds) to rely on the flesh. If any other man considers that he has or seems to have reason to rely on the flesh and his physical and outward advantages, I have still more!*

Let’s have a look at the Hebrew understanding of pride ...

Z-(a)-D-o)-N-(e) (Strong’s Hebrew 2087), meaning:

- ◆ Arrogance,
- ◆ It is used within the context of “badness and/or wickedness”.

1 Samuel 17:28 *“Now Eliab his eldest brother heard what he said to the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David and he said, Why did you come here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your **presumption** and evilness of heart; for you came down that you might see the battle.”*

Proverbs 11:2 *“When swelling and **pride** come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness.”*

Proverbs 13:10 *“By **pride** and insolence comes only contention, but with the well-advised is skillful and godly Wisdom.”*

G-(a)-(a)-V-(a)-H (Strong’s Hebrew 1346/47, from the root word G-A-A-H), meaning:

- ◆ Arrogance, haughtiness,
- ◆ Swelling.

Job 35:12 *“12 (The people) cry out because of the **pride** of evil men, but He does not answer.”*

R-(o)-K-(o)-S (Strong’s Hebrew 7407) meaning “snare”.

Psalms 31:20 *“In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.”*

A. What picture-meanings do we get?

Z-D-N (Strong's Hebrew 2087)

◆ ZAYIN:

- Represents a weapon which we can use:
- To create or build peace OR,
- Go to war – this is almost always based on hurt or greed.
- Movement – the thrust backwards / forwards, the movement of the weapon reflects this concept of movement.
- The hidden meaning of the letter reveals the act of fornication with a woman.
- This gives us a clearer picture of the meaning of the movement – it reveals actions without love, action based on self-interest.

◆ DALET:

- Represents a door, a portal, an entrance.
- The imagery is to look past the door – what is the function of a door? It is to reveal or bring forth that which is hidden or placed behind the door.

◆ NUN:

- Represents the concept of:
- A fish,
- The action of sprouting or blossoming.
- This latter action is only a part of the cycle of life – consequently every season will have a time to flourish and degenerate.

The picture formed is therefore something like this ... “pride is really a weapon used for self, an action without love where we ruthlessly push forward to take whatever we can find even if it means death”.

Another Hebrew word associated with pride is ...

G-H (Strong's Hebrew 1346/7)

◆ GIMMEL:

- A man dressed up as a camel.

◆ HEY:

- The Image of God in the house, however if we have not invited the Holy Spirit into our lives we have an empty container.

The picture formed here is this ... “without the Holy Spirit in our lives, man as the basic element of a household will strive to present himself for what he is not, by dressing up or putting on a mask”.

R-Q-S (Strong's Hebrew 7407)

◆ RESH:

- The head which without the Spirit of God will focus on:
 - To be in charge of,
 - To be in control.
 - And which will result in man becoming a task master (Egyptian) OR,
 - It can represent “poverty” which is represented by the pursuit of vain things – the action of doing things without success, AND,
 - Which leads to shame.

◆ QOF:

- Can be either a monkey or ape, OR,
- Growth or holiness.

◆ SAMEKH:

- Support, trust, fullness – however, if we are always unsuccessful this will lead to poverty and/or depression.

The picture formed by these letters reveal the following ... “a man whose life is focused on his ability to be a dictator/controller will react like the wild nature of a monkey, taking only for himself and because he fails to sow for the next generation, he leaves a legacy of poverty and depression”.

B. The image of pride ...

Very few of us really show who we are (rejected). Many build an image of who we would like to be – acceptable by us and others.

- The image of pride is erected to hide worthlessness. When a person has no self worth, then he believes in the image he himself has built.
- The image is two dimensional, built like a stage scene out of Hollywood. It is not real, but the person begins to believe in it. All his worth comes from that which he has built. Make-up, hair, fashion ... perfect?! Our value is in how we look! The image becomes like God. It is very important for the proud person to keep his eyes on the image – if he looks at his worthlessness, it can destroy him.
- The image of pride is a god that has to be satisfied, we are forced into giving in to the demands of the image instead of the Word of God. It then becomes idol worship.
- The image now becomes an idol, because all the person's energy is needed to maintain it ... I, my achievement, my successes, and so forth. He can support the props by WINNING (which makes him feel good); by oppressing others to exalt himself; by boasting about what he owns ... you are never relaxed and “normal”, but always false.

- Pride wants the image to be infallible. It is because the image occupies place of God and therefore it has to carry the image of God. Pride never wants to be wrong – this causes an unteachable spirit, which never says “I’m sorry” and also struggles to forgive yourself.

REMEMBER! Allow yourself a measure of fallibility. You can be wrong, but still have meaning and self worth!

C. Pride Attitudes

Here is a small list of attitudes we can ask the Lord to show us any of these in our lives.

Condescending Attitudes towards others in the Body: We are to esteem others as higher than ourselves. If we catch ourselves thinking of another as less than ourselves in any way, especially in regards to spiritual gifting, understanding, etc. we must repent quickly.

Independent Attitude: We are to be united in heart as one, although we may all have different functions. If we ever feel "out there like we are just wanting to do our own thing" while maybe we are forgetting the fuller purpose of the Kingdom which is to embrace the whole body of Christ.

Self-Glory: Although it is good for one to enjoy the workings, dealings, gifting and blessings that the hand of the Lord brings to us, we must be careful not to think that it is because of our own greatness. All things are given to us as a gift of grace (undeserved, unmerited favor) and all the worship and delight in these blessings must be returned to Him who authored them. Remembering our helpless and humble estate without Him. We can never glory in our own righteousness; it is as filthy rags.

Self-Confidence: When we begin to feel a confidence in our own abilities to produce the anointing and the fruit of the Kingdom, we must be alert to the tempter.

Lack of Time in His Presence: Often times this is a sign that a temptation to pride has come. It indicates a possibility that we have become self sufficient and self ruled and no longer need all that we have and all that we are to flow from His Presence and Counsel. This is dangerous in that it can produce a mindset of "self rule" that subsequently asks God to bless and serve what man has initiated.

Critical and Condemning Attitudes and Thoughts: The heart of a "critic or accuser" is postured above others. The heart of a savior is postured in servant hood.

Boasting Over Achievements and Revelation: Often times this is not an outward action but an inward attitude. (Note: this is of the sin nature, not the "boasting in the Lord" as Scripture speaks of.)

Dishonour of Authority: We are to esteem and honour those in authority (even if they are NOT under Holy Spirit control, i.e. David's attitude towards Saul). Attitudes of dishonour towards leaders often indicate pride in the heart.

Desiring to be served: Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. This is the posture of humility.

Desire for Reputation: Jesus was a man of no reputation in heart. He emptied Himself. If we have inner desires to be esteemed by others, we need to be watchful. Pride could be lurking.

Desiring to Control Others: Use of a Position of Authority or Gift to Fulfill Selfish Ambition and Vision.



D. Factors of pride ...

1. ACHIEVEMENT and PERFORMANCE

a) Definition?

- i) A person who is driven to accomplish things must maintain a high level of achievement – must excel.

b) Description?

- i) High achiever, works harder, stays at work longer than anyone else, driven to achieve (workaholic). Pride is something you can't see in yourself. You are focused on outward appearances: stockings, hat, suit ... even spirituality, we judge according to our own standards.

c) What is the **FRUIT**?

- i) The result of achievement is that even though his work is a great success, he, in fact, has a problem with relationships.
- ii) He will try to achieve for God and will build a relationship with God on the basis of his achievements. Sets very high standards for himself. God's Acceptance is received on the basis of his works.
- iii) Pride makes him believe that he can please God. You do not receive from God what you deserve – but much, much more than you deserve! Y'shua (Jesus) paid for it all!

d) **REMEMBER!**

- i) Our relationship with God is never built on the basis of our works, but always on the basis of His Grace. He accepts us just as we are. You cannot grow to be more acceptable for God. You are totally accepted.

2. PERFECTIONISM (intolerance)

a) **Definition?**

- i) A person who sets himself standards higher than normal. By achieving these standards, he places himself above others and is critical of those who do not accept the same standards. He/she is proud of his/her perfectionism!

b) **Description?**

- i) Lack of love, is indifferent to needs of others, insensitive, quick to judge, sharp tongue, critical and impatient. Puts high standards and possessions (cars, furniture, carpets, and so forth) above people.

c) **What is the FRUIT?**

- i) A critical spirit, harsh attitude towards yourself and others, that has a strictness of character as a result.
- ii) Self-righteousness and spiritual pride. Tries to bargain with God – fasting, prayer, works, and so forth.
- iii) Transfers rejection to children and spouse, because acceptance is based on achievement. Nothing is good enough! Rejects people if they do not perform or look like you want them to.
- iv) Poor relationship with God. Sees God as a perfectionist and tries to achieve for Him. It is a high standard you set for yourself.
- v) A life filled with works, but no relationship with God.

3. COMPETITION

a) **Definition?**

- i) Continual striving to be better than others – to be first, to be better, to gain recognition.

b) **Description?**

- i) Selfish, self-willed, elevation of self, ambitious, jealous, focused on status – cars, house, clothes, titles, and so forth.

2 Corinthians 10:12 *“Not that we (have the audacity to) venture to class or (even to) compare ourselves with some who exalt and furnish testimonials for themselves! However, when they measure themselves with themselves and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding and behave unwisely.”*

c) What is the FRUIT?

- i) Enmity amongst people. In marriage or ministry, competition will destroy relationships.
- ii) Compare ourselves with others continually ... size of church, home group, income, and so forth.
- iii) Jealousy and envy.

4. UNFORGIVENESS (especially yourself)

a) Description?

- i) Unforgiving, bitter, disapproving, alienated, hypersensitive, harsh.

b) What is the FRUIT?

- i) Guilt and condemnation. Basic problem is that he cannot forgive himself for the past and therefore he cannot accept God's Forgiveness. Condemnation stems from a sense of failure.

c) REMEMBER!

- i) Pride will prevent him from forgiving himself, because he has destroyed the image that pride has built.
- ii) Bitterness and hatred, blames others.
- iii) Blindness and deception. He fails to see himself and others as they really are.
- iv) Pride requires revenge not forgiveness. Pride will keep up a false sense of justice, against which man must defend himself.

5. CRITICAL and SELF-centered

a) Definition?

- i) Pride requires that a person centers only around himself and his own needs, and then demands the central role. He then becomes very critical of others.

b) Description?

- i) Critical, judgmental, insensitive to the needs of others, demanding, and self-righteous.

c) What is the FRUIT?

- i) Will destroy a relationship by constantly correcting or judging the other person (Break one another down in company).
- ii) Will focus on the bad points in every other person but only on his own good ones. Is blind to his own faults.
- iii) Unteachable, finds it difficult to receive reproof.

6. UNBELIEF

a) Definition?

- i) Pride is independent and self-sufficient. To believe, one has to recognize a need, a limitation. Unbelief endeavours to establish his independence so that no one else is needed. Pride is the root of unbelief.

b) Description?

- i) Independent spirit, self-sufficient, finds it difficult to receive, untouchable. To receive from God, you must realize and acknowledge you have a need. You must be able to receive from God and man.

c) What is the FRUIT?

- i) Strives with God for results. Seeks His blessings. Faith grows out of humility. Humility and faith seek after the goodness of God.
- ii) Desires honour from people rather than honour from God. **PRIDE KILLS PRAISE** (kneeling, raising hands)! You are more worried about what people think than what God thinks!

Malachi 2:2 "If you will not hear and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to My name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I have already turned them to curses because you do not lay it to heart."

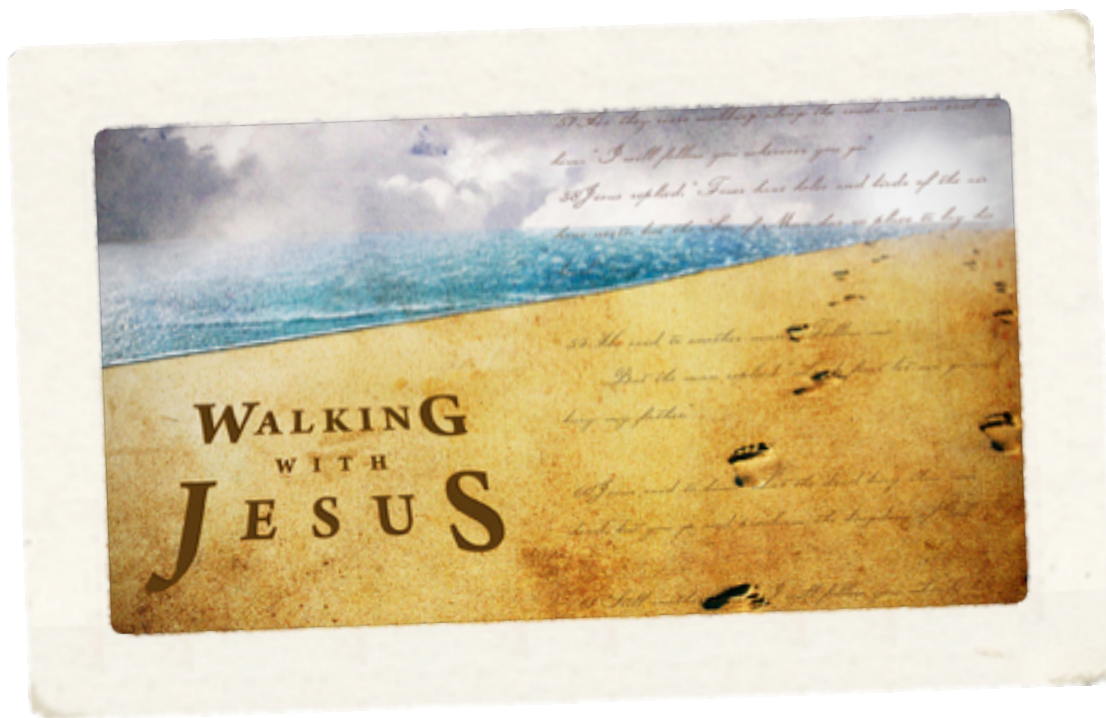
Proverbs 11:2 "When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and Godly Wisdom and soundness."

E. How do we cut down the ROOT of pride?

- ◆ Ask God to show you the deception of pride.
- ◆ Receive the truth that your self-worth and meaning come from God and not from who you are or what you have achieved.
- ◆ Repent of the sin of pride (deep repentance of your actions).
- ◆ Loose the image of pride – allow God to break the image, so that he can bring the true person that you really are, to the fore.

Characteristics of Humility ...

- ◆ Self-control, not easily hurt.
- ◆ An unruffled temperament – not obsessed with self.
- ◆ Teachable spirit. He realizes he is dependent on God, but nevertheless he is secure, because he realizes that he has all the power of God available to him.



Psalm 25:9 "He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way."

Matthew 20:26-27 "Not so shall it be among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave."

LEVIATHAN in the Body of Messiah

THE MOST DECEPTIVE ASPECT OF LEVIATHAN'S PRIDE OPERATION IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

We need to understand the spirit of Jeroboam

1. The spirit of Jeroboam works in people fulfilling leadership positions

The calling to lead GOD's People starts off with the requirements that you will serve.

1 Kings 12:31-37 *“He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings.”*

This service implies that you will be prepared to lift up the arms of those are your followers - the picture that we should keep in mind, is that of the two men who continue to hold up the hands of Moses whenever he got tired.

Unfortunately, the world / military system of the “boss” has left its mark on the Body of Messiah.

And man's EGO tends to like the ‘boss’ model far more that the “serve” model.

One important criteria for any believer, is to stand back and observe the characteristics of the leader BEFORE rushing in to join their group.

2. The spirit of Jeroboam will reveal an insecurity about the loyalty of the people

People with an ego tend to think that they are the only ones who can do something properly.

- ◆ They will also always be in control - “you will do things my way”

- ◆ They will demand that you serve them
- ◆ They will demand that nothing is done outside of the express authority of themselves.

So he builds an altar at Bethel and one in Dan.

Let us look at these altars ...

Bethel

- ◆ This is the place of the first altar
- ◆ It is the place where the Tabernacle stood for hundreds of years
- ◆ It is the place where everyone feels comfortable

If you think about this carefully, you will realise that this is the place where religion rules:

- ◆ Where traditions of men are the norm (this is the way our fathers did it—don't rock the boat).
- ◆ Where culture and ritual are more important than the WORD or the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Where traditional / ritual fulfils the needs of man, who does not want to be ACCOUNTABLE to GOD at all.

Matthew 15:7-9 *“You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”*”

2 Timothy 4:3-4 *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*”

Dan

The Altar of Dan is set up near the pagan high places.

If you visit the site today, you will find the supposedly Godly temple, not very far from the pagan altar.

The message - it is great / fine / acceptable to mix Godly worship with anything else that you feel like.



Dan speaks to convenience:

- ◆ You see, it is far to walk to Jerusalem - now you can just go around the corner, and it is all alright.
- ◆ You see, this way you save both time and money - after all, this temple will not expect a tithe as there are no real Levites here!!

Laziness is an integral part of the human spirit ... if we can find an easy way to serve GOD - it is all grace and no obedience - then why not.

Dan speaks of empty worthless, man-made worship.

Matthew 7:13-14 *“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”*

There Jeroboam will set up temples in high places, appoint priests, and build golden calves.

1 Kings 12:27 *“Then Jeroboam built Shechem (as his royal city) in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. He went out from there and rebuilt Peniel (as a stronghold). Jeroboam (doubted GOD’s promise to him and) said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. If these people go up to the house of the LORD in Jerusalem to offer sacrifices, then their heart will turn to their LORD, to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.” So the king took counsel (and followed bad advice) and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “It is too much for you to go (all the way) up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel,*

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” He set the one (golden calf) in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

3. The spirit of Jeroboam will attack the reverence of GOD

We often look at these scriptures and then think - how crazy were these people - surely they could have seen that this was a “golden calf” moment? Surely there was someone in the tribes that had heard the story from Mount Sinai?

Anytime a leader starts to speak exclusively about his church or his network of churches as the only and most important, or starts to break down other pastors or church movements, then you can be sure that you are standing in front of another golden calf.

There is only ONE authority - that is, GOD ALMIGHTY - whenever a man determines that they can make decisions that are not in line with the Bible, or Biblical principles, then we are standing in front of the “wrong” authority - we are standing at the golden calf again.

1 Kings 12:28 *“So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.”*

Holiness is when we do things GOD’s Way - and not our way - it is when we accept that GOD can use whoever He desires - its when we accept that we are only a small part of the bigger picture, that we will be walking in Holiness

What prophetic actions do we learn from this story?

That there is a different spiritual message between the altars of a king / pastor / government and those of the pagan / occultism domains.

The latter are altars that have spiritual power...as there is pagan worship that is associated and accumulated.

In the case of church leadership / government altars, the same is not true... these are works of man’s own ego - but that still gives satan power!

A true prophet of GOD will react to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and speak out.

I note THREE attributes of such a prophet:

- i) They will PERSONALLY stand in the gap
- ii) They will PUBLICLY stand in the gap
- iii) They will GUARD the mandate that they have been given

Hosea 4:6 *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (of My law, where I reveal My will). Because you (the priestly nation) have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.”*

Hosea 6:7 *“The more they multiplied (in numbers and increased in power), the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame.”*

What are these altars today?

- ◆ Acts of corruption
- ◆ Acts of nepotism.
- ◆ Acts of brutality and abuse.
- ◆ Acts of injustice



1 Kings 13:1-5 *“Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word (command) of the Lord, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar (which he had built) to burn incense. The man cried out against the (idolatrous) altar by the word of the Lord, “O altar, altar, thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you shall he sacrifice (the bodies of) the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.’” And he gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is the sign which the Lord has spoken: ‘Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.’” When the king heard the words which the man of God cried out against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam put out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him!” And his hand which he had put out against him withered, so that he was unable to pull it back to himself. The altar also was split apart and the ashes were poured out from the altar in accordance with the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.”*

LEVIATHAN Prayer: release from the Spirit of PRIDE

(To be prayed by the counsellor – after repentance)

Declare: *“In that day his sharp and unrelenting, great, and strong sword will visit and punish leviathan the swiftly fleeing serpent, leviathan the twisting and winding serpent; and he will slay the monster that is in the sea.”*

Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I thank You for Your strong and powerful words concerning Leviathan. Thank You that You will work salvation for _____ and we ask that You will crush and sever the heads of Leviathan over _____’s life, with Your great and terrible Sword. We bring to bear this word upon Leviathan, also known as the Dragon and the **constellation of the dragon -- Orion**.

We declare that the powers drawn from the following stars:

Betelgeuse, Rigel, Bellatrix, Saiph, Mintaka, Alnilam, Alnitak, as well as Pleiades and Articus are bound, paralyzed and now completely severed from the mind, will and emotions of _____ in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

We declare that they will have no more effect over _____ and that their voices will be cut off in the Name of Y’shua. We cancel whatever was programmed into them and we cleanse their orbits and pathways in the heavenlies with the Blood of Messiah. (These are stars associated with Leviathan forming a stronghold in the heavenlies.)

We also come against the **Egyptian spirit** – the spirit of the world and worldliness, associated with Leviathan. We bind and rebuke you in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), and command you to let go of _____ right now. We declare your hold over _____ as broken.

We come against and bind all tongue problems - that cutting, critical tongue, which is rooted in pride, and we cut you out, as well as all spirits of false tongues, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus). With the Sword of the Spirit I bind the spirit of stubbornness, and I ask You Father, to circumcise the hardness of heart, as well as all forms of stiff-neckedness, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus)!

We bind and rebuke the spirits working with the attitude of rebellion and command them to go! Now, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), we also bind and rebuke the spirits of melancholia, brooding, depression, gloominess, mental misery as well as all forms of distractions, particularly during Bible study and prayer, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), and forbid you to operate in _____’s life.

We further sever _____ from all covenant ties with the Queen of the coast, and the Bride of Neptune, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We ask Father, that You will cause _____ to yield to You only, in total submission and humbleness of heart, in Y’shua’s (Jesus) Name. We pray Father, that You will remove all forms of blindness, and that _____ will no longer grope in the dark, but will see clearly.

Thank You that _____ will no longer be opposed by You, but that grace and meekness will be multiplied to him/her, and now, in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus), we break the curse of Leviathan back to 10 generations on both sides of the family, and we destroy all legal rights or grounds which gave these evil spirits reason to operate.

We destroy all these in the Almighty Name of Y'shua (Jesus) of Nazareth. Thank You, Father, thank You, Y'shua (Jesus)!

AMEN!

