



JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

JOB

CYCLE 1
CHAPTERS 13-14

CYCLE 2
CHAPTERS 15-21

CYCLE 3
CHAPTERS 22-28

FOCUS OF DEBATE

- 1 IS GOD JUST?
- 2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE?
- 3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

BIG ASSUMPTION



JOB

AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE



- SET IN "UZ," FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

INTENTIONAL!

The Point

THE AUTHOR WANTS US TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY JOB'S SUFFERING

1-2

JOB

- BLAMELESS
- RIGHTEOUS
- HONORS GOD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE BLAMELESS, RIGHTEOUS JOB?

JOB IS ONLY RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE YOU REWARD HIM. LET HIM SUFFER, THEN SEE HOW RIGHTEOUS HE IS.

THE SATAN

SAH-TAHN n (THEOLOGICAL) ACCUSOR, PROSECUTOR

WHY? BUT: WE ASSUME THE BOOK WILL ANSWER WHY GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING. IT DIDN'T...

THE REAL QUESTIONS: IS GOD JUST? DOES HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?

JOB'S WIFE CURSE GOD AND DIE!

ELIPHAZ THE THAMITE

BILDAD THE SHUPHITE

ZOPHAR THE MATHURANITE

JOB

BEST OF ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN THOUGHT

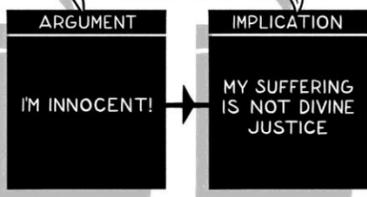
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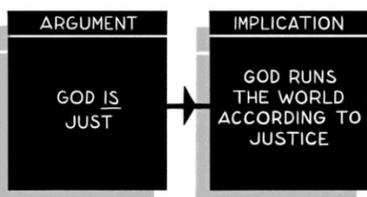
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JOB

JOB IS RIGHT

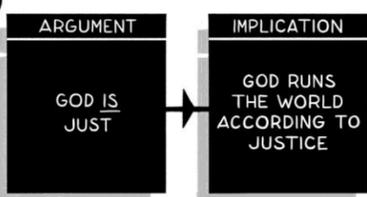


THE FRIENDS



32-37

ELIHU



BTW: DON'T ACCUSE GOD, NUDE!

JOB & THE FRIENDS

3-37

JOB'S PROTEST

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

"WHY HAS GOD DENIED ME JUSTICE AND MADE MY LIFE BITTER?" 27:2

"GOD ATTACKS ME, TEARS ME UP IN ANGER, AND GNASHES HIS TEETH AT ME." 16:9

"HE DESTROYS THE BLAMELESS AND THE WICKED, HE MOCKS THE DESPAIR OF THE INNOCENT." 9:22-23

"WHAT HOPE DO THE GODLESS HAVE WHEN GOD TAKES AWAY THEIR LIFE?" 27:8

JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

- ASSERTS INNOCENCE
- DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

I SIGN MY DEFENSE, LET THE ALMIGHTY ANSWER ME! (31:35)

38-41

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE

GOD

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE EARTH'S FOUNDATIONS? (38:9)

THE POINT



10A

JOB

EVIL MURDER LIES

INJUSTICE

IT'S COMPLEX, AIN'T IT?

GOD

BEHEMOTH

GOOD ORDERED BEAUTIFUL

10B-11

SEE ISAIAH 27:1 & PSALMS 74:13-14

LEVIATHAN

NOT PERFECT WILD DANGEROUS

SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER

QUESTION

WHY IS THERE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

RESPONSE

WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUFFERING

JOB

YOU ARE UNJUST!

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!

YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THAT CLAIM

I INVITE YOU TO TRUST MY WISDOM

GOD'S RESPONSE

42

12A

I RETRACT & I REPENT

GOD

JOB HAS SPOKE RIGHTLY ABOUT ME

JOB

YOU THREE SPOKE WRONGLY ABOUT ME

GOD HONORS

- JOB'S STRUGGLE
- JOB'S HONESTY
- JOB'S PRAYER

12B

JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

JOB

14K

6K

1K

1K

EPILOGUE

¹ “Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook or tie down its tongue with a rope? ² Can you put a cord through its nose or pierce its jaw with a hook? . . .

¹² “I will not fail to speak of its limbs, its strength and its graceful form. ¹³ Who can strip off its outer garment? Who can penetrate its double coat of armor?

Job 41:1-2, 12-13 (NIV)

¹⁴ Who dares open the doors of its mouth, ringed about with fearsome teeth? ¹⁵ Its pride is in its rows of scales, tightly sealed together—¹⁶ so close that no air can pass between them. ¹⁷ They are joined fast to one another, clinging together and inseparable. ¹⁸ Its snorting throws out flashes of light; its eyes are like the rays of dawn.

¹⁹ Flames stream from its mouth; sparks of fire shoot out.

Job 41:14-19 (NIV)

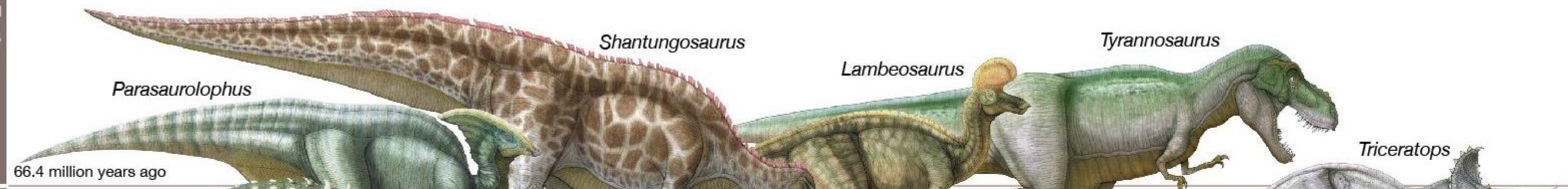
²⁰ Smoke pours from its nostrils as from a boiling pot over burning reeds. ²¹ Its breath sets coals ablaze, & flames dart from its mouth. ²² Strength resides in its neck, and terror dances before it. ²³ The folds of its flesh are tightly joined; they are firm and immovable.

Job 41:20-23 (NIV)

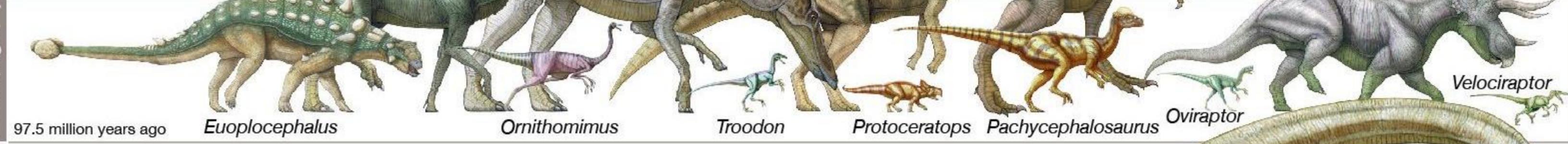




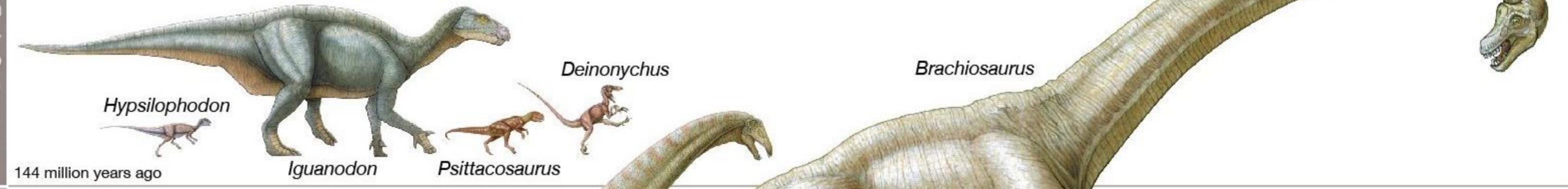
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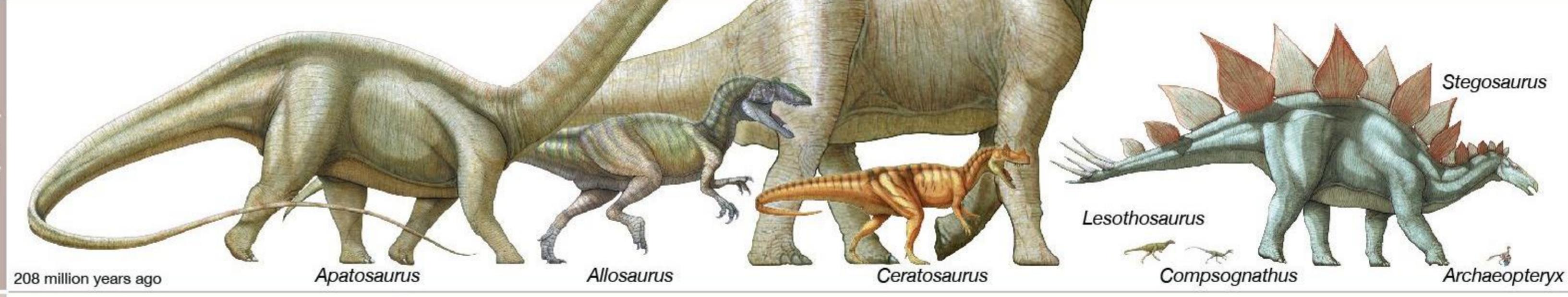
Late Cretaceous



Early Cretaceous

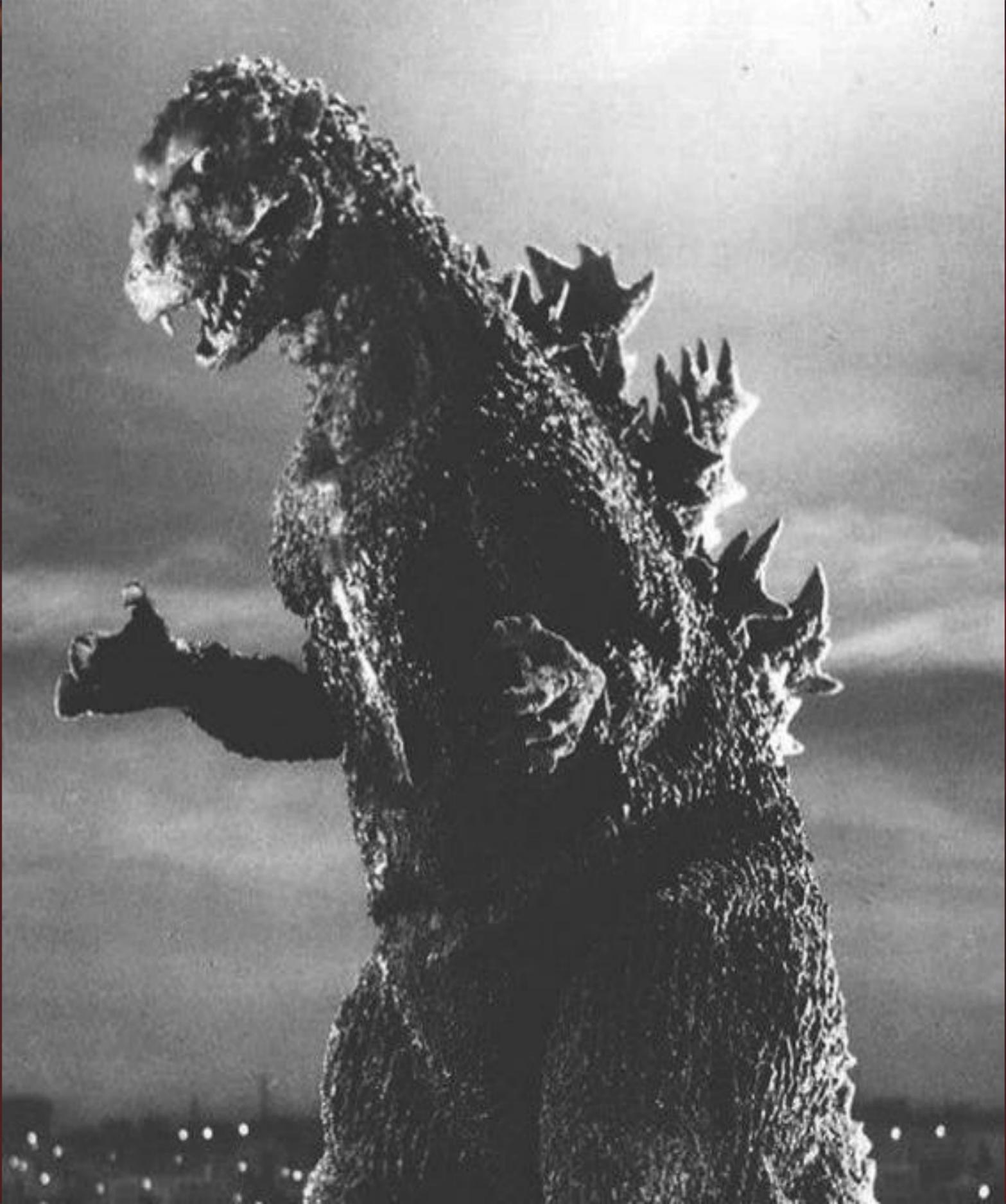


Jurassic











A close-up photograph of a red curtain with gold tassels and a gold braided cord. The curtain is draped and has a gold braided cord running across the top. Two gold tassels are visible on the right side. The text "What is your Leviathan?" is centered on the curtain in white.

What is your Leviathan?

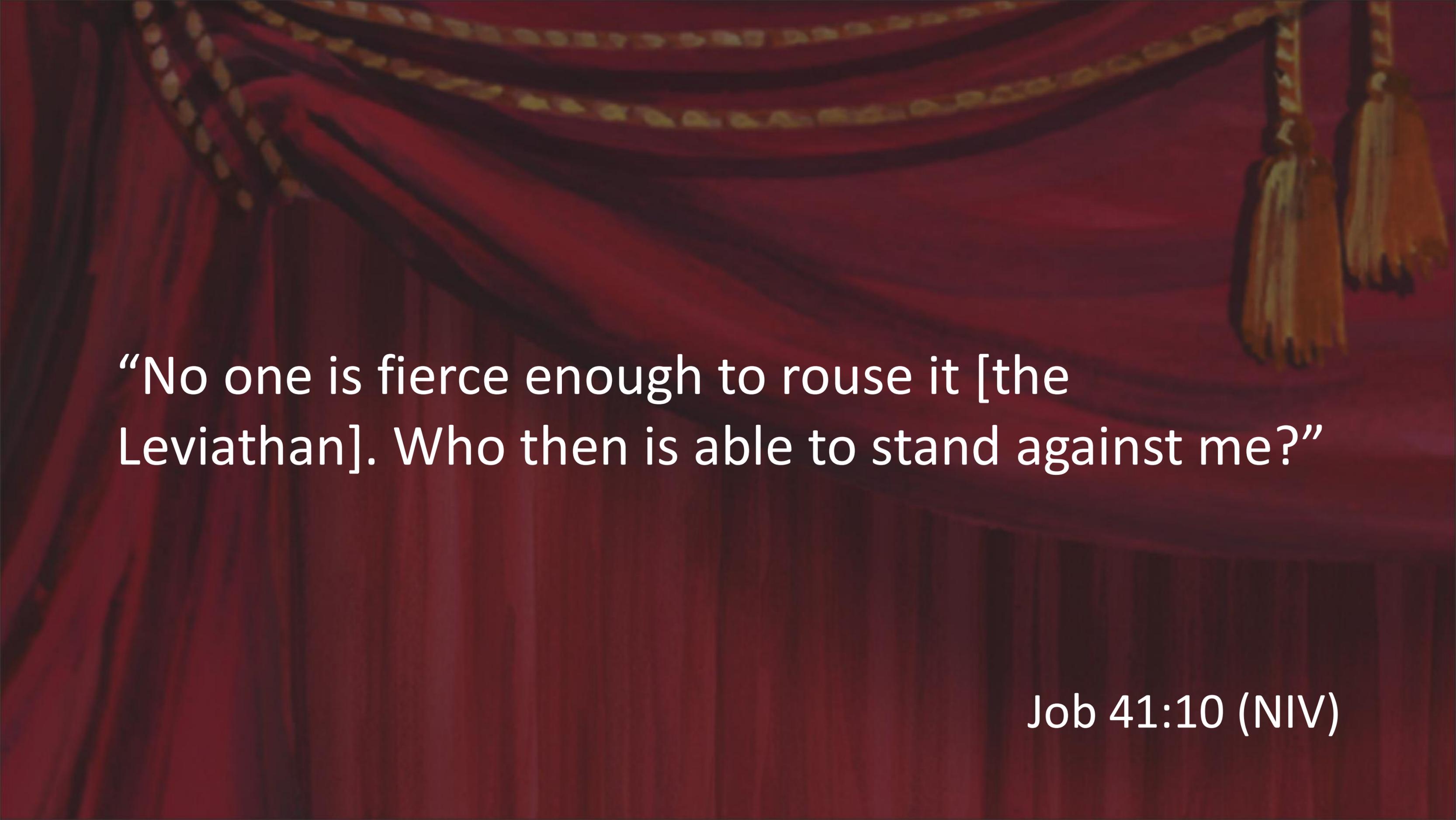


⁹Any hope of subduing it [Leviathan] is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering.

³⁴ It looks down on all that are haughty; it is king over all that are proud.

Job 41:9, 34 (NIV)





“No one is fierce enough to rouse it [the Leviathan]. Who then is able to stand against me?”

Job 41:10 (NIV)



¹ Then Job replied to the Lord: ² “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴ You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job 42:1-5 (NIV)

