

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# JOB 40

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Job forty is the detailed account of a man, Job, who is confronted by the humbling presence of God and is brought low considering the grandeur of the supernatural and infinite, in stark contrast to Job's finiteness and frail humanity. Job answered, **"Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."** (Job 40:4-5) The LORD reminds Job of some of his thoughts and arguments against God, that God is not just in judging and that God has not established clear boundaries in the universe for social wellbeing and justice. While Job's friends got many things wrong, they did point out what they had heard from Job and how he had conducted himself in some assumptions about God. Many times, what others see in you and hear when you speak and the manner in which you speak, gives evidence of what is in the heart. **"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."** (Luke 6:45)

God brings Job face to face with his own insignificance as the LORD reminds Job of some of the creatures He has made. The "behemoth" is named in v.15. No one knows

what the specific animal named is, but we speculate that God is referring to a "river horse" or "hippos" horse in Greek, and "potamois" river in Greek. A hippopotamus is a "river horse" and may be similar to the "behemoth" described in Job forty. Job cannot save himself and he cannot make, tame, or subdue God's great animal creations. God asks Job to observe the "great beast" and try to imagine capturing him. The beast is confident and will not be swept away even though the storms and river rages; because God has designed the behemoth to live, feed, relax, and thrive in his God-made environment. Job hears the rapid fire questions from God that he simply cannot answer.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*As a person stands before another person, the comparisons made can cause pride or despair. However, when a person compares themselves to God, we see how small and truly insignificant we are and even more, our feeble thoughts. There is no place for pride and arrogance in the life of the child of God. Dear Lord, please deliver me from pride and arrogance today. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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