

Leviathan (sea dragon) “Demon of Envy” (2015)

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“Nothing on earth is its equal, a creature without fear.” Job 41:33 NIV

The perception of depth is quite strong in this painting. This work was a challenge I had long thought of but considered too complicated for my skills. After all these years I finally felt that I was ready to attempt my own interpretation of this Biblical beast.

Today’s Hebrew word for Leviathan is interpreted as “whale”. However, upon reading the description in chapter 41 of the book of Job, you quickly realize that they are not speaking of anything even remotely like a whale. What they are describing is nothing less than a sea dragon. Someone once said to me, “If you ever paint a dragon, make it fierce... or go home.” Now that I have completed this work, I fully agree with him.

According to folklore Leviathan is considered one of the seven demons of Hell, the demon of envy. It is said that God killed the female for concern they would overtake and destroy the entire world. Yet nowhere in scripture will you find a reason why such a monstrous creature would be made to begin with?

So, it leaves me to ask... “Is it still out there; has its purpose yet to be revealed?”

