

## 15-Conqueror of Chaos

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### INTRO:

#### I. → Psalms 104:19-30

*He made the **moon** to mark the seasons,  
and the **sun** knows when to go down.*

*You bring darkness, it becomes night,  
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.*

*The lions roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.*

*The sun rises, and they steal away;  
they return and lie down in their dens.*

*→ 23 Then people go out to their work,  
to their labor until evening.*

*How many are your works, O YHWH!*

*In wisdom you made them all;  
the earth is full of your **creations**.*

*→ 25 There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
teeming with creatures beyond number—  
living things both large and small.*

*There the ships go to and fro,  
and **Leviathan**, which you formed to **frolic** there.*

*→ 27 All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.*

*When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;*

*when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.*

*→ 29 When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;*

*when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.*

*When you send your **Spirit**,  
they are **created**,  
and you **renew** the face of the ground.*

## BODY:

### I. Conqueror of Chaos

*25 There the ships go to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.*

A. God fills the empty places in our lives with purpose and joy.

1) **Genesis 1:2**

*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

2) **CHAOSKAMPF IN THE BIBLE**

(Sea monster of chaos defeated by a creator god)

- a) Sumerian Ninurta defeats the 7-headed serpent
- b) Babylonian Marduk defeats Tiamat
- c) Ugaritic Baal Hadad defeats Yam's seven-headed sea-monster Lotan (1450)

B. God conquers the chaos in our lives and restores order.

1) Six times in the Hebrew Bible:

- a) Job 3, 41 A creature demonstrating God power
- b) Isaiah 27:1 A metaphor for defeating Babylon

2) **Psalms 74:13-14**

*It was you who split open the sea by your power;  
you broke the heads of the monster in the waters.  
It was you who crushed the heads of **Leviathan**  
and gave it as food to the creatures of the desert.*

3) **REV 20 7-HEADED DRAGON CAST INTO ABYSS**

4) **JACK SPARROW—BEST THE DEVIL**

### II. Composer of Seasons

*19 He appointed YAREYKH to mark the seasons,  
and SHEMESH knows when to go down.*

A. God appoints seasons in our lives for different purposes.

1) **Genesis 1:14**

*And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years."*

2) **SEASONS PERSONIFIED BY OLD DIETY NAMES**

a) Yareykh the Canaanite moon god (Jericho)

b) Shemesh the Mesopotamian sun god (Samson)

B. In every season we need to new wisdom and direction.

1) **Matthew 16:2-3**

*He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."*

2) **TAKING TIME TO RECUPERATE**

### III. **Creator of Life**

*30 When you send your Spirit,  
they are **created**,  
and you **renew** the face of the **ground**. (adamah)*

A. God not only creates life but He fills us with purpose.

1) **Genesis 1:20-21**

*And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems.*

2) **PSALM 104 HIS PURPOSE IS TO FROLIC**

B. It is God's Spirit that breathes life into our spirits.

1) **1 Corinthians 15:44-45**

*If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.*

2) **BREATHING LIFE INTO ADAM**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Romans 16:19-20

Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Isaiah 27:1

27 In that day,  
the Lord will punish with his sword—  
his fierce, great and powerful sword—  
Leviathan the gliding serpent,  
Leviathan the coiling serpent;  
he will slay the monster of the sea.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Job 41:1,33-34

“Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook  
or tie down its tongue with a rope? . . .  
33 Nothing on earth is its equal—  
a creature without fear.  
It looks down on all that are haughty;  
it is king over all that are proud.”