

# WHY YOU **FEEL MISUNDERSTOOD**



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## STUDY GUIDE

# Why You Feel Misunderstood: Understanding the Spirit of Leviathan

## I. The Spirit of Leviathan, Hiding in Plain Sight: Prophetic Overview

A. Leviathan is running rampant.

1. Example: Politics/Government
2. Example: Media
3. Example: Social media
4. Example: The Church

B. Why Leviathan is so challenging:

1. It's a high-level demonic spirit.
2. It operates in a very "hidden" way that is easy to dismiss as the failings of others as opposed to us giving place to the manipulation of a spirit.

## II. What Is Leviathan?

A. First of all, Leviathan exists! Don't let it, or others, lie to you.

1. Typically dismissed as simply a "sea creature".

*"O Lord, what a variety of things You have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of Your creatures. Here is the ocean, vast and*

*wide, teeming with life of every kind, both large and small. See the ships sailing along, and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea.” (Psalm 104:24–26, NLT)*

2. Isaiah 27:1, however, clearly shows that “Leviathan” is something the Lord will deal with and crush because it “symbolizes forces hostile to God.” (BibleGateway footnotes)
3. Just as there is a historical Queen Jezebel (1 Kings, 2 Kings), there is also a spirit of Jezebel that works through people. (Revelation 2:18–29)
4. Is it any wonder that a spirit that twists communication and understanding has so twisted things that there are those who do not even think it exists?

B. Leviathan is a high-level demonic spirit that:

1. Twists communication.
2. Creates misunderstanding and misinterpretation.
3. Assigns mis-intent.
4. Purpose: To damage or break relationships
5. It wants to destroy the divine power of unity. (Deuteronomy 32:30; Psalm 133:3; 1 Corinthians 12:25)
  - a. Strategic relationships (Kingdom connections and divine alliances)
  - b. Marriages
  - c. Congregations
  - d. Body of Christ

### **III. How Leviathan Works**

A. **Key mention of Leviathan:**

*“In that day the Lord will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent with His fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.” (Isaiah 27:1, NASB)*

1. Leviathan is a “fleeing serpent.”
  - a. “Fleeing” = “bariyach” = “side-to-side, darting movement”
  - b. NIV = “gliding”
  - c. NLT = “swiftly moving”
  - d. KJV + NKJV = “piercing”
  
2. Moving back-and-forth in communications.
  - a. Creates misunderstanding and misinterpretation.
  - b. Causes *both sides* to lash out in an escalating war of offenses, accusations, hurt feelings, and bitter reactions.
  - c. If you feel misunderstood and treated unfairly, realize the other party probably feels the same.
  
3. Leviathan works on all sides of a conflict, swiftly moving back-and-forth to “pierce” relationship.

**B. Leviathan is a “twisted serpent”.**

1. “Serpent” = “nachash” = “a snake (from its hiss), from a root word meaning “whisper a spell”.
2. Same word as in Genesis 3:1:
  - a. Enemy, as a serpent, whispers lies to Eve.
  - b. The enemy tempts her and Adam to doubt God and break relationship with Him.
  
3. Jesus tells us that the devil is a liar, and the father of lies. (John 8:44)
  - a. Lies are the devil’s tongue.
  - b. The same is true of his minions.
  - c. Leviathan is a spirit that hisses/whispers lies, half-truths, and miscommunications.

C. **Leviathan is not just a “serpent,” it’s a “twisted” serpent.**

1. “Twisted” = “aqallathown” = “torturous,” from a root word meaning “wrong.”
2. Leviathan whispers “wrong” interpretations of what is being communicated to “torture” people with:
  - a. Hurt feelings.
  - b. Bitterness and resentment.
  - c. Anger.
  - d. Arguments.
  - e. Overreactions.
  - f. Et cetera.
3. Leviathan hisses chaos and confusion into communications in an attempt to turn people against one another, with the ultimate goal of damaging or breaking relationship.
  - a. It wants to create division because it knows we are greater together.
  - b. Unity releases a flow from heaven, and it is where God commands a blessing. (Psalm 130)
  - c. One put 1000 to flight, and two put 10,000 to flight. (Deuteronomy 32:30)
4. Leviathan wants to twist us into using the supernatural power of our tongue for evil instead of good, death instead of life, cursing instead of blessing.
  - a. *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”* (Proverbs 18:21)
  - b. *“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be.”* (James 3:10)
5. Leviathan twists and distorts what is said and what is heard.

Example: “I *heard* you say it!”

D. Be aware, Leviathan rarely works alone. It almost always stirs up and incites:

1. Pride. (Job 41:34)
2. Offense.
3. Accuser of the brethren.
4. Religious spirit / self-righteousness.
5. Self-pity. (1 Peter 5:8)
6. Jezebel (manipulation, intimidation, desire to isolate and give up).

#### **IV. Prayer for Attendees**