

What are marine spirits?

Proponents of the so-called Marine Kingdom believe that the earth's waters contain evil spirits that trouble the world. They teach that there is a hierarchy of demonic powers which are organized and more powerful than similar powers which are in the air and on the land. The Queen of the Sea is said to command water forces. Ocean spirits along with river and stream spirits are said to be responsible for man's: psychological, physiological and social problems. These false teachers pervert passages such as Isaiah 49:24-26¹ and Job 26:5.²

The bible teaches that there is a demonic world. Satan is a created being (Ezek 28:14-19) who instigates evil (Jn 13:2, 27) and secures men's worship (Lk 4:6-8; 2 Thess 2:3, 4). He is called: the prince of demons (Mt 12:24), the prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2), the ruler of darkness (Eph 6:12) and the ruler of this world (Jn 14:30).³

Scripture teaches that the sea is bound by God's decree (Jer 5:22) and demonic spirits are under his control (1 Sa 6:7-14).

The sea is figurative for false teachers. Jude wrote: Raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever (Jud 13).

The antichrist seeks man's worship (2 Thess. 2:4). Presently, there are many antichrists in the world (1 Jn 2:18-22). They will be destroyed in the lake of fire (Re 20:10).

The Book of Revelation describes a wild beast who comes out of the sea. He is a person who will have political power (Re 13:1-10). Regarding Revelation 13:1, John MacArthur wrote: [The] beast...represents both a person (Antichrist) and his system (the world). The final satanic world empire will be inseparable from the demon-possessed man who leads it.⁴

Worship of marine life is forbidden (Ex 20:4-6, Deut 4:15-18). Fish in scripture are figurative of ignorant men (Eccl. 9:12).

¹ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty,
Or the captives of the righteous be delivered?
But thus says the LORD:
"Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
And the prey of the terrible be delivered;
For I will contend with him who contends with you,
And I will save your children.
I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh,
And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine.
All flesh shall know
That I, the LORD, am your Savior,
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." The New King James Version. (1982). (Is 49:24-26). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

² "The dead tremble,
Those under the waters and those inhabiting them. The New King James Version. (1982). (Job 26:5). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

³ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 176). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

⁴ MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed., p. 2009). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

Man and animals have a soul while fish do not.

Henry Morris wrote:

The word "life" occurs for the first time in this verse (Hebrew *nephesh*). Actually, this is the word also for "soul," and is frequently used to refer to both the soul of man and the life of animals. In the Biblical sense, plants do not have real life, or soul (or consciousness); but both animals and men do.⁵

Only man has a spirit being made in God's image (Ge 9:6). Neither fish nor land animals have a spirit (e.g. eternity is not written on the hearts [Eccl 3:11]).

Oceans have an effect on global climate; but God is in control of the planet (Ge 8:22).

Idolaters have long worshiped water gods. The Greeks worshipped Poseidon, the god of the oceans and the Romans worshipped his equivalent, Neptune.

The apostle Paul preached to pagans saying: Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious (Ac 17:22, KJV). They had many gods but they needed to know the true and living, creator God (Is. 40:28).

⁵ Morris, H. M. (1976). The Genesis record: a scientific and devotional commentary on the book of beginnings (p. 69). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.