

Isaiah 27



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Isaiah 27:1 NKJV

In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

Verse 1

- ❖ 3 beasts are mentioned —> they speak to powers of that day that will be destroyed, but speak universally of all of the world system that will be judged with destruction on the return of Christ (Revelation 12:1-12)
- ❖ Leviathan (liv-yaw-thawn) the fleeing serpent- speaks of speed (Assyria was known for the speed of their assault)
- ❖ Leviathan (liv-yaw-thawn) the twisted serpent- twisting/coiling constricts (Babylon cut Israel off with siege)
- ❖ The reptile (tan-neen) that is in the sea- dragon was on the emblem of Egypt

Isaiah 27:2-6 NKJV

In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine! [3] I, the LORD, keep it, I water it every moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day. [4] Fury is not in Me. Who would set briers and thorns Against Me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. [5] Or let him take hold of My strength, That he may make peace with Me; And he shall make peace with Me." [6] Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

Verse 2

- ❖ In that day—> when this world system is destroyed and Christ sets up His kingdom
- ❖ Sing —> response of praise to the glory of Christ's kingdom
 - ❖ This song about vineyard differs from that of (ch 5) (deals with the unfruitfulness of Israel)
 - ❖ In this song, Israel is once again fruitful
 - ❖ Some commentators believe this refers to the church
 - ❖ Either or both are in view here (because) the church is grafted in to Israel (Romans 11:16-24)
- ❖ Red wine speaks of joy

Verses 3, 4

- ❖ (V 3) The vineyard belongs to God
 - ❖ He plants
 - ❖ He waters
 - ❖ He protects
- ❖ (V 4) Judgment has passed now blessing towards the vineyard
 - ❖ The judgment and wrath is reserved for those that come against God's choice vineyard
 - ❖ Those who set briars and thorns

Verses 5, 6

- ❖ (V 5) The enemies will only find mercy by yielding to Christ
 - ❖ Some commentators “my strength” refers to the horns of the altar (1 Kings 1:50, 2:28)
 - ❖ A way of seeking asylum (mercy)
- ❖ (V 6) Israel will once again be blessed and become a blessing to all the earth

Isaiah 27:7-11 NKJV

Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him? Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him? [8] In measure, by sending it away, You contended with it. He removes it by His rough wind In the day of the east wind. [9] Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; And this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust, Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand. [10] Yet the fortified city will be desolate, The habitation forsaken and left like a wilderness; There the calf will feed, and there it will lie down And consume its branches. [11] When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off; The women come and set them on fire. For it is a people of no understanding; Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, And He who formed them will show them no favor.

Verses 7, 8

- ❖ Israel is God's possession
- ❖ A blow to Israel is a blow to Him because of His great love for them, yet he allowed them to be smitten in judgment
- ❖ The difference is that those nations were unrelenting toward Israel
 - ❖ But God is merciful and the punishment has an end
 - ❖ Those who were instruments of judgment were dealt with more harshly (their pride was their downfall in previous chapters)
 - ❖ Winds coming from the east in that area were especially violent

Verses 9-11

- ❖ (V 9) Judgment brings covering of sin for Israel (specifically the sin of idolatry)
 - ❖ Then they will receive mercy and blessing
 - ❖ (Praise the Lord that our sins are covered in Christ)
- ❖ (V 10, 11) Part of that chastening will include the ceasing of Israel as a nation (Babylonian exile)
 - ❖ God will show them no mercy for a time
 - ❖ The judgment will end though

Isaiah 27:12-13 NKJV

And it shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. [13] So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Verses 12, 13

- ❖ After the chastening (which scatters them), Israel will be regathered
- ❖ The great trumpet called Israel to worship during the OT
 - ❖ They will once again be called to worship
 - ❖ They will come and worship Christ!