

# The Book of Isaiah

## The Day of the LORD Chapters 24-27

### Chapter 27

This chapter closes the highly prophetic portion concerning events surrounding the day of the LORD.

**The Punishment of Leviathan (vs.1):** The following are some thoughts concerning the usage of Leviathan in the bible as whole.

#### Literal Creature

**Job 41** – In Job 41 is the most descriptive chapter on leviathan. This creature was an actual creature that lived during the time of Job just as **behemoth** was an actual creature as described in Job 40:15-24.

(vss. 1-10) He can not be tamed

(vs. 3) He can speak (literal or figurative)

(vs. 13) Double Bridle

(vs. 14) Open doors of his face

(vss. 15-17, 23) Scales close together

(vss. 18 - 21) Sneezing, fire breathing

(vs. 18) His eyes are squinted

(vss. 26-30) He is exceedingly strong

(vss. 31-32) He lives in a boiling sea and when he moves, he leaves a trail of ash

(vs. 33) He is unlike any other creature of God creation.

**Psalm 104:25-26** – Leviathan lives in the deeps of the sea

**Isaiah 27:1** - Not only does he live in the sea he is also called a “crooked serpent” and “dragon”

**Psalm 74:13-14** – Dragons have multiple heads and were in the Sea when God parted it for Israel to pass through. They were destroyed and made to be food for the people of Israel.

**Extra Biblical Sources:**

According to the Apocryphal books Leviathan was created on the fifth day of creation:

**Baruch 29:4** And Behemoth shall be revealed from his place and Leviathan shall ascend from the sea, those two great monsters which I created on the fifth day of creation, and shall have kept until that time; and then they shall be for food for all that are left.

**2 Esdras 6:49** “Then you kept in existence two living creatures; the one you called Behemoth and the name of the other Leviathan.

Daniel kills a dragon without sword or club:

**Daniel 14:22-26 – Bel and the Dragon** “ And there was a great dragon in that place, and the Babylonians worshipped him. <sup>23</sup> And the king said to Daniel: Behold thou canst not say now, that this is not a living god: adore him therefore. <sup>24</sup> And Daniel said: I adore the Lord my God: for he is the living God: but that is no living god. <sup>25</sup> But give me leave, O king, and I will kill this dragon without sword or club. And the king said: I give thee leave. <sup>26</sup> Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and boiled them together: and he made lumps, and put them into the dragon's mouth, and the dragon burst asunder. And he said: Behold him whom you worshipped.”

**Figures of the Creature:**

**Ezekiel 29:1-7** – Pharaoh and Egypt are likened to a dragon in the midst of the sea. Pharaoh is also likened to a whale and Lion (Ezekiel 32:2).

**Isaiah 51:9- 10** - Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? <sup>10</sup> Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? **Cf. Psalm 87:3-4; 89:10**

**Revelation 12** – The Devil, Satan is called “the red great dragon” “the great dragon” and “that old serpent” (**Rev. 20:2**). He is likened to a 7 headed dragon with 10 horns (**Rev. 17:3**) the seven heads of this dragon are 7 mountains or kingdoms in which the woman sits of which there are 7 kings (**Rev. 17:9-10**) and the 10 horns are 10 kings (**Rev. 17:12**). The waters that the beast rises out of are “people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (**Rev. 17:15**).

**Punishing Leviathan (27:1-6):** It is my understanding that this is dealing with two issues related to punishing Leviathan. *First*, it is dealing with the time when God will punish Satan the great red dragon (**Rev. 12:9 cf. Rev. 20:2**). With this it is also symbolic of the coming beastly kingdoms of the antichrist (**Rev. 17**). *Secondly*, it is dealing with Egypt that “piercing” kingdom whom Israel had and will lean on for help only to their own demise (**2 Kings 18:21**). This is seen from the context of Isaiah 27:12-13. Egypt is the dragon that “is in the sea” the Red Sea as in **Ezekiel 29:1-7** and **Isaiah 51:9-10**. And just as the coming beast empire will rise out of the “sea” of people in **Revelation 17:15**.

It will be following this time that “**Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.**” (**27:6**)

**The Punishing of the Oppressors of Israel (7-11):** The Lord will deal with the enemies of Israel, those that oppressed His people just as He did to Pharaoh king of Egypt. It is the “fury” (vs. 4) of the Lord that will “burn” (vs. 4) the enemies of the land. It is the time when the Lord comes with “**in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**” (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**). This is the day in which the Lord will purge His people from their sin (vs. 9). It will be in that day that “defended” city shall be no longer inhabited (**10-11 cf. Isaiah 25:1-5 cf. Revelation 18:10**).

**The Gathering of God’s People (12-13):** We have seen this before in Isaiah 11:15-16 and Isaiah 20:22. God will gather all His people back into the kingdom once it is established.