

**Study 64: Isaiah, Part 20 Isaiah 27**

**Isaiah 27** In that day,  
the Lord will punish with his sword—  
his fierce, great and powerful sword—

(Compare: **Deut 32:**

39 “See now that I myself am he!  
There is no god besides me.  
I put to death and I bring to life,  
I have wounded and I will heal,  
and no one can deliver out of my hand.  
40 I lift my hand to heaven and solemnly swear:  
As surely as I live forever,  
41 when I sharpen **my flashing sword**  
and my hand grasps it in judgment,  
I will take vengeance on my adversaries  
and repay those who hate me.  
42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood,  
while my sword devours flesh:  
the blood of the slain and the captives,  
the heads of the enemy leaders.”  
43 Rejoice, you nations, with his people,  
for he will avenge the blood of his servants;  
he will take vengeance on his enemies  
and make atonement for his land and people [LXX adds: *and let all the angels worship him*. Quoted in Heb 1:6]).

Leviathan the gliding serpent,  
Leviathan the coiling serpent;  
he will slay the monster of the sea.

2 In that day—

“Sing about a fruitful vineyard [cp. Isa 5]:

3 I, the Lord, watch over it;

I water it continually.

I guard it day and night

so that no one may harm it.

4 I am not angry.

If only there were **briers and thorns** confronting me!

I would march against them in battle;

I would set them all on fire.

5 **Or else let them come to me for refuge;**

let them make peace with me,

yes, let them make peace with me.”

6 In days to come Jacob will take root,

Israel will bud and blossom

and fill all the world with fruit.

7 Has the Lord struck her

as he struck down those who struck her?

Has she been killed

as those were killed who killed her?

8 By warfare [Hebrew meaning uncertain] and exile you contend with her—

with his fierce blast he drives her out,

as on a day the east wind blows.

9 **By this, then, will Jacob's guilt be atoned for,  
and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin:**

**When he makes all the altar stones  
to be like limestone crushed to pieces,  
no Asherah poles or incense altars  
will be left standing.**

10 **The fortified city stands desolate,**  
an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the wilderness;  
there the calves graze,  
there they lie down;  
they strip its branches bare.

11 When its twigs are dry, they are broken off  
and women come and make fires with them.

For this is a people without understanding;  
so their Maker has no compassion on them,  
and their Creator shows them no favor.

12 In that day the Lord will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, Israel, will be gathered up one by one. 13 And **in that day a great trumpet will sound.** Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

(Compare: Matt 13:39 [harvest]; 24:31; 1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16; Rev 10:7; 11:15)