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Hey! Have I got good news for you! The devil is going to get it. I mean, God is going to bring him down. That mighty Leviathan that exalted himself and thought he could rule over the earth is going to be brought down. (See Isaiah 27:1) And you! You, then, are going to be released from his pressure and from his adversarial tactics. We’ll talk about it today.

PART ONE

Have you ever watched a movie and you’ve watched that villain move and you’ve watched what he’s done, and how he has manipulated people, and how he has lied to them, and how he has destroyed them and sought to ruin them? What do you want? Do you want him to succeed? Not if you’re normal. You want him to get it. And that’s what God tells us in Isaiah chapter 24, 25, 26 and 27, He’s telling us as he brings this segment of Isaiah to a close: “Hey! The devil is going to get it.” Now it’s hidden, in a way, until you stop and you really analyze what God is saying in this segment of

scripture. Remember Isaiah chapter 24 starts off with God laying the earth waste. (See Isaiah 24:1) Now we've come to Isaiah chapter 27 and let me just tell you this: Thank you, Precious One. Thank you so very, very much for coming alongside and for studying the Word of God. You know that you can find a free study guide by going to <preceptsforlife.com>; <preceptsforlife.com>. And you can download that study guide and you can grow with us. And that's the whole purpose of this program is, to take you through the Bible, book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse and let you discover truth for yourself. So one of the things that we tell you to do is, mark time phrases. And one of the time phrases that is very important in the book of Isaiah is: "in that day." Because God tells you in different segments of the book what He's going to do. And then He says: "In that day;" "In that day;" "In that day;" So this song opened up in Isaiah 26, verse 1 with, "**In that day....**" (Isaiah 26:1) Now we've come to another "**In that day....**" (Isaiah 27:1) It says, "**In that day....**," chapter 27, verse 1, "**...the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword....**" (Isaiah 27:1) God is going to come down. He's going to take that "fleeing," that running "Leviathan," and He's gonna bring His sword down on him. And then it says this: "**...Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.**" (Isaiah 27:1) Now some people think that what God is talking about is a literal sea monster—a literal sea creature. And you can go to Scriptures and you can find out that God describes a sea creature. But you can also go to the Scriptures and take the word "serpent;" take the word "**...dragon who lives in the sea.**" (Isaiah 27:1) Take the context of this passage and remember, context is always king. It always rules over interpretation. So the context; and you have to remember that in the Bible there were no chapter divisions. There were no verses. Somebody went in and put them in, and I'm so glad, so that we can see where we are and find it in a hurry. But now watch what he says. Let's go back to chapter 26: "**Come, my people, enter into your**

[room] **and close [the door] behind you...;**” close the door behind you.
“...Hide for a little while until indignation runs its course.” (Isaiah 26:20) Whose indignation? A righteous God’s indignation. When God sent His Son the first time, He came to die for our sins. When He comes the second time, He is coming for judgment. So it says, **“For behold, the LORD is about to come out [of] His place...,”** it says, **“...to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain.” (Isaiah 26:21)** **“In that day...,”** you see the connection? **“...The LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent....” (Isaiah 27:1)** Now when He talks about that, why would He be talking about the earth, and then talking about a sea monster? Remember, God is going to judge not only the earth, but God is going to judge the heavens, and this is what we saw as we studied Isaiah chapter 24 and 25. In Isaiah 24:21, it says: **“So it will happen in that day, that the LORD will punish the host of heaven on high, and the kings of...earth on [the] earth.” (Isaiah 24:21)** So let me run a few cross references with you. Let me take you to Revelation chapter 12, and verse 9, and let me show you something. In Revelation chapter 12, verse 9, and what I want you to understand is, when you study the book of Genesis and you put it together with the book of Revelation, it’s absolutely incredible. And it is incredible because, what God starts and shows you in the beginning, He brings to a conclusion. So in Genesis chapter 3 we have a serpent coming into the garden, and that serpent tempts Eve. And Eve takes the fruit of the tree. The serpent lies about God, the serpent accuses God. He’s saying: **“...God knows that in the day you eat [of the fruit of that tree] you will be like God, [you will know] good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5)** In other words, “You don’t need to know God.” Well when you come to Revelation chapter 12, verse 9, listen to what he says. **“And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world....”** I mean, he is going to get it. **“...He was thrown down to**

the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” (Revelation 12:9) “...He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” (Revelation 12:9) So he’s describing to you “the dragon,” “the serpent of old.” It is the devil. And so he tells us that that serpent that came into the garden was the dragon, the arch enemy of God. Now when you come to Revelation chapter 13, listen carefully: **“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.”** (Revelations 13:1) And it says, “[And] I saw one of his heads...and the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; [and] they worshiped...,” now listen carefully, “...the dragon because he...,” the dragon, the serpent of old, that comes out of the sea, “...[he] gave his authority to the beast...” (Revelation 13:3-4) So when you look at this: **“...Leviathan, the fleeing serpent,...”** God is going to get him **“...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) God is going after the unholy trinity. God is going after the unholy trinity. Look at Revelation chapter 19. I just wanna take you all through Revelation. Forgive me, I’m just excited about it. But Revelation chapter 19, and look at verse 11, and it says: **“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and [He] wages war. His eyes are [like] a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written...which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. [And] from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike...the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron....”** (Revelation 19:11-15) The striking of the nations; who is over the nations?

Who is the Prince of this World? Well 1 John chapter 5, verse 19 tells you that it is the devil. He is the Prince of the Power of the Air. He is **“...the spirit that [works] in the sons of disobedience.”** (Ephesians 2:2) And they are going to get it. And so in verse 19 of Revelation 19, **“...[they’re] assembled to make war against [God]...”** (Revelation 19:19) And it says in verse 20: **“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet...”** This is the unholy trinity. **“...Who performed...signs in his presence...,”** in the presence of the beast, **“...by which he deceived those who [took] the mark of the beast...”** And the mark of the beast is the number of man’s names: six hundred and sixty-six. **“...Those who worshiped his image; [and] these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”** (Revelation 19:20) And then you go to chapter 20, verse 1: **“[And]...I saw an angel coming down [out of] heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is [called] the devil and Satan....”** (Revelation 20:1-2) This is the Leviathan, I believe. **“...And bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he [should] not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; [and] after [this] he [will] be released for a short time.”** (Revelation 20:2-3) Oh my goodness! What’s gonna happen when he’s released? What’s gonna happen to the earth? Stay tuned. We’ll talk about it.

PART TWO

The devil is going to get it. God is going to judge him. God is going to punish him. Now I left him in the bottomless pit. For a thousand years because that’s what God says is where he’s going to be for a thousand years. And then during that thousand years, Jesus Christ is going to reign. Where’s He going to reign? On His holy mountain in Jerusalem, in that strong city that you and I have. But what happens at the end of the thousand years?

Because he's just in a bottomless pit. Well I want us to go back to Revelation and let's look again at Revelation chapter 20, because in Revelation chapter 20 we are coming to the close of the Word of God, and the close of God's explanation of what is going on. His progressive revelation is coming to completion. And in verse 7 of Revelation 20 it says, "[And] **when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison.**" (Revelation 20:7) You say, "Well he didn't get it, did he?" Oh! Yes he did. "...[He] **will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for...war; the number of them is like the sand [on] the seashore.**" And it says, "**And they came up on [a] broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints....**" (Revelation 20:8-9) ["Go and hide yourself for a little while until the indignation is passed."] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 26:20) And it says, "**And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city....**" (Revelations 20:9) What's the "beloved city"? Jerusalem. And it says this is His final showdown, I mean, this is high noon. When those guys are walking out at high noon, and they are facing one another and the guns are drawn, and the shot is fired, and the enemy, the devil goes down. Listen to what it says, it says, "**And fire came down [out of] heaven and devoured them.**" (Revelation 20:9) Now we saw this in Isaiah 24 and 25. "**And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are...and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**" (Revelation 20:10) Well we've covered chapter 27, verse 1 and we've got to move on, and as we move on we come to this glorious song of the vineyard. It says in verse 2, "**In that day, 'A vineyard of wine, sing of it! I, the LORD, am its keeper....'**" (Isaiah 27:2-3) Now remember in Isaiah 5 we saw this vineyard that the Lord planted. But it didn't bear fruit. (See Isaiah 5:1-2) But now we're at the other end of the spectrum. "**I, the Lord, am its keeper; I water**

it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it [day and night]. I have no wrath. Should someone give Me briars and thorns in battle, then I would step on them, I would burn them completely. Or let him rely on My protection, let [them] make peace with Me, let [them] make peace with Me. In the days to come Jacob...,” he’s talking about the nation of Israel, “...will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, and they will fill the whole world with [its] fruit.” (Revelation 27:3-6) In other words, there’s a day coming when Israel will be the centerpiece of all the earth and they will spread and fill the whole world with its fruit. You say, “How can a righteous God do that? Israel turned their back on the Messiah. Israel was part, along with the world.” But it was really God that crucified His Son. “How can He do that?”—He’s doing it, a righteous God is doing it because He’s judged them and they responded. Have you been judged by God and not responded? Have you allowed, so to speak, the devil to get a stronghold in your life and you followed that for a while. But God, God judged you, didn’t He? He chastened you. But when He’s finished chastening you, then He wants to bless you. **“Like the striking of him who has struck them...,”** He struck them. **“...Has He struck them? Or like the slaughter of His slain, have they been slain? You [God] contended with them by banishing them, by driving them away....”** (Isaiah 27:7-8) And that’s what God said He would do in Deuteronomy: “If you do not obey Me, I will disperse you. I will scatter you among the nations.” (See Deuteronomy 4:27) **“...With His fierce wind He...expelled them on the day of the east wind. Therefore through this Jacob’s iniquity will be forgiven....”** (Isaiah 27:8-9) Because God has judged them and it is over. **“...And this will be the full price of ...pardoning ... his sin....”** It says, **“...When he [has made] the altar stones like pulverized chalk stones....”** In other words, he’s come and he’s torn down the altars, he’s pulverized them. **“...When Asherim and incense altars will not stand.”** (Isaiah 27:9) And then he contrasts it again with the city. The city that is in rebellion against God; the

city that is opposed to God, and it says this: **“For the fortified city is isolated, a homestead...,”** a pasture, **“...forlorn and forsaken like the desert; there the calf will graze...there it will lie down and feed on its branches. When [the] limbs are dry, they are broken off; women come and make...fire with them, for they are not a people of discernment, therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them....”** (Isaiah 27:10-11) What is he saying? Once again he is contrasting the fate of the righteous with the unrighteous. He’s contrasting the fact that the righteous have peace with Him because they trust in the Lord, because they have an everlasting Rock, but these have forsaken it. And He says, **“...Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them...,”** on this fortified city. **“...And their Creator will not be gracious to them.”** (Isaiah 27:11) These are the wicked that continue to do wickedly, and so he says: **“In that day...,”** and he brings us to this glorious final close in this segment. **“In that day the LORD will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates...,”** go over to Iraq and imagine that Euphrates, there. **“...To the brook of Egypt...,”** go down south to Egypt to the brook. And it says, **“...And you will be gathered...one by one, O sons of Israel.”** (Isaiah 27:12) “I’m going to gather you! I’m going to restore.” What is chapter 27 all about? Chapter 27 is about the destruction of the serpent, the one that brought enmity between the serpent and the woman, the one that stirred up all this hatred for the Jews, the one that caused people to come against Israel simply because they were Jew, a persecution of the Jews, that serpent is going to be destroyed and God is going to go out and every Jew that has survived His judgment, He is going to bring back. He is going to gather them. And listen to what it says. He says: **“...You will be gathered...one by one, O sons of Israel. It will come about...in that day....”** Mark it again. **“...That a great trumpet will be blown and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD [at] the...mountain [in] Jerusalem.”**

(Isaiah 27:12-13) There is a day of a blowing of the great trumpet, and you know what? First Thessalonians chapter 4 tells us that [God is going to blow a trumpet too, and the dead in Christ are going to rise.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Thessalonians 4:16) And be caught up with those that “**...are alive and remain...[and] meet the Lord in the air....**” (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

There’s a trumpet for the church. There’s a trumpet for Israel. And there is triumph by God over the enemy. This is what He’s saying. So mark those “In that day’s” and know what God is going to do as He brings His sons from afar. As they come up from Egypt. Remember there’s a highway from Egypt to Assyria as they come down from Assyria they’re going to come to worship God at the mountain in Jerusalem. (See Isaiah 11:11-12, 16) O God! What glorious day awaits us.