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Sermon Notes

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The Lord—a Warrior and Vinekeeper—Saves His Sinful People

Isaiah 27:1-13

I. The Wicked Serpent Slain (vs. 1)

Isaiah 27:1 In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

A. The Coming “Day of the Lord”

B. The Epic Battle: The Lord vs. Leviathan

C. Who is “Leviathan”?

1. Simple answer: organized enemies of the Lord and His people
2. Two-fold answer: Satan and Wicked People... especially wicked nations that oppress God’s people
3. Leviathan described three ways
 - a. Leviathan the gliding serpent
 - b. Leviathan the coiling serpent
 - c. The monster of the sea
4. The image of a mighty SEA SERPENT is powerful
 - a. The “sea” is pictured as dangerous and unknown
 - b. Few things more terrifying than a sea monster
 - c. You can’t see below the surface... you don’t know when this hideous, powerful thing will breach from down below and devour your ship and you

Illus. Summer of 1976... "Jaws" had people terrified to swim at the beach... frankly, I was terrified to swim in Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire... my parents surely must have told me that sharks are not freshwater creatures, and that there was ABOSLUTELY NO DANGER that week that I would be attacked by a great white shark... but the terror of the unknown was potent

Illus. Christopher Columbus's men were almost paralyzed by their terror of sea creatures as they pushed ever further west in search of India... giant squids or ravenous whales or even mysterious unknown creatures that might rise up suddenly and devour them instantly

- d. The sea thus represents the writhing, roiling, tumultuous power of Gentile nations... and Daniel 7 pictures four beasts rising up one after the other from the stormy sea; Revelation 13 pictures the dragon, the ancient serpent, identified in Revelation 12 as Satan, standing by the sea and calling forth the BEAST from the sea... a terrifying world leader who will seek to crush God's people
 - e. So... there is biblical warrant for seeing Leviathan here as a symbol for BOTH wicked human empires (like the Assyrian or Babylonian empires) who seek to crush God's people, AND Satan, the "god of this age", who rules over these wicked people to achieve his ends and to crush God's people
 - f. The verse says that God will PUNISH Leviathan and SLAY the monster of the deep
 - g. So, God will FIGHT and He will WIN
5. Is this an ancient myth? Is this Marduk and Tiamat?
 - a. Babylonian god—Marduk
 - b. Creation myth "Enuma elish": Marduk chosen as the champion of the young gods who rose up against the evil gods that preceded them... Tiamat, the wicked goddess, comes forth to fight the young god, Marduk... she is depicted as a sea serpent; Marduk won the battle by slaughtering Tiamat, and carved up her body, making the heavens with one part, and the earth with another
 - c. BUT Isaiah is not embracing this myth
 6. Babylonian myth: this battle already took place, and it explains the creation of the heavens and the earth
 7. Here: the battle is YET TO COME!!

8. First true fulfillment: pagan armies now, and again, and again... right up to the end...

Red Sea crossing... Pharaoh's army defeated... likened to the destruction of Leviathan

Psalm 74:13-14 It was you who split open the sea by your power; you broke the heads of the monster in the waters. ¹⁴ It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave him as food to the creatures of the desert.

The persecution of God's people by Satan and his earthly armies depicted in Revelation 12

Revelation 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.

Revelation 12:15-16 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

9. Second true fulfillment: the final destruction of Satan... Revelation 12 and Revelation 20

Revelation 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

D. What is the Sword of the Lord?

1. Three adjectives describe it here

Isaiah 27:1 his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword

"HARD" "GREAT" "STRONG": hard = it will not get notched or get dull after much use; great and strong = mighty power, cannot be resisted

2. The sword of the Lord described elsewhere

Ephesians 6:17 the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword

3. The sword of the Lord is His MIGHTY WORD!!!

By simply speaking the powerful word, the Lord will defeat Leviathan: both the earthly empires that threaten His people, and Satan and his demons, who rule behind those human puppets

E. Already... and Not Yet

1. The human enemies of God's people are restrained, defeated in piecemeal one after the other
2. BUT Satan himself is not yet finally defeated
3. the battle goes on generation after generation
4. The true victory already won at the cross!! More at the end of the sermon!!

II. The Vineyard Fills the World with Fruit (vs. 2-6)

Isaiah 27:2-6 In that day-- "Sing about a fruitful vineyard: 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 briars 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.

A. "In That Day" = "In the day when the Lord defeats Leviathan..."

1. The Day of the Lord brings not only judgment, but also eternal FRUITFULNESS
2. The Day of the Lord looks ahead to the end of the world

B. Sing About a Fruitful Vineyard

1. We have for the second time in Isaiah God's people pictured like a VINEYARD
2. Earlier, Isaiah had lamented for the Lord the failure of Judah and Jerusalem to bear fruit for God... Isaiah 5 exposed the grief the Lord felt at the wickedness and fruitlessness of His people

Isaiah 5:1-7 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵

Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

3. There, the Lord LAMENTS the FRUITLESSNESS of His people—Judah and Jerusalem

Isaiah 5:4 When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

4. God then JUDGES His people by destroying its protective wall and allowing it to be trampled... (represents the invasion of Judah and Jerusalem by Gentile armies); He commands the clouds not to rain on it (representing the grace of God allowing a vineyard to grow and bear fruit... so He will not speak the word of God to them by prophets any more)... the end result: BRIARS and THORNS alone grow there

C. Here: Everything Has Changed... this is a FRUITFUL VINEYARD!!

1. God is DIRECTLY ACTIVE over this vineyard, guaranteeing its fruitfulness
 - a. Verse 3: I, the LORD, water it continually (constant outpouring of power and grace to guarantee fruitfulness)... EVERY MOMENT, this vineyard received effusions of God's grace to bear fruit
 - b. Verse 3: I, the LORD, watch over it continually and will not allow ANYONE to trample it or harm it (Hebrew: He guards it, watches over it, protects it; so that no one will harm it, He watches it NIGHT and DAY

Psalm 121:3-4 he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

2. God's Wrath is GONE... He has no wrath at all toward this vineyard

ESV Isaiah 27:4 I have no wrath.

- a. In the past, He was enraged at Israel's sinfulness
- b. He unleashed His judgments and wiped out all but the remnant
- c. Now, His wrath is completely gone

Isaiah 40:1-2 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that

her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

D. God Searches for Enemies and Finds None

Isaiah 27:4 If only there were briars and thorns confronting me! I would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire.

1. God is so zealous to protect His people that He is almost taunting wickedness to come and take Him on
2. He is so powerful that any briars and thorns that would march against Him in battle would be totally defeated, He would set them all ablaze
3. OR... perhaps He would even convert them when they seek His mercy

Isaiah 27:5 Or else let them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them make peace with me."

- a. Amazing picture of cowering former enemies fleeing TO the Lord for mercy and finding it
- b. Old Testament: people fleeing for their lives could run and take hold of altar for protection

1 Kings 1:50 But Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 2:28 When the news reached Joab, who had conspired with Adonijah though not with Absalom, he fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar.

- c. God is so merciful to His enemies that, at any time, if any of them should throw down their weapons of rebellion and cry out to Him for mercy, He will immediately grant it

Acts 9:1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.

Colossians 1:21-22 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

IN ANY CASE, this vineyard is COMPLETELY SAFE from enemies... no brier and thorns here at all; the briars and thorns represent the curse of God; but God has worked so directly in His beautiful vineyard that not the tiniest thorn could be found to mar its fruitfulness

E. Universal Fruitfulness

Isaiah 27:6 In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.

1. Once Leviathan is slaughtered... AND
2. The Lord directly protects His vineyard NIGHT and DAY... AND
3. The Lord waters it continually and nourishes it...
4. It becomes STUNNINGLY FRUITFUL:
5. Jacob = all of God's people... not merely the northern Kingdom of Israel or the southern Kingdom of Judah
6. "Take root" = be well established and draw all the nourishing water and nutrients needed for life and fruitfulness
7. "bud and flourish" = completely healthy
8. FILL ALL THE WORLD WITH FRUIT... this can be nothing less than the full effects of the blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Matthew 21:41 he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.

John 4:35-37 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.

At last, the Lord will have the fruitful harvest He yearned for from His people... more at the end of the sermon

III. The People Punished by Measure, But Only to Purify (vs. 7-11)

Isaiah 27:7-11 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 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 fruitage of the removal of his sin: When he makes all the altar stones to be like chalk stones 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 desert; 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.

A. Difficult Section: Summary

1. Israel is about to be seriously stricken by God... smashed hard for their sins
 - a. Remember, none of this had happened yet when Isaiah was prophesying
 - b. Both exiles—northern to Assyria, southern to Babylon—were still in the future
 - c. Israel would have every reason to wonder if God had forsaken them
 - d. Isaiah has to deal honestly and powerfully with the destruction that is about to come on the Promised Land because of the sinful idolatries of the people
 - e. Isaiah shows that, though God will indeed strike His people HARD, the nations He uses to strike them will be struck even harder, and Israel will survive it all and flourish in the end

B. Israel Will Be Struck... But Those Who Strike Her Will Be Struck Harder

Isaiah 27:7 Has the LORD struck her as he struck down those who struck her? Has she been killed as those were killed who killed her?

1. Isaiah is saying plainly two things
 - a. First: The Lord will use Gentile nations to “strike” and “kill” Israel in some sense
 - b. Second: the nations He uses will suffer even worse
2. What’s the difference?
 - a. When the Assyrians invaded the northern kingdom of Israel, they destroyed many cities, killed lots and lots of people, and exiled the rest
 - b. When the Babylonians came to the southern kingdom of Judah and the city of Jerusalem, they did about the same
 - c. What could be worse than that?
3. God MEASURED OUT Israel’s and Judah’s punishment:
 - a. NIVs translation

***NIV Isaiah 27:8** By warfare and exile you contend with her-- with his fierce blast he drives her out, as on a day the east wind blows.*

b. All other versions: MEASURE

***ESV Isaiah 27:8** Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them; he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind.*

The Hebrew is very difficult here, but the sense is that God has punished Judah with a carefully measured out punishment, determining precisely how much wrath and punishment Judah needs for God's future plans for her

Ezekiel the prophet cut off the hairs of his head and was commanded to weigh them carefully and count them out and do with each hair what God intended:

***Ezekiel 5:1-3** "Now, son of man, take a sharp sword and use it as a barber's razor to shave your head and your beard. Then take a set of scales and divide up the hair. ² When the days of your siege come to an end, burn a third of the hair with fire inside the city. Take a third and strike it with the sword all around the city. And scatter a third to the wind. For I will pursue them with drawn sword. ³ But take a few strands of hair and tuck them away in the folds of your garment.*

4. So God had a specific fate measured out for each Israelite

5. More specifically, it was in leaving the REMNANT and the ROOT SYSTEM of Jewish heritage that God differentiated between Israel and these Gentile empires

***Isaiah 1:9** Unless the LORD Almighty had left us some survivors (i.e. a REMNANT), we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.*

6. In Isaiah's original call (Isaiah 6), he was told that Israel would

***Isaiah 6:9-10** "'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."*

***Isaiah 6:11-13** Then I said, "For how long, O Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, ¹² until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. ¹³ And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."*

THAT'S IT... the HOLY SEED are the STUMP in the tree of Israel... there is a lasting heritage that God will guarantee to the end of the world... the Jewish history, the Jewish lineage, the Jewish heritage from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob... the

words of the Prophets, the significance of Jerusalem... THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

7. Assyria: Wiped out, with no survivors, never to be a people again
8. Babylon: Wiped out, no remnant, never to be a people again
9. Israel has a lasting future, because God will defend her throughout history

C. Israel's Punishment Will Be Bitter

Isaiah 27:8 Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them; he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind.

1. The punishment is EXILE... they will be evicted from the Promised Land
2. The Theocracy will end... God will no longer dwell among His people in the land He swore to give Abraham and his descendents
3. It is likened to the FIERCE BREATH of the LORD as a hot, dry, EAST WIND
 - a. "sirocco" .. a desert wind that makes everything in its path wither and faint
 - b. Like the east wind that attacked Jonah and made him feel like he wanted to die

Jonah 4:8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

- c. That's what the punishment from God will be like for the Jews... BITTER, for many of them DEADLY... but MEASURED OUT carefully

D. The Purpose of the Punishment: The Purging of Israel's Sin

Isaiah 27:9 By this, then, will Jacob's guilt be atoned for, and this will be the full fruitage of the removal of his sin: When he makes all the altar stones to be like chalk stones crushed to pieces, no Asherah poles or incense altars will be left standing.

1. The exile doesn't so much ATONE FOR Jacob's guilt
2. Rather, the exile puts a bitter separation between the Jews and the IDOLS in the land that had caused their punishment

^{KJV} Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

3. The godly remnant that survived the exile end up HATING the sins that caused it
4. The heathen altar stones they CRUSH LIKE CHALK STONES... so great is their hatred of those idols
5. The Asherah poles and incense altars they have loathed bitterly and yearn to destroy them all if they ever get a chance to return to their Promised Land
6. God took the Jews out of the Promised Land so that they would take the idols out of their hearts
7. Look at the pulling out of hair:

Isaiah 22:12 The Lord, the LORD Almighty, called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth.

Isaiah 22:13 But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! "Let us eat and drink," you say, "for tomorrow we die!"

But... when they got back from the exile... both Ezra and Nehemiah pulled out hair in anguish over idolatry and sinfulness... both over the sin of intermarriage leading to idolatry and syncretism:

Ezra 9:3-6 When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled. ⁴ Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me because of this unfaithfulness of the exiles. And I sat there appalled until the evening sacrifice. ⁵ Then, at the evening sacrifice, I rose from my self-abasement, with my tunic and cloak torn, and fell on my knees with my hands spread out to the LORD my God ⁶ ¶ and prayed: "O my God, I am too ashamed and disgraced to lift up my face to you, my God, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.

Nehemiah 13:25-26 I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned?"

E. Jerusalem and the Surrounding Cities to Be Desolated

Isaiah 27:10-11 The fortified city stands desolate, an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the desert; 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.

1. Difficult to know what city Isaiah means... I take it to refer to Jewish cities, like Jerusalem
2. Because of the judgment of the Lord, the once populated city stands desolate

Lamentations 1:1 How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!

3. The desolation results in cows roaming free, grazing where people once lived, lying down, stripping branches bare
4. Women come along and break off dead branches and use them for firewood
5. WHY? Because they did not know the Lord!! They did not cherish the knowledge of God... they went after idols, which have no understanding; so God had no compassion on them and showed them no mercy

IV. The Elect Gathered by Trumpet Call One by One (vs. 12-13)

Isaiah 27:12-13 In that day the LORD will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, O Israelites, 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.

A. "In That Day" = the "Coming Days" ... an eschatological promise

B. The Lord will THRESH

1. The flowing Euphrates was the northern boundary of the Promised Land; the Wadi of Egypt was the southern boundary
2. These boundaries would have been very familiar to the Jews... this was the limit of the Promised Land
3. God will thresh... but not for WHEAT or any other agricultural fruit... threshing is the process of separation of wheat from chaff
4. The Lord will move through the Promised Land and will gather up the "wheat" of true believers ONE BY ONE... these are the elect, the chosen ones, each assessed and known by the Lord who loves them
5. But God will not stop in the Promised Land alone... He will reach out beyond the borders of the land to the distant shores to gather His elect

C. A GREAT TRUMPET will Sound!!

1. In Israelite history, trumpets were sounded to gather the nation for various purposes

- a. To assemble the people trembling at the base of Mt. Sinai to receive the Law from Moses
 - b. To announce the coronation of a new king
 - c. To summon the people for temple worship
 - d. To summon the people for battle
2. Especially for the YEAR of JUBILEE

Leviticus 25:9-10 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. ¹⁰ Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan.

- a. The people were gathered to celebrate the year of Jubilee... once a lifetime
 - b. All debts cancelled; slaves all set free; everyone returns to their ancestral lands and owns them again; a glorious RESET!!!
3. This trumpet sounds to assemble people from the north and the south

Isaiah 27:13 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.

- a. The exiles perishing in distant lands will have the freedom to return, to assemble and worship the Lord ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN
- b. But the call is not only for Jews... but for all from the nations who are perishing in Assyria or whatever land; for them to worship the Lord on the Holy Mountain
- c. Isaiah 2

Isaiah 2:2-3 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

V. The Gospel of Jesus According to Isaiah 27

- A. Christ Destroys the Ancient Serpent... the Devil

Isaiah 27:1 ¶ In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

1. By His Crucifixion and Resurrection

Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

2. By His Advancing Kingdom

Matthew 16:18 on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Romans 10:15 As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

3. By His Second Coming

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.

Revelation 19:21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse

B. Christ Establishes His People as a Fruitful Vineyard...

Isaiah 27:6 In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last.

C. Christ Atones for the Wrath of God

^{ESV} **Isaiah 27:4 I have no wrath.**

Romans 3:23-25 *Il have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.*

1 Thessalonians 1:10 *Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.*

D. In Christ Alone Can the Enemies Flee TO GOD and Find Refuge

Isaiah 27:5 *Or else let them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them make peace with me.*

Colossians 1:21-22 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation*

Romans 5:10 *For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

E. In Christ Alone is the Remnant of the Jews Saved

Isaiah 27:7 *Has the LORD struck her as he struck down those who struck her? Has she been killed as those were killed who killed her?*

Romans 11:5 *So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.*

F. In Christ God Still Measures Out Our Disciplines

^{ESV} Isaiah 27:8 *Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them*

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 *To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

G. In Christ Alone Are All the Scattered Elect of God Regathered

Isaiah 27:13 *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.*

John 10:16 *I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

John 11:51-52 Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

VI. Applicatio006E

- A. Come to Christ
- B. Understand the Past, Present, and Future Crushing of “Leviathan”
- C. Bear Fruit for the Glory of God!!
- D. Purify Yourself... Crush the Idols in Your Life
- E. Understand God’s Measured Disciplines
- F. Be Part of Christ’s Trumpet Blast to the Nations... MISSIONS!!!