

## ISAIAH 27

### *Israel Will Blossom*

#### *Yahweh Will Punish Leviathan*

1 In that day Yahweh with his hard, great, and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.

#### *Israel Will Blossom*

2 In that day,

A pleasant vineyard, sing of it! 3 I, Yahweh, am its keeper. Every moment I water it. Lest anyone punish it, I keep it night and day. 4 I have no wrath. Would that I had thorns and briars to battle! I would march against them, I would burn them up together. 5 Or let them lay hold of my protection. Let them make peace with me. Let them make peace with me.

6 In days to come Jacob shall take root. Israel shall blossom, put forth shoots, and fill the whole world with fruit.

#### *By Exile Yahweh Contends with Israel*

7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been slain as their slayers were slain? 8 Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them. He removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind. 9 Therefore by this the guilt of Jacob will be atoned for, and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin. When he makes all the stones of the altars like chalkstones crushed to pieces, no Asherim or incense altars will remain standing. 10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken like the wilderness. There the calf grazes. There it lies down and strips its branches. 11 When its boughs are dry, they are broken. Women come and make a fire of them. For this is a people without discernment (בִּינָה). Therefore he who made them will not have compassion (רַחֵם) on them. He who formed them will show them no grace (חֲנּוּן).

#### *Israel Gleaned One by One*

12 In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt Yahweh will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one by one, people of Israel (בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל). 13 And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship Yahweh on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

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