

## Our Lord Our Victorious King

*Isa 27:1-6 In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea. In that day sing to her, "a vineyard of red wine!" I, the Lord, keep it, I water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day. Fury is not in Me. Who would set briers and thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. Or let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.*

This passage we are looking at this morning was summed in the commentary of Jamieson, Faussett and Brown in these words, and I quote "Among the last enemies to be destroyed is Satan, "the old serpent." After the beast and the false prophet, though invested with all his energy, shall have been utterly overcome, the judgment of Yahweh falls by righteous consequence on the arch-enemy himself. With all his tortuous, windings and "crooked" devices, he cannot evade the "great and strong sword" of divine justice. His element has been "in the sea" of political and social agitations. But now the Prince of Peace is come, and all must be still. In that day the Church triumphant shall "sing" the thanksgiving hymn of perfected redemption, in honour of Him who 'kept' His vineyard "night and day" from all real and lasting "hurt." The Lord's "fury" shall have then been transferred from Israel, the "vineyard," to the godless foe, the "briers and thorns" which molested it. Now, as yet the alternative is offered to sinners, if they would have "peace" with God, that they should "take hold" of the "strength" of God, that is Jesus Christ."

In this passage we shall see the final end of Satan and his kingdom. We shall see the church as God sees her through the shed blood of her Savior. We shall see that the church is kept by the power and love of God. And finally we shall see its growth throughout the whole of the earth. This is the continuing promise of God concerning His church that began in Chapter 24 and is coming come to a close of this series here in Chapter 27.

It began with a promise to the remnant, the chosen of God, which in time would include elect from all the nations of the earth. We have learn of our means of salvation, the veil would be remove, the sins of God's elect would be covered and the righteousness of our Lord will be imputed to His people, making it possible that we, as His chosen people, now have peace with God not only for the moment but for all eternity. The means of our comfort is found in this truth, God has become our salvation, which is all of God and His work in our behalf. We learned of the hope of the resurrection which was the comfort of God's people under both covenants; that is the old and the new, the promise and the fulfillment to us also who have been made one with the elect of God under both the Old and New Testament promises. We have learned of our great cause for song, by trusting in God alone for our salvation and thus we wait with confidence in what God has done for us and in us, thus concluding that all the glory belongs to God and to God alone. Now we come to this passage before us this morning where in we shall see, 1) The final destruction of Satan and his kingdom, 2) God's vineyard, the remnant elect of God chosen, who are most precious to God and are kept by the mercies of God and 3) The blossoming of the church the Israel of God throughout the world.

A. The final destruction of Satan and his kingdom - *In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.*

1. This is eschatological in its setting, describing the Lord's victory in the supernatural realm
2. Leviathan is translated in the Greek LXX by "drakon" from which we get our word dragon
3. Same word used by John in the Book of Revelation to describe Satan

*Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who **deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

4. He is called the twisted serpent, that is the cunning serpent who deceived the nations
5. So we can properly understand this to refer to the final judgment of Satan on that last great day

*Rev 20:9 The devil, who deceived them, was cast 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.*

6. But until that great day we need to be aware that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in high places

*Eph 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

- a. Our weapons are not carnal

- b. Our weapons, our armor is made up of truth, the imputed righteousness of our Lord, salvation wrought for us in Christ, prayer, faith, a full and complete trust in God and the Word of God as our sword
- c. We are not engaged in some political battle, therefore our trust must be in Christ alone
- d. We may know trial and conflict but we are more than conquerors now and for all eternity

*Rom 8:35-38 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter," yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors through Him who loved us.***

7. We read here about the sword of the Lord severe, strong and great, we will be victorious

*Rev 19:11-16 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

B. The remnant elect of God chosen, precious and kept by the mercies of God - *In that day sing to her, "a vineyard of red wine!"*

- 1. Note the contrast of the this vineyard with the vineyard of temporal Israel
  - a. This vineyard is of red or excellent wine
  - b. The national Israel of Isaiah's day was nothing but wild grapes

*Isa 5:3 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it; so He expected it to bring forth good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.*

- c. The end of this vineyard was total and complete destruction (cf. Isa. 5:5,6)
- 2. Contrasted with the vineyard of God's chosen and redeemed people
  - a. Kept by God Himself - *I, the Lord, keep it, I water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day*
  - b. Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of His glory. (Jude 24)
  - c. It is the object of His love - *Fury is not in Me*
  - d. Rather He loved us and gave Himself for us - (Eph 5:2)
- 3. This vineyard is a well kept, well loved, and well protected vineyard
- 4. You dear ones are a vineyard of God's delight (cf. Dt. 32:9-10)
- 5. You are at peace with God, for Christ has reconciled us unto Himself - *Or let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me*
- 6. Those who would oppose His church - God will burn as briars and thorns

CONCLUSION: This body of God's elect will fill the earth - *Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.*

Once again we see the promise of the inclusion of Gentiles into the Commonwealth of Israel

*Eph 2:11-13 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Once again we see the promise of God to Abraham was indeed to be fulfilled

And in your Seed, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed

This dear flock is your comfort and joy this morning

Rooted in the Lion of Judah, you are the blossom and fruit of Israel