

Isaiah Week 20

ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL



Isaiah 26: 1 (NIV)

*In that day this song will be sung in
the land of Judah:*

We have a strong city;
*God makes salvation
its walls and ramparts.*

Isaiah 26: 2 (NIV)

*Open the gates
that the righteous nation may
enter,
the nation that keeps faith.*

Isaiah 26: 3 (NIV)

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

Question

Are cities known as places of
peace?

Question

Who must be in control of a city
for it to be a peaceful one?

Isaiah 26: 3 (NIV)

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those whose minds are
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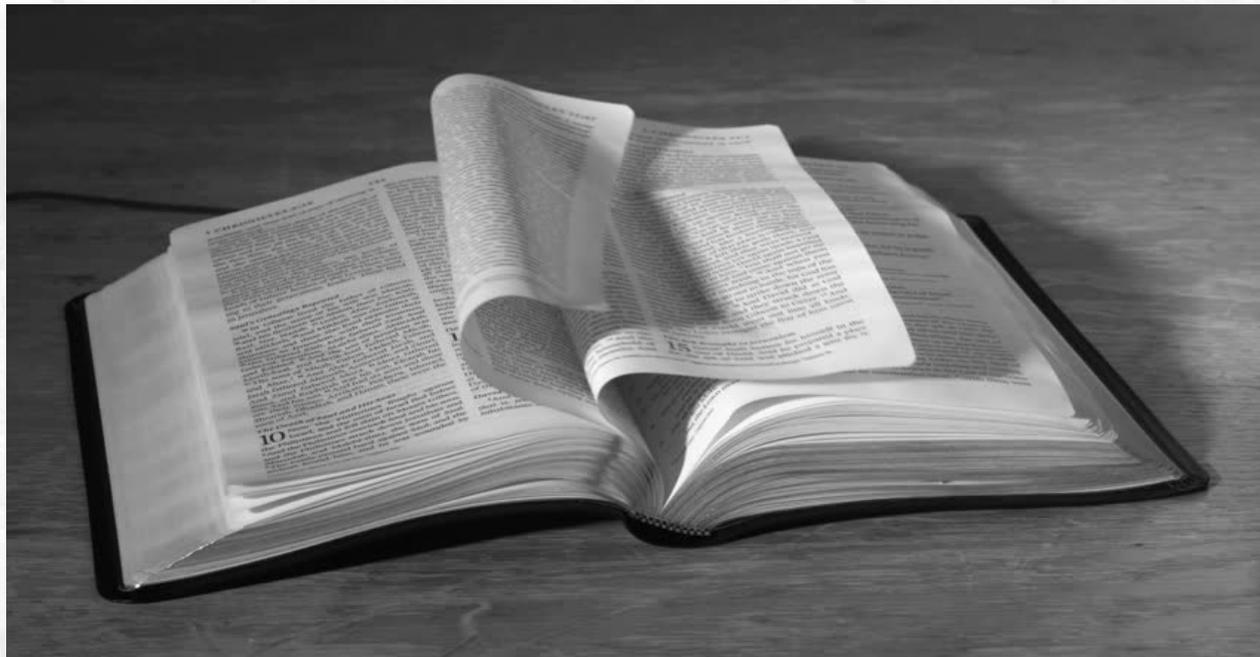
Question

Who are their minds steadfast
on?

Question

What does it mean to have your
mind steadfast on Christ?

Please turn to:
Philippians 4: 6-8



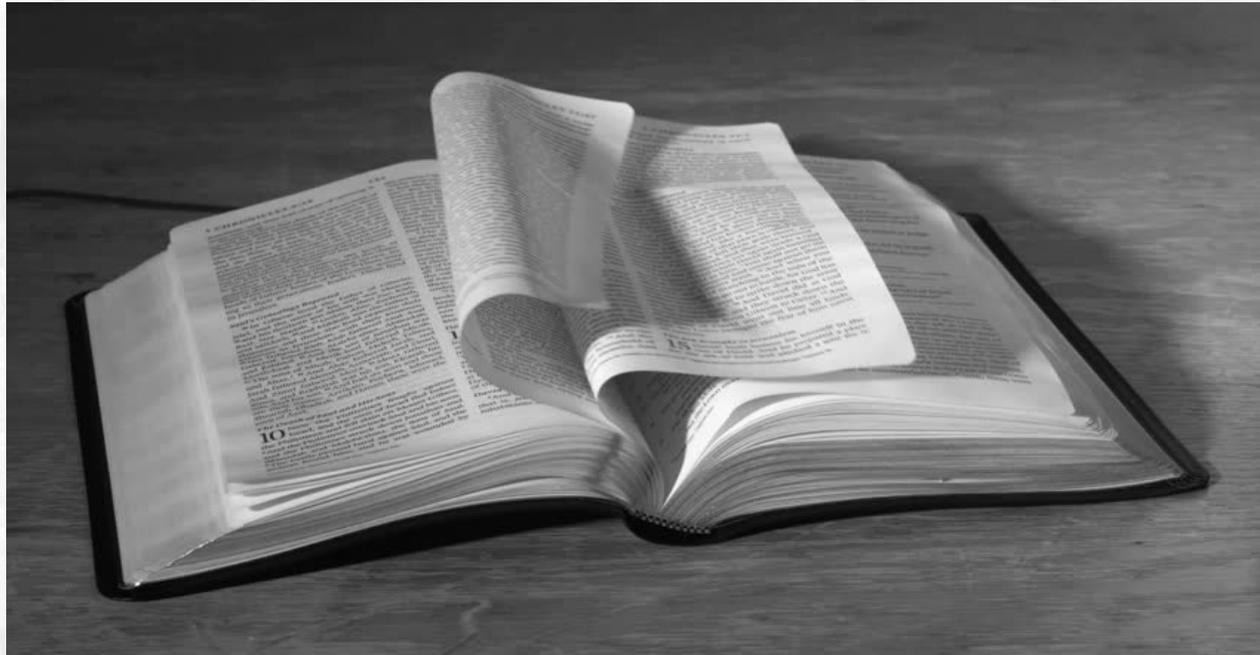
Philippians 4: 6-8 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. And
the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-8 (NIV)

*Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable – if anything is excellent
or praiseworthy – think about
such things.*

Please turn to:
2 Corinthians 10: 4-6



2 Corinthians 10: 4-6 (NIV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

*On the contrary, they have
divine power to demolish*

strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,

2 Corinthians 10: 4-6 (NIV)

and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Isaiah 26: 3 (NIV)

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those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.*

Question

Who do they trust in?

Isaiah 26: 4 (NIV)

*Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself, is
the Rock eternal.*

◀ Isaiah 26:4 ▶

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Isaiah 26: 5 (NIV)

*He humbles those who dwell on
high,
he lays the lofty city low;
he levels it to the ground
and casts it down to the dust.*

Isaiah 26: 6 (NIV)

*Feet trample it down –
the feet of the oppressed,
the footsteps of the poor.*

Isaiah 26: 7 (NIV)

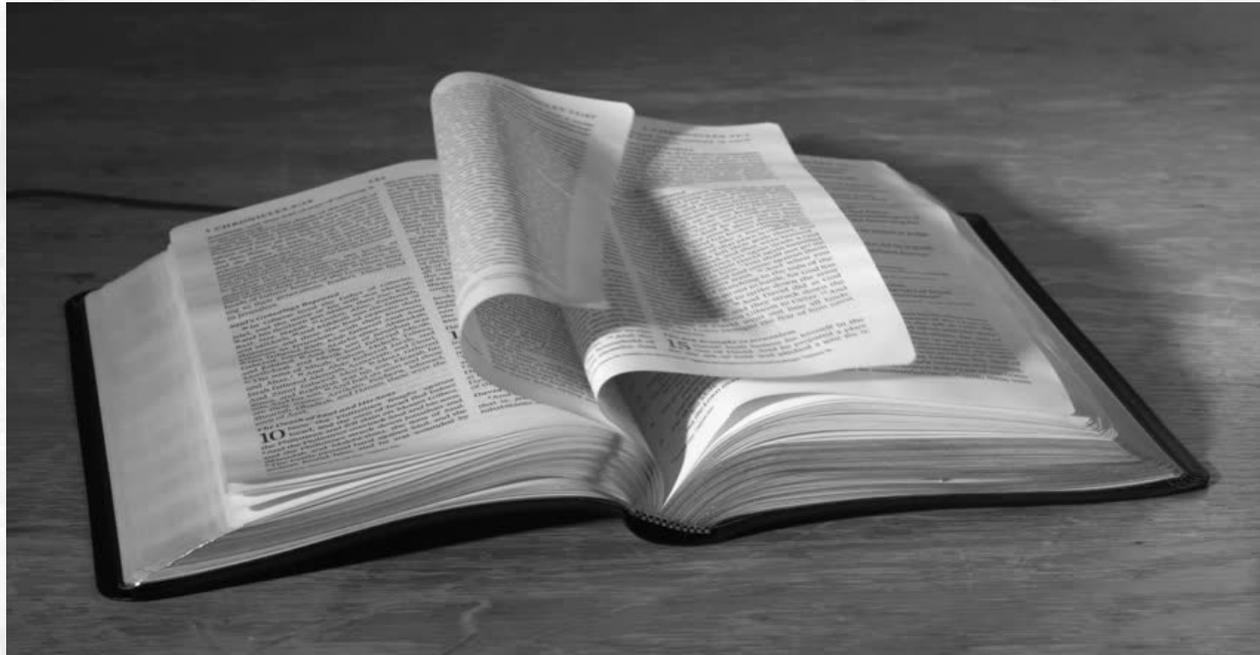
*The path of the righteous is level;
you, the Upright One, make the
way of the righteous smooth.*

Question

Who are the righteous?

Please turn to:

Proverbs 3: 6



Proverbs 3: 6 (NIV)

*in all your ways submit to
him, and he will make your
paths straight*

Isaiah 26: 8 (NIV)

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of
your laws, we wait for you; your
name and renown are the desire of
our hearts.*

Question

How should we be living as we wait for the Lord?

Isaiah 26: 8 (NIV)

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way
of your laws, we wait for you;
your name and renown are the
desire of our hearts.*

Isaiah 26: 8 (NLT)

*LORD, we show our trust in you
by obeying your laws; our heart's
desire is to glorify your name.*

Question

Where do we find God's laws?

Isaiah 26: 9 (NIV)

My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

Question

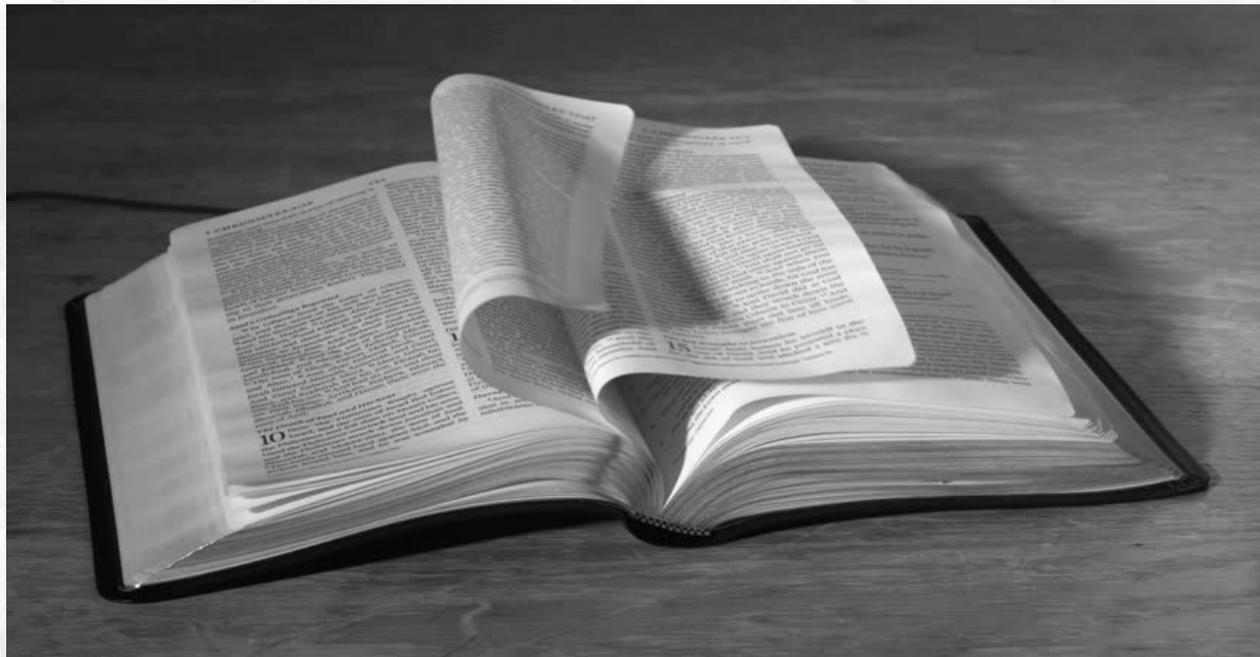
How do the people of the world
learn righteousness in the end?

Isaiah 26: 9 (NIV)

My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

Please turn to:

Isaiah 45: 23



Isaiah 45: 23 (NASB)

"I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

Question

How do the righteous act?

Isaiah 26: 9 (NIV)

My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

You can learn righteousness by obedience to God in response to His grace, or you will learn righteousness by the wrath of God.

Some learn the easy way and some learn the hard way!

Question

What motivates us to want to follow God's laws?

Isaiah 26: 10 (NIV)

But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and do not regard the majesty of the LORD.

Question

Why do people not accept the
grace of God?

Isaiah 26: 10 (NIV)

But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and do not regard the majesty of the LORD.

Isaiah 26: 11 (NIV)

LORD, your hand is lifted high,
but they do not see it. Let them
see your zeal for your people and be
put to shame; let the fire reserved
for your enemies consume them.

Question

If those living in disobedience to God will experience the wrath of God, what will those living in obedience to God experience?

Isaiah 26: 12 (NIV)

LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Isaiah 26: 13 (NIV)

*LORD our God, other lords besides
you have ruled over us, but your
name alone do we honor.*

Question

How do we honor the name of
God?

Isaiah 26: 14 (NIV)

*They are now dead, they live no
more;*

their spirits do not rise.

*You punished them and brought
them to ruin;*

*you wiped out all memory of
them.*

Books of Life

Psalm 69: 27-28

Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation. May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

Books of Life

Philippians 4:3

Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Books of Life

Revelation 3:5

The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

Books of Life

Revelation 13:8

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

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them to ruin;*

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Isaiah 26: 15 (NIV)

You have enlarged the nation,

Lord;

you have enlarged the nation.

You have gained glory for yourself;

you have extended all the

borders of the land.

Question

How has God enlarged His
nation?

Isaiah 26: 16 (NIV)

*Lord, they came to you in their
distress;
when you disciplined them,
they could barely whisper a
prayer.*

Isaiah 26: 17 (NIV)

*As a pregnant woman about to give
birth
writhes and cries out in her pain,
so were we in your presence,
Lord.*

Isaiah 26: 18 (NIV)

*We were with child, we writhed in
labor,
but we gave birth to wind.
We have not brought salvation to
the earth,
and the people of the world have
not come to life.*

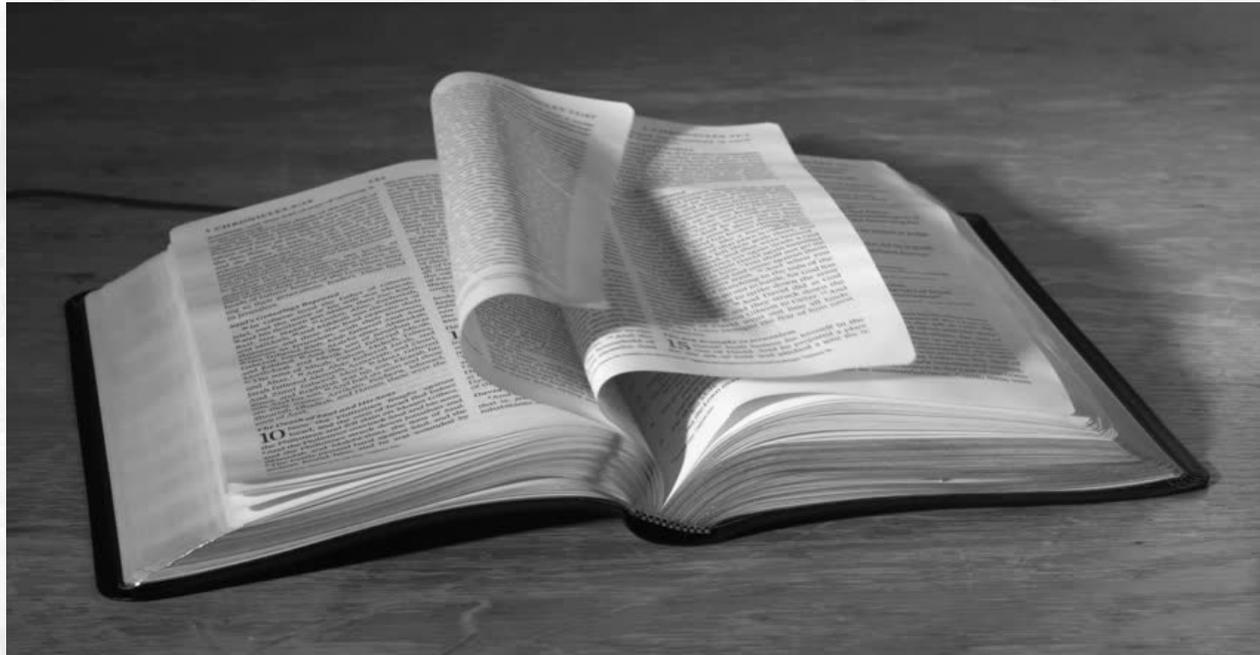
Isaiah 26: 19 (NIV)

*But your dead will live, Lord;
their bodies will rise –
let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for joy –
your dew is like the dew of the
morning;
the earth will give birth to her
dead.*

Isaiah 26: 20 (NIV)

*Go, my people, enter your rooms
and shut the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until his wrath has passed by.*

Please turn to:
1 Thessalonians 5: 9



1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

*But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober, putting on faith
and love as a breastplate, and
the hope of salvation as a
helmet.*

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-9 (NIV)

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 26: 21 (NIV)

*See, the Lord is coming out of his
dwelling
to punish the people of the earth
for their sins.*

*The earth will disclose the blood
shed on it;
the earth will conceal its slain no
longer.*

Isaiah 27: 1 (NIV)

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.*

Question

What is a Leviathan?

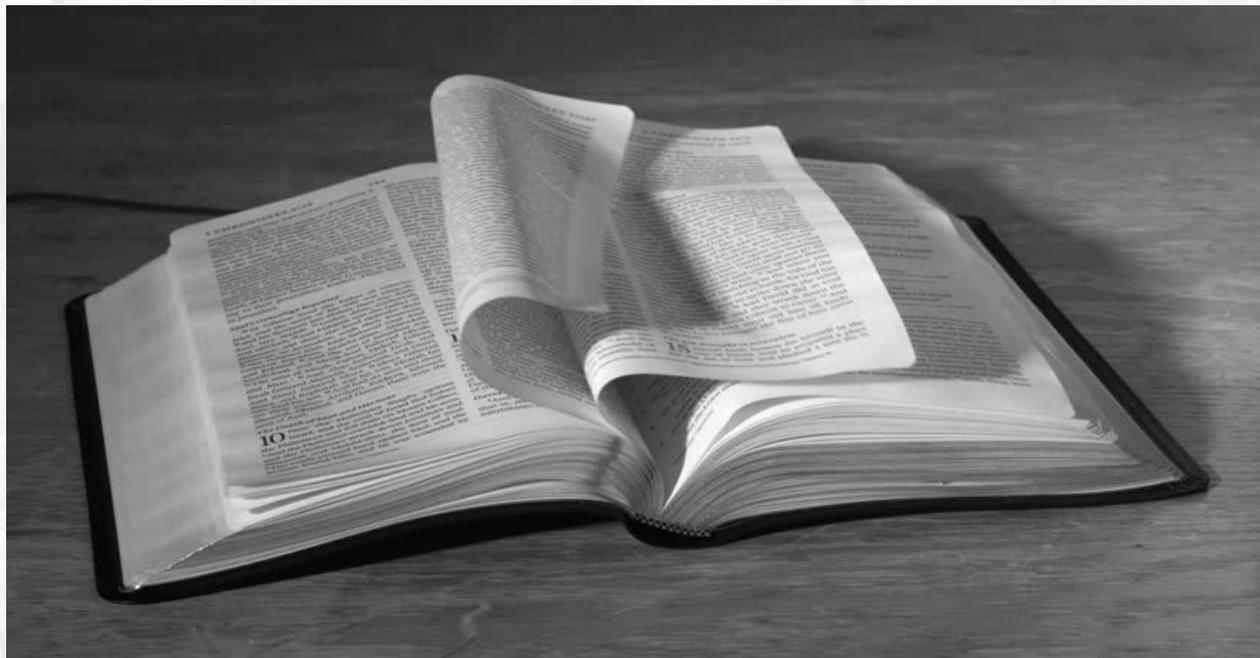
Leviathan means:
Joined Dragon

Question

Who is the Leviathan?

Please turn to:

Job 41



Job 41: 1 (NASB)

*Can you drag out Leviathan
with a fishhook,*

*And press down his tongue
with a rope?*

Job 41: 15-17 (NASB)

His strong scales are his pride,

Locked as with a tight seal.

One is so close to another

That no air can come between them.

They are joined one to another;

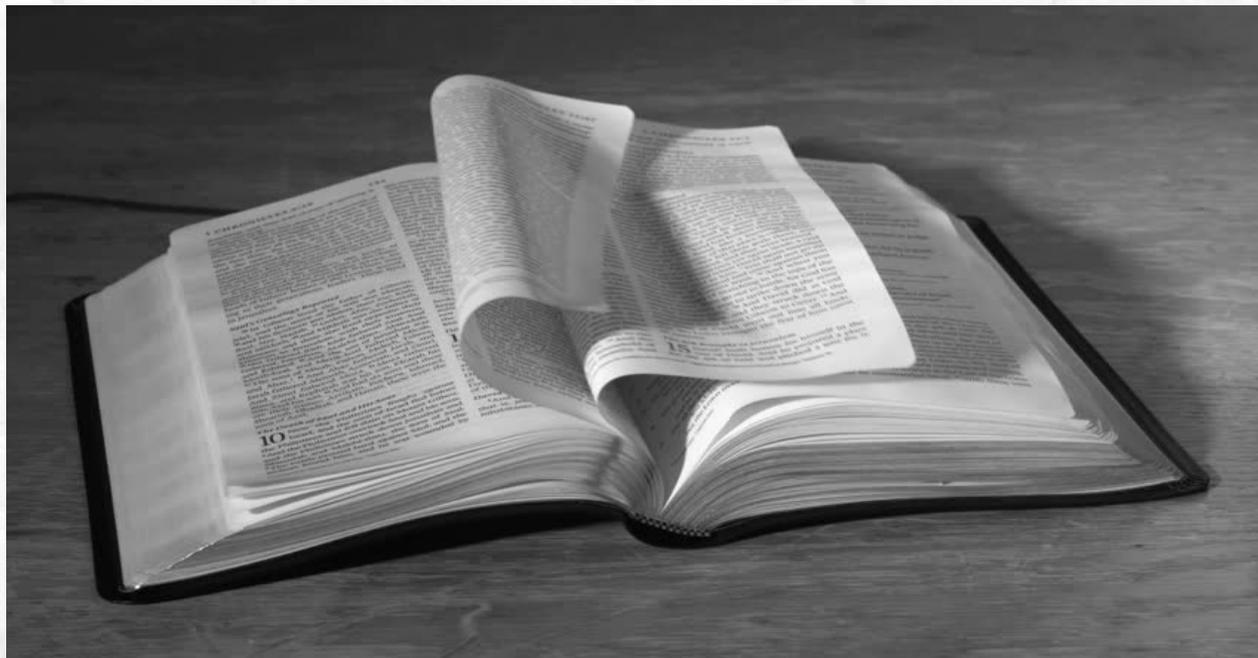
*They clasp each other and cannot be
separated.*

Job 41: 34 (NASB)

*He looks on everything that is
high;*

*He is king over all the sons of
pride.”*

Please turn to:
Revelation 12: 7-9



Revelation 12: 7-9 (NIV)

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

Revelation 12: 7-9 (NIV)

The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

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Isaiah 27: 1 (NLT)

In that day the LORD will take his terrible, swift sword and punish Leviathan, the swiftly moving serpent, the coiling, writhing serpent. He will kill the dragon of the sea.

Question

What will the earth be like
without satan?

Isaiah 27: 2 (NIV)

In that day-- "Sing about a
fruitful vineyard:

Isaiah 27: 3 (NIV)

I, the LORD, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it.

Isaiah 27: 4 (NIV)

*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.*

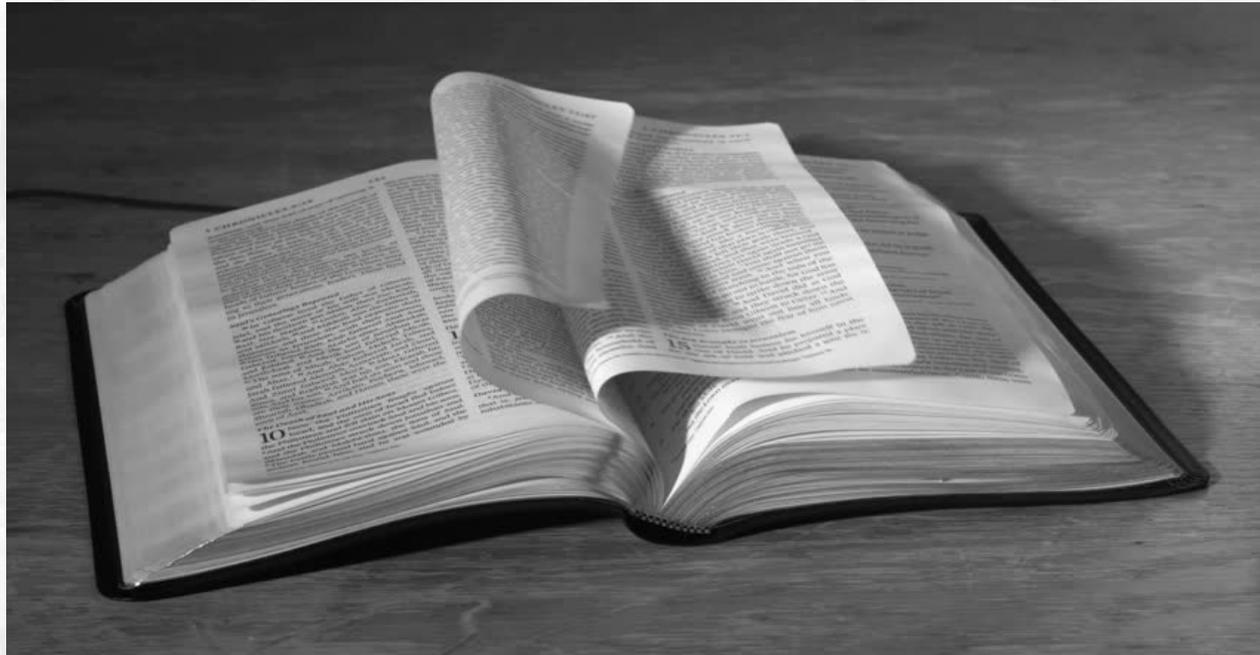
Isaiah 27: 5 (NIV)

*Or else let them come to me for
refuge; let them make peace with
me, yes, let them make peace with
me."*

Question

How does mankind make peace
with God?

Please turn to:
Colossians 1: 19-22



Colossians 1: 19-22 (NIV)

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the
CROSS.*

Colossians 1: 19-22 (NIV)

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 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 –

Isaiah 27: 6 (NIV)

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

Isaiah 27: 7 (NIV)

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

Isaiah 27: 8 (NIV)

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

Isaiah 27: 9 (NIV)

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.

Isaiah 27: 10 (NIV)

*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.*

Isaiah 27: 11 (NIV)

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.

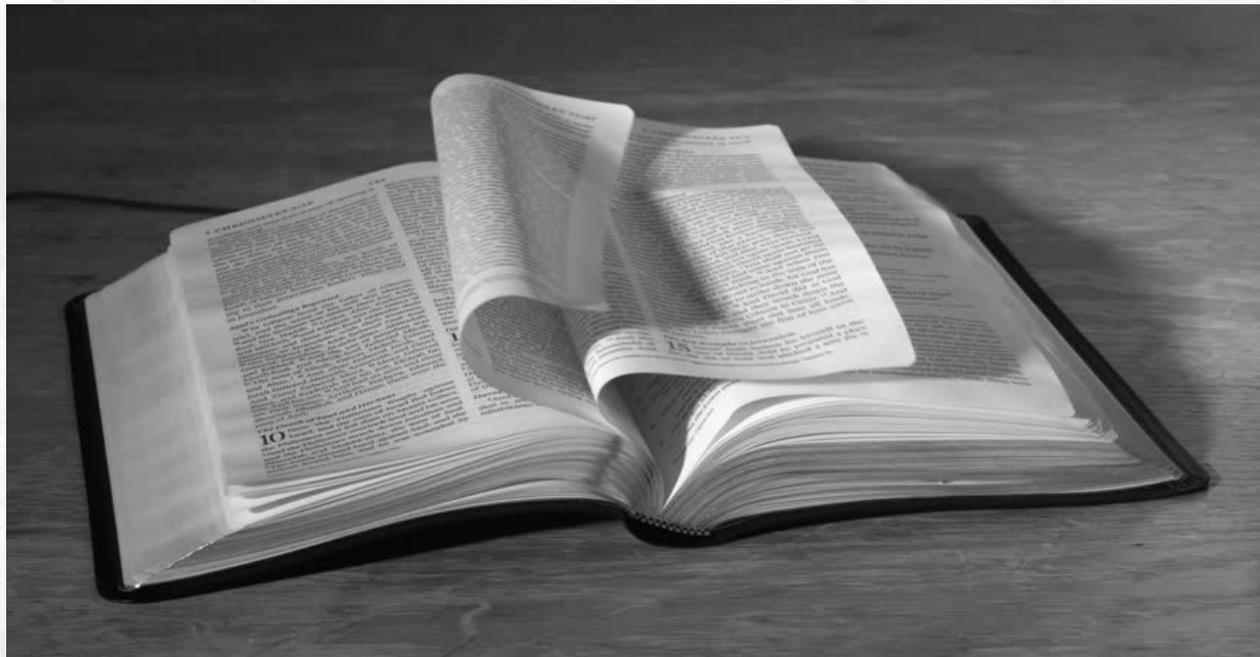
Isaiah 27: 12 (NIV)

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.

Isaiah 27: 13 (NIV)

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.

Please turn to:
Matthew 24: 29-31



Matthew 24: 29-31 (NLT)

And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth.

Matthew 24: 29-31 (NLT)

And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24: 29-31 (NLT)

And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world – from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

Chapter 28-33 makes up a new section that contains both historical judgments and future judgments regarding Israel.

Isaiah 28: 1 (NIV)

*Woe to that wreath, the pride of
Ephraim's drunkards, to the
fading flower, his glorious beauty,
set on the head of a fertile valley-- to
that city, the pride of those laid low
by wine!*

Isaiah 28: 2 (NIV)

See, the Lord has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground.

Isaiah 28: 3 (NIV)

That wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, will be trampled underfoot.

Isaiah 28: 3 (NLT)

The proud city of Samaria – the glorious crown of the drunks of Israel – will be trampled beneath its enemies' feet.

The Northern Kingdom were
so caught up in pleasure
seeking and immorality that
they are called drunkards!

Isaiah 28: 4 (NIV)

That fading flower, his glorious beauty, set on the head of a fertile valley, will be like figs ripe before harvest-- as soon as people see them and take them in hand, they swallow them.

Historians and archaeologists have confirmed the area of Ephraim (Samaria) was quite possibly the most fruitful, beautiful and wealthiest regions in all of Israel at that time.

Question

What does man tend to do when they are blessed with wealth and prosperity?