The Sea

Why there are bodies of water around the land of Israel

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Study Overview & Lesson Summaries

About This Teaching

This teaching needs two passages that provide some background as to why there are bodies of water around the land of Israel; once these are down, the plan is to go back to Numbers 21, the book of the wars of the LORD. At the flood God broke up His "decreed *place*" for the sea (Job 38:10), and someone entered into those waters. Leviathan, the dragon, Satan, took up residence in the Red Sea; he has other dragons with him, dwelling in those waters surrounding the land of Israel. The major opening to the pit is under the Red Sea; the only way for God's people to get into the land was across the opening of the pit, and God congealed it: they walked over and they didn't go down.

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At a Glance

Teaching	Core Focus
Clip	Bodies of Water Around the Land of Israel — Job 38; Isaiah 27:1; Psalm 74: The Sea, the Dragons and the Opening of the Pit

Summary

Clip

Bodies of Water Around the Land of Israel *Job 38; Isaiah 27:1; Psalm 74: The Sea, the Dragons and the Opening of the Pit*

God's "Decreed *Place*" (Job 38)

- Two passages are needed that provide some background as to why there are bodies of water around the land of Israel; once these are down, the plan is to go back to Numbers 21, the book of the wars of the LORD
- God has a "decreed *place*" on this earth: He created this earth to be His place of residence in the midst of creation, and to bring the chambers of His residence in the third heaven down to it
- That piece of real estate is the land of Israel and the borders promised to Abraham — actually a little larger, as God originally decreed it and marked out the borders of Eden
- At the flood God broke up His "decreed *place*" for the sea (Job 38:10); the major bodies of water that surround the land of Israel — Mediterranean Sea,

Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and rivers — are the result

Leviathan and the Other Dragons

- When that took place, someone entered into those waters; when God broke up His decreed place for the sea, He knew there was a creature who wanted to live in the sea, and that creature had other creatures in alliance with him that would take up residence in other bodies of water
- "In that day" (Isaiah 27:1) is the day of the Lord, and the sea of "the dragon that *is* in the sea" is the Red Sea: Leviathan, the dragon, Satan, took up residence in the Red Sea
- Satan is the great dragon, but not the only creature in the Bible called a dragon; Psalm 74 is about the misery of the remnant and the persecution of the man of sin, and its "adversary" is singular — Satan himself
- The sea divided "by thy strength" is the Red Sea, and the heads of the dragons are broken in the waters; the "mighty rivers" are not mighty because they have a big water flow, but because of mighty foul spirits, dragons dwelling in those waters

Satan's Policy and the Land

- Once God foiled his plan with Nimrod and the Tower of Babel, Satan knew his policy had to shift; Babylon became the mother of harlots, and to each one of those nations that developed, that had been delivered over to him, he assigned one of his foul spirits
- Satan set up the hotbed for his idolatry and blasphemy and abominations and his stand to hold on to that land with the Canaanites; he posted his guards all around that land, and he himself took up residence in the Red Sea, right over the opening to the pit

Across the Opening of the Pit (Exodus 15)

- When God sent His people down to Egypt, He sent them right down into satanic captivity; the only way to get into the land was to come through that Red Sea, and the only way they could make it there was to go across the opening of the pit
- Moses said He congealed the land in the midst of the Red Sea so they could walk over on it solid; Satan had the keys of death and hell at that time, and he opened the door of the pit and was waiting for Israel to come across and go down, but God congealed it: they walked over and they didn't go down

Key Doctrinal Distinctions

The Adversary, Not Adversaries

In Psalm 74:10, "O God, how long shall the adversary reproach?", the adversary is singular, not plural — Satan himself. Satan is the great dragon, but he is not the only creature in the Bible called a dragon; he has other dragons with him.

Mighty Rivers = Mighty Foul Spirits

The “mighty rivers” of Psalm 74 are not mighty because they have a big water flow through them; they are mighty because of mighty foul spirits, dragons dwelling in those waters surrounding the land of Israel.

Psalm 74: The Remnant Under the Man of Sin

Psalm 74 is set in the misery of the remnant and the persecution of the man of sin, the remnant praying to God to come and do what needs to be done to deliver them. Psalm 74 is about the persecution of the man of sin; through the Book of the Revelation, blasphemy is what comes out of the man of sin’s mouth.

Key Scripture References

Exodus 15	Moses said He congealed the land in the midst of the Red Sea; the earth swallowed Pharaoh and his armies, and their soul and spirit went down into the pit
Numbers (Korah)	The earth opened her mouth and swallowed up Korah and his associates; they went down quick into the pit
Numbers 21	The book of the wars of the LORD — the plan is to go back to it after the two background passages
Job 38:8–11	God broke up His “decreed *place*” for the sea at the flood; the “it” of verse 10 is the sea of verses 8–9
Psalm 69	The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, praying to His Father not to let Him be bound in the miry deep; He is going through some waters
Psalm 74:10 ff.	The misery of the remnant under the man of sin; the adversary is Satan himself; the sea divided is the Red Sea; mighty rivers = mighty foul spirits
Isaiah 27:1	“In that day” is the day of the Lord; the dragon in the sea is Leviathan, Satan, and the sea is the Red Sea
Jonah	Jonah is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ: he goes down through the sea, and that preserves his body from seeing corruption
Revelation	Blasphemy coming out of the man of sin’s mouth
Revelation 18	When Babylon is turned into that prison, it is for every foul spirit