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## **Go, My People, Enter Your Rooms and Shut the Doors 26:20 to 27:1**

**Go, My people, enter your rooms and shut the doors DIG: What does Isaiah mean by his advice in 26:20? What are they to hide from (see 24:21-22)? How long will the antichrist's persecution and the believing remnant's hiding last? How is this related to waiting on the LORD for you today (26:8)? Who is Leviathan synonymous with? Who is really responsible for the misery in this world?**

**REFLECT: When you are under attack from Satan, the world and your flesh, where do you go (Matthew 6:6)? The Bible tells us about *our* hiding place. David said: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance (Psalm 32:7; also see Psalms 18:1-3, 28-36, 31:20 and 119:114). After reading these Scriptures, how has God been the hiding place in your life? If you have been eaten up and spit out by this life, who is to blame?**

In these verses **Isaiah** continues to deal with **the far eschatological future**. **He** wrote that **the believing remnant of Isra'el** should hide during the Great Tribulation, knowing that deliverance of **Messiah** would come. **Go, My people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while. They are instructed to hide until His wrath has passed by (26:20). The Day of His Wrath** was one of the names for the Tribulation in the TaNaKh (**to see link click [Eu](#) - The Rapture and the Great Tribulation**).

Other scriptures in both Covenants describe a similar picture. **So When you see standing in the Holy Place 'the abomination that causes desolation' spoken of through the prophet Daniel - let the reader understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:15-16). The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days (Revelation 12:6).** The place of hiding is found in **Micah 2:12**, ancient **Bozra** (the Hebrew name), or modern Petra (the Greek name). It is from **Bozra** that **Isaiah** will see the coming **Messiah** to **punish the people of the earth for their sins** (see **[Kg](#) - The Second**

**Coming of Jesus Christ to Bozrah**). Some might ask, “How can this place where they **flee** to be both **in the mountains** and **in the desert**.” **Bozra** is a mountainous area in the **desert**.

Why does **Isra’el** need to be in hiding? Because **the LORD is coming out of His dwelling** in heaven **to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer (26:21)**. These words would have encouraged the believing remnant during **Isaiah’s** day to remain faithful to **the LORD**, knowing that **He** would eventually judge sin. **In that day**, when things seem to be at their darkest hour, **all Isra’el will be saved (Romans 11:26)**. There will be a national regeneration of **Isra’el (Ezeki’el 37)**. Therefore, remember that the book of **Revelation** is based upon the book of **Isaiah**. The context here is the national regeneration of **Isra’el**, the Campaign of Armageddon, at the end of the Great Tribulation and the resurrection of the righteous of the TaNaKh.

Paul wrote that the Church was a **mystery** to the righteous of the TaNaKh. **The Church is a profound mystery - hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed (Ephesians 5:32; Colossians 1:26)**. This **mystery** does not mean something that can never be discovered, as I have previously mentioned. It means something **hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known (Romans 16:25-27)**. The Jews in **Christ’s** day were spiritually blinded, just as the Jews of today are (**Second Corinthians 4:4**). So, it is not a surprise that the current rabbinical interpretation is quite different than the biblical interpretation. As a result of being blinded, they have spiritualized these Scriptures because they cannot accept them in a literal sense. Therefore, **the rabbis interpret enter your rooms as places of worship and study**. Similarly, the words **shut the doors behind you are interpreted as the doors of one’s mouth, the lips. They say one must not question or doubt the justice of the divine decree**.

When **Messiah** returns after the Great Tribulation, **He** will punish **Leviathan**. This will be the culmination of judgment (**26:1**). **In that day, the LORD will punish with His sword, His fierce, great and powerful sword; Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; Messiah will slay the monster of the sea (27:1)**. Here we see the punishment of **Leviathan**, which is a reference to **Satan (Revelation 12:9 and 20:1-3; Job 26:12-13; Psalm 74:12-14, and Isaiah 51:9)**. **God’s sword** is given three descriptions, and **Satan** is given three descriptions. **God’s sword** is: **fierce, great and powerful**, and **Satan** is: **a gliding serpent, a coiling serpent (which the sages teach are symbols of Assyria and Babylon)**, and the **monster of the Sea. They also teach that the allusion to the sea here means Egypt and the Nile**. But like they say, denial is not a river in

Egypt!



When I say that **Leviathan** and **Satan** are one and the same, it is important to remember, in addition to the Scriptures above, that the book of **Revelation** is based upon the Little Apocalypse of **Isaiah**. **In Isaiah**, after the national regeneration of **Isra'el**, the Campaign of Armageddon, the end of the Great Tribulation, and the resurrection of the righteous of the TaNaKh, **God** punishes **Leviathan**. **In Revelation**, after the Great Tribulation, the regeneration of **Isra'el** and the return of **Messiah**, **He** punishes **Satan**. Therefore, the future defeat of this enemy of **ADONAI** is carried through from the Apocalypse of **Isaiah** to the Apocalypse of **John**. In book of **Revelation**, **Satan** is described both as the **great dragon (Revelation 12:3,9)** and as the **ancient serpent (KJV)** or **gliding serpent (NIV)** who will receive **his** eternal end (**Revelation 20:10**). This will be the decisive, final victory of **Christ** over **the Adversary** (see [Do - All Your Pomp Has Been Brought Down to the Grave](#)).

One serious danger in times of uncertainty and doubt is to begin looking for enemies, for those whom we can blame for our troubles. Many times, even believers blame **the LORD** for their troubles. They ask, "Why would **God** do this to me?" At those times, it is helpful to remember **Satan** and ourselves. Yes, **Satan** opposes **ADONAI** and **His** people (**First Peter 5:8**). But **he** is not responsible for the existence of sin in the world. Eve, our first mother and Adam, our first father chose to sin against **God** of their own free will (**Genesis 3:6**). We must be careful not to excuse immorality of every sort in ourselves and say, "**The devil** made me do it!" **When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me."** For **God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death (James 1:13-15).**