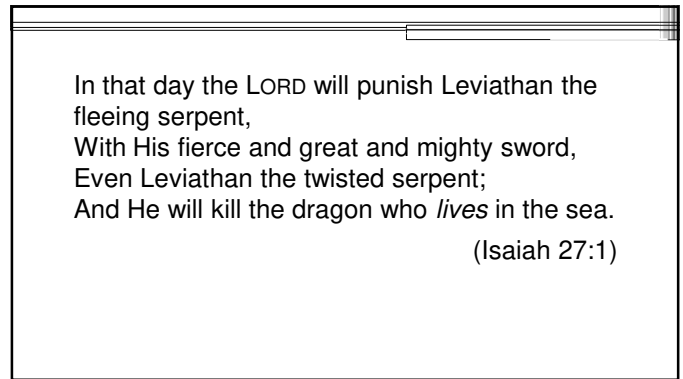
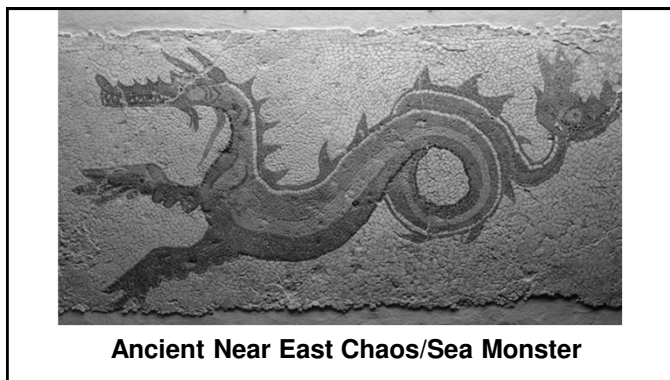




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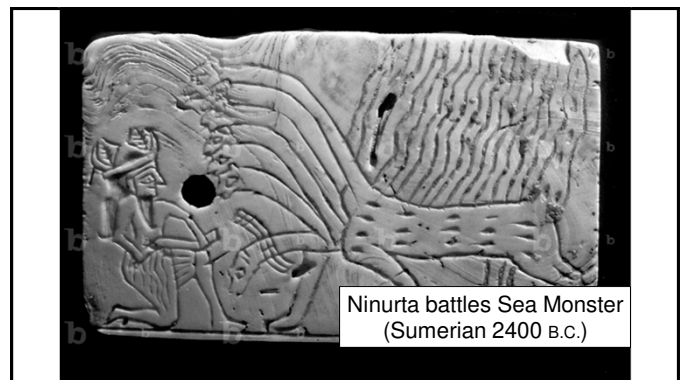


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Ancient Near East Chaos/Sea Monster

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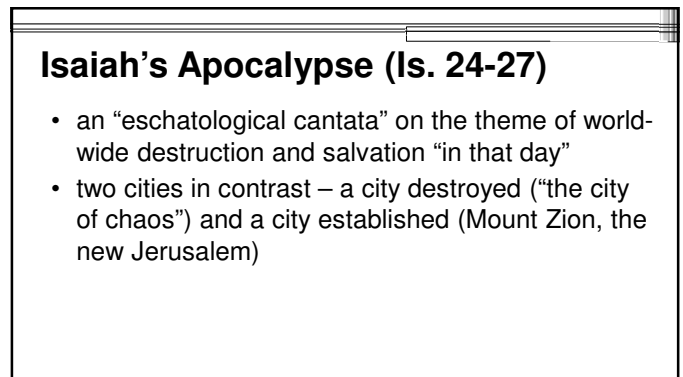
Ninurta battles Sea Monster
(Sumerian 2400 B.C.)

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Leviathan/Tanin (Sea Dragon)

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Isaiah's Apocalypse (Is. 24-27)

- an “eschatological cantata” on the theme of world-wide destruction and salvation “in that day”
- two cities in contrast – a city destroyed (“the city of chaos”) and a city established (Mount Zion, the new Jerusalem)

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A Sword and a Trumpet

➤ Isaiah 27:1-13

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a) Yahweh's Sword

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- c.f. Psalm 74:12-17; Rev. 12:7-9

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- Yahweh's victory over Leviathan will be final and complete, leading to the new creation

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A Sword and a Trumpet

1. A New Creation (v.1-6)

b) Yahweh's Vineyard

- a total divine work of provision and protection – no more wrath!
- the divinely nurtured vine will fill the earth so that the whole world becomes His vineyard

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A Sword and a Trumpet

2. A Redemptive Judgment (v.7-11)

- the Lord's judgments of Israel are not unto final destruction but ultimately unto full atonement
- the fruit of this atonement is an exclusive loyalty to God evidenced by the destruction of all false gods
- by contrast the world-city will experience complete destruction, absent God's compassion and mercy

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A Sword and a Trumpet

3. A Final Ingathering (v.12-13)

- in the final day the Lord will gather up, one by one, every true member of His people
- in the final day the Lord will summons to the new Jerusalem His distressed people from the ends of the earth (cf. Matt. 24:31)

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³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4:3-18)