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These thoughts were perhaps first inspired by my reading of Pastor W. H. Offiler's 1933 edition of The Majesty of The Symbol concerning the dwelling place of God. It caused me wonder what may be in the Depths of The Sea. --nils

I Depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

*18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into **the depths of the sea.***

Definition: **sea** (OT3220) yawm. From an unused root meaning "to roar." A sea, or large body of water.

Some interesting facts to note:

- Oceans, seas cover three-quarters of the earth's surface.
- There are five oceans on the earth that cover all directions. Pacific (west), Atlantic (east), Arctic (north), Ant Arctic (south), and Indian (middle).
- One square inch at the deepest depth measured by **man** (35,400 feet) has **six** tons (12,000 pounds) of pressure.
- There is total darkness at this depth.
- The depths of the sea are dark, cold and lonely. The vastness of the sea is mind-boggling.

Compare SIN. It is dark, cold and lonely. It is vast upon the earth. The deeper the ocean, the greater the pressure — the same is so of sin. The deeper one goes into it, the greater the pressure of it becomes upon one's life.

Jesus bore the full weight of our sin. See Isaiah 53:4-6.

*4 Surely he hath borne **our** griefs, and carried **our** sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for **our** transgressions, he was bruised for **our** iniquities: the chastisement of **our** peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Note there are FIVE “ours.” The fulness of our sin was atoned for in the five wounds of Jesus. I think it not coincidental there are FIVE oceans covering the earth: Arctic (north), Antarctic (south), Atlantic (east), Pacific (west), and Indian (middle).

II Remembrance of sin.

Isaiah 43:25 says, “*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*”

Psalms 103:12 says, “*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*”

“*God never made any of us deep sea divers.*” --Robert Faulstich

III The Lord Jesus' power over sin is found in the atonement.

Matthew 27:45-50. Darkness on land. Weight of sin.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

John 19:30. It is finished.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

What was finished? The atonement was finished! He was the perfect sacrifice for the sin of mankind.

IV The sea contains the sin of redeemed (purchased) man.

A. NOAH. See Genesis 6:5-8; 11-13; 14a; 17-18. Genesis 7:4; 11-12; 17-24.

Genesis 6:5-8

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:11-13

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 6:14a

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood;

Genesis 6:17-18

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 7:4

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Genesis 7:11-12

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:17-24

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. 18 And the waters prevailed, and were

increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. 23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

The principles seen in this historical event are that:

- the wickedness of sin was washed away by the flood of water; and
- those in the ARK were safe.

The same can be seen today in that those in the Lord Jesus Christ are safe from the flood waters of sin.

B. RED SEA DELIVERANCE.

Exodus 14:5-31

5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? 6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: 7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. 9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. 10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. 11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. 13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. 15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of

Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. 17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. 21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, 25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. 26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. 29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. 31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Verse 5 -- serving sin; cf. Romans 6:16-18.

Verse 13 -- Salvation of the LORD.

Verse 16 -- Thy rod. Cf. John 12:32 "If I be lifted up, I shall draw all men unto me."

Exodus 15:1-13 The Song of Moses; Song of Deliverance!

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also

are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together; the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Verse 4 -- Red Sea (color of the atonement). Cf. Hebrews 9:22 where it says, "Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin."

C. NAAMAN.

2 Kings 5:1-14, especially vs 1 and 9-14

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour; but he was a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me. 8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are

not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman means “pleasantness.” Sin may seem pleasant for a season, but in the end, it will destroy completely. This miracle of deliverance takes place in a river, but the same principle holds, i.e. water covered the leprosy, which is always considered a type of sin.

Seven times. Naaman’s healing, cleansing, deliverance was complete! It never returned to him.

D. JONAH.

Jonah1:2-5, 9.

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

Jonah disobeyed the voice of the LORD.

- v 2-3 -- Arise, go to Nineveh, but Jonah rose up to flee from the presence of the LORD. Cf. definition of sin according to James 4:17, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” Sin is disobedience. An unattributed quote says of sin, “Men are sinners because they have gone contrary to the will of God — this rebelliousness is charged to all.”
- v 4-5 -- The sea is used here by the LORD to deal with Jonah’s sin of disobedience. He tried to hide from it.
- v 9 -- Jonah fears the LORD. (OT3373) yaw-ray, afraid. He declares the God made the sea and the dry land.

Jonah 1:11-16

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. 14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

v 11-16 -- The men are instructed by Jonah how to calm the sea. Verse 15 shows that there was an practically an instantaneous change from raging to calm. Contrast salvation's experience! The sinner receives the peace of God when he confesses and repents of his sin. From raging sin to the calm of God's Spirit.

Jonah 2:1-10

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. 3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. 5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. 10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Jonah's description of the sea.

v 6 -- Corruption (OT7845) shakh-ath. A pit, from OT7743 shoo-akh with a primary root meaning "to sink."

Jonah three days and three nights in the sea; sin in the depths; resurrected.

Jesus three days and three nights in the grave; sin in the depths; resurrected.

Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21 where it says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

E. WATER BAPTISM

Romans 6:1-6

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The old nature is buried in the waters of baptism. Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17 where is compares the old versus the new life. “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”

V Jesus’ power over sin and the sea

A. Jesus walked on the sea.

Matthew 14:22-33 (cf. Mark 6:45-51)

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

verse 24 -- Midst of the sea is stormy, unpredictable; so also is sin.

verse 25 -- Jesus’ power over the sea and its contents.

verse 26 -- They feared Him to be a spirit, i.e. a ghost! Amplified says they *screamed out with fright*. Perhaps they had seen spirits (ghosts) on the water before.

verse 30 -- Peter's faith fails. The wind became too much and he began to sink. He cried out, "*Lord, save me!*" When the sinner has tried everything and it fails, then they seem to cry, "Lord, save me!" and He always does. Our faith waivers; His does not.

B. Jesus sleeping on the ship; calms the sea!

Matthew 8:23-28

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! 28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

verse 26 -- The winds and the sea rebuked.

verse 27 -- They obey Him.

C. Jesus' power over evil spirits.

Luke 8:26-26

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. 34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of

Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. 36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

verse 31 -- They did not want to go out into the deep. (12NT) ab-us-sos. A variation of (NT1037) boo-thos, depth, i.e. by implication the sea, depthness, i.e. specifically “**abyss**”: deep (bottomless) pit. See Revelation 9:1-11.

The sea holds evil spirits and departed spirits of unredeemed men.

Cf. Psalm 139:7-10.

*7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and **dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.***

Note: Matthew 14:26 and Mark 6:49. It is possible that apparitions (i.e. spirits, ghosts) may have been a common sight among sea farers of this time. Compare Hebrews 12:22-25 with spirits dwelling in **the deep** (ab-us-sos) with “*the spirits of just men made perfect.*”

Hebrews 12:22-25

*22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to **the spirits of just men made perfect**, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:*

VI The Bottomless Pit

A. Revelation 9:1-11

*1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and **to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.** 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of*

men. **8** And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. **9** And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. **10** And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. **11** And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

verse 1 -- Notice that the key to the bottomless pit was given to this person (anti-Christ) by someone else, and this person in turn opened the bottomless pit.

Bottomless (NT12) ab-us-sos. A variation of (NT1037) boo-thos, depth, i.e. by implication the sea, depthness, i.e. specifically “**abyss**”: deep (bottomless) pit.

Pit (NT5421) freh-ar. Of uncertain derivation; a hole in the ground (dug for obtaining, or holding water, or other purposes, i.e. a cistern or well; figuratively an abyss (as a prison): well, pit.

verse 3 -- Locusts, scorpions are likened unto evil spirits. See Luke 10:17-20. Jesus has given us power over evil spirits.

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. **18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. **19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on **serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

verse 4 -- These evil spirits will have no power to hurt grass, green things, trees. These are people who have the LIFE of the Lord Jesus Christ within them. Note: green is the color of life. “. . . but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads” will be hurt.

verse 11 -- These locusts and scorpions have a leader. He is described as “the angel of the bottomless pit.” His name: Apollyon, or Destroyer.

B. Revelation 10:1-3

1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: **2** And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, **3** And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

The Lord places one foot (sign of total victory) upon the sea first, then the other upon the earth. This is at the Second Coming.

C. Revelation 11:7

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit (ab-us-sos) to destroy (apollyon) the two witnesses.

D. Revelation 20:1-15 through 21:1-8

*1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having **the key of the bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: **and fire came down from God out of heaven**, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

verse 1 -- The key to the bottomless pit. Cf. Rev. 1:18. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

verse 7 -- Satan loosed out of his prison.

verse 9-10 -- Lake of Fire. 2 Peter 3:7 says, “*But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*” At the end of the thousand year millennium, a Word from God will be spoken at which instant, I believe, the atom that holds the compound of H₂O together will be separated and become two of the most combustible gasses known to man. The globe will be ignited, become an eternal lake of fire of exploding hydrogen being fed eternally by oxygen in an eternal chain reaction (fission). The eternal burning lake of fire will be cast into the bottomless, black hole, to be forever removed.

Revelation 21:1

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

No more sea! Hallelujah! Why? Because verse 8. There will be no sin in heaven; These are the NEW heaven, and the NEW earth.

E. Chains

2 Peter 2:4-5

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

verse 4 -- Hell (NT5020) tartarus. The deepest abyss of hades (made for the purpose of) incarcerating in eternal torment. (parenthetical mine).

Jude 6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Revelation 20:1-3 (Great chain)

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

VII Satan's Fall

A. Luke 10:18

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

B. Isaiah 14:12-15

*12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 **Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.***

The Five "I Wills" of **Lucifer**

(OT1966 hā-lāl; shining one, morning star, light-bearer)

1. ascend into heaven
2. exalt my throne above the stars of God
3. sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north
4. ascend above the heights of the clouds
5. be like the most High.

The Five Oceans to hold the SIN of the world.

1. Arctic (north)
2. Ant-arctic (south)
3. Pacific (west)
4. Atlantic (east)
5. Indian (middle)

verse 15 -- pit (OT953) bore; a pit hole (especially one used as a cistern or prison): cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well. Note: "*shalt be brought down*" is future tense. This will be fulfilled in Revelation 20:1-3.

VIII Leviathan, The Sea Monster

A. Isaiah 27:1

1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

(OT3882) liv-yaw-thawn. A wreathed animal; i.e. a serpent (especially the crocodile or some other large sea monster): figuratively the constellation of the dragon; also as a symbol of Babylon.

B. Psalm 104:24-26

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. 25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. 26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

God made the earth and the sea. Note verse 26 and compare the possibility of the Bermuda Triangle.

C. Job 41:1-34 **Leviathan's description. WOW!**

1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? 2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? 4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? 6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? 8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? 10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? 11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine. 12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. 13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about. 15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. 17 They are joined one to another; they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. 18 By his neesings (sneezings) a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. 20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. 21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. 22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him. 23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. 24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone. 25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves. 26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart,

nor the habergeon. 27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. 29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. 30 Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire. 31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary. 33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. 34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of **pride**.

(OT7830 sha-chats. Elation, pride. The Latin Vulgate uses *fili superbia*, i.e. the larger ravenous beasts, as the lion, so called from the pride of walking.

Cf. 1 Peter 5:8. “Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

IX. We are more than conquerors over sin; over whatever passes through the seas.

Psalm 8:1-9

1 To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air; and the fish of the sea, **and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas**. 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor **depth**, nor any other **creature**, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Note: Neither depth, nor creature can separate us from the love of God. (NT899) depth: Grk. *bathos*; depth, or the height of the deep sea.

X. Other scriptures regarding the sea.

1. Genesis 19:26

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Ninety-seven to ninety-eight percent of the earth's water is salt water. Salt in scripture is often related to God's judgement against sin. Cf. Genesis 19:26 where Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Heb. "melach;" the salt sea, i.e. the Dead Sea, or *lacus asphaltites*, the water of which is impregnated and almost saturated with salt.

2. Exodus 10:16-20

*16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only. 18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. 19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, **which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.** 20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.*

The locusts which plagued Egypt were cast into the Red Sea by the Lord.

3. Numbers 11:13, 31-34

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

*31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and **brought quails from the sea,** and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. 32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. 34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.*

The quails (flesh) came from the sea. They were eaten. Lust for meat (flesh) caused the death of people. Cf. James 1:14-15; 1 Peter 2:11; 1 John 2:15-17.

James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 Peter 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

4. Job 7:12

12 Am I a sea, or a whale (a sea monster), that thou settest a watch over me? God knows and sees just what Satan is doing.

5. Job 9:8

8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

6. Job 26:12

12 He (God) divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

7. Job 28:12-23

*12 But **where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?** 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. 14 **The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.** 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.*

Where is wisdom and understanding found? Both the depth and the sea answer and say in verse 14, “*It is not in, or with me.*” The value of wisdom and understanding is far above **coral** and **pearls** (verse 18) which come from the sea.

8. Job 38:8-11

*8 Or who shut up the sea with **doors**, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?*

The sea has had **doors** put upon it. Note in Revelation 9:1 where a key to the pit is given to the anti-christ by the Lord Jesus.

*1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the **bottomless pit**. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke **out of the pit**, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke **locusts** upon the earth: and unto them was given **power, as the scorpions of the earth have power**.*

9. Psalm 89:9

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

God rules the raging of the sea. (OT1348) gay-ooth; excellent things, lifting up, majesty, pride, proudly, raging, i.e. the same as (OT1346) haughtiness, highness, swelling.

10. Psalm 93:4

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

11. Psalm 95:5

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

12. Psalm 96:10-13. The sea and its inhabitants will praise the LORD in the day of judgement. Cf. Philippians 2:9-11)

*10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; **let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof**. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice 13 Before the LORD: **for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth**: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.*

(OT7481) roar: *ra-am*. To make the sound of thunder, as anyone with rage, to be angry; to provoke to anger.

(OT4393) fulness: *mel-o*. Fulness, that which fills; a) fulness, handful; b) mass, **multitude**; c) fulness, that which fills, entire contents; d) full length, full line. Also mentioned -- inhabitants, crowd.

See also Psalm 98:5-9.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

13. Psalm 106:7-22. Red Sea Deliverance

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea. 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known. 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. 12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. 13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. 15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. 16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. 20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. 21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

14. Psalm 107:23-30. Storms at sea

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

15. Psalm 114:1-8. Deliverance from Egypt

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; 2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. 3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. 4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills

like lambs. **5** *What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; 8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.*

16. Psalm 136:10-15. Deliverance from Egypt

10 *To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: 11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever: 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever: 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

17. Proverbs 8:29-30. Wisdom speaks about the sea.

29 *When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;*

(OT2706) *khoke*: decree; an enactment; bound (limit); commandment. Cf. Jeremiah 5:22, “*Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed **the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree**, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?*”

Worldwide sea and ocean bounds are controlled by the tides (gravitational pull of the MOON); Cf. Acts 2:20 “*moon turned into blood,*” the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens. The realm of Satan and his cohorts are controlled by a decree. Cf. Luke 10:19, “*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*”

18. Isaiah 51:9-10, 15.

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9 *Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut **Rahab**, and wounded the **dragon**? 10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? 15 But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.*

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9 *[Zion now cries to the Lord, the God of Israel] Awake, awake, put on strength and might, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, as in the generations of long ago. Was it not You Who cut **Rahab [Egypt]** in pieces, Who pierced the **dragon [symbol of Egypt]**? [Isa. 30:7.] 10 Was it not You Who dried up the Red Sea, the*

waters of the great deep, Who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? [Why then are we left so long in captivity?] **15** For I am the Lord your God, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar and Who by rebuke restrains it--the Lord of hosts is His name.

Quoted from Harper's Bible Dictionary: "The dragon was pictured sometimes as a river-dwelling monster like the alligator or crocodile, inhabiting the Nile and denoting Pharaoh himself, or the sea."

Cf. Ezekiel 29:3, "Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, **Pharaoh** king of Egypt, the **great dragon** that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself."

Contrast **Leviathan**, the crooked serpent noted in Isaiah 27:1 and Job 41 and on pages 15-16.

19. Isaiah 57:20-21

20 But the **wicked** are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. **21** There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

(OT7563) ra-sha: condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man) that did wrong.

Cf. James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

20. Matthew 18:1-6

1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? **2** And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. **6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were **drowned in the depth of the sea**.

Offending children (of God) could bring death in the sea. The qualification to enter God's Kingdom is to be converted. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

21. Matthew 21:21

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and **be thou cast into the sea**; it shall be done.

By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, mountains can be removed and cast into the sea. Obviously this includes the (mountain of) inherited character from Adam to commit sin. After all, is it not, according to Micah 7:18-19, the very place that God casts our confessed and forgiven sin?

*18 Who is a God like unto thee, that **pardoneth** iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou **wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.***

Is not the sea and its depths the very place where Jesus sent the Legion of evil spirits that were exorcized from the demoniac? The demons begged Jesus to not cast them out into the deep. Jesus granted their request, but then, suddenly the pigs ran in a rage of fear off the cliff right into the deep where, I believe, they belonged.

22. Luke 21:25

*25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; **the sea and the waves roaring;***

Signs of the last days will include the sea and the waves roaring. Countless earthquake fault lines are found worldwide in the depths of the sea.

Let's look at Hebrew terminology in:

Isaiah 27:1 says, "*In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*"

"In that day . . . "

An appointed time for the punishing of the sea serpent has been determined by God.

". . . with His sore and great and strong sword . . . "

sore -- (OT7186) ka-sheh: hard, cruel, severe, fierce, intense, vehement, stubborn.

great -- (OT1419) ga-dole: large (in magnitude and extent).

strong -- (2389) kha-zak: strong, stout, mighty, severe, sharp, hot, firm, hard.

sword -- (OT2719) kheh: sword, knife, razor, circumcising knife, graving tool, axe.

". . . shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, crooked serpent . . . "

punish -- (OT6485) pa-kad: reckon (with), visit, punish.

leviathan -- (OT3882) liv-ya-than: wreathed, twisted in folds, **very large aquatic creature.**

piercing -- (OT1281) ba-re-akh: fleeing, or fugitive.

serpent -- (OT5175) na-khash: serpent (snake) so called from its hissing.
crooked -- (OT6129) ak-al-la-thon: crooked, tortuous, meaning “full of twists and turns.”

“ . . . and He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.”

slay -- (OT2026) ha-rag: to kill, slay, murder, destroy; used of the slaughter of enemies in war.

dragon -- (OT8577) tan-nen: dragon, serpent, sea monster, a great serpent, a sea or river monster, a venomous snake.

sea -- (OT3220) yam: sea in general, but included the mighty river Nile.

Common traits of dragons

Major:

1. Reptilian traits: Most dragons have at least one or two reptile-like traits to them. For example things like scales, snake-tails, snake heads, reptilian bodies.
2. Flight: Many dragons have, had, or will have the ability to fly.
3. Water connection: Close connections with water is another major trait of dragons. The dragon might live in the water, spew water, or have emerged from some sort of nearby water source.
4. Supernatural powers: Supernatural powers include such things as magic or super-strength. The power does not necessarily have to be extreme; for instance, flying without wings, or the ability to predict the future.
5. Breath weapons: Weaponry that comes from their mouth. This includes spitting fire, water, and poison.

Secondary:

1. Some dragons are connected to the **weather**. This meaning that they have powers over the weather and perhaps the ability create storms. Rain or droughts.
2. Most dragons **guard something**, like treasure, maidens, secrets, towns, or forests. Sometimes these jobs are assigned to them by gods or goddesses while others appoint themselves.
3. Dragons are usually **creatures of power**. They usually have high ranks, are gods, or are closely connected to a god or goddess of some kind. Usually they are servants to people of power as well, but more commonly to the gods.

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Ephesians 6:12

2 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

There are prince powers of darkness that still rule over nations. Remember that the prince of the kingdom of Persia is still there ruling in what is called The 10-40 Window. He was not cast out by Michael the archangel, he was only pushed aside so Daniel could receive and understand the prophecy concerning the last days. Cf. Daniel 10:11-14.

*11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, **came to help me**; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*

prince -- (OT8269) sar: prince ruler, leader, chief, official, captain.

kingdom -- (OT4438) mal-kuth: kingdom, realm, i.e. a country and people subject to a king.

Michael -- (OT4317) me-ka-al: "who is like God;" the chief, or first archangel.

came -- (OT935) bo: to enter, to come in.

to help -- (OT5826) a-zar: to help, support, as in girding, surrounding, defending.

There are powerful prince powers of darkness ruling to this day over nations blocking the light of the gospel.

Cf. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, "*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*"

Cf. Ephesians 6:11-12, "*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places.**"*

Finally, "*But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" 1 Corinthians 15:57.

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20.

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