

Perilous Times III 2023

Perilous means exposure to the risk of being injured, destroyed, or lost.

Perilous times are dangerous times.

Perilous times are something that imperils or endangers.

Perilous times have definitions, descriptions, and sources.

What are some sources of perilous times?

The Spirit of this age is a source of perilous times.

KJV **Ephesians 2:1** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: ³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

We have been made alive from a spirit that is still alive.

I

What is the spirit of this age?

KJV **Isaiah 27:1** 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.

NKJV **Isaiah 27:1** In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, **Leviathan that twisted serpent**; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

Leviathan, the crooked serpent.

Leviathan, the twisted serpent.

Leviathan, the piercing serpent.

It penetrates the hearts and minds of its victims.

Once the mind is pierced the identity is suppressed and substituted.

This serpent will steal the identity of mankind.

II

Leviathan, the seven headed creature.

It penetrates: *Art, Business, Congregations, Direct media, Education, Family and Government seven systems of influence.*

Psalm 74:13 You divided the sea by your might; you broke **the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.** ¹⁴ You crushed **the heads of Leviathan**; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

Leviathan, the **enemy of order in Creation.**

KJV ***Revelation 12:3*** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having **seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.** ⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and **the dragon** stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, **for to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

This serpent comes after children as soon as they are born.

III

The discussion of the leviathan is longer than God's comments on any of the other animals **in Job 41.**

Job 41:1 Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?

God spoke of this creature's inability to be captured by fishing equipment and tamed by man (vv. 1-11).

Leviathan has an inability to be captured by hunting equipment (vv. 26-34).

Leviathan is difficult to catch.

Leviathan can not be tamed.

Leviathan resist capture.

Leviathan is symbolic of chaotic evil.

^{KJV} **Revelation 12:9** 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.

- The serpent was an emblem of cunning and wisdom.
- The devil is prone to slander, slanderous, and accusing falsely.

Satan is the adversary, the one who opposes another in purpose or act.

Satan is the enemy of God, mankind and the godly.

Satan is the adversary of God and Christ.

How do we prevail and advance?

^{KJV} **Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the **power of his might**. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. ¹² 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. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**; ¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**; ¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: ¹⁸ **Praying always with all prayer** and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Stay dressed for battle!

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