

Isaiah 51*

⁹ Wake up! Wake up!
Clothe yourself with strength,
 O arm of the Lord!
Wake up as in former times,
 as in antiquity!
Did you not smash the
 Proud One?
Did you not wound the
 sea monster?
¹⁰ Did you not dry up the sea,
 the waters of the great deep?
 Did you not make a path
 through the depths of the sea,
 so those delivered from bondage could cross over?

Job 41*

"Can you pull in Leviathan with a hook, and tie down its tongue with a rope?

² Can you put a cord through its nose, or pierce its jaw with a hook?

³ Will it make numerous supplications to you, will it speak to you with tender words?

⁴ Will it make a pact with you, so you could take it as your slave for life?

Psalm 104*

²⁴ How many living things you

have made, O Lord!
You have exhibited great skill in making all of them; the earth is full of the living things you have made.

25 Over here is the deep, wide sea, which teems with innumerable swimming creatures, living things both small and large.

26 The ships travel there.

and over here swims the

whale you made to play in it.

Isaiah 27*

At that time the Lord
will punish
with his destructive, great,
and powerful sword
Leviathan the fast-moving
serpent,
Leviathan the squirming
serpent;
he will kill the sea monster.

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God's Victory



Enuma Elish (Babylonian creation story)

When on high <u>heaven was not named</u>,

And the earth beneath did not yet bear a name,

And chaos, *Tiamat*, the mother of them both,

Their <u>waters were mingled together</u>, And <u>no field was formed</u>, <u>no marsh</u> was to be seen;

When of the gods none had been called into being...

He returned to Tiamat, whom he had bound.

And with his merciless club smashed her skull.

He severed her arteries

And let the North wind bear up (her

blood) to give the news.

His fathers saw it and were glad and exulted:

In order to divide the lump by a clever scheme...

...He split her into two like a dried fish:

One half of her he set up and stretched out as the heavens.

He stretched the skin and appointed a watch

With the instruction not to let her waters escape...

Genesis 1*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep (tehom), but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.

⁶ God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters and let it separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. It was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky."

¹⁴ God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs to indicate seasons and days and years, 15 and let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." It was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to rule over the day and the lesser light to rule over the night. He made the stars also. 17 God placed the lights in the expanse of the sky to shine on the earth, 18 to preside over the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good.

Psalm 74*

12 But God has been my king from ancient times, performing acts of deliverance on the earth.

You destroyed the sea by your strength;
you shattered the heads of the sea monster in the water.
You crushed the heads of Leviathan;

you fed him to the people who live along the coast.

You broke open the spring and the stream; you dried up perpetually flowing rivers.

16 You established the cycle of day and night;
you put the moon and sun in place.
17 You set up all the boundaries of the earth;
you created the cycle of summer and winter.

Psalm 89*

9 You rule over the proud sea.
When its waves surge, you
calm them.
10 You crushed the Proud One
and killed it;
with your strong arm you scattered

your enemies.

11 The heavens belong to you, as does the earth.
You made the world and all it contains.

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