

~DRAGNET (107)

- A net that was **dragged along the bottom of a body of water to catch fish.**
- A drying yard for **dragnets** is what she will become in the midst of the sea. For I myself have spoken, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and she must become an object of plunder for the nations. (**Ezekiel 26:5**)
- And I will make you a shining, bare surface of a crag. A drying yard for **dragnets** is what you will become. Never will you be rebuilt, for I myself, Yehowah, have spoken, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 26:14**)
- And it must occur that fishers will actually stand alongside it from En-gedi even up to En-eglaim. There will come to be a drying yard for **dragnets**. In their kinds their fish will prove to be, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many. (**Ezekiel 47:10**)
- In ancient Egypt, **dragnets** were made of flax cords and were equipped with lead weights at the bottom and wooden floats at the top. Likely those used by the Israelites were similar.
- The methods of **dragnet** fishing used anciently were probably much like those employed in the Middle East in more recent times. The **dragnet** was let down from boats in such a way as to surround a school of fish, and the long ropes attached to the opposite ends of the net were taken ashore, where several men on each rope gradually pulled the net as a semicircle to the beach.
- Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a **dragnet** let down into the sea and gathering up fish of every kind. (**Matthew 13:47**)
- When it got full they hauled it up onto the beach and, sitting down, they collected the fine ones into vessels, but the unsuitable they threw away. (**Matthew 13:48**)
- Another method was to draw the net together in a narrowing circle. Fishermen then dived into the water and pulled a portion of the weighted edge under the rest of the net, thus forming a bottom. After this, the net was drawn into a boat or boats.

- Well, when they did this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish. In fact, their nets began ripping apart. (**Luke 5:6**)
- So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and assist them, and they did come, and they filled both boats, so that these began to sink. (**Luke 5:7**)
- Sometimes the net was first dragged into shallower water before being emptied.
- But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not a long way from land, only about three hundred feet away, dragging the net of fishes. (**John 21:8**)
- Simon Peter, therefore, went on board and drew the net to land full of big fishes, one hundred and fifty-three of them. But although there were so many the net did not burst. (**John 21:11**)
- In the Scriptures, the **dragnet** is used figuratively with reference to the gathering of prospective members of the kingdom of the heavens.
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- It is also used to depict the heart of an immoral woman.
- And I was finding out. More bitter than death I found the woman who is herself nets for hunting **and whose heart is dragnets** and whose hands are fetters. One is good before the true God if one escapes from her, but one is sinning if one is captured by her. (**Ecclesiastes 7:26**)
- As well as schemes to ensnare others.
- The loyal one has perished from the earth, and among mankind there is no upright one. All of them, for bloodshed they lie in wait. They hunt, everyone his own brother, with a **dragnet**. (**Micah 7:2**)

- **Also, military conquest is likened to fishing with a **dragnet**.**
- **All these he has brought up with a mere fishhook, he drags them away in his **dragnet**, and he gathers them in his fishing net. That is why he rejoices and is joyful. (**Habakkuk 1:15**)**
- **That is why he offers sacrifice to his **dragnet** and makes sacrificial smoke to his fishing net, for by them his portion is well oiled, and his food is healthful. (**Habakkuk 1:16**)**
- **Is that why he will empty out his **dragnet**, and does he have to kill nations constantly, while he shows no compassion? (**Habakkuk 1:17**)**