19-Psalms-19-Transcript

[Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Music] [Applause] well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and we are up to Psalm 44 let's open with a word of Prayer and get straight into tonight's study our Heavenly Father we pause as we always do to acknowledge you to praise you and to thank you and to ask father that you will continue to bless us as we hunger and thirst for your righteousness as we are hunger and thirst for understanding as we hunger and thirst for wisdom father we pray that you'll bless us with this knowledge so that we can develop understanding and wisdom please father bless the study bless all those who tuned in we're asking this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ amen so we are up to Psalm 44 and this Psalm is not written by King David were in book two and a lot of the Psalms in book two are not written by King David it says here to the chief musician for the sons of korah math skill so we remember from last week we looked at these men who were talented musicians and led the worship of God for the people of Israel so this is not coming from David and that's going to be important because I'm going to take contention I'm gonna oppose something that is said in this Psalm and I don't think King David as a prophet would speak this way but let's

let's get into the study and see what we can assess my skill so this is a teaching Psalm so there is something definitely for us to learn from this Psalm so it begins we have heard with our ears Oh God our fathers have told us what work you did in their days in the times of old so remember this is a nation that was was birthed out of slavery there's this powerful Empire they leave the Egyptian Empire was was had total control over every aspect of their lives and despite that the God on high moved to pull them out of slavery and not just pull them out of slavery but pulling them out of slavery establishing establishing them as the head nation in the whole world and so this is something that this is the foundation of the nation and from one generation to the next this profound start of the nation and then how God has moved in their lives to establish them it's been passed down from one generation to the next and so here we are in this generation at the time of King David that they have heard with their ears and they and and their fathers told them the things that God did in their days in times of old so so clearly God was very intimately involved in the life of Israel in the past he says how you did drive out the heathen with your hand and planted Israel how you did afflict the people and cast them out so God brought them out of Egypt and then he gave them land he carved out specific real estate and drove out the the Canaanites he drove them out and gave this land to Israel instead and so they have heard

all of this and how they were Israel was planted by God and how he afflicted the people and casted them out because of

their wickedness for they got not the land that is Israel God not the land in possession by their own sword so here you have this weak nation coming out of Israel I started coming out of Egypt but it was enriched by by Egypt they gave them wealth coming out and then they had they established themselves they were actually in the wilderness for forty years before they went into the Promised Land but when they went in they understanding that it wasn't by their sword neither did their own arm save them but your right hand and your arm and the light of your countenance because you had a favour unto them so they were elect they were selected they were chosen by God and so God his countenance Shon upon them and he went before them and he helped them to obliterate and remove these Gentile nations so that they could inherit the land so this was passed down to Israel now let's go back to Deuteronomy there is something I just wanted to highlight here just to reinforce what they said but just before I do that I wanted to highlight this in Deuteronomy because we're in a time now when we mustn't have nations and and again I'm saying watch America because America is the most powerful nation on the planet in fact it's the most powerful nation in the history of mankind and it happens to be the youngest nation it's not it's not a long Empire it's you know less than 250 years old and it has emerged as the greatest superpower the world has ever seen and yet it's in the process of being dismantled and brought down and one of the chance that you hear is no borders no wall no USA at all no borders no wall no USA at all well when America

collapses what collapses with it is this influence this global influence of the judeo-christian ethic and the whole concept of human rights the whole concept that you as a human being have uh namely an alien or unalienable rights from your Creator that the government didn't give you these rights and therefore the government cannot take these rights away from you built right into their constitution and and that's what has spread and and influenced the whole world that human beings have rights

well when America collapses this notion built into the American Constitution will be gone and when globalism rears its ugly head we will revert back to what we've always seen just autocratic tyranny that's where we're heading and so all those folks involved in no borders no wall no USA at all it's an evil work and in fact the concept of no borders comes right out of the mind of the devil because borders come from God and so God created this patch of real estate that he promised to Abraham and his descendants but but look at this it's not just the borders that he put around the prong and that matter here in Deuteronomy one he says behold the Lord your God has set the land before you so this is Moses speaking now to the children of Israel that are going to inherit the promised land II the rebellious parents have all died off except for Joshua and Caleb but here now these are the children who are now gonna go in and inherit the land after forty years of waiting for the older generation to die off but he says this behold the Lord your God has set the land before you go up and possess it as the Lord God of your father's has

said unto you fear not neither be discouraged so now is the time to go these all these powerful nations are there in the land Moses is telling them you don't need to be afraid just go and possess the land but notice here in verse 5 of chapter 2 on your way to possessing the land that's been promised to you he says metal not with them he's speaking of the [__] metal not with them for I will not give you of their land no not so much as a foot breadth because I have given Mount Seir unto Esau for a possession so God has not just put borders around the land for Israel he's put borders around Esau and Israel cannot just wanton Lee go in and you know chop off people's heads and take land away from them no it's the kanata nights that God has said because of the filth of the father of canaan it's them that they are being punished because they're their whole nation began with this filth of the father and so they have done incredible wickedness in the land and God is now judging them the same way he flooded the whole earth and has the right to do that to his own creation that rebelled against him the the Canaanites have rebelled against him and they are there stood the wickedness is thorough it's it's horrendous and so God is instead of using floodwaters he's using this elect nation called Israel to go in and drive these people out and wipe them out but he says don't touch the this is

wantin this is a specific piece of real estate and then that's it nothing else not even a foot breadth of the land that's been given to Esau should they touch goes on verse 19 and when you come near over against the children of Ammon a moan distress them not nor meddle with them for I will not give you of the land of the children of Ammon any possession because I have given it unto the children of lot for a possession so you we can see here that even though Israel's going in to take this specific real-estate and God has put borders around that real estate from from you know the whole from Euphrates down to in Egypt it's a broad piece of real estate all of that is given to the children of Israel but they can't take anything else because God has put borders for other nations and so this concept of no borders though the whole world must be global and there must be no borders that does not come from God it comes from Satan so I just wanted to mention that but here now as they're you know their forefathers told them about how the nation started here in Deuteronomy 2 and verse 2 Moses writes or he's actually speaking to Israel and the Lord spoke unto me saying you have surrounded this mountain long enough turn you northward so now it's time for them to go in and possess the land verse 25 this day will I begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you upon the nations that are under the whole heaven so Israel will be known throughout the whole world as that God is with this nation and you better not go up against them and in fact this will be true again that these words in the Torah there's some things that Moses has written that are eternal in nature and so we need to return to the Torah and study the Torah so we can understand what God's will is but in establishing the nation they failed but God you know God is the husband if we Jeremiah 31 he this covenant is a marriage covenant and and God is a husband to Israel and although

they have been unfaithful God is faithful

and the New Covenant is not a brand new covenant it's the same covenant renewed because God is the husband that is his faithful despite the unfaithfulness of his wife and again that's portrayed by Hosea the Prophet Hosea and the instructions that God gave to him but he says this day will I begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you upon the nation's that are under the whole heaven who shall hear report of you and shall tremble because God is doing this and being anguish because of you and he's gonna do this again when he returns he's gonna give he's gonna return and save Judah and the tents of Judah and the cities of Judah and the people of Judah are going to be like a fire they're gonna be like a burning oven and and the nations are gonna be like stubble and they're just gonna wipe out and the whole world is gonna hear of this and tremble that God is with Judah and then he's gonna bring Israel back and Judah and Israel will be one and the whole earth will tremble when they hear of Israel in verse 1 of chapter 3 of Deuteronomy then we turned and went up the way to bhishan and AAG the king of Bashan and came out and all the king of Bashan came out against us he and all his people to battle at Adri and the Lord yova said unto me fear him not nor will I for I will deliver him and all his people and his land into your hand who's doing the delivering here God is God is assigning this land to Israel and he's wiping out these these kanata nights and you shall do unto him as you did on to see Han king of the amorite s' which dwelt at heshbon so the Lord our God delivered into our hands all Gaul so

the king of Bashan and all his people and we smote him until none was left to him remaining remember there being just like the flood there being wiped out the same way except now God is using Israel instead of water to wipe out these people for their wickedness and we took all his cities at that time remember they can't touch the cities of Esau and they cannot touch the cities of that were assigned to the children of lot we took all his cities at that time there was not a sick which we took not from them threescore cities so there were 60 cities these were established nations very powerful nations it looked like nothing could ever happen to them Israel went in and took the cities from them all the region of our gov the kingdom of OGG in bhishan all these cities were fenced with high walls gates and bars so these were very sophisticated people and very powerful people and and they were established in a way that they could they were impenetrable so they thought until God decided to act and bring them down all these cities 60 cities were fenced with high walls gates and bars beside unwalled towns a great many so there also a lot of unwalled towns as well so that's how the nation was established having been slaves in Egypt coming out of that slavery and now being established as this awesome nation that that the other nations hear about and they're terrified and God is the one giving them this land back to Psalm 44 verse 4 so they established that they've heard of these great things that God has done and now this musician says you are my king Oh God command deliverances for Jacob so again through the period of the judges they

would have here heard of this how these nations came against them but then God always delivers Jacob and this is gonna happen in in the future as well that this is this tribulation is even the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be delivered out of it yes you are you are my king Oh God command deliverances for Jacob through you will we push down our enemy so very good understanding here that it is through God through Yehovah that they will push down their enemies through your name will we tread them under that rise up against us and again this is very significant because we are told by Christ in Matthew 24 that we shall be hated the spiritual Jews shall be hated by all nations why for my name's sake so those of us who are entrusted with preaching the gospel we understand very clearly that this good news has a lot to do

with the name of God and and how he's acting for his namesake in' and we are embedding his name into the preaching of this good news and the warning that goes with it through you will we push down our enemies through your name will we tread them under that rise up against us and very good understanding for I will not trust in my ball and this is this is really very powerful understanding here he says I will not trust in my ball neither shall my sword save me like there's a there's a degree of humility here that a lot of people do not have and and do not understand these nations that Israel actually went in originally to destroy and wipe out and overtake they were apparently impenetrable but God gave the land to Israel and so they were able to penetrate these walls and take down these cities now as I

mentioned at the outset America is the most powerful nation on the planet today is the most powerful nation that has ever existed and unfortunately for America the previous administration did everything in its power to destroy America from within and particularly to downgrade its military might and to not invest in its military and to put rules of engagement on the mid-to yoke the military with rules of engagement that although they go and the enemy is right there in sight they couldn't do anything there were rules engagement that they had to wait until they were fired upon before they could return fire and all it was very a lot of restrictions and limitations and so you know over the past eight years of that administration America's might was declining then the next administration comes in from 45 and he's all about building up the military and reinvigorating the military and reinvesting in the military and giving them the latest technology and making sure that the whole world understands just how powerful the US military is and so even he had recently a big parade where he went out and and took the troops and and just showed the military might that the US has and so despite this military might and it was quite profound people get it and he's he's broadcasting this to the whole world basically saying do not mess with America we have tremendous military power and and so big investment in you this parade that he set up he was there overseeing this parade of the military what's the problem wonderful that you have this great parade that they you know you see the tanks and the soldiers and it's just amazing and this

is the most powerful army or powerful military on the planet but if you're being destroyed from within it's like putting all this wonderful armor on somebody who's in stage four cancer and so great that you have all this military armor but if the soldier is suffering from stage four cancer you will not be successful and so wonderful that they have this this great military might

however the soldiers are suffering from or I shouldn't say the soldiers I should say the the military is suffering from a I should say the the the country is suffering from this this stage four cancer is being eaten and destroyed from within so President Trump you know wonderful that you believe in America a wonderful that you want to reinvest in America and the military of America and show the might of America and the recent takedown of this Isis leader which are you know under the previous administration Isis just get getting stronger and stronger every week and more and more territory and we just kind of learn to live with it oh well these guys are going to take over the whole world it appeared under this administration you just put a stop to that nonsense like is the president traumas like okay we're America what is this nonsense it's like a fly just just get rid of it yeah wonderful but if you're being destroyed from within and the nation America is just it's on the verge of civil war in fact it probably is already in civil war and we're just waiting for the final chapter of it when he gets clearly overtly violent but the nation is is weakened its demoralized it is in its polarized the people hate each other

and so how can this nation succeed when it's being destroyed from within and exactly what Abraham Lincoln said that if if we speaking of America if we are to be destroyed it must be from within it cannot be from without and so this is what's happening so rather than boast in its military what Donald Trump should be doing is repenting and calling the nation to a national repentance and turning the nation back to God because it has abandoned its God and and so here this very good understanding here not to trust in military might that's nothing if God is not for you forget it and and and with the wickedness that has taken place in America

I'm afraid God has abandoned America and so yeah great that you're investing in the military but you're rotting from within he says for I will not trust in my bow

neither shall my sword save me but you have saved us from our enemies you God you're the one that saved us from our enemies and has put them to shame that hated us and Deuteronomy 30 I've read it's many many times in these studies God will do this again for Israel he will return he will gather the elect Israel from the four corners of the earth and he will put them to shame that have hated and Isaiah 60 as well as I a 60 Isaiah gives it in detail how those that hated them are gonna have to come and bow down before them and lick the dust off Israel's feet because God loves Israel he loves Abraham he loves Isaac he loves Jacob and he's not the God of the Dead he's the god of the living and these days he's chosen these patriarchs and their descendants and he has he is willing he he's committed to

establishing them as the head nation and so all you know you mess with them you mess with the apple of his eye and and it's very clear from Moses that of course there's wickedness in Israel but that's not that's not the point God has chosen these people he's gonna drive the wickedness out so ultimately he will have a purified people who will represent him on the earth and we the first fruits of this harvest of Israel what a what a profound honor that we get to be in the first fruits category of Israel there's gonna be a fall harvest category of Israel and then Israel is going to lead the whole world globally to God but you have saved us from our enemies because he has a purpose for Israel and has put them to shame that hated us in God we boast and again these the script these passages here in the book - they don't use your ova they use Elohim mostly and in some places I don't I but here he says in Elohim we boast all the day long and praise your name forever Selah so again this fall goes around the name of God and that Israel and Judah have God embedded in their very name their very identity Israel and and Judah do Judah praise of which of God of yah so here he says Selah okay now what does God what does the Prophet say about this if we look at Isaiah that that here these people have been chosen and even though they've been shamed and humiliated and destroyed God acts on their behalf and this will happen again Isaiah says here in 41 verse 8 but you Israel are my servant no one else don't believe anybody who comes along to say whether it's Christian Muslim whoever Hindu doesn't Buddhist doesn't matter that God is done with this nation which

is the only nation on earth that has received this profound wisdom from heaven and these profound scriptures from God himself and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit no other nation has this and that's why these people are so hated because they stand out and apart they have a legacy that no other nation has and God has not changed his mind God doesn't fool around and and get married and commit himself to this woman and then change his mind and marry somebody else no he is committed to Israel but you Israel nobody else you Israel are my servant you will be the head nation you will be the kingdom of priests that will that will lead the world to me you Israel are my servant Jacob whom I have chosen this is this is not you know flippant oh like oh let me just try these people if they don't work out I'll try somebody else no he has promised Abraham and he cut that covenant with Abraham and put a Abraham into a deep sleep so it is there's no conditions for Abraham to fulfill everything is on God to fulfill this promise to Abraham and that then cascaded down to Isaac down to Israel and so you Israel are my saving Jacob servant Jacob whom I have chosen the seed of Abraham and my friend this is who Israel is this is you Jacob is the seed of Abraham not everybody who's descended from Abraham does God consider the Covenant seed of Abraham Israel is the Covenant seed of Abraham my friend you whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and and and again this is gonna happen in the end time when when Christ Himself returns he's going to gather the elect from the four corners of the earth you whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called you

from the chief men thereof in fact this is El the nation began this powerful nation called Egypt which was just so in control of everything in under it's under its purview such a powerful Empire God God just called these people out from the chief of men moses confronted pharaoh face-to-face to let my people go and pharaoh had nothing nothing he could do he just had to watch the people leave called you and so again in the end time when israel is scattered and enslaved and by these powerful gentile nations the nation again will be re-established from slavery into glory and called you from the chief men thereof and said unto you you israel are my servant I have chosen you and not cast you away don't believe in replacement theology whether it comes from Christians or Muslims or anybody

even Jews themselves God does not do this when he commits he commits and he will bring about what he has in mind so do not believe this God has not forsaken Israel and Israel must not this this is the whole contention that that you know the very people the very elect of God themselves are going to believe that God has forsaken them and God is saying I have chosen you

I have not cast you away and in fact even this Psalm 44 that we're looking at kind of shows some of the psychology of what it means when you're in this intense persecution and you feel like God has forsaken and so we'll see that as we get through the psalm he says here in verse 10 fear you not for I am with you I am with you be not dismayed for I am your God and then again this is Elohim I am your Elohim so this is really the answer to Psalm 44 which we see when we see the question but I am your God I will strengthen you and we do see that in Zechariah 12 yes I will help you so clearly Israel is in distress Israel is dismayed and discouraged and demoralized and Israel believes that they are forsaken and God is saying through Isaiah don't believe that for a minute I actually have chosen you and I'm bringing you through a process that as a result of that process you are being purified and you will be glorified and I will be glorified in you to the whole earth the whole earth will praise God deeply and intensely because of what he's brought about and how he's able to be be faithful to his promise to Abraham what he's brought about through Israel I will strengthen you yes I will help you yes I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness that this is a God will be proven right and God will do things according to Torah and so this promise that he's made to Abraham he's going to uphold Israel with the right hand of his righteousness to bring about the promise that was made to Abraham behold all they that were incensed against you

be ashamed and confounded in the psalmist the chief musician putting this to music understands this or understood that this happened in the past he's questioning and now in the present but in the past he understood that this is what happened but not only did it happen in the past not only will have happened in the present it's gonna happen in the future and it's for eternity that Israel will be glorified and those that were incensed against Israel will be ashamed they shall be as nothing so although they seem powerful and again like the original cities you know like that King

org they seem impenetrable no they shall be as nothing and they that strive with you or or contend with you Shall Perish warning warning do not mess with Israel do not mess with Judah it's just it's it's like it's not gonna end well it's not it's not gonna end well even so amen is what John says even so amen now let the wicked be wicked still they shall be as nothing and they that strive with you or against you shall perish and this is just going back to Torah we Deuteronomy 30 we Deuteronomy for you shall seek them and shall not find them even them that contend with you as powerful as they are you're gonna look and there'll be nowhere they that were against you shall be as nothing and as a thing of not so again God is going to pour out his Holy Spirit on Judah there all these Gentile nations are gonna be surrounding Jerusalem God is going to empower Jerusalem to fight back and they're gonna be like a furnace among stubble why for I the Lord your God will hold your right hand saying unto you fear not I will help you so again Christ Himself says this that if those days were not shortened no flesh would be saved alive he's talking about Jewish flesh that the whole target in the end time Satan is just ramping up to completely destroy any trace of Judah and God is allowing using Satan and allowing this suffering because it's a purification process and there will be a remnant that will be saved and so because of the sake of that remnant God will act to save that remnant but if he didn't shorten those days

this thing is so thorough and so intense that no juror no Jew would be left in fact no Israelite would be left but God

will hold the right hand of his people and he will say unto them fear not and he will help them fear not you worm jacob o a worm is completely defenseless completely helpless it's just stomped on but don't be afraid you were makeup and you men of Israel I will help you says the Lord your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel so Israel has the name of God stamped upon it and he will act for his namesake why should he allow his name to be dishonored we see this now as acharya gives us a glimpse of what this will look like he says behold I will make Jerusalem Zechariah 12 - behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the Gentile people roundabout so they're gonna come surrounding thinking they have the upper hand and then God is gonna act and Jerusalem is gonna terrify them when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem so as wise no flesh will be saved they're out to destroy all Jewish flesh but they want to take Jerusalem specifically but all the cities of Judah and God is gonna act when they're in this siege that's when God will help fear not God will help and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all these Gentile people they will be sorry that they messed with Judah all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces Isaiah says there'll be nothing they'll be like nothing as powerful as they are Judah is gonna be given supernatural spiritual strength from God just the way the nation was established in the first place that God went before them and they were able to drive out these mighty nations that were established a fully gated walled cities they were able to drive these nations out why because God went before them

and that's why the psalmist musician understands from from what he heard from the forefathers that it wasn't from their sort it was this supernatural intervention from God himself all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it and so this global ideology is going to sweep up all the people of the earth and they're all going to agree no orders no ball no no no borders no walls no Jerusalem at all so the ideology is already being planted that hey this belongs to us it belongs to all of us there's no borders you don't have a right to be there you're occupying the land no even though everybody thinks this is a good idea it's a bad idea and it doesn't matter how powerful these people are and how committed they are to their ideology God will act to ensure that the people that he has promised the land to it's their land back to Psalm 44 so we see then how the prophets are reinforcing this understanding of the musician and that it's not just in times of old that from the prophets we see that God has not changed his mind that in the future he's going to act the same way as he has in the past

Psalm 44 verse 9 now here's the complaint of the musician that he's looking at this situation that they're in and he has he's aware of the past and how God has acted and supported Israel and protected and promoted Israel but something's gone wrong and so now it's actually like an accusation when the psalmist is this chief musician or sorry this Levite now musically this musician but in the priesthood he's looking at this and he's saying something's

terribly wrong look at look at our condition look how we've been devastated and and destroyed it's just what's happened he says so this is what the glory of the past but you hear now let's deal with the present but you have cast off and put us to shame and you go not forth with our armies so again same with America today wonderful that you have these armies but if God is not with you in fact if he's against you and he's gonna use the Gentile nations to destroy you you have no hope it doesn't matter how glorious your military is but you have cast off and put us to shame and you go not and you go not forth with our armies you make us to turn back from the enemy and they which hate us spoil for themselves so they have this booty they have their jihad they take over they're able to gather the wealth this is what's happening that they don't understand how is it we're being plundered you have given us like sheep appointed for meat so Isaiah uses the analogy of a worm that's just completely defenseless here the psalmist uses an analogy of sheep that we just have no defense here come the the butchers and they're just rounding us up and tearing us apart or here come the wolves here come the beasts of the field we have no defense you have given us any you is he's accusing you ova you have given us like sheep appointed for meat and has scattered us among the heathen and he just doesn't understand like why have you allowed this to happen well let's see what happened well what did the Torah say what was the bilateral agreement between Israel and God under the Mosaic Covenant here in the Torah Deuteronomy - so so you scattered us among the heathen what a surprise well

shouldn't be a surprise if we go to Deuteronomy 28 verse 64 the Lord shall scatter you among all people when you break covenant so we're entering into this agreement this this this uh love covenant and and there are there are conditions there are things we have to do but God says I'm gonna bless you there so profoundly but if you break covenant then I'm going to curse you so God is faithful III reject the accusations of the psalmist yes he's in pain yes the nation is in pain yes he's confused but I don't accept that God is unrighteous what does the scripture say let let God be true Romans 3 let God be true and every man a liar so I I accused the psalmist of being a liar God is true and these accusations are unfounded because God is righteous God is doing what he said he would do so the psalmist can't understand it why have you allowed this well he told this is this what he said and the people shall stand and the Lord shall scatter you among all the Gentiles from the one end of the earth even unto the other and there you shall serve other gods which neither you nor your fathers have known even wood and stone and certainly even you could look at the lost tribes of Israel today they don't even know who they are they're serving other gods they're atheist they're doing all kinds of confusion and they have no idea who they are well this is this is what the penalty of being unfaithful to the Covenant now he goes on the complaint continues so he doesn't understand he's looking at what he heard from the forefathers and he's comparing that to what he's seeing today you sell your people for nothing like what's your motivation here like if you're gonna

sell us why don't you make a profit okay he's selling us because he's making a profit on us no you sell your people for nothing and you do not increase your wealth by their price hey they're free come and take them I don't care for them have them he doesn't understand you make us a reproach to our neighbors a scorn and a division to them that are round about us so they're just laughing they staged us these people who think they're there are the people of the God of the universe

they're nothing why do you do this God in fact he's gonna happen again here he prophesized Christ's prophecies in Luke 21:20 when you shall see Jerusalem surrounded with armies then know that the desolation of Jerusalem is about to happen

Jerusalem will be desolate so it happened in the past if they're complaining now this psalmist is doesn't understand what's gonna happen again it's a pattern it's a pattern of their rebellion and stiff nekkid nests and gods purification that although they are stiff-necked God will not let them go it's like it's like a wild horse that you know you get on and the horse throws you off and and the rider who's captured this horse is saying no I've chosen you and it's gonna be a difficult process between us but eventually you will conform to my will and this is what's happening so it's this pattern and in fact Christ said don't think for a minute that I've come to abolish the Torah to destroy the Torah don't think that for a minute despite what people might say I haven't come to abolish to destroy the Torah and the prophets I've come to fill it to the full so this pattern that has been

repeating repeating this pattern of purification there's gonna be a final pattern that it's it's gonna be an unprecedented tribulation that the time of Jacob's trouble the likes of which the world has never seen but the glory that will come out of it the pure the purification that will come out of it he's gonna purify even the sons of Levi so that he can have a pure offering from them and then the whole world will be set right so it's get happened in the past it's gonna happen again he continues with his complaint I should say his accusation you make us a byword among the heathen a shaking of the head among people yes and it's gonna happen again and crisis gonna fill this to the fall my confusion is continually before me has no idea what is going on here we are the people of God my confusion is continually before me and the shame of my face has covered man I think the psalm is important to us spiritual Jews that is Christian's followers of the way because we will be like this psalmist he's a Levite he's clearly doing all he can to be faithful to the Covenant and doesn't understand why there is this desolation he's he's being swept up in the desolation and doesn't understand and so we who are

faithful to the Covenant as Christians we will not understand when the Beast makes war against the Saints and prevails against us we're do like guys God forgotten us no there's a process we have to understand the prophetic word and God's will and what he's doing and how he's bringing it about he says my confusion is continually before me and the shame of my face has covered me for the voice of him that reproaches me and blasphemes by reason of the enemy and

Avenger so you could imagine if you see the Muslim persecution over the Jews and they're shouting Allah Akbar that Allah is greater than Yahweh and they're doing all this blasphemy and the Jew just can't the faithful cheer let's say there's a faithful Jew just doesn't understand how is how are the how is the enemy running roughshod over us for the voice of him that reproaches me and blasphemes by reason of the enemy and Avenger so again think of back then Nebuchadnezzar coming out of Babylon and just taking hold of all of Jerusalem and just having his way with them and they that understand among all so I said I wanted to just say here so this is his complaint that he's in confusion so here's a faithful man of God worshiping God understanding God's will and how he was faithful in the past and just expecting God to continue to be faithful and not understanding it when God is not there when God is hiding himself from Israel he's not acting daniel has a perspective on this here in Daniel 11 and verse 33 he says and they that understand among the people so Daniels looking in the future as this pattern repeats itself but this time it intensifies to a climax and the people that is his people the Jews they lack understanding they're like this psalmist in Psalm 44 we're trying to do everything right why is this happening but there are those among them that understand that understand the Torah understand the prophets understand Christ

swell and hit and what he's doing and the father and they're able to instruct and they that understand and so we have to be taking our studies seriously so that we can be ready to fulfill this

prophecy when called upon when called upon to do so and they that's why our Bible study is real it's serious we shouldn't be playing around we don't know how time will unfold and they that understand among the people shall instruct many yet they shall fall by the sword but they have understanding when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies know that the desolation thereof is near understand what the abomination of desolation is the abomination that makes desolate understand not just what it is but why it is and how it has a global influence that whatever is happening has global implications there's people who have understanding and the Beast prevails against the Saints but there are people that have understanding and they're not worried by death you didn't know they're not there the revelation tells us that they loved not their lives to the death they are so in so visionary and so clear in their understanding of what God is doing that death means nothing to them because they know they're going to live again and they that understand them when the people shall instruct many yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame by captivity and by spoil many days so these are horrible people they will burn you alive they will chop off your head they will take spoils they will enslave for many days now when they shall fall they shall be helped with a little help so there's some sort of intervention and again you think of the two witnesses when they fall then they're helped in they're brought back to life and they continue their ministry but many shall cleave to them with flatteries so it's gonna be clear that God is with these people and then they're gonna be some

that are not quite with it but are able to infiltrate and again we know the prophecy in Micah seven and I believe it's Matthew 10 and some of them of understanding shall fall to try them this is a purification process and there's a firstfruits harvest that God is after some of them have understanding shall fall to try them and to / and to make them white even to the time of the end so this is a process that God is looking for he's recruiting and and these people are who die in his honor and in in defense of his honor a name they're gonna be given such a high reward that John said I saw Thrones and those that were beheaded I saw them sitting on the thrones and and judgment was given to them and even Daniel says that the Ancient of Days came and gave the kingdom to them so it's to purge them and to make them white even to the time of the end because it is yet for a time appointed so Daniel is giving us understanding that this psalmist doesn't have so here this musician is in confusion he doesn't understand he says here in verse 17 all this is come upon us listen to this complaint it's like job I so I said last week that job is a good symbol or a good metaphor for Israel that they think they're righteous they think they're doing everything is right and there's it's really self righteousness and God had to take job through a process of intense persecution and suffering in order to purify him and get rid of that self-righteousness so that the point where he turns himself over fully to Jehovah and that is the same process that Israel has to go through and you see a sense of this self-righteousness here with with this musician and this

has come upon us yet have we not forgotten you sounds just like Jobe actually all this has come upon us yet have we not forgotten you neither have we dealt falsely in your covenant well then why would God be doing this so this is a poor understanding but it is sort of a sense that hey yeah Israel might have forsaken you but we haven't we are being faithful but what does the scripture say it quoted early Romans 3 verse 4 God forbid talking about the sinfulness is that will God sin yeah let God be true but every man a liar and that's why I charge this psalmist as a liar that he would put his righteousness and the righteousness of the nation over God that all of this is happening and it's it's God's fault God is the one that's in the

wrong sir David wouldn't write this as David had a deeper understanding so let God be true but every man a liar as it is written that you might be justified in your sayings and might overcome when you are judged so this this psalmist is judging God and when we look into the text God will prove that he never acts unrighteous Lee everything he does he does righteously everything and so this is judgment against God will be thrown down and it will be overcome because God is true in fact let's look at this in Deuteronomy 9 in Deuteronomy 9 and verse 1 Moses says hear o Israel you are to pass over Jordan today to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than yourself cities great and fenced up to heaven so the hair in defense there there impenetrable a people great and tall the children of the Aisne Hakeem whom you know and of whom you have heard say who can stand before the children of anak so these were very powerful people

and just seems like very maybe I don't say Giants but Moses says they're great and tall and they're renowned and and this land is gonna be given to Israel understand therefore this day that the Lord your God is he which goes over before you as a consuming fire he shall destroy them so as it was in the past is going to be in the future and he shall bring them down before your face you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly as the Lord has said unto you speak not you in your heart after that the Lord has cast them out before you saying for my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land and this is I think what's happening to the psalmist here he's looking at his righteousness and thinking because I'm righteous there are certain things that God has to do for me and and Moses is saying like don't ever get that mindset that once you've established yourselves as a nation that you think it's because of your righteousness never say that when he's when he has cast them out from before you saying for my righteousness has the Lord brought me in to possess this land if that's not why the reason he's brought you in to possess this land is but for the wickedness of these nations so the same way he sent the flood and wiped out the wickedness on the earth the wickedness of these kanata nights was off-the-charts off-the-charts wickedness and so God is using Israel to wipe them out and destroy them and take that wickedness out of the earth but it's because of the wickedness of these nations and that's really important for Israel to understand because if they go in thinking that there's something special and they begin to engage in

wickedness then what God did to these nations he's no respecter of persons he's going to push them out as well it's because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord does drive them out from before you not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart do you go to possess their land but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God does drive them out from before you that he may perform the word which the Lord swore to your father's to Abraham Isaac and Jacob so it's because of this promise that he in this covenant this this this union that he has with Abraham Isaac and Jacob this is why he's doing it so it's sort of killing two birds with one stone here wiping out the the wicked for their wickedness and fulfilling his promise to the forefathers not because of these children their forefathers yet to wait 40 years to wipe them out and then while Moses is dealing with the children that are going to inherit the land he's seen the hardness of their hearts he's seen the wickedness in them and he's telling them look you're gonna go and take the land but yeah you'll have this blessing but I'm already seeing the rebellion in you so don't think for a minute that it's because of your righteousness understand therefore and this is what I would say the psalmist needs to understand understand therefore that the Lord your God gives you not this good land to possess it for your righteousness because you are a stiff-necked people this is Moses I had intimate knowledge of these people it was maybe some 3 million people that he was responsible for maybe more and the the he's just exasperated with them like these are stubborn people that God has

chosen so when you go in to possess the land don't think for a minute it's because of your righteousness because you're a stiff-necked people and this is what I would say to the psalmist here who of the children of Korah who's written this Psalm that don't think for a minute that you're righteous because you are a stiff-necked people and you always have been Daniel has a much better understanding a prophet remember this Psalm is not written by a prophet it's written by a musician a righteous man but a musician a righteous who could have been a job who wrote this I'm not saying it's joke we wrote it but you understand that the psychology of job he would pen a psalm like this and then sort of acknowledged God yes here did this in the past and you're wonderful but now you've let us down because we're wonderful and you're not keeping your part God never acts against his word he always act in accordance with his word here at Daniel the prophet he prays to God and I set my face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes so he's in distress as well but what's his response rather than pennis ahem that says how how wonderful we are and God you've led us down he goes to prayer and fasting and says God help me understand what's happening here what why are we suffering like this and I prayed unto the Lord my God and made my confession and said O Lord o Jehovah the Great and dreadful God notice Daniels understanding keeping the Covenant and cassette the Covenant love you keep the Covenant and the covenant love to them that love him and to them that keep his commandments O God will never act outside of his word and

Daniel understood this then listen to Daniel listen to the Prophet we have sinned he doesn't accuse God O God were wonderful you've let us down Daniel is a very very righteous man he's a prophet of God and he's seeing this distress in this dis devastation and decimation and he's saying what's happened in these we have we have sinned and we have come in he includes himself and we have committed iniquity and I've done wiki doesn't set himself apart from the nation and say well I'm righteous why is this happening to me he's looking at understanding that it's it's a national identity and God is acting on behalf of his relationship with the nation we have sinned but through the whole process there'll be a faithful remnant and he will not he will that remnant will be purified all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to his purpose he says we have sinned and have committed iniquity and have done wickedly and have rebelled even by departing from your precepts and from your judgments as it is written verse 13 in the law of Moses in the Torah all this evil as he sees the Torah understands God is faithful God never acts against his word all this evil has come upon us yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God that we might turn from our iniquities and understand your truth therefore has the Lord watched upon the evil so yeah the psalmist is saying like God you're watching upon the evil why are you doing this where we haven't we haven't dealt falsely Daniel himself is saying we have dealt falsely God is always true and what has befallen us when I look at the

Torah I look at the Torah I look at what's happening now it's a match therefore has the Lord watched upon the evil and brought it upon us for the Lord our God is righteous in all so there's a difference in understanding here so the psalmist is saying God has watched upon this evil and he's brought it upon us because and this doesn't make any sense because we're righteous the righteous Daniel says God has watched upon the evil and brought it upon us because he's righteous and we're wicked we're the ones who have broken the Covenant for the Lord our God is righteous in all his he doesn't do anything in unrighteousness yes let God be true and every man a liar for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he does for we obeyed not his voice Daniel Daniel is clear in fact let's go back to Roman's now Paul's understanding he says of Romans 11 - God has not cast away his people it with which he foreknew it might look like that but he has chosen them from thee from the patriarchs and he will not abandon his promise to Abraham Isaac and Jacob so Paul says no it might look this way but God has not cast away his people which he foreknew what don't you know what the scripture says of Elijah so Elijah was starting to come to this conclusion as well how he makes intercession to God against Israel so the Elijah cursed Israel and one wanted to God to intervene and punish Israel saying Lord they have killed your prophets look what they have done they've killed your prophets and they've dug down your altars they're in total state of rebellion and apostasy and I am left alone I'm all that's left and even my life they're seeking but what says

the answer of God unto him I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee and knee to the image of Baal so here even in the time of Elijah there were faithful men there was a faithful remnant and when God caused it not to rain and the whole nation is suffering from this famine even these seven thousand men who are faithful are suffering but hopefully they are like Daniel and they can look at the situation and say as a nation we have not obeyed and everything that God does is faithful and it's righteous is righteous if he's judged nobody can judge him because any accusation against him will be overthrown in a court of law because everything he does is right and true Joshua says and Joshua said here Joshua 7 verse 7 alas o Lord God why have you at all brought these people over Jordan to

deliver us into the hand of the amorite to destroy us would to God we had been content and dwelt on the other side of Jordan so they're in distress now trying to take over the land and everything's going wrong and they're losing to the enemies o Lord what shall I say when Israel turns their backs before their enemies this wasn't supposed to happen they were supposed to go in and just take the land and the whole people would be afraid of them but now they're afraid of the people and they're running for their lives for the kanata nights and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it and shall surround us and cut off our name from the earth and what will you do unto your great name so again this understanding of his great name and so Joshua's concerned that they're losing battles now and the Gentiles will get the upper hand and

everybody's gonna hear about this and pursue them and the Lord said unto Joshua get up why do you lie upon upon your face get up I thought you can feel a sense the sense of God ending his patience here with Joshua this is why Israel has sinned and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them so Joshua is a righteous man he's confused as understand what God says get up israel has sinned and they've transgressed my covenant which I commanded them for they have even taken of the accursed thing and I've also stolen and dissembled also and they have put it even among their own stuff and I think most of us are familiar with the Battle of AI therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies there's a reason why but turn their backs before their enemies he says because they were accursed neither will I be with you anymore except you destroy the accursed from among you so there has to be a cleansing for God to be with the nation back to Psalm 44 this again this psalmist this righteous musician says our heart is not turned back neither have our steps declined from your way though you have sore broken us in the place of dragons and covered us with the shadow of death so it's all your fault god we're doing everything right if we have forgotten the name of our God or stretched out our hands to

our God or stretched out our hands to strange God which in fact they have done but he may not have done it and the people his immediate peers like Daniel Shadrach Meshach and Abednego you know maybe there's a small group that is righteous but the nation shall not God search this out for he knows the secrets of the heart yes for your sake are we

killed all the day long so it's clearly a terrible time where they're being rounded up and they're being destroyed for your sake are we killed all the day long we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter even the Righteous among them even Ebates then this is his request or his command to God awake why do you sleep Oh Lord and this I think is Adonai yes why do you sleep Oh Adonai and again maybe this whole period they're afraid now to use the name Jehovah but awake why do you sleep all Adonai arise cast us not off forever now awake yes he will awake and he will act on behalf of his people so this pattern is gonna repeat itself Babylon will exert its power once again over the Saints and Daniel's looking into the future he sees and at that time shall Michael stand up Mikkel the Great Prince which stands for the children of your people

Daniel is of Judah so Mecca al is the Great Prince which stands up for Judah and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that time and at that time again Christ says that unless these days were cut short no this nation would not survive and at that time shall your people Daniels of Judah and at that time shall Europe and at that time your people shall be delivered we just saw a glimpse of that in Zechariah 12 every one that shall be found written in the book so not all it's a purification process and some will be written in the book Psalm 44 verse 24 is we just begin to wrap up here why hide you your face so God Isaiah says God hides himself from Jacob why do you hide your face and forget our affliction and our oppression he really has no idea as far

as he's concerned he's doing everything right his peers are doing everything right why is God doing this for our soul is bowed down to the dust our belly Cleaves to the earth God you know as I ask through as I God says you were make up maybe that's why he calls Israel a worm because their belly Cleaves to the earth they're just so demoralized and humiliated arise for our help and this is the last 1st of the psalm this is how it ends

arise for our help and redeem us for your Mercy's sake so your Mercy's sake this is the word cassette redeem us because of your covenant bluff we are we you are in covenant with us and you cannot break the covenant so help us because of your covenant and and so this Psalm again is quite an accusation here towards your hova we know that your hova is righteous and so we'll just conclude now with the prophecy in Isaiah Isaiah 48 verse 9 for your for my name's sake God says will I defer my anger and so he did back then and the king of Persia came in and allowed them to go back and rebuild but this is a pattern it's a process every keeps repeating itself so we just it just keeps getting stronger and stronger right so even what happened in AD 70 was just part of a pattern but it hasn't been filled to the full and Christ said it will be filled to the fall so yet it's gonna happen yet again but he's in covenant cassette he has covenant love for these people he's chosen them he hasn't changed his mind he says for my name's sake and again we have to understand that the power of God's name in the earth and we as we preach the gospel it has to be around the power of his name and what we are we understand the power of his name

for my name's sake and will be hated for by all nations for his name's sake for my name's sake will I defer my anger this is why and again the same way Moses said to them don't think when you inherit the land that is because of your righteousness is not for my name's sake will I defer my anger and for my praise will I refrain for you God will be glorified in Israel and it's because of his praise that he must be praised in Israel no other nation that this is why he will refrain that I cut you not off so again he isn't there's no such thing as replacement theology it's not true he has not cut off Israel behold I have refined you but not with silver this whole process was a refining process I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction so there's the elect and then there's those that are chosen out of this process those that are written in the book I have chosen vou in the furnace of affliction so the Gentiles and Satan they're actually doing the will of God that through this whole process there's there are jewels that come out of it for my own sake even for my own sake will I do it for how should my name be polluted and I will not give my glory unto another he is promised to be glorified in Israel he's not gonna give his glory to anybody else this is his doing as wicked and stiff net and rebellious as these people are he's not gonna give his glory to another he's promised Abraham he's promised Isaac he's promised Israel and he's not gonna give his glory he's not gonna break his promise I will not give my glory unto another hearken unto me o Jacob and Israel my called my elect the one people that I've chosen and I'm not I haven't changed my mind about this I'm

gonna bring it about hearken unto me o Jacob and Israel my call I am he I am the Alpha and I'm also the Omega I'm the one so I think is very interesting to take what the suit and what the Psalms are just wonderful we get to see into the inner workings of the soul of people in anguish whether it's King David or King Solomon or Moses or or these other musicians and so I think this Psalm isn't very instructive because there's a there is a level of understanding that this musician had but God has given us greater understanding and we can defend God's name and that this this this righteous man did not have full understanding so let's remember how faithful God is god bless Jesus Christ is faithful he's our Lord and we look for