## 19-Psalms-38-Transcript

## [Music]

greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study just waiting for a confirmation on the sound and i'm just hoping that i'm coming through clearly i just saw in previous uh facebook comments that uh there was a question or an issue around the sound volume and also just let me turn up the lights here a little bit and see if this is a little bit better there we go so brethren we're up to uh psalm 78 actually we covered psalm 79 and last week i skipped psalm 78. simply because it's such a long psalm and and we wouldn't have time to cover it so i wanted to just cover it by itself we won't have a lot of cross references tonight because it is such a lengthy psalm and it really speaks for itself but i will have a few cross references i'll go ahead and open with prayer and hopefully i'll get confirmation on the sound before we get straight into the study our heavenly father great god almighty we come before you ever so grateful god there are billions of people on this planet the majority of them walk in darkness your word is the light your word is a lamp unto our feet and we just thank you father that you've put it in our hearts to want to study your word to want to understand your will

and to want to be right with you we pray father that your word will wash us that will make us clean and that as we now

approach the fall holy day season that we would get

deeper insights and deeper understanding and we would be

in in compliance with your will and with your plan

and that we would prove useful to you

father and and

and supportive of our husband jesus christ we praise you lord we praise christ we thank you we thank christ and we ask for your blessing now in jesus most holy name

amen i am seeing sound is good on all three thanks so much pastor murray i really appreciate that

uh thanks so much so let's get into psalm

78 and i want to begin um psalm 78 in deuteronomy so before we get into psalm 78

let's just pick up this this theme that we should understand from from deuteronomy 7 and verse 6 where god tells israel for you are a holy people unto the lord your god so holy meaning

set apart for his divine purpose so israel has been set apart for his divine purpose

the lord your god has chosen you to be a special people unto himself so this this is god's doing god has in his ultimate wisdom has selected the descendants of abraham to be a special people unto himself above

all people that are upon the face of the earth and i was just thinking about this this evening i was taking a walk before the study this evening and i was thinking that

nobody can understand what is happening in the world today

unless they understand god's love for

israel and his commitment

his covenant commitment to israel if we

don't understand that

the thousands of years of mankind's

history

they don't make any sense there's no narrative there's no um what should i call it

cohesive narrative that brings everything together

if we understand this that god has chosen israel to be a special people unto himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth

now the history of mankind makes sense now the present state of mankind makes sense

and now the future of mankind makes sense

god does not go back on his covenant for you are a holy people unto the lord your god

the lord your god has chosen you to be a special people unto himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth

the lord did not set his love upon you so god has set his love

upon israel now he's explaining why the lord did not set his love upon you nor choose you because you were more in number

than any people so it wasn't that you had some kind of attribute that you were glorious above the rest of mankind and so god said i've got to choose these people.

that's not why for you were the fewest of all people so it's actually quite the contrary

you were nothing you didn't matter at

all

and yet god chose you why did he choose you

but because the lord loved you this is why he chose israel

he loved israel and beca and why

because he would keep the oath which he

had sworn

unto your fathers if we do not

understand this about god

we do not understand god in order to

understand god

we must understand that he's a god of

his word

he speaks and it is so and nobody can

reverse what he has spoken into reality nobody can reverse the promises that he

makes that's what makes him god

he speaks in its soul declaring the end

from the beginning

and from ancient times that which is not

yet done

saying my counsel my plans shall stand

that's why he's god nobody else can do

this

so he chose these people above everybody

else because he loved them

and because he would keep the oath which

he had sworn

to their fathers has the lord brought

you out with a mighty hand

and redeemed you out of the house of

bond men

from the house of pharaoh king of egypt

so these people were slaves and it is

from their slavery

and their impoverishment that's why he

says you were the least of all the

people you were slaves

and it is from that position of penury

and poverty and

and degradation and humiliation and

nothingness

it's from there that god said okay i'm choosing you and i'm gonna make you the special people i'm going to enter into an oath with you because of the oath i'm i've entered into with your fathers i'm going to make you a special people and so this powerful most powerful man on the earth at the time pharaoh god took them out from pharaoh and made them a people so we have to remember that that's the backdrop to psalm 78 also malachi 3 and verse 6 and a lot of people misunderstand this and kind of get into

misunderstand this and kind of get into greek philosophy over this but there's no need to get into greek philosophy we have to get into torah we can understand malachi 3 verse 6 from torah not from greek philosophy for i am the lord i change not therefore you sons of jacob are not destroyed so you know people get into all this

so you know people get into all this greek philosophy about god doesn't change and this is just this sort of ephemeral ephemeral nothingness and you know

into kind of um uh aristotle and logic over this verse no we go into torah because god is god that when he makes an oath he never breaks it it is because of that he never goes back on his word that's why the sons of jacob are not destroyed that's why there's no such uh there's no validity to replacement theology because god is a god of his word he doesn't change

otherwise there is we just went through

judges

there are a million reasons why israel must be destroyed this verse alone destroys islam the the perverse religion of islam is destroyed and completely discredited from this verse alone god does not go back on his covenants or his oaths now with that as context we come to psalm 78 also with last week's context so we kind of skipped psalm 78 we didn't kind of we skipped psalm 78 we went from 77 to 79. so in psalm 77 we saw and this is an ass of psalms psalmist walter these are the suffix psalms uh we saw in psalm 77 last week assaf's growing confidence in god that despite all the trouble as and we kind of got access to his thinking you know with with david we get access to his feelings and his emotions here with us if we got access into his thinking and his meditations and how he worked it all out and came to the conclusion that he can absolutely trust in god and god would redeem in psalm 79 we saw the enemies of israel having the upper hand having their way with israel destroying israel and we saw the psalmist crying out for deliverance now what we missed in psalm 79 and the crying out for deliverance and god acting and delivering his people was the context of psalm 78 after reading psalm 78 and then going into psalm 79 we would realize

that israel has no right to ask god for

anything they just need to sit back and accept whatever destruction comes upon them because of their disobedience they did not violate they did not end the covenant they did not destroy the covenant all they did with their disobedience is activate the curse clauses in the covenant so all the curses that come upon them are totally deserved so in psalm 79 when the enemies are bringing these curses upon israel and israel is crying out for mercy we realize that this mercy the only access to mercy that israel has is the covenant the only access they have to mercy is that god has promised abraham isaac and jacob that he will be the god of jacob forever otherwise jacob should be destroyed and so we we miss the context of psalm 79 by skipping over psalm 78 but let's get into psalm 78 now to get this context amazil of assaf so it's a asif was a very wise man he was a a worshiper a musician but he had a lot of wisdom and this is a teaching psalm of asif give ear oh my people so he's speaking to israeli speaking to his people give ear o my people to my law incline your ears to the words of my mouth i will open my mouth in a parable i will utter dark sayings of old which we have heard and known and our fathers have told us so we even saw that when we were in judges

that you know jeff that he he understood fully

what happened in the past because they were taught this this was handed down to them

so there was a teaching that israel received

from the previous generation so which we have heard and known

and our fathers have told us and so of is now repeating

what was taught to him we will not hide them

from their children showing to the generation to come

the praises of the lord so we have to we have to teach the next generation the glorious wonders of god

so that they will in turn praise god teaching showing to the generation to come the praises of the lord

and his strength and his wonderful works that he has done

because he has established a testimony in jacob

the testimony of the lord is not is not with the arabs

it's not with the palestinians it's not with the africans it's not with the japanese it's not with the the uh various tribes

gentile tribes of the earth it is only and exclusively with jacob

because god has chosen jacob as his own inheritance

above all the other tribes of the earth above all other peoples so he established this testimony the

declaration
of who god is is in jacob
he established it in jacob
and appointed a law in israel
so the only way one can understand
how to live and how to live eternally

you cannot get this knowledge from anywhere else do not be deceived do not fall for all these different texts and belief systems and so-called scriptures because they're all lies

and you'll inherit nothing but the wind the law

which teaches us how to live and how to live forever

it has been appointed in israel exclusively

for he established a testimony in jacob and appointed

a law in israel which he commanded our fathers

that they should make them known to their children

that the generation to come might know them

even the children which should be born who should arise

and declare them to their children so i hope this puts you in mind of the sermon that pastor murray gave uh some months ago when this whole um covid 19 pandemic lockdown began uh he gave a sermon very early on that sort of kicked off a series of sermons and he entitled it from generation to

generation and he made the point in there quoting uh dennis prager

that a people who cease to tell their story to their children cease to be a people and and this is an expectation that god has of israel that they would instruct the next generation so that that generation in turn

could instruct a generation that is not yet even born

and for generation upon generation upon generation eternally

god's name would be praised and the wonders of god would be known in israel and that has always been his purpose so if you haven't heard that sermon excellent sermon from generation to generation please go to the archive and maybe pastor murray you might even post it in the chat for us uh so if not please go to the archive and look up uh from generation to generation and really understand the power of these people holding on to their story story is how we interpret the world around us we we don't see with our eyes we see with our stories we see with our explanations our narratives and this is the narrative that makes sense when we understand torah and and we can make this known to the to the next generation and they in turn can make it to the generation after that the generation to come might know them even the children which should be born they're not even born yet who should arise and declare them to their children that they might set their hope in god and not forget the works of god but keep his commandments this is the purpose of god this is the the design for israel that they would have the testimony and the whole world will come to israel to learn the law of god and to learn the testimony of god and it will be preserved in israel because each generation is careful to instruct the next generation and in turn they instruct the next generation and it's then preserved in israel and

the rest of the world can learn about the true god through the testimony that he's established in jacob and so that's what he wants that they might set their hope in god no matter what happens they know the covenant they have their hopes set in god and not forget the works of god how he's always intervened and and because of his covenant how he's always been faithful in this this cassette this covenant love with israel and that they would keep his commandments as a result and might not be as their fathers so we need to hear the tales of judges so that we understand the unfaithfulness of the fathers as a cautionary tale so that we would not be like that that they might be as their fathers a stubborn and rebellious generation so again the islamic teachers the koran the hadith muhammad and all his followers would want us to believe that because israel didn't keep the sabbath they went fishing on the sabbath that that's why god cursed them and turned them into apes and monk pigs and monkeys and completely divorced them separated from them completely threw them away and instead took up with the arabs that's the fundamental teaching of islam and it's now in the arabs that we can learn about god and also part of that learning about god is we have to join the arabs in completely slaughtering the jews completely slaughtering the

jews and subjugating the christians because god is done with that and he's now with the arabs well no it wasn't just a matter of breaking you know they they broke the sabbath because god didn't give them any fish on on

on during the week so they were starving so they had to go and fish on the sabbath in order to eat according to uh quran and uh that's why he cursed them he set them up for failure didn't give them any food they were starving they needed to eat that's why he destroyed them and turned them into apes and pigs and now is uh raising up the arabs to completely slaughter them if that makes any sense to you

then you haven't read the torah because the torah makes it clear this is a stubborn

and a rebellious people and we just went through judges breaking the sabbath that's really the least of if israel's evil if all they did was because they were starving they went fishing on the sabbath

you know i i don't think god would be as fiercely angry with them as he is they they are worse than the pagans around them and so they proved to be a stubborn and a rebellious generation a generation that set not their heart to right and whose spirit was not steadfast with god and yet because god is a god of covenant

he did not completely reject them and that's a theme that we have to fully establish in our minds and understand he goes on to say now he's be he's giving us a historical account so

psalm 78 is a historical account so that we can truly understand israel has no leg to stand on when it comes to calling god calling on god for mercy they have nothing they they cannot say god look we we've done all we can you need to do your part no israel's done nothing and so if israel continues to exist the only reason they continue to exist is because of god's righteousness because of god's faithfulness because of his commitment to his oath and that's what psalm 78 establishes for us ephraim was the largest tribe in the north in fact it was the largest tribe of all the tribes of israel the most powerful tribe and so we get a bit of history here the children of ephraim being armed and carrying bows they were unfaithful they turned back in the day of battle and we saw that in judges how they went into the promised land all the tribes went into the promised land and instead of being faithful and going forward and subduing the pagan enemies around them they didn't do that they turned back and they coexisted with the pagans and that was their undoing excuse me so the children of ephraim ephraim being armed and carrying bows turned back in the day of battle they kept they kept not this is the biggest tribe the most influential tribe they kept not the covenant of god and

refused to walk in his law this is the history of israel

they have always been unfaithful to the covenant that doesn't break the covenant it just activates the curse clauses god keeps the covenant

and they forgot his works and that wasn't supposed to happen

each generation was supposed to teach the next so that each generation would have hope in god and have the testimony but they forgot his works and his wonders that he had shown them marvelous things did he in the sight of

so these are the ones that were in the promised land but in the sight of their fathers when they were in egypt in the land of egypt in the field of zoan and so on being one of the major cities

their fathers

in egypt and it's spoken of in numbers i think chapter 23

but uh this was like a major metropolis in egypt

and and god did marvelous things in in the in the sight of their fathers in egypt he divided the sea he divided the sea and caused them to pass through the sea like let's just stop there we don't need to say anything else

these people were being pursued they were going to be slaughtered there was no way out

and he divided the sea and he allowed them to pass through the sea and this was just such a miracle and this is the establishment of the nation and and they're they're escaping egypt and this was passed on from to the next generation

but they forgot his wonderful works he divided the sea

and caused them to pass through and he made the waters to stand as a heap this is miraculous in the daytime also he led them with a cloud and all the night with a light of fire he claimed the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as of the great depth so he split the rocks

and in in the desert and allowed them to drink water from the rocks these are the miracles

that god enacted on behalf of israel in establishing them as a nation he brought streams also out of the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers

and they sinned yet more against him this is the history of israel with all of this miraculous care and concern and intervention they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most high in the wilderness and they tempted god in their heart by asking meat for their lust talk about ungrateful

we and we read this in exodus just how ungrateful they were yes they spoke against god they said can god furnish a table in the wilderness this was the haughty arrogant

ungrateful spirit that these people had behold he smote the rock that the waters gushed out

and the streams overflowed can he give bread also this is what they say okay yeah he he smote the rock okay we got water

but can he give bread also can he provide flesh for his people therefore the lord heard this he heard this

murmuring and complaining and even god's

people today

we murmur and complain and god hates it

we're warned against it

therefore the lord heard this and he was

angry

so a fire was kindled against

jacob the very people that god has

chosen for himself

because of their stubbornness their

arrogance their ungratefulness their

ingratitude

a fire was kindled against jacob and

anger

also came up against israel because they

believed not in god

and trusted not in his salvation

this is the history these things are

written for our admonition

that we should not lust after evil

things

and unfortunately we don't pay attention

and we have

brethren today lusting for evil things

getting all caught up in this world

and not trusting in his salvation

though he had commanded the clouds from

above and

opened the doors of heaven and had

rained down

manna upon them to eat and had given

them the corn of heaven

man ate angels food

he sent them meat to the full he caused

an east wind to blow in the heaven

and by his power he brought in the south

wind he

so they had the manna that wasn't enough

for them so he now enacted this

miracle and he reigned flesh upon them

as dust there was like so much meat

that came to them now it came to them

like dust and feathered fowls

like as the sand of the sea so it's like

everywhere you look there's meat

and he let it fall in the midst of their camp

round about their habitations so they did eat

and were well filled for he gave them their own desire and you would think that this would be cause

for a great celebration for great rejoicing

and for a depth of gratitude and that's what i would think as well

but we would be wrong well i got maybe maybe we wouldn't think that anymore because we kind of know the history of israel

they were not estranged from their lust in other words they were very intimate with their lust their lust was unbridled

and they just fully had their way or their lust had their way with them everything they lusted for they had it so they were not

this is a very polite way of saying they were gluttons

they were not estranged from their lust but while their meat

was yet in their mouths listen to this this is this is terrifying

this is terrifying so they are complaining bitterly

that god has not done enough for them yeah he

he rescued us yeah he brought us away from the slavery of egypt yeah he rescued us from pharaoh

yes he split the rock and gave us water yes he rained on

manna uh from heaven but we want meat can he give us meat we want meat and so he gave them meat to the full now listen to this

they were not estranged from their lust but

while their meat was yet in their mouths try to imagine this

they are feasting happy happy times they are just gluttonous with the meat while their meat

was yet in their mouths the wrath of god came upon them and slew the fattest of them and

smote down the chosen men of israel can you imagine that

this came without warning they had while they were feasting

they had no idea of the wrath of god that they had incurred and i'm gonna say today

we're in the exact same situation at least in the west christians in the west we are so ungrateful

we only have to go back you know a few decades

to the second world war when the whole western world our freedom was in jeopardy

and the whole western world was about to be enslaved

and if you read the history of the second world war

clearly without a doubt god miraculously intervened

to save the western world from tyranny particularly britain and america but the whole western world god intervened miraculously to save us from tyranny millions and millions and millions of men

lost their lives so that we could have freedom

and then it's like yeah okay yeah sure god saved us

from tyranny yeah he saved us from the nazis uh

yes we have abundance but can we have more you know look what he's got can i have that

can we have more and while the meat is

yet in our mouths

we have no idea of the fierce anger of

the lord

we've been seduced by the

protestant movement and their portrayal

of christ

as this sort of hippie and sandals who

just wants to hug everybody

and even though we don't accept

necessarily oh yeah we don't accept that

but we kind of do because we don't know

the christ

who's fiercely angry we only know the

christ

who's just lovey-dovey and we don't

understand that

these people while the meat was in their

mouths

they had no idea of the fierce wrath

that was about to come upon them so we

you know providing meet and do season

this is the season to warn god's people get right with god clean up your act

get right with god he is fiercely angry and when he appears he's appearing in

wrath

we want to make sure that we're not on

the receiving end of this as these

people were

these things are written for our

admonition upon whom the ends of the

world have come

so people are doing whatever they like

thinking there are no consequences

because god is quiet god is in the

background

he's not he's not vocal he's not making

his

himself known except through true

teachers

except through the scriptures but other

than that he's quiet

but he's about to burst onto the scene and make a lot of noise that's what trumpets is all about the wrath of god came upon his own

people

this is what we have to understand upon his own people and slew the fattest of them

and smote down the chosen man men that you thought would never go down he smote down the chosen man of israel 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 at least

gathered ten homers and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp so this is how much meat and feasting they had and while the flesh oh sorry

i'm sorry i jumped to numbers 11. so this was uh psalm 78 and i just wanted to quickly this is

i didn't have many cross references but i just wanted to show you what he was talking about asaf here in psalm 78

he was recounting what's in numbers what moses wrote in torah

that numbers 11 32 and the people stood up all that day and all that night and all the next day

this is how much meat they received and they gathered the quails

he that gathered least gathered ten homers

and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp and while the flesh was yet between their teeth

before it was chewed they just bitten into it

the wrath of the lord was kindled

against the people against his own people and the lord smote the people his own people with a very great plague so that's what torah writes we're warned that these things are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come and look at the warning for those who live at the end time for when they shall say peace and safety just as ancient israel oh wow let's have a feast it's peace and safety for when they shall say peace and safety then sudden destruction comes upon them as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape and matthew 24 tells us brother shall betray brother so it's not all of god's people that are watching and waiting and keeping their lamps burning and waiting for his arrival many of god's people are getting drunk and beginning to to get caught up with the drunkenness of this world and they're thinking peace and safety and while they're thinking peace and safety just like ancient israel so too with the first fruits israel sudden destruction will come upon them that's why we warn that's why we warn without apology we don't hate you we love you we want everybody to cross the finish line i think the people who give you smooth things they hate you satan hates you that's why he gives you smooth things god gives us the rough things so that we can get right with him for when they shall say peace and safety

then sudden destruction comes upon them as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape and that's of course a reference back to jeremiah back to psalm 78 for all this they sinned still and believed not for his wondrous works like what do you do to get through to these people therefore their days did he destroy in vanity and their years in trouble these are his people when he slew them then they sought him ah abundance is not necessarily a blessing when they had abundance they turned from and when we saw that pattern in judges over and over the abcd right they have abundance but they apostasize and when they apostasize god has to punish them there's a beating and it's in that beating that they finally turn to god and cry out to him and when they cry out to him he delivers them but in that deliverance they have abundance and they apostasize again and we just kept seeing this pattern in judges and throughout the history of israel so this is what god has to do to get israel's attention they're really stiff-necked when he slew them then they sought him and they returned and inquired early after god that's a really important verse because that explains to us the dynamic in the relationship between god and israel it is only when israel suffers that they truly turn to the covenant they truly turn to the scriptures and they truly turn to god other than that they take it for granted oh we're the

people of god we can do what we want we're special and they remembered that god was their rock so it's not until he takes everything else away from them

that they remember that god is their rock

and the high god their redeemer that's when they remember nevertheless now listen to this nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth so even though they were in trouble

and they cry out to him for deliverance and they recognize that he's their rock what asaph is saying is it's hypocrisy it's not true it doesn't go down to the depth

it's flattery and they lied unto him with their tongues what does isaiah say this these people um worship me uh with their mouth but their heart is far from me with their lips but their heart

is far from me for their heart was not right with him

neither were they steadfast in his covenant so

this is a very interesting dynamic in the characteristic

of israel there's a fundamental hypocrisy

in them and there's a fundamental you know we are the special chosen people and so they're superficial in their repentance

and moses spoke about this in torah but he

being full of compassion forgave their iniquity

so god is full of compassion even though he punished his people he forgave them because he's full of compassion and he destroyed them not that's why we read in malachi 3 6 i am the lord and i change not therefore you sons of jacob are not destroyed it's not because of you it's because of god that they're not destroyed so he destroyed them not because of the covenant yes many a time many a time

yes many a time many a time turned he his anger away and did not stir up all his wrath so brethren this verse here verse 38 is really critical for us to understand the season that we're entering into now

i believe we are entering into the season of the end times i don't know how long it's going to be i don't know when christ is going to

i don't know when christ is going to return i just know the season is changing

and we are entering into a new chapter the final chapter

and this is the chapter of the great tribulation the intense greatest tribulation that no nation will ever ever go through what this nation will have to go through this nation being judah specifically

and israel uh by extension will have to go through

in the great tribulation this explains it

because israel has been through many tribulations

but it has never yielded the fruit or the result that god is after and god has always eased up on the tribulation

he's always had compassion and always forgiven and intervened and restored them

many a time he did this and he did not

stir up all his wrath but every single time they gave him nothing but a hypocritical superficial repentance and so the great tribulation the purpose of the greek tribulation is the great redemption and i mentioned this on on the sermon on sabbath the great exchange and i'll conclude that this coming sabbath god willing but this is what it's about this tribulation that's coming is going to be so intense and so severe and unrelenting that it is finally going to go down to the bone and the marrow of israel and iudah and it is finally going to root out all of the hypocrisy and all of the hypocrites and that remnant that that survives this is going to be so broken down and so thoroughly processed by god that he will have a true result because this time the great tribulation he's going to allow his wrath to be undiluted i would say all of the tribulations up to now have been diluted they've all been dressed rehearsals for the big one the big one is undiluted many a time he turned he his anger away and did not stir up all his wrath for he remembered that they were but flesh a wind that passes away and comes not again how often did they provoke him in the wilderness and grieve him in the desert this is the history yeah they turned back and tempted god and limited the holy one of israel and this is how we have to know the identity of god the true

teachers the faithful teachers the faithful disciples in the end time are going to be persecuted because of his name

we're going to be hated because of his name we have to understand that he's the holy one of israel

and and we have to understand the true narrative and what is really happening in the earth

and it's only those who understand the true narrative who understand god's faithfulness to the covenant

who can declare the true gospel and that true gospel is going to be highly offensive and is going to cause

us to be hated by all mankind but here it is here we have to understand that they turned back and tempted god

and limited the holy one of israel but he never forgets them

he never turns his back on his covenant and that's the good news

that god never goes back on his covenant and this gospel will be preached in all the world as a witness

as a witness and then the end will come and the gentiles will have no excuse and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him

they remembered not his hand this is this is way more than oh god caused them to starve during the week and so they went fishing on the sabbath and that's why god has completely destroyed them and turned and turned them into apes and pigs and is raising up the arabs to completely wipe them off the face of the earth

like and the funny thing is muhammad said he has no problem with psalms psalms is okay he obviously hasn't read the psalms he never read the psalms he just people think psalms

oh nice nice little uh superficial praises to god so psalms are okay no we're reading them line by line and the truth is in the psalms and when christ was on earth

he quoted the psalms extensively so we are studying the psalms so we can withstand

false teachers they remembered not his hand

nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy

how he had wrought his signs in egypt and his wonders in the field of zoan and they tur and had turned their rivers into bloods and now we're getting more details of the intervention in egypt he turned egypt's rivers into blood and their floods

that they could not drink he sent different sorts of flies among them which devoured them and frogs which destroyed them so god used the creation to to punish israel uh to punish egypt and to free israel he gave also their increase to the caterpillar and their labor unto the locust god is

able to do this he destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with frost can you imagine the most powerful nation on the

planet

thinking they're invincible and god raising up the creation against them he gave up their cattle also to the hail and their flocks to hot thunderbolts this is fascinating

to hot thunderbolts this is fascinating and amazing

and you would think that whoever these people are

that received this type of intervention that they would be faithful forever and in fact the opposite is true all of this and they completely turned their back on god completely served ba'al and yet as much as we can look at this we today first fruits israel we're human we're not much different think of how god has intervened for us the miracles that he

uh wrought to intervene and to bring us into his truth

and then we take it for granted that's the thing about human beings we just get used to miracles

you know we get used to whatever is around us and we take it for granted so these things are written for our admonition

he cast upon them that is egypt the fierceness of his anger wrath and indignation and trouble by sending evil angels among them so these evil angels went through and slew all the firstborn

he made a way to his anger he spared not their soul from death but gave their life over

to the pestilence and smote all the firstborn in egypt the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of ham but made his own people that is israel to go forth like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock

they were like sheep going through the wilderness and the shepherd leading them and he led them on safely so that they feared not

but the sea overwhelmed their enemies this is the history and he brought them to the border of his

sanctuary even to this mountain which his right hand had purchased he cast out the heathen also before them and divided them in inheritance by line and made the tribes of israel to dwell in their tents i mean talk about care and and and shepherding of these people this is the history yet with all of this they tempted and provoked the most high god and kept not his testimonies can you imagine this this is a it's unimaginable and yet this is the history with all of this they tempted and provoked the most high god and kept not his to like who do they think they are they were the lowest of all people and yet they provoked the highest the most high god what on earth is this but this is the human condition and they didn't keep his testimonies but turned back and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers so they were no different from their fathers in the wilderness this is what they did they were turned aside like a deceitful bow for they provoked him to anger with their high places and moved him to jealousy with their graven images they turned to idolatry and we're seeing the same thing today first fruits israel is turning to idolatry and they're putting things like race above jesus christ this is idolatry this is demonic devil

worship

and with all the things that god has done for us and given us his holy spirit

we're provoking him to anger and and true ministers have to tell the people of god you are provoking him to anger save yourself from his fierce wrath israel provoked him to anger with their high places and moved him to jealousy with their graven images when god heard this he was angry and greatly abhorred israel this is such a disaster this is this is his wife these are the people he selected for eternal glory and yet he greatly abhorred them because of their unfaithfulness they were they were despicable every they were worse than the pagan people that were there in the land before them so that he forsook the tabernacle of shiloh the very place where he dwelt the tent which he placed among men and delivered his strength into captivity and his glory into the enemy's hand this is the punishment for break this is activating the curse clauses of the covenant verse 61 doesn't mean that the covenant is now broken the covenant is now over verse 61 proves that the covenant is in place because he delivered them into captivity he didn't if if in fact he turned them into apes and pigs that would mean the covenant's over because nowhere is that written in the covenant so that's a new thing that would be god saying okay i'm done with the covenant i'll do whatever i like i'm angry i'll just i'm angry right now just do whatever i

think of and i'll just make things up and i'm

just a capricious god i just do whatever i like and you can't

you can't trust me because you have no idea what i'll do next

that's not god verse 61

that he delivered his people into

captivity

and his glory into the enemy's hand that

deuteronomy 28 that is activating the curse clauses that proves that the covenant is still in place

he gave his people also unto the sword he gave his people over also unto the sword and was

angry with his inheritance the fire destroyed their young men

and their maidens were not given to marriage this is the covenant

their priests fell by the sword and

their widows made no lamentation

then the lord awaked as one out of sleep

like a mighty man that shouts by reason of wine

and he struck down israel's enemies you see the covenant was still in place and so because of the covenant he struck down

israel's enemy and this is a warning to the arabs this is a warning to all muslims

you will be used by god the assyrian is the rod of his anger so you'll be used by god to punish israel and judah

but when the lord awakes he's coming to punish you

then the lord awake has one out of sleep like a mighty man that shouts by reason of wine

and he struck down his enemies in the hindu parts

he put them to a perpetual reproach and that's what malachi once says that esau god hates

and these will be known as the people upon whom the lord has indignation forever but the lord has set his love upon jacob

he smote his enemies in the hindu parts and he put them to a perpetual reproach god will never be known in esau he'll be known in jacob

moreover he refused the tabernacle of joseph

and chose not the tribe of ephraim so ephraim was the most glorious most powerful tribe

he didn't choose them instead he chose the tribe of judah

the mount zion which he loved and so the the covenant

remains in judah and he built his sanctuary

like high palaces like the earth which he has established forever so the sanctuary is in judah it's in zion forever

he chose david also his servant and took david from the sheepfolds from following the sheep great with young he brought him to feed jacob his people and israel his inheritance so david was a great shepherd

all of that shepherd and experience made him qualified to be the king of israel because god is the great shepherd and god led his people like a flock and god shepherds his people and all of those lessons that david learned as a shepherd qualified him to be the king of israel and david will be resurrected to rule over israel and and and israel is god's inheritance so you we see here through all of this history

the covenant was never broken by god it always it's called god made a covenant it stays in place and we can never understand what's happening in the world unless we understand the faithfulness of god to his word

so the testimony is in jacob his glory is in israel he's the holy one of israel and

he david has been raised up to feed jacob's people

and israel his inheritance so he fed them according to the integrity of his heart

and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands so

asif has all of this wisdom to see that despite

israel's unfaithfulness god is faithful even to the point of raising up david as their king forever and they given david the skill and the

ability to lead israel so this is the future this is the

covenant is never

uh disbanded it will be renewed but it will be in place forever and this is the context then for psalm 79.

when the enemies of israel have the upper hand israel is being completely humiliated and from psalm 78 we realize israel does

not have a leg to stand on there is nothing that israel can say for god to say uh for

israel to say to god you need to save us because you know we did this this and this

and so you need to do your part god doesn't need to do anything but he will why because he's the lord

and he doesn't change once he makes a covenant he doesn't change that's why israel will not be destroyed that's why in matthew 24 god says that unless these days were shortened no flesh would be saved alive and the context is the promised land and and the great wrath upon this people and that if it were not for god intervening satan would have his way and he would completely destroy this people but god for the elect's sake god is going to shorten those days he's just using this great tribulation to bring israel to true repentance so in luke 22 [Music] speaking of david but also the apostles christ says you are they which have continued with me in my temptations in my trials and i appoint unto you a kingdom as my father has appointed unto me so this kingdom is real but it's been appointed to the twelve apostles the same way he was appointed to christ by the father that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of israel so the covenant is still in place and even the apostles of christ are are going to be ruling in this kingdom over the 12 tribes of israel god has not forgotten he's coming to gather israel from the four corners of the earth and to re-establish them in the land

and the reason he can do that is finally

the great tribulation is so thorough that it produces a people who are no longer hypocritical that they are truly turning to god with all their heart and all their soul and so we refer to this gathering of israel in matthew 24 when the angels go to the four corners of the earth and gather them this is the second exodus and we covered that when we studied the the book of luke if you missed that please go back into the archives and study the book of luke but i think it was luke chapter 9 that we went into that specifically but jeremiah 16 and verse 11. this is what the prophets are saying and the prophets are repeating what moses established in the torah so jeremiah 16 verse 11 then shall you say unto them because your fathers have forsaken me says the lord and i've walked after other gods this is what psalm 78 was all about and have served them and have worshipped them and have forsaken me and have not kept my law and you have done worse than your fathers so psalm 78 started out saying you know these people that god has established the testimony in jacob as pastor murray was teaching in his sermon from generation to generation they were supposed to teach the next generation and teach the next generation so that people that are not even yet born will come to praise god and trust in him and declare yet to another generation that's the way it was supposed to be

instead these people were totally rebellious the next generation was worse than their fathers and this is this is the the outcome of their unfaithfulness you have forsaken me and you've not kept my law and you've done worse than your fathers for behold you walk everyone after the imagination of his evil heart and it's no different than when you know judges in those days there's no king in israel everybody did what was right in their own eyes you walk everyone after the imagination of his evil heart that they may not hearken unto me therefore will i cast you out of this land this is covenant talk this is covenant this is this does not mean the covenant is over it means the covenant is very much very well in place this is the the curse clause being activated therefore will i cast you out of this land into a land that you know not neither you nor your fathers and there shall you serve other gods day and night where i will not show you favor and you know unfortunately this is the fate of many christians today they're running after balaam and they don't understand what bala is they don't understand the witchcraft and the satanic design behind it and if they want it god is saying okay i'm going to give this to you and these people if you hear them marching now it's coming out they're cursing jesus they're cursing

jesus

and we think they're our friends okay if you want them you can have them and now you're going to serve them day and night

day and night and they're going to have no mercy because they're evil

they are evil

therefore while i cast you out of this land into a land that you know not neither you nor your fathers and there shall you serve other gods day and night where i will not show you favor therefore be

now so all of that that's covenant language

it is as equal to what we're just about to read

it is the covenant at no time does god uh you know let up on the covenant the covenant is always in place so after all of this the very next verse jeremiah says

therefore behold

the days come you know because of all of this

therefore behold the days come says the lord

that it shall no more be said the lord lives

that brought up the children of israel out of the land of egypt and we saw in psalm 78 what an incredible miracle that was well we're not going to talk about that so and throughout the scriptures over and over and over god identifies himself

i am the lord who brought you up out of the land of egypt and they were teaching they were to teach this to their children but after all of this cursing which sounds categorical and final after all of this cursing

he says therefore because of this

cursing

behold the days come says the lord that it shall no more be said the lord

lives

that brought up the children of israel

out of the land of egypt instead

the lord lives that brought up the

children of israel

from the land of the north the king of

the north

the assyrian the antichrist

instead the lord lives that brought up

the children of israel

from the land of the north and from all

the lands

where he has driven them and i will

bring them again

into their land that i gave unto their

fathers like

if you're just reading this and you

don't understand the whole narrative

this makes absolutely no sense

because israel is unfaithful and because

i will destroy them

therefore you will no longer talk about

the god who brought them up out of egypt

instead you're going to talk

you're going to identify god as the god

who gathers them from all over the world

from the north from the king of the

north

it doesn't make sense unless you

understand the covenant

and unless you understand that the

cursed clauses in the covenant

are there to drive israel to repentance

and it is through the cursed clauses and

we kind of got a hint of that in psalm

78

that it's when they suffer that's when

they turn to god

it's just that they they don't turn to

god fully because god has not unleashed his wrathfully while the great tribulation

is god unleashing his wrath fully that there's no mercy until he decides to intervene at the end satan has his way the antichrist has the upper hand

and he begins just wreaking havoc and destroying and setting up the abomination that makes desolate and it's only through this process that israel finally turns to god that's why it says

therefore it's because of these curse clauses

therefore behold the days come says the lord

that it shall no more be said the lord lives that brought up the children of israel out of the land of egypt instead the lord lives that brought up the children of israel from the land of the north in other words this exodus is going to cause the first exodus to pale into insignificance the first exodus will be nothing compared to the miracle involved and the massive uh size of this exodus this second exodus behold the lord lives that brought up the children of israel from the land of the north

and from all the lands where he had driven them this is covenant language and i will bring them again into their land that i gave unto the fathers that was jeremiah 16.

look at jeremiah 23 just two examples therefore behold the days come and prophet after prophet pronounces this doom upon israel this doom upon judah and then immediately after it they start talking about this

millennial setting and this kingdom and being inherited by israel and god saving israel and and the link is this therefore and you don't understand it unless you understand the covenant the covenant blessings the covenant curses and how ultimately the covenant is used to to enact the covenant with abraham the perpetual covenant with abraham therefore behold the days come says the lord that they shall no more say the lord lives which brought up the children of israel out of the land of egypt but instead the lord lives which brought up and which led the seed of the house of israel out of the north country and from all countries where i had driven them and they shall dwell in their own land so this king of the north is going to lead this great tribulation they're going to be taken captive into the north they're from there they're going to be settled into captivity all over the world and that's covenant language that's the curse clause being activated and then when they are fully repentant god is then going to intervene and bring them back into their own land and we covered all of that when we

studied isaiah

back to torah

this up

second isaiah which is also in the archive so we'll just end here going

to see how jeremiah is not just making

jeremiah is not just dreaming this up moses is the original prophet and all of the other prophets are simply amplifying what moses taught deuteronomy 30 and verse 1. this comes after deuteronomy 28 and 29 which is the the covenant uh curse blessings and cursed clauses and it shall come to pass when all these things are come upon you the blessing and the curse so the covenant includes blessing the covenant also includes cursing and moses is saying like okay you're going to go into the promised land both the blessing and the curse is going to come upon you and it shall come to pass when all these things have come upon you the blessing and the curse which i have set before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the lord your god has driven you and you shall return unto the lord your god and you shall obey his voice according to all that i command you this day you and your children with all your heart and with all your soul this is great tribulation language that there's something that's going to happen that is going to be so extreme that these people will finally turn to god with all their heart and all their soul that then when that happens that's why the great tribulation is necessary that when that happens that then the lord your god will end your captivity and have compassion upon you so this is matthew 24 unless those days would be shortened no flesh would be saved but for the elect's sake

for the sake of the covenant people those days shall be shortened and then he's going to gather his elect from the four corners of the earth that then the lord your god will end your captivity and have compassion upon you

and will return and gather you from all the nations

where the lord your god has scattered you if any of yours be driven out to the utmost parts of heaven from there this is the second exodus from there will the lord your god gather you and from there will he fetch you and after this we will never say the lord who delivered israel from from egypt we will say the lord who delivered israel from the north and from all the lands where they had been scattered and the lord your god will

bring you and we saw this as also in isaiah

and particularly in isaiah 60 and that's also in the archive and the lord your god will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed

so there's a specific land that they're going to be brought to the land which their fathers possess they'll be they'll be taken out of that land and then they'll be brought back to that land

the lord your god will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed and you shall possess it it's holy land from a holy god and only holy people can be in this holy land so there's a process that they have to go through to reclaim their holiness and it is a very very painful process and daniel says none of the wicked will understand what's going on but the wise will understand and it is the wise who will turn many to righteousness

because we will have an explanation and those false teachers

that are just saying oh god is just love and everything's fine

and everything's smooth no cause for alarm

when all of this goes down they will have nothing to say

they'll be running for their they'll be in in full panic

they will be they will be in full panic mode because they won't understand and it is the true teachers who have been given god's word

who'll be able to say steady on steady as she goes this is exactly what god said what happened

here it is turn to zechariah turn to micah turn to malachi

turn to hosea turn to joel turn to

habakkuk

turn to torah this is what is happening turn to daniel

this is why turn to jeremiah turn to isaiah

this is what's happening and the people will say

of a truth this is exactly what god said would happen

from ancient times declaring that which is not yet done

saying my plan will stand everything else will fall apart

but the word of god not not a single word of god will fail

heaven and earth will pass away before god's word fails

so the lord your god will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed and you shall possess it and he will do you good and multiply you above your fathers and the lord your god will circumcise

your heart

finally the covenant people

from deuteronomy 7 what god had in mind

from exodus 19

what god had in mind from genesis 15 what god had in mind from genesis 3 what god had in mind

will finally be fulfilled and we are first fruits israel being called ahead of time

out of season so to speak so that we can help the lord with this process but too many of us are wrapped up in our

little worlds thinking the whole world revolves around

us and so we're actually some some of us are actually working against god's plan instead of supporting christ christ says of the father his relationship with the father

he always does those things which please the father

and he sets us an example that we should always do those things which please christ

and christ says woe unto you when all men speak well of you because that's how they spoke about the false prophets before you that's how their father spoke about the false prophets so he's speaking about his own covenant community

and the covenant community loved the

false prophets
because they gave them the smooth things
but the true prophets the covenant
community hated the true prophets
and christ says to us woe unto you
when the covenant community all men
speak well of you because that's how
they spoke about their false prophets

and then he says to us rejoice and be exceedingly glad when men accuse you falsely for my name's sake we should rejoice and be exceedingly so we're not running a popularity contest here we care about people and we want to turn people to the word of god and although it's rough christ says i'm telling you these things ahead of time so you won't be offended it's the people who who want the smooth things who don't want to hear cause the holy one of israel to cease from before us they don't want to hear the truth of god they're the ones that are going to be taken by surprise they're the ones that are going to be offended and they're the ones that are going to betray so we need to warn people no no get your head into words the word of god and even though it's rough it's beautiful what did john say you know it was kind of honey and it was sweet in his mouth but then it was bitter in his belly when he really digested and understood what it is so this is like us like oh the word of god is lovely we love god and then we actually digest what he's saying and what this great tribulation entails and even the first fruits israel will be caught up in it and some of us will die as well but actually this is the word of god and it's all beautiful and it's all leading to something glorious and so we stand by it and so here we're going to see the covenant people

finally we're also we're all about this we support christ in his mission to redeem the covenant people and through them to redeem the rest of the world we we agree with the mission and the lord your god will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed to love the lord your god with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live and this is what daniel saw when we read daniel 12 this is what daniel saw and this is what we must understand at the end time and ultimately what we have to understand is the holy one of israel is just that he's the holy one of israel and he is faithful to his covenant and nothing we see in the world will make any sense unless we understand this one single truth god is faithful to his covenant he's faithful to israel and he's going to establish israel exactly as he said not a single word of what he's spoken will fall or fail jesus christ is lord what a wonderful god we serve amen glory to god we we hasten his coming and the fulfillment of all of this jesus is great and he's lord amen

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