

## 23-Isaiah-02-Transcript

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well welcome brethren to another Wednesday night Bible study and forgive me if I'm just a little bit disoriented just rushing from one meeting to another in a different time zone as well but I'm really thankful that we can be together for another Wednesday night's study also what I'm gonna do this evening I will not have as many graphics this evening simply because I don't have as I'm at a hotel and the internet is not great so I'm gonna limit the I think just the video that I have here is enough to tax the bandwidth so I won't be using a lot of images and hopefully that's okay we can still get the meaning across let's open with a word of prayer and then get into the Book of Isaiah our Heavenly Father we come and we pause before beginning this study because we want to acknowledge you want to thank you we want to praise you we want to thank and praise Jesus Christ and father we want to ask that you would bless this study bless those who are tuning in are those who will tune in and father with this wonderful book deepen our understanding please deepen our conviction transform us father with your word and the washing of our minds with your word we praise you we thank you we praise and thank Jesus Christ and in his name we ask these blessings amen so brethren we are going to go into Isaiah chapter 40 which is what's known as second Isaiah from chapter 42 66 and the reason it's called second Isaiah is a lot of the scholars believe that this is a different Isaiah

that chapters 1 to 39 have a certain tone they have a certain theme they have a certain focus and it's very judgmental and condemnatory and then suddenly beginning in chapter 42 66 the tone completely changes and it's very redemptive it's very positive and because of this and the language is different as well and because of this they say you know you know what it's a different

so they call this the second Isaiah now I think the main reason they want to say it's the second Isaiah is because of the prophecies concerning the nation of Babylon which at the time of Isaiah's writing this nation really didn't exist it was a very small vassal nation or city to Assyria and Isaiah basically in 1 to 39 he's focused on prophecies concerning Assyria

Judah is watching these prophecies unfold Assyria will conquer the northern tribes and then begin setting its sights on the southern tribes and meanwhile Isaiah's saying don't worry about Assyria you're going to be crushed and overtaken by Babylon and then he goes on further from that to say and then after they crush and overtake you God is gonna deal with Babylon and it's like what are you talking about

that's a hundred hundred and fifty years away and yet everything that Isaiah predicts happens precisely he even predicts the name of the king that is going to conquer Babylon yeah through the purge through Persian king Cyrus and and basically if you don't believe that God is the author of the Bible inspiring it with His Holy Spirit then this is very troublesome so they prefer to say there's a second Isaiah who lived at the time of Persia at the time of the

conquest of Babylon and so they're more writing historically rather than prophetically when Jesus Christ was on the earth not once or any of the Apostles when in Isaiah so heavily quoted in the New Testament it really was it's a mini Bible and Christ himself quoted it and quoted from what's called second Isaiah and never once indicated that the Book of Isaiah was in any way corrupt that if he just quoted it this is what the prophet Isaiah said and we know that God is the author of all of the prophecies - all of the prophets so I do like to call it a second Isaiah to acknowledge that it is it has a different tone it's much more redemptive in nature and also what I mentioned last week was that there are six six chapters in the Book of Isaiah 39 of which have an Old Testament theme which also has 39 books and then 27 of the chapters have a New Testament theme and there are 27 books in the New Testament so how that happened and how God managed to inspire this because obviously the scrolls didn't have chapters and verses when they were inspired but as the men were moved to put this all together it just works out that Isaiah really presents a mini Bible and so what I want to focus on between now and hopefully by Passover is what's called second Isaiah what we might call New Testament Isaiah and really help us to get this New Testament message the Gospel according to Isaiah and help us really appreciate the plan of God the redemptive plan of God and the great sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for his people so so that's what we want to focus on and then we will go back and do chapters 1 to 39 but in terms of opening tonight I do want to

just hit the highlights of chapters 1 to 39 so let's uh let's begin that so first of all what I want to say is that we want to be very clear that Isaiah the book has a focus and and very often we we skip over this focus and so here you can see that Isaiah is all about the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem Isaiah is a book about Judah and Jerusalem it does speak about other nations I just spoke about it's gonna talk about purch is gonna talk about Babylon gonna talk about Assyria it's gonna talk about the northern tribes as well it it does talk about Israel but the focus of this vision is Judah and Jerusalem and let's not read over this because I think we misinterpret and misunderstand this scroll when we miss what the focus is and we start making it apply to everything else that's not to say that there aren't principles in the Book of Isaiah

that we can apply generally speaking and in other ways and in modern times but let's make sure we understand what Isiah understood first let's make sure we understand what Isiah was communicating first and then we can take Liberty with it afterwards

I think one of the big dangers that we have here is what I'll call allegorization and this is something that the Jewish philosopher Philo who was a plate honest studying in Alexandria it's a key that he gave to the church fathers which are the founders of the Roman Catholic Church that really the false church he gave them this key of how to basically snag the Bible away from its Hebrew roots and apply it to the Greek philosophers and the key was allegorization that to take the Bible

symbolically that it really doesn't mean God doesn't mean what he's saying the deeper meaning is in the symbols and so whatever God is saying ignore that basically put symbols in there and then you can make it apply to everything else and so because of this key of allegorization this is how the Christian Church went from having a Hebraic root now we can pull everything out that applies to the Hebrews and it then developed a greco-roman root and it did that through allegorization so let's be very careful to understand what is it that God inspired Isaiah with but to be very careful about allegorization and let's just take it for what it says so what it says is this is the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz which he saw this vision he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah Jotham Ahaz Hezekiah kings of Judah so he was there this is about 40 over 40 50 possibly 60 years that Isaiah was sorry this is over a 50 40 50 60 year period that Isaiah was preaching and had his ministry so it's Allah and that's why the book is so big because it's not like he's writing it down as he's getting it he's there involved in his ministry and at some point near the end of his ministry he's now collecting all of his prophecies and putting it in a pack for us he says hear o heavens and give ear o earth for the Lord has spoken so God has spoken and both the heavens in the earth should pay attention to this and we'll go back when we do chapters 1 to 39 we'll get more into an analysis of what we're covering here I just for the story flow I want to just cover this I have nourished and brought up children and the very children that God invested in the very children that he nourished

and looked after they have rebelled  
against him this hero heavens and earth  
these children that he is nourished  
they've rebelled against him the Ox  
knows his owner and the donkey his  
master's crib but Israel doesn't know my  
people they don't consider all sinful  
nation this is what we need to be very  
clear about the people of Israel both  
the northern and southern tribes are  
sinful people and God brings in Isaiah  
predicts that Syria is going to come in  
and destroy and wipe out the northern  
tribes and then Judah will see that and  
instead of repenting they are worse they  
are worse than the northern tribes and  
so God then brings in Babylon to deal  
with them but then we're gonna see how  
it's different how they the treatment of  
Judah even though they were worse God's  
treatment of them is different because  
he has a redemptive plan he's going to  
redeem Judah he's going to redeem Israel  
and through Israel and Judah he's going  
to redeem all of mankind o sinful nation  
a people laden with iniquity imagine  
that image there just laden with it  
they're filled with it a seed of  
evildoers children that are corrupters  
they have forsaken the Lord they have  
provoked the Holy One of Israel unto  
anger this is the first time we're gonna  
see this phrase we're gonna see it 450  
times  
in Isaiah this is Isaiah's favorite way  
having encountered having had an  
encounter with God this is his favorite  
way of calling on God and naming God the  
Holy One of Israel this is significant  
this is very significant God is the Holy  
One of Israel and that's gonna matter a  
great deal if we go through this study  
and certainly as we look into even  
Christ himself what he prophesied

concerning the future why we need to understand that he is the Holy One of Israel they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger they've gone away backwards

why should you be stricken anymore what why why don't you stop and repent and turn around why should you be stricken anymore you will revolt more and more the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint now let's fast-forward to again we're just picking up the theme of chapters 1 to 39 and we can certainly see that here in chapter 3 verse 1 for behold the Lord the Lord of hosts does take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water the mighty man and the man of war the judge and the prophet and the prudent and the ancient so here's an example of a scripture that very clearly Isaiah is telling us he's he's got this vision of what's gonna happen he's like a news reporter announcing the news in advance he's announcing it as if it's already happened or it's happening now but notice in verse 1 that this is a prophecy specifically about Jerusalem and Judah and we'll take these verses and we'll apply it to everywhere well applied to the church will apply to the United States will apply to Britain will apply to Australia will apply to Canada will apply to the world in general but Isaiah is very clear this is a vision that he sees concerning Jerusalem and Judah and the Lord Himself is taking away from Jerusalem and taking away from Judah the stay and the staff the whole stay of bread the whole stay of water the mighty man and the man of war the judge and the prophet and the prudent and the ancient the captain of fifty and

the honorable man and the counselor and  
the cunning artificer and the eloquent  
orator all these he's taken away  
specifically from Judah and Jerusalem  
instead and I will give children to be  
their princes and babes shall rule over  
them again this is specific this  
concerns Judah and Jerusalem that the  
the mature man the mature leader the  
righteous leader is going to be taken  
away and instead impulsive children who  
are going to be very oppressive and have  
no respect for the the traditions and  
the the righteous traditions of  
Jerusalem and of Judah instead these  
impulsive children a greedy children are  
going to take over and these babes are  
going to oppress the people chapter 29  
again just picking up the theme within  
chapters 1 to 39 woe unto Ariel Ariel is  
a name for Jerusalem so it swollen to  
Jerusalem to Ariel the city where David  
dwelt so this is again this is a vision  
that Isaiah is seeming seeing concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem woe unto Jerusalem  
to Jerusalem the city where David dwelt  
ad you year-to-year let them kill  
sacrifices so even though they're doing  
the sacrifices that's fine yet I will  
distress Jerusalem it doesn't matter  
this is its ritual to them it's it's an  
offense to God so he's going to distress  
Jerusalem and there shall be heaviness  
and sorrow and it shall be unto unto me  
as Jerusalem and I will camp this is God  
saying I will camp against you  
roundabout so Jerusalem is going to be  
surrounded and I will lay siege against  
you with a mount and I will raise forts  
against you and you shall be brought  
down so Jerusalem at this time is doing  
quite well so Isaiah so the northern  
tribes are really prosperous they're  
gonna be brought down but the southern



tribes even though they weren't as prosperous as the north they're gonna be very if they're gonna be prosperous and yet God says I'm gonna bring you down this is the news so so don't get caught up in what's happening see what God sees you shall be brought down and you shall speak out of the ground and your speech shall be low out of the ground and your voice shall be as of one that has a familiar spirit out of the ground and your speech shall whisper out of the dust so even though all of this condemnation is in chapters 1 to 39 that's not to say that there isn't a New Testament message a message of hope in the Old Testament part of Isaiah look here at chapter 14 of Isaiah 14 verse 1 the Lord for the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and will yet choose Israel so not just Judah God guys is seeing a time in the future that even though he's destroyed Israel and he's about to destroy Judah that there's a time coming when he's gonna change and he's gonna turn and he's gonna have compassion he's gonna have mercy on Jacob God is known in Luke 1 as the God of Jacob forever for the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and will yet choose Israel so Israel cannot be destroyed and set them in their own land and the strangers shall be joined with them and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob so Jacob is going to be hated Jacob is going to be despised it's going to be destroyed and yet it's dies I can see a time when Jacob is going to be valued that the whole world is going to cleave to Jacob and be glad that Jacob exists this is really important and it's really important that we don't engage in what's called replacement theology replacement

theology is again what to a Philo enabled the Greek philosophers to do is to take Israel out of the Bible and put the Christian Church in there so God no longer has anything to do with the physical nations of Israel the tribes of Israel everything is now the church well we need to be very very careful about that for a couple of reasons number one when we look at these prophecies in chapters 1 31 to 39 when we look at them in detail even though Isaiah is predicting the fall of the Northern in 721 BC and the fall of the southern tribes which happened I believe around 585 or 586 BC so he predicts that first with Assyria moving to take out the northern tribes then Babylon coming in to take out the southern tribes when we study these prophecies carefully it becomes very clear that those events are not the events that Isaiah was forced foreseeing they are not the events that Isaiah was fraught prophesying about because when we look at his prophecies in detail they actually have to do with what happens right before Christ returns and that in fact these events that Isaiah is predicting they introduce or they assure in the writ is the return of Christ that stops these events so it means that the tragedy that we see with the Assyrians moving in to destroy the northern tribes and the Babylonians moving in to destroy the southern tribes then the as tragic and horrendous as these were then there were simply dress rehearsals that they laid they set out a pattern of what we can expect in the future so these prophecies that Isaiah is giving us are truly endtime prophecies and when we study them in detail they'll

be very clear that okay know this this has to do with the return of Christ and and and it's not to do with Assyria a Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon so that's number one we need to be careful then that if we're saying it's the church is the church then there is a destruction prophesied by Isaiah to fall upon Judah and Jerusalem and it is going to be horrendous and you know what we see with Hitler with the six million Jews nothing just again a dress rehearsal so what we want what we receive we believe in replacement theology then what we're saying to God is please please God we are Israel we the church is Israel the church is Judah don't bring this horrendous destruction that you are promising to come down upon Judah don't bring it down on the physical Jews bring it down on the church because we are Judah so we need to be very careful about that the other reason we need to be very careful is there is a an ideology that is spreading like wildfire all over the world and it really is the ultimate replacement theology and I'm speaking of Islam it is the ultimate replacement theology because what it is saying is yep all these prophets their their predict they were all Muslims and that God is now done with the Jews and instead he's turned his heart towards the Arabs and the Arabs are now going to be the head nation and Islam is for all peoples of the earth and all peoples of the earth must look to the Arabs and they have to learn Arabic and they have to submit to the Arabic culture because God has chosen the Arabs let me just read to you one verse from the Quran and this is from surah 2 ayah 65 - 65 and it says and certainly you have known those

among you who exceeded the limits of the Sabbath so this is speaking of the Jews they exceeded they they broke the Sabbath so we said to them that is a lawsuit to them be Apes despised and hated so God was so offended or Allah was so offended by the fact that the Jews broke the Sabbath and what happened here is they were fishing but they couldn't catch any fish and then Allah would send the fish on the Sabbath so their children are starving to death through the week and they can't find any food for the children for their families but then Allah would send the fish on the Sabbath so they would fish on the Sabbath and then Allah basically got upset and was so upset and emotionally outraged that he turned the Jews into Apes and into swine and he has nothing to do with the Jews now and he's replaced the Jews with the Muslims well if we can stick to what Isaiah is prophesying we'll see this as we study Isaiah the Bible is the only book in the world that predicts the future in detail and because it's God who's authoring it he can do this and so when we are very careful to say no God means what he says then we can actually outline exactly what the prophecies are saying and what's gonna happen to the Jews and that God has not rejected them and God has not rejected Israel and God will never reply God will be the Holy One of Israel and the God of Jacob forever and ever and ever then we can be in a much stronger position to show the world and specifically our Muslim brothers and sisters that their their ideology is false and we can help them avoid the tremendous wrath that is going to come down on anybody who touches the apple of God's eye and Isaiah is very specific

about that again when we get into the prophecies anybody who dares abuse God's people then woe unto them that God is going to find he's gonna be very quiet and then he's gonna rise up and he's going to assist his people and he's gonna destroy all those nations that abused his people so here we see right in the Old Testament portion of Isaiah that the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and he will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land and again we need to understand the Covenant both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant are all about the land and this land is land that God has promised and he's going to fulfill his promise to Abraham he will yet choose Israel so even though all of this does he's not going to turn them into Apes and swine he has not done that and where do you see that in God's covenant where in the Covenant did God say if you break my Commandments I'm gonna turn you into monkeys this is this is ridiculous God is a God of His Word and so everything that has happened these prophecies in fact that we look that we will look at in detail that Isaiah is pronouncing on Israel we can go back to Deuteronomy and say wow this is exactly what God said what happened to them and then we can look at the historical record and see that exactly what God said would happen is exactly what happened and we can do all of the archaeology and and Christians love archaeology because archaeology always confirms and validates God's Word and yet you'll see and when Isis was strong in in Iraq now what they were doing was blowing everything up when they took over the city name rude they just destroyed everything because they don't want archaeology

because God the Bible speaks of things in detail and cities in detail and exactly what happened and when we look at the archaeological record it validates God's Word so he's going to set them in their own land it's a covenant about land and God is committed the zeal of the Lord of Hosts is going to accomplish this God is committed to having them as the head nation in the land that he promised them even though they have to be exiled and they have to be subjugated eventually they will be holy and they will be put back in the land and the strangers these are going to be the Muslims and everybody else who's who's fighting against them they shall be joined with them so we know they are going to come to repentance and they are going to love Jacob they're going to cleave to the house of Jacob so now let's get into Isaiah 40 and notice the tone of Isaiah as I afford he's gonna show us how God is going to bring about this redemption of his people he says here comfort you this is how the business how second Isaiah begins after all of this judgment on on Isaiah and in fact so chapter 39 in fact it's 36 to 39 is a bit of an instead of a historical record with Hezekiah and in chapter 39 Hezekiah fell ill and the the leader of Babylon the king of Babylon sent him a message a get-well card basically and a Hezekiah was so touched and then when Babylon the Babylon Babylonians sent some ambassadors Hezekiah welcomed them and he showed them everything and then Isaiah comes along and he says who were these men oh they were ambassadors from Babylon well what did you show them I showed them everything I took them for a tour and I showed them the whole wealth of Judah and everything that we have and

Isaiah says that was very foolish these Babylonians are gonna come and destroy you and that's how chapters that's the how chapters 1 to 39 that's how it ends that it's no longer about the Assyrian threat now this nation that nobody's really is concerned about Isaiah's saying this nation is gonna rise up it's going to become next superpower and everything that you've shown them has made you vulnerable and they're going to come and they're going to enslave you they're gonna take your children and they're going to enslave them and they're going to destroy Judah and then suddenly Isaiah 40 begins with this message comfort you comfort you my people says the Lord this is what the Holy Spirit is now inspiring that despite the destruction that is prophesied upon his people we're now seeing that his people should be comforted speak you comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished there were there was a purpose to this warfare it wasn't just random God is just acting just hysterically he's acting according to covenant and this is a punishment that they have to endure they have to suffer the consequences of breaking the Covenant in order to drive them to break this stiff-necked attitude that they have drive them to repentance for them to learn firsthand that when they enter into a covenant that God is a God of his word and when they finally come to this depth of repentance true deep wholehearted heartfelt repentance then her warfare is accomplished and that her iniquity is pardoned for she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins this is this is according to the covenant so she's

really gotten it full full throttle full undiluted verse 3 the voice of him that cries in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord make straight in the desert a highway for our God so now it's very clear that the comfort comes because the Lord is coming and that there's there needs to be a messenger that that announces that the Lord is coming and then there needs to be a highway that is created for the arrival of the king so prepare this highway so that the king can come into Jerusalem now notice this language at Isaiah 40 we call it second Isaiah or New Testament Isaiah notice it begins exactly the same way that the New Testament to begin begins look at mark 1 mark 1 verse 1 the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God as it is written in the prophets behold I send my messenger before your face which shall prepare your way before you the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord make his paths straight so clearly second Isaiah is a New Testament message and the New Testament begins with the message of second Isaiah that God's people are to be comforted that there is somebody needs to come on the scene to say the Lord is coming so this is this is what is what is prophesied so it's the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare you the way of the Lord make his paths straight right out of Isaiah so they understood wow this is this is the second half chapters 40 to 66 of Isaiah this is how it's happening that it's the Lord and in in this we're gonna get into the detail later but in this section of 40 to 66 there are the servant songs this is about the suffering servant and this is what Judah didn't understand that the



Messiah had to come first as a suffering servant yet to come as the perfect Israelite to live by the law and then to be faultless to be perfect and then to be sacrificed as an offering to enable the New Covenant for Israel and we'll get into that later but this is one preparing the way to say the sufferance the suffering servant is coming but ultimately the Messiah the mighty Messiah the king is coming back to Isaiah 40 so now he says when he speaks of this King coming every Valley shall be exalted and every mountain and Hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain so Jerusalem is gonna be completely reconfigured so that it is very clear where the king's throne is and it's going to be very clear how to get there so the valleys are going to be exalted the hills are going to be made flat to make the mountains and hills crooked are gonna be made straight and also the rough places plain so again it's gonna be very clear where the king's throne is and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it so there is this clear focus on the return of the Lord the return of the Messiah the Lord Lord the coming of the Messiah and all flesh this is why all flesh will cleave unto Jacob because when the Lord comes he's going to establish Judah as the head nation and people are going to say like wow these people are the people of God now he says here the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together the mouth of the Lord has spoken it look how the New Testament begins in the Book of Luke as it is

written in the book of the words of  
Isaiah the prophet saying the voice of  
one crying in the wilderness prepare you  
the way of the Lord make his paths  
straight every Valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and Hill shall be  
brought low and the crooked shall be  
made straight and the rough way shall be  
made smooth and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God so Luke got it they  
they didn't have a New Testament  
Bible their Bible was the Old Testament  
and Isaiah was considered the head of  
the prophets in fact when you look at  
the Hebrew Bible Isaiah is the first of  
the prophets and then all the other  
prophets Jeremiah Ezekiel and the twelve  
come afterwards but Isaiah's considered  
the head the prince the chief of the  
prophets and so this is what he's  
commenting on that day this is what's  
written this is what's gonna happen back  
to Isaiah 40 the voice said cry and he  
said what shall I cry all flesh is grass  
and all the goodliness thereof is as the  
flower of the field the grass withers  
and the flower fades because the Spirit  
of the Lord blows upon it surely the  
people is grass so again Isaiah is very  
clear about these powerful nations that  
are going to move  
and destroy God's people Assyria is  
going to be a beastly power it's going  
to be unprecedented power Babylon is  
gonna come and destroy the southern  
tribes these are powerful powerful  
nations and yet Isaiah's saying be good  
people of God be comforted these nations  
are big they can't do anything unless  
God allows it and you know what whatever  
they do they have their moment of glory  
and then they're gonna fade away so  
don't be afraid of them and don't ally  
yourself with them they come and they

call kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall and  
all of it is amiss it has to be allowed  
by God so no matter how glorious the  
flesh is no matter how powerful the  
flesh is consider it grass and it's  
gonna wither and the flower how glorious  
and beautiful and pretty the flower is  
and and these ego driven maniacs and  
leaders are going to be draped in gold  
and purple and fine linen and yet like  
the flower they're going to fade why  
because the Spirit of the Lord is going  
to blow upon them  
the grass withers the flower fades but  
the word of our God shall stand forever  
so so isaiah wants his people he's  
comforting his people in the way that  
they can be comforted and certainly the  
way that we can be comforted is just to  
understand who it is were engaged with  
how powerful this god is that all these  
people on earth they're just like grass  
they're just like flowers they have  
their moment yes but it fades away but  
the Word of God this book of Isaiah that  
we're studying these these inspired  
words of God they stand forever Peter  
quotes this notice in 1st Peter 1 New  
Testament relies heavily on the Book of  
Isaiah and that's what I want to show  
you here here in 1st Peter 1 and verse  
24 Peters quoting right out of Isaiah  
for all flesh is as grass and all the  
glory of man as the flower of grass  
the grass withers and the flower thereof  
falleth  
but the word of the Lord endures forever  
and this is the word which by the gospel  
is preached unto you so given the New  
Testament you know these New Testament  
Christians that reject the Old Testament  
well you know what  
Isaiah's in the Old Testament and and  
the back half of Isaiah is all about

it's a New Testament message and certainly the Messiah himself leans heavily on on Isaiah and the Apostles leaned heavily on Isaiah so he can't be quote-unquote restricted to the New Testament New Testament Christians were whole Bible Christians and even when we get into isaiah 1 to 39 we're gonna see some new testament messages in there as well god is god's word stands forever and he never he never speaks in such a way that there's no hope he always leaves an avenue of repentance because he has his plan and he's going to work his plan so Peter was quoting Isaiah back to Isaiah 40

Oh Sion that brings good tidings get you up into the high mountain Oh Jerusalem that brings good news lift up your voice with strength lift it up be not afraid say unto the cities of Judah behold your God so a couple of things here number one this is the gospel this is the gospel so if we were to look at the Septuagint this would be the UN galley on the gospel Oh

Zion that brings the gospel Oh Jerusalem that brings the gospel so the gospel is here in Isaiah this good news now why is it good news well you know a lot of people oh the gospel the gospel is good news and they want to preach the gospel but it's not rooted in isaiah when we when we root the gospel in in Isaiah the reason it's good news is because of the horrendous news that I died as I was just given because when we look at chapters 1 to 39 it is horrendous news is like is there any reason to have any joy at all is is life over that that God says he's raised these children and they've rebelled against him and then he looks at the terms and conditions of the Covenant and

he carries it out and he hunts down his people and he does exactly what the terms and conditions of the Covenant said is there any reason to be hopeful yes because he made a promise to Abraham which was unconditional and so he's going to work away for these people to come to repentance so that he can fulfill the promise that he made to Abraham so this is the good news it's good news because of all the bad news that don't don't despair be Comfort so he says comfort my people so here's all the bad news chapters 1 to 39 here's my judgment a court hears my righteous judgment according to the terms and condition but tell the people not to give up comfort them and tell them that God is God has plans for them that are not for their destruction but ultimately for their repentance and to establish them as this nation of kings and priests as he promised so o is ayan that brings good news get you up into the high mountain Oh Jerusalem that brings good news the gospel lift up your voice with strength so after just telling us that all the nations are as grass and all then to the glory of these nations are like the flower that fades that God's Word is forever now he's telling us preach God's Word so it becomes very clear that the preaching of this good news is a fearful thing it's something to be afraid of that it is a counter narrative to the narrative of the nations it's something that causes the nations and you know the Jews have always been hated it's amazing that their stuff how is it possible that the Jews still exist that they've always been hated because they have this claim that they are the people of God and they're the only people in the world

that have the scriptures and the prophecies and the prophecies tell a coherent story and they unfold exactly as it says who has this who has a book that says a hundred and fifty years from now there's going to be a king that's that's going to be the king of a nation that you're not paying attention to right now it doesn't that the nation doesn't really exist it's not on the radar it's not on the map it's gonna become the superpower this King is going to another nation other Kings gonna rise up and destroy this nation and that Kings name is Cyrus and when that King comes a hundred and fifty years from now he's going to allow my people to go back into Jerusalem and to rebuild like this is how do you explain this oh well it must be another person and it was restoring and all these reasons but everyone's afraid that the Bible is true and they don't they don't want to face it but it's so detailed and and it's coherent when you when you actually understand it and you put it together it's coherent and so these people are hated and despised and so be it because of their rebellion against God and so God is allowing this but in the midst or the height or the climax of this hatred somebody is preaching the gospel and is comforting God's people and doing it with strength so we need to understand the plot we need to understand the game plan here so that we're swear delivering the right message to the right people and the rest of the nations are going to hear this message as a witness that's a legal term so they're going to be brought to condemnation and they will not have a leg to stand on because the witness was there the testimony was there you heard

the gospel and you heard the plan of God  
and you continued in your rebellion you  
continue to take pleasure in  
unrighteousness

you have no excuse here's the judgment  
so lift up your voice with the strength  
so those who have the holy spirit those  
who are grafted in who are  
representative of the Zion that the Holy  
Spirit driven Jerusalem lift up your  
voice with strength and don't be afraid  
yes it's gonna be risky yes the nations  
are going to hate it but the Word of God  
this this is the Word of God

this is powerful God whose word is  
forever don't be afraid  
tell the cities of Judah who are the  
target this is the the the desk of  
eschatological agenda this is the agenda  
in the end time we must destroy the  
cities of Judah you lift up your voice  
and tell these cities of Judah be  
comforted this is all the plan of God  
repent return to your God the Word of  
God is forever he's coming to save you  
behold your God he's coming now  
Matt that's why in Matthew 24 Christ  
makes it clear that it's going to be  
horrendous in the end time these nations  
are gonna be flexing their muscles and  
it's gonna be terrible for the people of  
God but he that shall endure unto the  
end the same shall be saved and this  
gospel in the context of the end time in  
the context of the hatred for this  
message

the message is still gonna be preached  
someone's gonna stand up with strength  
someone's gonna deliver the good news to  
the people of God this gospel is the  
very same gospel that Christ preached so  
we have to read the gospel the Gospel  
accounts to see what is the message that  
Christ preached make sure we're

preaching the same good news this good news of the kingdom that's the kingdom of Israel shall be preached in all the world not to get converts not to convince them oh this is the one time of salvation it's time to do you know the Lord it's time to know the Lord just say this little prayer oh Jesus Jesus I love you they're your converted now you're gonna go to heaven that's not the gospel gospel is very specific God has a plan it's a plan where his people are losing hope and God is saying comfort my people and deliver this message from me to them that the kingdom will be restored to Israel and God is the God of Jacob forever and the cities of Judah behold your God this gospel of the kingdom of Israel the kingdom of God shall be preached in all the world for a witness so all you nations that are surrounding Jerusalem all you need United you you are united in your agenda to destroy Judah I want you to know you're on the wrong side you are going up against the god of the universe and if you continue in this agenda he's going to destroy you so our message to you is you better repent get on the right side you don't have to be destroyed don't be seduced don't don't be so narcissistic and driven by your ego that you want to be the people of God when you can never be the people of God God is the one who chooses you can be grafted you can repent and be grafted in but you can't reject and replace the people of God and say you're the people of God this go this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness this is a legal term unto all nations and then shall the end come this is so says Jesus Christ back to Isaiah 40 behold the Lord God will come with



strong hand this is the comfort to God's people that despite their rebellion despite the destruction and the sentence that's going to be on their heads at the same time this is the context of God's return that the Lord will come with a strong hand and his arm shall rule for him he's coming to establish his kingdom behold his reward is with him and his work before him he shall feed his flock like a shepherd so he's going to be like a shepherd the same way that you see sheep are helpless they need a shepherd and when the Shepherd comes and he feeds them they follow the shepherd wherever he goes and they're devoted to the shepherd he's devoted to them this is what he's going to do he has a flock he has children he has assessed specific people that he has raised up he's coming for them he's coming for them he shall feed his flock like a shepherd he shall gather the Lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom is what he says he always wanted to do for his people but they're the ones who wouldn't have it okay so they have to be punished but they're still his people so he is coming to gather them the way a Shepherd feeds his flock and to carry them in his bosom and gather the Lambs in his arms and he shall gently lead those that are with young Matthew 24 Christ tells us that if you're with young and you're in Judah woe unto you because the people coming into Judah they have no mercy if you're pregnant at this time woe unto you if you have little ones woe unto you because they don't see you as human beings and they believe that God has there God has given them the right for a wholesale slaughter so if you're in

Judah or Jerusalem at this time flee to  
the mountains run for your life pray  
that your flight is not on the Sabbath  
and woe unto you if you're breastfeeding  
or you're pregnant because you're not  
gonna be able to outrun these people and  
they are they are coming for the devil's  
agenda to slaughter the people of God  
but then when God comes he's going to  
gently lead those that are with you  
they're gonna come repentant they're  
going to acknowledge Jesus Christ as  
Lord and they're gonna come repentant  
now in Deuteronomy this is all based on  
on the law says here deuteronomy 131 and  
in the wilderness where you have seen  
how that the Lord your God bear you as a  
man does bear his son in all the way  
that she went until he came into his  
place so it's the same God this is God's  
nature he's always wanted to do this  
with his people to be gentle with them  
to bear them to look after them to  
comfort them it's the same God but he  
has to carry out his law he has to carry  
out his judgment because once he speaks  
he's not a hypocrite once he speaks he  
never speaks in vain so everything that  
he speaks it the Word of God is forever  
he carries out exactly what he says the  
people are going to come to a deep  
repentance to realize that God means  
what he says  
and they're going to now engage in this  
new covenant but it's the same heart  
that God has for his people Isaiah 40  
verse 12 who has measured the waters in  
the hollow of his hand so you think of  
all the water on Earth and and Isaiah  
wants us to know how great this God is  
that all the water in the earth he can  
measure it in the hollow of his hand and  
meted out heaven with the span so all  
the stars in heaven all the galaxies

everything but in the span of his hand  
so so this is the God and comprehended  
the dust of the earth in a measure so  
think of all the dust in the earth well  
all of that is like a like a little  
teaspoon even less than a teaspoon it's  
a small measure to God this is the God  
that this is the God of Israel this is  
the God of Jacob this is the Holy One of  
Israel so be comforted yes these nations  
are powerful nations but understand how  
powerful God is and he has weighed the  
mountains and scales and the hills in a  
balance who has directed the Spirit of  
the Lord or being his counselor has  
taught him so this is the Spirit of the  
Lord so does anybody give the Spirit of  
the Lord direction is there anybody who  
can instruct

it's God understand how powerful how  
lofty God is now this is again quoted in  
the New Testament Paul here in Romans  
says and we'll look at Corinthians as  
well

in Romans 11:34 who has known the mind of  
the Lord or who has been his counselor  
straight from Isaiah so Isaiah puts this  
challenge out there to say you have to  
understand how great God is  
no one is his counselor and Paul being  
instructed by Isaiah puts it out there  
does anybody know the mind of God is  
there anybody who can be his counselor  
again he repeats it in 1st Corinthians 2  
verse 16 for who has known the mind of  
the Lord that he may instruct him but we  
have the mind of Christ so know this  
this wisdom that's in God through his  
Spirit we come to understand his mind we  
search the scriptures we become educated  
by the scriptures we have the Holy  
Spirit we begin to think like God and we  
begin to understand his work Isaiah  
calls it his strange work Habakkuk calls

it his unbelievable work it's a work  
that if even if it's told you you will  
not believe it  
but because we have the mind of God we  
understand now what he's doing again  
including first Corinthians 2:16 and  
then back to Deuteronomy so sorry I  
wanted to quote this earlier Deuteronomy  
32 again there's this gathering the DP  
the notion of God gathering his people  
to him he says as an eagle stirs up her  
nest this is from Deuteronomy 32 11 and  
flutters over her young spreads aboard  
her wings takes them bares them on her  
wings again when when Christ in Luke 13  
when he says to Jerusalem and in Matthew  
23 how often I have wanted to gather you  
under my wings as a hen gathers her her  
chicks but you wouldn't have it that's  
coming right out of Deuteronomy this is  
the heart of god that he flutters he  
wants the flutter over his young the way  
an eagle flutters over the young and  
spreads her her wings over them and  
bears them on her way  
so the Lord alone did lead him and there  
was no strange God with him so this is  
how God was looking after was looking  
after his people now I've got a missed  
quote there I'll skip over that back to  
Isaiah 40 Isaiah 40 verse 14 with whom  
took he counseled and who instructed him  
and taught him in the path of judgment  
and taught him knowledge and showed him  
the way of understanding behold the caja  
Isaiah is comforting God's people he  
wants them to understand how great God  
is  
behold the nations are as a drop of a  
bucket they are nothing to God they're  
going to flex their muscles they're  
gonna show their glory they're gonna  
show their might and power and and  
Isaiah gives us some very specific

prophecies of what's going on in their mind in that in the leaders mind how he thinks he's doing all of this and it's just God allowing it and when God says okay enough and God just stops it behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance behold he takes up the Isles as a very little thing and Lebanon is not sufficient to burn nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering this God is so holy this God is so majestic this God is so regal that if you were to take all the trees in Lebanon when when Solomon was building his temple all the nations around were sending their very best to help build the temple well what they wanted from Lebanon were the trees because the trees in Lebanon were just glorious and Isaiah's saying all the trees in Lebanon if you were to cut down all of that wood to burn for giving the offering to God it's insufficient his glory is so great this is nothing and if you were to take all the animals there and burn them on this wood for the burnt offering it's not enough it's insufficient all nations before him are as nothing and they are counted to him less than nothing and vanity this is the God so we must not be overwhelmed by these nations we must preach the gospel as a witness to these nations lift up your voice lift it up with strength don't be afraid tell these nations for a witness what the gospel is to who then will you like in God or what likeness will you compare unto him he's incomparable there's nobody there's nothing there's no God let them talk about their gods none of their gods are like the God of Israel so let me say you you're like God the God of the Bible no

way to whom then will you liken God or  
what likeness will you compare unto him  
the workman melts a graven image and the  
goldsmith spreads it over with gold and  
casts silver chain so this is how they  
make their idols and certainly today we  
still have idols they may not be  
physical objects we have the fundamental  
idols today power money sex you study  
all the false religions and this is what  
they promised they promised you power it  
promised you money they promised you sex  
these are the key so all of the idolatry  
ultimately boils down to these things  
this is what the devil seduces man with  
and then once he's seduced man he  
destroys man you you worship these idols  
you will be destroyed and so study any  
false religion and the benefits of that  
religion money power sex these are the  
idols but they here they would make  
these idols and these idols would then  
symbolize the power of their God and  
Isaiah's just calling them out on it  
he's saying look how ridiculous this is  
and Judah is joining themselves to these  
pagans in their worship so this is what  
the workman does he melts a graven image  
and then the goldsmith spreads it over  
with gold and casts silver chains on it  
he that is so impoverished that he has  
no he has no oblation so he doesn't have  
the money for this he chooses a tree  
that will not rot this that eyes eyes  
being a bit of a humorist here he's  
saying you know this is what they do the  
oh they get they they want to make the  
best Idol they can and so they build and  
they put it in gold they dress it over  
with gold and so it's spectacular but  
what about the poor man he can't do that  
so he's got to make his own a lot of  
wood and then because wood rots he's got  
to find a tree the type of wood that

doesn't rot because he's the one making  
this Idol it's old I am  
Isaiah's just showing how ridiculous  
this is when you consider the God of  
Israel the Holy One of Israel he seeks  
unto him a cunning workman to prepare a  
graven image that shall not be moved so  
I don't have the money I found this wood  
I need now a craftsman who's gonna put  
this in a formation that I can say this  
is my god this is Ishtar or this is Baja  
and then I need to establish it mount it  
in such a way that it's not going to be  
moved but it's not really good if I say  
this is my god and then the wind comes  
and knocks it over have you not known  
have you not heard has it not been told  
you from the beginning have you not  
understood from the foundations of the  
earth it is he that sits upon the circle  
of the earth look at that isn't that  
something that it is God who sits upon  
the circle of the earth so the earth is  
a sphere and here we have Isaiah writing  
this thousands of years ago and when we  
look again at this this religion that's  
sweeping this eight quote-unquote  
Abrahamic religion that is sweeping the  
world that the profit of that religion  
thought the earth was flat and said that  
you know  
lately they believe that Alexander the  
Great was a prophet of Islam and that he  
went to the end of the earth and he  
found that the Sun at the end of the  
earth the Sun sets in a muddy pool of  
water because his concept was the earth  
was flat and here that was in six  
hundred and midst in the seven mid  
seventh century here  
fourteen hundred years earlier fifteen  
hundred years earlier  
Isaiah saying the earth is a sphere in  
fact even Joel understood that the earth

was a sphere so the God of the Bible is  
the Word of God and and we're not it  
doesn't make things up this is  
communication men inspired by the Holy  
Spirit to write the Word of God  
he sits upon the circle of the earth and  
the inhabitants of the earth are like  
grasshoppers to God he stretches out the  
heavens like a curtain and spreads them  
out as a tent to dwell in this is all  
just God just he's the creator he does  
what he likes with it that brings the  
princes to nothing he makes the judges  
of the earth as vanity so these princes  
these judges are so powerful God is  
allowing them to do what they do for the  
time being but when he's ready he brings  
them down now this this bringing the  
princes to nothing this is what we see  
in the book of Revelation and again  
Isaiah informs Revelation as ayah  
informs the new testament that you may  
eat the flesh of kings in the flesh of  
captains these are the mighty people  
being brought down in the flesh of  
mighty men and the flesh of horses and  
of them that sit on them and the flesh  
of all men both free and bond small and  
great verse 19 of 19 and I saw the beast  
and the kings of the earth and their  
armies gathered together to make war  
against him that sat on the horse and  
against his army are you kidding me and  
the Beast was taken and with him the  
false prophet that wrought miracles  
before him these powerful people that it  
just looked like nothing could stop them  
who can make war with the Beast with  
which he deceived them that had  
the mark of the beast and that's the  
work of the devil constant deception and  
so there's a false prophet that's going  
to deceive people to accept the the mark  
of the beast and them that worship disma



kovitch these both were cast alive into  
the lake of fire burning with brimstone  
so this powerful person that's going to  
be in the end and Isaiah speaks in  
detail about him he's just allowed for a  
season to do what he has to do he's visa  
he's on a string he's on the leash and  
when God is ready  
God Yanks the leash and throws him into  
the lake of fire there's no contest here  
you know that the wicked may think that  
they're having a contest against the God  
of Israel but there's Gaea saying  
there's no contest  
God is just allowing things to happen so  
that his word can be fulfilled because  
his word stands forever and then once  
his word is fulfilled that's it  
then he'll deal with these nations back  
twice I have 40 verse 24 yes they shall  
not be planted yes they shall not be  
sown yes their stalks shall not take  
root in the earth so they can have all  
the plans and the agenda and they think  
they're wonderful guys I sing no it's  
not gonna happen and he shall also blow  
upon them and they shall wither and the  
whirlwind shall take them away as  
stubble and and this put me in mind of  
Malachi we're in Malachi 1 the way the  
book of Malachi opens this is the burden  
of the word of the Lord to Israel by  
Malachi I have loved you says the Lord  
yet you say Israel says how have you  
loved us or wherein have you loved us  
and then the answer is wasn't Esau  
Jacob's brother so God is saying I love  
Jacob and they're saying well how have  
you loved us we don't get it and the  
answer is well wasn't Esau Jacob's  
brother says the Lord yet I loved Jacob  
and what that means is God has covenant  
love for Jacob Esau despised his  
birthright and God has covenant hatred

for that and so Esau is rejected because  
he rejected the birthright he rejected  
this this covenant that he had as a  
right as the firstborn  
Jacob sought after it Jacob wanted it  
and so God entered into the covenant  
with Jacob  
God is in covenant love with Jacob  
that's why he's the God of Jacob forever  
so when we will how have you loved us  
because I'm in covenant love with you  
yes you have to be punished but I'm in  
covenant love with you verse 3 and I  
hated Esau it means that I have no  
covenant with Esau so we know that Esau  
married into Ishmael and so the people  
of Esau are now with the people of  
Ishmael and they make up the Muslim  
peoples and so God says I hated Esau and  
laid his mountains and his heritage  
waste for the dragons of the wilderness  
and this is so says God this is the  
prophecy all these nations that surround  
Judah that are going to try to destroy  
Judah God says he's going to lay their  
heritage waste for the dragons of the  
wilderness whereas Edom that's Esau says  
we are impoverished so they're going to  
be destroyed but we will return and  
build the desolate places so they have  
this vision and we're going to rebuild  
thus says the Lord of Hosts they shall  
build they'll try but I will throw down  
God is against Esau they're going to  
build but I will throw down the only  
hope for Esau is to repent and be  
grafted into Israel this is the hope for  
the whole world  
if you're trying to be the people of God  
without Israel it won't happen because  
God is the God of Israel they shall  
build but I will throw down I will  
destroy and they shall call them the  
border of wickedness Jerusalem shall be

known as the city of salvation the walls of salvation but Edom or Esau will be known as the border of wickedness and the people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever harsh words I'm just quoting the Word of God so God is going to be known as the God of Jacob forever and Esau is going to be known as the people against whom the Lord has indignation forever so if I were of the tribe of Esau I think a wise move would be to repent and be grafted into Israel because eternity is in Israel God is going to be the God of Israel forever and your eyes shall see and you shall say the Lord will be magnified from the border of Israel the whole world is going to come to Israel and is going to acknowledge God as the God of Israel the God of Jacob so god continues here in Isaiah 42 whom then will you liken me or shall I be equal says the Holy One and if we can go to Deuteronomy here Deuteronomy 3 verse 24 Oh Lord God you have begun to show your servant your greatness this is what Moses Moses is becoming to understand the greatness of God you've begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand for what God is there in heaven or in earth that can do according to your works and according to your might we have to understand God's strange work when we understand that strange work we can declare it in the earth perfectly and then the earth should be able to say wow what God is like the God of Israel he does exactly what he says but if we just allegorize everything then all of these prophecies become neutralized we need to hold prophecy up as the proof of God and be able to point to what's happening in the news today all around the world and go back to Isaiah go back to Deuteronomy

go back to Jeremiah go back to Ezekiel  
go back to Ibaka and show the world this  
is God's strange work this is his  
unbelievable work this is what he's  
doing and specifically we need to show  
Judah their God and we need to lead  
Judah to repentance and we need to lead  
the the Gentiles to repentance those  
that are willing and and and it does  
seem from revelation 7 and there's a  
whole multitude of Gentiles that come to  
repentance the Gospel message is  
effective in that sense so here so it's  
going to be effective in leading Judah  
to repentance but there's also going to  
be all

great many Gentiles that are going to  
come to repentance as well but there's  
going to be many that are unrepentant  
and God is going to come and fight  
against them Isaiah 40 verse 26 lift up  
your eyes on high and behold who has  
created these things that brings out  
their host by number so think of all the  
stars think of the galaxy it believe  
it's fourteen point nine billion light  
years this is this is a massive universe  
this is the God of the universe he  
caused them all by names by the  
greatness of his might so every single  
star God has named for that he is strong  
in power not one fails

why do you say Oh Jacob and speak o  
Israel my way is hid from the Lord and  
my judgment is passed over from my god  
so Israel is becoming hopeless they're  
just thinking it's all lost it's not so  
this is again in the New Testament what  
Paul is alluding to it's the book of  
Isaiah he says in Romans 11 verse 1 I  
say then has God cast away his people  
god forbid it god forbid that he would  
turn his own people into Apes and swine  
god forbid god forbid that he would cast

them away and replace them with somebody else  
god forbid has God cast away his people  
god forbid because then he would be a liar so if we engage in replacement theology we are calling God a liar let God be true and every other man a liar so we're just gonna read the Word of God and we're gonna say the Word of God is forever so God forbid that he would cast away his people for then the mighty God would would not be able to fulfill his work and he would be a liar God forbid for I also AM an Israelite of the seed of Abraham of the tribe of Benjamin so he's not cast away his people so I'm an Israelite God has not cast away his people which he foreknew this whole plan God said I'm going to do this in Israel I'm going to do this through Israel don't you know what the scripture says of Elijah how he makes intercession to God against Israel saying so this Elijah's speaking against Israel there are their sinful people rebellious people and God says he makes inches GOG to me he makes intercession to God against Israel haven't you known sorry go back to Isaiah 40 then so this is just showing in Romans 11 that God has not cast away his people he still has people that are faithful to him and God is gonna work through his people back to Isaiah 40 have you not known and have and and have you not heard that the everlasting God the Lord the creator of the ends of the earth faints not neither is he wearing there is no searching of his understanding so it may appear like God has cast away his people and to God's people they may be giving up all hope when they see these mighty nations surrounding Judah ready

to destroy Judah and the message to them is don't you know how powerful God is look to God because he is coming to save you and Zechariah 12 shows us that they're going to all these people who pierced God they're gonna look upon him whom they've pierced and we also see that in Revelation wanted leave it's verse 7 he gives power to the faint so we see that again in Zechariah 12 that when Judah is faint God is going to give power he gives power to the faint and to them that have no might he increases strength so again this is an example of a verse that people will just generis eyes oh god gives power to the faint and to them that have no mighty increases strength and it's a nice thing to say but when we read it in context it is concerning Judah and Jerusalem and Judah and Jerusalem are going to be destroyed and they're going to be faint and then God is going to give power to them that have no might and that's what we see in Zechariah here in Zechariah 12 and verse 6 in that day when God is going to return will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood so the nations are going to be like wood and Judah is gonna be like this fire that's just burning up the wood and like a torch of fire in a sheaf and they shall devour all the people round about so Jerusalem's gonna be surrounded they're gonna be slaughtered and then all of a sudden everything's gonna change God is gonna give power to them that have no mind and they shall devour all the people round about and on the right hand and on the left and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again all of this slaughter that's gonna take place in Jerusalem and the abomination of desolation that's

gonna be set up in Jerusalem and the strength of the Gentile in Jerusalem it's gonna be stopped it's gonna be they're gonna be pushed out and then Jerusalem will be inhabited again in her own place even in Jerusalem I know it sounds unbelievable but this is the god of the universe he's going to act on behalf of Jerusalem the Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first this is the Word of God and Isaiah says the Word of God is forever so they're going to attack Jerusalem they're going to attack Judah God is going to return and his priority his priority is to save the tents of Judah first that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem he gives might to them who have no might he God has not fainted he's just allowing his word to be fulfilled and then he's going to act and fulfill this part of his word in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem so somehow when Christ returns Jerusalem is the target the devil is trying to be like the Most High and so he's got to set up his abomination of desolation in Jerusalem because he knows the plan of God and so in that day when Christ returns he's going to defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem and he that is feeble among them at that day God gives power to them that have no might the he that is feeble this is speaking again of Jerusalem Judea Isaiah's vision concerns Judah and Jerusalem not the whole world Isaiah's saying you know this is what I saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem Zechariah is now giving us some detail

as to what is going to happen with Judah and Jerusalem in that day shall the when the Lord returns he's going to defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David so the weakest person that the Gentiles thought okay we can destroy these people supernaturally through the power of God's Spirit these people who were weak are going to have a power that they're gonna be like fire with wood and and he that's feeble is gonna be like David and the house of David will be like God as the angel of the Lord before them this is gonna be quite a reversal back to Isaiah 40 even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fail so you think of a young person and we have you see these young athletic guys and they're just they're fit and they can run forever but not really eventually they get weary and and they actually fail but they that wait upon the Lord no matter how feeble the people of God are if they wait upon the Lord and this is the gospel message we're telling Judah wait upon the Lord don't don't worry about don't be dismayed by the power of the nations you wait upon the Lord but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength and this again is another example of a verse that's just taken out of context and applied generically no but we have a message comfort God speak comfort my people and tell my people that they that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength they shall mount up with wings as Eagles they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint so be with God you cannot lose you can even if you die the just shall live by faith we cannot lose when you repent and turn



to God

Zechariah 10 he says verse 12 and I will strengthen them in the Lord and they shall walk up and down in his name says the Lord so this is this is all about and so here in Luke 18 he says and he spoke a parable unto them to this men ought always to pray and not to faint and this is the message that we have to Judah you turn to Christ and you pray and don't feel your hated and despised and you're surrounded by armies keep praying and don't think in Isaiah eighty says I will wait upon the Lord that hides his face from the house of Jacob and I will look for him so this is God's work is his strange work he's hiding his face from Jacob and yet he's going to come and redeem Jacob Isaiah understood this and said so you know what I'm gonna wait upon the Lord and this is the message that we have hopefully it's becoming clear the anti-semitism that building around the world and the upper hand that Islam is getting around the world and the focus that's on Jerusalem and and the people of Judah are now called occupiers they got to get the occupiers out we have to have a message to comfort these people to preach Glyph good tidings unto them and to tell them to wait upon the Lord even though he's hiding his face from the house of Jacob and look for him and here in Hebrews Paul writes therefore seeing we all are surrounded about with so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us so as we're running this race we've got to comfort Judah and Tel Judah you know what repent and just face whatever it is you have to face understand how great

the God of Israel is understand how  
great your God is behold your God and  
here's the word of your God and you  
don't understand Isaiah and you don't  
understand Jeremiah and you don't  
understand Ezekiel and you don't  
understand the minor quote-unquote minor  
prophets and you don't understand  
Deuteronomy and we're embarrassing you  
because as Gentiles with the Holy Spirit  
we understand your God we have the mind  
of we we understand the mind of God we  
have the mind of God and we are now  
telling you behold your God to provoke  
you to repentance  
to provoke you to to turn to God and so  
yes you have to face this but look at  
the ultimate outcome look look at the  
glory that will be in Judah look at the  
glory that will be in Jerusalem and so  
just repent and face what's before you  
and I'll just so that's Isaiah 40 we're  
gonna chap the study chapter 41 next  
week but let me just end with a couple  
of verses from chapter 41 just again to  
make sure we understand we have the mind  
of God let us understand the mind of God  
here in Isaiah 41 verse 8 just pick up a  
couple of verses to end Isaiah writes  
but you Israel are my servant so Israel  
you're my servant I've chosen you to be  
my servant he says but you Israel are my  
servant Jacob whom I have chosen God has  
done this God has chosen Jacob we need  
to be very very careful about  
replacement theology be very very  
careful because we're going up against  
God God is saying I've chosen Jacob for  
I'm gonna be the God of Jacob forever  
anybody who deals with me must be  
grafted into Jacob but you Israel are my  
servant so so it's through Israel that  
God is going to save the world Israel is  
God's servant Israel is that's why the

kingdom has to be restored to Israel  
Israel is going to be this kingdom of  
priests that is going to operate on the  
earth and facilitate a relationship of  
human beings with God this is the plan  
of God the mind of God the firstfruits  
who are grafted in we're going to be  
born into the God family we're going to  
be overseeing the operations on the  
earth and there is going to be a head  
nation on the earth and people are going  
to look to that nation but you Israel  
are my servant Jacob whom I have chosen  
the seed of Abraham my friends look  
Isaiah shows that it goes back to  
Abraham I've chosen you you've defiled  
my covenant you deserve to be punished  
but I made a promise to Abraham my  
and so because of that unconditional  
promise to Abraham the elect the fact  
that I've chosen you I've elected you  
I'm not gonna go back on my word I'm  
going to fulfill my promise because  
you've failed with the Old Covenant it's  
now old I'm gonna make you succeed with  
the New Covenant but at the same time  
even though you're gonna be the head  
nation I can think to make sure that I  
carry out my word you're gonna be  
blinded I'm gonna graft in Gentiles the  
Gentiles are now gonna comfort you and  
preach the gospel to you and leave you  
to repentance  
and you will be what I said you would be  
that you will be my servant on the earth  
you will be the head nation and then  
ultimately you will help all of mankind  
to be in the fall harvest and be born  
into the family of God the seed of  
Abraham my friend you whom I have taken  
from the ends of the earth so - they're  
gonna be scattered all over the earth  
and God is going to collect them from  
the four corners of the earth you whom

I've taken from the ends of the earth  
and called you from the chief men  
thereof and said unto you you are my  
servant I have chosen you and not cast  
you away so this is very good don't be  
careful of replacement theology you're  
going up against God God has chosen  
these people he's going to punish them  
severely but he has not cast them away  
that's why I got up Paul says god forbid  
they have to be punished but God has not  
cast them away and so comfort my people  
and preach the gospel to my people so  
that they can turn to me and we'll just  
end here with the final verses fear you  
not for I am with you so this is the  
message - to Judah don't be afraid  
repent  
don't be afraid behold your God he's  
with you be not dismayed for I am your  
God I will strengthen you yes I will  
help you so all the nations are gonna  
hate you  
but God is gonna help you yes I will  
uphold you with the right hand of my  
righteousness  
behold all of them that were incensed  
against you so all nations of  
I hate Judah they're gonna surround  
Jerusalem say you have no right to be  
there this is Jerusalem is ours we have  
the right to Jerusalem we're gonna bring  
in our religion we're gonna set up the  
abomination of desolation we're gonna  
wipe every ball we're gonna destroy  
every Jew if we can and God says you  
know what all of those that were  
incensed against you they shall be  
ashamed and confuse they're not gonna  
know what hit them so our message to  
them is you better repent don't go up  
against God when you go up against his  
people you're going up against God don't  
do that all them that were incensed

against you shall be ashamed and  
confused  
they shall be as nothing as all this  
wealth that they have and just establish  
themselves and who can make war with  
them they're gonna be as nothing and  
they that strive with you Shall Perish  
this is why we have to preach this  
gospel because we understand Isaiah  
Isaiah helps us understand the strange  
work of God the mind of God and we can  
look at the world and see how it's being  
configured or reconfigured and we  
understand what's happening and our  
message to Judah is behold your God  
don't be afraid  
turn to God and our message to the  
Gentiles is don't do this here you're  
making a big mistake we're gonna preach  
this gospel to you as a witness and you  
then have to face the God of Israel and  
you can't say nobody told you and you  
didn't know so that's Isaiah 40 with a  
little bit of Isaiah 41 we'll go into a  
bit more detail with Isaiah 41 next week  
but I'll tell you there is so much  
richness in Isaiah if we'll just read it  
line by line  
and just just what is what is he saying  
to us and let's understand that and  
let's not just go in and take a verse  
and be very careless with it let's read  
it in context and understand what this  
great prophet the head of the prophets  
of the chief of the prophets who was  
quoted so much by Christ and by the the  
Apostles let's understand what he's  
teaching so that that opens up second  
Isaiah chapter 40 God willing we'll  
continue with chapter 41 next week I'll  
head over to the chat we can talk a  
little bit  
I've gotta get to get going here as well  
so god bless good night this is the

gospel the good news according to Isaiah  
and it shows that the word of Jesus  
Christ is forever what a mighty God we  
serve amen