## 23-Isaiah-04-Transcript

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well brethren welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study indeed Judah's god reigns we are studying Isaiah and we're up to Isaiah chapter 42 today let's open with the word of Prayer and then get into tonight's study our Heavenly Father we come before you with such joy and such appreciation and such gratitude Lord what a privilege that we can be called by your name what a privilege father that we can be reading texts that are thousands of years old particularly this text by the prophet Isaiah which is some three thousand years old where we see father that you are a god that can declare the end from the beginning and from ancient times that which is not yet done saying your plans shall stand and we thank you Father that we can stand in your plans we praise you we thank you we ask for your blessing and for more understanding as we study your Holy Word Thank You Lord God we pray in Jesus most holy name so as I mentioned we are up to chapter 42 now of Isaiah and just as we get started let me remind you to share it's good to share so if you're enjoying these studies and you can think of a brother or a sister or a friend or a colleague or a family member that you think they would benefit from the study as well please share so that we can be we can share in this work together of getting the Gospel message out well we are up to Isaiah chapter 42 and what I want to do is actually begin as I like to do just with a little bit of context but particularly with chapter 42 where what we see here with this text is that

he's going to introduce the servant of the Lord now it's important that we're clear here because last week in chapter 41 verse 8 he says but you Israel are my servant and a lot of the Jews want to believe that these are the suffering servant that Isaiah prophesies about they want to believe that they are collectively as a nation the suffering the suffering servant and that's just untrue that so opposite to the truth but Israel is the servant of God and Isaiah makes that

so opposite to the truth but Israel is the servant of God and Isaiah makes that clear and so as we go through the Book of Isaiah we need to be very sensitive to when is he speaking of the nation or the nations of the tribes of Israel as God's servant because they were elected and pressed into this professional service as the kingdom of priests they are the priests of God or they were meant to be the priests of God so God above all mankind God has selected them to be his servant at the same time they were a dismal failure they were an abysmal wreck they were just ruined and so because of that God Himself said okay I will be the perfect Israelite I will come to earth as a Jew and I will live perfectly by the law and fulfill the terms and conditions of the law so that I can redeem my people and put them back in the role that I originally intended for them to be the priests of the earth so as I was gonna toggle between Israel as servant and Jesus Christ is servant and it's gonna be very obvious to us once we understand that distinction it's gonna be very obvious to us when he's talking about Israel or Judah as his servant and when he's talking about Christ so here in Isaiah 41 verse 8 he says but you Israel are my servant Jacob whom I have chosen so we need to be very

very clear about that that false doctrines notwithstanding God has chosen this tribe called Israel and the sons of Israel but you Israel are my servant Jacob whom I have chosen the seed of Abraham my friend so all of this goes back to Abraham and God made a covenant with Abraham and because of that covenant with Abraham which cascaded down to Isaac and then down to Israel God is committed to Israel for his friends sake for the sake of his friend Abraham with whom he made an unconditional covenant so even though Israel broke the conditions of the Covenant he's then going to implement a new covenant with them which they cannot break so that he can fulfill the unconditional covenant that he made with his friend Abraham and then in verse 9 he says you whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called you from the chief men thereof and said unto you you are my servants so these people are taken into captivity and they will be taken into captivity and God is going to redeem them from that captivity and put them back in the role that he intended that he covenant it with Abraham for so he's called these men and these chief men are not able to withstand God like as Pharaoh was not able to withstand God through Moses and so he's called them from the ends of the earth and called them from the chief men thereof and said unto you you are my servant I have chosen you and I have not cast you away so again false doctrine notwithstanding don't be deceived don't don't allow anybody to fool you God has chosen these people and he has the power to fulfill his word he's not gonna go back on his word so fear you

not for I am with you do not be dismayed for I am your God I will strengthen you yes I will help you I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness so says the God of the Bible who nobody can withstand him he does his will and and he says in Matthew 24 regarding his coming don't be deceived you're going to think when you read it from Matthew 23 you're going to think I have forsaken Jerusalem but if you understand Isaiah vou'll understand that I have not forsaken Jerusalem and don't and and the narrative is going to be that God has forsaken Jerusalem don't be deceived and don't be dismayed and somebody has to encourage Judah to say your God reigns for I am your God I will strengthen you yes I will help you yes I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness in other words God is going to put everything right and no one can withstand him so with that is context though that that with that is context that Israel is the servant of God let's now come into Isaiah chapter 42 and beginning in verse 1 he begins here behold my servant now it's going to be a bun

clear to us this is not a rebellious servant this is not a servant who fails that God has to put right this is a righteous servant from from the get-go behold my servant whom I uphold my elect in whom my soul delights God actually abhors Israel and he says I'm gonna I'm gonna save you but not for your sake I'm gonna save you because of my name because my name is on you and for my name's sake I'll save you but this servant God soul delights in him I have put my spirit upon him he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles

so he's going to judge righteous judgment to the Gentiles that means destruction upon the heads of lots of Gentiles but it also means repentance and reconciliation and grafting in for many Gentiles as well says here he shall not cry nor lift up his voice so he's not gonna cry nor lift up his voice and it's important for us to remember here that the whole context that were in in Matthew in Isaiah beginning in verse 40 is the New Testament portion of Isaiah and it kicks off in in chapter 40 verse 1 with this call to comfort his people that these people who have had the worst of judgments pronounced against them in chapters 1 to 39 now it takes a turn and beginning in chapter 40 he's telling us to comfort his people that that the time of the warfare of Jerusalem is over and now he's showing us how this is going to be accomplished that this servant he shall not cry nor cause his voice to be heard in the street a bruised Reed he shall not break so even though the the readers is bruised and and wounded he's not even gonna even though it's fragile he's gonna be so gentle that he's not going to break it and the smoking flax shall he not quench so we just take a little bit of effort to put this smoke our to put this fire out of this flame out but even that he will not do he shall bring forth judgment unto truth he shall not fail nor be discouraged until he has set judgment in the earth so this is this humble servant that's going to come into the earth and this is what the Jews did not understand they were looking for their Messiah but they completely missed the servant songs in Isaiah they were looking for the Messiah but they missed the the prophecies regarding the humble

servant the suffering servant and that's why when John was in prison and he was about to be beheaded he is about to be destroyed and he sends messages his disciples to Christ to say are you the one are you the come are you the Messiah are you the coming one or should we look for another because he realizes that if you don't do something I'm gonna be killed and then Christ sends his missing his disciples back to say tell John what you've seen and based on what they would then reveal to John John could say oh and go back to the prophecies in Isaiah and understand this is the suffering servant and that there's a two-part process to the Messiah he has to come and put things right just in order to redeem a corrupt people and then he comes to destroy the his people's enemies he shall not fail nor be discouraged until he has set judgment in the earth and the Isles are the coastlands the faraway lands shall wait for his law and so here we know now that this is speaking of Christ's categorically we can say this because when we read the writing of Matthew in the Gospel according to Matthew he writes that Christ charged them that they should not make him known so he just finished this miraculous healing and then he commands don't but make sure that they don't tell people who I am he charged them that they should not make him home known why that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet and what did Isaiah the prophet prophesy saying Matthew we were just here Isaiah 42 behold my servant whom I have chosen so Christ is fulfilling this scripture behold my servant whom I have chosen my beloved in whom my

soul is well pleased I will put my spirit upon him and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles he shall not strive nor cry neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets a bruised Reed shall he not break a smoking flock shall he not quench till he sent forth judgment unto victory and in his name shall the Gentiles trust so right here in Isaiah is this global vision of Christ's ministry even though when Christ came to earth he only came to Israel and yet the prophecy is clear that his ministry if the effect of his ministry is global it's gonna benefit the Gentiles as well but we have to understand how and here again his confirmation by the Apostle Paul in Romans 15 when he says and again Isaiah says Isaiah is so quoted in the New Testament that we cannot neglect this book if we master Isaiah we're going to have a better grasp of the Bible so here he says in Romans 15 12 and again Isaiah says there shall be a root of Jesse and he shall rise to reign over the Gentiles he's gonna put the Gentiles in their place as powerful as they are he's going to rise and reign over them in him shall the Gentiles trust so this is very clear that this prophecy in Isaiah 42 is pointing to Jesus Christ continuing in Isaiah 42 verse 5 thus says God the Lord so this is God God is speaking when the true God speaks we need to pay attention because nobody can frustrate his word this is not a God who speaks and then he has to change his mind because he's trying to figure things out as he goes this is not a God of abrogation this is a God of declaration he declares and that's it well once the word leaves his mouth that's it it's gone it's gonna do what

he says he's not he's not he's the true God you know a false God has to speak and say I was wrong about that let me change my mind thus says the Lord says thus says God so the power of God's Word thus says God the Lord he that created the heavens and stretched them out and we only have to read in Genesis 1 down to say verse 11 where we'll see that the way that God speaks and stretches forth the the heavens and brings forth from the earth is through his word he creates by speaking and so that God who created the whole universe by speaking thus says that God thus says the Lord thus says God the Lord he just to be clear the God that created the heavens and stretched them out he that spread forth the earth and that which comes out of it he that gives breath unto the people upon it and spirit to them that walk therein so again we should just read Genesis 1 that whole passage to understand which God is speaking now I the LORD have called you in righteousness so again the power of his spoken word he's the one that's called the Messiah in righteousness and I will hold your hand and will keep you and give you for a covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles so again we're seeing this two-part Ministry of the Messiah first he's going to be a covenant of the people so this is the the Israel these are his people God doesn't have a covenant with there's no covenant with Gentiles Gentiles have no relationship with the God of the universe his relationship with man is through Israel so the Gentiles have to be grafted into Israel in order to have a relationship with the true God but Israel is a mess Israel is defiled Israel is corrupted and so he's coming

as a covenant of the people to get them right and then once they are right he'll be a light to the Gentiles through his people Israel and we'll see this now in Luke 1 in the beginning in verse 69 he says that God has raised up a horn of salvation so so Isaiah spoke about salvation here Luke as a Gentile grafted into Israel so now an Israelite he's writing that the horn of salvation has been raised up for us us being Israel in the house of his servant David so this salvation comes through the tribe of Judah but it's for Israel as he is spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began so all of the prophets have spoken consistently about the role of Israel covent the Covenant people in God's plan of salvation and there's no contradiction so any true prophet of God is going to be in line with this grand meta-narrative in the Bible and so this is from from the beginning Christ is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world so all the prophets nothing new it they're not trying to figure this out as they go they're all speaking consistently that we that is Israel should be saved from our enemies Israel has always had enemies and God uses these enemies to punish Israel but the prophets show repeatedly that God will act to save Israel from her enemies that we should be safe for my enemies and from the hand of all that hate us there is a perpetual hatred demon inspired satanic lis inspired hatred that the Gentile nations have for God's covenant people and God is going to act to save them from this perpetual hatred to perform the mercy promised to our

fathers and to remember his holy Covenant so so the covenant is with Israel there's no covenant with Gentiles and what he's doing as he sends the Messiah is to remember this holy Covenant that he has with Abraham that he has with Israel that Israel broke that he's now going to make a new covenant with who with Israel and with Judah to fulfill the Covenant that he made with Abraham to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy Covenant and so here now we see Christ fulfilling this in Matthew 26 he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to his disciples and said drink all of it drink you all of it why for this is the blood of the New Covenant this word the ethic a should be better translated covenant for this is my blood of the New Covenant so he's coming to establish to remember the Covenant twisted and that covenant they broke so he's now establishing the New Covenant remembering his promise to his friend Abraham for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins so this this blood of the new covenant has has global effect but there's a process and Israel has to be established first in order for the world to have a priesthood that is going to lead them into this covenant relationship with God and so this new covenant is very clear we have to be very clear there's no such thing as a covenant with Gentiles there's no sorry sorry so Gentiles get over it the only covenant is with Israel and so here very clearly behold the day's come says the Lord that I will make a new covenant and so that's what Christ is establishing the new covenant with who with all the Gentiles let's

read the text I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah so the Old Covenant was with Israel and Judah they broke that covenant you should we go refer you to the study we did on Hebrews chapter 8 they broke that covenant so that covenant is flawed and now he establishes a new covenant because because Israel was such a disaster because Judah was such a disaster does God turn to the Gentiles and say I'm going to now establish a new covenant with the Gentiles god forbid god forbid he now establishes a new covenant with Israel and with Judah continuing in Isaiah 42 so the Gentiles have to be grafted in to this covenant back to Isaiah 42 verse 6 i the lord have called you in righteousness and I will hold your hand and will keep you and give you for a covenant of the people so the people are Israel and Judah and he comes to establish a new covenant with Israel and Judah but also he's to be a light of the Gentiles and to openly the blind eyes to bring out the prisoners from prison and then that sit in darkness out of the prison house so the Gentiles are imprisoned there there they they're held captive by the devil and he's coming to release the Gentiles from that darkness and bring them into light how does he do that

let's go to acts acts 26 verse 15 and I said who are you lord this is when Saul was struck down after violently and viciously persecuting the Christians the people of God and then God struck him down and now he's talking to the Lord who are you Lord and he said I am Jesus whom you persecute but rise and stand upon your feet for I have appeared unto you for this purpose and to make you a

minister and a witness both of these things which you have seen and of those things into which I will appear unto you so the things that he has seen firsthand and then Christ is going to instruct him directly with other things delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles so he's gonna deliver you deliver him from the Gentiles unto whom now I send you so Paul now is the apostle to the Gentiles Christ is in heaven is he's the head of the church his body is on earth so it's the same that's what when I refer you to the study we did on the book of Acts that showed that Luke shows the work of Christ while he was on earth and Acts show the works of Christ when he finished his ministry on earth went to heaven gave the church his Holy Spirit and the church now becomes his body doing the parallel acts that Christ did while he was on earth with a broader scope of ministry so he's sending Paul to the Gentiles Paul as part of the body of Christ unto whom I now send you why to East quote Isaiah to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me so this is just the wonderful God that he has a plan he this is the mystery of Israel it's the mystery of God and so he's going to use the Gentiles to punish his people but then he's going to raise up his people punish the Gentiles and in punishing the Gentiles caused the Gentiles to repent of many of them to repent and then turn and be grafted in to covenant of Israel it's a very

mysterious way that God is working but

here Christ was very clear that he is fulfilling and he's going to fulfill through Paul and through the church the prophecy in Isaiah chapter 42 and so here we see in Ephesians again just to be to really underline the fact that these Gentiles there's no there's no relationship that God has with Gentiles like Luke like many of us he they have to repent and come into the body of Christ as a wild olive tree grafted in so here in Ephesians 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel so you had nothing to do with the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise so there's no there's no covenant with Gentiles they're strangers of the covenants of province having no hope and without God in the world but now in Christ Jesus you Gentiles who sometimes were far off are made near by the blood of Christ so this blood of Christ is what enables Gentiles to be grafted in to the Commonwealth of Israel back to his eye of 42 verse 8 I am the Lord that is my name I am Yahweh so his name is Yahweh that's his name and then he says and my glory I will not give to another so the glory of God he says I'm not going to give it to another neither my praise to graven images so there is this is very clearly showing us there is a conflict there is a conflict in the earth about who the true God is and God is declaring through Isaiah to his people I am God I am Yahweh that's my name and my glory I'm not gonna give to another so what does that mean his name is on Israel Israel the prince who prevailed with God so these people have his name and he is going to be glorified in there

so Yahweh Isaiah reveals to us is the Holy One of Israel he's placed his name on this people and his glory he will not give to another neither his praise to graven images so the conflict now that we're facing are people who want to take graven images and say that the God of the universe is the god of these graven images and and they are in conflict with Israel the peep the tribes of Israel and God is saying ah I'm not having this I have chosen these people I've selected these people I've not forsaken them and I will be glorified in them Yahweh is the Holy One of Israel look at this in as I of 43 says sing oh you heavens for the Lord has done it this is a time for universal rejoicing all the angels in heaven and the beast in heaven are going to be rejoicing because God has done it shout you lower parts of the earth break forth into singing you mountains this is it finally history comes to its conclusion and it's a time of great rejoicing break forth into singing you mountains Oh forests and every tree therein why for the Lord has redeemed Jacob and glorified himself in Israel he will not give his glory to another so this conflict in the end time were people estranged people a Gentile people a people who worship graven images are trying to take the glory of the God of the universe and say it's on us God is saying no no no no no this is confusion I have chosen Israel and I will at the Yahweh the God of the universe I will be glorified in Israel and the whole world will know and now at the end of history the heavens the earth the trees the forests the mountains everything is rejoicing because now it's so clear the glory of Yahweh is in Israel here in chapter 49 verse 3 says

and 7 to me you are my servant o Israel in whom I will be glorified so God is studies determined despite Israel's corruption despite Israel's failure because he's spoken his word has gone forth from him and he has chosen these people and he's gonna show his faithfulness he's gonna show his power he's gonna show his ability to predict and and bring to pass in Israel so he says you are my servant so there's a colleague who's who's the servant of God there seems to be a controversy some people are saying they're the servant of God and God is saying let me make this clear you are my servant o Israel in whom I will be glorified here in Isaiah 55 and we'll get to these chapters later but I just want to bring them out so that we tie it in to Isaiah 42 behold you shall call a nation that you don't know so Israel's gonna have the upper hand and these Gentile nations are going to respond in obedience to Israel and nations that knew not you shall run unto you so on the pond the planet Earth these people of Israel are going to be established as the head nation and these Gentile nations are going to come to these physical people of Israel they will run unto you these people who have to be punished severely driven to repentance and then established as the head nation and now the other nations are going to come to them nations that didn't know you shall run unto you why because of the Lord your God it's going to be clear that God is in Jerusalem God sits in Zion we need to go there to hear the law of God nations that didn't know you shall run unto you because of the Lord your God and for the Holy One of Israel over and over Isaiah wants us

to understand he saw he interacted with Yahweh and Yahweh is the Holy One of Israel no one else he's glorified in Israel for he has glorified Israel the glory of Israel is the glory of Yahweh and when the whole earth understands that God is praised finally here in Isaiah 60 surely the Isles are the faraway lands the coastlands shall wait for me and the ships of tarshish first to bring your sons from far so they have taken God's they have taken Israel captive Israel is now enslaved in various nations and they're giving up their they're giving up the captives there there's really whole worldwide global repentance and they're bringing God's sons from far they're bringing their silver and their gold with them unto the name of the Lord your God God is in Zion God is in Jerusalem let's let's go there we're going to bring all this these offerings of stood their wealth they're gonna bring unto the name of the Lord your God and to the Holy One of Israel this is the controversy in the end time who's God is God our message to Judah is your God reigns God is in Zion so we have to comfort because of this intense conflict and slaughter we have to comfort those in Judah to say no your God reigns and God will be glorified in Israel because he has glorified you and again we have to just remind you that the nation the nation that we call Israel today is not the Israel of the Bible these are Zionist Jews that went back to their homeland and needed to give it a name and gave it the name Israel but this is the tribe of Judah residing in the in the Holy Land and they called it Israel but Israel is the grandson of

Abraham and he had 12 sons and all the people that come from those 12 tribes this is Israel Judah is just one of the 12 tribes but we can look at the earth and have a sense of who these other tribes are even though the northern tribes they were lost but God promised to bless them and bless them abundantly and so look around and let's find which which nations have been blessed beyond measure to see that God fulfills his promises he never turns back but his people turned back on their promises he never turns back on his promises so God will be glorified in Israel Israel and Judah will be one and will be in the Holy Land back to Isaiah 42 verse 9 behold the former things have come to pass so these things that God prophesied anciently they've now come to pass and new things do I declare before they spring forth I tell you of them this is this is a the God of the universe it's it it seems like a boastful thing to say like hey I'm God I can predict the future but the personality of Yahweh is not arrogance there are gods all the pagan gods have a very arrogant personality because they're Satan inspired and Satan is arrogant Satan is insecure and so he masks his insecurities with arrogance and superiority complex whenever God declares how great he is the purpose for that declaration is to encourage Judah and to encourage Israel to say to these people look I know you're wicked I know you're corrupt I know you have no reason for hope but I'm gonna give you a reason to hope it's because I'm your God and I am so high that no one can withstand me and I'm telling you I'm going to help you this is why God declares his greatness in order to give his people

hope not because he's insecure and like if you don't praise him he's gonna burn you in Hellfire forever and whenever your skin burns off this is if we're reading the Quran this is the promise of Allah to two people if you don't praise me if you don't acknowledge how great I am I'm gonna throw you in hell I'm gonna burn off all your skin and when it all burns off I'm gonna replace it and burn off that skin and then I'm gonna and this is what I'm gonna do to you forever if you don't praise me well it sounds a little bit insecure to me God is not insecure he's declaring his greatness in order to give comfort and hope to his people despite the reality that they face to say the nation's as we saw in Isaiah 41 the nations are like a drop in the bucket so as powerful as they seem they're like grass that withers they're like a flower that fades away and and believe this is why he's explaining this and so we need to understand that this is the proof that Yahweh gives of his truth of the reality of him being God it's the fact that he can declare before things happen what will happen and then he brings it to pass so there are former things and this has to do more with the judgment on Israel that he has said here's the covenant if you disobeyed these are the things that going to happen and then he says he's going to do new things new things I declare so this is now the the the New Testament part of Isaiah that he's going to turn and he's going to comfort his people so all these other things now have come to pass chapters 1 to 39 all of that judgment these former things have come to pass but now God is declaring new

things that despite that these people should be utterly destroyed they won't be before they spring forth I tell you of them so again we need to be crystal clear on the role of Jerusalem in prophecy the city Jerusalem and the peope the physical people of Judah and the physical people of Israel we need to be crystal clear about their role in prophecy and here Isaiah is about Judah and Jerusalem we need to be very clear why because if we're not we are going to undermine the very argument that God uses to prove to the whole Gentile world and to comfort his people that he is the true God the true God of the universe is saying come and let's have it let's reason together let's let's think this through focus on Jerusalem and look at what thousands of years ago what I said would happen to Jerusalem and the people in Jerusalem before it happens I'm telling you it's going to happen and then I'm gonna declare new things on top of that so in addition to what I said is going to happen now I'm gonna tell you new things that are going to happen and you don't have to do anything except a wait and watch and I will do these things so be careful let us be careful not to undermine the very argument that God puts forth to prove that he is God to prove that in all this controversy of who's the true God let us be careful not to undermine God's own argument to say I am God he says here and we'll remember last week we read same thing let them the Gentiles bring them forth and show us what shall happen show us your prophesies in detail let them show the former things what they be so bring us your scriptures and show us that you had actually predicted in detail things that would happen that we

may consider them and know the latter end of them or declare us things for to come so we want to see your scriptures and we want is to see what you as your God says let's see what you say will happen in the future and let us just watch sit back and see if your God can do these things because the God of the Bible can and this is what he says let's let's let's go toe-to-toe here and let's say let's see who is the real God show the things that are to come here after that we may know that you are gods yes do good or do evil that we may be dismayed and behold it together so say you're gonna do something and then do it and let us watch and see back to eyes I have 42

he says sing unto the Lord a new song this is a song of victory so all the prophecies in Isaiah one to 39 these have come to pass and now God is saying to his people be comforted it's time for your victory so sing a new song is as Moses sang led the children of Israel to sing a new song when when Pharaoh Pharaoh's armies were conquered so now sing unto the new unto the Lord a new song and his praise from the end of the earth yes that go down to the sea you that go down to the sea and all that is therein again the coastlands and the inhabitants there

let the wilderness that that is the desert and the cities thereof so the cities of the desert lift up their voice interesting the villages that Kedar does inhabit so we need to know where is kadar and here we can just look at a Bible Atlas to see where is kadar and you'll see here that it is west of Judah it is east of Iraq and it's north of Saudi Arabia so what is the land that is west of Druce west of Judah east of Iraq

and north of Arabia well if we look at a map today we can see that that land is Syria and Jordan so these are the Moabites and the Syrians this is the land of Kedar these are neighbors of Israel and it should be abundantly obvious to us that these are Muslims that these are Muslim lands and here what the Bible is showing us is that these Muslims are going to lift up their voice in praising the true God so this whole conflict and controversy over who the true God is has ended that the villages that Kedar doesn't have it let the inhabitants of the rock and this is a people of Petra these are Moabites that the inhabitants of the rocks sing let them shout from the top of the mountain so there's this wholesale conversion when God finally acts and here we know that Kedar are Muslim because here if we look at Genesis 25 and verse 13 what we see here in Genesis 25 13 and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael so who are the sons of Ishmael by their names according to their generations the firstborn of Ishmael nebajoth and kadar and a advil and miss mips am so clearly we can see that kadar is one of the sons of Ishmael so carrying on here oh and so also we just want to see here that the residue of the number of archers the mighty men of the children of Kedar gar Kedar shall be diminished for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it so God just keeps underlining how powerful his word is he's spoken this and these are gonna be very mighty people as we move into this endtime he's gonna be mighty people but they're going to be diminished and I should just take a moment just to because it's been so much in the news this week is this

that's called a caravan getting into the u.s. let's call it what it is it's an invasion and that's being timed to coincide with the u.s. midterm elections but if you listen to these are just people who are looking for help you know they're just disadvantaged and we certainly need to help them because you know their governments are corrupt and so America must let them in this is just really really ridiculous this is very irresponsible reporting and these are people the Communist news network and and her sisters these are people who hate America the Communists want to destroy America and these prophecies the surrounding the Middle East and surrounding Jerusalem and Judah they cannot come to pass as long as there's a powerful America as long as America is the superpower of the world with a judo judeo-christian ethic these nations cannot have their way and so somehow as much as we're into the good news here of Isaiah from 40 to 66 all of that bad news in 1 to 39 it has to come to pass and it cannot come to pass unless America Falls and Abraham Lincoln himself said America cannot fall from the outside it's just too powerful a nation that the only way and he could see this the only way America can fall is from the inside if it's infiltrated and so we have irresponsible reporters and and politicians who hate em and who are globalists and now America has this leader who is a nationalist who has who is a patriot who has the best interest of his nation at heart god bless him but we know that this is temporary for some reason God is delaying the fall of America so eventually these globalists will be successful in bringing down America and

what the Bible shows us is communists don't matter in the end communists are irrelevant so their role is just to weaken the nations and what is very relevant in the end time is Islam and Isaiah is making it very clear that these nations that surround Judah and Jerusalem these are the nations that are that that feature large in the prophetic text so let's just continue now with the text so we were at Isaiah chapter 21 and verse 17 so we have to see America has to fall in order for these mighty men to that in order for the judeo-christian ethic to no longer police the world and for a new ethic to take over America has to fall so let's just pray that God puts these leaders in place and keeps them in place and his will be done and if we need more time to get our act together praise God

but if God is gonna accelerate prophecy praise God in the end we know how this all ends so the mighty men of Kedar will be diminished because God said so and here again in psalm 66 that all the earth will worship God so there's gonna be controversy up until God finishes history and then the whole earth will sing to God o praise him he says here let them give glory unto the Lord and declare his praise in the coastlands so again the whole earth is gonna praise God

the Lord God shall go forth as a mighty man so this all the strength of these Gentile nations God Himself is going to bring them down and so this is again we don't have to fight for God God is gonna fight his own battles and he's gonna fight for Judah

the Lord shall go forth is a mighty man he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war he shall cry yes roar he shall

prevail against his enemy so God takes this personally the and this is a warning to anybody who wants to fight against Judah if you fight against Judah you're fighting against God so God considers you his enemy if you consider his people your enemy so he's going to prevail against his enemies and this so he says he's gonna go like a man of war he's gonna yes is gonna is gonna roar and this what exactly what Amos said that the Lord will roar from Zion so he's going to help his people and he's going to roar from Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem and the in hat and the habitations of the Shepherd shall mourn and the top of Carmel shall wither so the that the center of action that the spotlight in the end time is in the Middle East specifically it's Jerusalem and that's where God is going so Jerusalem is gonna be surrounded by armies it's gonna be slaughtered and then God is going to act from Jerusalem so so there are prophecies that that are going to be fulfilled by Israel's neighbors by the land of Judah by the neighbors that they're going to be deceived and stirred up into destroying Jerusalem and just as they're about to be successful Zechariah 12 shows us that that's when finally God will act look look at this look at how Satan is working

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so that is what their God is that's the mindset that their God is just overtaking them they're their ideologically possessed with these teachings that they have to go in and completely slaughter these people and

the prophecies tell us to comfort these people and that God Himself is going to come in and he's going to roar like a lion from Jerusalem and the habitations of the Shepherds shall mourn that is all these people are going to mourn the top of carmel shall wither and this is exactly what we read in Revelation that when Christ comes he's coming with clouds and the whole earth will see him and the Jews which pierced him they're going to say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord but their enemies all the Kindred's of the earth shall wail because of him so it's a very very sad time for the earth when God comes even so amen

back to Isaiah 42 I have a long time held my peace says God uh you know I've been patient and I've allowed I've been watching the Earth's situation and I haven't intervened and people have been claiming that their God is God and God is saying I've held my peace for a long time I have been still and refrained myself now will I cry like a travailing woman so now is the time for God to give birth to his wrath now will I cry like a travail in women I will destroy and devour at once God God is furious with what these people have done to his people and he's been patient but now he's going to add

I will make waste mountains and hills and dry up all their herbs and I will make the rivers islands and I will dry up the pools and I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not so the blind are his people so they are spiritually blind but they're going to come to repentance and he's gonna bring them back despite how they have been enslaved and slaughtered and tortured and and just exiled by their enemies I will

bring the blind by a way that they knew not I will lead them in paths that they have not known I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight this is what God is going to do for his people he is going to do it and he that's why he says you know he's going to declare new things that he's going to do and this is the proof that he is God we can there's nothing anybody can do to stop this to prevent this from happening no matter how powerful the nations are no matter how much they hate his God's people no matter how much they come in and slaughter God's people God's saying I'm going to do this these things will I do unto them and not forsake them don't be deceived God you know when they say Oh God is in the Jesus has come into the desert and he's with the mati and he's praying in the dead don't don't believe it don't believe it God is the God God is the Holy One of Israel and when he comes he's coming to save Israel that is the the people of Judah in drew and specifically those in Jerusalem these things I will do unto them and I will not forsake them so again proof and we as I as already showed us this that the blind he tells us who they are and then Christ actually quoted this when he was on earth he says and he said go and tell this people here you indeed but understand not and see you indeed but perceive not make the heart of this people fat and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes lest they see with their eves and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and convert and be healed so these are the rebellious people of Judah they have to be blinded so that they can be punished but then God is saying okay I'm gonna lift the blindness and I'm gonna lead

them back to Jerusalem and they will be established as the head nation here even a zekiel says the same thing son of man you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house which have eyes to see but don't see they have ears to hear but they don't hear for they are a rebellious house this is the servant of God the servant of God is a rebellious house and they're blind and deaf so this is what Isaiah told us in Isaiah 6 it's what Ezekiel tells us and here as I is going to repeat it again in isaiah 40:8 verse 8 yes you heard not you knew not yes from that time your ear was not opened for I knew that you would deal very treacherously God knows the heart of this people he knew they would deal very treacherously and was called a transgressor from the womb so God knows what he's dealing with but that does not prevent him from carrying out his word his word that he promised his friend Abraham dr. Isaiah 42 they said they shall be turned back this is the Gentiles these are the enemies of God they shall be turned back they shall be greatly ashamed that trust in graven images so so these people who say to the molten image you are our gods so let's understand what God is saying there and again this controversy that is going to be in the earth in the end time has to do with idolatry and it has to do with who is the true God so here if we look at this got questions org the progression of idolatry let me just tell you here we go the progression of idolatry in a pagan religion generally starts with the acknowledgment of a power that controls natural forces so they see some sign of a god that controls natural forces the presence of

the force is then thought to indwell an object like a stone or a place like a mountain and so five times a day all around the world almost two billion people try to figure out where this stone in Mecca is and they bow down to it that is idolatry and and this is quote-unquote the fastest-growing religion it's the fastest-growing forced ideology in the world the next step is altering a naturally occurring object like a standing stone a deliberately planted tree or a carved Ashura pole and asking the force to indwell it so they give some sort of animation to it when the idolatrous culture has had time to contemplate the personality of the god they then make a corresponding make corresponding physical images a statue that looks like a woman or a relief carving that looks like an animal so graven images are can be either of the last two steps so this stone in Kaaba it not only is it a stone that is a graven image it's also a molten image because they put that you can see the shape around it how they shape it because this is the worship of Baal and Asherah and you'll see here five times a day Muslims prostrate towards Kaaba which houses the black stone the black stone is a battle that is it's a sacred stone it's an idolatrous stone that the pagans used to worship originating from pre-islamic Arabian polytheism so Muhammad came and he basically just took these polytheistic pagan practices and syncretized them and mix them with a bit of Judaism a bit of the Iranian religion is just the names escaping me right now a bit of Christianity and just made up this this religion it is an important part of the Hajj pilgrimage performed

primarily because it is mandatory and because Muslims believe their sins will be forgiven that pilgrims kiss the Kaaba cornerstone and if they can't kiss at they point to it so this all of this is what the pagans did but I want to just go down here the baitul to show that it's up paganism but here we'll just go fit further down and see here this black stone in the hadith here we see the hadith that the black stone came down from paradise it was originally white but because of the sins it turned black and then here it says so in terms of giving personality to this this image by Allah this is what the Prophet said a law will bring forth this black stone on the day of judgement and it will have two eyes with which it will see and a tongue with which it will speak and it will testify in favor of those who touched it in sincerity so they're gonna say oh we only worship a law we only worship well but they are actually worshipping this stone here even Omar he quoted the Prophet saying touching them both the black stone and this root-canal Yemeni is an expiation for one sins so and here even further the black stone is the right hand of Allah most high so you can see this graven image this worship of this paganism and and we need to understand it well that Allah was the god he was the chief god of the Arabians in in Mecca and here the biblical and historical evidence shows that the Moabites so that's the the Jordanians today they worshiped by all the pre-islamic and Muslim sources show that a the Meccans took over the idol who ball from the Moabites and that Allah and who Baal are actually identical so who Baal was the chief god of the Arabs and that that's why he was called Allah

the God thus whether the Meccans or Ishmaelites or not the evidence is still strong and sufficient to conclude that Muhammad's Allah is actual who will actually who ball the ball of the Moabites and thus not the God of the Bible so we need to be very very clear here that there is this controversy in the end time as to who is the true God and the Gentile forces are coming against the people of God with quite a bit of force and there's this controversy and God is saying they're going to be greatly ashamed those that hate Judah that persecute Judah he's gonna come he's gonna roar from Jerusalem and those that have been trusting in graven images and molten images you saw the molten image around the stone saying that these are their gods

he says continuing now in Isaiah 42 verse 17 here you def and look you blind that you

so so he's appealing to his people who is blind but my servant and again that that sensitivity - when is he talking about my servant the Messiah the suffering servant Christ and when is he talking about his people so the blind are his people they were elected to be his servant but they're blind who is blind what my servant or deaf as my messenger that I sent so they were hand picked and chosen to be these this this priest nation to the world who is blind that he that is perfect or he that is in covenant who is at peace who is brought into reconciliation with God and blind as the Lord's servant seeing many things but you observe not opening the ears excuse me but he hears not so this is the servant the Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake he will magnify

the law and make it honorable so God is going to correct all of this and make his law honorable but this is a people robbed and spoiled so there is going to be jihad against these people and they are going to be robbed and plundered and spoiled and there's going to be the the booty that comes from jihad taken away from them they are all of them snared in holes and they are hidden prison houses they are a prey and none delivers so this is why they have lost all hope and as I saying comfort my people for a spoil and nun says restore there's no hope who among you will give ear to this who will hearken and hear for the time to come who gave Jacob for a spoil how did this happen that these people that God has chosen and covenant it with who gave them over for a spoil and Israel the robbers so people are going to come in and Zechariah 14 tells us this that half the city will be taken who gave Jacob for a spoil in Israel - the robbers did not the Lord so it's this thing again God is the one who's allowing this to happen God is the one who allowed it to happen they it could never happen unless God allowed it to happen and the reason God allowed it to

is because of the covenant that God is a God of his word they entered into an agreement with him he says if you do this I'll do this but if you do this then I'll do this and they chose to do the wrong so now God is fulfilling everything that is in everything that happens everything that befalls Israel everything that befalls Judah as an especially women goes through chapters 1 to 39 we can relate it right back to Deuteronomy word for word God is not making up new punishments he's simply

fulfilling the terms and conditions of the Covenant didn't the Lord do this he against whom we have sinned for they would not walk in his ways neither were they obedient unto his law so we have to understand that the the way the world is going and as I said America has to fall this superpower with judeo-christian values it has to fall in order for these nations to rise up and then do their will and that nobody can resist them nobody can stop them today America could stop them like that so they're gonna do their will but if this is all orchestrated by God neither were they obedient unto his law therefore it's because of this he has poured upon Judah the fury of his anger that's what's happening these that anger that you see that hatred that ideological possession of hatred that these people have for Judah God is allowing Satan to do this so that the terms and conditions of the Covenant can be fulfilled and these people can be led to a depth of repentance when they see that everything that God said would happen that is exactly what's happened therefore he has poured upon Judah the fury of his anger and the strength of battle and it has set him on fire round about Jerusalem's gonna be surrounded by armies yet he didn't know and it burned him yet he laid it not too hard so they just they're blind they have no idea what's going on you rejected Christ and now this is what's happening and they don't understand and so somebody has to bring this understanding to them and so we'll just wrap up here as we come into we'll do this next week but I just not to end on a note here in Isaiah 43 beginning in

verse 1 he says but now thus says the

Lord so even though it's a ditch tragedy upon tragedy for these people God is saying I'm God I will decide what happens but now thus says the Lord that created you O Jacob and he that formed you O Israel fear not for I have redeemed you I have called you by your name and you are mine Israel the Holy One of Israel says you are mine and so despite this incredible hatred and this thorough savagery to destroy these people they cannot be destroyed and God will be magnified and God will be glorified in his people Israel and he'll be glorified from Jerusalem and so that's Isaiah chapter 42 well will finish here and don't wanna what a God we serve and so yes the world is gonna be a scary place and for those of us who are saying middle-aged or older and we know that the Western world that we grew up in and we took it for granted but there was there was a beauty to it and there was a you know III look at how we are and how we're civil and how we're respectful you know of course there's exceptions in there though it's been a decade upon decade especially since the 60s when the cultural Marxists got in and started to infect everything we've been in terrible decline but what a world that has been built upon judeo-christian principles and now it's all deteriorating and it's gonna be very hard for us to watch but I think as long as we understand you know we can't be like Judah who have no idea what's going on through the Holy Spirit we have to read these scriptures and understand very clearly what God is doing and be the ones who are sound minded and and fearless and able to say to the cities of Judah and specifically to Jerusalem behold your God Jesus Christ the

conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah