

23-Isaiah-09-Transcript

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well welcome to
wednesday night bible study and last
week we got part way through isaiah
chapter 45 we made it up to verse 19.
we'll finish god willing we'll finish
the chapter this evening
and then go on to chapter 46 let's open
with the word of prayer
well heavenly father we pause and we
just want to give you thanks lord we
want to give you praise
we are so grateful that you have given
us this ancient
scroll of the prophet isaiah
a mini bible we just thank you father
for our opportunity to study this scroll
line by line and we pray that you'll
bless this study as you've blessed the
previous
studies father that you would deepen our
understanding
that you would deepen our faith and our
and our love for jesus christ and for
each other
and for your plan for mankind we praise
you lord we thank you
we ask this blessing now in jesus most
holy name
amen well as i said we are up to isaiah
chapter 45
and uh this is all in the context of
isaiah chapter 44 where we're focusing
here
on god's intervention in the life of
judah uh through the anointed one
cyrus and and we want to just stay
focused on this opening
verse in chapter 44 where god says
yet now here o jacob

my servant so jacob is god's servant he
says
yet now hear o jacob my servant
he says he continues and israel
whom i have chosen so this is all about
god's chosen that jacob is the one that
he has chosen to serve him
he is is of all the nations in the world
god only knows the nation of the people
who are descended from the man called
israel
he's the one that god has chosen there's
a covenant relationship
that god has with this people
this is israel whom i have chosen he
says
thus says the lord that made you
and formed you from the womb which will
help you
this is what the god who formed you from
the womb
and he will help you this is what he has
to say to you
fear not so obviously uh this is a
fearful time
and the god of the universe his message
to his people
which his faithful ministers will
magnify and amplify
his message to his people is do not be
afraid o jacob
my servant the god of the universe has
chosen jacob and you jeshurun
whom i have chosen so let's now go back
into
just keep that in mind that god has
chosen this people
from the womb and they should not fear
despite the fearful circumstances they
live in so let's continue now in isaiah
45
and in verse 19 he says
have not i have not spoken in secret
in a dark place of the earth i said not

unto the seed of jacob seek
you me in vain so god is saying i did
not
and listen he didn't say to the seed of
jacob this is this is a dna thing
so anybody who has the dna of this man
called jacob
has been told to seek god that these are
the chosen people
and god the god of the universe is
saying i didn't say to the seed of jacob
to seek me in faith in vain he says i
the lord
speak righteousness i declare
things that are right so we might have
we might take exception to this we might
think this is god is so unfair
this is just not right who says that
these people are chosen
god says he speaks righteousness and he
declares
the things that are right and so the
world is not right
and the world is not in a state of
righteousness
until it is in the state that god
declares that it should be in
and that state was declared in exodus 19
and verse 6 where god says that this
nation will be a peculiar people unto
him
and that all other nations of the earth
will have to look to this
these people as the facilitators
of the relationship that god will have
with mankind
these are the things that god has
declared and they are right
verse 20 and we went into that verse
last week but let's continue now in
verse 20.
he says assemble yourselves and come
draw near together you that are escaped
of the nations so there is going to be

this
massive exodus the second exodus where
god is going to move
to gather his people from the four
corners of the earth and they are going
to escape
the captivity the the subjection
the humiliation the the torture
of the gentile nations and god is going
to move and gather them from these
nations so he says come assemble
yourselves and come
i've chosen you assemble yourselves and
come
draw near together you that are escaped
to the nations
now speaking of the nations he says this
that they have no knowledge
that set up the wood of their graven
image and pray
unto a god that cannot save so
there's going to be this worldwide
movement now
this is you know this is happening in
isaiah's time he's predicting the near
term
but he's also looking at the time just
before christ
returns and and and it's a pattern
that's laid down
that they're going to be people gentile
peoples
that are going to exalt their graven
images
as their god and they're going to bow
down to these graven images
but they're going to be they're going to
have the upper hand they're going to be
a people
that have the upper hand and and having
that upper hand
they're going to be inspired or or
motivated to subject the seed of jacob
to humiliation

and to subject judah to torture and
annihilation
and god is going to act to undo this
so that's that's the reality of what the
bible is teaching us
this this is the future for these people
you go the scripture goes on to say
he says that uh so here are just saying
this this
iranian senior official is saying
destroying israel
is the muslim world's top priority
and yet god's top priority is saving
israel
so there's a problem there's a problem
god's agenda is to save israel this
senior official
says that the agenda the top priority of
the muslim world
is to destroy israel so we we definitely
uh we definitely have a problem here he
goes on to say
tell you and bring them near
yes let them take counsel together
so so this this is their belief that
they have to destroy
israel okay god is challenging them
and saying okay let them take counsel
together if
all these muslim nations want to destroy
israel go ahead let them plan together
but god says who has declared this
from ancient time so there's something
that god said that this would happen
from ancient time so let's uh let's take
a listen to this

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go ahead let them take counsel together
but then god says this
who has declared this from ancient time
so the very thing that they are doing
god is saying to his people i actually
declared this i
said that this would happen so so them
bowing down to their graven image and
taking counsel together
to destroy his people god is saying
it's actually what i declared from the
beginning i said that this would happen
he says who told it from that time
have not i the lord and there is no god
else beside me a just god
and a savior so the god of the universe
is saying
they're going to pla they're going to
come together to destroy my people
but i actually declared this anciently
so the very the
the very fact that they're worshiping a
false god
and they're coming together to destroy
my people is proof
that i am the true god because anciently
i said that this would happen
and there is no god besides me and and i
am a just god
i declare the things that are right i
speak in righteousness
and i am a savior jesus god saves
i'm a savior so so the the what god is
saying is
the mindset the modus operandi
of the god of the universe is to save
not to destroy
satan's modus operandi is to destroy the
god of the universe
his modus operandi is to come and save
so he's saying there's no other god
besides me i'm a savior
and i declared this from the beginning
there is none beside me

and so this verse here in isaiah
45 21 and god repeats it several times
i'm going to
show you several times in the very book
of isaiah how he repeats this
but this is really really critical uh
here in
psalm 138 and verse 2
god says the psalmist david writes
i will worship toward your holy temple
and praise your name for your loving
kindness
and for your truth for you have
magnified your word above all your name
you know i had somebody speaking to me
yesterday uh
a professed christian saying to me that
you cannot trust the bible
that the bible has been tampered with
this is
crazy what we have is the bible
and god is telling us through isaiah
what you have
is my word and herein and god
prides himself and if i can put it this
way that
he he he he wants us to understand
that we can trust him because he speaks
in righteousness
that what he says he means and he never
speaks a lie
and he never speaks something that's
untrue and he does not change his mind
in in that sense that when he declares
that this is going to happen
and and lays it down that's what's going
to happen and david realized this about
god
and he says i'm going to worship you and
i'm going to praise your name
but because of your loving kindness and
because of your truth
and he says you have magnified your word
above all your name david understood how

much god's word means to him
and we as christians must understand
this
and the tactic of the devil is to take
god's word away from us
if he can get us away from god's word
he's got us
but as long as we cling to god's word he
cannot touch us
when satan attacked christ christ
defeated him
with god's word now the book of isaiah
is so critical to us because it's a mini
bible
but it's not just because it's a mini
bible that it is critical to us
i want to show you something else that
is
why the book of isaiah is so critical in
in
in defending against the
wiles of the devil look look at this
this is from uh the wikipedia
the isaiah scroll designated
one q lsa and also known as the great
isaiah scroll
is one of the seven dead sea scrolls
that were first recovered by bedouin
shepherds in 1947
from the qumran cave one the scroll is
written in hebrew
and listen to this and contains
the entire book of isaiah from beginning
to end
apart from a few small damaged portions
it is the oldest complete copy of the
book of isaiah
beginning approximately one being
approximately
1 000 years older
it's 1 000 years older
than the oldest hebrew manuscripts
known before the scrolls discovery
it is notice this it is also notable

in being the only scroll from the qumran caves to be preserved almost in its entirety did you catch that isaiah is this mini it's a bible within the bible and the manuscript that we had when the dead sea scrolls were discovered it came a thousand years after the version that was discovered in the qumran cave and that version of isaiah was the entire book there were just a couple of sections that were damaged it was the entire book of of it was the entire scroll and it was preserved in its entirety and so what does that mean to us it means that we can withstand the wiles of the devil because we can take isaiah to say look we had a we had a manuscript of isaiah and then the dead sea scrolls were discovered one of the seven scrolls that was discovered was the book of isaiah in its entirety and it was a thousand years before the version of the manuscript that we had written in hebrew we had the manuscript in hebrew and when we compared it was the same thing so it proves that the book of isaiah the word has been successfully preserved so we have isaiah so now we can go to any from genesis to revelation we can go anywhere in the bible and as long as it reconciles with what we read in isaiah we know that it it's true and in fact when jesus christ was on the earth he quoted

extensively from isaiah he didn't come
to earth and say what have you done
the book of isaiah oh it's corrupted
no he just quoted from isaiah and he he
quoted extensively from three books
isaiah psalms and deuteronomy
those were the three books that he
quoted from extensively
and and we have the book of isaiah we
have it and it's preserved in its
entirety and look what david says
about god's word that he has magnified
his word
even above his own name god is god
because of his character and his
character is
magnified and amplified and expressed
in his word so
he is telling us now in isaiah here in
verse 21
he says yeah you know what bring bring
them near all these pagans
all these gentile leaders and nations
that want to persecute and destroy
bring them bring them here and let them
take counsel together
let them let them collude with each
other to see how they're going to answer
here's the question who has declared
this from ancient time
that the the nations would collude
together in fact i'm thinking of uh
psalm psalm 2
where it says why did the heathen rage
why do they rage
and imagine a vain thing the kings of
the earth set themselves
and the rulers take counsel together
against the lord
and against his anointed so so
he says the lord will laugh at them so
so
this is something that is written
anciently god declared it all from

we read in deuteronomy 30 moses declared
it
and all the prophets have declared it
who has declared this from ancient time
who has told it from that time haven't i
the lord
and there is no god beside me a just god
and a savior
there is none beside me so god is using
his ability
to declare the future as
proof that he is the true god and a lot
of people think oh prophecy we don't
need prophecy too much prophecy
god is saying you need prophecy in order
to know that i'm the true god you need
prophecy in order to withstand the
claims of the nations
the false claims of the nation you need
prophecy
and my word i exalt it higher than my
own name
that's what god says so let's continue
in isaiah to see this theme
and we read this when we were in chapter
41
where god writes keep silence before me
all islands
speaking to the nations here and let the
people renew their strength let my
people renew their strength keep silent
and let my people renew their strength
let them come near
then let them speak let us come near
together to judgment
who raised up the righteous man from the
east so this again
from from chapter 41 god was speaking of
cyrus
and he's saying who raised up the
righteous
and it says man is in italics you can
see but it's the righteous it's god's
righteous judgment it's god's righteous

act
and god is setting he speaks in
righteousness and so this is an act
that's done in righteousness to make the
world right
to restore judah to jerusalem who raised
up the righteous from the east
called him to his foot gave the nations
before him
and made him rule over kings he gave
them as the dust to his sword
and as driven stubble to his bow he
pursued them
and passed safely the casiris even by
the way that he had not gone with his
feet
so it's a new path that he was able to
take nobody could withstand him
who has wrought and done it god is
saying who who enabled this
calling the generations from the
beginning again this is god
god says this is how you know that i'm
god that i called the generation
i called it i said that this was going
to happen and so
isaiah was able to say when when assyria
was the superpower
he was able to save the jew to judas
panicking
over um assyria this great superpower
and isaiah was able to say don't worry
about assyria your problem is going to
be babylon
babylon will crush assyria and then
babylon is the problem for you but don't
worry about that because god is going to
raise up persia
and persia will crush babylon so god is
able to call the generations from the
beginning
he said i the lord the first and with
the last
i am he let them bring forth

and show us what shall happen this is
this is the whole point of prophecy
this god says he uses prophecy to prove
that he is god
let them bring forth and show us what
shall happen
come on let us see what's going to
happen and and when he says this
it's in the context that his people
don't have to do anything they just need
to wait
and watch and see the salvation of the
lord
so so he he declares what's going to
happen and then he does it
he makes it come to pass so let them
bring forth
and show us what shall happen let them
show the former things
so bring out your former prophecies go
let's go back a thousand years let's go
back five thousand years
and see what did the prophecy say and
see how it's being unfolded today can
you do that can your god do that
let them show the former things what
they be that we may consider them
and know the latter end of them or
declare us things to come
show the things that are to come
hereafter that we may know
that you are gods this is what god says
proves
that he is god and if they want to
worship another god if they want to bow
down to a graven image
let them bring prophecy let them show us
the things that are going to happen
hereafter
that we may know that they are gods and
they have to do it
their god needs to do it yes do good or
do evil
that we may be dismayed and behelded

together
and then in chapter 43 a couple of weeks
ago we read
let all the nations be gathered together
these nations that are powerful
that are wealthy that are mighty god
says let all the nations be gathered
together
and let the people be assembled who
among them
can declare this and show us former
things
this is what god uses as proof positive
that he is god who else can do this so
gather
all the nations with all their gods and
let us see their scriptures of prophecy
that their god is going to bring
something to pass that was declared
anciently who among them instead of a
god that's constantly changing his mind
and abrogating what he said before
because he doesn't he doesn't know what
he's doing
this god knows what he's doing he says
who among them can declare this
and show us former things let them bring
forth their witnesses
that they may be justified this is a
time of judgment
and god is going to inquire and say hmm
you worship this god do you
okay show me your scriptures written
anciently
that declared what was going to happen
that give you the legal right
the divine right to do all the slaughter
that you're doing because if you can't
produce that
you're worshiping a false god and god is
going to charge you with blasphemy
and he's going to act against you let
them bring forth their witnesses that
they may be justified

or let them hear and say it is truth and
then in chapter 44
this is the constant theme that isaiah
through that god through isaiah is
drilling
through us or to us and who as i
shall call and shall declare it who can
and and god is not boasting to say i'm
just so
wonderful that's not god's modus
operandi what god is doing
is he's strengthening the faith of his
people
this whole section of second isaiah
begins with comfort you
comfort you my people this whole section
here that we begin in
in chapter 44 says jacob you are my
servant
israel i've chosen you don't be afraid
and what god is doing here
is he's explaining why you don't have to
be afraid
because i'm the only god that can
predict
in advance what's going to happen in the
affairs of men
and then it happens exactly without any
deviation
it happens exactly as i say so this is
why god is saying this
he's not just saying it just because
he's on an ego trip he's saying no look
who who is i
shall call and shall declare it and set
it in order for me since i appointed the
ancient people
so the ancient people here being israel
he appointed them
and the things that are coming and shall
come let them show unto them
so these nations that are rising up to
destroy not only judah but all the house
of israel

the very fact of their rebellion and
their
their rising is proof
the fact that these enemies are growing
in power and are going to destroy
god's chosen people this is proof
that the god of the chosen people is god
because he's the one that said this is
exactly what i am i am going to raise up
these people
to punish my people and then i'm going
to save my people
and then punish those people for their
uh
extreme violence that they're just
they're just going to take advantage of
this opportunity
and go wild and then i'm gonna punish
them to teach them
that these are the people that i've
chosen and if you want to know me
you're going to know me through them and
that's what this book of isaiah
is showing us and and we know the book
of isaiah
is preserved we had it we had the hebrew
manuscript
and then bedouin discovered this scroll
in these these caves in qumran
and that scroll that he discovered of
isaiah fully intact
was a thousand years older and it's the
exact same scroll
and it's a mini bible and so this is
just fantastic this this is the word of
god
isaiah says in chapter 44 do not fear
this this is why he's he's
driving this point home around prophecy
so that his people will not fear
neither be afraid haven't i told you
from that time
and have declared it and then even
christ when he was on earth

he said behold i have told you
beforehand
and he says fear them not because i'm
god
and proof that i'm god is my ability to
tell you in advance what's going
to happen you are even my witnesses is
there a god beside me
yeah there is no god i know not any
and then here we are now in chapter
we're going to be in chapter 46 today
but let me just
rush ahead a little bit
we'll see in verses 9 and 10 where god
says remember the former things of old
for
i am god so go back and read the ancient
scriptures
because i am god and there is none else
i am god and there is none like me
declar so what is it about god
that makes him so unique when he says
look i'm god there's nobody else like me
what is it that we have to say like okay
what are the attributes that god has
that make him so unique the hindus have
a god
or many gods muslims have god
buddhists say they have a god everybody
has a god so what is it about this god
and even the people who say they have no
god power is their god
money is their god sex is their god
idols are their god everybody has a god
what is it about the god of israel that
there's no god like him
we don't have to wonder because he tells
us
he says he says here i
am god and there is none like me and
then he explains how is it that he's so
unique
declaring the end from the beginning
that's why jesus says i'm alpha in omega

i'm the first and the last
i declared the end from the beginning
and everything has happened exactly as i
would say
as exactly as i said so this is what
makes the god of israel unique
he declares the end from the beginning
and from ancient times
things that are not yet done saying my
counsel shall stand and i will do all my
pleasure so god has a counsel
god has a plan and he's saying that
his counsel shall stand and he will do
all his pleasure so we'll come back to
that when we get into isaiah 46
in isaiah 48. he says i have declared
the former things from the beginning
are you getting a sense that this is
important to god how much he repeats
this
how much he exalts his own word above
even his own name
i have declared the former things from
the beginning
and they went forth out of my mouth and
i showed them
i didn't abrogate them i showed them so
so we have two different types of god
the god that says something and then
it's not quite working out the way that
he said
so he abrogates it cancels it and comes
up with something else
that kind of suits what's actually
happening now and she's trying to figure
it out as he goes because it actually
doesn't exist it's imagination
or you have the god that confidently
says from the beginning
this is what's going to happen and then
it happens
exactly as he said this is what he's
saying this is this is who he is i've
declared the former things from the

beginning
and they went forth out of my mouth and
i showed them
and i did them suddenly and they came to
pass
no obligation i declared it i showed it
i did them suddenly and they came to
pass in chapter 55
so shall my word be that goes forth out
of my mouth
it shall not return to me void when i
speak
whatever i've said it's gonna it's going
to be performed
there's no way that this god will say
something
and then it's not performed and you know
this is why
we have to get prophecy right we have to
be concerned about prophecy
and we have to get it right so that we
are actually declaring
what god said if we mix up prophecy
and we start saying things that are
wrong then we
are actually attacking the very root of
god's argument
that he is the god of israel and israel
must not fear
because he has this ability to declare
declare from the end from the beginning
the end but if we mess up
his declaration so that the things that
he says don't actually come to pass
we're actually working against god and
we're destroying
the foundation of his argument that he
is god
and what he wants us to take to his
people to tell them not to fear
but rather to repent and turn to this
god so we need to get this right we
cannot be declaring false things
he says so shall my word be that goes

forth out of my mouth it shall not
return to me void
but it shall accomplish that which i
please
that which i please so we need to know
what is god's pleasure what is it that
he wants
and it shall prosper in the thing where
to
i sent it it's a very clear statement
that god is making over and over
again so let's go back now to chapter 45
and verse 21 he says here
tell you and bring them near yes
let them take counsel together who has
declared this from ancient time
who has told it from that time haven't i
the lord
and there is no god else beside me a
just god and a savior
there is none beside me now go on to
verse 22.
look so he says all of that so that he
can say this
look unto me look unto me
this this is the message that we must
take to judah
and to the house of israel look unto me
don't don't be making alliances so here
um
in isaiah's time the kings were
thinking of making alliances to fight
against
the king of assyria and the message no
don't make any alliances
look unto god look unto me and be you
saved all the ends of the earth for i am
god and there is none else now i just
want to highlight
this ends of the earth because it's kind
of
doesn't make sense the whole time he's
talking to jacob
the whole time he's talking to israel

isaiah says that this is really a message specifically to israel and more specifically to jerusalem to judah and jerusalem and so now after declaring to israel the seed of jacob not to be afraid don't be afraid and the reason you don't need to be afraid is all of this that's happening around you with the nations i actually prophesied it i i told you anciently that it would happen but also what i told you anciently is that i will come and save you and that's why you shouldn't be afraid and so now in verse 22 for him to suddenly change the subject and say look unto me and be you saved all the ends of the earth for i am god and there is none else it's like this doesn't make sense because the whole argument is i am god and there is none else therefore don't be afraid of the nations but israel look unto me and i'm going to come and save israel well the only way this can make sense is that all the ends of the earth means israel that he's saying look unto me and be you saved israel having been scattered and enslaved throughout all the ends of the earth for i am god and there is none else and that's exactly what he says in mark 13 as well as matthew 24 and i think it's luke 21 in several places but let's read it here in mark 13. he says and then when he comes to act when he comes to save and then shall he send his angels and shall gather together his

elect that is israel we proved uh from
uh isaiah that his elect is the house of
jacob
and shall gather together his elect from
the four winds
and from the uttermost part of the earth
to the uttermost part of heaven so he's
saying here so when he says here
look unto me he's still speaking to the
house of jacob
so the whole argument is to the house of
jacob now he's saying to them look unto
me and be you saved
house of jacob in all the ends of the
earth
i'm your god so you're going to be
punished you're going to be scattered to
all the ends of the earth
and then i'm going to come and i'm going
to save you and i'm going to i'm going
to send my angels
and they're going to gather you from the
uttermost parts of the earth
he says i have so the so the argument
never shifts to god's suddenly
going to save all the gentiles the
gentiles have to acknowledge that god
has chosen israel
and that's what isaiah is all about
verse 23
i have sworn by myself the word is gone
out of my mouth
in righteousness so we just had that
whole section that we just covered
on how god magnifies his word even above
his own name
and so now that we understand just how
important god's word is to him
he says i have sworn by myself
the word has gone out of my mouth in
righteousness
i'm never going to abrogate what i've
said the word has gone out of my mouth
in righteousness

and shall not return it's it's gone i've
said it
that unto me every knee shall bow
and every tongue shall swear and and so
god is saying i will be known as the god
of israel
and the whole earth is going to
acknowledge that and every tongue
will it will confess that god is in
israel and every knee is going to bow to
this god not their false gods
and of course this is a famous passage
that's quoted in philippians
when god says he's exalted christ and
given him a name
which is above every name that at the
name of jesus that is god saves
at the name of god saves every knee
should bow
and of things in heaven and things in
earth and things under the earth
this is also quoted in romans paul
quotes it in romans not just philippians
because isaiah was their bible right
they had the
torah and they had the prophets and they
had the writings
but isaiah is like the most heavily
quoted text
because it's a mini bible so here paul
writes for it is written it's written in
isaiah
as i live says the lord every knee shall
bow to me
and every tongue shall confess to god so
again isaiah
every time i can get these opportunities
to show how heavily quoted isaiah
is well i'll show that isaiah was their
scripture
in the early church
verse 24 surely shall one say
in the lord have i righteousness and
strength

even to him shall men come so again it's
not a gentile person
that is saying in the lord i have
righteousness and strength
and then suddenly everybody comes to him
it is a jew
it is a somebody of the house of judah
or the house of israel
and then the rest of the gentiles say we
have heard that god is with you
and we want to follow you and take us to
zion so that we may learn the ways of
god
and that's what god established from the
beginning
that this would be a peculiar nation and
the rest of the nations would have to
look to this nation
he says surely shall one say in the lord
so when he when he moves to save these
people then they'll say
in the lord i have righteousness and
strength even to him
shall men come that is gentiles will
come to him
and we see that through the rest of
isaiah and other texts
and all that are incensed against him
shall be
ashamed so this is something that god
has written from
from ancient times that there there will
be those who are
incensed and that is they're they're
burning with
fury over these people and i think i
think we've seen that i think we're very
familiar
with that incendiary uh um
uh narrative and and uh rhetoric that is
that leveled against
uh the jews and god is saying that these
same people
will be ashamed these same people will

be ashamed of what they've done
and what they've said and they're going
to have to acknowledge that god
is glorified in israel
verse 25 in the lord
shall all the seed of israel be
justified
and shall glory so again you can see
here from verse 25
that never in this passage did god ever
deviate from his argument
to say all of a sudden all mankind is
everybody's just
he's the god of mankind the god of
israel he stopped being the god of
mankind
in genesis chapter 12. prior to genesis
12
we could very clearly make the argument
that god is the god of mankind
but then beginning in genesis 12 he
stops being the god of mankind
and he becomes the god of abraham and
then specifically he becomes the god of
abraham and isaac
and then he becomes the god of abraham
isaac and jacob
and christ says he's the god of the
living not the god of the dead
so these men are going to come back to
life and he's going to be their god
forever and he's the god of their seed
forever so if you are not in the line
of abraham isaac and jacob
then god is not your god you have to
repent
you have to be grafted in to israel
there's no other way because he is the
god of abraham
isaac and jacob forever forever
and when the new jerusalem comes down
it comes down with 12 gates check it out
in revelation 21.
it comes down with 12 gates three on

each side
and each of those gates are named after
the tribes of israel
so there's no way in if you want to
bring your offering if you want to come
and worship the god of
of of abraham isaac and jacob you can't
access god
unless you come in through one of the
tribes
because god is not the god of the world
he's the god of
abraham isaac and jacob and that's
so he says here in the lord shall all
the seed of israel
be justified and shall glory so
everybody that's angry with the seed of
israel
will be ashamed the seed of israel will
be justified
and they will glory in the lord that's
chapter 45 and then chapter 46 is a
short chapter
so let's just continue with chapter 46.
he says here baal bows down
bell bells down meebo stoops so these
are
two gods of babylon so these are chief
gods
in babylon he says their idols
were upon the beasts and upon the cattle
your carriages were heavy laden
and they are a burden to the weary beast
so what is the saying so in babylon they
have their chief gods
they worship these chief gods they make
these big idols
and then to transport these idols to you
know the place of worship a special
ceremony
they're so big and heavy that they need
these beasts
these cattle to bring the idols
from one place to another and it's a

it's because they're very heavy it's a
real burden to the beast
that this is real work to move this
heavy big idol from one place to another
he says they stoop they bow down
together so the burden of these idols is
so heavy that the animals are stooping
they're bowing down together
they could not deliver the burden but
themselves
are gone into captivity so isaiah is
kind of laughing at the
idolaters here to say that they're
making this big song and dance and big
effort
to move their god from one place to
another the god is so heavy that is
burdening the beast
and yet these beasts that are doing all
this work
to try to move transport the gods
when these people are attacked they have
no
ability so you know when cyrus comes in
or or whoever they're
having to face here they have no ability
to withstand
the the opponent so if their god is so
powerful and it's such a burden
why isn't he able why isn't he powerful
enough to protect them from captivity
so they're worshiping these gods these
gods that are so
heavy laden and yet the god has no power
that's what isaiah is saying
here um let's just go back to judges
because this is significant for us
uh in judges joash the father of uh
gibeon
he says and josh said unto all that
stood
against him so this is within israel
that he was against ba'al
but there were israelites that stood

against him
and so he said this to all the
israelites that stood against him
will you plead for ba'all will you save
him
he that will plead for him let him be
put to death
while it is yet mourning if he that is
if ba'al
be a god let him plead for himself
because one has cast down his altar so
so
if we cast down the altars of ba'al
why are you opposing if baal is a god
let him plead for himself why are you
pleading for him let him plead for
himself
and i think the modern equivalent of
that today is all of these christians
who are pleading for
allah and clearly we can see here that
allah
is the arabian moon god also known as
ba'al so allah is the arabian version of
ba'al
khubal and molek muslims will react with
denial when you point out that this was
the god of the muhammad of the tribe
that muhammad was born into
and children were sacrificed to this
demon idol that is why the idol
has its hands in the position with fire
beneath it
and so clearly all of these nations
are worshiping ba'al they call him
different things but it's the same
worship and we have christian churches
today
who are going to defend baal
well this ancient worship and and
clearly we can see the
symbolism that has carried down through
the generations that leaves traces
of where this this moon worship all

comes from so there were people who
worshipped the sun
and the moon and some made the sun the
dominant god and the moon was the the
cohort
in other cases like in arabia where the
sun is so punishing
they flip it and they make the moon god
the dominant god and the sun is the
cohort
but it's all the same male female
perversion and false worship and again
we have christians
christians who are going to stand up and
defend
allah and this is this is no different
this is this is no
you know same song different verse we
thought it was would get better but it's
going to get worse
and so what we see here is this uh
worship
of baal and uh the people of god
defending ba'al and so josh said unto
all that stood against him
will you plead for baal will you save
him
he that will plead for him let him be
put to death while it is yet mourning
if he be a god let him plead for himself
and in fact if he be a god he'll defend
his
anybody who's defending him from death
because one cast down his own altar so
let let all take care of this and in
fact isaiah said in chapter 41
same thing he says for those who are
turning to this idolatry of baal worship
behold you are of nothing
your work is nothing an abomination
is he that chooses you an abomination is
something that god abhors
so when somebody chooses ba'al or
chooses to defend ba'al

god says through isaiah this is
an abomination carrying on in chapter 46
verse 3

he says hearken unto me o house of jacob
he's saying

look at these people with their gods and
the effort that they go through to try
to prop up their gods

their god can't do anything they have to
do everything for their god

and god says look hearken unto me a
house of jacob

and all the remnant of the house of
israel

which are born by me from the belly so
this goes all the way back to chapter 44

where he says i've chosen you from the
womb you're born by me but but isaiah

here is doing something very interesting
that the false worshipers have to bear
their god

they have to carry their god but what
isaiah is saying here of the true god

he carries israel he bears israel

so all of this effort that they're going
through to bear their god and their god

can't do anything their god is not a
savior

here god is saying look i carry you

hearken unto me o house of jacob and
all the remnants of the house of israel

again the argument is never out to the
gentiles

he stayed this is an exclusive argument
to the house of israel

which are born by me from the belly
which are carried

from the womb and even to your old age
i am he god is saying look i'm the one

right from the womb to the tomb i'm
carrying you i'm looking after you i've

chosen you

so hearken unto me and even to your old
age i am he

even to the hoary hairs will i carry you
you don't have to carry me i'll carry
you i have made
and i will bear i'm going to bury you
even
i will carry and will deliver you
and here in jeremiah 5 jeremiah
is speaking again to
judah but also out to israel even though
israel was taken captive he's speaking
to israel in future
he says hear now this o foolish people
and without understanding notice he
repeats what isaiah said
which christ also quoted foolish people
without understanding
which have eyes and see not
which have ears and hear not and and
they were in that state
the isaiah says until they receive the
punishment that they deserve
and then god will act god says here
throughout jeremiah
fear you not me says the lord
will you not tremble at my presence
which have placed the sand for the bound
of the sea
by a perpetual decree that it cannot
pass it
so god is the one that all that sand
he's the one that decreed this
and though the waves thereof tossed
themselves
yet can they not prevail so the the sand
is just
persistent and and no matter how much
the waves
toss themselves the sand is persistent
and god said i'm the one who does that
and you should listen to me though they
roar yet can they not
pass over it so as much as the waves act
up they can't
shift the sand but this people

has a revolting and a rebellious heart
this is how god describes his people
they have
the people of god and i think in this
the god of of the quran allah
and the true god yahweh agree
that this is a people that have a
revolting and a rebellious heart
the difference is the god of the quran
says that these people must be destroyed
they must be completely exterminated
they must be wiped out
yahweh says i've chosen these people
i've chosen them from the womb and i
will purge them of their iniquity
and i will restore them and i will i
will save them and i will restore them
and the whole world will come to know me
through them
big difference very big difference and
and the god of
the bible yahweh says i declared this
anciently
that i'm going to raise up a people
that are going to hate my people and are
going to punish them because of their
revolting and
rebellious heart so they're going to be
empowered by an ideology
that tells them to hate this people and
instructs them to destroy this people
but they will not succeed because i will
act
and save
but this people has a revolting and a
rebellious heart
they are revolted and gone neither say
they
in their heart let us now fear the lord
our god they just don't say this
that gives rain both the former and the
latter in its season
he reserves unto us the appointed weeks
of the harvest

so here malachi sees the same thing
in chapter 3 he says i am the lord
i change not therefore
you sons of jacob are not destroyed
so god is saying look because i've made
this
covenant and i don't abrogate my
covenants i never break my word i never
break my promises
it's only because of that because i've
exalted my word above even my own name
and it's only because of that that you
sons of jacob are not destroyed you
deserve to be destroyed
but because of my word and my promise to
abraham you will not be destroyed
because i don't i don't change when i
make a
when i make a commitment i'm all in
that's what god is saying
back to isaiah 46
to whom will you liken me he says
to whom will you make me equal so so who
can we
equate with god
god says there's none like me nowhere
you can search the entire earth
search everybody's god you will not find
a god like me
who declares the end from the beginning
and from ancient times that which is not
yet
that which shall be saying
my counsel my purposes shall stand so
god here in verse 5 says to whom will
you liken me
and make me equal and compare me
that we may be alike and remember
uh satan his desire is to be like the
most high
so he's going to deceive people into
worshiping false gods
that they believe are equal to yahweh
are higher than yahweh and god is saying

here's how you can tell the difference
i exalt my word even above my own name
to whom will you liken me and make me
equal and compare me
that we may be alike they lavish gold
out of the bag
and weigh silver
in in the balance and hire a goldsmith
and he makes it a god so they go through
a lot of effort
to prop up their images and to prop up
their god and to
make it look really spectacular and in
this day and age you might even look at
their
their places of worship where they
really knock themselves out and make it
spectacular
to affect the psyche that you look at
this and you're like
wow this must be a great god if this is
such a great building
so they really knock themselves out to
make this impression
and hire a goldsmith and he makes it a
god they fall down
yeah they worship excuse me
so this this uh act of worship god is
not impressed
so he says here um they bear
where was i so yes they knocked
themselves out to
to back up these images and to make an
effect on the on the human psyche
and they make it a god they fall down
yeah they worship
they bear him upon the shoulder so this
is what god is saying here
that he will bear israel but these
people they bear their false gods
so he says here
they bear him
upon the shoulder
they carry him so god carries israel

they carry their false god so they have
to do all the work
where with israel israel in fact israel
rebels against god but god still
acts to save them whereas the false gods
can do nothing because they're not true
gods
so the people have to bear their false
god the people have to do all the work
of the false god
they bear him upon the shoulder they
carry him
and set him in his place and he stands
from his place shall he not remove yet
one shall cry unto him
yet can he not answer nor save him
out of his trouble so this is what god
says
think about this this is the difference
between god the true god
and the false gods remember this and
show yourselves men
bring it again to mind o you
transgressors so
the false gods are gonna if they have
any kind of prophecies it's more like
self-fulfilling prophecy it's
instructions you have to do this
you have to go out and kill and
slaughter and bring this to pass
god the true god says i will carry you
even though you're rebelling against me
i'm going to act to save you and you
watch and see my salvation
big difference big difference so
remember this
and show yourselves man stand up to the
persecution
knowing that your god will save you your
god will rescue you
bring it again to mind oh you
transgressors so god does not mince
words
his people are transgressors but he's

going to wash them and make
them clean remember the former things of
old
for i am god and there is none else
he's making it very clear now i am god
there is none else
and there is none like me and this is
again
we're going to go back to deuteronomy
with this when he says here remember the
former things of old
we go all the way back to moises and
that's exactly what moises said to them
remember the days of old consider the
years of many generations
ask your father and he'll show you your
elders and they will tell you
so this is something that it was written
anciently
and that's what god says here that's
what he means when he says he declares
the
end from the beginning in other words we
can look into genesis
and see the seeds of revelation what
happens in revelation
is announced in genesis he declares the
end from the beginning the very things
that the book of genesis
opens with are the very things that he
concludes with
in revelation because he declares the
end from the beginning
and that's why you see the tree of life
in the garden of eden we see the trees
of life
in the book of revelation garden of eden
opens with a marriage ceremony
it ends with the book of revelation ends
with a marriage ceremony
it's all the very beginning it's
declared that god is going to redeem
the woman revelation is all about the
redemption of the true woman

it's all he declares the end from the
beginning
and from ancient times things that are
not yet done
saying my counsel shall stand and this
is the challenge this is this is the
exact challenge that god gives
to the false gods what's your plan
what's your counsel where is it written
where was it declared anciently
because that's what yahweh does he says
his plan his counsel his purpose
he has a purpose specifically to do with
israel
and he says my purpose to do with israel
shall stand
and i will do all my pleasure so the
nations
are going to resist god they don't like
god's pleasure
because god's pleasure is to exalt
israel god's pleasure is to be glorified
in israel
and they're going to resist it so he
says my counsel my plan
my purpose will stand and i will do my
pleasure nobody's going to resist me
in psalm 33 11 he says the counsel of
the lord
stands forever so we better figure out
what is the lord's plan
because it stands forever the thoughts
of his heart to all generations
nobody can stop this in proverbs 19
verse 21 he says
there are many devices in a man's heart
nevertheless
the counsel of the lord that shall stand
when god has a plan that's it nobody
can reverse it nobody can frustrate it
god does exactly what he plan what he
says he will do
so he he does intervene in the affairs
of mankind

and i think a lot of people don't
understand that you can't understand the
world today
unless you understand isaiah unless you
understand jeremiah
ezekiel micah malachi
zechariah all these prophets
they tell us what the lord's counsel is
and now we can look out into the world
all this migrant crisis that we see all
the
who who's where's the money coming from
that all these migrants are able to move
from country to country
we're seeing this mass migration it sort
of gives us a hint
of what it what the world will look like
when god gathers his elect
from all the four corners of the earth
and brings them to
the promised land this is a counterfeit
and this is actually the the act the
devil's work actually
to bring down the house of israel and
the house of judah
that that when it's time for these
nations to go to war
you know this this was the assyrian
tactic this is exactly what the
assyrians would do
is they would just mix up nations so
much that the nations would be
demoralized
and they would have no national pride
and there's no way then that they would
have anything to fight for
or even have people to fight for them
because their peoples their populations
were so
tribally mixed up that they couldn't
gather enough
people to stand up for them and so if
there were ever god forbid but
you know it's coming there's no there's

no evidence of a sustainable peace in
the world
but when world war three comes these
nations
that have tribal factions within them
they will not be able to have an army
that's actually going to fight for their
nation they'll actually be destroyed
from within
that those tribes that are loyal to
their home nations
will fight for their home nations from
within and these nations will collapse
and that's what god says he's going to
believe that times of the
gentiles are coming so that means the
israelite nations have to collapse
and when the israelite nations collapse
judah
that is the nation of israel today will
have no external support
and they're surrounded by their enemies
they're surrounded by people who hate
them by people who believe that they
have to be
annihilated as we saw earlier the chief
duty of every muslim
is to annihilate the jews and so all of
this we're seeing that the world is
changing
but if you don't know the counsel of god
you can't interpret
what you're seeing around you and in
fact you may end up
supporting the very thing that is
opposing
god and god's people
he says so let's go back to isaiah 46 he
declares the end from the beginning so
we have to search this book of isaiah to
see
what is it that he's declaring he
declares the end from the beginning and
from ancient times

the things that are not yet done saying
my purpose shall stand and i will do all
my pleasure
and then he says here now in verse 46
and we come back now
to cyrus so all of that was a buildup
around the the act that he's going to do
of calling cyrus so this is where he
says he declares the answer
the affairs of men are ordered by god
nothing happens unless he allows it
so he says here now in verse 11 of
chapter 46
that he calls a ravenous bird from the
east
so that ravenous bird is king cyrus
he calls a ravenous bird from the east
the man that executes my council
from a far country so his purpose
is to restore judah to jerusalem
despite the power of babylon this
very very powerful nation is irrelevant
god's purpose which shall stand
is for judah to return to jerusalem and
rebuild the temple
and as i said last week cyrus is just a
type
of the messiah so yes he's god's
anointed here
but he's a type and the way isaiah
writes
you see that he's talking about cyrus
but he's also
talking about christ and the ultimate
salvation that will come
to judah so god calls a ravenous bird
from the east the man that executes his
purpose from a far country
yes i have spoken it i will also bring
it to pass
i have purposed it i will also do it so
this is what we have to understand
about yahweh that when he speaks he
means it

and when he has a purpose he does it and
the most powerful nations could all
gather together
it's irrelevant he does what he says he
will do
and so the rising of the kingdom of
persia
and the specifically cyrus was his act
in order to bring down babylon in order
to release
judah to go back to jerusalem
hearken unto me you stout-hearted so god
god calls his people stout-hearted
that's the same thing that jeremiah was
grappling with that jeremiah says
they're stubborn
same thing that malachi saw so he says
here
hearken unto me you stout hearted
that are far from righteousness so god
is not saying
that these people are so wonderful that
these people are so beautiful
they're such righteous people
and that's why he's chosen them no he's
saying he's chosen them because of
abraham
he's chosen them because of isaac he's
chosen them because of jacob
and so they're chosen and so even though
they're stout hearted they're still
chosen and god is doing all of this
because they're chosen and so he's
telling them hearken unto me
you stout hearted that are far from
righteousness so yeah they're far from
righteousness
but that doesn't mean that they're not
chosen and malachi says that
here in in chapter 3 he says in verse 13
your words have been stout against me
that these people are stout hearted
people your words have been stout
against me says the lord

yet you say what have we spoken so much
against you
you have said it is vain to serve god
and what prophet is it that we have kept
his ordinance
that we have walked mournfully before
the lord of hosts you're saying it
doesn't make any sense for us to
to suffer for god and god says malachi 3
verse 11
and i will rebuke the devourer for your
sakes
so even though you are stout hearted i
am still going to act in your favor
i will rebuke the devourer for your
sakes and he shall
not destroy the fruits of your ground
neither shall your vine castor fruit
before the time in the field
says the lord of hosts and all nations
shall call you blessed malachi sees the
same thing
that isaiah saw that's why isaiah is not
talking to the nations
isaiah is talking to israel and he's
going to god says he's going to gather
israel from all four corners of the
earth
and all nations are going to call israel
blessed because they've been chosen by
god
and who are we to argue with god this is
this is god's plan
this is how god will actually save the
nations but he wants to have this
kingdom of priests
and that's why when christ was buried
and then was resurrected went to heaven
and then he came back to earth and he he
was with his disciples for 40 days
instructing them
but when he was instructing them in acts
1 peter asked christ
is this the time you're going to restore

the kingdom to israel and christ said
what a crazy idea i know i never taught
you any such thing he didn't say that he
said no it's not for you to know the
time
but all nation nations will call israel
blessed
that the kingdom is the kingdom of
israel and israel will be
restored and all nations shall call you
blessed
for you shall be a delightsome land says
the lord of hosts
all the prophets are saying the same
thing
and this is why if you love muslims you
need to bring them the truth of the
bible
because their text who they say muhammad
is you know
all these all these prophets teach the
same thing uh muhammad actually teaches
the exact
opposite of what the prophets teach
muhammad teaches his followers that they
must slaughter
the house of judah they must slaughter
the house of judah and sell and
completely eliminate them in order to
bring about the end
it's the exact opposite of what the
prophets teach
isaiah 46 13 i bring near my
righteousness
it shall not be far off and my salvation
shall
not tarry i will place salvation
in zion oh i thought i will play
salvation all over the world
i i salvation is all over the world no
this is what the text says let's read it
carefully let's read it together
i will place salvation
in zion that's where salvation will be

and all the nations will have to come to
zion
for salvation i will place salvation
in zion for israel
my glory israel is god's glory
so he is going to be glorified in israel
and that's where salvation will be and
all the nations will come to zion
and that will glorify israel which will
glorify god
and let's see that in zechariah he says
and so i believe that's the last verse
of 46 but here let's just reinforce
what god said to isaiah by looking at
zechariah here in zechariah he says
thus says the lord of hosts
there shall yet old men and old women
dwell in the streets of jerusalem that
is mind-blowing that is mind-blowing
how can that be when we understand the
hatred
that is going to be levied against this
people
that this is just um this is an amazing
prophecy
that there will yet be old men
and old women dwelling in the streets of
jerusalem
foreign
foreign
and the scriptures tell us jerusalem is
going to be surrounded by armies
and zechariah 14 tells us that the
jerusalem is going to be ravished
it's going to be just it's
going to wholesale slaughter god says
that those who dwell in judea at this
time
run for your life but zechariah also
tells us that god is going to act and
he's going to say
zechariah 12. but here in zechariah 8
despite all the slaughter that is going
to the desolation that's going to be

upon this people
zechariah looks into the future and he
says there shall yet
old men and old women dwell in the
streets of jerusalem
so the focal point of the earth is
jerusalem
and we can't understand what is going on
in the you can't understand the
migration
crisis the migration movement the the
u.n global compact for
safe orderly and regular migration
you can't understand this unless we
understand
that this is all about jerusalem and
how do we get all the nations to hate
jerusalem
unless we weed out the value system
of the western nations the
judeo-christian nations
how do we read out their dilute their
value system
replace their value system so that all
the nations can agree together
that jerusalem the people of the jews in
jerusalem must be rooted out
and yet zechariah says there shall yet
be old men and old women dwelling in the
streets of jerusalem
and every man with his staff in his hand
for very age in other words
they're totally safe no risk of
terrorism
no risk of assassination no risk of
murder
no risk of harm they'll just be able to
grow old
and the streets of the city shall be
full
of boys and girls this is this is what
isaiah sees
that the streets of the city are going
to be full

of boys and girls there's going to be
such joy in the in the streets
and the streets of the city shall be
full
of boys and girls playing in the streets
thereof
again totally safe they'll just be able
to play
children old people walking no
full safety of god's people thus says
the lord of hosts
if it be marvelous in the eyes of the
remnant of this people in these days
should it also be marvelous in my eyes
says the lord
and it shall come to pass that as you
were a curse
among the gentiles among the heathen
among the
the nations o house of judah and house
of israel not just the house of judah
god's going to
restore the house of israel as well as
you were a curse among the nations
o house of judah and house of israel so
will i
save you and you shall be a blessing
fear not but let your hands be strong
all the prophets are seeing the same
thing
he goes on to say for thus says the lord
so the same way that isaiah keeps saying
fear don't be afraid don't be afraid
zechariah is saying the same thing
malachi's saying the same thing jeremiah
was saying the same thing
don't be afraid for thus says the lord
of hosts as i
thought to punish you when your fathers
provoked me to wrath
says the lord of hosts and i repented
not
so again have i thought in these days
to do well unto jerusalem and to the

house of judah
do not fear now
the the whole conflict with
jerusalem let's just look here at this
um
uh text or or um
submission article in
in uh again this is in uh wikipedia
uh actually no this is um let's see what
this
the source of this is jerusalem center
for public affairs
the jerusalem center for public affairs
who are the palestinians
so who are the palestinians that are
forcing their way
in to um
who are the palestinians that are
forcing their way in
to jerusalem here this article says
yet again palestinian leaders
are claiming that the palestinians
are descended from the canaanite people
who lived in the land of canaan or kanan
before the israelite tribes settled in
it
so their claim to jerusalem their claim
to judah is saying we were here first
we are descendants of the palestinians
saying we are descendants of the
canaanite people
and they lived in israel before the the
jews moved in there
no less than the chairman of the
palestinian authority
mahmoud abbas made that claim in germany
no one was taken aback by his remarks
or questioned him so why is this
significant
it's again it's significant because we
have to ask ourselves
what is the lord's counsel and what is
god doing
and so here

in zechariah we just read that judah
must not be afraid why
because in the end time there's going to
be such
conflict leveled against these people
about the land and so let's be clear if
they're going to say that they are
descendants of
canaan well that's very interesting here
in exodus 3 verse 17
god says declaring the the things
anciently and i have said i will bring
you up
out of the affliction of egypt unto the
land of the canaanites
oh you're saying you're descended from
the canaanites god says he's bringing
the house of israel
and the israelites from egypt
unto the land of canaanites and the
hittites and the amorites
and the perizzites and the hivites and
the jebusites
unto a land flowing with milk and honey
so he's giving them the land of canaan
verse chapter 33 verse 2 and i will send
an angel before you
and i god will drive out the canaanite
the
amorite the hittite the perizzites the
hivite and the jebusite
chapter 34 verse 11 observe you that
which i command you this day
behold i drive out before you the
amorite and the canaanite
and the hittite and the perizzite and
the hivite and the jebusite
joshua 3 verse 10 and joshua said hereby
you shall know
that the living god is among you and
that he will without
fail drive out from before you the
canaanites
and the hittites and the hivites and the

parasites and the gurgashites
and the amorites and the jebusites
joshua 15:63
as for the jebusites the inhabitants of
jerusalem these are descendants of
canaan
the children of judah
could not drive them out because they
disobeyed god
instead of doing what god says they
couldn't they were unfaithful
and so they could not drive them out but
the jebusites dwell with the children of
judah
at jerusalem unto this day so if you
want to claim that you are descendants
of the canaanites
and that the land is yours the only
reason you're there
is because the jude the house of judah
the children of judah were disobedient
and god was not with them so they
couldn't drive out and so the jebusites
dwell with the children of judah
at jerusalem as of this day so
let me just fix a reference here
so clearly claiming that you're a
canaanite or descended from canaanites
and that's why you want to be in the
land not a good idea
that's actually going against yahweh the
god of the bible
and here in judges 1:21 he says and the
children of benjamin
did not drive out the jebusites that
inhabited jerusalem
but the jebusites dwell with the
children of benjamin in jerusalem
unto this day and in chapter 3 of judges
and the children of israel dwelt among
the canaanites
hittites and amorites and parasites and
hivites and jebusites so they were
supposed to drive those people out of

the land
but because they were unfaithful they
didn't do that and so
uh god is clear though i'm going to
finish here on this
zechariah 14 we've read it before i'll
just read it again
zechariah 14 verse 21 yes every pot
in jerusalem when when god finally acts
and brings salvation
he says every pot in jerusalem and in
judah
shall be holiness unto the lord of hosts
it's going to be spectacular
everything is going to be upgraded of
the highest standard
is going to be a spectacular city when
god comes
and he says every pot shall be holiness
unto the lord of hosts
and all they that sacrifice shall come
and take of them
so everyone's going to come and and and
take of them and see
therein so there's going to be these
meals that are made and everything's
going to be holy
and in that day when god comes there
shall
be no more the canaanites in the house
of the lord of hosts so so god is very
very clear he has given this land he's
taken away from
canaan and we have to go back to genesis
to understand why but he's taken it away
from canaan and he's given it to his
people
and so to say i'm a canaanite and this
is my land
uh be careful because the only way you
can be in this land when god comes
is if you repent and you're grafted into
israel
because god is saying no way

palestinians canaanites jebusites
perizzites hivites hittites amorites
none of them will be in jerusalem when
jesus christ returns
only the house of israel in the house of
judah and those that are grafted in
so god is saying to judah and and to
israel
fear not look to me hearken unto me
look at the text study the text see see
what i've declared
because everything that i've said i'm
bringing my purpose to pass
and so we as christians we need to study
this text understand our role in all of
this
be able to look out on the world scene
and see that god is bringing his purpose
to pass
isaiah calls it his strange act
habakkuk calls it his unbelievable
his unbelievable work a work that we
won't believe
jesus himself says it's going to be a
short work
but it's his work and so let's
understand this
let's declare it what a mighty god we
serve
praise him jesus christ