23-Isaiah-12-Transcript

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might Bible study and tonight we're going on to chapter 48 let's open with a word of Prayer and get straight into the study our Heavenly Father that we pause to give you thanks Lord we just praise you that we have access to these ancient scriptures scriptures that were written thousands of years ago and were written for our time we thank you God that we have access to this knowledge we pray that it will deepen our understanding that will deepen our faith and that it will dictate our course in the future we thank you Laura can we ask this blessing in Jesus Holy Name Amen so rather let's get into Isaiah chapter 48 and there were a few questions from last week that at the end I'd like to come back and answer those but for now let us get into our study and apologize I just have to restart my Bible application so let me get that loaded here it just looks like just just on the chat if you can just confirm that you can hear me and also see me clearly I would appreciate that while I get this started just working with the software this afternoon and making sure that everything is working properly so let's get started okay this is a Isaiah chapter 48 beginning in verse 1 and just confirm on the chat that you can hear me clearly I'll get started here and if you can just confirm that yes everything's good thank you okay so Isaiah chapter 48 verse 1 here you this o house of Jacob so what we began in chapter 40 and the focus in

fact in chapter 1 the focus has been very clear that this is a vision for Jerusalem and for Judah and by extension is also speaking to Jacob and so now is God is very clear about who he's addressing it's the house of Jacob which are called by the name of Israel so this is very important that these people have the name of Israel associated with them and of course Israel prevailed with God so God's name is embedded within Israel so the house of Jacob which are called by the name of Israel and are come forth out of the waters of Judah so now we're very clear who we're talking about the people have come through Judah now God goes on though which swear by the name of the Lord okay well that sounds good that they swear by the name of the Lord sounds positive and make mention of the God of Israel so this the God the Creator wants to be very clear about who he's talking to and who they are talking about and they are talking about the God of Israel of the God of the world and I thought anybody's God it's a very specific God it's the God of Israel so they make mention of the God of Israel but then God goes on to say but not in truth oh this is a problem they make mention of the God of Israel but not in truth nor in righteousness not my words the words of Isaiah or the words of God through Isaiah that they make mention of the God of Israel so it's the right God but not in truth nor in righteousness for they call themselves of the holy city and stay themselves upon the God of Israel the Lord of Hosts is his name so we want to be very specific about who we are talking about and last week in chapter 47 we're very clear to the Lord of Hosts is his name he says as for our Redeemer

the Redeemer of Israel as for our Redeemer the Lord of Hosts is his name and then more specifically the Holy One of Israel so it's very important that we understand he's the Lord of Hosts that means there's an army that is with him we know he has the the righteous aim when he returns he's returning with the righteous angels the the firstfruits will be resurrected we'll be returning with the righteous angels and the firstfruits and he'll be establishing an army in Judah and he's coming to fight the Lord of God is coming to fight he is he is a God of a God of justice and he's a warrior and he's coming as a warrior so so he is he's coming he wants us to understand he is the Lord of Hosts and he's the Holy One of Israel so he is only coming to fight for Israel and that's it for nobody else and this is very hard for the nations to understand that God will salvation is in Israel salvation is in Judah and the whole world has to acknowledge that the god of the universe the creator of the universe is the God of Israel exclusively and that's for anyone to have salvation they have to come through the portal or the portals the 12 portals of Israel he's the Holy One of Israel now that he is not just the Lord of hosts the angelicus the firstfruits as hosts but also the tribe of Judah we see this in Zechariah chapter 12 verse 6 when he says in that day the day when he returns will i make the governors of judah like a hearth of fire so so their lunar is gonna be this out the burning Calton that will just burn up their enemies so he says in that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood and like

a torch of fire in a sheath they're going to be deadly so these people that were stood here at Jerusalem was surrounded by armies they were being terribly persecuted they were being decimated and the land was made desolate but the remnant when God finally returns he says that if he did not cut these days short no flesh that is no Israelite flesh no no Jewish flesh would be left saved alive but because of the elect he's going to act and stop it before they wipe these people out and then he's going to give them power to fight against their enemies and that's what we're seeing here in Zechariah 12 and they shall devour all the people round about so what we saw in Luke the prophecy that Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies and we see right now all the Islamic nations that surround Israel and all the prophecies they have that they have to destroy the Jews every last Jew and they have to take Jerusalem so that is all happening now and this rise of anti-semitism which you know when I was in high school was like I just have to hearing never again never again never again and yet we're seeing this anti-semitism all around the world and nobody is objecting to it they're allowing it in fact they're endorsing it and supporting it and now the Palestinian cause has become very popular and so Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies there will be this devastation there and yet when when Jesus Christ returns he's coming to his people and he's going to give them power to fight against their enemies and Zachariah sees that and he says they shall devour all the people round about that's how powerful they're going to be on the right hand and on the left and

Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place so much to the chagrin of the enemies of Jerusalem who never want to see it inhabited and want to wipe out all the Jews Zachariah sees a time when the Jews will will have the power to fight back and Jerusalem will be inhabited again in her own place even in Jerusalem so it's just so magnificent that Zechariah has to repeat it just to make sure that we understand that it really will happen the Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first so when he returns the Lord of Hosts when he returns with this angelic realm and he returns with the first fruits that he's coming to Judah to save Judah first his priority is Jerusalem and that's why Satan's priority right now is Jerusalem because he's trying to negate God's plan but God is coming to save Jerusalem and he will save and that's why we are told to say unto Zion to say unto Jerusalem to say to the cities of Judah behold your God so we need to understand what the agenda is for God in order to make sure that we are preaching the right gospel to the right audience and so as Isaiah is very clear comfort like people say unto Zion say unto the cities of Judah behold your God and your God reigns so we have to understand what is happening in the world today and what is our role how Halloween how can we be sure that we are relevant we don't want to become irrelevant and so we have to understand what is going on in the world the Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first and the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem in

that day when Jesus Christ returns his top priority because where we're headed is a focus on the destruction of and that's why Christ is returning to redeem his people and so in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem they're going to be under attack and he's going to defend them and he that is feeble that is among the Jews he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David so that the weakest Jew will have the power of David supernatural God is coming to empower them so that they can fight against their enemies he's the Lord of Hosts and the house of David shall be as God and the angel of the Lord before them and it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem this is the holy Lord speaking that there is a controversy between God the people of God and the nation's and so when this beast power governs the whole earth and everybody's in a single agreement the agenda will be to destroy Jerusalem and so God is in that day when he returns he's returning it shall come to pass in that day that I that is Jesus Christ will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem so if we have any love for these nations and specifically these are Islamic peoples that hate Jerusalem if we have any love for them we need to warn them that you don't want to do this you've been misled whatever ideology whatever scriptures whatever doctrine you are intoxicated by it is false and you're going to end up in a very sad place you need to open the Bible and leave it for yourself whatever you've been told about it is false get a copy of it open it up and read it for yourself and see that your prophet is in

complete contradiction with all of the prophets of the Bible all of the prophets of the Bible are all saying the same thing and here Araya saying that God is coming to destroy the enemies of Jerusalem and I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications the exact same thing that joel saw that in the last days God is going to pour his spirit out upon his people upon his people and they will prophesy and they want more dreams and they will be having they'll have visions and this is what Peter thought that this is the end time on the day of Pentecost in the first century because he thought that this was the time though it was just a foretaste so Pentecost was just a foretaste of the actual fulfillment that Joel was seeing and here's a Cariah seeing the same thing that in the last days that God is going to pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications and listen to this and they that is the Jews shall look upon me that is Jesus Christ whom they have pierced they destroyed him and they are now going to acknowledge him and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for his only son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn there's going to be this wholesale repentance in Judah and there is going to be this broad acknowledgment that they were wrong and that Jesus Christ in fact is their Messiah and he's going to empower them and he and his people will finally be one he says coming back to as I have 48 now so the Lord of hosts he's a lord of a great army that only is angelic that army is the firstfruits and

that army also includes Judah the house of David and he's going to empower the Jews on earth to fight against their enemies along with the angels of God along with the Saints he's coming with ten thousands of his Saints along with all the holy angels and he's coming to do business isaiah 40:8 verse 3 i have declared this is very important that we're gonna see this declaration by god and and this is again why it's so important for us to get the prophecies right because these are things that God has declared and if we save him correctly we're making God a liar so we have to what is it that God has declared and we need to declare that he says I have declared and he really this is a big point for God that he has sent this beforehand and this is the proof of the Bible there is no book on earth that speaks of the future in detail and all of the naysayers all of the atheists and the agnostics and the confused we just have to open the Bible and say here's what's going to happen in the future and here it is outlined in detail and then they can just sit back and watch and as it unfolds they will have a lot of a lot of questions to ask themselves and they will know that one day they will have to face the the author of this book he says I have declared the former things from the beginning so all these things that have happened God said that would happen from the beginning and we went forth out of my mouth and I showed them I did them suddenly and they came to pass so this is who were dealing with here this is the true God that he is the only God that can say in detail what is going to happen and then bring it to pass and this is the power of the Bible this is

why prophecy matters it's the only book that can do this so he he said that what was going to happen and then it happened because he's the one that made it happen and why did he do this so then he explains to his people why he'd why he declared in advance what was going to happen and then brought it pass he says this is why because I knew that you are obstinate and your neck is as iron senior so he is the reason I did this is because I know how stubborn you are this is this is how much God is committed to working with this people he knows their character and so he's kind of fencing them in he's putting them in a corner so that ultimately they have to acknowledge him because he's not going to divorce he's not going to drop them he's committed to this people and ultimately to bring Israel back but he's committed to Judah he's not going to divorce them but he knows what they're like and so he's working with this human nature to say because I knew that you are obstinate are stubborn and your neck is as I unseen you and your brow brass that is quite a description of a very stubborn people and we see this in fact David saw this when we read the Psalms if we read Psalm 78 and verse five he says for he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel which he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children that the generation to come might know them even the children which should be born who should arise and declare them to their children so there's the declaration again that he's given this to these people so that they can teach them to their children so and

those children can teach them to their children so that generations yet to come can declare them to get to their children that they might set their hope in God that all these things are going to happen but they can set their hope in God and not forget the works of God but keep his commandment and listen to what david says in verse eight and might not be as their fathers a stubborn and rebellious generation looked it's very clear these are these are not holy people because they are saintly because they are perfect because they are a noble character there are holy people because they are descendants of Israel and God is in a covenant relationship with Israel it is through Abraham an unconditional covenant so God will not back away from this covenant so despite the evil of his people he is still going to fulfill his promise in them this is a very important thing for us to understand and to get clear because of where the world is going and because of the job we have of preaching the good news the gospel the good news to Zion preaching the good news to Jerusalem preaching the good news to the cities of Judah and preaching the good news to the world to all nations as a witness we need to be very clear so they're going to accuse the Jews of being evil and rather than defend them and saying oh they're not evil we're gonna say you know what they're actually more evil than you say because when we read the scriptures God doesn't pull any punches he says these people are wicked but they're his people and he's going to save them so so what's your argument now if your argument is that they must be destroyed because they're wicked and then their wiki because they broke the

Sabbath God says they are far more wicked than that and yet he's still committed to them the true God so they might not be like their fathers a stubborn and rebellious generation unfortunately they were just like their fathers a generation that sent not their hard to write and whose spirit was not steadfast with God so so David saw that that that was the whole purpose that they should teach their children so that their children don't follow in their stubbornness and yet unfortunately Christ came and they were stubborn they rejected him and you know the rest is history or it's actually prophecy back to what I have 48 God says I have even from the beginning that's it even even from the beginning I declared it to you before it came to pass I showed it to you lest you should say my idol has done this for me so again this is just the wickedness of these people that even though God is the one that saves them God is saying I know what you're like you're gonna give credit to your idols because these are very idolatrous people even though they're God's people he says I told you beforehand and I showed it to you lest you should say my idol has done them and my graven image and my molten image has commanded them and we see this in Ezekiel this idolatry this injury is in Jeremiah it's all over these are very idolatrous people right from the beginning right in the Torah we see the idolatry of Israel but here in Ezekiel 20 verse 32 Ezekiel writes and that which comes into your mind shall not be at all so they have a thought they have an intention they have an agenda and and God is prophesying here it's not going to be that way that which comes into

your mind shall not be at all that you say we will be as the heathen so we're going to be like the people surrounding us we will be as the healin as the families of the kind trees to serve wood and stone and so this has always been the proclivity of God's people instead of teaching the heathen they follow the heathen and God says you know I'm telling you beforehand what's going to happen so that when it happens

both the cursing and the blessing and the salvation that you don't say oh it was my idols that that helped me that because it was all for ordained and was all pre-written you have to say you know what this truly is the work of Yahweh it goes on to say here go back to isaiah 40:8

you have heard see all this open your eyes and look at this and will not you declare it so I want to deal with that declaration again first thought first of all God declares in advance so that his people can see that it he truly is the God of Israel and he truly is working with them who can write them advance what's going to happen and then bring it to pass so he wants them to see that he declared this in advance but then as a result of that he wants them to declare it

so that's isaiah 40:8 verse 6 let's deal with that declaration first because you've seen it already in isaiah 43 a couple of weeks ago we were there he says you that is Judah you are my witnesses so I know there's a movement called the Jehovah's Witnesses they are not God's witnesses his people are his witnesses he says you are my witnesses says the Lord and my servant whom I have chosen so thought has chosen his people

as his servant and they are to be his witnesses that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he so it is a very strange relationship that God has with these people so that they can come to see that truly the God of the universe the creator of this vast vast universe is in fact the god of Judah he is the God of Israel and it's just God has chosen to work through this tribe and he says that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he before me there was no God formed so this is the God of the universe neither shall there be after me and then in verse 12 I have declared the God of the universe has declared he says and have saved and I have showed when there was no strange glog among you and we covered that when we were in chapter 43 therefore so because of this declaration of God to these people in advance so that they can see that he truly is the God of the universe and he truly is in a relationship with them because of that he says therefore you are my witnesses so it's because of his ability to declare in advance specifically for this people that because of that they are his witnesses which means that they have to declare says the Lord that I am God so they are they are the witnesses that he is God and so they now have to turn around and tell the nation's our God is God and do that with absolute confidence in chapter 44 he says fear you not neither be afraid so you're surrounded by enemies people who really hate you but don't be afraid haven't I told you from that time and have declared it this is this is what this God is the state he's hanging his hat his credibility is on the facts that he declares in advance this is why any of us who are teaching

prophecy we have to teach it accurately because if we teach it in accurately then the thing that we're teaching will not come to pass and then God's credibility is shattered but the God of the universe is saying I hanging my credibility on my ability to predict the future and I've declared it in advance from the beginning I told you what was going to happen in the end and so he says don't be afraid haven't I told you from that time and have declared it you are even my witnesses so these people are the only people that can say we have received this scripture and we were told in advance what was going to happen and it happened exactly as the scripture says even though the scripture is thousands of years old and so we can confidently declare our God is God you are even my witnesses is there a dog beside me yeah there is no God I know not any so uh all these claims of the pagan gods notwithstanding none of them can do this and so they're all false and we don't need to believe any of them but this God and this scripture we can believe back to Isaiah chapter 48 and verse 6 so the first part of this verse was that you have heard and see all this won't you declare it and then he says I have shown you new things from this time so this is now a shift so there are things that you said in the past and now he's saying I'm showing you new things from this time even hidden things and you did not know them so now there's a shift there are some things that were written anciently and they have come to pass but now God is saying now I'm going to show you some new things and you didn't know these things before these are hidden things these are mysterious things that

I'm now revealing unto you and back in chapter 43 we saw this as well where he says behold I will do a new thing now it shall spring forth so this is something that wasn't

that wasn't before now God is doing it and it's a new thing shall you not know it I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert so this is the new thing that God is going to do he's going to bring salvation to these people in a new way that they didn't know before and he says that I will do this and so we know that he's going to raise up Cyrus a secular king that is going to save Judah from Babylon and not for gain there's nothing in it for him he's just going to be moved by God a secular King to save these people so God is gonna do this new thing and Cyrus is a pattern that is laid down that predicts the coming of the Messiah so Cyrus is a type he's a messiah the anointed one but he's a type of Christ and so Isaiah has this dual vision where he sees near-term which would be about a hundred and fifty years from the time that he's writing but he also sees long-term in the ultimate fulfillment and the ultimate fulfillment is in Christ and so the way Isaiah writes you can tell that okay he's talking near-term but also some of the language that he uses which is so ultimate that clearly that was not cyrus and that was not the original or the the babylon that Cyrus conquered that there's an ultimate where he's going to conquer Babylon and Assyria together in the end when Christ returns and Isaiah sees both and so this new thing in terms of the Messiah he rightly wrote in Chapter nine go back to chapter 9 eventually but in

Chapter 9 / 6 we're Judah can write for

unto us that is Judah a child is born so this is a brand new thing that God is going to come into the earth in the form of a child this has never been done this is a new thing the Messiah will come as a child for unto us a child is born unto us that is Judah a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called wonderful counsellor the mighty God so a child is going to be born that is going to be called the mighty God the everlasting father the Prince of Peace of the increase of his government and peace so soon we always wore fairly than put him into it of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this thought i bacillus Ellis about this he's going to do it but it's a new thing that that he should come to earth in the form of a child the creator of the universe will visit human beings and condescend to man and be born as a baby to a poor family and he will be called the mighty God they didn't know this this is a new thing back to Isaiah 48 in verse 7 he says they are created now so these are things that I didn't tell you before but I'm doing them now they are creative now and not

from the beginning so there are things that I told you from the beginning and many of these things have come to pass but now I'm gonna tell you some new things that I'm starting now and maybe you didn't know these before even before the day when you heard them not lest you should say again the reason he's doing this is he knows how the nature of his

people they say I'm telling you these new things that you didn't know before before he says I told you these things beforehand so that when salvation comes to you you don't say oh it's my idols that did this now he says I didn't tell you these things before but I'm telling you them now lest you should say behold I knew them oh I already knew that it's very interesting how God knows his people and he he's working with this people but he knows their nature and regardless of their nature he has chosen to be committed to them so I don't want you to say that you knew this before this isn't you

yeah you heard them not yeah you didn't know them yeah from that time that your ear was not opened for I knew that you would deal very treacherously so what what is God saying here that his people are treacherous and you were called a transgressor from the womb so this this is not they that is not saying I've chosen these people because they're the best of mankind so if you are convinced of the Ouran then you as soon as you accept Mohammed then all of a sudden magically you become the best of mankind you because you're a Muslim you're the best of mankind God doesn't do that with his people he says I've chosen you and I know how treacherous you are but I because I am God and I do not go back on my word I am committed to you so these people in fact let's just take a look at this and just understand that treachery is not the reason for God to turn his back on his people this here so beat misty mom on Friday is not going to mention all the despicable traits of the Jews but he's confident that he can repeat some of their traits mentioned about how long and everybody on Friday

they have to come to the lost and be subjected to this so we know who our enemy is of so these are the enemies they accused the prophets of life and were hostile towards them they fought the prophets and slayed them the people we are dealing with are the people who slayed and we're trying to kill they tried to kill Mohammed whenever they had the opportunity

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another one of their traits is that they are cursed that they and that they are deprived of the mercy they are violators of agreements and the courts these are their despicable traits you know God does not disagree that's the funny baby so all around the world on for every Friday this is what's being fed into the minds of men and women and they're coming out of this week after week after week being programmed to hate the Jews and now they're there rising up in power and they're surrounding Jerusalem and they are filled with such hatred for these people because these people are quote-unquote so treacherous and the things that they are accusing the Jews of the God of the Bible accuses the Jews of far worse they are far worse than the Muslims say and yet God says I'm committed to them this is not a reason for him to throw this covenant away there there are truck made deal treacherously and there are transgression transgressors for the wound now why doesn't God throw these people away

they are so treacherous God does not pull any punches when he describes them they're very stubborn people he's very difficult for God to work with them why doesn't he just destroy them the way Allah wants to destroy them he says here he explains for my name's sake it is for his name's sake and what is his name we know his name Isaiah tells us he is the Holy One of Israel he is the God of Israel he is forever associated with

associated with Israel because he's made this covenant with Israel he's not going to turn his back on them so so these are very evil people he makes it very clear they're very evil and then he says for money meetings sake will I defer my anger God is furious with these people but rather than destroy them he defers his anger why for his name's sake he says and for my praise will I refrain for you because he wants to be praised in Israel and so there has to be in Israel and it is for the sake of his praise for the sake of his name that he defers his anger and he refrains he said that I refrained for you that I cut you not off so the Jews in the Koran are evil the Jews in the Bible are treacherous and beyond evil and yet the God of the Bible says I defer my anger for my name's sake and I refrain from cutting you off for my praise of course Judah means the praise of God behold I hope we find you so so this is a process that God is taking them through where he says I have refined you but not with silver I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction so because of their evil they have to go through this affliction but this affliction is not for God to cut them off he's saying that this furnace of affliction is how I have chosen you this furnace of affliction is how I will refine you and I am in the end I'm gonna have a people who are so repentant and so loyal and so committed to praising me because of what they through this this is the God of the

Bible that he is taking them through a process and he explains why from my own namesake this is why it is for my namesake that I'm doing this even for my own sake so so God is saying look I've given my word to Abraham and I put my name on these people and because of that I am bálint to them and it's not because of them if it was because of them I would cut them off do it because of him I would destroy them but it's because of my Holy Name and we read last week in Psalms where God says I have exalted my word even above my own name so God takes his word very very seriously the God of the Bible that's why when he declares this is why wouldn't we say would ever speak for God we have to be accurate and say the right things say what he said the way that he said it because he takes his word so seriously especially when he declares the future for my own sake even for my own sake will I do it for how should my name be polluted this name Israel is rael God takes it very seriously and he cannot have it polluted and notice this and this is very important he says and I will not give my glory to another now that is very important for all of us and especially in the church so the Muslims are saying God is done with the Jews he's now chosen the Arabs and the Arabs are the special people but Isaiah says that God will not give his glory to another but we are just as bad in a church as Christians when we say that God is done with Israel and the church now replaces Israel we are a spiritual Israel and God is done with the Jews he's done with the physical Israelites because now the church is Israel well ho-hold up here God says how should my name be polluted

that is these people who carry my name if I turn my back on them then my name is being polluted my name is being blaspheme and then he goes on to say very categorically I absolutely will not give my glory unto another so where is his glory then well we'll see this next week when we're in chapter 49 but let's just read ahead we're in chapter 49 verse 3 he said unto me you are my servant you are my servant o Israel so who is a servant Israel you are my servant poet Israel in whom I will be glorified God will be glorified in Israel and when we say oh no no Beast he's done with Israel the church is Israel we're saying is he's putting his glory in another so all these Gentiles come into the church and we say yeah you know that whole thing about Israel God is done with Israel it's now the Gentile church and God's glory is in the Gentile church that contradicts what God Himself says he says I've chosen these people I'm going to afflict them I'm going to take them through the furnace of affliction so that I can refine them because I will not give my glory to another I am going to be glorified in Israel the church is being recruited to help God with his mission and that's what we have to understand we are first fruits that are recruited to help God put the world right and then set things in order and that's what we have to understand he's not going to give his glory to another in so we have to get this really clear he said unto me you are my servant o Israel in whom I will be glorified and that's categorical back to chapter 48 hearken unto me he's really pleading with them now this is he's going to work with this people and he wants his people to understand that

he has chosen them hearken unto me o Jacob and Israel my called I am he I am the first I also have the last and so this language of first and last we see it in Revelation that it's the same God in revelation 22 verse 13 the book ends with this I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end the first and the last and why that is so important is he is the only God that can declare from the beginning what is going to happen I mean because he's the beginning and the ending he makes sure that everything in between happens exactly as he is orchestrated so God is doing a very strange work now and when we look at the world around us is changing and it's changing rapidly and the Christian nations are crumbling they're falling and they're being I'll say I'll use the word invaded or were taken by Gentile nations and and they're going through the the rule or the honor of the individual the importance of the individual individual be able to act and operate according to their conscience that's all going away and it's being replaced by collectivist now you belong to a group and you have to adhere to the morals and the ideas of the group and you're not allowed to think as an individual anymore and this is all setting us up for this global economy this global military force that's going to be ruling over men which is not good for Christians but it's all God's work and he says I'm Alpha and Omega I'm the beginning in the end the first in the last and and he's going to do exactly what he has prophesied to do and so here he pleads with Jacob to know that he is the first and the last so they have to go back to the ancient scriptures see what is prophesied in the

future and know that he's going to bring and pass verse 13 my hand also has laid the foundation of the earth and my right hand spanned the heavens when I call unto them they stand up together so he's making it very clear I'm the God of the universe and I have control of the universe the whole creation that's cool I am that's who is dealing with you and it's kind of hard for man to wrap our heads around this but the god of the universe condescends to lowly man and is committed to a lowly tribe of people and he will be glorified in those people he says all of you assemble yourselves and here which among them has declared these things so that them now is the pagan gods so I'm a God I'm under the Alpha and Omega I'm the one who can from the beginning tell you in advance what's going to happen and everything happens exactly as I say who among the false gods who among your idols can do this they're all pretenders this is the only scripture that has this this word that predicts the future in detail so all of you assemble yourselves in here which among them have that has declared these things so again you see how important that declaration is to God it's the proof

he's the true God and it's proof of the false gods they cannot declare these things

lynnie benny explains the game isa is going to do a new thing and that's through cyrus and so he says here the lord has loved him pointing now to Cyrus he that his Cyrus will do his pleasure on Babylon and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans and again Cyrus is a type of the Messiah and so ultimately this is speaking of Christ that the final resurrection of Babylon that Christ will

do his pleasure on Babylon and his arm will be on the Chaldeans and again it's very clear that Babylon is of the Chaldeans so we have to know who are the Chaldeans today and where is Babylon because Isaiah is very specific God is very specific he's declared these things in advance we have to get it right he says I even I have spoken again this emphasis on his word his ability to predict the future I even I have spoken yes I have called him speaking of Cyrus I have brought him and he shall make his way prosperous come you near unto me here you this I have not spoken in secret from the beginning so these are things that Moses wrote about it's in the scriptures it's something that it's not hidden from them he says I have not spoken in secret from the beginning from the time that it was there a mine and now the Lord God and His Spirit hath sent me thus says the Lord your Redeemer the Holy One of so he said it last chapter and 47 now he's repeating it again here in chapter 48 that the read depth that the redeemer is the Holy One of Israel he is tied to Israel he's the Holy One of Israel Israel is pathetic Israel is treacherous the Israel really is evil but God came as a Jew to live by every word of God to be the Holv One of Israel so that he can redeem Israel that's the fun that's what he's doing and that's what we need to realize this is you know it's Christmas what is it today the 26th verse 20 says so was Christmas yesterday the day before and oh joy to the world and Christ has come and he's come for everybody and let's give gifts to each other and it's just clueless nobody knows what's going on we need to know what's going on the Christ

came to earth to live as the perfect Israelite to fulfill the terms and conditions of the Covenant so that he can legally and rightfully inherit the promised land but instead of doing that he allows Israel if they accept him as their Savior to inherit the promised land because he took all of the punishment so this way God is not a liar when he tells Israel this is what's gonna happen if you don't obey and they said okay we agree now he can fulfill all of that and at the same time still save Israel because of the fact that the Holy One of Israel came to earth live perfectly and now is taking all of that suffering and unfortunately is really stubborn they're obstinate so they have to suffer but once they look upon him who they have pierced as the serpent was lifted up in the wilderness and those who looked upon the serpent were saved that when this treacherous time in the future is going to happen when they look upon him whom they have pierced they will be saved because he is the Holy One of Israel he says thus says the Lord your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel I am the Lord your God which teaches you to profit which leads you by the way that you should go I'm the one you should follow me and this is you know if we look at that at the Gospel story in Luke it ends in chapter 24 and when Christ has been crucified and buried in fact even in the grave now for three days and three nights the people are the disciples are walking to Emmaus and Christ catches up to them and there's two of them talking and they've given up basically they're they've left Jerusalem they're heading back to their hometown and he says so

Christ is asking like what's going on why are you so sad and so they begin to explain to him and then they say here in verse 21 of Luke 24 but we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel so when it's all over now he finished all of his teaching and then he was crucified base they believed that he was the Messiah and now they're despondent given up because they had trusted that Jesus Christ would be the one that should have redeemed Israel they never ever said that you know we had trusted that the whole earth would have joy because Christ came to save the whole world and we were just ready to wrap up gifts and give gifts to the whole world because Christ just loves everybody and he came to save everybody we trusted that Jesus had come to redeem Israel and beside all this today is the third day since these things were done been in 25 he says then he that is Christ said unto them all of fools you idiots you

I've been teaching you all this time and you still don't understand all the fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken so all the prophets spoke of the Lord coming to redeem Israel not the whole world Israel and and they gave up we thought he was gonna save Israel and they says you fools you're so slow to understand that all the prophets have spoken this thing God is not going to go against his word and in fact at the beginning of Luke is a very first chapter so that was the end of Luke chapter 24 let's go to the very beginning chapter 1 verse 30 the angel 7 to Mary Ferrer not Mary so this is Gabriel talking to Mary for you have found favor with God and behold you shall conceive in your womb and bring

forth a son and shall call his name garlic saves Yeshua God saves of Joshua so his name is God saves God saves who God saves Israel God saves his people verse 32 he shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest exactly what Isaiah said in the 996 and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David exactly what Isaiah said in 9 6 and 7 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for how long forever this is God is committed to Israel and Israel because he's gonna reign over the house of Israel forever therefore Israel has to exist forever therefore all those who have designs and schemes and plots to destroy Israel they are working the work of the devil because the work of God is to establish Israel forever he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there shall be no end exactly what as I have said in chapter 9 verses 6 & 7 verse 54 he has helped his servant Israel so the prophecy is that Christ has come a child has been born unto us he's going to be the Holy One of Israel and it doesn't say here that he's helped the whole world in fact we know from revelation 1 verse 7 that when he returns to the tribes of the earth are going to wail that it's gonna be a day of disaster for them it's not good news for the world but it's good news for Israel and he's come to help his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy verse 68 blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he has visited and redeemed the whole world know blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he has visited and redeemed his people Israel he came to redeem his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us for Israel in the house of his servant David and he spoke by the

mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began so as I said look I declared this thing to you from the beginning from anciently and all the prophets that have come along they have all seen this and they have all prophesied of it and they've all been saying the same thing that's why I album Jesus had to open the Scriptures and starting in Moses and in all the prophets he showed them all these things that were prophesied concerning him verse 71 that we should be saved from our enemies

Israel has enemies and God is coming to save Israel from his enemies so we have good news for Israel and bad news for Israel's enemies and I think people don't grasp that the gospel is two-sided the gospel is not good is one all joy to the world the Lord has come let earth receive her King everybody be happy no not everybody be happy you people who are doing the work of the devil

you're slaughtering you're raping you're stealing you're doing all kinds of evil what one to you what one to you it's not good news for you have your day now because Jesus Christ is coming and he's furious and he's coming to save his people from their enemies and from the hand of all that he does so there's a perpetual hatred and we need to be aware of what's going on in the earth who is it that is spreading all over the earth today that has a perpetual hatred of the Jews that has a prophecy that they have to destroy all of the Jews that is surrounding Judah today that is surrounding Israel today that the country called Israel and then that has an agenda to invade Jerusalem that wants to take over Jerusalem that is teaching

their babies to hate Jews and to kill Jews who is this and what is our message to them or are we just completely unaware of what's going on in the world to perform in the Mercy promised to our fathers this is mercy that has been promised to our fathers and to remember his holy Covenant this place is for my own namesake I'm doing this because he's remembering his holy Covenant the oath which he swore to our fathers so this is a God who keeps his word it's not a God who makes an oath and then changes his mind it's not a God who can lie it's not a God that teaches his followers to lie it's a God that honors his word above even his own

so when he says something he honors it so he says here the oath which he swore to our father Abraham that he would grant unto us that we deliver it out of that that we that is the people of God not the whole world the fact the whole world are enemies of the people of God so he's coming at me being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life and now he's speaking to John and you child shall be called prophet of the highest for you shall be called you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways and what will John do to give knowledge of salvation unto the whole world

no the world is the enemy of God and his people

it's to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins

so that's Luke chapter one chapter 24 that's what the gospel is all about it's the redemption of his people as I have 48 verse 18 oh that you had

hearkened to my Commandments then had your peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea so you can sort of hear the pain in God that he's gonna have to take them through the furnace of affliction and he's regretting it he's saying oh if only you had listened to my Commandments which we saw in Psalm 78 that we're supposed to listen to them teach them to their children so that their children to declare it to their children and God just says oh that you wouldn't listen to my Commandments then had your peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea and we saw that when Christ himself was here when he says be prior to the great Olivet prophecy he says o Jerusalem Jerusalem you that killed the prophets oh Christ acknowledges yet they are the ones to kill the prophets and stone them which are sent unto you how often I would have gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her chicken under her wings but you wouldn't have it and so now your children are going to have to face desolation your children are going to have to face a level of persecution that is unprecedented but I didn't want it I didn't want it this way you wanted it this way because I would have protected them he says here behold your house is left unto you desolate and that's because they've rejected Christ for I say unto you you shall not see me henceforth until you shall say blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord and we saw that in Zechariah 12 when God is coming to save them so just me interest times 8:30 now we're at verse 19 I think what I'll do is I'll stop here and then I will will continue God willing next week as we go into chapter

49 but I know that there were a few questions that were left unanswered and maybe there are some more questions from this evening and I think I've got the technology working properly now so I'm gonna bring in pastor Marie but I will ask that while I'm setting that up go ahead and put your questions in the chat or on Facebook and be able to answer those questions in real time so let me go ahead and bring in pastor morning all right there pastor Marie can you hear me okay I can see you but I'm not hearing it so we can see you now but I'm not sure if you can hear this okay [Music] expect tomorrow

hello can you hear me

Adrienne can hear me yes I'm gonna hear you very clearly how are you good good we can hear you and see it perfect great wait wait there's much luxury sometimes I had one thing in mind while really sad and certainly we have chosen you know I mean even understand

I mean nearly alert burger John shot me first what John give us the reason reason sauce marinara sauce or not an operation so bad bad people don't know that bad cheese is in crisis maybe and hit him it might like bring bright light into a plate that's pretty fascinating great great insight there excellent any other thoughts were surgeries wanted my body addicted or indium online lately cou G just for me in a way to really enter terms

house hopefully Indians place place the LNG

problem you have to interpretation buddy buddy since for both of us along

behind time remembers her church there's a dog on the curtain listen listen 20 oh yo their online Church Street eye movement followers it's a big disrepute agree it is

I'm just getting a message here that there's a bit of an echo can you talk again we're just just one one really pretty place place y'all we all achieve con concept and how that's different it is brought on the long I might teach in the numerator I've gotta wear later church this race tasteful you rather I didn't come in two sizes in Louisville and evenings like it like Baltimore actually it's actually being a big thing

it really is and I'm just waiting to see if so some people say that can't understand what you're saying I'm hoping that the echo has stopped but they are saying they're having a bit of trouble hearing you all just really said that what customer was saying was that the replacement theology of something that even in the Church of God we have taught in a sense that the church replaces Israel and how different is this teaching in Isaiah from that and as I say this it is very different and I think maybe we have unknownst to us unwittingly picked up from the Protestants this notion that the church replaces Israel and the reason they and they picked that up from the Catholics and the reason the Catholics had that is as these Greek philosophers came into the church that they despised the Jews they hated the Jews you can even Martin Luther has been one of the leader of the Protestant movements he hated the Jews and then you don't have to look very far to see men like John Chrysostom and an origin and other is an even though

Martin Luther to see how much they despise the Jews and so they wanted to write the Jews completely out of the Bible and that's where they it was so easy when Philo came along and gave through this whole a localization technique to just allegorize everything and that that gave them the freedom then to write the Jews out of the Bible and I think to some extent maybe we've inherited that not not across the board but to some extent Lee they have I have for many ministers who do teach that God has not forsaken the people physical descendants of Israel and he is coming to save them and so I think we just need to be very clear that what isaiah makes clear to us and I think the prophecies just become very apparent when we don't allegorize we just read it the way it's written we can see that these if we are saying that no we replace Israel then all of this punishment this affliction this furnace of affliction that God is not backing away from and is saying it's necessary to get these people to a point of repentance then what we're saying is we need that we need to be taken through that but that doesn't make any sense because we've repented and we've accepted the Lord and yet the prophecy is very specific that God has to do this so I think we just have to read the scriptures and take them as the way they're written and get it right because God puts so much on fact that he can declare the future in advance and if we dilute that or neutralize it or negate it then we're attacking the very point that God wants to establish his credibility on let me check again for your voice Murray if you talk again and I'll just

see if there's how that's coming through sure sure yes that the differentiation we are hearing to you why want to to replace really therefore I mean one can come to injuries with it but I ain't hire you for your protection on from the end I know that'll happen and I think during audios I cannot warn you I'm done later later sorry sorry sorry sorry everybody all right sorry about that so there is seems to be there is an audio issue there yeah okay so what was I saying here yes there was something I was gonna say to your point there but we just need to be very very specific about what God is doing for for Israel now there were a couple of questions from last time I think I'll go ahead and answer those so let me do that I'll go back to the scripture actually and let me just go on ahead - I do want to finish off as I have 48 I'll do that next week but in the meantime let me come back - as I have 47 there was a really good question from JD last week about enchantments and then know if your enchantments and with the multitude of your sorceries wherein you have labored from your use so what is that we need to address this issue with the sorceries so let me just talk a little bit about that and I see another question that just came up that I do want to address that as well and well but let me just okay I just want to deal with this issue of sorceries and I have mentioned last time that sorcery is in fact if you look at you just go back to the scripture this word sorceries in the Greek in Revelation where he says the fearfully unbelieving the abominable murderers whoremongers and sorcerers this word sorcerers is pharmakeia or fraud kiss

and it means it's magic but it also means drugs a druggist a poisoner people involved in drugs as pharmakeia sorceries and I'll just make it very clear here they have to reach out to our Muslim in my brethren brothers and sisters because they are fearful the Koran is a dreadful book if you want nightmares if you believe that Allah is the true God and you meet the Quran you live in permanent terror permanent terror their unbelieving they will never accept Christ they will never accept that Jesus Christ has come to earth as God because they are wired to reject that so they are unbelieving abominable the things that if you are a devout Muslim if you're really going to take the Quran seriously then this is something that this is something that you're going to be involved in what God considers abominations pedophilia rape theft gang gang rape gang mass murder all these all the abominations of the earth are authorized by the Quran and by the hadith murderers whoremongers people who love prostitutes and much in marriage and all these different things and sorcerers idolaters clearly a psychology and Liars it actually endorses lying it tells you to lie all these things are so islam is capturing people and putting them in a state where they will have their part in the lake that burns with fire so we have to preach this gospel and they have to see they have to open the bible and see that everything they've been taught about the bible is false but this concept of pharmakeia is really fascinating let me just start show you something here that you may not have seen before so let's just look at this in terms of pharmakeia here's an article that says

drugs in war so sorceries are drugs what is Captagon the jihad pill used by the Islamic state militants so these are pills that the jihadis take and it says here in the past three months investigators across Europe of intercepts

thow intercepted thousands of Captagon pills an amphetamine based drug popular with the Islamic state militant group nicknamed the jihadist drug CAPTA Khan keeps users awake for long periods of time

dulls pain and creates a sense of euphoria according to one former militant who spoke to CNN in 2014 Isis gave us drugs hallucinogenic pills that would make you go to battle not caring if you live or die this is sorcery this is for Mikael given a similar testimony from fighters experts say it seems likely that the hallucinogenic pills the militants took or Captagon and then he goes on to say here they intercepted they confiscated more than 600,000 Captagon pills in a raid and arrested people for manufacturing the drug and they found that they were destined for Isis fighters so this is very very clearly pharmakeia that the scripture is very clear that people involved in these things are going to be thrown into the lake of fire so let me go back now and see some other questions that I think are on the chat and so regarding the children of Abraham are we the children labor absolutely we are and we are the firstfruits and it's like there is a process that God is bringing his people through which includes going through the furnace of affliction so that he can return to them

and they can declare his glory and we

are going to help we're going to oversee as Isaiah says that we will be the teachers and we will appear and disappear just the same way Christ appeared and we're going to guide the house of Israel in the house of Judah so they in turn as the nation of priests can facilitate salvation for the world and that process is going to take a thousand years and and during that whole process the second death is going to hang over all of all human beings because they have to get this right and at the end there'll be the second resurrection and all these people are going to come up and the house of Israel in the house of Judah are going to come up in that resurrection and they're going to be treated differently from everybody else we see that in Isaiah Ezekiel 37 and then the second death is still going to be hanging over the heads of all those who come up in the second resurrection John tells us that in chapter 20 of Revelation and finally at the end of this whole process is the final judgment when people will finally be born into the family of God but we as the children of Abraham who are firstfruits we go straight to the finish line

and the second death has no power over us and we come out of this whole process to join Christ to oversee it so this this honor of the firstfruits that we have is so high and so glorious and I fear that a lot of Christians are not taking it seriously they don't realize that if we miss out on this we miss out on everything that this is such a you know in Christ came and he took his disciples and he taught them all these things and then when the other gene was surrounded he spoke to the other Jews in

parables and they said why do you speak to them in parables and he says because to you it's been given to understand these mysteries but to them it's not been given so that seeing they don't see and hearing they don't hear lest they should repent and it's not their time yet but it's your time I'm pulling out this firstfruits early to do what kind of thought fast track them to the finish line so that they can help me in this process of redeeming the house of Israel and redeeming the house of Judah and we're going to return with the Lord of Hosts we're going to be part of the army that returns to put the world right but yeah we're the children of Abraham but we're the firstfruits children of Abraham we go straight to the finish line and then we help the other children of Abraham come through this whole process so that they can teach the rest of the world who can then be converted and come into Israel and also become the children of Abraham but it's a whole long process it's going to take over a thousand years and we as firstfruits get to go straight to the finish line let me see if there's anything else I can see here and I'll just actually pop over to Facebook

see anything there and again I have to watch out be careful with Facebook because it doesn't I can't go back and see what the comments were counting the cost yeah absolutely Charlotte is so serious it really is it's so glorious and it's so serious and we just have to be about our father's business and to us it's been given to understand the mysteries we can't blame people who even though we might tell them they have no idea what's going on but we're just in this special category of people who

understand and so we have a great work there's a great responsibility on us and if God says to the Jews fear don't fear that the wicked how much more to us not to be fearful we should be very very bold let me see if there's another question here okay so a question from Elena what does it mean to come forth out of the waters of Judah I looked at that and I don't have an answer right now so I'm going to take that for the next week sister Lena great question that's in isaiah 40:8 i think it was verse 2 or 3 they says you are my people he says you who call upon the God of Israel and you're known by the name of Israel and you've come forth out of the waters of Judah so we know that the Covenant the northern tribes were divorced and God maintained a relationship with the south and ultimately all of Israel will come back through this covenant that remains with Judah but specifically what it means to come forth out of the waters of Judah let me take that for next week if there is anything else I think that's it what I'll do is well we'll stop here and I'll house and we'll finish off chapter 48 God willing next week and I'll actually start with that question about the waters of Judah because I tripped over it today and I wanted to get getting to it but the time was running out on me so let's start there God willing next week and I'm not sure why we couldn't get Murray working there we thought we had it sorted but I really do enjoy when moving past him where he can participate and then we can see and hear him so last week we could hear him this week we could see him God willing in the future we'll see and hear him and appreciate his contributions thanks so

much for joining tonight this is a ancient scripture it's thousands of years old it's very specific it's very detailed and it's true what a god what a mighty God we serve Jesus Christ what a savior