23-Isaiah-20-Transcript

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well welcome to another Bible study and I apologize that we're doing this on Thursday evening this week I did in fact record this yesterday and I just want to confirm that you can hear me so I'm just gonna hold on to confirm that there is sound and let's just see here yes oh very good so I apologize that it's on Thursday evening I did actually record this on Tuesday evening and I uploaded it and send it to our brother Jeff to play it last night but when I reviewed the recording unfortunately there were sound problems and so it was unusable so I apologize for that I'm trying to be consistent so it's every Wednesday evening even if I cannot physically be there but be that as it may let's finish off at chapter 54 of Isaiah this evening and we'll begin with a word of Prayer our Heavenly Father great God we're just so humbled as we come before your mighty and majestic throne your throne of mercy father we praise you we thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ and we thank you God for this magnificent plan that is unfolding in the earth and the scripture says the wicked will not understand but the wise will understand it so father as we delve into your word we pray that you'll give us wisdom godly wisdom we thank you we praise you and we pray father that you'll bless our study now in the mighty and holy name of Jesus the Christ amen so we are up to Isaiah chapter 54 and we got to verse 13 so we'll just finish off the back half of chapter 54 but before we do that I actually want to go back to Genesis because I was just so intrigued with what the Apostle Paul did with

Isaiah 54 his commentary on eyes at 50-54 and how he used it as an allegory and I think the assumption there is that the brethren he's talking to are educated and are fully aware of what is in

in Genisys and so that he can use it as a commentary so maybe in previous sermons they've gone through Genesis maybe he had a whole series on Genesis and then now he's commenting and he's been commenting on Isaiah and drawing what's happening or Isaiah's reference to Genesis so let's such as quickly the point that I want to highlight in Paul's commentary on Isaiah he says now we brethren as Isaac was are the children of promise so we have to understand Isaac to understand how we are like him we are the children of promise so he says now we brethren as Isaac was are the children of promise but as then so we are we are the children of promise however as it was anciently as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the spirit even so it is now so Paul goes way back anciently and says that this child is the child of promise and that way back then the child of promise was persecuted by the child of the flesh and then he draws that right up to the present tense and says even so it is now so he indicates that there's a sense of perpetuity that that this is a perpetual persecution all the way back from the founding of the promise in Isaac all the way up to the present even so he says it is now and the sense is that and and it will continue to be so so even so it is now and it will continue to be so nevertheless so don't get discouraged he says nevertheless so this is just amazing to me so we are like Isaac Isaac

was persecuted by him that was born after the flesh because he was born after the spirit and that's just the way it is even to this day and I think we will be able to say the same thing if we were giving a sermon we'd be able to point back to the same example of Isaac the same example of the persecution and be able to say even so it is now so it's just perpetual however don't let that discourage you nevertheless what does the scripture say so let's go back in time and what does the scripture say nevertheless what says the scripture cast out the bondwoman cast her out he says cast out the bondwoman and her son for the son of the slave woman shall absolutely not be heir with the son of the freewoman so this condition of the fleshly child persecuting the spiritual child it's a perpetual condition but the scripture says that the fleshly child will not inherit the promises of the child of the Spirit now with that in mind when we were in Isaiah 51 there was a very clear instruction to Israel so that they don't get discouraged by the persecution by this perpetual persecution so Isaiah or God through Isaiah says to Israel nevertheless what says the scripture don't be discouraged by the persecution so God says look unto Abraham your father and unto Sarah that bare you for I called him alone so again this is what does the scripture say so God is saying you're being persecuted but look back in time and understand my promise to Abraham because I called him alone and that there's a sense here of exclusivity and blessed him and increased him and what does the scripture say that this the child of the bondwoman will not inherit will not be a co-heir with the

child of the free woman so there's an exclusivity in the promise to Abraham being fulfilled in Isaac and the child of the bondwoman of the flesh has absolutely nothing to do with this so this perpetual persecution God is telling Israel go back in time and look to your father Abraham and to Sarah that bore you for I called him alone nobody else and I blessed him alone nobody else and increased him alone nobody else and then immediately on the heels of the instruction to look back to Abraham to look back to Sarah immediately on the heels of that instruction is the explanation why because for the Lord shall comfort Zion we have to connect these two verses that because God called Abraham exclusively therefore he will comfort Zion and the child of the slave woman has nothing to do with this despite the persecution from that child for the Lord shall comfort Zion or we could even say Diane alone he called Abraham alone and therefore he's gonna comfort Zion alone he will comfort all her waste places so she has been devastated she is desolate and yet God is saying look back to Abraham and I will comfort her because my promise to Abraham stands in Zion if I do not comfort Zion I have broken my promise and my covenant with Abraham he will comfort God will comfort all her waste places and he will make all her wildernesses like Eden and her desert like the garden of the Lord so we expect to see complete devastation in this land it's like it's gonna look uninhabitable and yet God is saying look back to Abraham and I'm gonna make this place like Eden and that's very interesting that God begins with Eden when we look in Ezekiel 28 we

see that Lucifer was in the Garden of Eden and he was cast out then we see God recreating Eden on earth landscaping it exclusively himself and then placing Adam in Eden and then he was cast out and then we go to the book of Revelation chapter 22 where the whole book ends and it ends the way it begins with the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life is there and the river of life is there this time the tree of knowledge of good and evil is no longer necessary it's not there and Satan is no longer necessary he's not there but this Garden of Eden is right there in this land and so God means what he says and it's exclusive to Abraham and his seed so he will make he will do this no one can stop him he will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the Garden of the Lord joy and gladness shall be found there in joy and gladness will be found their Thanksgiving and the voice of melody this despite the devastation that is coming god guarantees that there'll be joy and gladness so let's do what God instructed Israel to do so that they could be confident is to look to Abraham and to look to Sarah that in Sarah or in Abraham and Sarah is truth and that truth will give us confidence despite the persecution so he says here Janis 17 and verse 4 as for me behold my covenant is with you alone nobody else as for me my covenant is with you and you shall be a father of many nations neither shall your name anymore be called a Brahm or of wrong but your name shall be of roja for a father of many nations have I made you so we're going we're going back and we're looking to our father Abraham and we're seeing that he was from the exalted father and God changed his name from the exalted father

to a father of many nations ok verse 7 and I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations so this is where we have to look back to Abraham that this covenant God God Himself is going to establish it it's going to be between God and Abraham but not just God in Abraham the seed that's in the loins of Abraham is also included so he says between me and between and your seed after you in their generations so it's going to cascade down through the generations and how long will this covenant be not just between God and Abraham but between God and Abraham and Abraham's seed cascading down through the generations is this a limited covenant no he says for an everlasting covenant this is something that God is saying is forever I'm going to establish this covenant with you forever it's an everlasting covenant now in this everlasting covenant he that not only is it everlasting it is so that I will be a god unto you Abraham so this implies Abraham's resurrection because it's going to be a god unto Abraham for ever to be a god unto you and to your seed after you and this also implies the resurrection of his seed because God means what he says it's not just the seed that happens to be alive at the end time when God returns it's his seat so you know Ezekiel 37 shows us there's great valley of dry bones that's brought back to life so that God can fulfill his word what we know about God is he honors his word even above his own name it means what he says so it's going to be a God to Abraham forever and he's going to be a god to Abraham's seed forever

and I will give unto you and to your seed after you okay what else does this government say I'm going to give unto you and to your seed after you the land wherein you are a stranger all the land of Canaan or Kaman so all this land he says as part of this everlasting covenant it's it's part of partly a real estate agreement not just a relationship but also real estate is involved I will give unto you and to your seed after you the land wherein you are a stranger all the land of canaan for an everlasting possession what's that ha ha how long will they have this land for ever this land is theirs forever so the palestinians today are saying that they are descendants of and therefore this is their land and the Jews that are there now are interlopers they've come in and they've taken the land that is rightfully theirs but if they're gonna prove that they are Canaanites which makes sense then they're actually proving they have no right to the land because it's God's land and God took it from the pervert Canaan and punished the pervert Canaan and cursed him and gave it to Abraham so God says all the land of canaan for an everlasting possession this is theirs forever and in having this land forever God establishes and I will be their God so this relationship between God and the seed of Abraham is forever and this relationship between the seed of Abraham and the land is forever either's on to say and God said unto Abraham as for Sarah your wife you shall no longer call her name Sarah but Sarah shall her name be so she goes from being a princess to be a mother of many and I will bless her and give you a son also of her yes I will bless her and she

shall be a mother of Nations kings of people shall be of her so the people who come from Sarah are going to rule over the peoples then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed so Isaac means laughter Abraham laughs Sarah laughs and God says there's going to be laughter in this land so God fell upon his face and sorry Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said him his heart shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old and shall Sarah that is 90 years old bear and Abraham said unto God so so Abraham understood so he has Ishmael and then God says to him no I'm gonna bless Sarah

and your sea will be blessed in Sarah got it Abraham understood what Ishmael is his son and he has a bond with his son Ishmael and so he pleads with God oh that Ishmael might live before you so what we basically saying what's gonna happen to ish Malcolm can we do something for Ishmael and God said being very clear so this is what the scripture says go back and look to Abraham your father so that you can be confident that God is going to deliver Israel so we have to go back and understand this so Abraham is begging that Ishmael be considered and God says no Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed this is where the blessing will be and you shall call his name Isaac and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant so the Covenant is Ishmael has nothing to do with the Covenant he says for Ike we went in as I have 51 he says for I called Abraham alone and this blessing then cascades down to his seed alone and so here he says I will establish my covenant with Isaac the seed of Sarah for an everlasting covenant so in Isaiah

he says look to Abraham and he doesn't say just Abraham he says and to Sarah so you don't get confused I have nothing to do with Ishmael or this covenant I should say has nothing to do with Ishmael it's everything to do with Sarah and the seed that comes out from through Sarah and I will establish my covenant with Itzhak you'd suck with Isaac for an everlasting covenant this is forever Isaac is forever and with his seed after him so the seed that comes down through Isaac is forever and as for Ishmael okay he's not a part of this he's not a part of this but Abraham prayed for Ishmael so God says okay so this is this is the way it's gonna be this is the everlasting covenant okay now as for Ishmael okay I've heard you and Ishmael means God hears so I've heard behold I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly twelve Prince's shall he beget and I will make him a great nation now the child of the slave persecutes the child of the free woman perpetually so when God says that he's going to make the child of the slave a great nation if the child of the free woman were the children the seed of the free woman the seed that comes through the free woman if they are righteous Ishmael is no problem nothing to worry about but if they turn their back on God God is actually setting up the mechanism through which he will punish them so that's why Paul says in Galatians even so it is to this day that the child of the slave woman persecutes the child of the Spirit so he's gonna make him a great nation which is the mechanism for punishing because there's great resentment and bitterness

and envy and hatred that Ishmael has for Isaac and the loss of being the firstborn so to speak but then not getting the Covenant so he says I'll make him a great nation but whenever you say whenever you see the word but it means basically ignore what just came before that so whenever you say BOTS so if somebody says to you I'm sorry but it means they're not really sorry it's what comes after buck that really matters so sorry you're really you're really you're really a great person but I really like you but just cancel whatever said came before button and focus on what comes after so so Ishmael Abraham thought that the Covenant would be an issue and God says no let me be very clear the Covenant will come through your wife Sarah and okay you've pleaded for Ishmael okay I'll bless him physically I'll make him a great nation but so that great nation that Ishmael becomes is really irrelevant because in in the through the lens of eternity it doesn't matter so he'll be a great nation on earth but through the lens of eternity this is irrelevant so but my covenant will I establish with Isaac which Sarah will bury you don't get confused Sarah is the one that's gonna bury you which Sarah shall bear unto you at this set time next year let's fast forward now to chapter 29 and Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian and Moses is very clear it's the Egyptian the Egyptian that had an enslaved that will enslave God's people so she saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian which she had born unto Abraham mocking so here you know the the word is mocking it means the sport it can mean to persecute it can even mean have a sexual perversion to it as well or sexual connotation to it whatever it.

was when when Paul quotes it when Paul looks back and quotes it he says persecution so somehow again the resentment of being the firstborn being told you're the Covenant child Hagar the mother being lofty and thinking wow I'm the one who bore the seed and and maybe a lot being lofty and arrogant towards her her master Sarah and feeding Ishmael with all this thinking he is now persecuting and subjugating Isaac and Sarah saw this therefore she said unto Abraham cast out cast out this bondwoman and her son for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son this is not gonna happen absolutely not so he somehow maybe is the way he's behaving towards Isaac is a very in a very presumptuous manner and Sarah's just disgusted and she says get rid of this woman and get rid of her son for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son this is absolutely not going to happen even with Isaac no way and the thing was very Grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son this this is his son so he's very concerned about this notice verse 12 and God said unto Abraham let it not be Grievous in your sight because of the lad and because of the bondwoman so God is backing up Sarah and when Sarah looks at Ishmael and just absolutely not that this is not gonna happen get rid of this woman and get rid of her son God says to Abraham don't let this grieve you let do this because it is absolutely true my covenant is exclusively with Isaac and Ishmael has nothing to do with it in all that Sarah has said unto you hearken unto her voice for in Isaac shall your seed be called

so we have to in Isaiah we're told to go

and look back to this foundation and understand that the child of the bondwoman has nothing to do with this nothing at all that all of this is going to be in Isaac for in Isaac shall your seed be called and also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation because he is your seat and again as long as the seed is righteous they don't have to worry about the wealth and the power of this nation because they will be under the power of the Covenant of they will be under God's covenant people who are going to be kings of the earth but if they depart from the covenant now we have a nation that's going to be mighty and powerful and built into their DNA is a hatred for Isaac and so they will come after Isaac with righteous indignation and and resentment and hatred perpetually so this is a sword that's a on call at anytime Satan can stir up these people with a sense of resentment and envy because they don't have the blessings of Isaac and so they come there they're on call at any time and God is building this mechanism to punish according to the Covenant to punish Israel at any time chapter 27 and it came to pass now Isaac is an old man it came to pass when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see so so now Isaac didn't he's basically blind that he called Esau his eldest son and said unto him my son and he said unto him behold here am I and so he gives him the instruction he wants to bless him go and hunt get some venison for me cook it the way you know that I like it and then let me bless you fast-forward down to verse 26 and it says and Isaac his and his father Isaac said unto him come near now and kiss me

my son and so we know the story those of us who are familiar with Genesis that Rebekah Isaac's wife instructed Jacob to deceive Isaac in his blindness to pretend that he in fact was Esau the older son and to take the blessing from Esau so now the one who comes near him is actually Jacob and he came near that is Jacob came near and kissed him and Isaac smelled the smell of his clothing and blessed him and said see so he can't see so Isaac is blind but he can smell and so somehow Rebecca put Isaac Jacob and Esau as clothing or whatever so Isaac can smell Esau and he said see the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed so Jacob was not a hunter he was not out in the field he was more homebody and so he smelled very different then he saw who was out in the field and the animals and the bushes all of that so Isaac can smell Esau verse 28 now the blessing and this is really really important we have to read this again this is where we're told to look to Abraham our Father in this whole foundation he says therefore so this because you're my firstborn son therefore God gives you this is exclusive God give you the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth so the dew of heaven the fatness of the earth and with that plenty of corn and wine so this is a great agricultural blessing that that they eat the earth is just in yield its fatness to Jacob not only that let people serve you so Sarah was told you're going to have kings and so Isaac is blessing Jacob in such a way that he will have the upper hand in the earth let people serve you and nations bow down to you be lord over your brethren and let your mothers sons bow down to you now listen to this cursed cursed be

everyone cursed be everyone no exceptions that curses you so you know is very important to know who Jacob is today because if anybody curses Jacob that person is cursed and blessed be he that blesses you this is this is the performative word the same way that God's Word performs what he says Abraham's word did the same thing Isaac word does the same thing and in fact Jacobs work will do the same thing these are the father's these are the patriarchs and their word has performative power like God and so the power of Isaac's word says that any body in fact everybody who curses Jacob is cursed and everyone who blesses Jacob is blessed now it came to pass so he this is up that was the blessing that was it done it's done now so Isaac is dying he was blessed by his father he's now going to the grave he's passing on this covenant blessing and is a very specific blessing that he passes on to who he thinks is his firstborn son Esau but in fact he just passed this blessing which is exclusive it's exclusive he just passed it on to Jacob and it came to pass as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob and Jacob had hardly gone out of the room and Jacob was yet scarce gone out of the presence of Isaac his father that Esau his brother came in from his son hunting so as soon as Jacob left in comes Esau from his hunting and he also had made savory meat and brought it unto his father and seven to his father

let my father arise and eat of his son's venison that your soul may bless me so Esau knows Isaac is just a matter of days maybe weeks possibly months but he's on his way to the grave and this blessing that he has lived

under his whole life it's time to pass it on and so Esau's done a very good job as the firstborn and it's very bond with his father who also loved hunting and then he's gone and he loved venison and so he's gone he's hunted the meat he's prepared it maybe took a bit of extra time just to make sure it was just right because this is the moment of blessing and now he comes and he says okay dad come get get up now have this meat as you asked me to and then you can bless me notice the response and Isaac his father said unto Him who are you what is going on who are you Isaac was terrified who are you he said I'm your son your firstborn son Esau notice the response so this this is this is a this is no small matter this is a really really big deal Isaac trembled very exceedingly Isaac was terrified because he understood very he didn't just speak all you're blessed you're blessed it was a performative blessing that was our Isaac was looking through time all the way to the end time and he was blessing his seed right up to the end time and actually into eternity and it was exclusive and he believed he was passing this on to his firstborn and now his firstborn comes and says I'm your son and he was terrified this is his firstborn like this was meant for him and he said who where is he that has taken venison and brought it to me and I have eaten of all before you came and I have blessed him whoever this was the blessing came out of my mouth and it went upon him yes and he shall be blessed it is done it's done he will be blessed and when Esau heard the words of his father notice Esau's reaction he cried with the great and exceeding bitter cry this was tragedy

upon tragedy and said unto his father bless me he's now pleaded before Isaac dies bless me even me also o my father this is just tragic what has happened for Esau and he said so now Isaac has figured this out and he says your brother came with subtlety so your brother came with subtlety and has taken away your blessing it's gone I can't retrieve it I can't divide it and give you half and him half it's gone out of my mouth and it will perform on Jacob and his seed and you have nothing to do with this now he's taking he's taken it away

Isaac is very clear there's nothing left for you it's gone and he said is not he rightly named Jacob that is the supplanter Jacob means supplanter for he has supplanted me these two times he took away my birthright and behold now he has taken away my blessing so he saw is clear the blessing is gone and he said have you not reserved a blessing for me it is is there nothing left so Esau or Isaac believed he was blessing Esau and he gave him everything he gave him everything and Isaac answered and said unto Esau

I'm sorry there's nothing left behold I have made him your Lord and all his brethren have I given to him for servants and with corn and wine have I sustained him this is the power of the word this is the power of God's Word he created the universe with it it's the power of Abraham's word as he blessed Isaac and now it's the power of Isaac's word as he blesses Jacob and this blessing is eternal it is through time and unto eternity and with corn and wine how I sustained him and what shall I do now unto you my son Isaac is like there's no solution here I've given him

everything what do you want me to do there's nothing for you what can I do unto you and Esau said unto his father he's pleaded have you but one blessing my father bless me even me also o my father and Esau lifted up his voice and wept this is a painful tragedy but he's pleased saying like there's got to be something

Isaac's like I've given your brother everything so he saw please there's got to be something before you die there's gotta be something you can do for me so listen to what happens and Isaac his father answered and said unto him so remember the context here Isaac is saying I've given it to Jacob there's nothing left so let's remember that context and I said his father answered him and said unto Him behold your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven above so why I'm emphasizing that we remember this tragedy and how Isaac was just trembling exceedingly and how Isaac wept isaw wept bitterly and how he saw pleaded with his father to give him something and how his father said I'm sorry there's nothing that this verse now makes no sense that he gave the dwelling of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven above he's already given that to Jacob so how can he now take it and give it to Isaac or to Esau when he just told he saw there's nothing left so so we saw here in verse 28 remember therefore this is he speaking to Jacob God God give you of the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine with it so so this is the work that God is going to give this now he's these he's pledged it to Jacob that God give it to Jacob how can he now turn around and say okay

Isaac you can have the dew of heaven and you could have the fatness of the earth it just doesn't make any sense and what we notice here I looked into the original language here so he says your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven from above so this just didn't make any sense because he's just exclusively given this to Jacob but when we look at the Hebrew there's a word here that for some reason the translators some reason the translators did not translate this word and in Hebrew it's me all and it means from and the only translation I've found so far that actually treats this translation or translates this properly is the Revised Standard Version it translates the Hebrew properly he says then Isaac his father answered him behold away from the fatness of the earth I don't know why the translators and I haven't this is the only scripture the translation I've found so far that faithfully translates the Hebrew they skipped this word from or away but here we see it behold and this makes total sense I've given it it's exclusively to your brother so for you there's nothing left this is the situation for you now and this is why he trembled away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be and away from the dew of heaven on high by your sword you shall and you shall serve your brother so you can see this is a very good translation in the Revised Standard that the blessing is gone it's gone out of my mouth it's from God now unto Jacob its exclusive to him there's nothing for you so then I saw saying so then what about me well you're gonna have to live

away from everything that I've given to Jacob and you're gonna have to live by your sword so now what we see or what we should see because this is not he's not just blessing the two individuals and saying this is how Jacob will live and this is how you'll live he's blessing their DNA or cursing their DNA in the case of Esau so through time there are going to be people who in their bloodline is going to be the DNA of Jacob and as a result of that DNA they are going to live in the earth very differently from those whose bloodline is the DNA of Esau the DNA of Esau are going to be a very violent people they're going to have to live by their wits they're going to be living by the sword they're going to be more or less impoverished for the most part certainly never on the at the standard through time of the seed of Jacob so we should be able to look out into the earth and see that there are peoples who live off the fatness of the earth they are just blessed beyond it's like it's incomprehensible how on the same planet certain people can live in tremendous luxury and other people who live by the sword and suffer by the sword are constantly impoverished and it's just it's gonna be hard to understand and yet there's going to be another set of people who just live very very abundant lives of the fatness of the earth that's what we should expect to see through time and certainly in the end time because the word the performative word was not just for that moment in time for these two people these two individuals it was to affect their seed through time so away from he says let's go back to the King James I really do prefer the

King James is far more accurate English translation but there are times when it gets the translation wrong so he says your dwelling shall be away from the fatness of the earth because that's been given to Jacob and away from the dew of heaven because that's been given to Jacob and unfortunately by your sword shall you live so the same way now that Ishmael persecutes the bondwoman but this the son of the bondwoman Ishmael persecutes the son of the freewoman now we come down to the next generation and we see again the mechanism through which God will punish his people if they disobey their God is in a covenant agreement with them and and part of that agreement is based shall be persecuted with the sword and they will be exiled out of the land with the sword and so there has to be a sword in play for God to do this and that sword that's in play the people who wield that sword have to have deep in their DNA in their psyche a hatred for the children of the freewoman and so here this curse on Esau will actually end up being a curse on Israel if Israel disobeys so by your sword shall you live so it's going to be a people who love blood they're bloodthirsty and they will chop off people's heads in glee and you shall serve your brother so yet they're going to be subjugated you shall serve your but brother but notice this now again this is prophetic this is what we should see in the end time good Isaiah tells the people who is really live in the end time go back or so go back to Genesis and understand what was prophesied there because that's the truth and don't be discouraged by the persecution because I will comfort the child or the children of the freewoman so it shall

come to pass this is prophetic now all of this is prophetic when you shall have the Dominion ah so he's to be subjugated to Jacob but east

to Jacob but east Isaac looking through the lens of time seems that period sees a period of time when Esau will actually gain the Dominion so the same way that Moses could see in the future that the children of Israel would be disobedient would be cursed and then God would intervene because of his covenant with Abraham to save them Isaac is seeing the same thing that there's going to be a period in the future when God is gonna give the upper hand to Esau and this built in hatred this perpetual hatred will be a sword that will be wielded upon Israel so when you shall have the Dominion you shall break his yoke from off your net so these people of Jacob are going to live very high and mighty in the in the earth and the people of Esau are going to be under Dominion and then there's going to be a period in the end time when they will finally break this Dominion and they'll be able to do the Bible actually refers to this as the time of Jacob's trouble this is why because there is so much perpetual hatred for Jacob that when Esau has the upper hand look out he is going to unleash this perpetual hatred and Esau hated Jacob this is the foundation of the nation hatred the same way the foundation of the Ishmaelite nation was hatred for Isaac now we have the foundation of the Edomite nation with found with with hatred for Jacob and Esau hated Jacob so this again makes it clear that Esau got nothing Hisako nothing and so if if he says bless me even me my I mean oh you'll dwell in the fatness of the land okay

good enough Esau hated Jacob because he got nothing because of the blessing of his father wherewith his father blessed him and Esau said in his heart the days of mourning for my father are at hand then will I slay my brother Jacob so Esau understood his father's dying so will mourn for him and then as soon as that's over I'm gonna slaughter this guy how dare him do this to me this is the foundation of the nation so this is the sword so he says you're gonna live by your sword it's gonna be a violent man then will I slay my brother Jacob now just to see this when we began Isaiah we actually began in Isaiah chapter 1 and notice what God says here to Israel if you be willing and obedient you'll eat the good of the land so this is the this goes all the way back to the beginning that the Isaac pronounced upon you the fatness of the land and plenty of corn and wine so if you are willing and obedient you'll have this but if you refuse and rebell you shall be devoured with the sword so God put the sword in play right at the foundation the sword comes from Ishmael and the sword comes from Esau and with the sword is a deep-seated hatred resentment and envy but as long as you're willing and obedient you don't have anything to worry about however if you break the Covenant and you refuse and repel then you will be devoured with the sword so I'm going to raise up these nations and they're going to slaughter you and they're going to be very handy with the sword because that's how they live for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it this is the way it is jeremiah says the same thing he says alas for that day is great speaking of

the tribulation when Esau will have the

Dominion and will break the yoke from off his neck alas for that day is great so that none is like it it is even the time of Jacob's trouble it is even the time of Jacob's trouble so so this trouble on Jacob comes again because of this deep-seated resentment it is the time of Jacob's trouble it's going to be a focus on Jacob alas for that day is great nothing's gonna be like it it's gonna be unprecedented it is even the time of Jacob's trouble so this is like Jeremiah can't believe it because the blessing from Isaac was on Jacob that he would have the fatness of the land and the dew of heaven and plenty of corn and wine and yet now Esau has the dominion the domination and that's the time the focus now is on Jacob to break the yoke and to unleash the resentment it is even the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it the very thing that Isaiah says go back and look to go back and look to Abraham and to Sarah because Zion will be comforted because of these promises this covenant so even though there's going to be this period of Jacob's trouble at the same time Jeremiah is confident he can see God will fulfill his promise to Abraham and Jacob will be saved out of this trouble now

Ezekiel sees the same thing he says now in this time of domination of Esau so Isaac could see it and it was he's looking through time into the end time and he says you're gonna finally break the yoke from off your neck and you're gonna come into Dominion now that is temporary so Ezekiel says son of man sets your face against Mount Seir and I was just in western Canada looking at the mountains and they're spectacular these are the high points of the earth

and they're glorious and so in the Bible they and government so set your face against Mount Seir so we could say the government of Esau which we know that Esau is Islamic today so we could say set your face against Sharia against the Sharia Kingdom set your face against Nasir and prophesy against it now how do we know that Mount Seir is Esau we know that because in genesis and also you know you saying prophesy against it because it was very clear anybody who blesses jacob will be blessed anyone who curses jacob will be cursed but we know that Esau is Mount Seir because it says and Jacob sent mrs. O so Jacob had to run for his life and then now he's gonna go back and meet Esau and where does he go to find Esau Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir the country of Edom so Esau migrated to eat him so in the end time now when Bible and when the Bible speaks of Mount Seir it's speaking of Esau now when Jacob met Esau he was terrified that's why he sent messengers ahead of time with gifts but Esau was very short-sighted he actually did very well for himself and he was very wealthy and so he became very forgiving and was able to get over the curse and the loss of the blessing but he was short-sighted he was thinking of himself he wasn't thinking of his seed through time and so Jacob was able to reconcile with he saw but perpetually there is going to be this hatred between Esau and Jacob and we know now that sear in the Bible means Esau and say onto it back to Ezekiel 35 say unto Mount Seir thus says the Lord God behold o Mount Seir I am against you I'm against you God is against eda Esau Edom

Edom is God's enemy so says the Bible I'm just reading the Bible Esau or Edom seer monster curses Jacob and so according to Isaac's pronouncement Esau is cursed

is cursed behold Mount Seir I am against you and I will stretch out my hand against you and I will make you most desolate this this prophecy by Ezekiel again reinforces what Isaac says that in the end time Esau will be prominent Esau will get the upper hand over Jacob in the end time and so Ezekiel now brings this to resolution that it's temporary it's the time of Jacob's trouble as Jeremiah says but God is going to save Jacob out of it and so here we see how this is going to work God is against Mount Seir and he's going to stretch out his hand against it and make it most desolate I will lay your cities way so Esau is going to lay Jacobs cities waste and then according to Moses these curses that come upon Israel when God comes to save Israel he's gonna take those curses and put them back on Israel's enemies so the same thing that is he kills easier so you've laid Israel's cities waste you've laid the cities of Judah waste I will lay your cities waste and you shall be desolate and you shall know that I am the Lord whatever God your servant or you think your servant it's not God and you're going to know that the God of Israel is the true God because you have this is this is how you're gonna know that I'm God and what why I'm doing this because you have had a perpetual hatred this hatred goes all the way back to the beginning and comes through time and that's why Paul when he is speaking of Ishmael speaks of this perpetual hatred it's the same thing that the firstborn who thinks the blessing is his when God

says no I do it I do as I please and I'm taking that blessing and I'm putting it on Isaac or I'm taking that blessing and I'm putting it on Jacob that that leaves both Esau and Ishmael full of hatred and that's in their DNA it's it's how their societies were established it's in the foundation of the culture and then it just cascades down through time and Satan keeps provoking it and stirring it up because you've had this perpetual hatred and you have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword the very thing that we saw when Isaac pronounced the blessing on Jacob and there was nothing left for Esau and he said to Esau you're going to live by the sword and so Esau becomes a bloody man a violent man and a thief a murderer and a thief with resentment towards Jacob and so you shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity in the time that their iniquity had an end so this is the end time when God is driving Israel to repentance and this is the period that Esau gets the upper hand and it's the time of Jacob's trouble therefore as I live says the Lord God I will prepare you unto blood and blood shall pursue pursue you because you've not hated blood you you with your jihadi mindset you're just bloodthirsty you love blood okay

I'm gonna give you blood even blood shall pursue you and this we see in the book of Revelation this is the patience of the saints that he who lives by the sword must die by the sword well let's see now who lives by the sword oh yeah

Isaac cursed Esau and said that you're going to live by the sword so you're

going to Esau is going to die by the sword and here we see it right here in Ezekiel thus will I make Mount Seir isaw most desolate and cut off from it him that passes out and him that returns this is going to be a thorough destruction there'll be no traffic in this land God is gonna make it absolutely desolate and we see this now in Malachi Malachi says the burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi I have loved you says the Lord yet israel says wherein have you loved us and the answer is wasn't Esau Jacob's brother says the Lord yet I loved Jacob in other words the Covenant didn't go to Esau the Covenant went to Jacob and so God is committed to Jacob forever and he has nothing to do with ISA ISA as Lamas Esau remains Esau he's cursed he has to repent and come to Israel so I covenant I have covenant love for Jacob and I have covenant. hatred for Esau and I hated Esau and laid his mountains in his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness that's just what we saw in Ezekiel whereas Edom or Esau says we are impoverished so so we see that we're going to see throughout the lands of Esau we are impoverished but we will return and build the desolate places thus says the Lord of Hosts they shall build so they are really gonna believe in themselves and they're really gonna try to build but I personally because of my covenant love for Jacob they shall build but I will throw down I got the God of Israel I will destroy them and they said and they shall call them this is this is the name of Esau these people who live by the sword they shall call them this is the Bible talking about me the border of wickedness they are anti God they are

Antichrist they do the opposite of God's will they curse the people that God blesses and they bless the people that God curses

and when God returns that this whole region is going to be known as the border of wickedness and the people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever

God has indignation against Esau forever and they'll be known as the border of wickedness God is saying this not me back in Genesis 28 now what I want to show is that Esau and Ishmael are one there are they're all of a piece they're one in the same when Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padang Iran to take him a wife from there and that as he blessed him so he saw this as he blessed him he gave him a command saying you shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan and Jacob obeyed his father and his mother and was gone to paddan-aram so he saw that and Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan please not Isaac his father remember is very close to his father so he saw that his father did not care for these Canaanite women who are very filthy very perverse people and they are cursed and a saw did not want hit Isaac did not want to see him mixing with these people so when Esau his firstborn son in the very bond they had saw that these women did not please Isaac what did he do then when Esau unto Ishmael and took unto the wives which he had mihalis the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son the sister of naboo Jos to be his wife so Esau saw that Isaac couldn't stand the women of Canaan and he commanded eyes Jacob make sure you do not mix with these women they're filthy they're perverse they might look good on the outside but stay

away from them so when Esau saw this he's like okay I'm not gonna upset my father so he went to Ishmael who is in the line of Abraham so he's one Abraham's sons and so he's okay I'll marry Ishmael so this is where we see Ishmael and Esau now join forces and so this perpetual hatred and the son of the flesh persecuting the son of the Spirit are the children of spirit it's now combined with Esau and Ishmael now in Deuteronomy 30 we've read this we just this is the foundation of the whole plan the Lord your God Israel's God will bring you into the land which your father's possessed and you shall possess it and he will do you good and multiply you above your father's and the Lord your God will circumcise your heart this is the new covenant and the heart of your seed to love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul that you may live and the Lord your God will put these curses upon your enemies so these curses that are going to come down upon you because of your disobedience because of my covenant love with you that I love Jacob but Esau I've hated Esau has nothing to do with the Covenant it's exclusively in Jacob because of this I'm going to come and put my spirit in you so that you can live forever and I will be your God forever and then all these curses that have come upon you I'm gonna put it on your enemies and that's what we see in Ezekiel and on them that hate you oh who hates you Esau and Ishmael these are the ones that hate you they've hated you and they've persecuted you and this is what Paul saw when he's when he looked back to Genesis and it's what Isaiah tells Israel go back and understand the foundation because we

cannot understand what's going on in the world today unless we understand how it all began so there is a perpetual hatred between Esau and Jacob and between Ishmael and Isaac in other words between the children of flesh and the children of the promise and all your children shout so now has all of that to come to Isaiah 54 where we finish off and he says and all your children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children so we have to look back now and understand there is a covenant commitment that God has made to these people and now what we're seeing here in 54 13 is all the children of Israel will be taught of the Lord the question we should ask ourselves when we see this is who's gonna teach them who are their teachers how is it that they'll be taught remember they're gonna be all brought to the land there's gonna be millions perhaps billions of them eventually there will be billions of them in the second resurrection and it says all of these billions of people are going to be taught of the Lord well it's the Lord gonna teach them all or is he calling an exclusive group that he's teaching today that he's going to use as teachers and Shepherds over his people to instruct his people to help his people to understand and to gain wisdom look what God says in John 6 in John 6 verse 44 scripture were very familiar with but let's read it through the lens of Isaiah no man can come to me it's impossible remember when Christ was on earth he separated you from Jew and he said to the v2 the Jews he spoke to them in parables and his disciples said oh I'm time they're around you speak to them in parables why he says because t

you it's been given to understand the mysteries but to them it's not been given that's seeing they may say they seeing they can't with eyes they can't see they have ears but they can't hear unless they could through we don't want them to repent

them to repent why because Isaiah 6 shows us that they have to stay in that condition until the Covenant is fulfilled and and they turn wholeheartedly to God but when they turn wholeheartedly to God they need teachers and so that's why God pulled a subset of them as his disciples and began teaching them because these are the teachers and nobody can come to him to be in this subset of teachers unless the father draws him so all of us who are firstfruits we are being drawn into this exclusive group of firstfruits to be teachers of the rest of Israel so that Israel can then be teachers to the rest of mankind no man can come to me except the Father which has sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day and that subset of people are going to be the teachers of Israel then and also in the resurrection the second resurrection then he goes on so he says I'm gonna draw these people and I'm gonna raise them up with the last day they're gonna be with me they're gonna be part of my team because it is written in the prophets speaking out of Isaiah and they shall be all taught of God this is Isaiah 54 13 so how will they all be taught of God unless they're our teachers and so here we have Christians being called today being educated today learning the scriptures today so that tomorrow when God gathers his people Israel from the four corners of the earth

there'll be teachers to teach them and

then in the second resurrection when the billions come up they'll be teachers to teach them and there'll be teachers now to teach the whole earth as the whole earth comes to Jerusalem to worship and to learn so because it is written in the prophets that they shall be all taught of God because of that the father is drawing some to Christ today to be these teachers every man therefore that has heard these are the firstfruits cause remember he spoke to them in parables and they couldn't hear but the firstfruits could hear every every first fruit therefore that has heard and has learned of the father comes to me so only those who are responsive to truth that God calls and draws are going to be in this exclusive group of firstfruits to do the teaching as I of 30 said and though the Lord gives you that is Israel and Judah the bread of adversity this is going to be painful it's gonna be very painful lesson though the Lord give Israel the bread of adversity and the water of affliction this is gonna be painful yet don't be disheartened look to Abraham and to Sarah and understand that whole foundation and the Covenant promise and how exclusive it is and that it went from Abraham not to Ishmael but to Isaac and it went from Isaac not to Esau but to Jacob and it is a forever it's an everlasting covenant so even though you have to be punished as Deuteronomy 30 shows us so that you can come to your senses even though you have to be punished yet shall not your teachers they're gonna have teachers this is us brethren yet shall not your teachers be removed into a corner anymore but your eyes shall see your teachers the same way Jesus Christ appeared and taught is the same way we

at the reservoir first resurrection will have this ability to appear and to teach and just go through the scriptures and bring them to their senses so that they in fact can now be a kingdom of priests in jeremiah 3:15 he says and I will give you pastors according to my heart well how is that gonna work well it's working right now our hearts are being transformed we are being conformed to Christ that the heart of Christ is being built within us so that we can be these pastors of Israel and I will give you pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding so we're gonna give them knowledge and understanding at that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord the whole earth is gonna look to Jerusalem and all the nations shall be gathered unto it to the name of the Lord to Jerusalem so it's gonna be the name of the Lord the Holy One of Israel neither shall they walk anymore to the imagination of their evil heart so all of this ideology that is coming out of Esau that is coming out of Ishmael that is spreading all over the world it's gonna stop they won't do this anymore in those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for inheritance to your father it's all over the scriptures I was gonna gather them and put them in this land now Jeremiah 31 behold the day's come says the Lord that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah so we are in the new covenant but we are premature this this the Covenant that we're in is not fulfilling this we are premature

we are the firstfruits we are an indication of this happening in the fall harvest behold the day's come says the Lord that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah not with Gentiles it's with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt which covenant they broke although I was a husband to them says the Lord so then this whole situation of the hatred between the woman of the woman the child of the woman the slave woman the flesh and the child of promise that Paul was able to look at them and say this whole thing is an allegory that the flesh actually is the Old Covenant the wife of the Old Covenant or through the Old Covenant and the Spirit is the wife of the New Covenant and so here he says he was a husband so that's the oh that's the the allegory of the hatred the perpetual hatred is actually fulfilled now in the Old Covenant but this shall be the Covenant so there's a new marriage this shall be the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days so again the firstfruits covenant we this is the new covenant but we are premature we are so we are an indicator that this in fact is going to happen because this is gonna happen after those days says the Lord I will put my law in their inward parts this is exactly what Moses said in Deuteronomy 30 is gonna circumcise their hearts I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts and will be their God and they shall be my people remember part of this everlasting covenant is

that not only land but he will be their God ever forever and ever and ever it's an everlasting covenant he says not notice in the new covenant when the new covenant is fulfilled and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour and every man his brother saying know the Lord

why because they'll all know me why because their teachers won't be hidden why because we're being trained now we're being prepared now and in the first resurrection we're all gonna come up and we're going to return with Christ and we're gonna put the world right and part of the putting the world right is teaching Israel so that they they will now know the whole plan of God the the veil will be lifted off their eyes their hearts will be open their ears will be unstopped

they'll finally get it and now they can be the kingdom of priests on the earth as we oversee this human operation and put the world right so they'll all know the Lord so when this happens we won't be saying to each other know the Lord because they're all going to know him because they're gonna be a kingdom of priests from the least of them unto the greatest of them says the Lord for I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more thus says the Lord which gives the Sun for a light by day and the ordinances of the moon and of the Stars for a light by night which divides the sea when the waves thereof roar the Lord of Hosts is his name so we're all going to come with him he's a God of an army if those ordinances depart from before me so you got to get rid of the son you've got to get rid of the moon got to get rid of the Stars you've got to get rid of the

waves if you can get rid of all of them says the Lord then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before me forever uh-oh big problem Esau big problem Ishmael as you dominate the world and the world falls under your spell and you believe and teach the world to hate Israel and to hate Judah and that in order for the end time to come you have to destroy this nation and get rid of these people that's the work of the devil and the work of God is to establish this seed forever despite their wickedness in fact here in Micah in fact I'm gonna skip Micah just in the interest of time I can come back to Michael later here in Isaiah 54 he says in righteousness in in rightness and in putting things right in righteousness shall you be established so Israel will be established in righteousness you shall be far from oppression so this this oppression that Israel has had to face Israel and Judah have had to face this God is saying don't worry look look back in time to Abraham understand the promises and I'm gonna come and put the world right in righteousness you will be established you shall be far from oppression so there's going to be a Sheree a law that subjugates you and oppresses you that'll be over and you will not fear and you'll be far from terror don't worry about this terror for it shall not come near you verse 15 behold they shall surely gather together they will surely do this they will surely gather together but not by me so if it's not by God who is this gathering together by we have to think about that so we're gonna see that these human beings these tribes gathering together with single purpose common purpose and God a thing it has nothing

to do with me it's not by me they shall surely gather together but not by me whosoever shall gather together again you shall fall for your sake Isaac said anybody who blesses you will be blessed anyone who curses you will be cursed so they're going to gather together to destroy you and they're going to fall for your sake because God has because as I've loved you and Wow if you loved us well haven't I loved Jacob and he saw was Jacob's brother so this is where we see in Luke that they'll be gathered together around Jerusalem that they're going to star the armies the whole world is going to agree to surround Jerusalem armies will be surrounding Jerusalem that the desolation thereof is near but then God is going to rescue Jerusalem he says behold and then this we you know it doesn't take much imagination to see you know where are these armies going to come from

that's surround Jerusalem well Esau and Ishmael are going to be the head and they're going to combine all of this perpetual hatred towards Esau so this is this is the future this is the past and the past is prologue the past is prologue so this time of persecution is going to come to an end and certainly God says don't worry they're gonna gather together but nice this this thing is not of me when you see all of this gathering together it's not of me I'm coming to save Israel and all of these people are going to be taught and they're going to be in the prominent position and they're gonna teach the world he says behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about it's all this gathering around Jerusalem is not of God and God is gonna make Jerusalem a cup of trembling when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem so when they finally strike God is coming to put his people as the kingdom of priests and we see that here in Zechariah 12:3 says in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people all these people who are gathered against it all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces if you live by the sword you die by the sword and though all the people of the earth be gathered together against

so this gathering together God says is not by me back to Isaiah 54 and we'll finish here he says behold I have created the Smith that blows the coals in the fire and that brings forth an instrument for his work and I have created the waster to destroy so God established Ishmael and God established Esau and he established them to destroy this is God's strange work he's the one that's going to raise up the Chaldeans he's the one that's going to raise up the Assyrians to destroy it's all part of his strange work to bring his people to repentance and then he says this and this is a verse that is often quoted it's very again Isaiah so poetic that we tend to quote him a lot but we don't quote him in context so now we have the context of this no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper in other words it's impossible for Esau to succeed it's impossible for Ishmael to succeed although they have this perpetual hatred for Jacob and for Isaac whatever they do God says they'll be known as the border of wickedness for ever and he will

establish his people in righteousness and his people will no longer say oh you

know you should know the Lord because they'll all know him from the least of them to the greatest and so God is going to fulfill this plan of having a kingdom of priests that was established in Exodus 19 although they failed with the Old Covenant he's going to establish the New Covenant so that he can put the world right and the world is not right until Israel fulfills the performative word of Isaac and Abraham that they are the head nation in the earth no weapon that is formed against Israel and I know people like to make this very personal you know just no weapon formed against me shall prosper and I think as Christians that there is certainly truth to

ultimately absolutely but what Isaiah is talking about is you cannot destroy Israel because God is in covenant agreement with Israel and specifically Judah and so all the gathering together of eyes of Ishmael and Esau as they rally the nations to try to destroy these people God is saying no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord

so throughout Isaiah it's clear that Jacob is the servant of the Lord and then there's this mysterious servant this suffering servant that that comes into play in order to redeem the servant of the Lord this is the heritage not the persecution we have to go back and look to Abraham to understand that this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and notice this you want to tell me about Zionism and and the wickedness of the Israelite nations and you know what God says they're even more wicked

than you can imagine and that's why they have to eat the bread of adversity and they have to drink the water of affliction so that God can drive them to repentance and ultimately to righteousness and then he says and their righteousness is not something that comes from them their righteousness is of me says the Lord because we look back to Abraham and because of his promise to Abraham he is going to make these people righteous he's going to circumcise their heart as Moses said well it's just a mind boy what a great God we serve he magnifies his word even above his own name we can have absolute confidence and trust in the word of God because it performs it performs exactly what he says it will do what a great God we serve next week God willing our pastor Marie is going to be with me shorter study and then we want to just open up the time for QA not just for this chapter or next week's chapter but everything since we've started studying Isaiah so review your notes review the messages think about your questions anything that's concerning you or questioning you we've got to get our head around this line by line and so we'll look forward to an interactive study God willing next week I'll go on the chat now and spend a bit of time with you there but I just it's just amazing what a great God we serve blessings