

23-Isaiah-29-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study and i just feel so excited i think isaiah is my favorite book my favorite scroll in the in the bible it's hard to say it's all the word of god and everybody every book that we study is so exciting but there is something very very special about the book of isaiah and we studied this book can you believe it two years ago so we we began studying isaiah two years ago we paused we did second isaiah chapters 40 to 66 and and we've covered a number of books since then but we did say we would come back to isaiah and i just feel so blessed that uh here we are and and there's a couple of approaches that we can take to this book uh one is what i'll call the more traditional approach as far as christians are concerned and that is it's a very poetic book and so when we have a point that we want to make why not find some poetry in isaiah that we can quote to support our point that's one approach the other approach is to treat this book with incredible reverence to realize that this man this prophet isaiah actually came into the presence of god and was given incredible vision and understanding

and maybe his vision and understanding
far surpasses ours
and and therefore we should approach the
book with great reverence
and instead of using isaiah to support
any points that we want to make
instead we come humbly to isaiah to
learn from him
and i think that's why i'm so excited
that now as we try to complete
god willing our study of this scroll
doing now what's considered first isaiah
chapters 1 to 39 that we'll be able to
put the whole thing together
and understand what is it that this
prophet was trying to tell us
and bearing in mind he's one of the most
quoted
scrolls in the new testament uh jesus
christ himself when he when he was on
earth
he quoted the psalms which we're
studying he quoted isaiah
which we're now studying and he quoted
deuteronomy
which we have been quoting a lot but god
willing in the future maybe we'll tackle
deuteronomy line by line
as well so let's open with a word of
prayer
and let's let's let's get into this
scroll
our heavenly father great god almighty
we very very humbly and excitedly
uh come before you thank you father for
giving us this
opportunity and the desire to study this
ancient scroll
which illuminates and because of your
prophetic word
enables us to see into our future in
this very dark and chaotic world
it gives us light so that we can order
our steps

properly thank you father
and thank you for jesus christ and
isaiah has so much to say about him
we thank you for him and we thank you
for this salvation
and this good news this great news this
this gospel
news we pray that we might understand it
clearly
and proclaim it boldly thank you father
we also are mindful lord of brethren all
around the world who are suffering but
particularly now our brethren in texas
as they are dealing with incredible
weather and power outages
and terrible uh accidents just lots of
things happening their father
we pray for your mercy on on your people
we praise you lord we ask your blessing
upon all your people
and upon jerusalem in jesus name amen
so brethren we want to get into the
study for today
and one of the things i want to do as we
get started here
is i'd like to begin actually not in
isaiah
but in jeremiah and jeremiah was a
prophet who also had a tremendous amount
to say
and what he says here i'll just uh share
my screen
he says here uh and the point that i
want to make well let me read the verse
jeremiah 29 and verse 7 and then i'll
make my point
and seek the p seek the peace of the
city
where i have caused you to be carried
away captives
and pray unto the lord for it for in the
peace thereof
shall you have peace and i want to call
your attention brethren to this

scripture
to show you that the prophets were
political
isaiah is a very very political prophet
this is a time of tremendous turmoil
in in the middle east at this time
and uh the northern tribes have suffered
at the hands of assyria
and now this is threatening the southern
tribes and isaiah has a lot to say as i
is very politically aware
of what's going on and he has any he
speaks directly to the kings
and has a lot to say to them and here
after
um isaiah's prophecies have been
fulfilled and
judah has been carried away captive
jeremiah has something to say which is
very political
which is you you pray for this city you
pray for babylon
because some of our brethren oh
everything's evil everything's evil
babylon is evil everything's evil you
mustn't have anything to do
we should be aware we should see what is
going on
and this is why i speak so much about
america can anybody
challenge me on my statement
that america is the most powerful nation
the world has ever seen in the entirety
of human history
has there ever been a nation more
powerful than america
and more benevolent
problems notwithstanding challenge me
put it in the chat tell me which empire
or kingdom
was greater than america and also more
benevolent
so as we watch america collapse i have
something to say

i have a lot to say in fact and you can
call me political i've never voted in my
life i couldn't care less about politics
except how it influences the people of
god
globally and particularly jerusalem
because what is happening in america
today will affect jerusalem
and god says to abraham i will bless all
those who bless you
and i will curse those who curse you and
all of us who are getting swept up
in supporting the collapse of america in
supporting marxist movements
that are designed to bring down america
to divide america and bring it down
are accelerating the curse of jerusalem
that this new administration has an
agenda
to curse jerusalem and certainly not to
protect it
and and jerusalem in the midst of her
enemies has been able to withstand her
enemies because of the support
of america so now as we watch america
decline and collapse
jerusalem is exposed and many of these
prophecies that we're going to read
in isaiah and if we quote jeremiah as we
go through isaiah
uh there there we will see very clearly
and christ himself we will see very
clearly
the curses that are coming on jerusalem
but woe unto us if we are supporting
causes and movements
that will cause the cursing of jerusalem
because god says
i will curse those who curse you and so
warning warning
we do the we do not want to be involved
with anything
that has to do with the cursing of
jerusalem except to declare it

to declare it but to also declare the
good news
that follows it so i just want to show
you here brethren
if we were alive in the time of jeremiah
we would be saying oh babylon is evil
have nothing to do with
it it's we just need to be very clear
have not and jeremiah would be saying
pray for the peace
of babylon because in the peace of
babylon
you will have peace and in the peace of
america
christian the christian community
globally
had peace fund primarily
of course there's going to be pockets so
no no doubt about that but the
judeo-christian ethic
had hegemony globally and now as we
watch america
collapse that judeo-christian ethic
is disappearing and with it the value of
the human being
and so all of you who've been calling
and supporting the decline of america
i just hope you're ready for what's
coming
we're ready we're ready as i said in a
sermon previously
sudden death over time it just means the
nature of our work changes
prepare for martyrdom as the value of
human beings disappears from the planet
prepare for matter prepare for martyrdom
and prepare
to declare the hope that lies within you
so we're going to get into jeremiah oh
sorry into isaiah but i wanted to start
with jeremiah
just to show that the prophets can in
fact be very political
because they're very aware of the

prophetic word
and how it unfolds let's get into now
what i think has become my favorite book
and i hope yours
uh what which is fascinating book the
entire bible
is captured in this book and when they
found the
the dead sea scrolls one of the scrolls
was the scroll of isaiah
and it was a thousand years older than
the oldest manuscript known at the time
and it was almost entirely intact and it
matched almost entirely few grammatical
mistakes
it matched almost entirely the the
scrolls that we had
few copying errors and so isaiah has
a profound book
and this man had direct contact with god
and came into direct um the presence of
the glory of god
so let's learn from the prophet isaiah
the vision of isaiah
the son of amos
which he saw and notice i've highlighted
here
concerning judah and jerusalem
in the days of isaiah jotham ahaz
and hezekiah kings of judah so
if we were to look at the timelines and
i probably should have done that
is um shown the
the the timeline and um
i'm just looking on my screen here if i
can call up that tool
but this is a long time this is this is
a long period let me just see if i can
quickly do this
if we look at isaiah the time of judah
and we see hosea elisha
scroll down yeah here's isaiah here
you're going to see him start
around 740 bc and go all the way

to 680 bc that is quite some that's some
60 years of prophecy 60 to 80 years of
prophecy
and you can see the tail end of azaya
jotham
ahaz hezekiah and picking up with with
manasseh as well
so this is a long long time that he
reigned
and and this is why there's a lot of
controversy around the book of isaiah
that they're trying to say second isaiah
was written by somebody else first
isaiah because
it's just too long a period and they're
trying to discredit the book
but as i mentioned and it would be a
good idea for you to go back and and
study um
second eyes i just refresh your memory
on what we covered there together
because all of this comes together but
when christ was on earth
he did not say what have you done with
the scroll of isaiah that's corrupted
this is what we
he quoted extensively from the whole
scroll
so isaiah had a long ministry
over multiple kings over some 60 to 80
years
and of course he he saw a lot come and
go
and and this is a collection of these
visions
but notice the visions are not
concerning the whole
world although he does speak about all
the nations of the world
the vision is concerning judah
and jerusalem so as we get into this
vision and this understanding his
understanding of the gospel the good
news message that must be proclaimed

let's anchor ourselves in this
understanding
that it's concerning judah and jerusalem
this is not a book about america this is
not a book about britain
this is not a book about canada china
africa japan this is a scroll
concerning judah and jerusalem and if we
if we do not
anchor ourselves in this fact we're
going to get
twisted in our understanding so let's
just anchor ourselves in this
this is a scroll a vision of isaiah
concerning judah and jerusalem
and he received this during these these
kings
hear o heavens and give
ear o earth wow he's calling the heavens
and the earth in the beginning we know
god created the heavens and the earth
but why would he be calling to witness
the heavens and the earth hear o heavens
and give ear
o earth for the lord has spoken
what has the lord said so god has spoken
but what has he said i have nourished
and brought up children and they have
rebelled against me
you can hear the pain in this statement
you can hear the love and the cherishing
of these children
to have them grow up and mature and then
rebel against you
so this this is how the vision this this
wonderful vision of this prophet isaiah
this is how it begins that god
is calling to witness the heavens and
the earth
how he and he's spoken so what does he
have to say
this is like out of the out of the
abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
so what is in the abundance of god's

heart the fact that he has nourished and
brought up children
and they've rebelled against him now why
the heavens and the earth well
moses in deuteronomy let's go back to
torah i call
heaven and earth to witness against you
this day
that you shall soon utterly perish from
off the land
where unto you go over jordan to possess
it
moses just is calling it hey guys you're
going to go into the promised land
to possess this promised land you should
be set up as a
kingdom of priests a glorious kingdom of
priests to bring the whole world
world to god but i'm telling you from
now
i'm not going over to the promised land
with you but i'm telling you from now
that you're going to go over and possess
this land
and you will utterly perish
from off this land there's this covenant
that god has with you which involves the
land you're going to be taken from the
land
you shall utterly pray and he's calling
heaven and earth to witness this
you shall utterly perish from off the
land where until you go over jordan to
possess it
you shall not prolong your days upon it
but shall be utterly but shall utterly
be destroyed
this is the prophet the prophet moses
and this is his declaration and he
called the heaven and earth to witness
and now god is calling heaven and earth
to witness
that these children that he nourished
and brought up have rebelled against him

so i think we can get a sense of what's
coming based on torah
he says in verse 3 of isaiah chapter 1
the ox knows his owner
and the donkey his master's
so this is this is the creator of the
universe giving us his assessment
of of what is in in in top of his mind
in the fullness of his heart
how he set his heart on these people
nourished and brought them up and they
rebelled against him and then he's
comparing compare and contrast
my people to the ox the dumb ox
and the dumb donkey actually the doc is
not that dumb when compared to israel
and judah
the ox knows his owner and the donkey
his master's crib so they can go and
they can wonder
and they actually know where to come
back home but
israel does not know my people do not
consider
this is amazing these are the these are
the this is the tribe or the tribes
that have had been handpicked by god and
set apart
from the rest of mankind set apart as
holy
and and they don't have any knowledge
this is the tribe
the kingdom of the potential kingdom of
priests that have no knowledge
the ox has more knowledge and the donkey
has more knowledge
than these sacred people but israel
doesn't know my people do not consider
ah sinful nation
are are the people of god wonderful
are they holier than thou
this is god's assessment of his people
sinful nation
a people laden with iniquity you know if

you uh
if you have a sponge and maybe you leave
it in water
for a while so that it becomes laden
with water when
you you pick it up it's just laden it's
just full of it
these people are full of iniquity this
is god's assessment of his people
you want to make the argument that these
people are somehow special
and they're very holy people and we have
to be careful what we say about them
i just want to quote scripture i want to
believe what god says
what a sinful nation a people laden
with iniquity a seed of evil doers
this is this is god's assessment
children that are corrupters
they have forsaken the lord they have
provoked and now we're going to get
uh isaiah's favorite moniker for god
favorite appellation how he constantly
refers to god throughout his scroll
the holy one of israel
they've provoked the holy one of israel
unto anger
they've gone away backward and i think
this is going to be a very important
um thing for us to unpack
but this is the creator speaking and he
ident as he calls heaven and earth as
witness
and points out how the iniquity of his
people
he identifies himself as the holy one
of israel that's right the creator
of the heavens and the earth the creator
of the entire universe
condescends and identifies himself
with these people but in identifying
himself with this people
he also contrasts himself from this
people

this is a people who are laden with
iniquity
this is a sinful nation but he's a part
of the nation
so so he has not abandoned the nation he
identifies himself with the nation
but he identifies himself as the holy
one
of the nation and right there we get a
glimpse
into the gospel because until this point
all i'm hearing is these people are god
forsaken
they forsaken god god has every right to
forsake them
they do not they do not know him they've
turned their back on him they've
rebelled against him
according to torah they must be
destroyed
and yet the creator of the whole
universe
condescends and identifies himself as
part of the same nation
but he's the holy one and right there we
have the beginning of the gospel
that their salvation now becomes
possible
that that how god will maintain his
his covenant with abraham when he's
dealing with a nation that is completely
corrupt we see it right here it's in his
own identity
he's the holy one of israel and so for
his name's sake
he's going to act in the earth and there
are going to be a people
in the end time who understand what god
is doing
and who are going to declare this true
gospel
and as a result they are going to be
hated by all nations
for his name's sake because they

understand
how he his acting for his name's sake
and so he identifies himself as the holy
one
of israel but they've provoked the holy
one of israel unto anger
they are gone away backwards so it says
here that these people know nothing
they're they're dumber than an ox
they're dumber than a donkey
they don't know anything except of
course sinfulness that's what they know
but the torah says when moises was
educating them
he says know therefore this day and
consider
god says they don't know and they don't
consider but moises taught them to know
know therefore this day and consider it
in your heart
that the lord he is god
in heaven above and upon the earth
beneath
there is none else so god is now calling
heaven and earth to witness
something that they should have known
something that they should have
considered
that he's the god in heaven above and
upon the earth
there's one god israel rebelled against
him
and chased after every other god
back to isaiah god is puzzled he's
perplexed
he says why should you be stricken
anymore
why are you going through this it's like
why are you suffering like why should
you be stricken anymore
you will revolt more and more
this is speaking of his people you will
revolt more and more
the whole head is sick and the whole

heart
faint this is the condition
this this this is a write-off this is a
write-off
and yet god is saying nope it's not a
write-off i'm the holy one of israel
i'm going to make this word i'm going to
make my covenant work
one way or another and in fact just say
one way or another i'm going to make my
covenant work there's only one way
through the holy one of israel there's
no other way because the whole the whole
head is sick
and the whole heart faint in fact even
isaiah
this very righteous man even isaiah when
he came into the presence of god
he declared himself just
a write-off that he he's coming into the
presence of the holy god and he's a man
of unclean lips
and yet the holy one of israel took care
of his sinfulness
even isaiah could not be the one
to save israel only the holy one of
israel
why should you be stricken anymore you
will revolt more and more the whole head
is sick
and the whole heart faint from the soul
of the foot
even unto the head there is no soundness
in this nation
this this is this is god's god is
looking down from heaven
he has nourished this nation he has
brought up this nation
and here's his assessment there's no
soundness in it
but wounds and bruises
and putrifying sores they have not been
closed
neither bound up neither mollified with

ointment and you can just imagine how
nasty that
is how disgusting that is you can see
the disgusting to look at
the smell of it that is just pure
disgust
and that's what they are and then he
says this again this is the vision of
isaiah
i know we like to apply this to uh
america
but this is the vision in canada brit
this is the vision
of concerning judah and jerusalem
and it's very important that we just
allow isaiah to instruct us
otherwise we start making things up and
we start making the
scripture mean things that it's not
saying that the prophet is not saying
he's saying your country whose country
this is the vision concerning judah and
jerusalem and when christ was on earth
matthew 23 he cursed jerusalem
and he cursed jude of the cities of
judah and in matthew 24 the prophecy
surrounds and revolves around jerusalem
specifically
and the cities of judah in particular
and here it is this is this is he was
quoting isaiah
your country judah your country is
desolate
your cities judah are burned with fire
here's your future
your land strangers devour it in your
presence
you're gonna watch this happen in your
presence
and it is desolate as overthrown by
strangers
you you brought this upon yourself
desolation and the abomination that
makes desolate is going to ensure that

this happens
and it's going to happen right under
your noses you're going to watch this
as you parade up and down thinking
you're the holy people
you're the chosen people and you're
going to watch this
back to deuteronomy to show how this
is inextricably linked to torah god god
doesn't just get angry
and freak out and lose his temper and do
crazy things
like turn the jews into apes and pigs
just because he was having a bad day and
they got on his wrong side
the curse in the quran of turning the
jews into apes and pigs
where does this come from and and
muslims truly believe this
that jews are descended from apes and
pigs
and when they see you know you go to the
zoo and you see a monkey in there
they believe that they're looking at a
descendant of judah
because allah was angry one day because
they didn't keep the sabbath properly
because they were hungry
and he was testing them and they needed
food for their children and they went
fishing and so he turned them into apes
and pigs
the bible is a self-contained unit
from genesis to revelation everything is
and so this curse now that's being
declared upon
judah for their filth corruption and
abomination
that their cities are burned with fire
and that their cities have become
desolate and that they will no longer be
in the land
let's go back to torah deuteronomy 28
the

the chapter of blessings and curses

28-29

deuteronomy 28 and verse 49 we'll just
take a sampling from the torah

the lord shall bring a nation against
you from far

this this is what will happen if you do
not keep torah

the lord shall bring a nation against
you from far from the end of the earth
as swift as the eagle flies a nation
whose tongue

you shall not understand so god doesn't
just freak out in anger

god is faithful to his word he enters
into a covenant

and he never breaks it so he's got a
covenant with mooses

he's got a covenant with abraham he's
got a covenant with noah

he's got a covenant with david and he
never goes back on any of these

covenants

so that the mighty god the creator of
the whole universe

confines himself to behave

within the limitations of his word

it's amazing and yet there's a bit of a
contradiction now

because torah says the mosaic covenant
says

this is what's going to happen to them
if they break covenant if they're
disobedient to the covenant

so that's clear but at the same time he

has another covenant with abraham

that says his seed will inherit the
earth

and all families of the earth shall be
blessed in his seed

and he will be the god of abraham isaac
and jacob forever

and so like how do we reconcile this
well we got a glimpse

the holy one of israel he identifies
himself as part of the nation
but here's the curse the lord shall
bring a nation against you from far
from the end of the earth as swift as
the eagle flies a nation whose tongue
you shall not understand
a nation of fierce countenance which
shall not regard the person of the old
nor show favor to the young so there as
and christ said when he came not one jot
nor tittle will
will deviate from his word but he did
say when he came
that he came to fill to the full
his word so all of these curses we sort
of have had dress rehearsals
dress rehearsals and and they keep
intensifying keep intensifying but
christ said
i came so that his my word can be filled
to the full
so the abomination that makes desolate
that's just around the corner
it's going to intensely fulfill all of
these prophecies
we're going to see the extreme
fulfillment of all of these prophecies
but everything that we've seen
historically is the fate the faithful
fulfilling
of of god's word that
this nation of fierce countenance which
shall not regard the person of the old
nor show
favor to the young and he shall eat the
fruit of your cattle
and the fruit of your land until you be
destroyed he's going to do that right
under your noses
right in front of your face and you'll
be powerless
and just think of this nation think of
solomon and the power of this nation

that glory that they had through david
and solomon
and yet here's the prophecy that cannot
be
denied because god's word cannot be
denied
which are which also shall not leave you
either corn wine or oil or the increase
of kine or a cattle
or flocks of your sheep until he has
destroyed you
and he shall besiege you in all your
gates
until your high-end fenced walls come
down wherein you trusted
so so you feel very confident today
israel would feel very
the nation of israel which is the tribe
of judah
the southern tribes they would feel very
confident in their nuclear capabilities
and feel very confident in their
relationship with america and they're
trusting in these things
but this is the prophetic word of god
which cannot be broken
and so your high and fenced walls come
down where in you trusted
they're not trusting in god they're
trusting in this military power
throughout all your land and he shall
besiege you in all your gates throughout
all your land
which the lord your god has given you so
god does not just act
erratically everything that he does is
according to his word
back to isaiah 1 verse 8 and the
daughter of zion
is left as a cottage in a vineyard as a
lodge in a garden of cucumbers as a
besieged city so
think of a harvest and they would put up
these huts while they're harvesting

but when the harvest is completely done
and they and
and they've stripped everything and all
that's left is this this
this cottage or this hut and there's
nothing else
this is what the daughter of zion can
expect and i think this this phrase
daughter of zion
you think of sort of the end time the
the final descendant
of of zion the the the descendant
but i think all of this is pointing
ultimately to the the end time when it
is fully fulfilled
but this is about to be fulfilled with
with the nation of babylon
as assyria took out israel now babylon
is about to take out judah
and the daughter of zion is left as a
cottage in a vineyard
as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers as a
besieged city
and then notice this except the lord of
hosts had left unto us
a very small remnant we should have been
a sodom and we should have been like
unto gomorrah this is quite a statement
that god god opens up by saying
these people are corrupt this nation is
sinful it from the head to the toe
uh everything thoroughly corrupt
laden with iniquity this is who they are
then here isaiah is saying that there
the lord allowed us to have a very small
remnant
and and throughout the history of god's
people
god's people have always leaned toward
corruption
sadly god's people have always leaned
towards compromise sadly
joyfully throughout the history of god's
people

there's always been a faithful remnant
that that have passed the baton from one
generation to the next
and isaiah is saying that there there is
a faithful remnant
and if it were not for this faithful
remnant not perfect but faithful
if it were not for this faithful remnant
well we'd have been like sodom and
gomorrah
and i think we all think of sodom and
gomorrah and the the
extreme corruption that was in these two
cities
and and isaiah's assessment is and we
when we studied the book of judges we
saw
firsthand after these people inherited
the promised land
instead of removing the nations how they
adopted the practices of the nations
and became just as corrupt as sodom and
gomorrah
so he says we should have been as sodom
and gomorrah
and then hear the hear the declaration
hear the word of the lord you rulers of
sodom
give ear to the law of our god you
people of
gomorrah this this is how god identifies
them
this is a vision concerning
judah and jerusalem
the vision concerning judah and
jerusalem and god
refers to the rulers of judah and
jerusalem
as the rulers of sodom
and the people of gomorrah they are this
is like if
if you're trying to get a sense of how
what is god's assessment of his people
here it is to what purpose

help me understand this to what purpose
is the multitude of your sacrifices unto
me
why are you doing this why are you going
through
these rituals are you
trying to fool yourself because you're
not fooling me
why are you doing this why are you so
corrupt
why have you compromised and deviated
from torah
to such an extent and yet you're still
going through
the rituals you're still observing the
holy days you're still keeping the
sabbath and the high days
you're bringing your offerings you have
this sort of religiosity why are you
doing this
why not just go wholesale into evil and
just completely
identify yourselves as as worshipers of
the devil
why don't you just do that well that
would be too painful
that would be too painful one thing we
know about human beings
we like to feel good about ourselves so
i kind of i want my cake and i want to
eat it too
so so i want to eat it but i still want
to keep it and so this is how we walk
so we are so i want to
do everything i want to to fulfill my
own
pleasures but then i want to put on
religious
robes and beads and stones and
and do religious things so that i can
convince myself i'm a good person
and i don't have to actually look in the
mirror and we are no different
as people with the holy spirit than

these same people
of the nation of israel we still have
the same carnal nature
and we still want to say play the same
carnal games
and as we head now into this final
chapter in the history of man
as we head into these very dark days
this dark winter
we need to get right we need to be be
straightforward we are who we are
and like isaiah he just said oh you know
i'm a man of unclean lips
woe unto me we need to come to god with
authenticity
to what purpose so we could ask the same
to the church church
what's the purpose of these religious
rituals
why are you keeping sabbath why are you
coming to services
you know what are we doing
how can we do one foot in the world and
one foot in the church what do we do to
what purpose is this
to what purpose he asks is the multitude
of your sacrifices unto me says the lord
i am full of the burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts i delight not
in the blood of bollocks
or of lambs or of he goes like what are
you doing do you think this pleases me
so they're going through all these
rituals and
they bring these animals and they
sacrifice them and they say their
prayers and
do this on the high days and god said
like i'm full of this i don't need this
you're doing this for me i don't need it
when you come to appear before me so
three times a year there to appear
before god
when you come to appear before me who

has required this at your hand
to tread my courts bring no more vain
oblations
incense is an abomination unto me so
their prayers their rituals god says
this is an abomination unto me
the calling of assemblies i cannot away
with
it is iniquity imagine that is it
possible that god's looking down from
heaven
and as we gather together on the high
days god is saying i can't stand it
i can't stand the hypocrisy one foot in
the world and one foot in the church
and calling these assemblies and
thinking that you're pleasing me i don't
need your money
i don't need you to dress up for me
the calling of assemblies i cannot away
with it it is iniquity
even the solemn meeting which i i think
refers to the passover your new moons
every month they would celebrate the
arrival of the month and your appointed
feasts
my soul hates this is a vision
concerning judah and jerusalem
this is where the whole world should
look
for the light of god and god is saying i
hate what you're doing in fact they are
a
trouble unto me i am weary to bear them
and when you spread forth your hands
i will hide my eyes from you so even
when they're praying and they're
spreading forth their hands
god is saying i don't want to see it i
don't want to hear it
yeah when you make many prayers
i will not hear your hands
listen judah
your hands are full of blood that's what

this has come to these are
some very corrupt people and they're
going through all of this religiosity
they're praying they're making offerings
they're keeping the high days
and they're murdering each other they're
stealing they're committing adultery
they're committing idolatry they're
doing every evil
but they're maintaining the religious
vener
wash you so this sounds like it's over
it sounds like a write-off
and yet there's this declaration of hope
wash you judah and jerusalem
wash you make you clean
put away the evil of your doings from
before my eyes
cease to do evil so it's not a complete
write-off
god is holding out an olive branch god
is saying look we can reconcile here
you've rebelled against me
but that doesn't have to be the end of
the story
learn to do well seek judgment
we have a lot of even in the church now
we have a lot of social justice warriors
who are seeking social justice god says
to judah and to us by extension
seek torah seek the judgments of god
which are not going to be popular if you
are judging according to torah
you're not going to be popular if you
find that somehow your judgment
agrees with the world that that you know
when you turn on cnn you're
you're thinking the same thing they're
thinking and you're saying the same
things they're saying
then you're not in line with torah learn
to do well
learn to do well seek judgment
god's judgment relieve the oppressed

this this is the sort of this is what
this is now this is not
social justice this is
god's judgment and these people are
oppressing god's people they're
they're they're using the wickedness of
the nations around them
to oppress even their own people and
god's saying relieve the oppressed
judge the fatherless plead for the widow
now this is very
verse 17 is very important
because isaiah says that if it were not
for a faithful remnant
they'd have been like sodom and gomorrah
and god says
listen you rulers of sodom and you
people of gomorrah
and now he begins to outline their evil
and how they will not seek judgment they
will not relieve the oppressed
they will not judge the fatherless and
they will not plead for the widow
let's go to ezekiel 16 to see the sin of
sodom
which a lot of us immediately associate
with their homosexuality
but ezekiel gives us some insight that
the sin of sodom goes beyond
homosexuality ezekiel 16 and verse 46
and your elder sister this is speaking
to judah
your elder sister is samaria that's the
the northern tribes
they were centered around samaria the
southern centered around jerusalem
your elder sister is samaria she and her
daughters
that dwell at your left hand and your
younger sister that dwells at your right
hand
is sodom and her daughters
yet have you not walked after their ways
nor done after their abominations

so so you see how evil samaria is
and sodom is but you haven't walked
after their ways nor done after their
abominations but
as if that were a very little thing you
were
corrupted more than they in all your
ways
so this is god is speaking to judah
you're saying you see how corrupt
israel is you see how corrupt sodomists
you you weren't like that even though i
divorced israel you weren't like that
you were worse as i live says the lord
sodom your sister has not done she nor
her daughters
as you have done you and your daughters
wow
have you seen this brethren have you
seen god's assessment of judah
that that sodom is is righteous compared
to judah
behold this was the iniquity of your
sister sodom okay now we're going to
learn what
what is the iniquity of sodom what is it
that sodom did so wrong
in god's eyes behold this was the
iniquity of your sister sodom
pride sin of the devil
pride so homosexuality that that that's
just a symptom
if we want to get to the root cause what
is this what is it that went wrong with
sodom
pride fullness of bread
so so having this abundance and
abundance of idleness
was in her this this actually sounds a
lot like the western world today
lest because of the judeo-christian
ethic and the work ethic and the values
and and valuing the human being and the
freedom of the human being and the

freedom of the human spirit
and unlocking that that creativity that
resides in the human spirit
and as a result of unleashing that
creativity
generating a level of wealth and
prosperity
the world has never seen
but this fullness of bread and abundance
of idleness
it turns on itself and people
with no purpose no they can't give god
praise for this they feel guilty
so they want to throw it all away that's
where we are now
but this is the problem of sodom pride
fullness of bread and abundance of
idleness
was in her and in her daughters neither
did she strengthen the hand of the poor
and needy so this is this is like a
a social disaster that there's a there's
a there's an
ethic that should exist based on the
judeo-christian or the torah
and they just they just have no regard
they become so swelled with human pride
that they oppress the poor needy and
that's where we're heading now all these
people who get swept up in this social
justice rhetoric
and then actually support politicians
with this rhetoric
we're going to see an incredible level
of that's what marxism does
an incredible level of oppression
murderous oppression
mass murder there's no value of the
human life
this is where we're heading but the only
way they can have this
is by fooling the simple with rhetoric
so you know there's rule of law which is
the way of israel rule of law where even

the law giver
himself moses is subject to the law
the law giver is not above the law and
so the law giver is punished by the very
the very same law that he declares this
is rule of law
and our the western world has for the
most part
benefited from this understanding of
rule of law
versus the rule of the jungle the rule
what i call actually the rule of
rhetoric
there's the rule of law and then there's
the rule of rhetoric
rhetoric is i stand up before crowds and
i say what they want to hear
and i spin it with lofty sounding words
and i just believe in
in all mankind and and everybody should
be free and
everybody should be prosperous and and
everybody should hold hands together and
and at the same time i'm slaughtering
human beings like there's no tomorrow
and the foolish fall for this rule of
rhetoric and rule of rhetoric means
what's the rule it's whatever i want it
to be i say one thing today i say the
exact opposite tomorrow
and suddenly all those people who are
supporting me i just round them up and
slaughter them why because i just feel
like it
because i'm bored because i'm powerful
it saddens me
so she was so proud
and had no regard for humanity this is
the sin of sodom
and they were haughty they took after
their father the devil
this is the this is the sin of sodom
homosexual rape is what you do when
you're haughty

this is just a symptom of the problem
this was not the problem this was a
symptom of the problem
here's the problem they were haughty
and committed abomination before me
therefore i took them away as i saw good
that's what happened to them
neither has samaria committed half of
your sins
so judah saw what israel did
and instead of thinking wow if the torah
happened to them the covenant curses
happened to them
we better smarten up no they double down
in their iniquity
neither has samaria committed half of
your sins but you have multiplied your
abominations
more than them and have justified your
sisters in all your abominations which
you have done so
they're just a complete they're laden
with iniquity as isaiah says
you also which have judged your sisters
bear your own shame for your sins that
you have committed
more abominable than they so so you feel
like you're all righteous and you're
looking down at the northern tribes but
then you're worse than them
they are more righteous than you yes be
you confused
also and bear your shame in that
you have justified your sisters so your
your level of iniquity
actually justifies the level of iniquity
of the northern tribes and
even of sodom so so isaiah is not joking
when he says we should have been a sodom
and gomorrah
except god left us a faithful remnant
now
this level of inequity so again i go
compare and contrast according to

muhammad
and the quran because the jews went
fishing
on the sabbath when they were hungry
when he withheld food from them all week
and they were starving to death
and they went fishing on the sabbath
because of that
god was so angry with them he turned
them into apes and pigs
yet at the same time if muslims are
hungry it's okay for them to eat pork
compare and contrast that with
the scroll of isaiah which
clearly does not hide it's not like they
went fishing on the sabbath because they
were hungry because god himself withheld
food from them
and their children were starving to
death it's not that
it's that they were just laden with
corruption
they were filled with iniquity
they did everything they could possibly
do to be evil
and what does god say to them does he
turn them into apes and pigs
no that we have good news for these
people
the these these descendants of abraham
who are who are in this covenant
relationship with god
we bring you good news your corruption
notwithstanding
god says to judah and jerusalem to judah
and jerusalem we have to stay in the
frame
let's not go off and start making this
say what it doesn't say
this is the vision concerning judah and
jerusalem
he says to judah and jerusalem come now
and let us reason together says the lord
come now let us reason together we just

saw how wicked these people are
though your sins be a scarlet your
judah and jerusalem though your judah
and jerusalem

your sins be a scarlet they shall be
as white as snow judah and jerusalem
though they be red like crimson they
shall be as wool

now fast forward to isaiah 45 we
and i would encourage you to go back
over the second isaiah just to keep it
fresh because it's been two years
uh while we're studying first isaiah
here but he says

israel shall be saved in the lord with
an

everlasting salvation this is the good
news

that god will not go back on his
covenant to abraham

isaac and israel and although he's
divorced

the northern tribes of israel he says
through jeremiah

that when he returns he's going to make
israel and judah

one stick so he maintains the covenant
through judah

when he returns he's going to combine
israel into judah

and and save and all israel will be
saved this is the good news

and through the salvation of israel we
set

up the kingdom of priests on the earth
that god had imagined in the first place
and the physical human beings on the
earth

will come to physical human beings on
the earth in jerusalem

and and learn to worship god and the
first

fruits harvest is going to be beyond the
human experience

the first fruit fruits for its harvest
will be the teachers the spiritual
teachers
that are co-reigning with christ over
this
human operation but israel shall be
saved in the lord
with an everlasting salvation god is the
god of israel forever
you shall not be ashamed nor confounded
world without end
god has a plan but right now as we start
off with isaiah 1 he's speaking
specifically
and exclusively to judah and jerusalem
but ultimately it's going to be all
israel will be saved and through them
salvation will be available for the
whole earth
verse 19 isaiah 1 if you be willing and
obedient
you shall eat the good of the land are
you kidding me what is going on here
i just thought we just catalogued how
evil these people are how corrupt they
are it sounds like there's no hope
except there was one glimmer of hope
that god identified himself
in all of this as the holy one of israel
that's what gave me a sense that there
somehow there must be good news in here
and now we're beginning to see that even
though these people are so corrupt god
has not written them off
and he's saying come let's reason
together and i'm going to wash you and
make you clean
and if you be willing and obedient you
shall eat the good of the land
even though the torah says you shall be
scattered out of the land
the torah also says you'll be brought
back to the land
but if you refuse and rebel you shall be

devoured with the sword
you'll be beheaded with the sword
that that a sword has been declared upon
this nation
and we're going to see as we unpack
isaiah
this is a book about the middle east
this is a book about judah and jerusalem
so we have to pick up a map
open a map find out where is jerusalem
located
where the cities of judah located and
what surrounds them
and is there a nation that has that puts
the sword on their flag
that says we rejoice in beheading jews
are there is there a confederation of
these kinds of people that happen to
surround
judah and jerusalem because that's what
this is about
there's a religious beast there's a
religious beast a false prophet
but there's a political beast and
they're not the same
and the political beast is referred to
in revelation as the seventh beast
and the eighth beast and they are
different
from the sixth so as we do our counting
and figure out what is the sixth beast
of revelation because whatever that is
that's not what we're looking for now
that's gone and these the seventh beast
is
totally different from the sixth as the
sixth was totally different from the
fifth
as the fifth was totally different from
the fourth
so whatever we identify as the sixth
beast that cannot be the seventh and the
eighth
but the eighth can be the seventh the

eighth is a resurrection of the seven
but the seventh is totally different
from the sixth
we need to look on a map see where
jerusalem is see where judah is
see what surrounds them and how this is
going to be fulfilled in the end time
this mass beheading
but if you refuse and rebel you shall be
devoured with the sword
for the mouth of the lord has spoken it
that's one thing we've established that
through studying isaiah that's what
we've established
that when god speaks that's it that's
what abraham understood
it's impossible for god to go back on
his word god is not the kind of being
that makes a covenant and then says yeah
but i change my mind
no once he covenants that's it and
that's what he wants us to learn
how is the faithful city become a harlot
this is quite the question
what is the faithful city where we're
talking about toronto is toronto the
faithful city
this is a vision concerning judah
and jerusalem so i think just with a
little bit of logic here
he must be still be talking about judah
and jerusalem
and the faithful city must be jerusalem
the city of david and now
it's become a harlot it was full of
judgment
righteousness lodged in it but now
murderers how did this happen and you
know people from all over the world
came to jerusalem the queen of sheba
went through incredible effort
to come to jerusalem because of the fame
of jerusalem and the fame of god
throughout the earth

but now it's become how did this happen
well solomon was part of the reason but
but this is what happened
righteousness lodged in it but now
murderers look at this
murderers this is real these people are
actually murdering and oppressing
your silver has become dross your wine
mixed with water
your princes are rebellious and
companions of thieves
thieves everyone loves gifts and follows
after rewards and again you look at our
modern society and political situation
today
everyone seems bribable you saw the
previous
president in america couldn't trust
anybody
everybody that he had on defense
everybody but almost everybody i think
maybe i can say everybody but it's
almost everybody
the closest people to him everybody that
he picked turned on him betrayed him
he just he's not a politician he didn't
understand how this thing works
how do you get the loyalty of
politicians well you corrupt them
you you make them bribable you put them
in compromising situations and then you
force their hand
and they have to agree with you but he
just came in saying i'm doing this and
he didn't have all of these connections
and he bought all these people generals
everybody close to him even
vice president it doesn't matter
everybody turned on him
because everybody has their price and
that's one thing we see here in the this
is politics
princes are politicians here they're
leaders they have political power

your princes are rebellions rebellious
and companions of thieves
all of them love gifts and follow after
rewards this is how they make their
judgments what's going to enrich me oh
yeah
let's give multi-billions of dollars to
this nation
so that i can get a kickback into my
bank account and i at the same time is
great
i look like i care for the poor i look
like i care for people
but i'm enriching myself and my family
everyone loves gifts and follows after
rewards they judge not the fatherless
they talk good rhetoric and fools follow
them
but they don't actually do they don't
follow through they judge not the
fatherless
neither does the cause of the widow come
unto them they just don't care
they just don't care as it was anciently
so it is today
therefore says the lord of hosts and now
he calls himself
the mighty one of israel so after
identifying the politicians of the day
as utterly corrupt those who have
political power
he now after first identifying himself
as the holy one of israel
he now identifies himself as the mighty
one of israel
that the creator the god of the universe
is a part of this
nation he's the holy one of this nation
and now we come to learn he's the mighty
one that that that that sets up a
contrast
you know the holy one of israel sets up
a contrast okay they're corrupt
totally corrupt he's holy

now we see that they're powerful and corrupt
but he's the mighty one of israel that
that tells me they're coming down
this is the gospel this is what christ
said that he's come to lift up the meek
and lowly
and to bring down the powerful that's
what that's what we're seeing here we're
getting a glimpse
therefore says the lord the lord of
hosts the mighty one of israel ah
i will ease me of my adversaries
and avenge me of my enemies like oh yes
gentile nations mooses identified them in
deuteronomy 30
as the enemies of god but we were just
talking about within the nation
we were just talking about the
politicians the political power within
the nation
and god on the heels of that identifies
himself as the mighty one of israel
and immediately says i'm gonna i'm gonna
take care of this
i will ease me of my adversaries they're
they're they're
they're the opposing force to god's will
and i i will avenge me of my
enemies this is i i'm just so excited
about the book of isaiah this is
such an amazing book and it has so much
to say
about our day and how we can understand
the future this this seemingly chaotic
world
it's not so chaotic once we view it
through the lens of isaiah
so we will uh pause here and uh god
willing we will continue
next week so we got up to verse 24
isaiah 1.
god willing we will continue next week
with the book of isaiah what an amazing

this is the gospel that christ said
this gospel will be preached in all the
world
and he said that on the heels
of repeatedly quoting isaiah as he
taught his disciples
repeatedly quoting the scroll of isaiah
and then he said this gospel will be
preached in all the world
so as we unpack this book of isaiah this
scroll that christ
quoted from so extensively let us learn
from isaiah
what is this good news so that we can be
sure
to be proclaiming this great news with
that brethren i will say good night what
a mighty god we serve
the mighty one of israel the holy one of
israel
jesus christ is lord amen
you