

23-Isaiah-31-Transcript

well

greetings brethren midweek blessings to
all of you just

checking the sound before we go live i

just wanted to make sure that i am

coming through

loudly and clearly

and i believe i am i think i'll just get

ready to go live once i get confirmation

thanks brethren

wonderful thanks brother richard we're

ready to go live

[Music]

[Music]

[Music]

uh hopefully you're hearing me now uh

brethren sorry about that

just uh user error the problem was on my

side

um i just opened with prayer there

and um last week when

we were covering isaiah chapter one

um i skipped a couple of verses i'm not

sure what happened i know i was rushing

from one meeting straight into the study

and uh missed a couple of verses so

let's just pick up the back

few verses of chapter one and then

let's cover chapter two this evening

let me go ahead and share my screen

and as i say we'll just go back a little

bit uh let's just pick it up

pick up one verse 21 and then drop down

to verse 24.

he says here how is the faithful city

become a harlot

this is puzzling to the prophet how did

this happen

how did this happen that you could

imagine how glorious this city was

and now it's become a harlot talk about

extremes

and you know if this is happening to the
ancient covenant people
could this happen to the modern covenant
community i.e the church
bears thinking about especially with the
letter to laodicea
how is the faithful city become a harlot
it was full of judgment
righteousness lodged in it but now
murderers and so there are these were
these physical murderers they were
murdering their their brethren
uh we can be guilty of spiritual murder
dropping down to verse 24
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 so last week we said god the
creator of the universe
identifies himself with israel
and although israel has become on judah
judah and more specifically and
particularly
jerusalem has become completely
unfaithful
that in no way shape or form affects
god's faithfulness
what makes god god is his faithfulness
to his word
that he speaks and that's it he never
goes back on his word so
god has covenanted himself with israel
and even though israel is treacherous he
still identifies himself
as the holy one of israel and now here
in verse 24
the mighty one of israel he's the mighty
one of israel
so what's happening now with
the unfaithful in israel the rebellious
in israel well he says
i will ease me of my adversaries and
avenge me of my

enemies and certainly that refers to
gentiles but
clearly there are enemies of god
within the covenant community and god is
going to deal with them
and i will turn my hand upon you
and purely purge away your dross
and take away all your tin so so a zion
is going to get an upgrade because god
is committed to zion
god is committed to israel and so even
though there's all this unfaithfulness
it doesn't mean god walks away and
marries somebody else he's committed to
this covenant and
there's no other covenant and he's bound
to act within this covenant
and this is why abraham had such
confidence in god
because he knew god will not go back on
his word and it's why in hebrews 6
all of the spiritual descendants of god
can have confidence in god regardless of
what
is in front of us and why we can walk by
faith
and not by sight because we realize in
studying the history
of this relationship this covenant
relationship that god has with israel
that god never goes back on his word and
so even though all of this
unfaithfulness is
within judah and specifically jerusalem
god says i will turn my hand upon you
and purely
purge away your dross and take away your
tin all your tin
and i will restore your judges
as at the first so god does not turn his
back on jerusalem in fact
we know that the whole world will look
to jerusalem
the whole world will be seeking wisdom

from jerusalem and so something is going
to happen jerusalem is going to go
through a purging and a
cleansing process and then god is going
to restore
her judges as at the beginning
and your counselors as at the beginning
afterward you shall be called the city
of righteousness
the faithful city so here right within
the first chapter of the scroll of
isaiah
we've just opened up the scroll and
started reading and we've hardly gotten
anywhere and we've got the gospel
message
we have the good news that god has not
forsaken his people
that god is faithful to his covenant and
that
jerusalem shall be restored and
and the whole world will come to
jerusalem
and and god's people will be restored in
the promised land
here it is here it is
so so you know first isaiah second
isaiah
and first isaiah is full of judgment and
it's old testament and
second isaiah is full of mercy in its
new testament and so therefore there
must have been two different people who
wrote these
this these books this is absolutely
ridiculous this is
ridiculousness that the entire scroll
has the mercy of god and the judgment of
god and we just have to look for it and
we see it
so he says here
that afterward after this cleansing
process and
the prophet doesn't say here how painful

this cleansing process
is going to be but we know from chapter
six
and we'll get there shortly that there
is going to be an abomination that makes
desolate and that desolation
process is the cleansing process and
that this great tribulation upon which
no nation has ever experienced anything
like this
that is where god gets the cleansing
so afterward you shall be called the
city of righteousness the faithful city
in other words the whole world will
refer to jerusalem
zion as the faithful city even though
she's a harlot today
according to the prophet even though
she's unfaithful today
according to the prophet tomorrow in the
near future
the whole world is going to be just
holding
zion in great remember when um the queen
of sheba
heard the fame of solomon all the way
from ethiopia
and traveled to to here is it true what
i'm hearing
well this is the fame that this is an
inkling of the kind of fame
jerusalem is about to have all over the
world
now he says that he'll he'll restore the
judges
the way it was at the beginning and the
counselors the way it was in the
beginning let's go back
ii samuel 5 10. and this is when david
united
the tribes of israel and judah the north
and the south
and david went on and grew great and
jehovah the lord god of hosts

was with him and david verse 12 david perceived that jehovah had established him king over israel he realized god did this and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people israel's sake and so david was a faithful king became a leader after god's own heart a man after god god's own heart and there was faithfulness in the city and this is what what his son solomon inherited and initially solomon was off to a great start and the whole nation was was revered all over the world and god is saying i'll restore this. back to isaiah 1 27 zion shall be redeemed with judgment with judgment and this actually you know think of hopefully you were with us maybe three weeks back when pastor murray gave his sermon unworthy as the lamb part one and it's like we sing this song he worthy is the lamb but he asked the question worthy for what worthy for what and and we saw worthy to take this scroll of judgments and the only one who could carry out these judgments because of his faithfulness to torah that he came and he he lived by torah so he's now able to judge according to torah and not only to judge according to torah but to redeem according to torah so zion shall be redeemed with judgment that the the the judgment will be unlocked and what what's in this scroll will ultimately result in the redemption and the union of zion

with her god zion shall be redeemed with
judgment
and her converts with righteousness
so zion's going to have converts and
these converts are going to be
redeemed with righteousness but this
word converts is very
interesting it's the hebrew word
and rather than converts
i think a better translation would be
her returnees
or her repentant that
something is in in this that the message
of the gospel is coming through to
zion and she is repenting
and returning to her god so somebody has
to understand all of this
and the precious role that zion has in
the plan of god
and not subscribe to replacement
theology where we just
kick judah to the curb and say we're
here now we don't god doesn't need you
anymore
but instead no to be humble and say no
this is there's an eternal relationship
that jehovah has with
zion and with judah and with israel
and we have been grafted into this but
we're not going to hijack it
we're going to acknowledge it and
proclaim it and we don't care
if people are upset we don't care if
people want to cast this as hate speech
we don't care if people want to say
we're criminals because we're preaching
what's in the word of god
we just realize what is in the word of
god and we have to preach this good news
so that zion is going to have repentant
returnees the shuv and he says
that they'll be redeemed with
righteousness now this
should take us right back to moses

deuteronomy 30 verse 1 it shall come to
pass
when all these things are come upon you
the blessing and the curse
so we just had the blessings and the
curses in 28 and 29
and mooses said you're going to get both
which i have said before you and you
shall call them to mind
among all the nations where the lord
your god has driven you well that's the
ultimate curse
that you cannot you must be ejected from
the land because of your unfaithfulness
and you'll be scattered all over the
earth and you can go and serve
uh the the idols that you are
worshipping go to these nations and
serve those idols there
serve those false gods there and be
subjugated and humiliated
and just completely enslaved
and destroyed and see how that works out
for you
so that's going to happen to you
and then he says and then you shall
return
this is the same word this show this is
it
so what isaiah's speaking of is what
mooses prophesied
these are the returnees these are the
it's not so much when we think of
convert we think of somebody who's never
heard
of uh christ and we go and we preach
christ and say like okay this makes
total sense to me i repent
i'm going to convert from my gentile
ways
to christ well this is not this is not
conversion in that sense
it's about returning it's it's somebody
understands the gospel

and preaches it in such a way that the
hebrews
recognize it and the hebrews acknowledge
it
and the hebrews come to realize that
christ
is their messiah and so they are
returning to torah it's something they
already had
they turned away from it the gospel was
preached faithfully
and they've returned so you shall return
to jehovah your god and you shall obey
his voice according to all that i
command you this day
you and your children with all your
heart and with all your soul
and there's the gospel message right
there but we can't
just assume that it's for everybody you
know if you're part of this covenant
community
don't worry god is obligated to save you
no that's just not true and that's not
what moises taught and that's what
none of the prophets taught that listen
to malachi malachi says for behold
the day comes and this is what we have
to warn
all nations but especially judah
for behold the day comes that shall burn
as an oven
this is what's coming and all the proud
all the proud all the proud and
hopefully you were with us on sabbath
when
i gave the first part of my two-part
sermon
which was about discerning the lord's
body and how isaiah shows
us that the root cause of all of the
abominations
of judah and jerusalem is pride
and pride comes from the devil and that

was the root cause of sodom and gomorrah's sin and abomination was pride and so here we see the solution to pride and here we see that not everybody in the covenant community can just waltz into god is not obligated to say well it doesn't matter whatever you do i'm obligated to place you in the promised land and to bring you into my kingdom no you must repent and if they if they have to hear the message but if they don't repent malachi tells us the future as all the other prophets do for behold the day comes that shall burn as an oven and i don't know i think most of us have been had the opportunity to be close to an oven uh or a furnace and to just feel the heat of it or or a blazing fire and all the proud gentile and jew the jew first but also the gentile yes and this is speaking specifically of the covenant community and all that do wickedly within the covenant community shall be stubble and the day that comes shall burn them up speaking of the covenant community who don't repent says the lord of hosts and it shall leave them neither root nor branch we cannot take jehovah for granted there's an agreement here and and this process of turmoil that the covenant people have to go through is to drive them to repentance so that god can get the purity of heart

that mooses prophesied would come and so
isaiah is showing us that the messaging
that's required
for these people to come to their senses
and to come out of their wickedness
so here isaiah continues now even though
he's painting this
beautiful picture of what is to come
he also shows us that it's not all
hugs and kisses there is destruction
for those who are proud and unfaithful
as malachi showed us
so even though he's painted this picture
of this beautiful zion being
redeemed
and the way it was at first and
she's going to be established and the
whole world is going to refer to her as
the faithful city
well for those who are faithful for
those who repent and return
to torah but here he says but the
destruction and the destruction of the
transgressors
and of the sinners shall be together
and they that forsake jehovah shall be
destroyed we cannot take god for granted
there is no one saved always saved here
read the messages read the letters from
christ himself to the churches
the seven churches and there's terrible
news in those letters
it's a warning but for those who are
proud
for those who don't repent for those who
don't move from the leaven to the
unleavened
it's not going to end well and god is
consistent
god is consistent and so those that
forsake yehovah
shall be destroyed for they shall be
ashamed of the oaks
which you have desired and you shall be

confounded
for the gardens that you have chosen so
this is now speaking of their idolatry
where they go to these trees and they
get involved in idolatrous
practices and the prophet is warning
them
you'll be ashamed of this for you shall
be as an
oak whose leaf fades and as a garden
that has no water so just very poetic
language here
uh just imagery to show that you know
what you're pursuing
it's vanity and it's not going to end
well
and finally um isaiah third one first
verse 31 even the strong and the strong
shall be as
tall as waste as refuse those that
you're looking up to and thinking
they're just so powerful and mighty
they'll be like refuse and the maker of
it
has a spark and they shall both burn
together that's exactly what malachi
tells us
this is the fate of the unrepentant in
the covenant community
and they shall both burn together and
none shall quench them there is no hope
for them so we we see isaiah showing us
the good news
but it's not all good and it's not a
walk in the park and god cannot be taken
for granted
there's some bad news in here as well
now
this whole um imagery around what
uh judah is doing with these oak trees
let's go back to second kings 17 and
verse 9.
second kings 17
and verse 9. and the children of israel

did secretly those things
that were not right against jehovah
their god and they built them high
places
in all their cities from the tower of
the watchmen
to the fence to city and they set them
up images and groves in every high hill
and under every green tree this is the
idolatrous practices that they've
learned
from the pagan nations around them that
they should have cleared out but they
didn't they
they wanted to accommodate them and live
with them and now instead of
them teaching the nations they're being
taught by the nations
and there they burnt incense in all the
high places
as did the heathen whom jehovah
carried away before them and wrought
wicked things to provoke
jehovah to anger this is what they did
for they served idols whereof jehovah
had said unto them
you shall not do this thing remember
isaiah opened and said god says i
brought up children
and they've rebelled against me i
nourished them i looked after them i
gave them every advantage
and they used all of that and turned
against me this is what they've done
now again in all of this
bad news in this unfaithfulness god
is faithful god is a covenant keeping
god
and so now we come into chapter two of
isaiah
and it opens with very similar to to how
chapter one opened
the word in chapter one it was the
vision

but here it's the word that isaiah the
son of ammas
saw so it's still a vision it's
something that he saw
concerning concerning what what is this
about
is isaiah about canada
is the book of isaiah about america
new zealand england iceland
south africa what is it about
so we want to we just want to make sure
we keep the subject matter
in line of sight so that we don't start
applying it
carelessly so are there principles from
isaiah
that we can apply to our nations of
course
are there jews in our nations
that are part dna descendants of judah
and therefore this applies to them yes
but the bible is not just a political
book
it's very geographical and the covenant
is not just a covenant between two
parties
israel and god uh and that's retained
now with judah
it's not just that the covenant has to
do with real estate
that it is a kingdom that involves real
estate and that
land is very much a part of what was
promised
to abraham so we have to be very very
clear
this is a vision of isaiah word that
isaiah
the word that isaiah the son of amma saw
concerning judah and jerusalem so as we
read
let's keep that in mind this is about
judah and jerusalem
and it shall come to pass in the last

days
so so we were in this current situation
that isaiah is laying out to them
their wickedness and their
unfaithfulness but how god will
ultimately do what moises prophesied and
restore them
and now he fast forwards all the way out
into the future
the last days it shall come to pass and
so this is this is how it's all going to
happen
this is the vision that he received it
shall come to pass in the last days
that the mountain of jehovah's house
shall be established in the top of the
mountains
he saw this and shall be exalted
above the hills and all
nations the shall flow unto it
what this is i was telling look
judah and jerusalem this will happen
and all nations all around the world are
going to come to you
and your god will be established his
house will be established
and many people gentiles
shall go and say come you
and let us go up to the mountain of
jehovah
to the house of the god of jacob
so we'll get to isaiah 25 but god is
going to lift
this veil that satan has cast
over the earth and this this hatred
that is in the hearts of men towards the
covenant community
and it's going to be replaced with an
acknowledgement
that that truth comes out of zion
and and holiness is is this city
and we need to go there to learn how to
be holy
and this creator that made us no more

evolution no more
false god nonsense the whole world will
know the true god
and will know that the creator
is the god of jacob that he has bound
himself
to jacob and this is all 12 tribes
so we know now just from this vision and
this prophecy
that this covenant that is being
retained
by judah ultimately all 12 tribes will
be restored
into this covenant and these are these
are the
gentiles speaking to each other this is
their idea this is what they've come to
realize
let's go up to this mountain and and
jehovah will teach us of his ways
we can have a part in this and so when
we say that this
is a covenant that is exclusively with
israel
ultimately the whole world benefits when
we try to water it down
and say that you know uh christ died for
everybody
and that's it you know uh he's gonna
come he's gonna return
and and he's gonna be at one with the
whole world and um we're gonna be kings
and priests and
everybody's gonna know god when we cut
the covenant community out of the plan
of god
we are accusing god of being a liar
this is why in hebrews 6 he says by two
immutable things we may have strong
consolation
because it's impossible for god to lie
so when when abraham isaac and jacob
are resurrected they are fully expecting
god to be faithful

to the promises that he made to them and
this is what we must preach
and that it is through his faithfulness
to his word
that the whole world will be blessed
that's what he said to abraham and you
will all families of the earth be
blessed
and he means that literally
so they're realizing all the families of
the earth are now talking to each other
and they're saying yehovah will teach us
of his ways
and we will walk in his paths for out of
zion shall go forth the law
so isaiah the prophet is now explaining
why this is the case
why are people all over the world
realizing they have to go to jerusalem
they have to keep the feast they have to
make sure that they're there
for the sacred assemblies so that they
can learn
and come back and teach their people he
says this is why
for out of zion shall go forth the law
the torah
the torah will go forth out of zion
and the dibar the word of jehovah from
jerusalem
this is this is the future this is
what's going to happen and zion has a
line of sight to the future
and he's telling judah in jerusalem look
this is the future
all the nations of the world are going
to be coming to you as the priest of god
to come and to learn and to have these
uh sacred assemblies facilitated
by you as they come to learn of
from your god and that he's the god of
jacob and not just of judah he's the god
of
israel forever in the gospel of

according to luke
we read this when we when we covered
luke it's in the archive now
verse 32 he shall be great
and shall be called the son of the
highest the lord god
shall give unto him the throne of his
father david he's going to restore zion
the way it was at first
and david is going to be resurrected and
and
christ himself will be here in jerusalem
and he shall reign over what
just over the whole earth and we just
cut the covenant community out of the
story
or is he faithful to his word
he shall reign over the house of jacob
yakov
forever and of his kingdom
there shall be no end so this this is a
eternal covenant
god is bound by the word that he spoke
to abraham isaac and jacob the father
he's bound by it he cannot act outside
of it
he's faithful to this covenant now we
have a huge problem
the wickedness and the harlotry and and
the debauchery
of these people but that doesn't change
god's faithfulness he will reign over
the house of jacob forever
and if that means that he must bring on
the great tribulation
to to be a great cleansing of these
people that he will purify the sons of
levi
and purify judah and purify israel and
purify zion
so that he can be faithful to his word
to abraham isaac and jacob and that's
what's going to happen
and again somebody has to be able to

read the texts
faithfully to the hebrews if we preach
this gospel
and the jews do not repent
then satan gets his way to show that god
is a liar
and that's why he's out to destroy the
jews to prove god a liar
but god is not a liar and god is going
to raise up even if he has to raise up
stones
this true gospel will be preached and
this is what we must preach
isaiah 2 and verse 4.
and he shall judge among the nations
and shall rebuke many people oh i
thought christ was all
candy canes and cuddles i thought jesus
was
he's got the whole world in his hands
and he just loves everybody the whole
world in his arms
and he just it's just all smiles and
everything's fine
and yet i'm reading this prophecy of our
future what lies ahead just around the
corner
and he's going to judge the nations and
he's going to rebuke
many people and the first fruits
community the first fruits harvest
is going to sit on thrones with him and
it's going to rule these nations with a
rod of iron
and is going to rebuke these nations so
i think we have to have a balanced view
of our of our savior that yes
he is incredibly merciful but as
is his mercy so is his wrath
and we cannot take him for granted
so he's going to rebuke many people and
they deserve rebuking they're going to
be
out of control but he shall rebuke many

people
and they shall beat their swords into
plowshares
they're going to take weapons of war and
turn them into farming instruments
and this whole concept of war and uh
vanquishing others and oppressing
it's all going to go away and it's all
going to be about hey
how do we support each other how do we
help each other how do we enjoy
the abundance of peace and they shall
beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks
nations shall not lift up sword against
nation
neither shall they learn war anymore and
so we know from
from matthew here matthew 24 and verse 6
that
we're going to hear of wars and rumors
of wars
and see that we're not troubled for all
these things must come to pass but the
end is not yet
so there's going to be a tremendous
beautiful rhetoric notwithstanding
there's going to be tremendous violence
and war in the earth
beautiful rhetoric notwithstanding man
does not know the way of peace without
god
and even though they're going to be
fighting each other and trying to seek
dominance and control
the real target of this warfare
is judah and more specifically well i
could say
israel more specifically judah and even
more specifically in particularly
jerusalem and god says that here in luke
21 and verse 20
and when you shall see jerusalem
surrounded with armies

then know that the desolation thereof is
nigh so that's why when we see this
sword in isaiah 1 20 which we saw last
week
but if you refuse and rebel jerusalem
and judah
you shall be devoured with the sword for
the mouth of jehovah
has spoken it so this sword that the
these swords that
they're going to take and and turn them
into farming instruments
the the main victim of the sword
will be the jews and those people that
will be beheaded the most and tortured
the most
and feel the wrath of satan the most
will be the jews
and jerusalem in particular so when
they're coming now
and and god is rebuking them zechariah
12
he's rebuking them for touching his
covenant people even though he's used
these uh gentile nations to purify his
people
he will then according to moises
deuteronomy 30 uh
and pastor murray spoke about this in
his sermon he's then going to flip the
script
and the gentiles will be subject to
these curses
so he says now oh house of
jacob all the whole house of jacob
come you and let us walk in the light of
jehovah
like what he's like why would you do
anything else
this is the future let's align ourselves
with this eternal future and
he speaks to the whole house of jacob
and yet the northern tribes have been
divorced

and the covenant is retained with the southern tribes known as judah but here in ezekiel 37 and 19 he says say unto them thus says yehovah the lord god behold i will take the stick of joseph which represents israel which is in the hand of ephraim so ephraim represents all the northern tribes prophetically and the tribes of israel his fellows and will put with him even the stick of judah and so judah represents the southern tribes and so the covenant remains with judah but god is saying i'm going to make them one stick and this is how the northern tribes get integrated back in to the covenant and make them one stick and they shall be one in my hand so back to isaiah 2 verse 6 therefore so so we see this beautiful vision of this future concerning concerning who who's this a vision of is this just though jesus christ returns and all of his people are are going to be in this position but it's very clear this vision that he saw concerns judah and jerusalem yes we know we are first fruits and there's a special place and role that we're going to have but we have to understand the narrative instead of just inserting ourselves in a way perverting the narrative twisting the narrative and not understanding it because it's just so important that we're always in center stage why don't we back away from center stage and just read the script and look at the

stage as it unfolds and who's on stage
and who's in center stage
and and just read the script without
inserting ourselves in it
and only after we understand the
narrative then we ask ourselves okay
where do i fit and how do i help
god get what he wants
how can i contribute to this incredible
plan of god
and instead of trying to make it all
about me always all the time on center
stage
why don't i humble myself and ask god
through his prophets
to answer me what is this all about what
is it that you're doing in the earth
and how can i help how can i be
a useful part of this for you but we
have to understand this
this is a vision that isaiah had
concerning judah in jerusalem
and then he says this after this
beautiful noble vision
of zion in the future with her god then
he says this
therefore you have forsaken your people
the house of jacob
what i thought it was all just wonderful
no isaiah is real therefore you have
forsaken your people the house of jacob
because they be replenished from the
east
and are soothsayers like the philistines
and they please themselves in the
children of strangers
wow and it begs the question
could the church do this
instead of honoring the body of christ
could the church go outside of the body
and honor the children of strangers
and treat the children of strangers as
if they're equal or even more important
than the body of christ this is the

history
of the covenant community and so here we
have
jacob the house of jacob that god has to
forsake them
why because they are replenished they're
going to the east where you see it today
nobody wants to hear about christ they
want to go to the east
and bring in false religions from the
east
and they're soothsayers like the
philistines they're getting involved
in in black magic and sorcery
and they don't even know what they're
doing and they please themselves in the
children of strangers this was judah
and israel their land also is full of
silver and gold
neither is there any end of their
treasures their land also is full of
horses
neither is there any end of their
chariot so this now is speaking
of the economy and the military
so the time that isaiah is prophesying
judah and israel are enjoying incredible
wealth
such robust economy and israel has no
idea that assyria
is right around the corner and judah has
no idea that babylon is right around the
corner
you're just enjoying incredible
prosperity and with it
incredible arrogance well let's just
lift this
and look at our nations today
the western nations let's look at canada
america south africa britain australia
let's look at these western nations
and the incredible robust economies
that we have enjoyed through the
unlocking of the creativity of the the

individual and the entrepreneurial spirit
the ability to create value and the wealth that has been generated
and the militaries that have gone along with this
you need a strong economy to have a strong military you have a weak economy you weaken the military and so now we see
other nations getting strong in their economy look at china
and building a very robust military and these people at this time had no idea what was coming
but they had a strong economy and strong military
and and full of silver and gold which is you know
today we will just talk about other assets some people have silver and gold
but
fiat money fiat currency
real estate all kinds of wealth
and there's no end to the the economic wealth until socialism comes
if you want to end this this kind of economy just just
adopt a socialist government because this is not about value creation it's just about
stealing from the wealthy and the productive and giving it to the the unproductive
and it never works it has never worked it just results in mass murder
and this is where we're headed so this economy
they were trusting the economy and trusting in their military
and then behind so it's not wrong to have a strong economy it's good to have a strong economy
it's good to have a strong military

david was a military commander
and had a very strong economy but it's
what's behind it
and so underpinning this economy and
military
is verse 8. their land also
is full of idols look at our lands today
full of idolatry full of idols
they worship the work of their own hands
that which their own fingers have made
so they create these things and they're
in
awe they show the glory of it to each
other
and they're in awe and they ignore
their god now verse 9 says the mean man
bows down
and the great man humbles himself this
is not in the hebrew
it just says meaning
mankind bows down and the ish
humbles himself so i think it's just
poetry
man saying adam and ish both mean man
but it's a good translation the concept
being the poor person
as well as the great person poor and
great and small
are bowing down in this idolatry and
then the prophet says this
therefore forgive them not
ouch ouch
they are so steeped in their idolatry
and their adultery and their debauchery
and their theft and their murder and
their oppression
and they're so arrogant that the the the
prophet even though he sees the future
this glorious future he's pleading with
god not to forgive these people
and then he says enter into the rock
and hide you in the dust for fear of
jehovah
and for the glory of his majesty like do

you have any
idea who jehovah is
and that he's about to appear on the
earth
you need to go hide and and this
you know the prophet isaiah
is referenced by the apostle john
and so in the apostle john revelation 6
and verse 5 15 and this is also in the
archive
uh the kings of the earth and the great
men
and the rich men and the chief captains
and the mighty man and every bondman and
every freeman
so rich and poor powerful and slave
hid themselves in the dens of the rocks
of the mountains and said to the
mountains and the rocks fall in us and
hide us from the face of him
that sits on the throne and from the
wrath of the lamb
and so certainly this applies to the
gentiles
but what isaiah is showing us is that
this applies to judah
and more specifically to jerusalem the
corruption
is right in the covenant community and
the rich and powerful
in the covenant community as well as the
poor there's no there's no
um inoculation against this arrogance
it's throughout the whole community
against their god
and they're going to they're going to be
terrified
when he when he appears and then he says
this here
uh isaiah 2 verse 11 and just if you
were with us off for the sermon on
sabbath
and we talk about the rule isaiah shows
us the root cause

of all of this debauchery and
abomination
within the covenant community what's the
root cause of it
pride and so as we get ready to come
into the spring holy days
to observe the passover to observe the
days of unleavened bread to get the
leaven out
that which puffs us up we've got to
realize there's a real purpose
behind all of this it's not just ritual
and we do this every year but we're not
changing
we have to change we have to be
transformed
as we come into the wisdom of god and
what he has designed
and what he has given us to be the first
fruits
to partake of as the first fruits it's
mind-blowing
he says the lofty looks of man shall be
humbled
the lofty looks of man shall be humbled
and the haughtiness of men
shall be bowed down all of this idolatry
strong
economy strong military we don't need
god
it's not going to work out well isaiah
says the lofty looks of man shall be
humbled
and the haughtiness of men shall be
bowed down and jehovah alone
shall be exalted in that day and this is
the way we need to operate now that
we we are today exalting each other
esteeming each other better than
ourselves we are today
all about the body of christ and
honoring
worthy is the lamb and think of deacon
jan's sermon

two weeks ago worthy is the lamb part
two
and just how worthy is he and this is
we're just
preoccupied and obsessed with the
worthiness of the lamb and the praise of
the lamb
so that when he suddenly appears we
rejoice
we don't have to be hiding even though
he's appearing in great wrath
and we have to communicate this jesus
christ is angry
and he's returning in great wrath and
any minister is not preaching this is
not preaching the true christ
but when he appears in this great wrath
we will rejoice
and join him and and judge with him and
be in alignment
with his uh judging of the torah
or by the torah
for the day of jehovah
of hosts the god of armies
shall be upon everyone that is proud and
lofty
this this is the problem this is what
needs to be addressed this is what needs
to be rooted out
and this is what we must preach against
but we ourselves have to go through the
unleavened process
so that we're not exalting ourselves
above others and we're not getting
caught up in causes
that are full of beautiful rhetoric but
embedded with
with pride we're not doing that
we're exalting
christ worthy is the lamb we're exalting
the lamb and his body
shall be upon this day of jehovah oh
we're looking forward to the day of the
lord oh yeah

that's what isaiah is saying oh yeah you
are
well it's going to be upon everyone that
is proud and lofty
and upon everyone that is lifted up and
he shall be brought low and
isaiah 14 we're going to see this um
revealing of the character of satan
lucifer what happened to him
and this desire that he has to be lifted
up the hebrew word is allah
to be allah to be lifted up
and he's going to be brought down in
such a terrible way it already has
happened
but it's going to be complete as he's
bound
in this uh this pit
and he'll be totally humiliated and this
disease that he's injecting in human
beings
we cannot we cannot live with it we have
to get rid of it
because all those that are leavened are
going to be broad low
and upon the cedars of lebanon that are
high and lifted up and upon the
all the oaks of bashan these are many
beautiful trees that are great symbols
of the idolatry of these pagan nations
and upon all the high mountains and upon
all the hills that are lifted up and
remember he opened this chapter
by saying that the mountain of the lord
will be above will be exalted above
all of this so i'm sorry for anybody
who's getting caught up in these things
and upon every high tower and upon every
fenced wall
and upon all the ships of tarshish and
upon all the pleasant pictures so
you would have to think of the military
at this time go back in time
and just think of how powerful these

ships were
at the time uh to me you know the first
time i actually saw a cruise liner
i was just actually went on this cruise
liner i was astonished i had no idea
that they could build ships that big it
was like a city on the water
uh but that's nothing that's just a
commercial a consumer
uh vehicle but
they have military powers now that if
you were to see these
high-tech military powers
these air bases on the water uh this is
amazing all the latest technology
but this is nothing and and putting your
trust in these sort of things in
silver and gold and in military power
this is what judah needs to learn
don't do this and judah herself has
incredible military power
and she has relied heavily on the
partnership with america
but america is going a different
direction now america is cozying up with
china
cozying up with the islamic world and
turning her back cozying up with
the palestinians and this new
administration is turning her back
on judah and so all of this military
might
that judah has relied upon and we don't
need christ
it's not going to work out well
and the loftiness of man shall be bowed
down
and the heartiness of man shall be made
low
and jehovah alone shall be exalted
in that day so this is like wow and i
just gave this sermon on sabbath
and then here in isaiah 2 it's just
really just really driving home the

point
that he began in chapter one pride is
the root cause
and pride is what's going to be dealt
with within the covenant or the whole
world but especially
within the covenant community and
there are going to be some in the
covenant community
who are going to be broken and are going
to repent
and who are going to be returned and
isaiah calls them in english they're
called the
converts of zion but that comes because
somebody is preaching the gospel
isaiah 40 verse 1 and 2. somebody's
preaching the gospel to them
so they come to understand
and the idols he shall
utterly abolish this is going to be no
competition with jehovah
in the future right now there's tons of
competition because jehovah is hiding
himself
from jacob and hiding himself from the
whole world
and so everybody gets to preach whatever
philosophy
whatever false god they want and they
can do it with force
and jehovah is just quietly watching
until the time comes for him to appear
and then it's a whole different story
and then the whole world comes into this
truth that we are understanding
and we will rejoice with judah judah
will rejoice
they will actually say blessed is he who
comes in the name of the lord because
they will have heard
this true gospel and they'll come to
understand
what this really is and when he appears

they'll be
they'll have no military might to defend
themselves they will be completely
prepared preparing to be completely
wiped out to be completely desolate
but then christ will appear and show
himself
mighty on their behalf and they will
rejoice at his appearing
and we will rejoice at his appearing and
all the tribes of the earth
shall mourn because of him
the idols he shall utterly abolish and
they shall go into the holes of the
rocks and into the caves of the earth
for fear of jehovah for the glory of his
majesty
when he arises to shake terribly the
earth
that this is this is going to be
awful the day of the lord is going to be
awful and a lot of blood is going to be
shed this is going to be like
nothing we've ever seen in that day
a man shall cast his idols of silver
and his idols of gold which they made
each one for himself to worship
to the moles and to the bats suddenly
they'll realize
this means nothing
and i think this last year of the you
know here we are in
march 2021 and this last year
from march 2020 i think it's really
shown us how
rapidly the world can change and how
things that we thought were important
are really not that important and things
that maybe we were taking for granted
we need to realize no this is really
really important so we need to get our
priorities straight brethren
and just you know hear it speaking of
silver and gold which is just basically

the economy
and wealth and how the economy is used
to support idolatry instead of being
used to praise god
but we as christians we need to get our
houses in order
and we need to get out of debt
we cannot be in debt now brethren we've
got stops we got to stop
spending as consumers
you know it's one thing to invest it's
another thing to build things up
but just to consume because i the
advertisement told me i need this
i need a new car i need a new this i
need new that
do we really i think we need to just be
able to pull back now
get out of debt which is slavery
because who knows what this economy is
going to do where interest rates will go
uh what they will how they're trying to
collapse the economy as the
world goes to this global socialism and
there's no wealth being created
uh the whole thing is just going to
collapse and and those that are in debt
up to their eyeballs which is
a form of slavery we're going to be in
big trouble
so let's let's work to get out of debt
and to prepare for
a collapsed economy that everybody's
putting their trust in they think this
economy
to spend trillions of dollars and just
print money like it's nothing
is there not going to be a day of
reckoning
so we just need to realize these people
have lost their mind
and there is going to be a day of
reckoning and everything is going to
collapse and people are going to realize

oh it's uh we can't take everything for
granted after all
and we need to figure out what's really
important
in that day a man shall cast his idols
of silver and his idols of gold
which they made he made each one for
himself to worship
they made this for themselves so isaac
is really amazing
he's saying you know they made this and
then they got down on their knees and
they worshipped it as if it was their
god when they're the ones who made it
it was cast it to the walls into the
clefts to go into the clefts of the rocks
into the tops of the ragged rocks for
fear of jehovah he
is coming to shake terribly the earth
and he's coming in great wrath and he is
worthy to do this
and for the glory of his majesty when he
arises to shake terribly the earth and
isaiah repeats it again
this is he sees it he knows what's
coming or he knew what was coming
and then he says this at the end of
here's his conclusion
cease you from man whose breath
is in his nostrils even though they
present themselves as mighty and
powerful
and isaiah is saying you know what don't
worry about them
withdraw yourself from them they're
going to die
and they are nothing compared to god and
he's about to appear
you from man whose breath is in his
nostrils
for where in is he to be accounted of
and i think on that note uh let's end in
hebrews 12 bring this in a
new testament context or what the

apostle
paul we believe wrote to the same hebrew
community the descendants of these
people
he says whose voice then hebrews 12 and
verse 26
whose voice then shook the earth but
now he has promised saying
yet once more i shake not the earth
only but also heaven so this is this is
a bigger picture now he's not just going
to shake the earth
it's going to shake the heaven as well
we're going to see the stars falling
from the heavens
and this word yet once more
signifies the removing of those things
that are shaken so we're going to figure
out what's established
and what what was never really there
what was never really established and
grounded
yet once more signifies the removing of
those things that are shaken
as of things that are made that those
things which cannot
be shaken may remain and that's what we
want to be brethren we want to be among
those things that cannot be shaken
wherefore we receiving a kingdom
which cannot be moved so he's speaking
to these hebrews
saying this this is our kingdom that we
this is promised to us
and we now by extension who have been
grafted into this
we are receiving this kingdom which
cannot be moved
let us have grace whereby we may serve
god
acceptably with reverence
and godly fear so brethren let's not get
caught up in this world
let's not get caught up in this world's

movements let's not get caught up in
this world's wealth
and its idolatry adultery and debauchery
let's withdraw ourselves and let's stick
to what's important
let's praise our god and let's support
each other let's esteem each other
better than ourselves and i'll continue
that theme
god willing this sabbath as we pick up
with part two
of discerning the lord's body but what a
what a beautiful vision it's troubling
in ways
it's troubling in ways as we
look at what the prophet isaiah saw in
the future
here in isaiah chapter 2 it's beautiful
but it's also very troubling and we have
to understand this about our god
yes he's a god of unimaginable mercy
and yes he's a god of unimaginable wrath
both are true it's both and not either
or
and if we're going to preach him
faithfully like isaiah
we're going to both show both sides
and if we're going to preach him
faithfully we're going to understand
that isaiah's vision
was a vision concerning judah and
jerusalem
and so we have to get the pieces of the
puzzle in the right places
so that we can preach it faithfully
jesus christ is faithful
and uh pastor murray said this in his
sermon as well
that what differentiates god
from the false gods is the true god
is a god of covenant he's faithful
and he's our lord and our savior let's
praise him
amen

you