23-Isaiah-42-Transcript

well greetings brethren just doing a sound check before we go live and just wanting to ensure that you can hear me clearly so just looking forward whatever platform you're on if you can confirm that you're hearing me loudly and clearly so you're not just that you're hearing me but that it's coming through clearly would really appreciate that before we get started thanks brother so greetings brethren just looking for a confirmation that my sound is coming through so if you are hearing me please let me know thank you oh wonderful getting confirmation thanks brother nathaniel and sister velma wonderful we'll get started in just a moment beautiful thank you [Music] [Music] [Music] here we go so hopefully you're able to hear me now i was just saying um welcome yeah i'm getting indication that it is coming through i was just saying welcome to another wednesday night bible study and we're going to be shifting the branding to line up online the real feature of this study is not that it's on wednesday nights in fact sometimes we've done it on thursday nights sometimes on tuesday nights the real feature of this study is that or this program is that it's a line upon

line

study so if we look at this logo from the bottom up we have a line that's a line of scriptural text and the way that we study it is it's a line upon a line the colors are important these are royal colors royal gold and blue so we want to give this sense of the majesty of god's word but the focus is that it's line upon line now above that line upon line focus you'll see that the biblical text open so this line upon line approach to study opens the text to us and that's what that opening symbolizes but also as you look at the word or that the text open it's actually in the form of a bird meaning the text is free the word of god is free it cannot be contained wicked men can do all they want to try to suppress it it cannot be suppressed this word will go forward and it's it will go forward like a free bird all over the world declaring this gospel and then above the bible you will see what is a trumpet that it's not just that it's free to roam and and

preach all over the world
it's a blast there's no apology for this
word
what is in the text of this book cannot
be suppressed
and it's going to be shouted at the
loudest volume from the highest rooftop
and and this is this is the trumpet
it can also be a symbol of a light that
this is light that's emanating from the
word

and finally it can also be a torah marker that as we read torah the torah so holy they didn't want to touch it they would use a pointer for this so this is our logo it's packed with meaning and that is really the feature of this study that it is a line upon line approach so hopefully you appreciate as much as we do this uh this new symbol of this program will open with a word of prayer and then let's get into our study for this evening which will be isaiah 13. so that's what we'll be uh covering this evening our heavenly father we come before you lord and we want to just praise and thank you for your your presence your presence here father despite that the darkness in this world your light is here we want to thank you father for your word and and the blessing that you've given to us to want to study your word line up online and to really try to understand what is it that that you have inspired through those men that you have used collectively to author this this wonderful book that we call the bible we thank you for the desire that you've put in our hearts to understand father and to live by not just understand but to live by these words this time lord we want to lift up the palmateer family to thank you so much for them for their faithfulness and how much they sacrifice and contribute to the body of christ

we want to acknowledge that father and lift them up to you and just pray from from heaven father that as you looked down you would see them you'd see this trial that they're going through you would see their hearts

and you would bless them through this trial father that as they come out the other end

they'd be stronger for it and and wiser and nobler we thank you lord and we trust

we entrust them to your safe keeping we ask that you would now bless our study and bless all those who

bless our study and bless all those who tune in live plus those who will tune in on a later date

we praise you and thank you and we're asking all of this in jesus most holy and mighty name

amen so we are up to isaiah 13.

let me share my screen so that we can get into tonight's study

and uh isaiah 13 as i like to do just go back

isaiah 12 was a very short chapter just uh six verses i believe

so we'll just pick up the context so we don't get that scriptural amnesia and we forget what came before

uh so uh isaiah 11 to 12.

in fact i should just pause for a moment and explain this

isaiah 11 to 12

was um really focused on judah and jerusalem

and now as we come into chapter 13 we're entering a different section of his vision so if you look at this and if you're with us on sabbath i had shown this then

but this is his vision if you you can go anywhere in isaiah if you understand the the fundamental structure of his vision

and so what we have is his covenant people israel

and judah these are these these are his children

he has brought them up especially as his children

but they've rebelled against him and through their human pride they've actually turned on him and

become his enemies

now he raises up assyria to crush israel and punish israel and he raises up babylon to crush

judah and punish judah israel he divorces

but he retains the covenant in judah and although babylon will crush judah even initially assyria was threatening to do it but he told

the king then that that won't happen but the king

we retained this rebelliousness and pride and didn't repent and so god then raised up babylon to crush judah

but not entirely and then there's we're going to be from 13

to 39 we're going to see all these different judgments on on these different nations including judah and jerusalem

but god is dealing with human pride and we're

going to see this human pride constantly raising up its head

and god constantly crushing it and he does it

through this humble servant that when we had studied uh second isaiah we spent a lot of time looking at the humble servant

and a great verse for that is isaiah 42

and verse 1

but but the savior comes in the form of a baby

who grows up to be a great king and a savior

but but he comes in service to his people

and so judah and israel will be redeemed because of this humble servant and these gentile nations will be obliterated and so as we move now into chapter 13 we're moving into the judgments upon the nations

so it's just very helpful i think to have that clear structure in mind we're moving out now from the very intimate

uh relationship that god has with judah into the relationship that he will have with the gentile nations just the same way he

addresses israel and judah's pride he's also going to address the pride of the gentile nations so this evening chapter 13 we're going to see him addressing specifically babylon so we're here now in isaiah so just to go back to isaiah 12

where he says and i'll just read the chapter without much comment because we studied this last week and in that day you will say oh yeh i will praise you though you were angry with me this is judah speaking your anger is turned away and you comfort me so all what we see happening right now in judah the nation that we call israel this is just the beginning these are the opening salvos this nation is prophesied or these peoples or wherever they are all over

the world

these people are are prophesied to suffer more than any other tribe of people

ever and that is the cost of entering into covenant with god and then betraying that covenant but that's not the end of the story that's just the middle of the story the end of the story is what we're reading here in isaiah 12.

so as wicked as these people may be they are still his people and although they may be unfaithful to

the covenant what makes him god is he speaks and he

what makes him god is he speaks and he performs exactly what he speaks and nobody can stop him so he is faithful to the covenant and so

this is judah now rejoicing

in their redemption

acknowledging you are angry with me and your anger is turned away

and you comfort me and so as i second isaiah

opens with chapter 40 telling somebody who has an understanding of what's going on

to comfort his people to comfort judah to tell judah it's okay your god reigns the whole warfare is over now it's time for you to be comforted so somebody has to understand this big picture of this

good news to the covenant people and preach it faithfully

so judah says now at this time behold god is my salvation

i will trust and not be afraid this is amazing

because in isaiah 5 i believe it was we were looking at king ahas and also in isaiah 7 and 8 as we studied him making his decisions

he was terrified

of the northern tribes led by ephraim and joining with syria and he saw that he was terrified

so much so he ran to assyria for help and that was a big mistake and and that caused now

god to although he didn't allow assyria to crush them he raised up babylon to crush them

but now whatever process they've been through

they finally come to realize that they will

they can trust god he's faithful for yah yahuwah is my strength and song so they're stopped turning to other nations in military power and they acknowledge he also has become my salvation

therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation this is the future of these peoples and in that day you will say praise jehovah

call upon his name there's a specific name that they will be telling the nations to call upon

and they've there's no other god that's like this god

and lest he be confused and and clearly the indication to me is the name allah is going to be all over the earth we already have what some 1.8 billion people calling on that name so lest we get confused and think that it's some other god that is the true god it's going to be known jehovah call upon this name

declare his deeds among the peoples tell the nations

make mention that his name is exalted don't get confused turn away from your false gods

turn away from your paganism and

satanism and if you want to live worship yehovah they are the isaiah says in another place you are my god says through isaiah to judah you are my witnesses and so they are to witness the faithfulness of god and here we see this witnessing sing to the lord such joy for he has done excellent things this is known in all the earth so this is going to be this massive second exodus where god draws his people both israel and judah from the four corners of the earth for all lies to see and there's going to be a massive celebration of this and the whole earth all the gentiles the the veil will be lifted from them and they will finally understand what is going on in the earth and what who the true god is that is orchestrating and has been orchestrating these events for he has done excellent things this is known in all the earth so now nobody's confused everybody knows cry and shout oh inhabitant of zion not not everybody but the inhabitants of zion you're the ones who are to cry out and shout for great is the holy one of israel in your midst god makes a distinction we're in an age now where you can't make distinctions everything is everything's for everybody and everything's about equality and you know god is a god of distinctions he draws a line this is holy that is not this is mine that is not and so there's going to be a distinction that all those who dwell in zion are his and people from all over the earth are going to say we need to go to zion

the truth is in zion the true god is in zion

let's go there so great is the holy one of israel jesus christ came to earth not for the all of mankind ultimately yes but not initially

he came for israel and not just for israel but as a representative of israel and more specifically as a representative of the tribe of judah so that everything he does really truly is fulfilling the covenant between god and judah and and therefore those who then will accept him as their savior they're able to inherit the promises through the covenant and to do so legally

because that covenant has consequences and christ being totally innocent he took those consequences so god was able to remain true to the covenant

and at the same time those who repent and accept him they're able to receive the blessings of the covenant and god is being true to his word but there's a curse on these people isaiah 6 until the abomination that makes desolate and if you were with us on sabbath

uh there's a there's a blinding of them until the fullness of the gentiles come in

so those two things seem to happen at the same time when the fullness of the gentiles has come in

the abomination that makes desolate will be in place and the jews will finally have their eyes opened and that we we will have had the full complement of the gentiles so we won't need any more gentiles because the jews now are accepting him

and we're seeing this acceptance here so before we get now that that was um isaiah 12 and then we're going to go on the heels of this into isaiah 13. but just before we do i want to remind us of this pivotal fundamental prophecy laid down by moses and all of the prophets after him amplify this prophecy all of the prophets after him give this prophecy in high definition and specific detail so the prophecy says this so deuteronomy 30 comes after deuteronomy 28 and 29 and in 28 and 29 he itemizes all the blessings for being obedient to the covenant and then he itemizes all of the curses for being disobedient to the covenant and then he opens chapter 30 saying yeah both these things are going to come up on you yes you will be blessed but you might have you might start out well and you know david is going to bring these blessings to you but you're not going to be faithful so i before you you haven't even entered into the land yet and i already see you're going to be unfaithful and so the curses all these curses that i've pronounced are going to come upon you as well and these curse these curses are profound and just really intense but that's not going to be the end of the story because he goes on to say here in chapter 6 or chapter 30 verse 6 and jehovah your god will circumcise

your heart

that is spiritual language you carnal

people

will be converted and that's holy spirit

language

you you will be baptized and you will

receive the holy spirit

and the heart of your descendants and

when that happens

because the carnal mind is enmity

against god when that happens

you will love the lord your god with all

your heart that is spiritual that's holy

spirit language

that is not possible without the holy

spirit

so moses is telling them yeah you'll

start out okay

you'll receive these blessings but

you're going to be cursed as well

in fact you'll start out cursed you'll

finally come into the blessing and then

you'll go back to being cursed

and all these curses that i've

pronounced are going to come upon you

but that's not the end of the story so

you're going to i can foresee the time

ahead

when you and your descendants are going

to truly love your god you're going to

stop playing the hypocrite

you're going to love him wholeheartedly

with all your heart and with all your

soul

that you may live and you're going to

live forever at this point

and then he says in verse 7 surprisingly

also the lord your god will put all

these curses

on your enemies and on those who hate

you

and persecuted you so these nations are

going to rise up

god is going to raise them up in fact

and they're going to destroy you

they're going to make your life a

complete misery

but when you when it serves its purpose and you finally realize you have nobody except jehovah and you turn to him with your whole heart

finally god will have what he wants in his covenant people

and at that time all this affliction

that they've put on you

he's going to turn it around and they're

going to suffer this affliction

so this is the fundamental prophecy and

all the other prophets do

is bring this out in high definition

okay

so let's now go to isaiah 13

and beginning in verse 1.

so god now turns his attention or the

prophet now

in his vision turns his attention

from judah and jerusalem and

specifically now

to babylon that babylon god is going to

raise up babylon to crush

jerusalem and to crush judah and so it

was anciently that's what we have ahead

of us as well

there's a there's an ancient fulfillment

of this but there's an

end time fulfillment of this as well so

this is the burden

against babylon so this is quite a

burden for him to see this

it's the burden against babylon which

isaiah the son of amaz

saw lift up a banner on the high

mountain

raise your voice to them wave your hand

that they may enter the gates of the

nobles so there's some sort of military

force now that's rising

to attack babylon and it's at the

command of god himself

i have commanded my sanctified one so

god sets

certain ones apart to do his bidding in

this first

iteration it's going to be um cyrus

and the persians the medes and the

persians but

ultimately god has his sanctified ones and this may even be he may even be

and this may even be ne may even be speaking of angelic forces behind the

scenes

the same way these angels have

slaughtered assyria

i have commanded my sanctified ones i

have also called my mighty ones that's

that's what

gives me the indication you know the

sanctified ones could be the armies of

the medes and the persians but i've also

called my gabor

my mighty ones for my anger those who

rejoice

in my exaltations that's again why i'm

seeing sort of the angel

the angelic he's the lord of hosts right

jehovah siva the lord of armies is a god

of armies

and these armies are not just physical

armies in fact they're mostly

referring to the angelic armies the

angelic host

and so this this nation is coming down

and there are those who rejoice in his

exaltation who don't understand how holy

he is

and then he says again this is a vision

that he has the noise of a multitude in

the mountains

like that of many people you can just

hear it that you can hear the foreboding

nature of this army closing in

a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of

nations gathered together

so he's now pulling all these nations

together uh to work and then

this may be the battle of armageddon that he's referring to but there's certainly this combined force that is going to result in the destruction of babylon but god is going to destroy all these nations and from 13 to 39

we're going to see all these different judgments upon these nations the lord of hosts musters the army for battle

so he's the one that's orchestrating all of this so we see now for example i've been talking about this a warning of this

that the the fall of the uh americans to marxism uh the current administration which is a marxist socialist administration that from what i can see i i don't see any fruit that indicates a love of america

in fact i see the opposite every decision every policy everything they're doing

betrays their hatred for america and their desire to betray america and collapse america so because of that

weakness and that that very visible weakness

and you know funding uh iran
to the tune of billions and hundreds of
billions of dollars
a failed nation a nation that was
failing but enabling the nation to
recover by giving them
billions and billions of dollars and
what's their desire
is to crush israel it's to crush israel
and i'm just seeing an indication that
uh there's a problem with
sound from what i can see here

everything should be fine so i'm just

getting some somebody saying no video no sound maybe they need to be on youtube but uh let's just get confirmation if i'll continue here and i'm just looking for confirmation that uh there is sound coming through and uh getting a few here saying no sound so hopefully the recording will will work out for us and we'll be able to uh put this in the archive i'm going to continue until i really see that there is no sound in fact i'll just check here in the chat oh there is sound beautiful thank you sister catherine uh ralph sounded good okay very good i was getting a few on um things they're saying there was no sound very very good okay thank you for that so um i was saying that um what i wanted to indicate then is with america the most powerful nation the most powerful empire the world has ever seen and not by a small margin they don't win this race by oh by a nose they are off the charts america off the charts in terms of power economic wealth military power the world has never seen this and the world has never seen a nation that is founded upon the concept of the worth of the individual and and the fundamental god-given rights of the individual and the fundamental value of freedom the world has never seen this america stands alone it's the greatest

most miraculous empire and the most

benevolent

empire and i know there's people among us who hate america i don't know how to explain you

but if you can maybe explain to me what nation have you seen

that has been greater in wealth that budgets in the trillions of dollars

that has been greater in military power

and that has been greater in

acknowledging the fundamental god-given

rights of every human being

to tell me if you've seen anything like

this because

as i've studied history and all the nations that have come before

i've never seen anything like this and

this nation

was only getting started i mean as a young nation 240 odd years old and the previous administration had a

vision

of like let's take this even greater let's take this further

and let you know a rising tide floats all boats

everybody can do better everyone every american can do well

and i don't see that anymore that's lost and in fact what we're seeing is that

the shameful exposure

of america's underbelly how weak and and

corrupt and divided america is

and there are people in this world that

hate freedom

and that hate america and realize that

as long as america is strong

freedom becomes the fundamental value in

democracies around the world

so the prize is to take down america but

the real thing that we need to watch according to our lord's command

is jerusalem watch jerusalem and so as

we watch america collapse

our eyes are on jerusalem and in the

previous administration you did not see the open warfare on the nation of israel the tribe of judah that you see today no way they wouldn't dare try it because the previous administration flexed their muscle and said we are america and we don't tolerate nonsense for years they were carrying on isis every week it's like they've captured more territory and and the previous the administration before that 44 was saying oh well what can we do there what can we do

there's there's nothing we can do 45 came in and said stop the nonsense we're america and you just just isis disappeared

they just went away no more a problem now we have this new administration and suddenly hamas is flexing its muscles the palestinians are being funded by this administration this is a cursed administration

so says your bible i'm not afraid to say that so says your bible these are the children of abraham and anybody who curses abraham is cursed this current administration is cursed

and they're cursing all of their people open borders anybody can come in that we're witnessing it doesn't happen all at once

it happens slowly slowly and then all at once

collapse is something that creeps up on you creeps up on you it's there the indicators are there nobody's paying attention and then suddenly it's everywhere so this nation is cursed i'm sorry to

say that and but as a result of her obvious visible global globally visible weakness and even going further than that funding of these terrorists israel is having a very difficult time now people are being persecuted and bombed and it's unbelievable what's happening and it's amazing how when israel is going to drop a bomb they send so many notices to the civilians this this building is uh identified as high risk for terrorism and so we're going to bomb it but we're giving you all the warning to leave and and that hamas says we will shoot you if you leave the building we want you to stay there and then israel gets blamed for civilian casualties well i think we have to look at the situation and see what's really happening but these people have a blood thirst for the jews they will not rest they cannot sleep as long as the jew is alive and this is the prophecy so this is just america collapsing and allowing this is just opening up the prophecies and christ said watch jerusalem so we have we have to have this bigger picture and i constantly get accused of being political i couldn't care less about

except as it relates to prophecy that's what that's my concern and when it does relate to prophecy i want to talk about it and i don't want people silencing me so we see here now this this um raising of this uh

politics

power of babylon then being crushed so we're going to see babylon rise which right now

babylon is what we would call more or less iraq today

so there's going to be some kind of power that's going to come out of that region

but we see as we look at these prophecies there's also the assyrian so assyria and babylon were plaguing judah and israel anciently and then as we look at the duality of prophecy there seems to be another end time fulfillment with again both babylon and assyria so anciently as syria was the main power then but then babylon became the main power but it looks like in the end time babylon is going to be under assyria as part of the massive assyrian empire

and the resurrection of that ottoman empire and

it's going to be plaguing jerusalem but then it's going to be crushed the noise of a multitude in the mountains like that of many people tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together the lord of hosts musters the army for battle

they come from a far country from the end of heaven the lord and his weapons of indignation

the lord and his weapons of indignation to destroy the whole land so up to now you know all of these kind of

severe judgments were on judah and jerusalem but now the vision flips and these severe judgments are on babylon even though babylon was being used to crush judah now god is unleashing the weapons of his wrath on these people speaking to babylon wail for the day of jehovah

is at hand so this now is the day of the lord

and so the day of the lord has layers and and it

it it unfolds in layers and first the jew

then the gentile but god is focusing on the jew first to drive them to repentance there's going to be a remnant that comes out of this precious and and and

their heart wholly turned to the lord and when that happens then he turns on babylon and the gentile nations

wail for the day of jehovah is at hand it will come as destruction from the almighty so this is going to be a

very very powerful nation that looks like nothing can stop it but the almighty will stop it therefore all hands will be limp every man's heart will melt and these are the sort of um visions that we have to to hold on to because these people when they rise up and that's what's happening right now the earth is being reconfigured you know thanks to the current administration they're letting everything go

and and they themselves are collapsing so nature hates a vacuum so so matthew 24 you're going to hear wars and rumors of wars that that that weakness that america is displaying is going to allow nations to go to war that wouldn't previously have done so china is going to see like wow this is our chance

we we can be first in line we can be the governing power over the whole earth and what will that be like when we no longer have the fundamental value of the human being as that that fundamental ethic of the world ruling power i wonder what that will be like i wonder how happy everybody will be now that we don't have to read donald trump's tweets but at least you know what we we don't have this this constant uh antagonistic relationship between the press and the president now the press just loved just they're an extension they're a promotional propagandist arm of the president isn't that wonderful we have peace at last at what cost i wonder so when china now sees wow this is our opportunity when terrorists all around the world say wow open borders let's get in there and start plotting and scheming what does the future look like well it's going to be a reconfigured world but these nations as they come up they're going to seem so powerful and it's going to look like they could never be removed but god himself is going to remove them anybody who curses abraham's children is cursed and god will see to that whale for the day of the lord is at hand it will come as destruction from the almighty therefore all hands will be limp every man's heart will melt can you imagine these powerful people and we're going to see them like panicking like little children

when they see the power of the almighty and they will be afraid pangs and sorrows will take hold of them they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth god is not joking you have touched the apple of his eye and that's why we brethren we need to make sure that we are in no way associated with anybody who is causing infliction of pain upon the children of abraham we cannot be associated with these movements we cannot be funding these movements we cannot be lending any type of moral support to these movements because then we come under the curse so if you've been doing this run for your life run for run as if your life depended upon it because it does god is quiet he's hiding himself from jacob but he's about to make himself known and isaiah is showing us the sequence of events here so i really feel sorry for any among us oh i'm a sabbath keeper but i fund movements that are going to destroy jerusalem oh boy you better think twice about that in fact i was looking at the the news um just uh the other day when i saw this this is what's happening in jerusalem right now they're going into the synagogues going into the the temple and just destroying taurus they have no respect for the word of god and people over here are funding movements and funding the government of america

that is funding these people

sending the hundreds of millions of

dollars to hamas

for them to do this i would be really

really careful this this is the sort of

thing that god is saying okay go ahead

go ahead

but once he acts as as moses said

all these curses that have come upon you

they're going to come upon your enemies

god is going to reverse it

and they'll come upon your enemies so we

do need to be i can't stress it

enough god is hiding right now

but he's going to act and he's going to

bring down all wicked men

and the fact that we keep shabbat but

we're funding movements

that are destroying judah and jerusalem

and destroying torah

you're a hypocrite you call yourself a

christian

i'll tell you out of brotherly love

you're a hypocrite

get right with god get right with the

text

so we don't come under his condemnation

and and god is

quiet he's just watching but when he

bursts

forth everybody who has offended him

and offended his covenant people they're

going to fall

under great disgrace and so as powerful

as these people are

and they're marching everywhere and they

feel so powerful and you know

who who can make war with the beast who

can make war with him

he's just so powerful until god acts

so we have to just keep these prophecies

in mind so pangs and sorrows will take

hold of them

they will be in pain as a woman in

childbirth and that's just agony just

we're just going to see them writhing in

pain they will be amazed at one another their faces will be like flames so they're just going to see each other basically going up in smoke and they're going to be shocked because they really were depending on each other's power behold the day of jehovah comes cruel with both wrath and fierce anger and this again you know again the people who think that they can just do whatever they want and still keep sabbath and be involved in these marxist movements and still keep sabbath they have a view of christ that is really centered around his first coming that when we read the gospel accounts and we see how he moved in the earth there was a meekness to him there was a softness to him and that's their perception of christ that's that's really the way they think about him and they don't read the prophecies to understand that when he returns he's returning nothing like his first appearance his second appearance is going to be nothing like his first appearance they have no sense of just how full of wrath and anger and indignation he is and how it's a time of him unleashing his wrath and that's why it's so important now that we get on the right side and so if there's anything that i can say to all of us let's clean our clean up clean our lives up let's make sure that we're on the right side we're not um partnering with wicked men who are seeking to destroy the seat of abraham

that that's a satanic agenda it's satan's agenda to remove the physical seed of abraham from the earth and in so doing uh handcuff god and show god to be a liar

because he cannot do what he said he would do so satan is doing everything he can to destroy and has been the jews have constantly been under persecution so that the promises to the jews cannot be fulfilled and god be shown

to be a liar that he's not really god and so if we're getting caught up in that satanic agenda now is the time to just stop if you're in a pit

stop digging stop digging marxism and christ cannot coexist beautiful rhetoric not withstanding so god is coming and we need we need to be hiding ourselves

you know the the prudent man foresees the evil and hides himself we need to see what's coming and we need to understand the the intense wrath with which christ is going to appear and in a sense we need to have that wrath as well we need to look at the evil in the earth and be

be just weeping because of it and our hearts need to be just furious and like how long oh lord before you act on this and stop this wickedness

wickedness
we can't be just living it leaving
living at ease
wicked things are happening the america
american border is wide open and all
kinds of
sexual exploitation and trafficking is
taking place

not just of women but of children and and we don't care because the the only time we care is when the media makes us excited oh children in cages children and we just feel there's this agitation and this hatred and we don't know where it's coming from but we just feel so angry and then the media stops doing that and then we just feel really relaxed meanwhile intense evil is taking place we don't care because the media doesn't tell us to care so we're calm now we can we can get up in the morning have a nice coffee in the evening sit back with a nice glass of wine and we just don't care until the media makes us care about something and then we get all agitated again and we don't know why it's just there's agitation in the air we need to be agitated when we read the text we read torah and we see how wicked these people are and we just cannot wait for god's judgment and we are full of wrath so when he returns full of wrath hey there's alignment we're on the same side we're on the same team how can it be that he's going to return full of wrath and we're happy we're just hey the world is better now we finally got our people in power and they're doing wicked things so the day of the lord comes it's cruel this is a cruel day both wrath and fierce anger this is there's no mercy anywhere when he returns except for his people to lay the land desolate and he will destroy its sinners from it this is jesus christ

this is the image that we need to have of christ this is who's returning this is our maker this is who we say behold the lord comes and we rejoice for this are we on the right side for the stars of heaven and their

for the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light

beautiful to see the stars the other day a mercury was in view

about a week ago it's beautiful you see the stars and the constellations and the planets

and the uh the sun and the moon well this day is a day of darkness and the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light can you imagine that there's just no light the sun itself will be darkened and it's going forth

and the moon will not cause its light to shine you know

if this was some sort of epic movie and we're watching this movie it's almost like you see this darkness just this intense darkness come and you can hear the foreboding music and like we don't know what's about to happen

all we know is it's not going to be good something horrible is about to happen there's foreboding in the air isaiah saw it he's not the only one who saw it christ himself said this immediately after the tribulation of those days the tribulation is pointed to jacob

the tribulation contains the abomination that makes desolate which is pointed at jerusalem

so after the nations

have done their work in softening judah and softening israel and turning their hearts wholeheartedly to the lord so that there is a finally a remnant of the covenant people that god can truly work with

according to the deuteronomic prophecy by moses

after that happens

then the sun will be darkened and the moon will no longer give its light and the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heaven will be shaken so satan has done his dirty work on the covenant people

and now god is going to turn on these gentile nations

that's why in revelation 1 the nations of the earth

mourn when christ returns but his covenant people will rejoice joel says the same thing the earthquakes before them the heavens tremble the sun and moon grow dark the stars diminish their brightness

the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon

into blood before the coming of the great

and awesome day of the lord people are going to be terrified

and this is really like when in matthew 24 christ is saying don't be deceived it's really about his the timing of his return

but it's also about the purpose of his return

and and part of this deception because it's coming out of matthew 23 is going to have to do with his relationship with his people it's the abomination that makes desolate and people are going to be saying that these people these jews are cursed they are god

forsaken

and that's a deception the covenant people can never be god forsaken because god will never forsake his covenant they may have forsaken the covenant

but god never breaks the cove once covenanted always covenanted covenanted forever that's what god wants us to understand and so it's only so all of these things are happening and it's easy to believe

are happening and it's easy to believe that the rhetoric of men but god is returning

the sign that he's returning is when we see things happen that are completely outside of the

that are completely outside of the control of men

no man can make the sun go dark the moon turn red blood that the stars stop shining and fall from heavens when we see

these heavenly signs that's the sign that god is returning and when he returns his wrath is turned upon the nations

because now he's returning to save his people the tribulation

really we call it the great tribulation we could call it the great redemption because it's kind of oxy it's kind of a paradox

that when all of this wrath is finally turned intensely

and the whole world agrees and even even people among us are getting swept up in satan's agenda

and the whole world agrees these are hateful people and need to be destroyed that out of that comes their redemption they finally they finally realized they can't turn to anybody except god and we see that sort of a

heart in in the psalms that we've been studying the psalms

and at that time he's going to hear their cry return to save them and destroy the gentile nations but we're going to see these these these signs in the heavens that no man can control that's the sign that he's coming

that's the sign that he's coming
he says here in ezekiel same thing when
i put out your light i will cover the
heavens and make its stars dark
i will cover the sun with a cloud and
the moon shall not give her light
he says the same thing through amos and
it shall come to pass in that day says
the lord god

that i will make the sun go down at noon and i will darken the earth in broad daylight

i will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation i will bring sackcloth on every waste and baldness on every head i will make it like mourning for an only son and it's end like a bitter day so first the

tribulation is going to be on these people and then there's going to be these signs

and then there's going to be these signs that god is now turning to redeem his people

and crush the gentile nations zephaniah same thing

that day is a day of wrath a day of trouble and distress a day of devastation and desolation a day of darkness and gloominess a day of clouds and thick darkness so it's throughout the prophets and even christ in all the gospel accounts there's different accounts of this prophecy and then ultimately in the book of revelation i looked when he opened the sixth seal

and behold there was a great earthquake

and the sun became black a sackcloth of hair and the moon became like blood and the stars of heaven fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its late figs

when it is shaken by a mighty wing wind then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up and every mountain and island was moved out of its place and then in chapter 8 verse 12 then the fourth angel sounded and a third of the sun was struck a third of the moon and a third of the stars

so that a third of them were darkened a third of the day did not shine and likewise the night so there are going to be these heavenly signs and there's going to be this darkness that is going to be a signal of foreboding

that god is about to return and unleash his entire wrath

on these gentile nations which seem to have the upper hand and their god seemed to be the true god

clearly if they're winning their god
must be the true god

and many many people getting caught up with their rhetoric

and and maybe their force as well being afraid to say uh to die or to be persecuted to say well if i go along go along to get along what's a small mark i'll just take the mark and just fit in

it's going to be terrible god is coming in wrath if we don't know the wrath that's coming

we will be afraid of the wrath that's on the earth but if we understand the wrath that's coming

then we're not going to fear men and it's just it's just sad to see our people getting swept up and deceived

and seduced back to isaiah 13. and hopefully all of our ministers will be uh sharing in this warning isaiah 13 and verse 11 god says to isaiah

i will punish the world for its evil amen amen i just i rejoice i rejoice

sometimes i scratch my head and i think who would harm a child what's got to be in you that you would

knowingly damage a child i just it's beyond my comprehension

and these men who just lust for power and just will will sell out entire nations

for their own enrichment god says i will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity you know i hope this message gets out that some of these some of them can say you know what

there's got to be more to this life and if there is a god i'm in big trouble and they do repent there's a lot of repentance that takes place before christ returns

but the gospel has to be preached and hopefully they do repent but for those that don't

i rejoice in this word this gives me some solace

some peace i will punish the world for its evil

and the wicked for their iniquity i will halt the arrogance of the proud and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible

so we saw this really clear problem in israel and it was the same problem in judah and it was pride and it's the fundamental problem of satan pride and now we see these wicked nations

these gentile nations they suffer from the same thing that's why i said earlier you know i don't buy that there's any ethnic group that in some way is superior to another ethnic group i just don't buy it all of us suffer from this satanic curse of pride and all of us need a savior we're all treacherous and wicked and if we don't see it that way if i somehow think that you know my people we just have that edge over everybody else we're just somehow superior and we don't quite need a savior as much as anybody else this is a disaster this is a tragedy all of us have to realize that the imagination of satan

we all have the potential to unleash untold harm upon the world we just need the power just give us the authority and the power and that wickedness that's in our heart will be magnified and we have to see it that way and the only thing o wretched man that i am who shall deliver me from this body of death the only salvation we have the only restoration

dwells in the human heart the quest

dwells in the human heart and because of

of depravity that the devil has

that

we have

is christ our savior everybody every human being every ethnic group and so here yeah israel was proud judah was proud they're the covenant people but if god covenanted with another nation would it be that that nation would be any better or would they also fall into this trap of self-righteousness and be as stubborn and human as israel and judah so we see here the fundamental root cause

i will halt the arrogance of the proud we'll put a stop a stop to it and this again like again i just i just can't process it would harm a child you see the innocence of these children and their eyes are so bright and their laughter and their energy and

you just want to help them you want to you want to launch them who would destroy a child it's this this wickedness in the heart and this i think i think whenever you overstep

if i overstep so i'm i have a lovely wife children

if i overstep and i just feel like i can do whatever i want to my wife at any time i like that overstepping comes from pride boundaries come from humility that that's why i think

in america as a nation at the founding where hey

there are boundaries here we have to govern

in fact we want to self-govern but we can't just do as we like there have to be boundaries so human beings have god-given rights

we can't overstep that comes from a

place of humility so you can't have that without acknowledging a god above so as much as whatever they understood about god they understood hey there are god-given rights here

we're just human we can't overstep current administration we have to get rid of the first amendment we have to get rid of the second amendment we can do whatever we like we can enforce you we can inject substances

into your into your body that you have no clue what's in them no clue what they'll do to you but we we're the government we can we can yes there's you have skin and that looks like a boundary it's not a boundary to us we can pass that

we can penetrate that because we just do as we like

that's pride that's arrogance

it used to be my body my choice now it's uh my body whatever the government says that's pride so god says i will halt the arrogance of the proud so we're gonna see this on display

in spades we're just going to watch human pride

and what we have to do is fight against that we have to

as proud as the world becomes we need to become more and more humble more and more christ-like

so when he appears it's going to be astonishing

that there are people on the earth and people who walked the earth that were like christ while the world was just getting drunk on power and pride i will halt the arrogance of the proud

and i will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible

i will make a mortal more rare than fine gold

the whole earth is going to shake and death is going to be every so what this means is

you know the way this verse is phrased um a year ago the way they were carrying

on about the pandemic and about covet 19 i would have said wow this prophecy is now coming to pass uh marshalls will be more rare than fine gold because the way they're carrying on about this pandemic uh people are just going to be dropping in the streets you're going to be walking and you're just going to see people drop in the streets oh the pandemic has come oh they just got hit by oh there's another one that just fell down and millions and millions and there's like anybody who survives is like wow you're so blessed that you should survive because it's like looking for fine gold to find a human being and so because they were carrying on like this is okay well hey we got to do something like for two weeks if we all just kind of hunker down for two weeks this thing can pass over us okay let's do that hey we're into this thing what 15 months later and it doesn't seem like mortals are dying by the tens of millions around the world by the hundreds of millions you know yes it's a terrible uh virus it's a real virus it's been clearly where we're seeing now again a year ago if we said this came out of a lab and it's human it's humanly constructed it's not a natural virus we would have been laughed at all you conspiracy nuts conspiracy theory uh now it comes out nobody says anything there's no acknowledgement that you know what this really was uh conspiratorial in nature

no people should be in jail now china should be uh you know just completely condemned not china but the communist party to be behind this but money money is amazing what money can do nobody condemns china nobody talks about china

you know when the previous administration was in power everybody was blaming him instead of blaming the thesaurus but this is like death everywhere that that's what we thought was coming with this pandemic death everywhere but that was that was

just nonsensical it's a the flu kills people every year the flu kills

tens of thousands of people maybe hundreds of thousands globally the flu was a real virus but you know we traveled we took precautions we watched the good hygiene tried to good nutrition sometimes you would actually i would

sometimes you would actually i would actually feel like i i could tell the difference between getting a cold and getting the flu

and uh you know cold and i feel a few sniffles i jump on it because i've got to be i've got to be out working and you know can't afford to be sick but when the flu hits oh boy i just know this is different

and again we jump on it and try to do what we can to get the immune system active

and so hopefully it doesn't it doesn't gain traction flu is a dangerous dangerous virus and there's different variants every year same thing with this this covid uh 19. it's a terrible virus it would not want to get

stricken with this but it's not what they were making it out to be it was just going to wipe out humanity but god is going to wipe out humanity he says i will make a mortal more rare than fine gold a man more than the golden wedge of offer therefore i will shake the heavens and the earth will move out of her place god is furious with the wickedness on the earth think of um genesis when you see in genesis 6 with with uh noah and and the wickedness that's in the earth and god is going to just destroy the whole earth that's his sentiment here so so we have to ask ourselves do we have the sentiment of jesus christ are we sort of walking around wishy-washy and just you know we see sin right in front of us we see sin right in our congregation and we're just sort of this wishy-washy oh remember the woman who was caught in the adultery jesus forgave her no idea what what actually the context of that passage is yeah you know you can commit adultery and jesus likes that it's okay and you know we we're not we're all nobody's perfect and at least we're better than the world and like everybody just calm down is is that the sentiment that's going to align itself with christ's intense wrath when he when he appears are we becoming more and more sensitive to the instructions in torah and the prophecies so that we are like really upset and sighing and crying over the wickedness that we see in this earth

so that when he returns we're in alignment with his sentiment he says therefore i will shake the heavens and the earth will move out of her place in the wrath of the lord of hosts

in the wrath of the lord of hosts and in the day of his fierce anger that's again my question these people who think they can cozy up to marxist movements

and try to help social justice like are you dialed into these prophecies are you dialed into this sentiment

that christ has with the earth that their definitions of justice are not his that he's coming to bring true justice and that their heroes that they hold up to say hey

this is a wonderful person and a hero that god is looking and saying i want nothing to do with that person that's the son of belial

do do not deceive my people by holding up people who are villains as heroes straight talk is needed straight torah talk you're either in alignment with torah or

you're either in alignment with torah or you're in opposition to it and there can be no

justice that is in opposition to torah so he's coming in fierce anger and there's going to be a christ says many will turn away many the love of many will wax cold so this is serious business brethren and it clearly it was speaking of the babylon of isaiah's day but clearly it's speaking of the end time babylon and we need to get right we need to be on the right side of this conflict it shall be as the hunted gazelle and

the sheep that no man takes up every man

will turn to his own people and everyone will flee to his own land so this is going to be a time of great terror

and and this is quite interesting we're even seeing here now people in the congregation in the church have the holy spirit but they're prioritizing

their ethnic group over the holy spirit so you can see how church brethren are going to get swept up in these ethnic conflicts everyone who is found will be thrust through and everyone who is captured will fall

by the sword their children also will be down this this is listen this is prophecy

i didn't write this i'm just reading it isaiah wrote this under the inspiration of the holy spirit this is the vision that he had

and he's sharing it with us and it concerns judah and jerusalem but it also concerns these nations that have been inflicting

pain and anguish on judah and jerusalem and so god inspires here that their children

also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes

their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished now why would that be why would their children be dashed to pieces

right in front of them and why would their wives be ravished well moses wrote that what they've done to you

that's what's going to happen to them this this is the justice of god this is this is the justice you can't do these things and get away with it what is a suitable punishment for these

people

he says in zechariah 14 behold the day of the lord is coming so we're still talking about the day of the lord and your spoiled judah will be divided in your midst so this happens first so first zechariah 14 and then isaiah 13.

so these curses that they put on you the judgment is it's going to fall on them what is an appropriate punishment for what they're doing so they're going to come in and they're going to ravish you but isaiah says it's going to turn back on them behold the day of the lord is coming and your spoil will be divided in your midst oh daughter of so so that's uh if you went on to read zechariah 14 it talks about and i won't go into detail what's going to happen to judah that's what's going to happen to babylon and now psalms really brings this to light and and i've heard uh muslims point this out to say oh look at this look at this they don't read the whole bible they just pick out a verse

we've got to begin with torah and what god is a god of

of keeping his word the islamic god doesn't keep his word he doesn't keep covenant in fact he endorses lying so this is not the same god the god of the bible

is all about the word and keeping his word and performing his word and the word that was laid down was these

covenant people have to be punished in order for them to repent but they are his people they're the

apple of his eye and those nations that destroy them and go too far

and think they can do whatever they like it's going to be reversed and they're going to be subject to the very thing that they were doing and and david really brings this out in psalm 137

oh daughter of babylon so now we're dealing with end time babylon who are to be destroyed we just read about that in isaiah

there's a judgment on babylon and babylon is to be destroyed as mighty and powerful it is

blessed be the one who repays
you as you have served us
this is moses judgment or the judgment
that came through moses
what they do to you and all the harm
that they inflict upon you
they're going to be subjected to it and
he says this

happy the one bless the one who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock

powerful judgment but what it means is

this is what they were doing to judah they came in and thought they could treat judah any which way they did not acknowledge that these are the covenant people and god is now going to make the whole earth know

these are my covenant people you do not touch them

you do not touch them and i'm afraid that some of our own people who think it's a little thing to fund movements they're sending instead of sending in their ties to the church they're sending their funds to movements that
align with the people who are going to
be destroying and
dashing the children of the jews against
stones like this
and god is saying okay but when i act i
i'm allowing this
so that they can be driven to repentance
and realize they can't survive without
me

but i'm about to act and i'm going to bring all of this back on your heads and if we're involved in this brethren it's terrifying so he says behold i will stir up so now which now he gets very local and at the time

i will stir up the medes against them who will not regard silver and as for gold they will not delight in it they're going to have a purpose and they don't they can't be bought off also their bows will dash the young men to pieces and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb their i will not spare children so that's what happened anciently it's a foretaste of what's going to happen in the future and babylon the glory of kingdoms the beauty of the chaldeans pride again it comes down to this pride and you know you see this with these same people in this area today allahu akbar this is said with such pride you know it's it's a crushing of others we're the best we can go through the world and just do whatever we like it's pride and god is going to bring down the pride of all nations

they will be as when god overthrew sodom

it will never be inhabited nor will it.

and gomorrah

be settled from generation to generation listen nor will the arabian pitch tense there

so god is bringing into focus it's like you have a camera and you just it kind of zooms in and focuses and very sharp

and everything else now is blurry and what's coming into sharp focus is the arabian there's something about the egyptian tongue which is arabic there's something about the assyrian coming into the land which are under uh arabic tongue as well and now it's very clear

the arabian seems to be very settled and when god acts the arabian will no longer be confused the arabian will no longer think that their god is god

the arabian will realize they have nothing to do with the covenant except they repent so nor will the arabian pitch tense there nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there but wild beasts of the deserts will lie there so this glorious palace and everything

the magnificent is going to be brought to nothing and all that will be there will be

wild beasts of the desert and their houses will be full of owls ostriches will dwell there and the wild goats caper there will cave with it this is amazing

this is something that we thought would be established in the earth forever was so spectacular

and now it's just ruins and it will be ruined forever

the hyenas will howl in their citadels and jackals in their pleasant palaces her time is near to come her days will

not be prolonged and it's just very mindful i just stand here with malachi the burden of the word of the lord to israel by malachi i have loved you this is covenant love once covenanted always covenanted i have loved you says the lord yet you say in what way have you loved us like we're we're abandoned here how like we don't see your love what's the answer god says was not esau jacob's brother says the lord yet jacob i have covenant loved but esau i have covenant hated esau rejected the covenant so god rejected him completely there's nothing he can do now this is the answer so i've loved you all have you loved us the covenant remember the covenant and and so eve remember ishmael marries esau so all of these nations now are really under isha ishmael and esau he says esau i have hated and laid waste his mountains and his heritage for the jackals of the wilderness even though edom has said we have been impoverished but we will return and build the desolate places so they think that they don't need god some of them think we'll just get back to our former glory thus says the lord of hosts they may build but i will personally see to it to destroy anything they try to rebuild i have covenanted with jacob and i have rejected edom they may build and this is these are the islamic peoples but i will throw down they shall be

called the territory of wickedness and the people against whom the lord will have indignation forever so the only way out of this is to repent and to acknowledge the god of israel and to acknowledge israel but if you're going to insist in this ideology that you your your fathers have sold you and deceived you with god is against you and you're going to be known as the people against whom the lord has indignation forever and we just got a taste of that indignation that's coming as we went through isaiah 13. so we're in this section now where we're going to see how god is going to be dealing with these nations around and we can just get a taste of this yes israel is wicked yes judah is wicked but they're within the covenant and although they will betray the covenant god will never betray the covenant never ever ever he's made a promise he's going to fulfill it and we just need to understand how how this all plays out and then ultimately how these people are going to suffer for going up against the god of jacob brethren thank you so much god bless you what a wonderful mighty god we serve amen

you