

23-Isaiah-45-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study where we go line up online to try to understand more precisely what god's word says today we're up to isaiah chapter 17 and also i want to cover chapter 18 i was actually thinking of covering three chapters 17 and 19 18 and 19 because 17 and 18 are fairly short but i reconsidered because uh 19 kind of brings in another topic area so instead what i'm going to do is just do a quick rapid fire review of where we have been because as we're going through these judgments upon the nations it can seem a little bit random so i want to make sure that we do not forget the storyline and then i think it will seem a lot more cohesive to us let's open with the word of prayer and then we can get into the study for this evening our heavenly father we come before you as we always do before we begin because father we want to acknowledge you we also want to appeal to you father that you will just be with our efforts to understand your word more precisely so that we can preach it more precisely we thank you father for the opportunity for us to gather together even if it is uh virtually in fact we thank you for this

opportunity that we can have a broader reach
and thank you for all those who faithfully tune in each week either live or following the archives we thank you so much father because uh in this crazy chaotic world where there are so many infections of the mind we thank you for inoculating us with the power of your word we thank you father we pray that you'll help us to conform to your word that you'll help us to conform to the mind of christ we also father want to just thank you as we pray for our sister lisa and her husband our pastor murray we thank you for them father we thank you for comforting them we thank you for the signs of encouragement that we have received with respect to lisa's health we just ask your father who is clearly in your hands we appeal to you for your mercy upon her and her family her husband and we just thank you again for the the encouragement that we are receiving as she slowly progresses we also at this time father are very mindful of our sister mary bradar and the invasive surgery that she underwent today uh we just we appeal to you father we thank you for your loving kindness and mercy we thank you for the bradars and the incredible um hospitality and and love that they have for the brethren and we ask you father that you'll bless them and and we we look forward to hearing a positive result

thank you father please bless our study
and how we pray in jesus holy name
amen so yes excuse me let's um go on
brother and please uh continue to pray
for
uh brethren far and wide that you're
aware of that are suffering various
health
challenges as well as other trials we're
all in this
uh together so we are going to just do a
quick
review of um where we have been
i'm just afraid that as we go through i
guess there's a couple of things as we
go through these judgments upon the
nations
uh number one as i mentioned it might
just feel a bit random like this nation
that nation
so so i think if we just remember the
story line it's gonna be a lot more
cohesive
um secondly as we go through these
judgments of the nations we have to have
this dual lens
it's it can be a little bit confusing
because these prophecies
have been fulfilled historically but
there's a dual nature to the prophecies
it's very clear from the nature of
isaiah's prophecies
that he wasn't just speaking of his
immediate future he was also
pointing to the end time so some of
these things as we're reading them they
have a very local
a very uh historical context
and application but then also we have to
have this sort of broader vision to
understand that this is a pattern that
has laid down
that christ came so that these patterns
can be fulfilled

to the full so let's uh let's begin
and excuse me let's um
go right back to the very beginning what
is the book about what is the scroll
what is the subject of the scroll
it's the vision of isaiah the son of
amaz which he
saw concerning judah and
jerusalem this scroll
concerns judah and jerusalem and we just
have to be very careful that we don't
get
a sloppy and start applying this
uh more broadly unless the prophet says
specifically
this applies more broadly if he doesn't
say specifically this applies more
broadly
the vision concerns judah and jerusalem
so let's remember that that's the topic
now dropping down to verse 24 and and
you know you're just reading chapters
one and two
of isaiah we've got it like that's the
pattern he lays down the rest of the
book just
amplifies what's in chapters one and two
and particularly in chapter one
but he says here in verse 24 therefore
thus says
the lord the lord of hosts the mighty
one of israel
ah i will ease me of my
adversaries so many are against god
and god is laying down the gauntlet here
i'm going to crush my enemies
i will ease me of my enemies and avenge
me
i will ease me of my adversaries and
avenge me of my enemies okay so that's
what's going to happen
verse 25 and i will turn my hand
upon you who's the you what's the
subject here

judah and jerusalem so he's going to
ease him of his enemies
and he's going to turn his hand upon
judah and jerusalem
to what end so is he going to now
turn on judah and jerusalem to
completely destroy them
what does he say now i'm going to turn
my hand upon you
judah and jerusalem and purely purge
away your dross
and take away all your tin i will
restore
your judges as at the first and your
counselors
as at the beginning afterward
you shall be called the city of
righteousness
the faithful city so
clearly judah and jerusalem are going to
suffer
but the purpose of their suffering is
not to destroy them
in fact it's very clear as a result of
their suffering they're going to be
purified
and after their suffering they're going
to be restored
he says in verse 27 zion shall be
redeemed with judgment and her
converts with righteousness so zion is
going to have converts
that means somebody is going to be
preaching the truth to zion
to give them an understanding of what is
going to happen to them
or what will what is happening to them
in real time as it's happening
and so they can understand and convert
so zion
the whole process is so god can have
these converts in zion and god can
fulfill
his promises concerning zion so so yes

they're going to come under
severe uh rebuke and retribution
and tribulation but not to destroy them
let's be very clear about that
and it shall come to so then chapter two
so that was chapter one let's go now to
chapter two
and it shall come so after chapter one
is so
condemnatory it's like you read chapter
one these are
evil people these are completely corrupt
wicked evil people uh they're like
basically sodom and gomorrah and in fact
the prophet says
unless god had left us a remnant we
would have been like sodom and gomorrah
we would have been completely
corrupt wiped out and done
but no that's they're different they're
in a different category because they're
in the category of covenant
and so they're going to be reserved
there's going to be a remnant
and then chapter 2 opens and he says
it's going to come to pass this will
happen
this is what we're looking forward to in
the last days
that the mountain of the lord's house
shall
be established in the top of the
mountains
and it shall be exalted above the hills
and
all nations all the gentiles are going
to flow onto it
so we're living in this bizarre crazy
chaotic upside-down world that's going
to change
and the world is going to be stabilized
and the world is going to be ordered
and that order and that stability is
going to come from jerusalem

that's what's going to happen and all
nations are going to acknowledge it
and they're going to be anxious to learn
and they're going to continually flow
there
to worship god and many people shall go
and say
come you and let us go up to the
mountain of the lord
to the house of the god of jacob there's
no confusion now
it's over there's no more allahu akbar
or any other
confusion and chaos and violence
there's just hey we've been deceived
god is the god of jacob and it's not
he's not the god of
judah exclusively jacob has been
restored
all 12 tribes have been restored and
there's an acknowledgement that these
are the tribes
that are in covenant with god so they're
going to acknowledge the god of jacob
and they want to be taught the craziness
that's in this world today that
like how does this happen that adult
humans
with with the brain power that god has
given us
descend into this debauchery and
how does this happen well there's a
satanic force
but all of that's going to be over and
there's going to be an ordered mind
and and and strong moral compass that
let's go to judah let's let's go to
jerusalem and
and we will be taught of his ways and we
will walk in his paths
for out of zion shall go forth the torah
and the word of the lord from jerusalem
that's going to be the center of the
earth

verse 11. this is the problem
not just with judah and jerusalem but
with all men
the lofty looks of man shall be humbled
this is where we celebrate unleavened
bread we don't want to be in this
category
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 all of this
um all this uh flexing and pride in fact
we're in this pride month
a whole month of pride that we're now
pushing down into our children and
engaging them in it
this all this pride and arrogance all
over the world
it's going to stop and god alone
will be exalted in that day verse 12 for
the day of the lord of hosts
shall be upon everyone that is proud and
lofty we need to hide ourselves
from this wrath we need to know that
he's coming in wrath
and we can't have preachers or teachers
that are not telling us this that are
teaching us to take god for granted
you look at these christian movements
and it's this christ that
this is not the christ of the bible the
christ of the bible
hates what's happening in our world
today and he's coming to crush it
and we need to have this this wrath pass
over us
for the day of the lord of host shall be
upon everyone that is proud and lofty
and upon everyone that is lifted up and
he shall be brought low so any sort of
movement a religion a quote-unquote that
gives you a sense of
pride and arrogance and and gives you
feels that you have the right to crush

others
you're in the wrong place you've been
seduced by the devil
chapter four and it shall come to pass
that he that is left in zion zion is
going to get such
a beating jerusalem is going to get such
a desolation but
it shall come to pass that the survivors
he that is left in zion and he that
remains in jerusalem
shall be called holy and everyone that
is written among the living
in jerusalem so so there's a process
here this is this this whole
scroll concerns judah and jerusalem
and god has an objective for them and
yes it's going to be crushing but
there's going to be fruit that comes out
of it there's going to be a lot of lost
lives and quite
devastation is going to be quite
horrific but in the process
god is getting what he wants that true
uh
repentance and that true
covenant-keeping
jew that that this is there's a promise
around judah
and this is going to come to pass and
it's a promise around jerusalem it's
going to come to pass
verse 4 when the lord shall have washed
away
the filth of the daughters of zion so
this is the process
so how can we have replacement theology
how can we say like oh yeah god is done
with the jews this is all about
christianity now
this is not about the church this is
about the physical descendants of judah
and and god's intention with this great
tribulation

is to wash away their filth and shall have purged the blood of jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning so jerusalem is a

in chapter one it's a city that was beautiful but became full of harlots and murderers and complete corruption and god god hasn't forsaken jerusalem and christ in fact in matthew 24 he says don't be deceived

because the curse that he pronounced in matthew 23 which is shown how it's going to be fulfilled in matthew 24 with the abomination that makes desolate many are going to conclude that that this people are god forsaken this city is god forsaken

and they're going to get confused and then they're going to get confused with his return and the purpose of his return but he says to his true disciples don't be deceived

god will never forsake jerusalem he's chosen jerusalem

he says here chapter 5 then a very famous verse so we're all familiar with it woe unto them that call evil good and good evil that put darkness for light and light for darkness that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter and this is speaking specifically of judah and judah is spread out around the world and certainly they have incredible influence over u.s policy uh and so they cannot and this is you know

again our nations are clearly celebrating evil and it's amazing you know here in canada

uh you know we have this pride month that this sort of sodomy is celebrated and yet christian pastors are on the run

they're fugitives and and they're
they're showing up to arrest pastors
with
with incredible force uh swat teams
going out to arrest them uh
like wow i didn't know the police were
this powerful
i didn't know it because you know for
quite a
while i've been tracking the the
you know what the muhammadans have been
doing to citizens
of canada and it's quite horrific
and and i would i thought that you know
canada cared about its citizens
and that because of this sort of horror
uh we would see these sort of swat teams
show up at a mosque
to to root out who who these terrorists
are
and who these criminals are but i've
never no kind of show of force
suddenly we have christian preachers
wanting to assemble
and we see this incredible show of force
so so this is evil it's evil to them
for christians to gather and assemble to
worship christ this is evil
but sodomy is good and should be
celebrated
there's a curse on people who are upside
down in this way
woe unto them that are wise in their own
eyes and prudent in their own sight and
again this is the curse of judah
but it applies more broadly and then in
verse 26 he will lift up
an ensign a banner to the nations from
far and he will hiss unto them
from the end of the earth and behold
they shall come with speed swiftly so
this is a curse upon judah that god is
going to summon
these gentile nations and they're going

to come and they're going to surround
judah
and they're going to destroy judah and
they're at god's beck and call
so this is how he's actually going to
purify judah with the gentiles
then in chapter 6 verse 11 again i'm
just picking these verses hopefully it
sort of triggers the
memory of the chapter but what we want
is
a flow we want to sort of understand the
storyline so as we come now into these
chapters between chapter 13 to 39
as these judgments are being pronounced
upon nations we understand the storyline
so chapter 6 verse 11 then said i lord
how long this is when isaiah had the
division
with with god's throne and overheard
this conversation with god
and then he he said he would go and
pronounce this curse upon the people
but then he wanted to know well god how
long is this curse going to be upon
judah
and i said lord how long and he answered
until the cities be wasted
without inhabitant so that until is very
important this curse upon
judah is not forever it's until
so so there's a there's a purpose in
their destruction
but until that they have to be blinded
to incur the
deuteronomic curses that they have
earned
until the cities be wasted without
inhabitant and the houses without man
and the land be utterly desolate so
there's an until it's not forever
in chapter 7 we see this this is going
to be very important
that it was told the house of david

saying
syria is confederate with ephraim
and his heart was moved this was king
ahaz his heart
he was terrified these are powerful
nations
and the heart of his people as the trees
of wood are
moved with the wind so they just became
cowards they were just terrified
but but it's noteworthy here that
ephraim
is there a northern tribe a
very powerful tribe and part of the
tribes of israel the sons and sons of
joseph they
are joining with gentiles with syria
to destroy judah so that judah now
instead of turning to god turns to
assyria for protection
but this is in the promised land this is
the moses said hey you're going to go
joshua will take you in and now they're
in and can you believe
it the the tribe in the north the
brother of judah
or you know joseph the brothers of judah
but this tribe of ephraim
they they go to syria and then judah
turns to us
to as syria is this is this is the state
of affairs
uh verse 14 then god says he asked ahaz
to ask for a sign he wouldn't
therefore the lord himself shall give
you a sign even though he didn't ask for
it
behold a virgin shall conceive and bear
a son and shall call his name emmanuel
and what we noted at this
this must have been isaiah's wife that a
maiden a maid
well a young lady will conceive she's
going to bear a son and his name is

going to be called god with us
but at the same time we know this is
dual and it has a later fulfillment
because in matthew
matthew opens this gospel with exactly
this verse
and in this case it really was such a
true virgin then in chapter eight
behold i and the children whom jehovah
has given me
are for signs and wonders in israel
from the lord of hosts which dwells in
mount zion
so then we have these two sons one was
maher shalal hashbaz
which means destruction is coming
swiftly
and the other was emmanuel which means
god is with us
which makes sense that the destruction
is coming swiftly to purify
judah but it will not destroy and
overwhelm judah completely
because god is with them then we see
this
in chapter 9 verse 6 the ultimate
fulfillment of emmanuel
where judah says and you know for
unto us we read it in context there were
there was a
this is part of a logical argument that
judah will not be destroyed
by these enemies why because unto us
judah
this child is born and unto us the sun
is given
and the government will be upon his
shoulder despite the power of our
enemies
we have a son that's been given to us
and the government will be upon the
history
that's why we will not be destroyed and
his name shall be called wonderful

counselor
the mighty god the everlasting father
the prince of peace
then in later on in chapter 9 we see
this manasseh
against ephraim and ephraim against
manasseh these are brothers
and they're fighting each other and they
together
shall be against judah so even though
they they hate each other they hate
judah more
and so they're willing to cooperate with
each other to hate to destroy judah
this is the state of affairs in the
promised land
for all this his anger is not turned
away
so this is the mahershal so they are
going to have swift destruction
but his hand is stretched out still this
is the emmanuel
that they will not judah will not be
completely destroyed and the tribes of
israel will not be completely destroyed
because of the covenant then we saw in
chapter 10 how is god going to do this
oh assyrian the rod of mine anger
so the the assyrians are called out
exclusively and specifically
as the tool that god is going to use
to destroy judah and the staff
in their hand is my indignation in fact
i shouldn't say just judah
originally it was israel the northern
tribes were wiped out from assyria
by assyria they were then coming down to
the south
this is what then judah had to
understand they will not destroy
jerusalem
that they they tried but they could not
because jerusalem was under god's
protection

but in the end time we see that this
assyrian will be used
to destroy yes israel but more
specifically judah
so here he says i will send him against
the hypocritical nation
it's the people of my wrath will i give
him a charge and again this is speaking
of israel
to take the spoil and to take the prey
and to tread them down
like the mire of the streets that
happened anciently but there's a dual
application to this
and it shall come to pass in that day
that the remnant of israel
and such as our escaped of the house of
jacob
shall no more again stay upon him that
smote them
so again we see the dual application of
this that in the in the end time
israel is going to be destroyed but
there's going to be a remnant of israel
and that's going to be joined to judah
and israel and judah will be one stick
ezekiel tells us this
so so israel is not completely written
off they're going to be integrated back
in
to the covenant through judah but they
will no more
wait upon him that smote them but shall
stay upon the lord
the holy one of israel in truth so god
is driving to this repentance
for through all the tribes the remnant
shall return
even the remnant of jacob so this is now
now i said you know this is a scroll
regarding judah however
you know and we don't want to be sloppy
and just apply it generally to everybody
unless the prophet tells us specifically

so here he's telling us specifically
there's a broader application than just
judah to some of this
and the broader application is jacob
that yes it's judah
however there's a broader application
for jacob and all the tribes of israel
ultimately
will be will be redeemed or a remnant of
them
unto the mighty god verse 24
therefore thus says the lord god of
hosts o my people
that dwell in zion be not afraid
of the assyrian so now he's talking to
the jews
don't be afraid of the assyrian he shall
smite you with a rod
and shall lift up his staff against you
after the manner of egypt
so we know that egypt was was a
terrifying force
terrifying oppressive force there was no
way out from this oppression and slavery
except for the miraculous exodus and
this is a
duel so there is going to be a second
exodus
but the power that is going to hold
god's people captive
that that god is going to miraculously
intervene and free them from
in this massive second exodus that the
first exodus from egypt will
not even be mentioned again that power
is the assyrian
verse 25 for yet a very little while
and the indignation shall cease and my
anger in their destruction so again
that's what chapter 6 said that
this this anger against judah is not
forever
it's until then in chapter 11
uh we see the red where the redemption

is going to come from
and there shall come forth a rod out of
the stem of jesse and the branch shall
grow
out of his roots the messiah is going to
come out of jesse
verse 9 and when this happens there's
this vision that isaiah
is given of the new jerusalem or it's
not the new jerusalem sorry but the
millennial jerusalem
they shall not hurt nor destroy in all
my holy mountain
for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the lord as the waters
cover the sea so
this knowledge this torah knowledge is
going to be spreading from zion
all over the world and zion's going to
be this place of incredible peace
after incredible destruction and
violence
verse 10 and in that day there shall be
a root of jesse which shall stand for a
banner of the people
to it shall the gentiles seek and his
rest shall be glorious this is the
sabbath millennial rest is going to be
glorious
and all the gentiles from around the
world are going to come and seek this
even though
this is coming out of a period where the
gentiles have intense
pathological hatred for judah
and we're seeing that we're seeing the
the seasons change we're heading into a
dark winter for judah
uh i didn't think i would see it in my
lifetime but it's clearly happening at
an accelerated rate
rate and it's in fact being accelerated
by the current administration
they are hypocritical and they speak out

of both sides of their mouth
but they are funding terrorists this um
persecution or this war we could call it
that's taking this terrorism
that's taking place against judah today
the nation we call israel
this is being funded by the biden
administration
even though they they talk about oh
israel this and israel that
they're actually funding terrorists
but this is coming there's going to be
great peace and people are going to be
seeking this glory that comes out of
zion then he says this in chapter in
verse 13 of chapter 11.
the end at this time the envy also of
ephraim shall depart
and the adversaries of judah shall be
cut off so judah is just
comes under intense persecution but god
is going to cut off this persecution
but also he speaks of this envy with
ephraim
ephraim shall not envy judah so the envy
of ephraim
is directed towards judah and judah
shall not vex ephraim so there's now
this conflict between ephraim and judah
and and the you know ephraim was the
most powerful tribe in the north
and it in in prophecy it's really a code
for all the tribes of the north and
judah is a code
for all the tribes of the south so this
this verse encompasses
encompasses the 12 tribes of israel so
today what we see the the duplicitous
uh nature of the current administration
of america
uh and and their their envy you could
say of judah there they're despising
of of judah this is going to stop
so there's this conflict we see between

ephraim and judah
this is going to come to an end and it's
really not just the current
administration but they're leading the
way
canada is the same i'm sure australia
all these nations are going to
turn their back on judah and the lord
verse 15 the lord shall utterly destroy
the tongue of the egyptian sea that's
arabic
and that's islam and that's where the
the root
of this hostility is coming from it's
coming out of the quran
it's coming out of the hadith it's
coming out of the sera
it's coming out of this ideology that
has a pathological hatred
for judah and and everybody's buying
into this
and and and and seeing that the jews
have no right to be in israel they say
that's not their land
it's the land of the canaanites it's the
land of the palestinians
and so so there's this uh arabic
force that that's being marshaled and
this is something that muhammad did
incredibly it was
miraculous to unite the arabs under this
ideology
that at the root of it has a
pathological hatred for judah so that's
what's happening god is saying i'm going
to utterly destroy the tongue of the
egyptian sea
and with his mighty wind shall shake his
hand over the river
and shall smite it in the seven streams
and make men go over dry shots so this
is the second exodus is coming
verse 16 and there shall be a highway
for the remnant of his people so there's

going to be great destruction but satan
wants to destroy all the people
but god is going to intervene to ensure
that he can fulfill his promises
to the fathers to the patriarchs and so
there's going to be this highway
this is this massive exodus that's going
to god is going to pull off
for the remnant of his people which
shall be left
from assyria assyria is what we have to
have our eyes on and today this is what
we call the land of turkey
so assyria assyria assyria god's word
cannot be broken
and the second exodus the power that's
going to enslave god's people
is assyria and the power that's going to
be broken and god is going to release
his people as he did with the pharaoh
is assyria like as it was to israel in
the day that he came up out of the land
of egypt this is the second exodus
and it's going to be the the pharaoh so
to speak of the end time
is going to be what we call turkey which
is
this ottoman empire or this resurrection
of the ottoman empire chapter 12 verse 1
and in that day you shall say o
jehovah i will praise you
though you were angry with me the
subject again is judah and jerusalem
though you were angry with me your anger
is turned away
and you comfort me this is what isaiah
said right in chapter one
this is what's gonna happen i'm gonna
i'm gonna purge you i'm going to clean
you i'm gonna remove the filth
from the daughters of zion so so yes he
was angry
but not to destroy them completely not
to remove them

but to purify them verse 2
behold god is my salvation
i will trust and not be afraid and and
so we have to make sure we understand
this
so that we can preach these words of
comfort comfort you my people
so somebody needs to understand and
comfort his people so that they're not
afraid
okay this is what we have to go through
but god has not forsaken us
for the lord jehovah for jehovah yoho
he says it twice is my strength and my
song
he also has become my yeshua my
salvation
chapter 13. so now chapter 13. so all of
that is the context that's the story
line
and it should be very clear to us
there's a very clear subject matter here
and the subject matter is the covenant
that god is in with judah and jerusalem
and what he has to do to purify them and
how he's going to do it
and now we begin these series of
judgments beginning in chapter
13 which begins with babylon
the curse of on babylon the burden of
babylon
which isaiah the son of hamas did see so
then we went through these these
chapters 13 and 14 to see the uh the
curse that's going to be
in babylon and it's interesting that
this is the center this is where god
focuses
and we know in the future the whole
world is going to be patterned
after jerusalem but today the whole
world is patterned after babylon
so even though it looks like the
assyrian is going to be the power of the

end time

it also is going to be patterned after
babylon so there's something very
mysterious but very um
how should we say it's it's a pattern
it's it's primary there's a primary mold
that comes out of babel and spreads
throughout the whole world
so the whole world is running after this
babylonian system
and it's modeled after this babylonian
system and so this is the first
nation that's called out for its curse
and he says from there and i will punish
the world for their evil because they're
all patterned after this babylonian
system

and the wicked for their iniquity and
that will cause the arrogance of the
proud to cease again this constant
calling out of pride and will lay low
the haughtiness of the terrible
behold and again in this we're going to
see god's focus is on the middle east
if we've got to locate jerusalem and
then we've got to locate her neighbors
and this is where god's focus is because
the covenant it's not just a personal
relationship covenant

it's a land covenant the covenant
involves land
and so god is very very focused on the
land and the people have to be
cursed and removed from the land and
then

according to the covenant the people
need to be brought back to the land
so the focus of the bible is the middle
east and i think

sometimes in the west we get a little
bit self-centered
and we try to make the focus of the
bible the west but it's not
the focus of the bible is the middle

east behold he says in verse 17
i will stir up the medes against them
this is how babylon is going to be
destroyed
through the medes which today we would
call iran the meat of persian
meats and persians so these are the
people that today
are dissents descended from the mead so
these are the iranians
so i will stir up the medes against them
which shall not regard silver and as for
gold they shall not delight in it so in
terms of an end time
prophetic fulfillment of this we know
the shiites
hate the sunnis the only thing they hate
more than the sunnis are the jews
but the babylonians the iraqis they are
sunni isis but
the shiites iranians they are they are
or the iranians are shiite
and there's an intense hatred these
people will blow up mosques these people
while sunnis are worshiping there's like
apparently the same god
shiites will go in and blow themselves
up to destroy these people
there's an intense hatred between these
two clans
and they don't care about money they
just want to destroy
so it looks like and they have their
nuclear or they're becoming a nuclear
power
so god's going to stir up the medes
against the babylonians in chapter 14
then it opens
for the lord will have mercy on jacob
this is this is it
this is this is the story line this is
what we understand
that jacob is not written off the tribes
of jacob

will be restored because god all of this
is going to happen and he's going to
destroy babylon he's going to destroy
these other nations
but his intent is to have mercy on jacob
and will yet
choose israel and by israel here we mean
the 12 tribes of israel
and set them in their own land which is
in the middle east
so when he returns he's going to gather
them from the four corners of the earth
and
set them in their own land it is not the
land of the palestinians
it's not the land of the canaanites it
was taken away from them
by the creator and it was given to
the sons of israel and they they are
being taken out of the land
because of the deuteronomic curse but
they will be restored
into the land back to the land because
of the deuteronomic blessing
and the covenant and the promise that
god has made so he's going to set them
in their own land
and the stranger shall be joined with
them and they shall cleave to the house
of jacob it's going to be like wow
everybody's going to recognize god is
the god of jacob and then gentiles are
going to just
be passionate about being a part of
the jacob the jacobite blessing
in verse 16 this is this this leader
over the babylonian nation they that see
you
shall narrowly look upon you and
consider you saying
is this the man the ish the man
that made the earth to tremble that did
shake kingdom so even though
we saw last week this prophecy

against or maybe the week before this
prophecy
against um so this prophecy regarding
lucifer
and his fall from heaven which we quote
quite often in
context when we read the scroll in
context
it is very much about judah and
jerusalem and what this
um satan incarnate because satan is
trying to model himself after god
so the same way christ became incarnate
satan takes a man who becomes incarnate
and does the will of satan and there's
this power
but it's a man that is carrying out the
will of satan
which is to destroy all jews to destroy
all israel
and in that context we see this
how how did you fall how did you
collapse how did this this didn't go
well for you did it
because you were working against the
council of the lord
and the council of the lord will be
fulfilled so now this man whoever this
this incarnate of satan is this beast
political power
that the people are going to say like
wow is this the guy
and i said at the time last night it was
the last week of the week before
he's probably naked and just thrown down
he's not going to get a burial
people are looking at this scratching
their heads is this the guy
that did shake kingdoms and then in
verse 24
the lord of hosts jehovah's world
has sworn oh okay
whatever comes after this we know it's
ironclad it cannot be broken

because god has sworn abraham understood
this
saying surely as i have thought and this
is in the context of lucifer
lucifer doing his utmost to destroy the
plan of god
but god says look i have sworn
saying surely as i have thought
that's how it's going to come to pass
this is why he declares the end from the
beginning
and from ancient times that which is not
yet done saying
my plan my purpose my counsel
it doesn't matter who's against it it's
going to stand
that's what makes him god that he speaks
and he does exactly what he says he's
going to do and nobody can stop him no
other god can do this
surely as i have thought and he tells it
all in advance
that's the power of these scriptures
show me any other scripture
that can do this and tell in advance
what's going to happen in detail
there's none because there's no other
god
surely as i have thought so shall it
come to pass
and as i have purposed so shall it stand
and this is
in the context of judah
and jerusalem being glorified and god
being glorified in israel
he's purposeless and nobody can
withstand it even if the satan throws
his
all his power and might at it cannot be
withstood
now he says this in the same chapter
that is a
condemnation of of on babylon and we saw
in zechariah 5 how

this wickedness wherever it is it's
going to go back
to babylon and it has to go back on its
base where all of this
this system began at the tower of babel
it's all going back there in the end
time
but it looks like the actual power
ruling over babylon in the end time is
the assyrian
because the exodus is going to break the
back of the assyrian
that i will break the assyrian in my
land
so the abomination that makes desolate
it looks like it is actually being
driven by the king of the north
the assyrian and upon my mountains tread
him underfoot
then shall his yoke depart from off them
and his burden depart from off their
shoulders so this is when the freedom
finally comes
for judah and jerusalem verse 26
this is the purpose that is purposed
upon the whole earth it is impossible
to understand what's happening in the
world today
excuse me unless we understand god's
purpose
that every it's like you know sometimes
you you're looking at the sky and the
clouds are just moving so
gradually so slowly
and then they start to get darker and
there's a storm coming
but it all just happens so gradually
well the earth is being reconfigured
and maybe it's not so gradual anymore
but unless we understand the purpose
that god has purposed upon the whole
earth
we won't understand and the central role
of jerusalem

and judah to this purpose so so
sometimes we're just again so caught up
in the western world
that we're not looking to the east to
the middle east
and specifically to jerusalem god says
watch
watch jerusalem these prophecies are
concerning jerusalem and then he says
watch
so this is the purpose we have to
understand this storyline because this
is the purpose
that is purposed upon the whole earth
god is going to prove himself mighty to
save
from the assyrian and this is the hand
that is stretched out upon all the
nations
and then we saw this rejoice not you
o palestina the palestinians who are
going to rejoice because judah is going
to be broken
and the palestinians are going to allahu
akbar and think this is fantastic
no no not so fast don't rejoice
palestinians because the rod of him
that's judah that's mochi is broken
for out of the serpent's root shall come
forth a cockatrice
and his fruit shall be a fiery flying
serpent so again we need to kind of
combine this with zechariah 12
to see how judah will will get the upper
hand
over her enemies last week then we came
to then chapter 15
which now we're beginning to see this
judgment upon these neighboring nations
the burden of moab which today is the uh
nation that we call jordan or the
jordanian peoples
this is now a curse on moab because in
the night of

in the night of moab is laid waste
and brought to silence
because in the night of moab these
are cities great cities is laid waste
and brought to silence
so then we went last week when we saw
these curses
on the jordanian peoples again neighbors
of judah
which clearly are going to have some
prominence
in the end time for these the end time
fulfillment
of these prophecies so just before we go
to chapters 17 and 18 which are short
chapters
uh i just want to read this verse from
isaiah 55 which we've already it's in
the archive chapter 55
but this is what we've already read that
god has a purpose for the earth
and his word has a purpose and this is a
very very familiar um
phrase isaiah has so many verses that
are so familiar to us we can also
probably repeat them by heart but what
we can't do
or what we don't do is read them in
context what is the actual context of
these verses
so this verse says so shall my word be
that goes forth out of my mouth
it shall not return to me void but it
shall accomplish that which i please
and it shall prosper in the thing
whereto i sent it
and if we read this in context this is
not just sort of generally speaking oh
the bible is a great book and anything
that god says
you know he's going to do this this is
in context specifically about judah
that god has put a promise on the tribe
of judah and on israel

and and despite the power of the devil
and the gentile nations
this thing that he's promised for judah
it's going to come to pass
so with all of that kind of survey of
where we've been and hopefully it
triggers a memory of the past chapters
that we've covered
that i think is going to help us as
we're going through this
march through the judgments of these
various nations
that it has to do with god using these
nations
to destroy judah and jerusalem and more
broadly israel
but not to destroy them completely the
purpose is actually to purify them so
that he can establish them in the land
in their own land
and then and then because they are the
apple of his eye
you know we we do not want to be guilty
of in any way
harming or cursing the seed of abraham
because
it's very clear if you do that you're
cursed
and that's why i say the this current
administration the most powerful man in
the world right now
in the u.s uh he's cursed he's cursed
he's cursing the children of abraham
and any of us who get caught up with
these marxist
islamic muhammadan movements we're
cursed too
regardless of where where we stand or
what church or
affiliation we have the word of god
cannot be broken
and there's quite a judgment on the
church in the end time we don't want to
be under that judgment

so we need to just make sure that we're
not on the wrong side
so this this word basically what we see
what we've seen in this survey
is god has a plan and the whole earth
is involved in this plan and right now
we are witnessing the whole earth being
reconfigured
so god can show himself mighty to save
so let's now quickly um read chapters 17
and 18
and what i want to do just the king
james this is just narrative
so i'm just going to pop over to the
complete jewish bible
and and read it in the complete uh
jewish bible just because
it's it's narrative a bit of it is
historical
um the king james i think just makes it
a little more challenging
uh to understand so let's just read the
narrative
of chapters 17 and 18. some of it is a
little bit unclear
but i think we'll get the gist and then
we'll finish for this evening
isaiah 17 and verse 1.
this is a prophecy about damascus
this is syria and we saw earlier that
ephraim
and syria join forces to destroy judah
if you curse the seed of judah
you are cursed and so even ephraim now
comes under the curse but
we we need we see now that that syria
goes and today like in the end time
syria iraq and and syria that this is
isis
so this is this is we're going to see
this we're going to see that ephraim
which represents that the northern
tribes are actually would rather support
the likes of isis than support judah

that that's where we're heading and
we're already seeing hints of this
where the current administration in the
u.s would rather support the
palestinians
than support judah
this is a prophecy and then by that
extremely the hamas
this clearly terrorist organization the
administration would rather fund funnel
money to hamas funny money funnel money
to iran
rather than stand with judah again i
didn't think i'd see it in my lifetime
after world war
ii and never again and you know we'll
always remember and
this is all out the window everything is
upside down now everything's up for
grabs
this is a prophecy about damascus so
that's syria
damascus will soon stop being a city
it will become a heap of ruins these are
going to be very glorious nations that
look unstoppable
but god's word said it says they're
going to become
a heap of ruins the cities of aurora
will be abandoned given over to flocks
lying down undisturbed so it's just this
complete destruction of these people
and uh my sense is this is going to be
the assyrians that are going to come in
and wipe these people out
so again in our modern language this is
a bit speculation but
based on the word uh turkey is going to
become a very powerful empire this is
the the ottoman empire being resurrected
and that clear
erdogan has made that clear that's his
intent and they had
they had a very wide footprint and they

want to reclaim it so so who's going to
be victorious between isis
and turkey my money would be on turkey
if not so after condemning syria
the prophet immediately turns his
attention to ephraim because remember we
saw ephraim and syria
were confederate ephraim will have no
defenses
damascus will cease to rule so they go
down together that was your choice
you chose to turn against judah and to
side with a gentile power
okay you're going to come under the same
curse
damascus will cease to rule and aram
survivors will share the fate
of israel's finest sons says jehovah's
words
so what this is saying is
damascus is going to be destroyed but so
is ephraim
which today means the northern tribes
and would include manasseh
so they're both going to be destroyed
but
kind of rather than say ephraim
will share the destruction of damascus
what the prophecy says is damascus
will share the destruction of israel's
finest sons
so this is amazing uh
israel chose to go against judah and
this is a scroll
concerning judah and jerusalem and how
god is going to be mighty to save and
establish himself
in judah and jerusalem and so ephraim
comes under the curse of the gentiles
when that day comes jacob's glory
will wane and his full body grow thin
and so syria is going to come under the
same curse
as when the harvester collects the

standing grain
reaping the ears of grain with his arm
yes as when they glean the grain in the
rephaem valley
yet gleanings will be left as when the
beating
and as when beating an olive tree two or
three olives at the very top
four or five on its fruitful branches
says jehovah's evolved
the god of israel so so syria is going
to come under the same destruction
but kind of fortunately for syria uh
it's going to be like israel
where they had glory that glory is going
to be taken away from they're going to
be destroyed
but yet there's still going to be a
couple of fruit left there will be a
remnant
so it looks like there will also be a
remnant of syria
on that day a person this is really an
israelite
will heed his maker finally and turn his
eyes toward the holy one of israel so
they finally stop
playing the fool and if this is israel
they finally acknowledge
the god of israel their their god he
will pay no heed
to the altars made with his own hands so
we see today the nations of israel
pursuing every possible idolatry every
possible form of paganism they think
they're sophisticated
they're going backwards these these
practices that they're engaged in now
you know specifically pedophilia but
adultery
uh homosexuality pedophilia
all these practices were forms of pagan
religious worship
and that's what they're actually getting

involved in but they will finally come
to this
place where they're throwing all that
away you know we see this again these
parades
this is religious worship they're trying
to pretend it's not but this is this is
a worship of a god
this is ancient this is is this is not
new
but they think they're so sophisticated
but they will pay no heed to the altars
made with their own hands
he will not turn toward that toward what
his fingers made
the sacred poles and standing stones for
sun worship this is what they're all
involved in
and and who knows what they're doing
behind the scenes the actual
true satanic worship that's taking place
behind the scenes we
we're not privy to this but it's
definitely happening
when that day comes is strong cities
so all of this is the condemnation of
ephraim they chose to go against judah
and this is the original pattern this is
also the end time
pattern we'll see as well when that day
comes his strong cities with which
others abandoned when israel advanced
will be like abandoned woods and forests
they will be laid waste
for you have forgotten the god who saved
you
have we have we like just think of world
war one and two
i think everybody acknowledged that the
the west was very religious
and truly acknowledged the god of the
bible that there's no way they could
have survived
unless there was uh supernatural

intervention
but we have forgotten the god who saved
you failed to remember the rock of your
strength
so you plant pagan style gardens instead
of vine
cuttings for a foreign god and this all
over the west are doing everything they
can
to abandon the god of the bible and
pursue every form of paganism
though you make them grow and even
though they want to call it science and
it's the environment in science it's
pagan worship
though you make them grow in the day you
plant them and in the morning your
seedlings flower so that you think
you're doing
something here the crop will vanish the
day disease comes
a day of curable pain this is the curse
on ephraim
these these are the uh the the israelite
nations
we have to understand the code these are
the israelite nations
so ephraim represents the north judah
represents the south
so these tribes are now around the world
this is the curse
and it shouldn't be hard for us to
understand like who who are these uh
nations today should be very evident
who are these nations that are that have
built incredible
power and wealth based on the standards
of the bible
oh the terror stricken uproar of many
peoples
roaring like the roar of seas and the
rushing about of nations
rushing and surging like wild wild
waters yes

the nations will roar like the mighty
ocean so now the curse goes beyond
uh ephraim to the nations they're all
coming under this curse
but he will rebuke them and far will
they flee
driven like chaff by a mountain wind
like wing dust in advance of the storm
and all of this curse the subject matter
is judah and jerusalem so the reason
these nations
and ephraim in particular in syria and
their confederacy
the reason they're all being cursed what
they have done to judah
the reason we will be cursed is if we're
on the wrong side
if we get caught up with marxist
movements
with and end up cursing judah
weekend our job is to preach the gospel
to good news to judah to comfort judah
with the good news
even though judah hates us that that you
will be hated by all nations for his
namesake
we have to understand what that means
what is his name's sake what does it
mean to preach the gospel according to
his name's sake
and to be hated by all nations but to
carry on
in love verse 14
as evening falls you can see terror
before sunrise they have ceased to be
this is the cursing
this is the lot of those who plunder us
this is your curse if you plunder the
jews
this is how it's going to end up for you
the fate of those who prey on us
god says i have a purpose and this
purpose concerns the whole world
and so all nations are going to gather

against jerusalem
and they're all going to come under this
curse we need to understand what's
happening in the earth what is the
purpose of the lord
chapter 18 woe to the land of whirring
wings
beyond the rivers of ethiopia so so
these would be the kashites
and it says sort of beyond the rivers
which uh
i i'm not sure maybe this is the the
egyptians uh but it's some nation that's
just
beyond the cushites and in fact to the
ethiopians the the
the nubians uh they were ruling into
egypt for quite a while
they send ambassadors by sea so they're
coming up the perhaps the Nile river
into the sea across the water in Papua's
reed boats
go swift messengers to a nation tall and
bronzed
so this to me seems like these are
talking of black peoples
they're tall they're bronzed and
the prophet is saying sending messengers
to these people
to a people feared far and near to a
strong and conquering nation
whose land is divided by rivers again
this is why it leads me maybe this is
the Nile river and the
river system and this is the the
egyptians even though it's the
cushites or the nubians who maybe have
moved in and are ruling that land
all you inhabitants of the world you who
live on the earth
when a banner is hoisted on the
mountains look
so so and again we know that Egypt is
going to be the king of the south we got

assyria as the king of the north
so there's a lot of mischief going on
here and it's all against judah
but the prophet says now to all the
nations because all the nations are
going to agree
we need to remove the jews we need to
destroy the jews
but the jewish prophet here calls out
all you inhabitants of the world
you who live on the earth god has a
purpose for the whole earth
and satan is seducing them and we can't
go along with it
when a banner is hoisted on the
mountains look pay attention
when the shofar is blown listen
we we know this is coming so we're not
going to go along with with the way the
world is going
for yoho has said this to me so this is
the prophet saying i heard this from
jehovah
i will look on from my place and do
nothing
like heat shimmering in the sun so we've
all seen those days when the sun is
shining and you can kind of see
it's a hot day and you can see the heat
shimmery honestly i'm going to be like
this
like a cloud of dew in the heat of
harvest i'm just going to watch
before i act for before the harvest
when the flowering is over and the bud
becomes a ripening grape
he will cut off the branches with
pruning knives so he will act
lop off the twigs and take them away
they will
all be left to the vultures in the
mountains
into the wild animals in the fields this
is the curse

of anybody who goes up against his
people his people need to be purified
but i don't want to be involved in
touching the apple of god's eye
i want to be involved in preaching the
good news to the apple of god's eye
because this is the fate of all nations
who go up against judah and jerusalem
they will all be left to the vultures in
the mountains
and to the wild animals in the field
there's going to be a wholesale
slaughter
of these people the vultures will feed
on them in summer
and the wild animals of the fields in
the winter that that's how much
slaughter there's going to be
there's going to be a feast for the
vultures and the wild animals
summer winter all year round there's
going to be so many dead bodies
in another place in isaiah god says i'm
going to make a man
more rare than fine gold that's how much
slaughter there's going to be
because god is angry about what these
people have done to his people
at that time tribute will be brought
to jehovah zavo the lord of hosts
from a nation tall and bronze whoever
this nation
is in the south so so first um
last week we were looking at the or the
when we looked at um
assyria babylon these nations were north
of um
judah now these nations we're looking at
that are south of judah
and there's always been this focus on
jerusalem and the destruction of
jerusalem
and so whoever this nation is that's
tall and bronzed

they're going to be humbled and they're
going to be bringing
tribute to jesus christ
from a nation tall and bronzed from a
people feared far
near from a strong and conquering nation
whose land is divided by rivers
to the place where the name of jehovah's
lives where's that mount zion
zion so this again that's why i wanted
to just spend some time
uh picking up like all these chapters
that we read so that we don't forget
where we've been i
call this scriptural amnesia and then we
just look at a chapter and it's
beginning to get confusing
it's a little bit confusing because this
has a historical application
as well as prophetic a future time
but it can be even more confusing when
we don't keep the story
line and so ultimately the storyline is
god has a purpose
and it involves mount zion and so we
have to be very very clear
what that purpose is this brings us to
isaiah
end of chapter 18 god willing we get
into chapter 19
next week which has a couple of very
interesting um verses in there and some
prophecies
so thank you so much brethren for uh
spending this time with me together as
we go through the scriptures
line by line what a great god we serve
this is this god is so unique there
is no god that speaks
and there's not a single word he has to
take back
not a single word that he speaks he
purposes
from from the beginning and his purpose

remains and we're marching to the book
of revelation
which we've studied it's in the archive
but the book of revelation just brings
everything that god began in genesis
it's a culmination
so we just have to understand what what
is god's purpose what is his will
so that we can be preaching the good
news more precisely
what a great god we serve god bless you
brethren
you