

23-Isaiah-49-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study where we study god's word line upon line and i just noticed my lighting isn't uh on let me just turn that on i'll be right back hopefully that makes a bit of a difference and i apologize i'm not in the studio but if you can just confirm in the chat that at least you can hear me clearly so that's the main thing that i am coming across clearly we are up to isaiah chapter 23 uh we're just moving along very very nicely we're up to chapter 23 and this actually ends the end of a section that began in chapter 13 beginning with the condemnation of babylon and now a number of nations have been condemned including jerusalem herself and then now chapter 23 will end with the condemnation of tyre and there is a pattern that isaiah is presenting to us let's open with a word of prayer and then we can get into tonight's study chapter 23. our loving heavenly father we come before you as is our custom to thank you for this uh incredible opportunity that we have to study the english and text the ancient curves in a world of this confusion and chaos we have the light of your word we can be confident father in the future because we know you are actually controlling events here on earth

and we just thank you father for the understanding and the insight that you've given to us through your word it's a great privilege it's a great honor it's a great responsibility we thank you for it father and pray that you'll continue to bless us through this journey together thank you lord we pray and ask all of this in jesus name amen so as i mentioned brethren we're up to isaiah chapter 23 and what we want to do now is go through this text together just want to before we get into chapter 23 i just want to cover a couple of texts um to go through just to give us context and so we remember what we've covered so far so first of all let's not forget the narrative so in luke 21 and verse 20 jesus prophesied that we shall see jerusalem surrounded with armies and we cannot understand what is going on in the earth today we cannot understand the confusion i did say i was going to check to make sure that i'm coming through clearly let me just check and see yes thank you very much uh sister jane and sister belmont loud and clear wonderful um we cannot understand what the world just seems like it's unraveling it seems very chaotic and very random and certainly uh very uncertain but if we follow the text of the bible we actually do understand what's going on there is a reconfiguration of the earth and and ultimately it's going to result in the destruction of jerusalem and so christ tells us that when we see jerusalem surrounded with

armies that's when we know
that the desolation is near and there is
going to be an abomination that makes
desolate
and all of this is going to open up the
final chapter
of man's history before christ returns
now when this so so jerusalem's going to
be surrounded
by armies and in revelation 1
and verse 7 we see this that
christ is going to come with clouds he's
going to return
with the clouds and every eye shall see
him every human being there's going to
be a lot of death
a lot of human beings are going to be
slaughtered but those who are
alive at this time every single eye
shall see him and also which appears to
be his people
and he's actually returning to save his
people they're going to be surrounded
and he's going to come and give
salvation to them
but this is very interesting in verse 7
of revelation chapter 1
and all kindreds or all the tribes of
the earth
shall wail because of him
this is not a happy day and then john
says even so amen oh well
that's just the way it's got to be so
this is not the return of jesus christ
is not a happy day
he's not coming to hug the whole earth
he is coming in
fury and these tribes they have been so
seduced and so deceived that they
actually think they're doing
god's work by destroying his people and
christ is coming
to save his people so let's keep this in
mind jerusalem is going to be surrounded

that's when we know that the desolation
thereof is near
and we will see when christ returns
all these armies all these nations that
colluded together
to destroy judah to destroy jerusalem to
destroy israel to destroy the covenant
community
all of them are going to be in terror
when christ returns there
they will find themselves on the wrong
side and they'll find themselves cursed
now all of this is unfolding according
to god's plan
in isaiah 46 and verse 9 he says
to judah remember the former things of
old
for i am god so judas confused they've
lost track of who their god is
and god is saying hey remember the past
search the scriptures
and understand what happened in the past
because i
am god and there is none else i am god
and there is none like me now what makes
god so unique
what attribute does he point to to say
of all the gods that people worship
what is it that you should know about me
that differentiates me from all these
other gods and shades himself
from the false gods that he declares the
end from the beginning you can open up
genesis and you
you know you don't get very far before
you understand the pattern
the seventh-day sabbath and that's
prophetic you understand in genesis 3
that the prophecy that he gave to eve
and to the serpent all of this
is from the beginning it was declared
times things that are not yet done
so again we can search the scriptures to
search the ancient text

and and in there we will find things
that haven't happened yet
that are given in detail and there's no
other god
on anywhere that anybody worships that
can do this
only the true god can do this and this
is how he wants us to know him
saying my plans
the council that i have the strategy
that i've designed
it shall stand and nobody can withstand
it nobody can oppose it nobody can
negate it
nobody can neutralize it everything that
he has written
everything that he has said will come to
pass
and i will do all my pleasure and then
we need to understand well
okay if he's going to do all this
pleasure what is his pleasure
well he goes on to explain what his
pleasure is
in verse 12 of isaiah 46 hearken
unto me you stout hearted
his covenant people are very stubborn
that are
far from righteousness his covenant
people are
far from righteousness the the logic
that we could point to their evil
and say therefore they have god has
nothing to do with them
this is faulty logic god himself says
they're far from righteousness
and he himself says he's going to save
them
and this is his counsel this is his
pleasure that he's chosen these people
and no matter what he's going to show
himself glorious
through this people so her can unto me
you stout hearted

that are far from righteousness i bring
near my righteousness i bring it near
it shall not be far off and my salvation
shall not tarry
and i will place salvation in zion
for israel my glory when he says i will
do all my pleasure
when he says my counsel shall stand when
he says i've declared the end from the
beginning
when he says i've declared that which is
not yet done from ancient times
we need to understand these are not just
poetic very poetic they are very poetic
but they're not just poetic words
they're powerful words
and they actually explain what god is
doing in the earth and so here it is
this this is always
i will do all my pleasure this is it and
this is how we have to interpret what's
going on in the world around us
so that we're not confused and we're not
walking in darkness
and then in the next chapter 47 he says
or the people of god say as for our
redeemer the lord of hosts
that the lord of armies jehovah's
words the lord of armies is his name
the holy one of israel
this is who he is this is how he
identifies himself for all eternity
and this is what's happening in the
earth his people
are earmarked for destruction
simultaneously
his people are earmarked for salvation
and unless we understand this we will be
deceived that's why christ says
take heed that no one deceives you it's
going to look like
i have forsaken the covenant people
but if we study isaiah we understand
that when the abomination that makes

desolate is set up
that's when finally his covenant people
the blindness the deafness the
stubbornness
will be removed and they will accept
their god so this is the narrative that
we're tracking
now over the last few weeks
we have been studying um from chapter 13
these these oracles these burdens that
isaiah has
over various nations and what i called
your attention to and i hope you
remember this
is that all of these nations that are
cursed are islamic
in the end time and isaiah's prophecies
are dual
they had a very immediate application at
the time that isaiah was prophesying
within a few hundred years at least or
at the most i should say
these things would actually take place
but the language that isaiah uses
is is clearly end-time language and
global language
so we know that these these have a dual
application
there was a local and near-term
application
but there was also a global and end time
eschatological
application and so that's how we're
understanding all of this and what's
fascinating
is every single nation only one
exception
but every single nation except for one
is islamic in our time so
and and all of them are surrounding
judah and jerusalem they are the
neighbors so we have to identify where
is jerusalem
we have to identify jerusalem

geographically and then we identify all
her neighbors
and that's how we know what this so this
is a book this is a prophecy in the end
time about the middle east about the
promised land
this is where god's focus is and we
because we're
you know primarily most of us are in the
west
and uh primarily you know the the gospel
and and the church is headquartered for
the most part
in north america we tend to have a very
north america-centric
view and we try to try to twist the
bible into our view and into this sort
of european
perspective but if we just read it for
what it says
it's middle eastern it has to do with
the promised land
it has to do with the neighbors who are
trying to remove
judah from the promised land i said
all of them except for one
all of the nations are cursed
from chapter 13 to 23
nation after nation is cursed this
burden this oracle of cursing on these
nations
except for one and the only exception is
judah
as god is condemning all these nations
the prophecy there's oracle of burden
also
on judah but that's the only exception
so
judah jerusalem is going to be
surrounded by armies
all these armies are cursed but so is
jerusalem
so is judah so let's just quickly
remember what where we've been

uh chapter 13 we saw isaiah say this is the burden of babylon which isaiah saw in chapter 14 we then heard this that jehovah will have mercy on jacob and will yet choose israel and set them in their own land it's a controversy over land the covenant involves god the people of god and the land which god has chosen we can never forget that this is a this is a covenant that that involves real estate and so god is saying he will yet have mercy on jacob he will yet choose jerusalem and he will yet set them in their own land this is the storyline and strangers will be joined to them and they shall cleave unto the house of jacob so that's what's going to happen in chapter 15 then we saw the curse on moab again muslim countries are jordanians we saw as well in chapter 16 that god highlighted specifically the pride of moab but throughout isaiah from chapter one we kept seeing this recurring theme of the pride of man even the covenant people are full of pride satan is full of pride this this is the fundamental uh problem that must be resolved and when christ returns only christ will be exalted every other glory will be debased and there will be only glory in christ and who christ glorifies so we see here that the pride of moab is an issue he's

very proud even his haughtiness and his
pride
and his wrath and he's also deceptive
so again we're going to see in the end
time these nations
that surround jerusalem are going to be
full of pride and arrogance they're
going to be very
haughty they're going to see themselves
as some sort of special human beings
that are far above and
mighty and higher than judah and they're
going to despise
judah and they're going to try to
enforce
their glory on others and christ is
going to come and destroy that
then we saw in chapter 17 the burden of
damascus
this is uh syria and think isis
that this is iraq and syria these are
again islamic nations and they're going
to be destroyed
then we saw in chapter 18 woe to the
land shadowing with wings which is
beyond the rivers of ethiopia so these
we see
now as ethiopia and then chapter 19 the
burden of
egypt all of these are now islamic
nations
so egypt is also cursed and then
in chapter 20 he says
and the lord said like as my servant
isaiah has walked naked and barefoot
three years for a sign and a wonder upon
egypt
and upon ethiopia so shall the king of
assyria
lead away the egyptian prisoners and the
ethiopians captives
so now we see that assyria will rise up
and destroy the king of the south and
egypt and ethiopia

so they'll be destroyed by assyria but
we also see that as syria
will also come under condemnation but in
in in these condemnations as well we saw
some nations are completely destroyed
like babylon others like syria and
assyria
they're not completely destroyed they're
going to they're going to suffer
incredibly
but not be completely destroyed uh in
chapter 21 we saw the burden of the
desert of the sea
this is another allusion to babylon
so there was a condemnation again on
babylon later in chapter
21 we saw the burden of duma or edom
again islamic nation later in chapter 21
verse 13
the burden upon arabia islamic nations
so we saw a curse on arabia and then in
chapter 22
the burden or the curse or the oracle of
the valley of vision
this is now we saw the curse upon judah
upon jerusalem
so all these gentile nations are cursed
but so is jerusalem
and all these gentile nations are going
to surround jerusalem to curse jerusalem
but as a result of cursing jerusalem
going back to torah going back to moises
those gentile nations that curse
jerusalem they in turn when god acts to
redeem jerusalem
they will be cursed so all of that now
brings us to chapter 23 which is the
final
section of this or the final chapter
of this section of curses on all these
gentile nations and on
jerusalem and this final one is the
burden of tyre
so it starts with babylon which is uh

east
of the covenant people and it ends
entire which is west it's right on the
west coast so this is right on
the mediterranean sea and today we would
call tyre
lebanon muslim used to be christian but
now muslim nation so these are the
phoenicians ancient they were called the
phoenicians
uh today we would call them uh the
lebanese
um you know in the first second third
fourth century
uh centuries up until like the 7th
century
these were this was christian nations
and then even a little bit later after
the 7th century
the muslim hordes came in and just
completely you know
rampaged and pillaged and and now this
is a muslim nation
majority muslim nation all these nations
we cannot escape this
all of these nations are in the middle
east
all of these nations are neighbors to
jerusalem and all of these nations are
islamic
so this is now the burden of lebanon the
burden of tyre
how something horrendous has happened
how you ships of tarshish
now tarshish is most likely spain
and so the phoenicians were seafaring
people they were always going up and
down the mediterranean sea and trading
with all kinds of nations
and and spain was a very far-reaching
nation that they would go and trade and
come back
so these are the phoenicians coming back
from spain and they're being told as

they're
coming homeward bound to how something
horrible
something horrendous has happened for it
is laid waste
so that there is no house no entering in
from the land of chittim it is revealed
to them so chittim is most likely cyprus
so if they're coming back from spain
uh the first landmass that they would
see is the island of cyprus and from
there they would be able to see
the land of tyre what we call lebanon
today and so as they're on their way
back
something horrible has happened they're
expecting its business as usual
it's not now tire
is is like babylon it is also symbolic
it has
it has an incredible prophetic weight in
the
end time in our eschatology so this tire
in ezekiel 28 a passage we're all
familiar with where god says to ezekiel
son of man
take up a lamentation upon the king of
tyre
so now what we see and say unto them
thus says the lord god
you seal up the sun full of wisdom and
perfect in beauty and the passage goes
on
so that it becomes very clear that the
king of tyre
is not just the physical king of tyre
actually
satan is the true king of tyre so this
nation of tyre
comes under incredible scrutiny
prophetically
because it's tied like babylon to satan
himself
as we saw in isaiah 14. now

back to chapter 23 and verse 2 again
speaking to who we will call the
lebanese today by the people of tyre
and again remember this has ancient
fulfillment but also eschatological
fulfillment be still you
inhabitants of the aisle you whom the
merchants of zydon
that pass over the sea have replenished
so
lots of the phoenicians were very uh
active they were mercantile people they
were always trading there were merchants
and so the merchants of zidane have
helped replenish
these people and by great waters the
seed of
saihor the harvest of the river is her
revenue
and she is a mart of nations it's like
you know today we have walmart
uh we have costco we have these huge or
amazon
we have these huge merchants that trade
with everybody
and because of the traffic of their
trade they become very wealthy
well anciently it was very similar for
uh this nation that because of their
seafaring ways and they would go and
trade with everybody
they were the march of may everybody
traded with them and because of that
traffic
they became incredibly wealthy
be you ashamed o zydon this is again
part of lebanon for the sea has spoken
even the strength of the sea saying i
travail not
nor bring forth children neither do i
nourish up
young men nor bring up virgins so some
sort of catastrophe has happened to tyre
and it there's there's no bringing forth

it's over
and as at the report concerning egypt
so shall they be sorely pained at the
report of tyre
so the same way egypt was destroyed and
people were just
completely astonished in the same way
tyre will be destroyed
pass you over to tarshish howl
you inhabitants of the isle so again the
tarsus would represent a very far
post of their trade and then people are
coming back there stop and grab
cyprus on the way and everybody needs to
understand the devastation
of this previously a great great nation
very wealthy nation
is this your joyous city
whose antiquity is of ancient days
so tyre is a nation that goes all the
way back
all the way back and it was a joyous
city it was a very glorious city
uh the sort of thing that looks like it
would never co
it wouldn't it would never collapse it
has a thousands and thousands of years
history
it's glorious it looks like it will just
go on and on forever and ever
no god has declared from ancient times
that it would be destroyed and so this
is now the downfall
of tyre her own feet
shall carry her afar off to sajer
who has taken this council against tyre
the crowning city whose merchants are
princes
whose traffickers are the honorable of
the earth like
basically how on earth
has this happened and who has caused
this
how do you take a city that is so rich

that is so powerful that is so glorious
and bring it down to nothing how did
this happen
and today you know if we were to think
about our
uh time today it's not exactly uh
analogous
but if you look at some of these uh
companies these merchants today
like google like amazon like facebook
they're incredibly wealthy because of
their traffic
so many transactions trading with
everybody
that they become so incredibly powerful
very similar
the difference is these these uh
merchants today
are a couple of decades old as opposed
to tyre
was thousands and thousands and
thousands of years old going all the way
back to genesis
that would be the main difference and
then of course tyre being a real country
these being companies but you get the
idea of how powerful
merchants can become because of their
traffic
and now the question is so if if google
suddenly collapsed
if and what is the thing so facebook
apple amazon netflix google if these
companies just suddenly collapse
suddenly and entirely we would all be
asking like how has this happened
who who made this happen so this is this
is such a glorious uh
nation that has collapsed that the
question now the prophet is posing
who planned this now the answer
the lord of hosts has purposed it
remember he said his counsel shall stand
nobody can withstand

his counsel nobody can withstand his
plans
and so the sooner we understand what his
plans are the sooner we can declare his
plans
the more confidence god's people can
have
in the word of god and those whom he's
calling can have
in the word of god in a time of
incredible chaos
turmoil uncertainty in all of this
confusion
we can have absolute confidence why
because god has purposed certain things
and those things absolutely will come to
pass
and we can go back thousands of years
even before tyre was a nation
to see what god has purposed and this is
exactly what's happening
so who has put has purposed the
destruction of tyre
the lord of hosts has purposed it to
stain the pride of all glory there it is
again
throughout everything is almost like
this entire theme through isaiah
man's pride and now with the destruction
of tyre
god is zeroing in on the fundamental
problem
of man the pride of man the pride of the
heart
so god has purposed this to stain the
pride of all glory
and to bring into contempt all the
honorable of the earth
so we're heading into a time now which
is becoming increasingly clear to us
that the dishonorable are honored
and the honorable those who want to live
by god's word are dishonored
are dishonored and we're living in a

time where good is evil
and evil is good and so
all these people that are going to be in
great honor and great positions of glory
uh before christ returns they're going
to be brought down
this this upside down world is going to
be turned right side up
and so god has purposed this to stay in
the pride of all glory
and to bring into contempt all the
honorable
of the earth so that we would actually
say these are the dishonorable people
but they're very arrogant they're very
proud
they they have the the world by the tale
they think that everything's going their
way
and they want everybody to bow down to
them or bow down to their god
and god is going to put an end to this
pass through your land as a river oh
daughter of tarshish
there is no more strength so again
they're coming back from their trade
and they can go through the land it's
all gone
they left and the land was in this
incredible position of glory
now they're coming back all the glory is
gone
and so they can pass through the land
they will not find glory anywhere
because god has done this in fact he
says here in verse 11
he stretched out his hand over the sea
he shook the kingdoms the lord has given
a commandment
against the merchant city to destroy the
strongholds thereof so
so babylon is the source of the mystery
religion
but tyre is all about

commerce and so together between babylon
and commer
entire you have the mystery religion and
you have the engine of wealth all
commerce
and so god has put an end to this to
destroy
the strongholds thereof and he
said you should no more rejoice it's
over oh you oppressed virgin
daughter of zion so zidane again another
city in lebanon today
part of tyre um you're now oppressed
you who were in glory you who were
oppressing others
you're now oppressed and daughter of
zion we can think sort of that side on
the the
end time um phoenician people
or the end time what we would call
lebanon today again islamic people
arise passover to chitan and this is
most likely cyprus just
just outside in the mediterranean sea
off the coast
there also shall you have no rest so it
does doesn't matter
if you if you leave the coast and go to
the island
you can't escape this this is the
judgment of god
and he intends to bring down your glory
behold now now look at behold the land
of the chaldeans
so these are the babylonians look at the
babylonians
this people was not till the assyrian
founded it for them that dwell in the
wilderness so it's the assyrian
that founded babylon so the source of
babylon the root of babylon is the
assyrian
anciently it was nimrod who founded
babylon

but prophetically eschatologically
the assyrian is the focus the the
assyrian is the antichrist
and then the jews who read the
scriptures carefully
know that their conflict in the end time
will be with the assyrian and so babylon
gets its strength from the assyrian
is the assyrian that founded it for them
that dwell in the wilderness or in the
desert
they set up the towers thereof they
raised up the palaces thereof
and he brought it to ruin so again we
see this ancient
anciently um we can also imagine this
so in isaiah's time um
babylon was destroyed or he prophesied
that babylon would be destroyed by syria
perhaps we can expect this most likely
we can expect this
in the end time and so the assyrian
today
is going to come out of turkey the land
that we call turkey
is what we would anciently call as syria
and turkey wants to expand to recapture
all of the land that they had anciently
and so he brought babylon to ruin so so
take note
o tyre take note of
babylon how glorious she was
but she was brought to nothing by
assyria so this is your future
how you ships of tarshish so again
if we had lived anciently and just see
all these merchant ships just constantly
going up down the mediterranean sea
and just creating this incredible wealth
for attire that's over
and it's replaced with howling howl
use ships of tarshish for your strength
is laid waste and it shall come to pass
in that day so again this is going to

point to us
eschatologically but there's a there's
an immediate fulfillment and then
there's an ultimate fulfillment
it shall come to pass in that day that
tyre
shall be forgotten seventy years
according to the days of one king after
the end of seventy years shall tire
sing as a harlot so uh
this is the power of prophecy god god
says i'm different for the gods
people can worship whatever whatever
they want but there's only one god
who will actually predict the future and
predict it in detail
so at the time of isaiah writing this um
tyre was a was a glorious city
a glorious nation and isaiah's saying
you're going to be destroyed
and you're going to be destroyed in the
time of one king
that one king is going to destroy you
for 70 years
and at the end of 70 years you will come
back
and you'll begin to sing as a harlot of
her lives to just think lots of traffic
lots of activity and and singing to
attract the activity
so after 70 years this is what's going
to happen
now if we look at ezekiel 26
ezekiel 26 we'll see in jeremiah we're
going to see how this prophecy was
fulfilled
in ezekiel 26 and verse 3
therefore thus says the lord god behold
i am against you o tire and will cause
many nations to come up against you
as the sea causes his waves to come up
and i was just looking at today that the
the lake and all the wind and the waves
just constantly

coming and crashing with the shore these
nations are just going to destroy
tyre and they shall destroy
the walls of tyre and break down her
towers
so her glory is going to come crashing
down i will also scrape her dust from
her
and make her like the top of a rock this
is determined by god
it shall be a place for the spreading of
nets in the midst of the sea
for i have spoken it says the lord god
and it shall become a spoil to the
nations
and her daughters which are in the field
shall be slain
by the sword and they shall know that
i am the lord so that's all of that
haughtiness all of that arrogance is
going to be replaced with humility
and an acknowledgment that god is the
lord
for the says the lord god behold
remember
um isaiah said in the time of one king
for 70 years
tyre would be humiliated and then at the
end of the 70 years they would be
restored
for thus says the lord god behold i will
bring upon tyre
nebuchadnezzar or dresser nebuchadnezzar
king of babylon
a king of kings from the north with
horses and with chariots and with
horsemen
and companies and much people and he
shall slay with the sword
your daughters in the field this is
exactly what isaiah prophesied
and he shall make a fort against you and
cast a mountain
against you and lift up the buckler

against you
and he shall set the engines or the
weapons of war
against your walls and with his axes he
shall break down your towers
so all of that ezeziel prophesied
in addition to what isaiah prophesied
and now here jeremiah
the same prophecy behold jeremiah 25 and
verse 9
behold i will send and take
all the families of the north says the
lord
and nebuchadnezzar the king of babylon
my servant
god raises up kings and brings them down
and uses them to
to advance his counsel to advance his
plan
and nobody can withstand it never could
nezeza was an extremely powerful king
but he was at the beck and call of god
and so he he wouldn't realize it but
he's doing god's will
nebuchadnezzar the king of babelon my
servant and will bring them against this
land
and against the inhabitants thereof and
against all these nations round about
and will utterly destroy them and make
them
an astonishment and a hissing
and perpetual desolations moreover
i will take from them the voice of mirth
so a very joyous city lots of joy
entire god is going to take this away i
will take from them the voice of myrrh
mirth and the voice of gladness the
voice of the bridegroom
and the voice of the bride the sound of
millstones and the light
of the candle and this whole land
shall be a desolation speaking of all
these nations

and an astonishment and these nations shall serve the king of babylon 70 years so all of these nations including judah but and including tyre we're going to see the tyres included in this as well under the times of this is what isaiah prophesied this is exactly what would happen and it shall come to pass when 70 years are accomplished as i said it would happen for 70 years now jeremiah is saying when 70 years are accomplished that i will punish then i will punish the king of babylon so he will he will subject and subdue these people for 70 years but at the end of that 70 years then god will punish the king of babylon and that nation says the lord for their iniquity and the land of the chaldeans and will make it perpetual desolations and they shall drink and be moved and be mad because of the sword that i will send among them and again as we think eschatologically the sword is definitely an islamic weapon so then they turn against each other and they fight each other so this is something that we can expect to see but dropping down all these nations that right then i god identifies all the nations by name but in chapter 25 and verse 22 and all the kings of tyre and the kings of zion and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea so also there are entire is actually called up by name in this prophecy of the 70-year destruction

of these nations including tyre and that supports of both ezeziel and jeremiah are reinforcing the prophecy in isaiah back to chapter 23 of isaiah and verse 16. take a harp go about the city you harlot that has been forgotten make sweet melody sing many songs that you may be remembered so this powerful mercantile uh city and nation it was so glorious was brought down to nothing is now totally forgotten and now as the 70-year period is over it's time for them to go about like an aged harlot uh singing trying to drum up business uh try to drum up your business again that you may be remembered and then very very interesting here in verse 17 and it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years that the lord will visit tyre so he'll bring down babylon and then he will visit tyre and she shall turn to her hire so this is again this mercantile is it's like this is in their dna dna to do trade so she's going to return to this traffic of trade she shall turn to her higher and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth so again isaiah uses this language that we know there is there's an immediate application of the prophecy but then he uses language which is clearly eschatological and points to the time ahead of us the

end time before christ returns
and so there's something about this
nation of tyre
that is all about business it's all
about
commerce it's all about buying and
selling and
enriching oneself through buying and
selling
and so the tire will be restored to this
then it's like after being oppressed and
destroyed for 70 years and then released
from that oppression
they go right back into their
fornication and and
and you know all the nations this is
this is not
unusual behavior even the covenant
people of god
you know uh we when we were studying
judges and we see how
you know they're they're so full of
idolatry
that god then punishes them they cry out
to god he releases them from that
punishment
and when they're released from that
punishment what do they do they go right
back into idolatry
so this this nation of tyre has been
oppressed it's been
it's suffered it's been subjugated and
then god releases it from this
oppression
what does it do it goes right back into
its fornication with all the kingdoms of
the world
upon the face of the of the earth so
clearly tyre
babylon which began in chapter 13 and
now a tire which sort of ends this
section
these these nations babylon and tyre
have a

global impact and this one through
commerce
and all the kingdoms of the earth are
involved in this
and this is language that should remind
us of
chapter chapter 17 of the book of
revelation
revelation 17 2 with whom the kings of
the earth have committed fornication the
very language of isaiah and the
inhabitants of the earth have been made
drunk
with the wine of her fornication so
she's allowed to do this in order for
god's plan to be carried out
so he carried me away in the spirit of
the wilderness into the wilderness and i
saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored
beast full of names of blasphemy
having seven heads and ten horns and the
woman was red and purple and scarlet
color
and decked with gold and precious stones
and pearls
having a golden cup in her hand full
of abominations and filthiness of her
fornication again
language that's alluding to isaiah
and upon her forehead was a name written
mystery babylon the grain so here we see
this merging
of the language describing tyre and the
fornication of her commerce
with babylon so babylon began this whole
section in chapter 13.
tyre ends it in chapter 23 all these
nations
that including jerusalem but all the
nations surrounding jerusalem
are called out for for condemnation
jerusalem
herself is called out for condemnation
we know that god is going to save

jerusalem and judah
but it's very very interesting that the
whole section begins with babylon
ends with tyre and the language is now
merged
in revelation just before in the
fulfillment just before christ returns
called mystery bubble on the great the
mother of harlots and again
language from isaiah 23 and abominations
of the earth
and her merchandise and her higher again
language from 23
of isaiah and her merchandise and her
higher shall be holiness
oh sorry this is let's now go back this
is the last verse
of uh chapter 23 very very interesting
prophecy here
so as uh isaiah says that um
tyre will suffer under babylon
then she'll be released her traffic
will she'll resume that traffic with all
the nations of the world
but then in chapter 18 she goes back to
her fornication with all the
nations plural and then the chapter ends
with this verse
and her merchandise and her higher
shall be holiness to the lord
so this prostitute well this this
woman of traffic who does transactions
with any and everybody in order to
enrich herself
that her merchandise and her hire the
wealth that she generates
will be holiness to the lord and we
understand this
it shall not be treasured nor laid up
for her merchandise shall be for them
that dwell before the lord to eat
sufficiently
and for durable clothing so all this
wealth

that she is just so skilled in
generating
all of this wealth is going to become
hopeless to the lord
and all of this wealth is going to be
inherited
by those who dwell before the lord and
we've actually seen this when we studied
isaiah the second isaiah
in chapter 60. where
god says to judah chapter 60 verse 4
lift up your eyes round about after
she's come through all this suffering
excuse me the prophecy then is lift up
your eyes round about
and see look look they gather themselves
together
they come to you your sons shall come
from far remember your sons have been
scattered they've been taken into
captivity
they've been humiliated and degraded now
your son shall come from far and your
daughters
shall be nursed at your side then you
shall see
and flow together and your heart shall
fear
and be enlarged because the abundance of
the sea
and again tyre was about the traffic of
the sea the abundance of the sea
because the abundance of the sea shall
be converted unto you the forces are the
wealth
of the gentiles shall come unto you
so this is what isaiah meant in verse 18
when he's prophesying that
this traffic of this harlot and her
merchandise
will actually become holiness to the
lord it's going to be transferred
to the covenant people of god and
they're going to use it to facilitate

the the worship of god so we're gonna
stop there
uh because beginning in chapter 24
we're entering into a new section after
all these nations are cursed and
condemned
we're now going to begin to see how god
is going to act
in the end time so very very fascinating
again i just want to remind you
the theater all of this is happening
in the middle east and so christ
instructed us to watch specifically to
watch jerusalem
and everything that's happening in the
earth today the narrative
is that jerusalem is coming under
condemnation
and then jerusalem shall be saved and
the gentile nations that persecuted
jerusalem
they will come under condemnation god
differentiates himself
by his word he is the only god
that can predict the future that can
predict it in detail
and it will come to pass exactly as he
has said
let us hang on to god's word let us
remember
that jesus christ is lord he is
no name is above the name of christ the
father the father has given him a name
above
every name every knee shall bow to him
we shall do so joyously
others will do so even if they have to
howl
and wail because of him what a mighty
god we serve
god bless you brethren
you