26-Ezekiel-07-Transcript

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Well, greetings Brethren and welcome to another Wednesday Night Bible study where we study the Scriptures Line upon Line.

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And this evening, we're going to conclude with Ezekiel chapter 11, I was hoping to get to chapter 12 before closing this section, but Ezekiel 11 is good in a way that does conclude a section of Ezekiel.

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and that'll take about half an hour, 45 minutes or so.

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And then I'm going to address one of two questions that we received for Q and A.

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both questions are, I will describe them as a substantive.

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They're, you know, Brethren are really studying along with us here and they're very serious about their studies.

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So I thank you.

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I thank you for the questions.

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We're in this together, we're studying the scriptures together and I expect, you know, for hearing things that we haven't heard before.

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We're not just gonna just lie down and just accept, you know, whatever a minister says to us and then another minister comes along and says the exact opposite and we're equally enthralled with their teaching.

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No, no, we are disciples we are students and we're very serious about the word of God.

And so when we are challenged in our understanding, we're going to push back a little bit and say this is what I'm understanding.

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So, two great questions.

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I'll only have time for one of them today and then we'll pick up the next one in the next study which fortunately is going to be the October 25th, I think is the date because my wife and I will be traveling quite a bit in the month of well for the feast and then the month of October.

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And I'll be back, God willing in the saddle.

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October 25th where we'll pick up and it will just be Q and A pastor Murray will join me.

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He's not gonna join me tonight because the first question again, it's quite a substantive question.

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I need to take time to unpack the answer and then he, he will join me on October 25th.

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God willing.

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He's also traveling and we should be both back by then.

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I'm sorry that you are not with us for our trumpets service.

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We had a wonderful service.

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So we, we combined with our sister congregations here in Southwester Ontario and deacon Jan gave the oratory message absolutely profound.

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Just a, a knock your socks off message.

And equally Pastor Murray gave the sermon and his sermon was entitled to what will Christ return and just really shattering some paradigms around how we are influenced by mainstream Christianity about the return of Christ.

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So we didn't broadcast, I'm going to encourage my brothers.

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I hope they will locally represent those messages because they really do deserve a wider audience.

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I know you brethren, your followers faithfully would really appreciate their messages.

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So tonight, we're going to sorry, we're going to study our finish, Ezekiel 11 and then we'll have our live Q and A.

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Let me open with word of prayer.

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I'll check the chat to make sure that you in fact can hear me.

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And I'm not just talking to myself, but let's open with a word of prayer, loving heavenly Father.

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We are so grateful to you, Lord.

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what chaos ensues what chaos surrounds us.

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And yet at the same time, Father, we are standing on a solid rock and that rock is the, the covenant faithfulness that both you and Jesus Christ have to Israel and we thank you God for grafting us into this covenant and, and the confidence, the conviction that we can have around your word.

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We thank you Lord for the prophet Ezekiel.

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Thank you for his spectacular and unique ministry.

Thank you God for his courage and conviction and thank you for his example that He sets for us.

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And we pray God that we might model ourselves after the example of Ezekiel.

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We praise you Lord.

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We thank you for the faithful remnants that has always been there.

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And we pray lord, that you will enable us to be that faithful remnant that's here.

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When Christ returns, we praise you Lord, we thank you so much.

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We ask your blessing upon your people, especially in this holy day season, pray that you'll bless our observance of the upcoming Sabbath atonement and then the feast of tabernacles and the last great day, we praise you Lord.

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We thank you so much and ask all of this in the mighty and the holy name of Jesus Christ.

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Amen.

5:39 Well, let me check.

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make sure that I am coming through.

5:43 Well, lots of lots of communication here, Denise.

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Thank you, audio and video are good, Pastor Murray.

Very, very good.

5:53 I can see John Romanes is with us.

5:56 Rosebud is with us.

5:59 Cool.

5:59 Nick 007 is with us.

6:01 Very, very good.

6:04 Christy Rome, nice to see you sister Christy JD is with us.

6:09 Sigfried is with us Rick for Jeff Flann.

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And I know that oh, Peps Square is here as well and I know that many of you just don't log in.

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So I know you're with us and thank you for telling me that you do follow you just don't log in.

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So we don't know that you are there, but we do know that you're there.

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So thank you.

6:28 OK.

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So everything is going well, let's jump in and I'm going to exercise tremendous self-discipline here as I want to just pick up the beginning of chapter 11 just so that we have the flow.

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We got to verse 13, I'm gonna exercise tremendous self-discipline.

I'm not gonna comment on verses 1 to 13.

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I'm just gonna read them.

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All of my commentary is in the archive from last week.

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Let's jump in and I'm going to begin then with Ezekiel 11 and verse one, let me just pump up the volume here or the at least the font moreover, the spirit lifted me up and brought me onto the east gate of the Lord's house which looks eastward and behold at the door of the gate five and 20 men, among whom I saw Je Azania, the son of Azur and pet, the son of Beni princes of the people.

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Then said he unto me, son of man.

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These are the men that devise mischief and give wicked counsel in this city which say it is not near.

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Let us build houses.

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This city is the Caldron and we be the flesh.

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Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy o son of man.

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And the spirit of the Lord fell upon me and said unto me speak thus, saith the Lord Jehovah.

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Thus, have you said o house of Israel?

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For I know the things that come into your mind.

Every one of them, you have multiplied your slain in this city and you have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

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Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, your slain, whom you have laid in the midst of it.

8:11

They are the flesh and this city is the Caldron, but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8:18

You have feared the sword and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God.

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And I will bring you out of the midst thereof and deliver you into the hands of strangers and will execute judgments upon you.

8:31 You shall fall by

You shall fall by the sword.

8:33

I will judge you in the border of Israel and you shall know that I am the Lord.

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And I just wanna, this is gonna come up later.

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So I just want to copy this into the clipboard so I can search for it later.

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This city shall not be your Caldron, neither shall you be the flesh in the midst thereof.

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But I will judge you in the border of Israel and you shall know that I am Jehovah for you have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but I've done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

9:12

And it came to pass when I prophesized that Palaia, the son of Beni died, then fell down upon my face and cried with a loud voice and said, Lord God, will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

9:32 I didn't comment.

9:33 It's all in last week.

9:35 So let's begin then at verse 14.

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But that gives us the context for verse the pass the rest of the passage again, the word of the Lord came unto me saying, son of man, your brethren, even your brethren, the men of your Kindred and all the house of Israel holy.

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Are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, get you far from the Lord unto us is this land given in possession.

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So what they're saying here, those who were taken captive and exiled and taken to Babylon.

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And remember that Nebuchadnezzar basically left those that had no talent, had no ability, had no resources.

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He left them in Jerusalem, but he took all that.

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The talented like Daniel, like Ezekiel, like anybody who had any kind of skill to contribute, that was their foreign policy.

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Now, these people that have, that are left behind in Jerusalem have really become uppity.

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They, they are beginning to credit themselves.

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They're, they're in positions of power.

10:44 Now all the the rabbis are gone.

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They've taken over, they're in these roles and they've grown into these roles and with this has come arrogance.

And now they're saying to the exiled Children of Israel that you have nothing to do with Jerusalem.

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Now we're in charge.

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Now this, this land was given to us, you guys are gone.

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So this is what they're saying to Ezekiel, they're saying to his, his family and, and, and the, the how the whole all the House of Israel, remember we have to read House of Israel in context in this context, he's speaking about the Southern kingdom that was taken captive.

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And so they're saying to all these people that are still alive, but they're taken captive.

11:26

You have nothing to do with Jerusalem now.

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And even worse, they're saying get you far from the Lord, we reject you.

11:34

You've got nothing to do with this.

11:35

We're in charge now therefore, say thus saith the Lord God.

11:42

Although I have cast them far off among the heathen.

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And although I have scattered them among the countries and that's Deuteronomy language.

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That, that's Moses speaking, that was the consequence of, of their faithlessness.

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And so they've been cast off, they've been scattered, although I have cast them far off among the heathen and although I have scattered them among the countries yet, will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come?

Also due to omic language.

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Moses said when this happens to you and you turn to the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul, he'll remember you and he'll have mercy upon you and and he'll bless you so clearly, there are some, there's a remnant with Ezekiel that are in fact faithful and God's eyes are upon them.

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So let's just go to a couple of verses from the Torah Deuteronomy 12 30.

12:42

This was the warning take heed to yourself that you be not snared by following them, the nations around you.

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After that they be destroyed from before you, that that's why they were destroyed, don't follow them and that you inquire not after their gods saying, how did these nations serve their gods?

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We should not be taking instruction from pagans even so will I do likewise.

13:05

And then in Deuteronomy 28 64 what are the consequences if you, if you disobey the Torah and the Lord shall scatter you among all the people from the one end of the earth, even unto the other.

13:18

And so that happened to the northern tribes and now it's happened to the South and there you shall serve other gods which neither you nor your fathers have known, even wood and stone.

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So that is the Deuteronomy warning and the Deuteronomy curse or cursing for the for not obeying the warning.

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Now, what did Moses is looking down from that time all the way to the end time?

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And what did he see as a great prophet of God?

Well, this is our, this is our go to passage.

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We just really need the first three verses of Deuteronomy 30 it shall come to pass when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I've set before you.

14:02 Deuteronomy 28 and 29.

14:04

And you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord, your God has driven you and shall return unto the Lord, your God and shall obey his voice.

14:15

According to all that I command you this day, you and your Children with all your heart and with all your soul, that then the Lord, your God will end your captivity and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

14:35 That's, that's our go to passage.

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That this is the theme of the Bible.

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So this is what God is reminding Ezekiel to tell them the these arrogant leftovers in Jerusalem who really don't have talent or ability but are now in the positions of power are basically looking down on those that have been scattered and taken captive and yet that scattering in captivity has led some to true repentance and this is how they're going to be blessed.

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So God is saying, Ezekiel tell those people that I'm going to be a sanctuary to the faithful remnant.

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And in fact, here in Psalm 44 and Pastor Murray in our Slack channel is giving us the Psalms of ascent.

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And in fact, today's Psalm is a perfect match to the very topics we're talking about this evening.

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But here in Psalm 44 and verse 11, you have given us like sheep appointed for meat.

We're just, we're just pray and have scattered us among the heathen.

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Well, this is exactly what's happened in Psalm 31 and verse 19.

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However, he says, oh, how great is thy goodness, which you have laid up for them?

15:51

That fear you, there's always a blessing associated with fear in God, in, in whatever circumstance.

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So here, how great is His goodness, which he has laid up for them that fear Him.

16:04

It doesn't matter whether you're in captivity or not, if you fear God or if you don't fear God, that is the issue.

16:12

Oh, how great is thy goodness which you have laid up for them, that fear you, which you have wrought for them that trust in you before the sons of men.

16:21

And that is what God is saying to Ezekiel.

16:23

My eyes are on those who fear me and who trust in me before the before human beings.

16:30

So we're not afraid of humans, we're afraid of God and we trust God and then let humans do what they do.

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We don't really care, we're doing what we do.

16:41

God will deal with the humans.

16:44

You shall hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man.

God says I'm going to be like a little sanctuary even though they're scattered.

16:54 I'm still with them.

16:55

My eyes are still on Israel, my eyes are still on the covenant and those who are faithful who are repenting.

17:01

I'll be like a little sanctuary to them.

17:03

We should find great comfort in, in seeing the character of God in understanding the operation of God because as we look into the future, it, it can be a bit, it can be a bit fearful, it can be a bit yikes, what, where are we going with this future?

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But what matters is who we're going with and God is faithful to his covenant.

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So he says, then you sh you shall hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man.

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You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

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This is this is the God of Israel.

17:42 And then I think of passage, we're all very, very familiar with.

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As I start to quote it, you can finish it.

17:48 Malachi 3 16.

17:49 Then they, that what feared the Lord spoke often one to another.

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So it's a little community within the, within the faithless community.

There's a little community, a little remnant that is faithful that speak often one to another.

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And the Lord hear the Lord took note of that and heard it.

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And the book of remembrance was written before him for them that, that what that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name.

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There are many that are in the community, but they don't fear God.

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They, they're, they're like the the people in Jerusalem that become uppity and arrogant and think that we're in control.

18:29 Now we make these decisions.

18:31 We, you know, you guys get lost.

18:33 No, those who fear God.

18:35 God takes note.

18:37

He takes note of you brethren and he says that they fear God and they thought upon his name so much so that we're actually persecuted according to Christ's prophecy in Matthew 24.

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For his name's sake, we're obsessed with his name and what it means.

18:53

And they shall be mine says the Lord of hosts in the day when I make up my jewels and I will spare them, spare them from his wrath.

19:01

Not, not necessarily Satan, but he'll spare them from his own wrath.

That's, that's what really matters and I will spare them as a man, spares his own son that serves him.

19:12 So back to it is Ezekiel 11 verse 17.

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So God is saying, hey, it doesn't matter that you're in Jerusalem and they've been exiled, they are repentant.

19:23 There's a, there's a remnant that's faithful.

19:25 They're the ones that have my eyes on.

19:27 Therefore, say thus says the Lord God, hi.

19:31 This is, this is Moses.

19:34 God is faithful when, when God speaks, that's it.

19:37 Take it to the bank.

19:39 God doesn't speak and change his mind.

19:42 This is why we absolutely categorically reject without any hesitation, the Quran.

19:48

And it's, it's nonsensical description of God and, and God's faithlessness and God's just arbitrary character.

19:56 No, the God, we serve His word is everything He's God because of his word.

And he says, therefore, say, thus says the Lord God, he speaks, I will even gather you from the people even though you're you're scattered.

20:12 Now, you're repenting.

20:13 This is what Moses said.

20:15

And now that I'm seeing repentance, I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered and I will give you the land of Israel brethren.

20:29 This is the gospel.

20:31 This is the gospel.

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And if somebody is preaching to you a gospel or if you're preaching a gospel that doesn't include this, you're preaching a false gospel, you're hearing a false gospel.

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If somehow you have a just a plan of God, a layout of the plan of God that somehow skips over this.

20:55 You've missed the bow.

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You're not, you're not in accordance with the Bible.

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You're not in accordance with Genesis to revelation because this is the theme of the Bible.

21:07

Therefore, say thus says the Lord God, I will, I personally will do this.

21:13

This is the zeal of the Lord.

I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the country.

21:19

And these are powerful countries think think pharaoh and steroids that have, that have, that are holding these people captive, even think the grave that is holding these people captive.

21:29

And God is saying against all of this, I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered and I will give you what, what will He give us or what will he give Israel the land of Israel, the land.

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How, how is it that we have a gospel that ignores the land that we have completely forgotten the land and God's focus on the land.

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We've completely forgotten this and, and we have a gospel message.

22:04

Some certainly traditional Christianity.

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That's all traditional Christianity, all about heaven for us.

22:11

We're just like, hey, we're gonna be spirit beings and we're gonna be floating all over the universe and, and the land is not part of this equation.

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How can this be the true gospel?

22:21

Is God's faithfulness about bringing Israel back into the land forever.

22:26

It's gonna be the God of Israel forever and they shall come there and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

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So this is what Moses said, you guys have you, you, you the blessing and the curse is gonna come upon you.

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You'll start with the blessing.

The curse is gonna come upon you.

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But if you truly repent of all this abomination, then the blessing will be eternally upon you and God will gather you and put you back in the land and not only will, he put them back in the land and, and they're going to repent of all the abominations.

23:05

This is the go I'm preaching the gospel brethren.

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This is the gospel.

23:09

Remember Paul said that the same gospel which was preached to them was preached to us.

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The only difference was, it wasn't mixed with faith with our forefathers.

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They heard it but they didn't believe it.

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That's the only difference.

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So, if our forefathers are resurrected or if they were to be resurrected today and we start preaching the gospel, it has to be something they recognize it has to be something.

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Yeah, we, we heard this, we just didn't believe it at the time.

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It can't be like, whoa, I've never heard this because the same gospel that was preached to them was preached to us.

23:46 The only difference is with them.

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It was not mixed with faith.

This is the gospel and I will give them one heart.

23:52

He says he goes on in addition to bringing them to the land, having them repent and clean out the abomination.

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He says, I will give them one heart and I will put a new spirit within you and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.

24:11

We are just the first fruits, gentiles, graft in grafted in of this story.

24:18 But this is Israel's story.

24:19 It belongs to Israel.

24:21 It's a, it's a love, deep love, covenant relationship between God and Israel.

24:26 And it's a covenant commitment.

24:28 It's not something where God makes an oath and then it kind of doesn't work out.

24:32 So he drops that oath and he takes up another oath.

24:36 He makes an oath.

24:38 It doesn't quite work out.

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The other party is not quite the, the, the what, what he thought they were going to be.

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And so he drops that oath and makes an oath to somebody else that is not God's character, that is not God's character.

And so he wants us to learn the power of covenant that he has covenanted with Israel, period.

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And so sorry, Muhammad, sorry Mohammedans.

25:08

God doesn't operate like that where he makes the covenant drops that covenant and then, and then covenants with somebody else.

25:16

No, no, he's made this covenant.

25:18

Sorry, Arabs, you're out unless you come in through the, the the current door that's open for gentiles to come in.

25:28

And so he says, I'll give them one heart and I'll put a new spirit within you and I'll take the stony heart out of their flesh and we'll give them a heart of flesh.

25:37

This is the covenant.

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We have to learn this and now whatever mistakes we've made we've made.

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But then now we need to understand this is God's character.

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He says, why would he do this?

25:47 Why, why, why is he doing this?

25:49 That they may walk in my stats, they can't do it without the spirit.

25:53

And the language in Deuteronomy 30 is spiritual language.

When Moses is talking, he's talking about the Holy Spirit in these people.

26:01

And so here it is now that they may walk in my statues and keep my ordinances and do them to actually do them.

26:08

But they need the spirit to do that and they shall be my people and I will be their God.

26:16

This is the covenant, this is the that covenant marriage relationship, that they were faithless, but God is going to enable them through Christ to come back to clean themselves up and to be faithful.

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And for this union which was declared anciently to now take hold eternally.

26:38

Jeremiah saw the exact same thing he says in Jeremiah 24 and verse five, thus saith the Lord.

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This said, thus, saith the Lord, the God of Israel.

26:48

This is the God we serve and this is a, thus saith the Lord of the God of Israel that we serve like these good figs.

26:57

So will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah?

27:01

So the people in Jerusalem are basically laughing and scoffing and dismissing the exiles and Ezekiel saying not so fast.

27:10

You people are very corrupt in Jerusalem.

27:12

You, you, you, you just, there's no redeeming quality that God sees.

27:16

He's gonna, he's gonna absolutely raise Jerusalem.

But those that were taken captive and who come to their senses and realize the mistake and why they're captive and repent.

27:26

God is gonna be a little sanctuary to them.

27:29 And what does Jeremiah say?

27:30 Thus, Saith the Lord, the God of Israel like these good figs.

27:35

So will I acknowledge them that carried away that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I've sent out of this place into the land?

27:43 Of the Chaldeans for their good.

27:46

So that 70 year count that, that Ezekiel is going through and Daniel is counting out, this is for their good.

27:52 They're in Babylon for their good for.

27:55 I will set my eyes upon them for good and I will bring them again to this land.

28:01 So it's not an exile forever.

28:03

God is going to act and bring them back and I will build them and not pull them down and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

28:12 This is the gospel brethren.

28:15 This is the gospel.

28:16 This is our gospel message.

When we preach and, and, and a Jewish rabbi hears us preach.

28:24

They've got to scratch their head and say they really know the Bible.

28:28

We can't be preaching something in the Jew Jewish rabbi who knows his scriptures knows the Torah knows the prophets is thinking he has have no clue what they're talking about.

28:38 This is the Hebrew Bible.

28:42

This is the Torah is the foundation, the prophets amplify the foundation, the apostles amplify the prophets and the Torah.

28:51

He says, and I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord and they shall be my people and I will be their God.

29:00 Do we preach this brother?

29:01 Do we understand this?

29:03 And for they shall return unto me with their whole heart back to Ezekiel 11 verse 21.

29:10 So this is, this is the scripture.

29:11 We can't escape this we can't, we can't ignore this.

29:14 Oh, you know what Jeremiah is a big book.

29:17 Isaiah is a big book.

Ezekiel is a big book.

29:19

You can't expect us to understand these things that are in the middle of the book.

29:22

Oh, yeah, that is the expectation that that is why we read these texts now line up line.

29:28

So we don't skip over these things and we can understand the full counsel of God and preach the gospel accurately precisely rightly dividing the word of truth.

29:39 Ezekiel 11 in verse 21.

29:42

But as for them, so this is what God is going to do according to Moses original prophecy.

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But as for them, whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations wake up Jerusalem.

29:58

I will recompense their way upon their own heads.

30:02

Says the Lord God here in, you know, with this consistency, as I said, the Moses is the foundation.

30:11

The prophets amplify Moses, the apostles, amplify the prophets.

30:14

And Moses here is Paul speaking to the Thessalonians.

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He says to them, for you brethren speaking to the Thessalonica, you brethren became followers of the churches of God, which in Judea are in Christ, Jesus.

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So H gentile brethren are following the Jewish church in Christ for you also have suffered like things of your own countrymen even as they have of the Jews.

So now that you're coming to faith, you're being persecuted by your own countrymen, even as those Jews who repented and came into Christ were persecuted by their fellow countrymen, but make no mistake.

31:01

You became followers of the churches of God, which in Judea are in Christ, Jesus.

31:09

Now these Jews who persecuted your, your fellow brethren, these Jews who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets.

31:19 Matthew 23.

31:21 This is what Jerusalem did.

31:23

The the, that's why these folks who are in Jerusalem getting all uppity.

31:27

This is like, whoa, this is who you, this is, this is your, your track record here.

31:32

You killed the Lord Jesus and your own prophets and have persecuted us and they please not God and are contrary to all men.

31:42

But I just wanted to point out here how the Apostle Paul as he's preaching to gentiles, he's not completely dismissing the co the covenant people.

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He's telling the gentiles, hey, you're followers of the covenant people.

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And we should have this very high sensitivity to who we are and what we are and where we are and how we are.

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He says now in Daniel 12, Daniel says, and again, a very familiar prophecy and at that time, shall Michael stand up the great prince which stands for the Children of your people.

And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.

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And at that time, your people shall be delivered.

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Everyone that shall be found written in the book So there is deliverance for the covenant community and then listen to what Daniel says because Ezekiel or God is telling Ezekiel to make a demarcation between those that he'll be a sanctuary for and those that he'll bring back into the land and those that he will absolutely destroy.

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And Daniel saw it as well.

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He says, and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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And this is in the context, not just general humanity.

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The context of this is the people, the pe he says, the people that Michael is standing up for the Children of your people, the Children of Judah basically.

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So the Children of Judah, not general humanity because sometimes we can use this as a proof text and apply to general humanity.

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No, the Children of Judah, some of the Children of Judah that sleep, they're going to awake to everlasting life.

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And some of the Children of Judah that sleep are going to awake, to everlasting contempt and not necessarily at the same time and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

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Again, in the context of the Children of your people that we are grafted in wonderful.

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It doesn't change the narrative.

Why that they may turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

33:59 So this is the Children of Judah.

34:00 Tho those faithful repentant Jews.

34:04 This is them.

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And it's us because we're graphed in because God has just opened that window for gentiles to come into this story.

34:12 But it is the story of Judah.

34:13 Let's acknowledge that back to Ezekiel 11 verse 22.

34:18 Then did the caravan.

34:21 So remember this, this transportation vehicle, this this mobile throne is still there in the vision.

34:31 Then did the caravan lift up their wings and the wheels beside them?

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He's really obsessed with the wheels and that really impacted him and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

34:45 And in other words, it wasn't, it was no longer in the temple.

34:48 It's out of the temple.

34:49 Now it's over the the the caribe.

It's, it's, it's in, it's in transit and the glory of the Lord went up.

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This is tragic.

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This is the, you know, God is recoiling from these people and the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city that is Jerusalem and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

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And remember they were facing east and worshiping the sun and all this horrendous abomination afterward, the spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea.

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So first he's in vision in Jerusalem.

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Now he's being brought in vision into Chaldea to them of the captivity.

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These are the ones that were taken captive or they were exiled So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

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So suddenly he's out of the vision now completely.

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And now he's, he's returned to his brethren in Chaldea.

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Then I spoke unto them of the captivity, all the things that the Lord had shown me.

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And so I think there is a remnant community within this very stubborn, very hostile set of people.

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I I think there's AAA remnant based on the way the passage is written that are repentant and that God wants them to be encouraged.

But at the same time, Ezekiel has to be like a his forehead adamant and harder than flint against these rebel people.

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So that is the end of Ezekiel 11.

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And so we've been on this nice journey line by line, seeing Ezekiel's call to ministry, seeing his his demonstrations, very unique demonstrations to basically warn Judah and specifically Jerusalem of what was coming.

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And then we saw that the prophecy prophecies where he was not just prophesying against the Jews against the people, but he was prophesy specifically against the land and specifically against the mountains of Israel according to the Torah.

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And so this is where like, whoa, we've got to slow down here.

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We've got to slow down this, this is geographically specific that we cannot take some of these prophecies and just apply them here there and everywhere we want to be precise.

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And so now we realize that the land is a focal point in God's plan.

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And so as we preach our warnings of prophecy and as we preach our gospel message, we need to include the land, we need to include the land.

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We have to have a heart for the land because God's heart and zeal is for the land.

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And then we saw now that Ezekiel was brought into vision so that he could see the root cause of these abominations.

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And in fact, the root cause was the leadership that the people.

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Yeah, they went astray.

They, they followed, but it was the leaders who were the root cause.

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And while they're confronting Ezekiel God is showing Ezekiel, this is what's really going on behind the scenes.

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So that is Ezekiel 11 fascinating study.