

26-Ezekiel-23-Transcript

0:49 Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study where together we study the scriptures line upon line.

0:58 And this evening, God willing, what I'd like to do is get through Ezekiel chapter 26.

1:06 Let me open with a word of prayer and then we'll get into the study for this evening.

1:11 Our heavenly Father, we pause as is our custom.

1:15 We want to acknowledge you.

1:17 We want to acknowledge the incredible privilege.

1:20 We have to call you father to call one another brethren to call Jesus Christ, our elder brother and our savior and our soon coming king, we thank you Father for the confidence that we can have in your word.

1:34 And we thank you for the incredible blessing of understanding your word and growing in this grace and this knowledge.

1:40 We thank you Father for the holy day season that we've come through.

1:45 And we look forward now to the fall Holy days.

1:48 We praise you father and just thank you so much for your plan.

1:52 And our part in it, we ask your blessing in our study in Jesus holy name.

1:57 Amen.

1:58 Well, as I mentioned, we want to get through Ezekiel chapter 26.

2:03 Today, last week we were in Ezekiel chapter 25 we, we saw this judgment against Ammon against Moab, against Edom and against Palestine or the Palestinians.

2:18 And, and this week we're going to see this week and next week and possibly the week after the next three chapters are judgments against tire and tire is a significant or was a significant city or power in the time of this judgment.

2:39 So let me go ahead and share my screen and let's see here.

2:51 There we go.

2:51 Hopefully you can see my screen now and we're going to look at Ezekiel 26.

3:01 It says here and it came to pass in the 11th year in the first day of the month that the word of the Lord came unto me saying so just before we go into what the word of the Lord says to Ezekiel, just notice his counting.

3:17 He says it came to pass in the 11th year.

3:20 It's been a while since we have been in Ezekiel.

3:24 We just started back in Ezekiel last week.

3:27 But remember that this counting was significant and one of our brothers helped us understand the significance of this counting in Ezekiel one and verse one, it says now it came to pass in the 30th year in the fourth month in the fifth day of the month as I was among the captives by the river of Kar that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God in the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of King Jeakins captivity.

3:58 So, what we saw here is 30 years have passed and he's counting and he's counting based on the prophecy that was given to Daniel that the 70 weeks prophecy.

4:10 And so he's saying now we're, it's supposed to be 70 years in this captivity where in the 30th year, there's four years left.

4:21 And so he begins the count.

4:23 And we see here in chapter four and verse six, and when you have accomplished to them lie again on your right side and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah.

4:33 40 days.

4:35 I have appointed you each day for a year.

4:37 So we're seeing 30 years have been accomplished, there's another 40 to go.

4:42 And so this is what the prophet is counting for this second group of exiles.

4:48 They have 40 more years.

4:51 And so it's now the 11th year of the count and he comes to verse two.

4:56 So this is what this, the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel.

5:01 And just remember that we have been through all of these incredible judgments against Judah and Jerusalem.

5:10 And then last week, we saw the beginning of the gospel, the beginning of the good news because now as it as Moses prophesized in Deuteronomy, 30 God now turns his attention to Judah, enemies to Israel's enemies to bring them down and this is cause for rejoicing for the two houses of Israel.

5:36 Ezekiel 26 in verse two son of man because that tire has set against Jerusalem.

5:45 Aha.

5:46 So very similar to what we saw last week with Ammon and with Moab.

5:51 they they were rejoicing over the fall of Jerusalem.

5:55 We see the same thing here with tire because that tire has said against Jerusalem.

6:02 Aha.

6:03 She is broken.

6:05 That was the gates of the people.

6:07 She has turned on to me.

6:09 I shall be replenished.

6:11 Now she has laid waste.

6:13 So tire.

6:14 The only way I can explain tire sort of in the our modern context is it's this island that today this the tire is Lebanon.

6:25 So the area of Lebanon is what we refer to as Tire.

6:29 And, and the city of Tire initially was a, a fortified island that excelled in commerce.

6:37 It would be like the the the lake England.

6:41 So England is this island that they there was a time they said the sun never set on the British Empire.

6:48 And yet it's just this little island.

6:50 This is the way I think we should think of tire is it was this island that basically because of it, it was in the center of trade and it had a very, very strong economy, strong military, it was just, it was a powerhouse of a city or a city state.

7:08 And when it was conquered, we're gonna read about this by Nebuchadnezzar.

7:14 Then it was conquered by the Persians.

7:16 Then it was conquered by the Greeks or the Pers, the Persians, then the Greeks Alexander the Great and when Alexander the Great conquered it, he made it a pen a peninsula.

7:27 So he connected it to the mainland.

7:30 And then Rome conquered it in the end.

7:34 So it, it basically changed hands.

7:36 But initially this, this powerhouse of an economy was taken down and we're going to read about this by, by Babylon, but it was all about economic trade and that's how it gathered its power and Jerusalem was a rival to it.

7:52 And so it, it had great joy at the fall of Jerusalem because it saw all of that commerce.

7:58 It could take advantage then and be the sole beneficiary of all of the trade taking place in the Middle East.

8:08 So this, she says, all of this wealth now will be turned to me and I shall be replenished now that she has laid waste.

8:20 I want to just talk about Lebanon who, who does this land belong to?

8:27 Let's go to Joshua to see this land of Tyre who does it belong to.

8:33 Again, there's a lot of controversy over the Middle East and Israel has traded land for peace and it's gotten her nowhere nowhere.

8:45 So this land that she's giving away trying to trade for peace, who does the land actually belong to.

8:51 Well, it belongs to God and who did God give it to?

8:55 So, here we see in Joshua eight Joshua 19 and verse 24 and the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the Children of Asher according to their families and their border was Heath and Hali and Bein and Saf.

9:15 And then dropping down to verse 28 and Hebron and rehab and Hammon.

9:21 And there's a lot of different cities and villages that are named here.

9:23 I'm just cutting into the verses here even unto Great Zon and verse 29 and then the coast turns to Rama and to the strong city tire.

9:37 So this powerhouse of a city tire or city state was actually given to the Children of Asher, the tribe of Asher and the coast turns to Hosa and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Akib.

9:53 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the Children of Asher, according to their families, these cities along with their villages.

10:05 So all of this land when, when Christ returns, he is going to give it to the tribes that he assigned through Moses.

10:14 And so all of this controversy will be resolved.

10:17 And what we're seeing in these prophecies is God takes sides and he is on the side of the House of Israel.

10:26 So this area of Lebanon today, as I said, tires is Lebanon.

10:34 But I think as we look at the scriptures here, the scroll anciently tire is Lebanon.

10:41 But these prophecies have dual applications, excuse me, or sometimes multiple applications.

10:50 It's like a pattern.

10:50 It's like a cycle.

10:53 And each time these prophecies are fulfilled they intensify.

10:57 So there's every indication that the this prophecy we're reading has an end time fulfillment.

11:05 And I think in the end time we have to be careful.

11:08 So Lebanon, yes, it's the geo geography of Lebanon.

11:12But in terms of who today is Tiresias in my estimation, the way that I would look at this is we see Hezbollah controlling Lebanon and, and attacking the House of Judah.

11:29But Hezbollah, these are not Lebanese, Hezbollah is actually controlled by Iran and Iran.

11:39Although that's Persia Persians are not in control of Iran.

11:44It's actually Arabs that are in control of Iran.

11:49So although it's talking about Tiresias here in its modern context, these are Arabs and although it's talking about Lebanon, it's Arabs that are controlling this and, and fueling the hostilities and the hatred against the House of Judah.

12:06Therefore, thus says, the Lord God behold, I am against you.

12:12I Jehovah the God of the universe, I'm against you.

12:17O Tiresias.

12:18And I would say today these are the Shia, the Shiite Muslims, the Mohammedans out of Iran with nuclear capability and incredible power.

12:34God says I'm against you.

12:36O Tiresias and will cause many nations to come up against you.

12:42And again, these nations are going to be neighboring nation, nations.

12:45So these are going to be Islamic nations as well and there is no love lost between the Shiites and the Sunnis.

12:54They absolutely hate each other.

12:56They hate each other with the intensity with which they hate Israel.

13:01It's just that they have to destroy Israel first and once Israel is destroyed, then they'll turn on each other.

13:08So all of these Sunni Muslims particularly led by Saudi Arabia, they hate the Shiites.

13:17And so God says here, and we saw it anciently, but there's going to be an end time fulfillment.

13:22Many nations will come up against Tiresias as the sea causes His waves to come up.

13:27So just, just the same way you see waves just keep coming up on the shore.

13:31God says this, this is the fulfillment of prophecy against Tiresias and they shall destroy the walls of Tiresias.

13:40This is a really fortified city.

13:42It was, it was just untouchable and the thought that this city could collapse even in the time of Joshua, there was just such such high regard for the stronghold of Tiresias, but God is saying they shall destroy the walls of Tiresias and break down her Tiresias or her towers.

14:00I will also scrape her dust from her and make her like the top of a rock.

14:07And this is really interesting that she'll be made like the top of a rock.

14:11It, it's fascinating because in the Hebrew Tiresias was so actually, means a rock.

14:20So you can see here, it means a rock.

14:21It's a place in Palestine, but the name Tiresias actually means a rock.

14:25And then God is saying, I will also scrape her dust from her and make her like the top of a rock.

14:32So it's kind of a bit of an ironic twist.

14:34They take pride in themselves, this, this stronghold, but God is going to bring them down.

14:40It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea.

14:52For I have spoken it.

14:53It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea for I have spoken.
14:58It says the Lord God Jehovah and I and it shall become a spoil to the nations.
15:05So this is similar to what we saw last week with Ammon be Ammon, the Children of Ammon where God says that despite all of their wealth and strength and beauty that it was just going to become AAA dwelling place for camels, it'll be a place where you bring your animals and, and let them rest the couch for your camels.
15:27It would just come down and become nothing.
15:30That's what God is saying here about tire that.
15:33It'll be a place where people go fishing.
15:36They, they spread their nets.
15:37It's like, it's, it's no longer gonna be regarded.
15:40It's like again, Britain at one time, the, the, the sun never set on the British empire now.
15:47It's nothing and it's quickly becoming less than nothing.
15:51And people just part my language, but it's like a a wash basin for the nations.
15:58They just go and they just take advantage of it and it means nothing.
16:02It's lost its power.
16:04And, and so this is what we're seeing with this, this powerhouse of an island that basically ruled the Middle East.
16:10God says it's gonna become the place where you just go fishing because God has spoken it and it will become the spoil to the nation.
16:19So they'll all come and take their part in it.
16:23And so today tire means nothing.
16:27And you say to somebody tire or even even Lebanon, nobody really cares.
16:31It's been destroyed as a, as a powerhouse and her daughters.
16:37And again, even though that has that nation has been stri, I think this tribe and we'll see we're gonna see this, the lamentation of Tyre next week.
16:46But then we're gonna see this, this oracle against the king of tyre in chapter 28 which will come to maybe next week or the week after.
16:54And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword and they shall know that I am Jehovah.
17:02So Tyre has daughters and, and again, it used to be an island.
17:06Alexander, the great made it a peninsula.
17:08So it's connected to the mainland.
17:10But she has daughters and those that are connected with her are going to be slain by the sword.
17:17And, and in my view, in the end time, anytime we see that slain by the sword, we're talking about Islam, we're talking about violent Muhammadans.
17:27But here this prophecy is speaking of the Babylonians, particularly Nebuchadnezzar.
17:35And so, and this is today Babylon is Iraq, the area of Iraq which is 5050 more or less.
17:43Sunni and Shia for thus says, the Lord God behold, I will bring upon tyre, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings from the north with horses and with chariots and with horsemen and companies and much people like God is using.

18:09 So, so this powerful king of Babylon, He, he's going to think that he's really something and, and move in and destroy tire thinking that it's all about his power and not realizing that God is in control.

18:28 And this is really how we have to see geopolitics today that as we watch, I've mentioned already the, the complete collapse of the United Kingdom.

18:38 We're watching the complete collapse of the American Empire, the greatest superpower the world has ever seen by far.

18:44 We're witnessing the collapse of this.

18:47 We're seeing the rise of other nations, particularly I've already mentioned Iran becoming a extremely powerful nuclear threat.

18:58 All of this is by God's design.

19:00 So these men think that they're making their own choices, but God is just allowing them to pursue their human nature and he's using it.

19:10 So here God used Nebuchadnezzar, not just to destroy Jerusalem, but also to destroy tyre with horses, with chariots, with horsemen and companies and much people.

19:21 He shall slay with the sword, your daughters in the field and he shall make a fort against them and cast the mount against you and lift up the buckler against you.

19:33 So again, this is anciently fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar, But Babylon is Iraq and who knows how this is gonna unfold in the future.

19:42 But I think we're seeing a Sunni Shia conflict and perhaps Turkey takes control of Iraq and because we're also looking for the Assyrian, but in all of this, we're going to see some conflict between these two factions of Islam is what I'm seeing here.

20:04 He shall slay you with the sword, your daughters in the field.

20:07 He shall slay with the sword, your daughters in the field and he shall make a fort against you and cast a mount against you and lift up the buckler against you.

20:17 And he shall set engines of war against your walls and with his axes, he shall break down your towers by reason of the abundance of his horses, their dust shall cover you.

20:30 Your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen and of the wheels and of the chariots.

20:35 When he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

20:42 This is just, again, we have to just put ourselves back in time to see this extremely powerful city state.

20:50 We, we consider a superpower who were living in the time and God is prophesying through Ezekiel, it's going to be destroyed, it's going to come down, it's going, its walls are going to be breached and it will become nothing.

21:02 And, and I think we have to understand that all of the powers in the world today are temporary.

21:10 They're temporary that the kingdom of God is coming to replace all of them.

21:15 So we no matter what happens in the world, we just have to have this faith that all of this is temporary.

21:21 It's like this pandemic that we all went through for three years.

21:27 And at the time when we were in the midst of it, it seemed like it was going to last forever.

21:31 It seemed like it would never end.

21:33And these very, very powerful people were just flexing their muscles and then all of a sudden it's over.

21:39So this is the sort of faith, this is the pattern.

21:41We need to understand that the power of men is temporary.

21:46And when we see men flexing their muscles, it's temporary that the only kingdom that's going to be established and last forever is the kingdom of our Lord.

21:57He goes on to say here verse 11 with the hoofs of his horses, shall he tread down all your streets?

22:05He shall slay your people by the sword and your strong garrisons shall go down to the ground and they shall make a spoil of your riches.

22:15And again, this is the key that tire was this economic powerhouse.

22:19But they'll make a spoil of your riches and make a prey of your merchandise and they shall break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses.

22:28And just as an aside when I'm reading this, I can't help but think of America that these nations are going to make a spoil of America's riches, make a prey of her merchandise, break down her walls, destroy her pleasant houses and they shall take your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

22:47So just, just use it as a resource, a pool of resources that they can take from.

22:52But this is speaking of of tire, I will cause the noise of your songs to cease and the sound of your harps shall be no more heard.

23:04God is against tire.

23:05And again, this powerful city state.

23:08you know, in an Islamic context, this Azan, this call to prayer that they just boast how powerful Allahu Akbar.

23:17And they quote Po Bost, how powerful they are and everybody has to hear the bells and the and the call and, and God is saying, I'm gonna cause that to cease and I will make you like the top of a rock.

23:29He says it again, you shall be a place to spread nets upon and you shall be built no more for I Jehovah have spoken.

23:38It says the Lord God.

23:40So when you go against Jerusalem and you go against the house of Judah, God takes sides and we've already seen from Ezekiel 1 to 24.

23:51No doubt about it.

23:53God's people, the house of Israel and the house of Judah are evil.

23:58They're wicked.

23:59They, they, they, they are covenant breakers, but God is in covenant with them, they are his people.

24:05He has chosen them.

24:07And when you go against them, anyone who blesses them will be blessed.

24:11Anyone who curses them will be cursed.

24:13And these are the enemies of the house of Israel.

24:16And God is saying I'm against you.

24:19And so he he's spoken and it's going to happen verse 15.

24:23Thus says, Jehovah had an eye to Tyrus shall not.

24:27The Isles shake at the sound of your fall when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the middle of you.

24:37So, so all the surrounding nations, they're gonna see this and they're going to be terrified by what they see.

24:45It's going to be astonishing to them.

24:49Then shall the princes of the sea.

24:52Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their Thrones and throw away their robes and put off their broad garments.

25:04They shall clothe themselves with trembling again.

25:06This is these are powerful government officials, you know, princes.

25:12So think, think of the Saudi princes with all of their wealth.

25:16They're gonna be looking at this and they're gonna be terrified and just cast off their, their, their, their symbols of power and their wealth.

25:26They shall clothe themselves with trembling with terror.

25:30They shall sit upon the ground and shall tremble at every moment and be astonished at you.

25:38I can't believe what has happened and they shall take up a lamentation for you and say to you, how were you destroyed?

25:46How how did this happen?

25:48How on earth did this happen?

25:51And again, for us, we're reading this.

25:53It's, it's academic but had we lived in the time, we were just how could, how could tire be destroyed.

26:02And and in the end time when these nations are flexing their muscle, it seems so incredibly powerful and they've plundered America and transferred all of America's wealth to themselves.

26:13We're gonna think that they're gonna be around forever but they will be destroyed.

26:17This pattern will repeat, how are you destroyed that were inhabited by seafaring men?

26:23So it was just the center of traffic.

26:25All of the and, and all of the goods were be really we didn't have, they didn't have airplanes back then.

26:32So all of the goods were really transferred by sea and everything went through tire, the renowned city which was strong in the sea.

26:42She and her inhabitants which caused their terror to be on all that haunted.

26:49So it has just completely collapsed.

26:51That this you know how are you falling?

26:53It, it reminds us of the fall of Babylon in Revelation.

26:58Look at this in revelation 18 and verse seven, how much she has glorified herself and lived delicious, deliciously, so much torments and sorrow give her for.

27:11She says, in her heart, I sit a queen and I'm no widow and shall see no sorrow just as this will never end.

27:19Therefore, shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning and famine.

27:24 And she shall be utterly burned with fire for strong is the Lord God who judges her and the kings of the earth who have committed fornication and live deliciously with her shall bewail her and lament her when they shall see the smoke of her burning.

27:40 So similar to what we just read in Ezekiel standing afar off for the fear of her torment saying Alas alas that great city Babylon that mighty city for in one hour has your judgment come and the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her for no man buys their merchandise anymore.

28:02 So at the time, there was this this economic hub.

28:07 In the end time, we're seeing its Babylon and we're just seeing this pattern, repeating that you go against the house of Judah.

28:13 God is against you.

28:15 Go against the house of Israel.

28:16 God is against you.

28:18 And despite all of this wealth, God says he's going to destroy the wealth.

28:25 And this is the pattern laid down by Moses in Deuteronomy 30.

28:28 Back to Ezekiel 26 verse 18.

28:32 Now shall the Isles tremble in the day of your fall.

28:36 Yes, the Isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at your departure.

28:39 They're all doing business with her.

28:41 They're amazed at how wealthy they're becoming and now they see the collapse for thus says, the Lord God, when I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited, when I shall bring up the deep upon you and great water shall cover you.

28:59 This is amazing.

29:00 God is, is intervening in human affairs, in geopolitics and, and people think that as pastors, we mustn't comment on politics.

29:09 We absolutely have a right to comment on geopolitics because we're reading the prophecies and the prophecies are geopolitical.

29:17 And so we have to have an understanding of how God moves in the affairs of man to forward his agenda to ensure that his plan unfolds verse 20 when I shall bring you down with them that descend into the pit in, into the pit with the people of all time and shall set you in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old with them that go down to the pit that you be not inhabited and I shall set glory in the land of the living.

29:52 So quite a contrast what God is doing and how he's going to bring down this powerful nation.

29:58 I will make you a terror and you shall be no more though you be sought for yet, shall you never be found again?

30:09 Says the Lord God.

30:11 And so this powerful, powerful nation or city state of there it is no more, it is no more.

30:21 as God prophesized.

30:23 You know, we still, we still speak about the tribe of Judah.

30:28 We still talk about the Jews, excuse me, they still have their original language.

30:32 They have their culture, they have their symbols, they have their history.

30:36 There is no more.

30:38If, if I, if I didn't do the research, say, oh, this is, this is the area of Lebanon, nobody knows if I, if we were to stop somebody even in the Middle East and say, tell me about tire, they, they'd have no clue what we're talking about.

30:50And so God's word has been fulfilled.

30:52But as I say, this is a pattern that has been laid down by Moses that he's going to punish his people, the covenant people to drive them to repentance.

31:02And when they come to repentance, he's then going to punish the enemies of his people.

31:08And this is what we're seeing in this passage or these chapters of Ezekiel from 25 to 32 we're going to see and this is the beginning of the good news.

31:19This is the beginning of the gospel that when Jesus Christ returns all these tribes of the earth will mourn, they'll weep, they'll wail, they'll gnash their teeth, they'll throw away their gold and silver and Judah shall rejoice and God is coming to redeem His people, both both houses of Israel.

31:39And as we've just celebrated this feast of weeks, we are the first fruits of this whole operation.

31:46So that is Ezekiel chapter 26.

31:49And God willing, next week, we will continue with the lamentation of tire with Ezekiel chapter 27.

31:57This Sabbath God willing, deacon Jan will be bringing the sermon to us, the Sabbath and I will be traveling.

32:08I'll be in God willing and Medina the Sabbath.

32:11So we'll look forward to you joining us on Sabbath with deacon Jan bringing the sermon.

32:17And with that, I'll, I'll be on the live chat.

32:20This is actually a recorded study because I'll be help you on the way back home Wednesday night as this is being aired.

32:28And hopefully I'll be able to interact in the chat on the taxi ride home.

32:34So God bless you, Jesus Christ is Lord.

32:37Thanks brethren.

32:38God bless.