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well greetings once again brethren and welcome to our final installment in our study of the book of micah we're up to micah chapter seven and it will start off with some some heavy news just finishing off from the information we covered yesterday in micah 6 but then it's going to end with some tremendously good news let's open with a word of prayer and get into micah chapter 7.

our loving heavenly father we come before you again

just so grateful that each day through the feast of tabernacles we've been able to study your word together and just come to a deeper understanding of what the prophet micah's message is all about and how it relates uh to this latter time

we thank you so much father for this great privilege

of studying your word together

and we do pray god that it will

strengthen us and and unlock other books for us help us to understand other books as well

as all these prophets are

amplifying

the original prophecies laid down by the prophet moses

we thank you lord we pray that you will bless our study now and we ask this in jesus most holy name amen

so we are up to micah chapter seven let

me just go ahead and share my screen my scriptures

okay micah 7 and verse 1. i'll just make that a little bit bigger

uh micah 7 and verse 1 he says

woe is me for i am as as when they have gathered the summer fruits as the grape gleanings of the vintage there is no cluster to eat my soul desired the first ripe fruit so now after all of this condemnation of the nation and how miserable they were and how much they have rejected the holy god the prophet looks at his situation and sees that he's in dire trouble that that the it's as if the nation is after a harvest and everything has been taken out all the fruit has been harvested and there's nothing left and this is this is his uh perception of the nation that he is a part of he's now in jerusalem and there's nothing left there's no in fact he says it in the next verse the good man is perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men they all lie and wait for blood they hunt every man his brother with a net so for whatever however this has transpired he's in a state or a condition now where the righteous man no longer exists uh and in fact daniel can give us a bit of insight into what he was seeing in the latter days uh daniel 11 33 and they that understand among the people shall instruct many vet they shall fall by the sword and by flame by captivity and by spoil many days

now when they shall fall they shall be helped with a little help

but many shall cleave to them with flattery so it seems that in this end

time those who stand for god are going to be heavily persecuted and betrayed and whoever's left the majority christ says that many will be offended the majority will not have the character uh that that is expected of the covenant people he says the good man is perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men when he says the earth that's the land uh where they are they all lie in wait for blood all of them why they hunt every man his brother with a net why verse 3 that they may do evil with both hands earnestly so it's almost like the ones that they're hunting and removing they're removing because they don't want to hear any resistance to their ideas and their plots and their schemes and so by removing these people they're able now to to pursue uh and i like the wording here they want to do evil with both hands earnestly they really want to commit themselves to doing evil and they don't want any counter-narrative the prince asks and the judge asks for a reward so you're going to the judge for judgment and it's like well what can you what can you do for me what can you give me the leadership is the same and the great man he utters his mischievous desire so they wrap it up so so the leader the great man the leader just has to indicate uh you know i wish i had that field i wish i had that house and and they'll just take care of it because everybody's in it for themselves everybody's doing each other favor so

they can see what they can get for themselves and this is judah this is the state of affairs that judah has fallen into micah says the best of them is as a bear or a thorn the most upright is sharper than a thornhedge like they're horrible even if you look at the best of them they're they're they're all self-serving they have they have no godly character they're all harmful the day of your watchmen and your visitation comes now shall be their perplexity or their confusion again they think that this can just carry on indefinitely that they can just continue to live like this no there's a judgment coming isaiah says remember isaiah 5 again we've studied this this is in the archive if you weren't with us but isaiah 5 god compares judah and israel to his vineyard he says now go too i will tell you what i will do to my vineyard i will take away the hedge thereof the protections are now is going to come their perplexity because god will take away the hedge thereof and it shall be eaten up and so when it's eaten up there's nothing left and break down the wall thereof and it shall be trodden down and i will lay it waste god is saying i will do this to judah i will lay at waste it shall not be pruned nor dug but there shall come up prayers and thorns this is this is all that will be left i will also command the clouds that they

rain no rain upon it and so clearly this is god acting and driving his people into the pit of misery so that they can come to repentance and then he explains for the vineyard of the lord of hosts is the house of israel and the men of judah his pleasant plant and he looked for judgment but behold oppression similar to the prophet coming among his people and looking for a righteousness but only seeing oppression and so god is looking for justice or judgment but instead he sees oppression he's looking for righteousness but behold the cry those being oppressed by their fellow judeans are crying out because of the oppression the same way israel cried out to god because of the oppression of the egyptians here they're now crying out to god because of the oppression of their own brothers go back to micah 7 and verse 5 micah says here in this state of affairs trust you not in a friend put you not confidence in a guide keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies in your bosom so it is an environment of betrayal left right and center and if you are righteous or desire to be righteous you can't trust anybody everybody is betraying everybody even her that's in your bosom now remember this is in the natural not in the spirit but we'll come back to that in a moment he says for the son dishonors the father the daughter rises up against her mother

this is incredible this is judah judah that's built upon the patriarchal higher hierarchy or the patriarchal family structure where the father is respected the mother is honored children honor their parents even they're they're married and they've established their own household they still honor their parents and they're still part of that patriarchy but now things have gotten so bad and they've left completely the covenant instructions and really gone after pagan behavior the son dishonors the father and the daughter rises up against her mother the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law so that the daughter-in-law is coming in to the family and she's totally disres disrespectful to the mother-in-law a man's enemies are the men of his own house christ quotes this in matthew 10 and in luke and also in mark so we'll come to that in a moment before we do jeremiah who comes after micah mike is prophesying this is what's going to happen jeremiah sees it as well jeremiah 9 verse 3 and they bend their tongues like their bow for lies it's like an archer just it's amazing there's a target and the archer is pulling back to make sure that he can hit the target this is how their tongues work they zero in and they unleash their tongue on very precise targets they bend their tongues like this is

judah and they bend this is the covenant people they bend their tongues like their bow for lies everybody's full of deception but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth for they proceed from evil to evil and they know not me says the lord take you heed everyone of his neighbor beware of your neighbor and trust you not in any brother for every brother will utterly supplant and every neighbor will walk with slanders and they will deceive everyone his neighbor and will not speak the truth and so this environment that they're in is one that maybe is one of fear and panic and because everybody's in a state of fear and panic they they're all self-serving they're all in you know in this survival mode and they will deceive everyone his neighbor and will not speak the truth and they have taught their tongue to speak lies and weary themselves to commit iniquity they're just knocking themselves out to engage in iniquity your habitation is in the midst of deceit through deceit they refuse to know me says the lord so micah saw it jeremiah saw it in matthew christ used these prophecies which obviously had a near-term fulfillment to say that this is what's going to

happen in the latter end so although they had a near-term fulfillment christ came to fulfill the prophets to fill to the full and so the great tribulation that's ahead of us is going to bring these prophecies to their in to their complete fulfillment and so christ used micah and jeremiah to point to our future and he says here in matthew 10 and verse 21 warning the disciples and the brother shall deliver up the brother to death that's where we're headed that's where we're headed the brother shall deliver up the brother to death and the father the child so the family means nothing the family means nothing you can see here in the the western world how hard they are working to destroy the family how actively they are working to make the state the only uh real family so the state will be your mother get on welfare and stay on it and the state will be the father you don't need a father in the home because the state will be the father and the state will then take the children and and we need to get children into daycare as early as possible so we can have some bizarre freaks building bonds with children and there will be no bond between the children and the parents and so children who are who undergo these this type of traumatic experience where at the earliest ages they're being taught sodomy and the virtue of sodomy and they have pedophiles all around them these children who are subjected to this

trauma when they grow up to be adults there is no bond with the parents and that's exactly what the state wants so all of us who are caught up in this socialism we need to understand what it means and historically the fruit that it is born because the fruit that it's going to bear will be no different it is a murderous ideology so the brother shall deliver up the brother to death there's no there's no bond here and the father the child and the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death somebody has dropped a nuclear bomb on the nuclear family it's just completely blown up this is where we're headed this is the future that christ said we're heading into he says for i am come to set a man of variance against his father and the daughter against her mother and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law now those that are set at variance these are not the christians christ is not putting the christians at variance against their own family and there are some cults that that's sort of the first evidence or the first clue that you're involved in a cult is when they pull you away from your family and they turn you against your family that's not what christ endorses so while the christian will do all they can to strengthen the family bonds because of who christ is and what he represents

satan is going to activate those who are who who don't know christ to be hostile to christ so in your family don't be surprised if just by saying you know i think i i i need to be keeping the sabbath i believe i need to be keeping the holy days i need to be keeping the commandments of god i i i want to be a righteous person just by saying i want to follow christ don't be surprised if the most intense hostility is if you're confronted by the most intense hostility because christ is a polarizing figure and there is a devil in this world and as you declare christ and pursue christ the devil is going to activate the carnal mind of man so those that are at variance and variance is a satanic wavelength those that are at variance are under the influence of the devil just because of the christian who's chosen to follow christ and a man's foes a christian's foes shall be they of his own household now this is the the betraval that christ is speaking of here and in matthew 24 and that micah and jeremiah were prophesying of this is all with the natural man there is a bond that is stronger than what the natural man is capable of and that bond is the spiritual bond the bond of the holy spirit and christ instructs his followers his true followers to function according to this agape love that the holy spirit enables and then he says this to them in john 15 13

greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his firms so christ showed that he demonstrated that he modeled that and then he expects us to follow him he tells us to take up our cross and follow him therefore the true christian is not a betrayer the true christian so you trust you can't trust the carnal mind you can't trust the natural man but those who are truly pursuing christ and are filled with the holy spirit this is the sacrificing love that we will have and this is what's going to enable us to get through the very dark times ahead very very dark times that the night is falling it's falling and we as christians have to grow up very quickly we have to stop dining on the milk and get into the meat because it's the meat that's going to sustain us it's the meat that's going to strengthen us and give us the spiritual nourishment to get through this dark night so the spirit gives us this love that we will lay down rather than betray christ through our we christ is not here but our brothers and sisters are here rather than betray our brothers and sisters and in so doing betray christ we will lay down our lives and that that's what we need to see and unfortunately we're not there yet a little pandemic a little you know black lives matter idiocy and we're just showing we show our colors

that we are cowards we are terrified and we will put that dividing line between ourselves and our brethren were so easily manipulated so we're not there yet the time is running out and we need to we need to mature we need to repent we need to grow up and we need to establish ourselves in this love of god so that we will not be among those who betray back to micah 7 and verse 7 therefore i so in all of this when he realizes the state of affairs and and nobody can be trusted and there's this betrayal everywhere he says therefore i will look unto the lord i will look unto jehovah i will wait for the god of my salvation and that's isaiah isaiah god saves i will i will look to yeshua i will wait wait i'm just going to wait and that is to actively look forward to love his appearing i will wait for the god of my salvation my god will hear me rejoice not against me oh my enemy when i fall and that's quite possible you may see us fall but don't rejoice that's premature your your rejoicing is premature excuse me when i fall listen to his confidence when i fall i shall arise there's something he understands about the faithfulness of god that if he waits for god should he fall he will arise when i sit in darkness the lord shall be a light unto me and you can almost hear the the ring or

the echo of the psalms and as we've studied the psalms and again these are in the archives the psalms bring to a very personal expression these prophecies so these prophecies and the pattern of these prophecies are reflected at a personal level in the psalms and so micah is almost sounds like a psalmist here but here in the psalm of david psalm 5 verse 11 but let all those that put their trust in you rejoice let them shout for joy because you defend them let them also that love your name be joyful in you for you lord will bless the righteous with favor you will surround him as with the shield so again what we saw is we studied the psalms and god willing to return to the psalms to finish the psalms after we complete the next maybe eight nine chapters of isaiah we see again this the personal experience of these prophecies how they're reflected in in the the faithful follower of jehovah and and then the the lamentations on a personal level but also on a national level and the joy coming through uh god's deliverance micah 7 and verse 9 will continue i will bear the indignation of the lord why because i have sinned against him so i realize i'm not perfect i you know what do i deserve god is being merciful to me i will i will rejoice in that mercy

he says i will bear the indignation of the lord because i've sinned against him until he plead my cause again micah understands this great mercy of jehovah so as much as he knows he's a sinner he's sinned against god god is furious with with the sin of judah he's willing to bear it but he knows that god will plead his cause and execute judgment for me he will bring me forth to the light and i shall behold his righteousness and again this is the justice that we are interested in it's the justice of god god is going to act so all those who are being premature and forcing their own way and and coupling up with the wicked to to to have some sort of bizarre expression of of justice which isn't justice at all it's oppression here those who are patient and you know that only god can set things right he will execute judgment for me he will bring me forth to the light and i shall behold his righteousness isaiah says in isaiah 8 and verse 17 and i will wait upon the lord isaiah is having the same experience these are contemporaries and isaiah says the same thing in all of this i will wait upon the lord that hides his face from the house of jacob and i will look for him so it's very hard to understand what is going on where is god well god is hiding his face from the house of jacob and he's going to see what shall their end be they've rejected me okay i will i'll be hands off

and let's see what their end shall be and micah understood this isaiah understood it but they also understood to wait for god because he hasn't made a complete end of jacob he will rescue jacob and they are just waiting for god to act

micah 7 and verse 10 then she that is my enemy shall see it and shame shall cover her which said unto me where is the lord your god this almost sounds like job's wife when she says you know curse god and die so he she's saying like i'm just going to be patient through all of this i know god is going to come through and then my enemy that that was mocking me and jeering her eyes shall my eyes shall behold her now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets god is going to act in the day that your walls are to be built in that day the decree be far removed so so again jerusalem's walls are going to be built and this uh decree of judgment will be removed in that day also he shall come even to you from assyria and from the fortified cities that the other translations say they shall come in the plural so basically again this is the redemption of judah from the king of the north in that day shall he come even to you from assyria and from the fortified cities these strong cities and from the fortress even to the river and from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein for the fruit that they're doing so this is really saying because of the iniquity of judah because of the godlessness of judah the land shall be desolate however god will redeem because of their iniquity they will be scattered and

they'll be taken captive and so that's why the land is desolate but at the same time god is going to gather them from their enemies and so even they've been taken captive and they're in the land of assyria god is going to gather them and bring them back verse 14 feed your people with your rod the flock of your heritage and so you get the sense of this great shepherd with his rod but he's saying now you correct the sheep with the rod but feed them with your rod the flop of your heritage that is jacob jacob is the inheritance of the lord feed your people with the rod the flock of your heritage which dwell solitarily in the wood so there's they've run for their life god christ said in matthew 24 they which be in judea basically run for your life and so now he's saying feed them in the midst of carmel let them feed in bashan and gilead as in the days of old so restore them back to your sheepfold according to the days of your coming out of the land of egypt will i show unto him marvelous thing so god now says he's going to show the assyrian marvelous things the way that he showed pharaoh when he rescued his people from egypt the nation shall see and be confounded at all their might they shall lay their hand upon their mouth their ears shall be death so these gentile nations that have been persecuting judah so intensely and israel so intensely god is going to save and they're just going to be in a position

where they're going to be stunned at the power and might uh in judah and israel micah says in verse 17 speaking of the gentiles they shall lick the dust like a serpent i think we all have that image of a serpent moving through the dust and flickering its tongue and licking the dust and this is the fate of judah's enemies as much as they are so powerful they haven't they're going to have incredible might and power and we're seeing that bill build up today you see you you see this incredible shift of power as the western nations are in decline and these gentile powers are growing in their might and military might economic military might and power they shall lick the dust like a serpent they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth so you can again we see a serpent in the dust we see worms maybe when it rains and worms come out of the soil this is what these these people are going to be going to be so humiliated they shall be afraid of the lord our god and shall fear because of you and again people i've said this i said this to me on friday evening many people who try to understand mica are confused because they just seem to be talking about different things randomly no he's not no he's not there's a pattern and a structure to what he's saying and once we understand deuteronomy then we can unlock the pattern and structure here because he's saying what moses said that that you will be blessed but you're

going to revolt you're going to become very corrupt and evil people and for that for breaking the covenant the covenant will break you but the but the covenant will not end because god is a covenant keeping god you might not keep the covenant but god is a covenant keeping god and because he's a covenant keeping god ultimately he's going to save you and he's going to activate these covenant curses not to destroy you entirely but to drive you to repentance so that remnant that is left is going to be holy unto the lord and that's what we see here that god will act now and these these these curses will be turned on uh israel's enemies and they the the enemies of god the enemies of israel and judah shall be afraid of the lord our god isaiah says in another place that they will say this is our god and we have waited for him and this is him and they'll be so rejoicing christ actually said to them you won't see me again until you shall say blessed is he that comes in the name of the lord so there's a complete change of heart having gone through this great tribulation and they shall fear because of the god of israel isaiah says in isaiah 49 speaking of them licking the dust he says in isaiah 49 verse 23 and kings shall be your nursing fathers and their queens your nursing mothers so these powerful gentile nations their kings are going to come and attend to your needs in the most gentle way and their queens the same thing they shall bow down to you judah

these powerful gentile nations that tried to eliminate you and have been trying to eliminate you throughout your history and and certainly mankind's history will culminate in this incredible effort to destroy the jew now as a result of god's intervention and salvation these gentile nations these powerful kings they they're used to having people bow down to them they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet this they're going to see just how exalted judah is how special judah is to the god of israel and these great gentile powers will will bow down with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet and you shall know that i am jehovah for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me so again this is why it's so important for us to wait for the lord and not get caught up in bizarre social justice not just bizarre evil evil social justice movements that only result in a murderous outcome it's just fancy satanic rhetoric that the simple-minded get caught up in fools are seduced by the the rhetoric of satan which only results in murder and oppression and those of us who understand the counsel of the lord are going to wait for him the only justice we want is the justice of god and we will wait for him

and isaiah says well god says to isaiah they shall not be ashamed they won't be ashamed when when they fall don't rejoice that's premature because they shall rise they shall not be ashamed that wait for me in psalm 72 david says they that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him and his enemies shall lick the dust so this is prophesied in numerous places the humiliation of these great gentile powers and the exaltation of the covenant the physical covenant people of god back to micah 7 verse 18 who is a god like unto you that pardons iniquity this this is micah this is what his name means mika who who is like god who is like you there's there's no god like this you can search all the different belief systems and we're all over the world where will you find a god like this a covenant keeping god a god that keeps covenant to his own hurt where will you find this and this is after all of this micah's conclusion is is and our conclusion should be who is a god like the god of israel that pardons iniquity he's in covenant and they're in iniquity and even though they're in iniquity and that brings down condemnation upon them because he's a covenant keeping god and he's in covenant with them even though

they're immersed in iniquity he's immersed in covenant faithfulness and this is who he is who is a god like unto you that pardons iniquity and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage so again these two phrases are related he pardons iniquity and he passes by the transgression does he just pardon iniquity of oh jesus came to save the world the world is in sin and jesus came to save the world or as we understand the scriptures more precisely he's going to save the world through israel he has to save israel first israel be a kingdom of priests on the earth and the the earth will come to israel to learn salvation so christ says salvation is of the jews so he pardons iniquity of jacob and passes by the transgression of the remnant of jacob and even the gentiles today that know salvation the only reason we can know salvation is because we are grafted in to the covenant there is god only has one covenant with man there's only one covenant for salvation and it's this covenant that has come through abraham isaac and jacob and that's it there is no other way and christ came to redeem his people starting with the first fruits he's renewing this covenant he's not departing from the covenant he's renewed the covenant beginning with the first fruits but eventually with all of jacob will renew this covenant that all of jacob that are willing

he says he retains not his anger forever because he delights in mercy and again that anger is anger toward jacob for breaking the covenant but the prophet sees that this anger towards the covenant breaking it's not forever because he delights in mercy in psalm 118 psalmist says o give thanks unto the lord for he is good because his mercy endures forever what what what mercy is this that endures forever is just sort of a generic mercy to everybody oh give thanks unto the lord for he is good for his mercy endures forever tell us psalmist what mercy verse 2 let israel now say that his mercy endures forever because god is going to be the god of israel forever so this mercy over israel is forever he's the god of israel forever he's the holy one of israel forever his mercy over israel is forever in psalm 30 and verse 5 he says for his anger endures but a moment it's going to be intense we're coming up to this intense three and a half year period of this great tribulation it's going to be intense but in the span of eternity we can say as the psalmist says here his anger endures but a moment in his favor is life weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning we conclude now with micah chapter 7 and verse 19 he will turn again so he's hidden his

face from jacob but the prophet assures us he will turn again he's turned his back on jacob but the prophet says he will turn again he will have compassion upon us who's us generically all mankind of course not in context us is judah and and by extension israel the house of iacob he will turn again he will have compassion upon us he will subdue our iniquities this is what moses said that you will be driven to this point of deep repentance and you will turn to god with your whole heart and you will obey the commandments that i've given you this day all of this is in deuteronomy and this is this is deuteronomy coming to life now this is deuteronomy being fulfilled he will have compassion upon us he'll turn again he will subdue our iniquities even though he had to really put them through their paces using the gentile using the assyrian to do this ultimately it has a purpose he will subdue our iniquities and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea he will purify the sons of levi he will purify the sons of jacob and all of this sinfulness all of this iniquity all of this evil he's going to and people say oh the jews are so evil yeah okay what's your point the bible tells us that but don't miss this but the bible tells us as well he's going to take all of this evil all of this iniquity and he's going to plunge

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into the depths of the sea and he's going to have a pure people in verse 20 and it's a beautiful conclusion to this beautiful book of micah he says you will perform the truth to jacob there's a truth there's a truth in jacob and christ says he will perform the truth to jacob there's a truth that has to be performed to jacob and we need to see and understand that you will perform the truth to jacob and the mercy to abraham there's a covenant in place here there's a there's a covenant in place that god it's it's it's a an unconditional covenant that he put in place with abraham which jacob inherited but then initially he put in place this conditional covenant through moses as a way to carry out the promises to abraham but as they broke all these conditions he said okay i'm going to renew this covenant with who with judah and israel this covenant is exclusive to judah and israel and so there is a truth that god will perform to jacob and there is a mercy that god will have on abraham listen which you have sworn unto our fathers from the days of old so this is the gospel and in hebrews hebrews 5 i believe the apostle says that they heard the same gospel as us the only difference is

in them it was not mixed with faith so whatever gospel that we are preaching in this end time it has to be the same gospel that paul preached and paul says the gospel that i'm preaching is the same gospel that was preached to the ancient fathers so when christ says that this gospel will be preached even come with a brand new different gospel he came with good tidings based upon torah and when paul preached the gospel he preached the gospel based on the good tidings and torah and here micah ends his gospel saying it's the same good news that is in torah it's the same good news that the father's heard but notice this this good news is something that the creator himself has sworn and this is why it's so important that we preach the gospel accurately because if if this is something that god has sworn and he's put his character on the line if we just completely ignore it and dismiss it then we're not we're not advocating for god's character if anything we might be allowing god to be called a liar because he swore this and then we're saying yeah he forgot about that so we cannot do this so this is i hope in a wonderful study for you i will tell you it's been a wonderful study for me especially as we've been going through isaiah 66 chapters

and now all of that messaging is sort of distilled and and focused in micah seven chapters

so through seven days of the feast of tabernacles we've been able to dig in and again i hope you found it as beneficial as i have i certainly enjoyed it

god willing we will return to the book of isaiah not this wednesday but next wednesday evening so have a last uh beautiful last day the eighth day of the feast i wish you a wonderful seventh day of the feast of tabernacles and then a great blessed eighth day god bless you all thank you so much for joining i'll god be with you and your family and your loved ones as we close out the feast god bless you