

66-Revelation – 01-Transcript

well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study we've had a bit of a break wonderful to have all of you back with me again as we begin a brand-new series this time after we did Philippians we've done Luke we've done Acts and now we're going to dive into the book of Revelation a book that's very misunderstood very intriguing people are very curious about it but very few people understand it we're gonna read it together we're gonna take our time going line by line and come away with a much richer understanding of what the book of Revelation is really all about we'll begin with a word of Prayer and then we'll jump right in Heavenly Father we just want to thank you so much for these Bible studies we want to thank you for your word and that you have not left us in this world without comfort the comfort of your Holy Spirit and without understanding the understanding that comes from your word father we ask for your blessing now as we begin this series on the book of Revelation it's a book that's unique in all the Bible and in fact we want to claim the blessing that you yourself inspired John to write that is upon those who read and those who hear the book of Revelation the prophecies in this book father we thank you we are also very very mindful father of those who are suffering great tragedy at this time due to Hurricane Harvey and also now we have hurricane Irma and other weather patterns that are coming in and we're just wreaking havoc and devastation father we pray for your mercy we pray for your mercy upon your people we need more laborers not less we pray father

that you'll spare life we also pray for
your mercy upon all all those who are at
risk
mankind made in your image and likeness
father we pray that these events would
bring them to repentance and a sincere
desire not a superficial calling out to
you but a deep heartfelt calling out to
you and a willingness to approach you
and obey you we praise You Father we
thank you for your mercy and we ask this
blessing now in Jesus Holy Name Amen
let's jump right into this intriguing
book The Book of Revelation we'll begin
now in Revelation verse 1 of chapter 1
the revelation of Jesus Christ I think
we can actually just pause right there
and realize unlike a lot of body maybe
even your Bible it might say the
revelation of st. John the Divine which
is not part of the scripture it's just
what men have written it in fact is not
the revelation of st. John the Divine
it's the revelation of Jesus Christ
which God gave him so there's a
conversation that took place in the past
between God the Father and Jesus Christ
and and God the Father made known to
Christ his purpose and then it goes from
there after Jesus Christ received this
understanding from the father
and and the perp the reason why the
father gave this information to Christ
was to show his servants things which
must shortly take place so what we can
see from this right out right out of the
gate is that the majority of mankind
will have no clue what is going on what
is taking place in the earth but we
don't need to be ignorant like the rest
of mankind in fact it's God's will that
we are not ignorant and so he's
disclosed to Christ what his purpose is
so that Christ could disclose it to us

his servants so this is very important for us to get the proper context of why we are receiving this particular book in the Bible as I said in the opening prayer it's it's unique it's very different from all of the other books in the Bible

so it's this revelation of this apocalypsis is the Greek word it means it's a revealing it's an unfolding it's it's a making things known that's what this is so there's a pock ellipses of Jesus Christ which God gave him to show his servants what did he want to show us things which must shortly take place and this is another issue that we have in terms of credibility we have lost a lot of credibility by taking this book and then running around and telling everybody that the end is near and we've been doing this for I don't know what maybe 2,000 years and so we have a lot of credibility that is questioned or credibility is being questioned when we take the the prophecies that are in this book

and we run around and tell everybody the end is near and look at what Peter says knowing this first that scoffers will come in the last days walking according to their own lusts and saying where is the promise of his coming for since the father's fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation there's no difference that these things have always happened there's always been death there's always been destruction there's always been crazy people running around saying the end isn't there so so what's the difference how are you different and and so when we misunderstand what's in this book and we run around and tell everybody the end is near and we don't

know what we're talking about we make fools of ourselves and we make fools of the church and we call into question these precious words of Jesus Christ forth since the father's fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation now what Peter says to us and this is very important for us to understand that the Lord is not slack concerning his promise so the Lord has a promise and he's not slack concerning this promise as some count honest but what is he he is long-suffering toward us this is how we must understand the book of Revelation that God is long-suffering he is not slack concerning his promise he is going to execute on every word there's not a single word that God has said that will not come to pass so we need to reconcile what John is sharing with us that these things must shortly come to pass and the fact that this is a revelation that John received close to 2,000 years ago and and yet people are able to say well all things continue as they've always been but our understanding is that God is long-suffering toward us now a key to understanding this not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance now the long-suffering toward us I'm going to argue the US is Israel that God only has a relationship a covenant relationship with Israel and nobody else and and the ekklesia the called out ones that was Israel and God called them out of Egypt and set them aside to be the special nation and to be his firstborn son obviously we know they failed and so God had a plan to ensure their success by giving Israel his holy spirit and that with the holy spirit now there would be a different type of ecclesia

now there there there if this is a spiritual calling and we are called out or Israel is called out and given his spirit so that they will love him with all of their heart and all of their soul and his law will be written upon their hearts rather than on tablets of stone now the rest of us who are not Israel we have been grafted into Israel so that in fact we are Israel so the the ekklesia and we had a brother give a sermon la Sabbath in Burlington on the ecclesia the ecclesia of God and and this word church which is really not part of the scripture but it's been inserted in it hijacks our understanding and it misleads us we are the ecclesia of God we are the Israel of God all of us whether natural born Israel or grafted in Gentile grafted in we are the Israel of God and so this long-suffering is toward Israel God is very very patient with Israel not willing that any should perish and so Israel has been set up as this king-priests nation in order to bring salvation to the whole world and that is this God of Love's agenda to rescue the whole world through Israel and that all should come to repentance now this was go back a little bit to revelation 1 the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to him to show us his servants things which must shortly take place now the shortly take place er at the end of the world and everybody has this focus on the end of the world and that's not the entire focus of the book of Revelation and this is where I think the first place the first sort of jumping-off point where we get mixed up and misunderstand the book of Revelation if you think of the prophecies in this book as a sequence of events think of it

as a train on a track and you know when we were kids we had we lived near a railroad a relative of railroad in a railroad station and they had a caboose in the back that we would play we could play in and that idea of a caboose it's this train it's got an engine that's pulling this train and at the end is this caboose and the problem with revelation or our understanding of Revelation is we get enamored and and fascinated by the caboose that is what happens at the very end but revelation is not solely about what happens at the very end so again think of Revelation as this train coming down the tracks and so when John says things that must shortly take place he's not just talking about the caboose he's talking about the whole train and this train is gonna come and it's gonna run over a lot of people there are gonna be dead bodies everywhere and when this trigger and what he says this is this is gonna shortly take place he's talking to a particular audience and in fact the train came and ran them over and that was that's in the book of Revelation and from John's time to our time this train has been running and it's been running consistently and so God's Word is true were the ones who have misunderstand stood it and we're the ones who have misled people to have them believe that you know the caboose is coming or these things are going to shortly take place here comes the caboose know things which must shortly take place here comes the Train of God's purpose beginning with the engine and then all of these cars that each one in a series has its purpose and ultimately we know that the caboose is coming he and then it says he sent and signified

it by his angel to his servant John who bore witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ to all things that he saw now the scripture says it's to show his servants things which must shortly take place now if we look at revelation I certainly love let's just go to now we have revelation 10 and verse 7 it says but in the days of these in the days of these of in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel when he is about to sound so here comes the caboose this is the end game now so in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel when he is about to sound the mystery of God would be finished notice this as he declared to his servants the prophets you know I was listening to a I can only call him a false minister of God who was saying that the prophecies in Revelation have nothing to do with the other prophecies of the Bible they stand apart and their their additions that were given to John that are new and have nothing to do at the Bible that in fact is the exact opposite of the truth the truth is right here that when the seventh angel sounds when the caboose comes the mystery of God is finished as he declared to his servants the prophets so that means that we can go to the prophets and we can understand what they have all understood the best way to think of this a revelation is the buckle on the belt all of the prophets could see had had some insight into these last days and all of the prophets pour into the book of Revelation and if we are going to be good interpreters of the scriptures we are going to respect what God said to the prophets of old because it all aligns in fact we will find that the

story of Revelation was given to all the prophets with very few exceptions they all saw this and spoke to it and John kind of as as a Jew John recalls what has a Jew who is well versed in the prophecies he recalls what has been given to the other prophets and uses similar language so that we can make connections but what is this mystery of God what is this purpose of God that very few people understand and people are just ignorant of but but God has this purpose and he's long-suffering in this purpose well let's go to Roman's 11 and and I don't have time to spend on this but we'll just read it quickly and you'll get the idea but pastor Watson is now on he just finished Romans chapter 10 yesterday so next week he's gonna be on Romans chapter 11 next Tuesday same time 6:30 central 7:30 Eastern so I would highly recommend that you tune in next week if you have not been following these Bible studies because this chapter Romans 11 is critical to understanding the purpose of God and very few people understand it let's just read the back part of Romans 11 verse 24 speaking to the Gentiles in Rome for if you Gentiles were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature we really have nothing to do with the natural olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree how much more will will these who are natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree so Joe Paul wants us to understand we are Gentiles some not all some of us are natural Jews in the church because the church began with Jews Israel was divorced so Israel was cut off so the way that Israel comes back in is to be grafted in with the Gentiles because they were divorced but we have to

understand this purpose of God that how much more will the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree this is their olive tree this is the Hebraic olive tree and it's theirs so if we Gentiles can be grafted in how much more can the natural branch be grafted in for I do not desire brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery so the people of God shouldn't this is a mystery but the people of God should understand it you should not be ignorant of this mystery lest you should be wise in your own opinion that you come into the church you're grafted in and and you hijack it and you suddenly think that the church is all about you and it has nothing to do with the Hebraic root and the natural olive branches that this is what we must understand that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in so God has a plan he's blinded Israel he's bringing in the Gentiles once the gentiles have come in then he has a purpose with Israel and so all Israel will be saved as it is written so this is his purpose go Christ was on a rescue mission as we read in Luke he was on a rescue mission for Israel and he came specifically to rescue his bride Israel after he died in the book of Acts what we saw was how Gentiles came to be grafted into this plan of God this Israel of God and so they will be grafted in and all Israel will be saved as it is written the deliverer will come out of Zion the deliverer will come out of Zion and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob now we're beginning to understand the mystery of God now through Paul were beginning to understand the purpose of God that it is to turn away ungodliness from Jacob

that's all Israel not just Judah all
Israel so we have to now understand okay
most people know who the Jews are but
who is Israel where are they today where
are the tribes of Israel today because
God has a purpose that he is not
forgotten
and if to turn ungodliness away from
Jacob for this is my covenant with them
Wow this is God's promise this is his
covenant he's not unfaithful to his
covenant this is my covenant with them
not with the world not with Gentiles but
with Jacob when I take away their sins
so God has a purpose to take away their
sins concerning the gospel they are
enemies for your sake so so this is just
the way of God's plan here that the Jews
were persecuting terribly the people of
God but this was concerning the gospel
but concerning the election they are
beloved so these are these enemies of
the gospel our beloved why are they so
loved if they are enemies of the gospel
why are they so loved for the sake of
the father's
God made a covenant with Abraham
what handed down to Isaac and then to
Jacob or Israel and because of that
covenant in fact when we read the last
book in Malachi God says that he is the
same today today yesterday and forever
and he does not change and then he says
therefore you sons of Jacob are not
consumed it's because of his
faithfulness to his covenant with it
which is eternal his faithfulness to his
word never changes and because he's
entered into this covenant with the
fathers the children of Jacob are not
consumed
so even though yes they are enemies of
the gospel concerning the election they
are beloved for the sake of the fathers

why for the gifts and the calling of God
are irrevocable

this is a calling of Israel and it's
irrevocable God is not going to deal
with anybody else except Israel and
unless everyone recognizes that God is
the God of Israel he has nothing to do
with them

so the whole world must repent and must
acknowledge the Israel of God and that's
the only way into the kingdom of God is
to come in through that the kingdom of
priests called Israel and then they can
come into a relationship with God so the
gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable he is going to work through
Israel for as you are once there's
obedience as you were once disobedient to
God let's not forget that yet have now
obtained mercy through their
disobedience so because they were shut
out there was an opportunity for us to
come in even so these also have now been
disobedient that through the mercy shown
you they also may obtain mercy so here
we have a church now that's primarily
Gentile in nature or or it's the
Israelites who were cut off who are
divorced it's not primarily Jewish
and so through the mercies of the
Covenant remained with Judah but now
through the mercy shown to us Gentiles
and Israelites other than Judah we now
can take this truth of the gospel and
proclaim to Judah behold your God and
bring Judah to repentance as well as the
nations of Israel for God has committed
them all to disobedience that he might
have mercy on all all the depth of the
riches both of the wisdom and the
knowledge of God how unsearchable are
his ways so where are we know so how
unsearchable are his judgments and his
ways past finding out it's a mystery how

unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out now the problem we have is the church today you know that the Catholic Church hated the Jews they had a homicidal hatred for the Jews the Protestants broke away from the Catholics they took with the cap from the Catholics Trinity Sunday heaven and hell all these false doctrines even though they say Sola scriptura they also took from the Catholics the hatred of the Jews here's Martin Luther their synagogue should be set on fire and whatever does not burn up should be covered or spread over with dirt their home should likewise be broken down and destroyed they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmud's in which such idolatry lies cursing and blasphemy are taught so the problem we have here is the the official Church the Catholic Church which is an apostate Church hated the Jews the Protestants come out of that they hated the Jews so they decided to come engage in replacement theology and now it's the church not not Israel that God has a covenant with and many of us who have repented who come to understand the Word of God and we come into the church we kind of inherit this sub subconscious unconscious level hatred to or the Jews and we think that we replace Israel and we don't and so we need to understand this is a Hebraic plan a Hebraic covenant and anybody who's not Hebraic has been grafted into Israel and this is all about a controversy that God has with Israel and it's all about how God through and he's told this to all the prophets so this is what John meant that but the the promise that was revealed to all the promise for our prophets is culminated in the seventh

seal so now if we look at let's just
let's take a look at some of the
prophets we'll take a look for example
at Moses let's look at what Moses said
Moses says here in Deuteronomy chapter
30 were going all the way back to the
Torah this is Moses after he pronounces
the blessings and the Karstens to Israel
for their obedience they're about to
play inherit the promised land he's not
going to go into the Promised Land with
them but here's what he says to them
Deuteronomy 30 now it shall come to pass
when all of these things come upon you
the blessing so we read those wonderful
blessings of living Deuteronomy 28 and
and the curse which comes right after so
he says if you if you obey here are the
things you'll enjoy but if you disobey
me and disobey this covenant here are
the curses that are going to come upon
you Moses then says okay I'm not going
into the Promised Land but when all
these things come upon you the blessing
and the curse which I have set before
you and you call them to mind among all
the nations where the Lord your God
drives you so this is something we need
to understand that Israel will not be in
a central location they're going to be
scattered and even even the Jews are not
all in in Israel today the nation the
tribe of Judah they've been scattered
all over the world as well and you'll
call them to mind among all the nations
where the Lord your God drives you and
you return to the Lord your God and obey
his voice so there is a returning
somehow God is going to orchestrate it
so that they repent and they return to
the Lord their God
they his voice according to all that I
command you today you and your children
with all your heart with all your soul

this is Holy Spirit language somehow they're going to receive the Holy Spirit and they're going to obey God with after their disobedience with all their heart and all their soul that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you and we talked about the second Exodus when we were looking at the Gospel of Luke that through Christ's Passover he enables the second Exodus where Israel will be gathered from the four corners of the earth and brought back into their land and they will obey God and they will be set up as the nation of kings and priests which they were originally designed for and we Gentiles who have been grafted in we will be right there every much a part of Israel as they are and the whole world will know that God the god of this universe is the God of Israel you will gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you if any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven from there the Lord your God will gather you this it is as Moses they haven't even inherited the promised land yet and he's saying yet you're gonna inherit the promised land you're gonna receive the blessings and then you're gonna receive all the curses and then when you finally repent when you finally acknowledge your God and you repent and you love him with all your heart and all your soul then God's gonna gather you from the four corners of the earth and put you right back in the land where you should have been in the first place and from there he will bring you then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your father's possessed and you

shall possess it he will prosper you and multiply you more than your father's and the Lord your God will circumcise your hearts this is holy spirit language so there's a plan here to gather Israel from all over the world after their repentance and circumcise their heart in other words give them the Holy Spirit and the heart of your descendants to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live and we know that the we know that the natural man the natural mind is is enmity against God if hates God it cannot be at peace with God so when it says here that he's gonna circumcise their heart and they're gonna love the Lord their God with all their heart and all their soul that they may live ie live forever this is Holy Spirit language and this is this is what the prophets understood Moses being the very first one in Deuteronomy in the Torah telling us this also the Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you and persecuted you we have the key to the book of Revelation right here right here in Deuteronomy that God has a controversy with his people and he is going to shake them and and hunt them down from all the nations where they've been scattered not just Judah but Israel as well and we need to know well who is Israel who are these nations of Israel today where where are the tribes of Israel today because God is hunting them down and he's gonna drive them to repentance and when they finally acknowledge him as and he's going to use the sword of the enemy of the Gentiles the hatred of the Gentiles will be used to destroy Israel and Judah and when they finally repent then God will bring

them back to their land and then all the curses that are in Deuteronomy he's gonna turn those on Babylon on the endtime Babylon on the Gentiles and so this is what the book of Revelation is really all about this is what the prophets every prophet you tell me the Prophet and I'll tell you how that prophet feeds into the book of Revelation so here he says the Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you who persecuted you and you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all his commandments again this is Holy Spirit language you'll do all his commandments which I command you today so now let's just take a look at two prophets as an example and and just to be really really clear about this the the book of Revelation we need to understand who are the key players well the key players in the book of Revelation are first of all Jesus Christ so so Jesus Christ is a key player in the book the other key player in the book of Revelation is his bride Israel that that Israel is kind of split into two parts there's believing Israel to ekklesia and then there's the rest of Israel rebellious Israel and God's agenda is to save all Israel and so unbelieving Israel is sort of the feature focus of the book of Revelation it's about how God gathers Israel all Israel and drives them to repentance how through the sword so the Babylonians are this Empire that God raises up in the end time to take the sword to unbelieving Israel and drive them to repentance and then so really the way I like to think of it here is the book of Revelation is saying to Israel I'm going to use your enemy

and you're going to be checkmated in five seals five seals - checkmate and then once Israel is checkmated and driven to repentance either to destruction so Israel will either not repent and be incorrigible and be driven to destruction or they'll be driven to repentance

but when all of that is said and done and then God gathers repentant Israel checkmate in five seals then he turns to Babylon and says checkmate in the last two seals so then the wrath of God is poured out and all the curses that Moses said that Israel would suffer now the enemies the the enemies of God suffer and and believing Israel is kind of caught in the crossfire and so we need to realize this is not about us it's to us so that we can understand the purposes of God but it's really not about us it's about saving Israel and God's long-suffering for Israel so we could say to God oh end this now it's too much suffering but God is not willing that

any should perish and we're gonna see how God thinks and how he's driving Israel to repentance and we believe in Israel we just have to declare to Israel to the nations of Israel and to Judah behold your God and this is what God is doing and we're going to be hated by them for telling them the truth of their God and telling them why they're suffer and then we have to turn to the Babylonians and tell them how they're gonna suffer how they're just being used by God but then God is gonna crush them and the whole world is going to be complicit with Babylon so so really all nations are going to hate us for the sake of the gospel which we have to preach and that is what that is why God

is giving us the revelation so that we
can know what's going on and we can
understand our Proclamation we can
understand how to be faithful witnesses
and so we'll get we'll get into that in
a little bit later but let's just
continue with the prophecy let's look at
two prophets so we looked at Moses let's
look at another two prophets let's look
at Isaiah Isaiah chapter one
the vision of Isaiah the son of amos
which he saw concerning judah and
jerusalem in the days of isaiah so to
Amos a sight of Isaiah understood what's
gonna happen to the Jews in the days of
he saw this in the days of uzziah jotham
ahaz Hezekiah kings of Judah hear o
heavens and give ear o earth for the
Lord has spoken
what has he spoken I have nourished and
brought up children can you believe this
the God of the universe the creator of
the universe has nourished and brought
up children these are men who are to be
reflecting the image and likeness of God
they are his children
I have nourished and brought up children
and they have rebelled against me now
look at this the Ox knows its owner and
the donkey it's masters crib but Israel
does not know mine people do
not consider alas sinful nature nation
this this is the people laden with
iniquity a brood of evildoers these are
the people of God this is this is what
Isiah understands God's percent
perception of his own people children
who are corrupters they have forsaken
the Lord they have provoked to anger the
Holy One of Israel and you know when you
look at a lot of the evil in the world
today I'll just give us an example
communism
one of the greatest evils ever to visit

mankind

well the designer of communism was a Jew
Karl Marx you look at the sexual
depravity that's in the Western nations
today or most of the world today as a
result of Sigmund Freud another Jew many
of these depravities this whole
post-modernism Michele focu these are
another Jew so so these somehow these
people that God has nourished and
brought up have turned to great evil not
all because the church was founded with
Jews and so we can't just say Jews are
awful the Church of Christ the faithful
martyrs the Apostles were all Jews but
there are Jews that are corrupters that
have forsaken the Lord they have
provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel
he's angry they have turned away
backward why should you be stricken
again you will revolt more and more so
the idea they were stricken hopefully to
drive them to repentance instead it goes
the other way they revolt more and more
the whole head is sick and the whole
heart faints from the sole of the foot
even to the head there is no soundness
in it but wounds and bruises and
putrefying sores they have not been
closed or bound up or soothed with
ointment your country is desolate and
many times these prophecies are dual
there's an immediate fulfillment of the
prophecy but then there's an end time
fulfillment of the prophecy and we'll
see that as we go along so your country
is desolate this is what we're gonna be
seeing in Revelation your cities are
burned with fire that's what book of
Revelation is all about what Isaiah is
gonna help us understand why
strangers devour your land in your
presence this is your land you were set
up to be a nation of kings and priests

you rebelled and now these Babylonians are going to come right into your land and devour it and you're gonna watch and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers so the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard so she's just left as a booth in a vineyard which is you can you can imagine the harvests and during the harvest they would have these Succoth or temporary dwelling places temporary booths to shield from the Sun but then when the harvest is done this booth just looks pathetic and it's just there by itself it's just it's just languishing by itself and that there's this holy nation of Zion that's how she's left as a hut in the garden of cucumbers as a besieged city unless the Lord of hosts and noticed this again there's always a faithful remnant always unless the Lord of hosts had left to us a very small remnant we would have become like Sodom we would have been made like Gomorrah but this is God's plan even though Israel is rebellious specifically Judah now God has this plan because of this covenant that he has with Abraham which is unconditional and God will not go back on his word that there's always a faithful remnant otherwise they're so sinful they would have been wiped out the same way Sodom and Gomorrah were but because of God's agenda because he's gonna prove that he is the God of Israel in the whole world is going to acknowledge that the God of the universe the creator is in fact the God of Israel hear the word of the Lord you rulers of Sodom give ear that this is what God thinks of Israel and specifically Judah they're sodomites give ear to the law of our God you people of Gomorrah so this is this is how the prophets spoke to Israel this is

how the prophets spoke to Judah and now
God is revealing revelation to us so
that we have a proclamation which will
be the same tone you know sometimes
people think that Jesus Jesus he's so
soft and tender
and he's just so he's just so soft and
sweet
he's like syrup well this is Jesus and
we have to represent Jesus accurately
and yes sometimes he can call softly but
here he's so angry that he's gonna call
in such a way he's gonna call with the
sword and with fire and with pestilence
and with famine to drive his people to
repentance this is not sweet syrupy
Jesus this is Jesus with a plan
expectations and he's gonna fulfill his
word to what purpose is the multitude of
your sacrifices to me says the Lord I
have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams and the fat of fed cattle I do not
delight in the blood of bulls or of
lambs or go so today we might see the
nations of Israel engaging in a lot of
religiosity and it's our job as isaiah
did to say unacceptable unacceptable God
doesn't care about your rituals God
doesn't care about your money he cares
about your heart when you come to appear
before me who has required this from
your hand to trample my courts come now
to a verse 18 and let us reason together
says the Lord though your sins are like
scarlet again this is not to the whole
world it's not the people in general
this is specifically to Judah though
your sins Judah are like scarlet they
shall be white as snow all the time we
see this with the prophets there is
great destruction called down upon God's
people and then there's this reversal
where there will be mercy extended to
them and this is the mystery of God that

Paul spoke about in Romans 11 and this is the mystery of God that's revealed to us in the book of Revelation though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow though they are red like crimson they shall be as wool if you are willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land as and you saw they're like Sodom and Gomorrah there's such evil people but if they repent they're going to be in the land and they're going to eat the good of the land but if you refuse in Rebell you shall be devoured by the sword and we're gonna be reading about this devastation in the book of Revelation that God is out to rescue Israel he's out to rescue Israel and Judah and he's going to use the sword and that's what revelation is about and we who are proclaiming as faithful witnesses unfortunately we're going to get caught in the crossfire when they're hunting down Sabbath keepers because God wants to hunt down the Jews those who are in the ecclesia who are faithful Sabbath keepers were gonna get caught in the crossfire and God is revealing to us his purpose so that we don't get discouraged so that we don't think oh this is all about me all this suffering has to stop now because I don't want to get hurt no all this suffering must continue because of God's long-suffering because of his patience because he wants to rescue as many Israelites as possible but if you refuse and rebell you shall be devoured by the sword so by the end of Revelation we know where all Israel stands who's gonna repent and who is going to continue to curse God and continue in evil for the mouth of the Lord has spoken I will turn my hand against you and thoroughly purge away your dross and

take away all your allah-allah
hello I will restore your judges as at
the first God has a plan for Judah and
God has a plan for Israel and God knows
where these nations are today where
these tribes are today and he has an
agenda and we have to get on line with
God's agenda but this is not about us we
have to understand what is God doing and
then we need to find ourselves in
alignment with God's purpose I will
restore your judges as at the first and
your counselors as at the beginning this
has always been the plan of God to
restore this nation of kings and
afterward so after all of this
punishment and we'll see this in the
back half of Revelation you shall be
called the city of righteousness the
faithful City Sion shall be redeemed
with justice so it will always see this
pattern great destruction on the people
of God and then the prophets see this
time when the people of God are exalted
and the whole world knows that the God
of Israel is their God
Zion shall be redeemed with justice and
her penitence with righteousness the
destruction of transgressors and of
sinners shall be together so we're going
to see that in Revelation and those who
forsake the Lord shall be destroyed they
shall be consumed or gonna see this now
that was Isaiah let's just take a look
at one other prophet this is Amos we
could we could do this all night because
all the prophets as we saw in Revelation
10 verse 7 all the prophets were
declaring this purpose of God so let's
look at Amos after in chapters 1 & 2
Amos calls for destruction of the
enemies of Israel and these if you look
at it geographically these enemies are
getting closer and closer and

surrounding Israel getting and then finally he targets Israel so Isaiah was speaking against Judah specifically look at a mice's prophet prophecy and who it's against here this word that the Lord has spoken against you O children of Israel this prophecy now concerns Israel not just Judah against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt and we're going to see later on in Amos that this is an endtime prophecy and so it's an endtime prophecy against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt and if you're not sure you know where is Israel today bill Watson again did a great series on the nations of Israel and where their descendants are today and that's something if you email info at CGI org and just ask for the CD series on the identity of Israel that will be sent to you free of charge nobody's going to ask you for money but it's critical for us to understand identity of Israel in order to not be like the people who are milling around and have no clue what is going on in the world there's a reason why all the judeo-christian nations today are insane there's a reason why they all the judeo-christian nations today are taking actions that are going to lead to their own destruction and we need to be in the know we need to understand what what is going on and we can know by understanding the book of Revelation so he says here you only so he says against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt so all these descendants now that came from this family that came up from Egypt God says you only have I known of all the families of the earth so God has no relationship with any other family of

the earth he is the God of Israel
exclusively you only have I known of all
the families of the earth and because of
that because of this covenant
relationship that God has with Israel
and the purpose that Israel was to
fulfill therefore I will punish you for
all your iniquities there's a specific
focus on Israel people kind of read the
book of Revelation and there's dead
bodies everywhere well the focus is
Israel and the rest of mankind are just
casualties just you know what mankind
from Adam rebelled against God and and
an Adam introduced death to mankind and
there's a lot of casualties as God
pursues his people and drives them to
repentance once they come to repentance
we will be set up as this kingdom of
priests kings and priests this nation of
kings and priests those people that all
died as casualties will be brought back
to life and they will then have an
opportunity to acknowledge the God of
Israel and come into the nation of
Israel and again we'll get to that as we
get further on into the book of
Revelation God has a plan for all
mankind a loving plan for all mankind
but it starts with Israel
and God is faithful to his covenant what
we'll see in Revelation is how specific
and how faithful God is to his word so
Israel entered into this agreement with
God all that the Lord has said we will
do Exodus 19 and then they did the exact
opposite but God says all that I said I
will do and God does exactly that can
two walk together unless they are agreed
so this kid Kim Kim Israel is God's
bride Israel is God's wife he's married
to Israel but can they walk together
unless they're agreed will a lion roar
in the forest when he has no prey so

watch out when we hear the lion roar and
we're gonna hear the lion roar in
Revelation it's because he has prey he
has seen a specific animal that he's
going after and the specific animal that
God is going after is Israel well a
young lion cry out of his den if he has
caught nothing
will a bird fall into a snare on the
earth when there is no trap for it
will a snare spring up from the earth if
it has caught nothing at all
so what we're gonna be seeing in the
book of Revelation is that this snare
has caught Israel and is gonna spring up
like a snare all around the world and
bring down the nations of Israel if a
trumpet is blown in the city will not
the people be afraid God is trying to
drive Israel to repentance and this
trumpet is gonna sound we're gonna see
it in Revelation and God's intent is to
strike fear into Israel that is not this
softy softy Jesus and just keep doing
what you like it is a powerful Christ
who is calling his people very
powerfully to repentance if there is a
calamity in the city will not the Lord
have done it so we're gonna see God's
people suffer at the hand of God
according to the Covenant surely this is
what I wanted to focus on now in Amos
surely the Lord God does
nothing unless he reveals his secret to
his servants the prophets and so God is
going to do something spectacular in the
days ahead of us but he does nothing
unless he reveals it to his servants the
prophets
so he's told all the prophets of old
what he's going to do and we just saw
just the glimpse of that in Isaiah we
could go we could spend the whole time
in Isaiah we're seeing it now in Amos

it's in all the prophets Jeremiah Micah
Malachi all of them now he reveals it to
the Serb this is why he revealed it to
Christ so that Christ could reveal it to
us so that we could make this faithful
Proclamation because God always
proclaims first then he acts now
remember when we were in Luke and 11
Christ says therefore the wisdom of God
also says I will send them prophets and
apostles and some of them they will kill
and persecute so this is this is the the
lot of those who are faithful to God's
Word the faithful preaching of God's
Word persecution follows sometimes death
Matthew 23 34 therefore indeed I send
you prophets wise men and scribes this
is God God trying to bring them to
repentance and so he sends prophets he
sends wise many send scribes some of
them you will kill and crucify God's
people will do this brother will betray
brother and some of them you will
scourge in your synagogues and persecute
them from city to city now look what
Christ said in John 16 these things
these things so God began to share with
his disciples before he left what the
future held for them and he warns them
he says these things I've spoken to you
that you should not be made to stumble
this is why Christ shared with them
what's happening he told them the future
ahead of time this persecution that was
coming ahead of time so they would
understand this is part of the plan and
they wouldn't stumble and the same thing
God now the father gives it to Christ
who gives it to an angel who gives it to
John who gives it to us so that we don't
stumble that we see very clearly what
God's agenda is what God is doing and
we'll see when the fifth seal opens
where the martyrs cry out and say how

much longer Lord before you avenge our deaths and God answers and says hold on more more more of your brethren are gonna be martyred more people who are faithful to God's Word are going to be caught in the crossfire and God is telling us this ahead of time so that we don't stumble that we understand what the plan of God is and what he's doing they will put you out of their assemblies yes the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service this is the level of deception and we're going to see that as we understand that as the book of Revelation unfolds there's a blanket of deception that covers the whole earth to the point where people who kill God's servants think that they're serving God and these things they will do to you because they have not known the father nor me but these things I have told you that when the time comes you may remember that I told you of them so God wants us to know ahead of time the controversy in the earth and we understand what's going on and we don't stumble we hold our ground we believe in God's Word we believe in the faithfulness of God and we are patient but now verse 5 I go away to him who sent me so he's gonna leave them now and none of you asks me where are you going they didn't care because all they heard was they were gonna suffer persecution and some of them would be killed and they just got wrapped up in themselves and they didn't take any interest in this glorious event that was occurring that Christ was going to ascend and return to his father but they didn't ask this why verse six is really important but because I have said these

things to you sorrow has filled your heart they didn't really realize what this meant to be a disciple of Christ and now Christ is sharing at them this is what it means and you've got to hold your ground and be faithful to the end and once they understood the magnitude of this commitment that they became very sorrowful and and this is why a lot of people when they read revelation they don't want to read it again

because it just seems like such bad news but it's not bad news it's really really really good news it's the culmination of the greatest news possible and this is how we have to see it if we can sort of just take ourselves from center stage and put in center stage and put the spotlight on center stage those players that belong there and then we enter the stage purposefully knowing that knowing very clearly what our what our role in the in this great agenda of God is so he says this is why you're sad and this is why you're not listening anymore because you understand the persecution that I've shared with you nevertheless I'm telling you the truth

it's to your advantage that I go away if I don't go away the helper the comforter the Holy Spirit will not come to you but if I leave I'll send you the comforter and when the comforter comes it will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment and that's our job this is the proclamation that we must understand from the book of Revelation and it's not gonna win us friends we don't have any friends in this mission except Jesus Christ and each other and when we understand that we're gonna love one another we're gonna treasure we're going to treat each other

as precious gems that we are and we're going to hold on to Christ the father and we're not gonna eat and drink with the drunken we're not gonna make alliances with the drunken because the whole world is gonna be spiritually drunk and we just and the whole world is gonna hate us for this gospel but we just have to preach the truth and learn how to preach it in love the same way Christ did we are Christians that means we follow Christ and when the the magnitude of evil came against him he just expressed love and this is how he conquered evil and we must follow his footsteps and conquer that the book of Revelation our our understanding will come to this a little bit later is how to be conquerors like Christ and that's what a Christian is a Christian is a conqueror and we must learn how to be conquerors with the Holy Spirit and this is our job to convict the world of sin of righteousness and of judgment in verse 12 he says look I've got a lot more to tell you what I told you so far is just the tip of the iceberg there's a lot more of this persecution and the whole plan of God and how it unfolds that I need to share with you I still have many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now because you're carnal you're wrapped up in yourself you don't have the Holy Spirit yet but when the Holy Spirit comes you'll be able to handle this however when when it the Spirit of Truth has come it will guide you into all truth and that's what the book of Revelation is going to do it's going to guide us into all truth we're gonna have a full understanding for it will not speak of its own authority but whatever it hears it will speak and this is what it this is what John does were

filled with the spirit what he hears
that's what he shares with us and it
will tell you things to come so it will
be the unveiling we'll understand what's
ahead now in acts 1 after Christ Ascenta
died and ascended he said to them when
he returned and it was with them for
forty days it's not for you to know the
times or the seasons which the father
has put in his
authority that's not our business so yes
the caboose is coming but the Train is
on the track in fact a half of it
perhaps or more has already passed this
train of destruction it sits on the
track and yes the caboose is coming but
it's not for us to know exactly the
timing of the caboose when Christ will
will finally return that's in his own
authority but we shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon us
and and he says to them you shall be
witnesses or martyrs to me in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria and to the
end of the earth so we know from
Deuteronomy that God's people are gonna
be scattered to the ends of the earth
and that he has an agenda concerning his
people and we are going to be witnesses
to the point of martyrdom of this
testimony of the gospel the good news of
the kingdom so let's go back now to Amos
Amos 3 says a lion has roared who will
not fear so it's only thought the
hardest of hearts who will not fear when
the lion roars and we're gonna see the
lion roar how he roars in Revelation and
the expectation of God is that his
people will fear and come to repentance
notice this now the Lord God has spoken
the Lord God has spoken
who can but prophesy so Amos had no
choice
God spoke he had to prophesy now we find

ourselves in a similar position where God has spoken to Christ he shared with Christ what he's going to do Christ has shared that with an angel who shared it with John who has now shared it with us so now that we know what the Lord God has spoken woe unto us if we preach not the gospel we have to prophesy therefore thus says the Lord God an adversary shall be all around the land he shall SAP your strength from you and your palaces shall be plundered why are these Western nations taking decision that are leading to their own destruction because the snare is being set and it's going to spring all over the world and bring Israel down thus says the Lord God as a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion two legs or a piece of an ear so shall the children of Israel be taken out who dwell in Samaria so this happened this says we're going to see Amos and do some endtime prophecy but this happened in Samaria but is this is the pronouncement we're going to see this in in Revelation upon all the children of Israel wherever they are god knows who they are and this is the pronouncement on Israel those who claim that the God of Israel is their God well God isn't impressed here and testify against the house of Jacob this was the job of the Prophet to testify to bring the testimony against the house of Jacob and that's the expectation of God's ecclesia in Revelation that we will testify against the house of Jacob says the Lord God the God of hosts that in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions in that day I will also visit the destruction of the altars of Bethel so he's not interested in their worship and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground I will

destroy the winter house along with the
summer house so they have quite a bit of
prosperity here they have a winter home
they have a summer home cousin to
destroy at all the houses of ivory shall
perish and the great houses shall have
an end says the Lord the Lord chapter 4
the Lord God has sworn by His Holiness
he's sworn this behold the day shall
come upon you when he will take you away
with fishhooks and your posterity with
fish hooks they're gonna go into
captivity all Israel this is we need to
understand what how is the world being
reconfigured so fast what is going on
they're gonna be taken away with fish
hooks in your posterity with fish hooks
you will go out through broken walls
each one straight ahead of her just let
out and you will be cast into Harmen
into the palace says the Lord come to
Bethel and transgress go ahead come come
worship in Bethel and transgress at
Gilgal multiply your transgression bring
your sacrifices every morning your
tithes every three days this people who
sound so religious offer a sacrifice of
Thanksgiving with leaven proclaim and
announced the free will offerings for
this you love you children of Israel you
love the appearance of religiosity says
the Lord God also look at this as to how
we really to understand how God thinks I
gave you cleanness of teeth in all your
city so I gave them famine why and lack
of bread and all your places why yet you
have not returned to me so this is what
God is doing he's trying to get them to
see why these things are happening and
to return to Him but they haven't says
the Lord I also withheld rain from you
when there were still three months to
the harvest I made it rain in one city I
withheld from another city one part was

rained upon and where it did not rain
the part withered so two or three city
cities wandered to another city to drink
water but they were not satisfied yet
you have not returned to me says the
Lord this is his whole purpose is to
fulfill his word his promise to Abraham
and get these rebellious people to
repent and return to him
so that he can set them up as a nation
of kings and priests I blasted you with
blight and mildew when your gardens
increased your vineyards your fig trees
and your olive trees the locust devoured
them so just when it looked like they
were gonna have prosperity there's some
sort of curse that comes and takes it
all the way yet you have not returned to
me says the Lord I sent among you a
plague after the manner of Egypt your
young men I killed with a sword along
with your captive horses
I made the stench of your camps come up
into your nostrils yet you've not
returned to me says the Lord I overthrew
some of you as God overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah and you were like a firebrand
plucked from the burning yet you've not
returned to me says the Lord therefore
thus will I do to you O Israel this is
God is
wit's end he's trying to get them to be
that special nation to bless the whole
world as he promised Abraham
they just won't cooperate but he's gonna
fulfill his promise to Abraham therefore
this is what I'll do to you all Israel
because I will do this to you prepare to
meet your God o Israel
this is endtime language Israel is gonna
meet their God and they need to prepare
for it and this is what we're gonna see
in Revelation that God wants Israel to
prepare to meet him woe to you this is

endtime prophecy woe to you who desire
the day of the Lord you think you're so
religious oh I am looking forward to
when the Lord returns really woe to you
who desire them the day of the Lord for
what good is the day of the Lord to you
it will be darkness and not light it
will be as though a man fled from a lion
and a bear met him or as though he went
into the house leaned his hand on the
wall and a serpent bit him is not the
day of the Lord darkness and not light
this is what we're gonna see in the Book
of Revelations its darkness and not
light for Israel it is is it not very
dark with no brightness in it now look
what he says here in chapter 8 thus the
Lord God showed me behold a basket of
summer fruit and he said Amos what do
you see so I said a basket of summer
fruit then the Lord said to me the end
has come upon my people Israel this is
enough now now here comes the caboose
the end has come upon my people Israel
I will not pass by them any more and the
songs of the temple shall be wailing in
that day says the Lord God many dead
bodies everywhere we're gonna be seeing
this in the book of Revelation so we
need to understand what is what is God
doing many dead bodies everywhere they
shall be thrown out in
silence no special funeral we don't have
time for that it's just dead bodies
everywhere just throw them out in
silence now as in Isaiah so in Amos so
in all the prophecies that call down
this destruction on Israel Israel is
never fully destroyed why because they
are beloved for the sake of the father's
God loves Israel with a covenant love
when we see this in Malachi that he
tears down everything Esau tries to
build but he supports Jacob and the

people of Israel they don't understand what God is doing but he loves them with a covenant love the Amos 9:14 I will bring back the captives of my people Israel so first they're gonna be sent away and scattered and taken into captivity but then he's gonna bring them back they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them and again we'll see this through revelation the cities will be completely destroyed but then Israel will come back and they will rebuild and inhabit them they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit from them I will plant them in their land this is the mystery of God I'm gonna take Israel I'm gonna scatter them and then go after them at the sword I'm gonna drive them to repentance when they repent I'm gonna give them my holy spirit I'm gonna bring them I'm gonna plan them back in the land and the whole world is gonna know that I am the God of Israel I will plant them in their land and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them says the Lord God so we'll just start to wrap up now as we come back to revelation again it's the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him to show us his servants things which must shortly take place and from John's time within a matter of a few years the train starts coming so he John was absolutely accurate these things begin to unfold very shortly from the time John received the revelation and the train has been running on the track ever since and the mistake that people make every generation thinks oh this is the end time the end is near the end is and they don't understand the full plan of God and so as we start to interpret

Revelation we have to have a few provisos because a thousand years ago everybody thought at that time this is the end and therefore this is what the symbols mean and speaking of symbols notice this that he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John so to signify means to provide - to take the conversation that the father had with Christ and to what Christ did is he put it all in symbols so the father's told Christ what he's doing Christ took that knowledge and he signified it he put it in symbols and then he sent that through the angel - John so John received all of these symbols and this is part of what we have to understand as we go through the book of Revelation that some things are symbols many things in fact are symbols and and so we need to understand when is something symbolic and then what does the symbol mean so this John that received these symbols are the symbolic knowledge he bore witness to the Word of God so he was a faithful servant that's why he was selected for this we must understand that necessity for us to also be faithful witnesses we must follow John's example we must follow Christ's example and we must be faithful witnesses so he bore witness of the Word of God and to the martyrdom of Jesus Christ he preached the death burial and resurrection of Christ as must we and we must bear witness to the Word of God and notice to all things that he saw so John saw a lot of things and he bore witness to that now just very quickly in Revelation 12 we'll see that a sign appeared in heaven so he signified it so there was a sign that appeared in heaven a woman clothed with the Sun in 12:3 another sign another symbol appeared in

heaven a great fiery red dragon and 15:1
another sign and have
a great and marvellous seven angels so
so all of these are symbols and that's
what it means that Christ signal through
this conversation that the father had
with Christ Christ took it and he
packaged it in symbols and he gave it to
the angel to give to John and for John
to give it to us and when we understand
the purpose of God and the nature of
this apocalypse then we will understand
this revelation now Daniel showed that
Nebuchadnezzar received knowledge of the
end time but when when Nebuchadnezzar
received it it was way off and when
Daniel received it he was told to seal
the words up until the time of the end
now in Revel in with Revelation John
receives this and it's to make us make
known to us what's going to shortly take
place so what's in Revelation now needs
to be unsealed so that we can as his
servants understand what's going on and
then when the lion has roared when the
Lord God has spoken we then understand
the nature of our Proclamation how we
are to proclaim the this this great news
now just finish here in verse 3 blessed
is he who reads and those who hear the
words of this prophecy so this book is
unique it is the only book that has this
unique blessing associated with it so
I'm claiming this blessing I'm going to
read this prophecy line by line and
claim this blessing and I want you to
claim this blessing as well so stay with
me as we go through this series because
those who hear the word of this this
prophecy are also blessed now let's not
be irresponsible
the irresponsible readers of Revelation
get all caught up in the symbology and
oh this is what this means and this

beast must be this and I've got this
secret knowledge and they'd love to have
this secret knowledge that's not what
this is about
that's not what this is about what is
this about we have to have the emphasis
in the right place and for too many of
us the emphasis has been on the symbols
but the emphasis should be this those
who hear the words of this prophecy and
keep those things which are written in
it for the time is near and it really
truly was in the air and we'll talk
about that next week
just how near it was and the book of
Revelation has been unfolding ever since
very shortly after John received it
the Train has been running on the track
so John was absolutely accurate the time
was near and it's were in the time now
we just have to understand where we are
in the time but what's critical and how
we get this blessing as I read it to you
and as you hear it is to keep those
things which are written in it
so the emphasis of this reading is going
to be on obedience it's going to be on
understanding the instructions from
Jesus Christ that God gave him and being
faithful to those instructions and
second areas you know who is what
beeston could this be bad and is Russia
the Beast and that's all secondary
what's primary is how we are to carry
out this mission so thank you so much
for joining us we've covered the first
three verses of Revelation 1 we're not
going to rush through this we're going
to go through it very carefully and as I
said all of the prophets are pouring
into the book of Revelation and the way
that we understand the book of
Revelation is to understand what all the
prophets before have spoken because John

is not coming with something totally
there's certainly the sharp right turn
and you saying something brand-new
that's what people believe when they
separate them sell
from the Israel of God but the ekklesia
the elect is Israel and Gentiles have
been grafted in but this is still about
a covenant that God has with Israel and
revelations specifically is about a
controversy that God has with Israel
which we as his faithful servants must
proclaim looking forward to getting on
the chat and talking with you about the
first three verses here in Revelation 1
as we set up the context for the rest of
the book remember Jesus Christ is King
of Kings Lord of lords the conquering
Lion of the tribe of Judah he has a
covenant with Israel and he's faithful
in his love to Israel we also must be
faithful in our love of Christ good
night