

## 07-Judges-06-Transcript

welcome to Wednesday night Bible study  
just want to confirm that you're hearing  
my voice if somebody can type in the  
chat that you do hear me loud and clear  
we'll be starting in just a little bit  
again just checking doing an audio check  
just confirming that you can hear my  
voice and we'll begin the study

great

very good so we have sound but it's a  
bit low we can fix that

so I think we're good to go

[Music]

well good evening brethren and welcome  
to tonight's study or up to judges  
chapter 5 which is a song of celebration  
last week we covered judges for and we  
saw the victory through Deborah and  
Barak and Yael and so this week is a  
celebration the song celebrating that  
victory that we read of last week will  
spend about half an hour or so on  
tonight's three and then pastor Murray  
is going to join us and we'll have a Q&A  
I think as we go through these books I  
just want to do a check-in every once in  
a while make sure that everybody is  
tracking if you have any questions  
rather than leave it all the way to the  
end we'll do these of these check-ins  
every 4 or 5 chapters or so and answer  
your questions live on air so pastor  
Murray will join me for that

let's open with a word of Prayer and  
then we can begin tonight's study our  
Father we bow before you just ever so  
grateful father that we have access to  
you through Jesus Christ we thank you  
Father for the many blessings that we  
enjoy we have so much to be grateful for  
despite the uncertainty and and quite  
frankly the evil that we are seeing in

the world around us we thank you Father for these lessons that we draw from these scriptures and particularly the book of Judges now we ask your blessing on our understanding and we ask this in Jesus name Amen so let's do this just make sure that this is muted there we go yes judges 5 so as I mentioned this is a song of victory based on the tree that we read up last week through Barack and governed and guided by the prophetess Tabora now this is not unlike the song of Moses after God's triumph over Pharaoh so let's go ahead and read this victory song judges 5:1 then saying Deborah and Barak the son of ABY know'm on that day saying

crazy the Lord for the avenging of Israel and this is what we see that God is in love this is the the Bible is the greatest love story of God in Israel and he has a covenant love for Israel and he will avenge Israel eventually and so Israel suffered significantly but then God rose up and he avenged her so crazy the Lord for the avenging of Israel when the people willingly offered themselves so there came a point where Israel finally woke up and repented and and was willing to offer themselves for the Lord and that's when he supported them that's when he backed them up and they were able to be victorious because he got God could do it himself but he does it through the people and so again as we're going through judges and using it to reflect on ourselves especially as we're going through these feast of weeks are we at that point where as God's church we offer ourselves willingly that we are living sacrifices that at baptism we died in the Lord and so there's nothing for us to hold on to because we gave our commitment and we gave our lives at

baptism and so we came up out of the  
grave a new man or a new woman and so  
now there's no fear because we've  
already confronted death  
we've already died to Christ are in  
Christ and so here God was able to do  
mighty things through Israel when the  
people offered themselves willingly and  
then she says or sing here  
oh you Kings give ear  
oh you princess now remember this is pre  
Kings Israel didn't have Kings the  
Israel had one King go to their king and  
here now she's telling the Kings to  
listen it's like when we read Psalms 2  
and some of David warnings of the two he  
didn't take warning so here she's she's  
speaking to Gentiles it really judges  
you know maybe another title for judges  
would be pre  
Kings or Gentile kings and through the  
period of the judges Israel should learn  
just how evil man is and the difference  
between rule of law and rule of man and  
when you when deed these nations had all  
these kings they were not subject to  
rule of law they were subject to rule of  
man and and men different rulers could  
just on a whim kill to promote do  
whatever they want  
whereas Israel really learned rule of  
law so she said to these Gentiles here  
you King Kings give ear o you princess I  
even I will sing unto the Lord I will  
sing praise to the Lord God of Israel  
this is the God this is the true God  
they're all worshiping God this is a  
very religious time everybody has their  
gods but there's only one true God and  
she is now singing praise who has now  
defeated these armies and with their  
false gods and I'm sorry I just notice I  
have judges for up in the title there  
let me just quickly fix that for the

sake of the archive they changed that to judges five there we go so yes so she is singing to the true God the God of Israel then she begins the song Lord when you went out of Seir when you marched out of the field of Edom the earth trembled and the heavens dropped the clouds also dropped water so this was a time when she's really counting in the past how the God of Israel acted on behalf of Israel the mountains melted from before the Lord even that Sinai from before the Lord God of Israel in the days of Shamgar the son of Anathoth and of course we we read of Shamgar at the end of Judges 3 the Elgon fell and then there was this period after it hood or maybe I should say during the hood but maybe in a different region of Israel when Shamgar rose up and and put down a revolt or an incursion from the Gentiles in the days of Shamgar the son of Anitha in the days of Yael the highways were unoccupied and it's like today with this economic lockdown the highways are unoccupied there's this so oppression and people are not allowed to go free and so there was this maybe there's you can get the sense of armies interfering with anybody who's travelling and so in these days the highways were unoccupied and the travellers walked through by way so they had to be careful choose their paths carefully for fear of their lives the inhabitants of the villages ceased they ceased in Israel until that I do Bora arose so there was a problem of fear and oppression until I do bora arose that I arose a mother in Israel that to me sounds like a condemnation of all of the men in Israel where is their backbone why was there no man to stand up and put down this oppression what is

the thing when when when brave men when  
courageous men stand up and speak the  
spines of weak men straighten and where  
were these courageous men well it took a  
mother in Israel somebody who actually  
cared so much about Israel she was  
willing to stand up and put her life on  
the line and when she spoke the spines  
of weak men strengthened now what did  
Israel do why were they in this state of  
affairs they chose new God's they  
abandoned Yahveh they chose new gods  
then was war in the gates that that was  
their comeuppance that's the result of a  
man of abandoning Yehovah war was in the  
gates was there a shield or sphere  
seen among 40,000 in Israel cowards all  
cowards all could we find a  
warrior could we find somebody who's  
looking at the oppression and and and  
the the humiliation and the degradation  
of their people could we find somebody  
who would stand up and say I've had  
enough  
there wasn't cowards all my heart is  
toward the governors of Israel that  
offered themselves willingly among the  
people so it came to a point where there  
were people now who were willing to  
stand up and she's pointing them out and  
her admiration her respect is toward  
these people and again if that begs the  
question of the church  
do we have cowards in the church well of  
course we do if we are just relying on  
our human inclinations we are all  
cowards  
but we've sieve the Holy Spirit of God  
which is not a spirit of fear it's a  
spirit of boldness it's a spirit to  
sound mind it's a spirit of love and so  
if we are infused with the holy spirit  
we offer ourselves willingly and and if  
we have this spirit of fear and anxiety

and oh no I I don't want to be seen I  
don't want to be associated then  
something is wrong we need to get down  
on our knees we need to repent we need  
to be baptized we need to have hands  
laid upon us we need to receive the Holy  
Spirit we need to renew the Holy Spirit  
we need to stir up the Holy Spirit so  
that we can have the boldness that Jesus  
Christ expects us to have especially in  
the face of the great evil that we see  
in our lands today but her heart she  
says is toward the governors of Israel  
that offered themselves willingly among  
the people bless you the Lord speak you  
that write on white donkeys so this  
would be the the noble class you that  
sit in judgment  
and you that walk by the way so there's  
another class of people that have to  
walk but there's a class that rides and  
you know today we might say fancy  
vehicles and others not so much  
it doesn't matter what your rank is  
you're an Israelite you need to stand up  
for what is right they that are  
delivered from the noise of the archers  
and I just want to say as well at this  
um again just want to go back here that  
her heart is toward the governors of  
Israel that offered themselves willingly  
among the people and we know where to be  
a living sacrifice and we're gonna see  
it later in the song but we need to be  
at the point where we you know the in  
Revelation it speaks of a people who  
loved not their lives unto the death and  
this this can only be a baptized people  
people who have given themselves over to  
the Lord and will do will go where where  
he sends us so she says then speaking to  
the different classes here they that are  
delivered from the noise of archers in  
the places of drawing water there shall

they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel so those that have come through this he they offer themselves willingly God goes before them he gives them the victory and they're rehearsing now the richest acts of the Lord then shall the people of the Lord go down to the gates awake awake

Devorah so it seems like now so she is singing and it seems now like the Israelites are part of this this rejoicing and this celebration as well and so now they turn to her and they sing to her awake awake Devorah awake awake utter a song now they turn to Barack arise Barack and lead your captivity captive you son of AB in Om and this is interesting language because we've seen it before leading captivity captive and in fact we just saw it not that long ago when we were in the Psalms and we saw that this was quoting or was quoted the Psalms were quoted in Ephesians when Paul says after Christ descends wherefore he says he ascends upon high he led captivity captive so from reading in judges we can get a sense of what this means that Israel was under oppression Israel had captors Israel was under captivity and then these judges arise and they take the captors and lead them captive and so this what we are seeing here is that Christ a sense is this the same God of Israel and the same love he has for Israel to lead captivity captive and then that was of course quoting Psalm 68 where the psalmist writes you have ascended on high you have led captivity captive so so we now are very very clear on what this means it has to do with the oppression of Israel and that the Holy

One of Israel

the suffering servant he comes specifically to loose them that are bound he comes specifically to redeem Israel back to judges 5:13 then he made him that remains have dominion over the nobles among the people so this is him that remains though so there's great battle and there are those who are courageous in the Lord and then there's this remnant that comes through the battle and they now are given dominion over the nobles among the people among the Gentiles the Lord made me to have dominion over the mighty these are mighty people and here now we see this mother in Israel we see Barack we see the faithful people in Israel now having the upper hand over their captors and so again we can take lessons from judges and gain inspiration from judges as well because as powerful as these people are and we have some very powerful people you know we're dealing with people who negotiate in the trillions of dollars I don't even know what that number means but this is what they talk about trillions of dollars they have a lot of power they have a lot of wealth they're very mighty and a lot of them are extremely nefarious in fact the scripture tells us the love of money is the root of all evil and so nothing wrong with being wealthy but if it's your God if you can be bent by it if you can be bribed by it then you will have an evil heart and there's people many many people with a lot of power and they're very evil and they mean no good to humanity and yet God is going to take the meek of the earth the faithful of the earth and give us dominion over the mighty and she goes on out of Ephraim was there a root or a remnant of them



against Amalek and this is interesting wording it seems that it's not all of ephraim that rose to the occasion but there was a remnant in ephraim that rose to the occasion occasion against emilich after you Benjamin

among your people out of Macker came down governors and out of Zebulun they that handle the pet handle the pen of the writer so you know people put down their day to day work and they came to the battle because there was a higher priority than their personal career or their personal endeavors they saw a bigger picture and they were willing to sacrifice their lives for the bigger picture and we have to be this way today yes we all have careers yes we all have pursuits yes we all have our own interests but there's a higher order interest that all of us who are in Christ have been called to and we need to put all these things aside and make the main thing the main thing seek ye first the kingdom of God and then all these other things will be looked after they'll be added so she praises

Zebulun and the princes of Issachar were with Tabora

so she praises this a car even it's a car and also Barak and we know that he came from Naftali he was sent on foot into the valley for the divisions of Reuben

there were great thoughts of heart and now this is interesting so Reuben had good intentions but then she says to Reuben why did you abide among the sheep falls why didn't you come to the battle so it seems to me a condemnation of the tribe of Reuben and again if we think of the church today not everybody is willing to go into

battle

in fact the scripture tells us and our Lord tells us that some will be true now I shouldn't say some he actually says many will betray so again we have to look at the people of God and take warning and see the natural inclinations and we need to overcome our natural inclinations so she says to Reuben why did you abide among the Sheep to hear the bleating of the flock slike she said I don't get it I'm confused why did you do this for the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart so there's a question mark over Reuben Gilead abode beyond Jordan and why did Dan remain in ship so as far as the boar is concerned she feels like all of Israel should have risen to the occasion and she's confused as to why there are certain in Israel that did not and so in this time of celebration in this time of victory and there's high regard for those that were faithful she's now a pointing out those that didn't come to the battle and why did Dan remain in ships

Asher continued on the seashore and abode in his breeches that I take that as condemnation and again as the church when the time for battle comes and I speak spiritually and we have to really sacrifice ourselves and maybe here I mean physically as well will everybody rise to the occasion or will there be a song of victory and then an identification of those who did not rise to the occasion

Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field wow what a contrast between Dan and Reuben versus Zebulun and Naphtali they were a people that jeopardized their

lives unto the death in the high places  
of the field where were the others  
and I think this um phrasing of  
jeopardizing their lives unto the death  
it's got to put us in mind of the  
account of John in Revelation and they  
overcame him speaking of the successful  
Saints we overcame him by the blood of  
the Lamb so there's an intimate  
relationship with our Savior and we  
understand what his sacrifice means  
because we've rehearsed it over and over  
every year if we pass over getting a  
deeper and deeper understanding we're  
now we're totally in we are totally in  
and we we understand what the blood of  
the Lord is and we use that to overcome  
any fear and so these faithful Saints  
overcome him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony and  
again we understand the nature of God  
that when he speaks his word he never  
ever ever goes back on his word that is  
what makes him God is the about the  
ability for him to speak a word and then  
make it happen and he never speaks a  
word and then he has to apologize for it  
because it comes back void it comes back  
empty but it didn't accomplish the thing  
that he said never in fact he makes the  
argument and we saw it in Isaiah that  
his proof that he is God is his ability  
to declare the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times that which is not  
yet done saying what my word my counsel  
my plans shall stand and so as we come  
to know this God we become like him  
the thought of speaking falsehood of  
lying of breaking promises of breaking  
oaths this is the furthest thing from us  
as we mature in Christ that our word is  
our bond if I say I'm gonna be there I'm  
gonna be there unless some unforeseen  
thing happens and you know Wow

a Christian said he would be here don't  
worry he'll be here unless it's  
completely out of his control because we  
are we are human  
but we have to be faithful and so when  
we make a testimony and we say I am in  
Christ our commitment to our word gives  
us the strength and the courage and the  
boldness to overcome so we overcome by  
the blood of the Lamb and by the word of  
our testimony we've made an oath this is  
it  
and what we jeopardized our life unto  
the death this life compared to what  
Christ offers us is nothing let the  
pagans let the atheists let the  
agnostics freak out over the threat of  
death  
let them panic over the threat of death  
and let everyone who names the name of  
Christ  
stand firm look evil in the eye like  
Shadrach Meshach and Abednego and say do  
your worst  
our Lord is able to save us but even if  
he doesn't he has promised us the  
resurrection and that's what we're  
striving for an eternal life that we  
will live forever so this is nothing it  
no matter what we do we're gonna die  
this is a physical it's a temporary  
existence so you know we could betray  
your our life is threatened and we  
betray to kind of save our life and one  
minute later two minutes later we get  
struck down by a car or we suffer a  
massive heart what was the point what  
was the point we can't hold on to this  
life and every hair on our head is  
numbered and so we're willing like  
Natale and Zebulun to jeopardize our  
lives unto the death and they loved not  
their lives unto the death there's a  
vision that these Saints have that we

must have that is so clear that nothing  
frightens us and we understand what what  
we're a part of and the agenda we've  
been called to fulfill back to judges  
5:19

inst Sisera so they're worshipping the  
heavens but God is using these these  
these curse his creation to fight  
against them the river of kashan swept  
them away again God is the god of  
creation so they can worship these  
things all they want and these  
Canaanites were environmentalists they  
worshipped the environment and that that  
religion has cascaded it doesn't it  
didn't go away it's just come up now and  
we call it but you know we have  
sophisticated terminology for it but  
it's the same worship where we will  
degrade a human being made in God's  
image and we will prioritize instead the  
worship of nature this is Canada this is  
Canaanite religion and so the creation  
that they worshiped was against them  
because God is the God of the creation  
the river of Keshawn swept them away  
that ancient river the river Keshawn oh  
my soul you have trodden down strength  
because that is miraculous how is it  
that the the children of Israel this is  
the success that they have here was what  
was intended from the very beginning  
from the time of Joshua that they should  
have gone into the promised land and  
you're systematically moved out and  
ruled out and destroyed every trace of  
this pagan idolatry but they back slid  
and they were unfaithful and they  
decided to coexist with these people but  
now they have the victory that they  
should have always had all my soul you  
have trodden down strength then were the  
horse hoofs broken by means of the  
prancing 's the prancing zuv they're

mighty ones so they're the imagine these  
powerful well-trained horses and and  
they're suffering misfortune kursi meraz  
said the angel of the Lord  
curse you bitterly the inhabitants  
thereof  
what is meraz is Murrah are these  
Gentiles or are these Israelites in a  
particular geography that didn't come to  
the war not sure either way someone is  
being cursed bitterly by the angel of  
the Lord curse he  
virtually the inhabitants thereof and  
this is why I say these are Israelites  
even though Meraz is not an Israelite  
tribe it's probably a geographic  
location that the tribe has taken but  
they have their other priorities and  
when the Bora calls everyone to battle  
they came not to the help of the Lord to  
the help of the Lord against the mighty  
we needed all hands on deck  
these are mighty mighty people powerful  
Kings who have thrown themselves totally  
into this war this is life or death and  
Israel we need everybody and these  
people didn't come and so they were  
cursed mightily and again it begs the  
question in the church age are we all  
gonna get are we all gonna be united and  
move forward as one flock or they're  
gonna be divisions among us and I've got  
a better idea and I don't think that's a  
priority right now and I you know I've  
got my little business and I want to  
hold on to my career or whatever the  
case is so these people were cursed and  
now there's a blessing and who is the  
blessing pronounced upon blessed above  
women shalya ell the wife of eber the  
key night be now Yael is this a  
Israelite woman that married a key night  
or is it a key night that like Ruth  
threw herself into the Israelite lot and

said yeah I'm in with Israel one way or the other but she now is identified and remember Tabor told Barak this is your glory but he said I won't go unless you come with me she said okay I'll come with you but your glory will be transferred to a woman you will not get the glory a woman will and this is a prophetess so the word she spoke he came to pass and now this this should have been Barak in fact I think when I read chapters 3 4 & 5 together my sense is that had Barak been courageous and just yielded to the call and went out and and conquered and delivered Israel I think chapter 4

would have been about Barak and de Bora probably wouldn't even been mentioned we don't know how often they all came to know that he was to deliver Israel it's not mentioned and I think had barackman courageous he would just be known as the the next judge and that he delivered Israel but because of his cowardice and his hesitation his initial hesitation I think now we needed the backstory of what went on there and we see that it was de Bora who had courage and strengthen the spine of weak men and that it was actually Yael who actually delivered Israel but this glory is should have been Barak's blessed above women this is quite a blessing bless it above all women shall Yael the wife of Eber the key might be so she came to Israel's assistance  
blessed shall she be above women in the tenth and this is what the scripture says that all those who bless the descendants of Abraham will be blessed and anyone who curses the descendants of Abraham will be cursed so all of these Gentiles because of their cursing of Israel are cursed

they're condemned and this I think it's a Gentile woman who threw her lot in with Israel but because she blessed Israel she is blessed now I wanted to talk for a moment about Yael because what she did was quite brutal you know she kind of lulled this guy to sleep and then she drove a tent peg through his temple and that seems pretty brutal pretty violent and yet God praises her God lifts her up above all women and she's blessed under the inspiration of Deborah the prophetess she's blessed above all women now look at David and look at what he says in Psalm 137 verse 8 o daughter of Babylon okay so we're speaking of this Gentile people o daughter of Babylon downstream it's in the future who art to be destroyed happy shall he be more blessed shall he be that rewards you as you have served so there's a blessing pronounced here on anybody who deals with Babylon the way Babylon has dealt with Israel that's what David the Prophet says he says blessed shall he be that takes and dashes your little ones against the stones so David is saying if you will take these infants and grab them by the feet and smash their heads against the rocks you will be blessed now that is violent and I really should have put up by I meant whenever we do judges to put our viewer discretion is advised because God pull it's God doesn't hold anything back here in the book of Judges so as we go through judges just bear in mind viewer discretion is advised so this is a blessing and that seems pretty brutal but remember what he said he's not saying take the little ones take the babies and smash their head



against the stone because of what you know people will take this and they'll criticize the Bible for this but what David is saying is actually it needs context so if we look at the context he says in the previous verse blessed shall he be that rewards you as you have served us and we know that when Christ comes this is exactly what he's going to do this is from Deuteronomy 30 that all of the designs of the Gentiles that are upon Israel when God rises in defense of Israel he takes all of those designs and turns them back on the heads of the Gentiles so yes very violent very brutal language but we have to understand just how much the devil is working through these people and you even look at somebody like a Melek who saw spared and and he was supposed to completely destroy these people and years later we see them come up in the time of stur I'm gonna rise up to destroy the people of Israel it's in the DNA and so God is clear you got to you've got to clean this out clear these people out and yeah don't worry there's a resurrection they will be brought back to life and they will be taught what is what and who is who back to judges he asked water so remember he came in in the asked water and she gave him milk so she ingratiated herself to him she brought forth butter in a lordly dish so he's feeling quite safe now she put her hand to the nail and her right hand to the work man's hammer so while he's fast asleep there he's probably snoring he's exhausted and she takes the tent peg and just positions it right in the perfect spot and then she takes the Workmen's hammer she's determined she has a clear intention she is standing for Israel and God is rewarding her and blessing her

for this act and with the hammer she  
smoked Sisera she smote off his head  
when she had pierced and stricken  
through his temples now Deborah  
puts this to music you know you know  
from my parents are from Jamaica and and  
the reggae music historically was it was  
like news that they would take incidents  
that happened and they would put it to  
music and then that music would travel  
all over the island and and it was a way  
of news spreading because it could be  
easily remembered it would rhyme it had  
a good catchy beat people would catch on  
and and and so it could be replicated  
and spread through the island that's how  
news used to travel and so the Bora  
knows what news she wants remembered and  
spread and this is the news that she  
puts to music and this this very violent  
act is something that she regards very  
highly as a prophetess of God and so  
clearly God regards this very highly and  
he wants Israel to know this is what I  
expected of you when you came into the  
Promised Land this is what you were to  
do God has had it with  
these people these filthy people they  
were to be wiped out  
but Israel lost nerve and lost backbone  
but yeah L didn't at her feet he bowed  
he fell this mighty warrior this mighty  
general at a woman's feet he bowed he  
fell he lay down at her feet he bowed he  
fell where he bowed there he fell down  
dead and again you just think this is  
put to music and so this is gonna be  
very memorable and generations later  
they can be still singing this song and  
all over Israel they can be singing this  
song now the fact that he died at the  
hand of a woman in this time was brutal  
you know we'll come to judges later but  
in judges 9:53 a certain woman cast a

piece of millstone upon the Benelux head  
and all to break his skull so he  
realized he's gonna die now so while he  
realized this woman has done this to him  
and he's on death's door then he called  
hastily unto the young man his  
armor-bearer  
and said unto him draw your sword and  
kill me that men say not of me a woman  
slew him that's this is how humiliating  
this was at this time that I know today  
if you watch any kind of Hollywood  
nonsense  
women are drop-kicking men and beating  
up men and they're just so powerful and  
men are so weak but you know Satan is  
just twisting everybody's head but back  
in the day men were warriors and they  
protected their women and the idea that  
you were slain by a woman was utter  
humiliation for your whole line and  
family and so this man Abimelech said  
you can you need to kill me fast lest  
when I die and they you know the cause  
of death a woman killed him  
draw your sword in slay me that men say  
not of me a woman slew him and his young  
men thrust him through he understood how  
important and urgent this was he didn't  
hesitate and and his young men  
thrust him through and he died that was  
close  
was nearly said of him that he died of a  
woman well this general this mighty  
warrior  
he gets the honor thousands of years  
later here we are talking about him he  
died of a woman the mother of snow now  
read look at this now verse 28 the  
mother of Sisera looked out at a window  
so so Deborah understands that while all  
of this is happening the mother of this  
general this wicked wicked brutal man  
his mother just sort of think you know

the mother of adolf hitler the mother of  
sister of Sisera looked out at a window  
and cried through the lattice this is  
this is sister of my baby my baby boy  
and he's missing and so she cried  
through it through the lattice why is  
his chariot so long in coming so she did  
not expect this cicero goes out Sisera  
comes back cicero goes out you know lutz  
steals plummets rapes murders there's  
all kinds of atrocious things and then  
he comes home to mommy and mommy hugs  
him up and kisses him up and says there  
there my little baby boy you're just so  
wonderful and so there's this great bond  
between mommy and Sisera and this time  
sister didn't come home why tarry the  
wheels of his chariots like what's going  
on here this so while all of this is  
happening in the tent with Yael Cicero's  
mommy is wondering I wonder what's  
taking usually he takes her it makes a  
short work of slaughtering people and  
then he comes right back home and I cook  
him his favorite meals what's taking so  
long this time why tarry the wheels of  
his chariots her wise lady's answer her  
yes  
she returned answer to herself have they  
not sped have they not divided the prey  
so they have absolute confidence in  
Cicero's ability to win every battle and  
so she answers herself yeah they've gone  
quickly and then when they win they  
divide the prey now remember these are  
Canaanites and and today the descendants  
of these people are Muslims  
and Islam it's like the Roman Catholic  
Church the Roman Catholic Church  
basically took the paganism of the day  
and just packaged it so the pagans  
continued to do what they always did  
they just call themselves Christians  
Islam is the same way it took the

paganism of Arabia and the paganism of that whole Middle Eastern culture and it just packaged it and put it in a package with a bow on it and then called it a religion of Abraham but it's full of paganism and so and that paganism is not new it goes all the way back to the original people and so they are came they they have Canaanite religion and they worshiped by all and so here they do what they always do they go into battle and they divide the prey to every man a damsel or two this is mommy knowing that they go into battle and they kidnap women and they rape them on the very day that they hidden you know Mohammed slaughtered nine beheaded nine hundred Jews on the very day he took the leader of that tribe took his wife after slaughtering her father slaughtering her brother slaughtering her husband slaughtering her children that day he took her to wife and took her to bed this is Canaanite religion it's brutal and so this is what they did but mommy doesn't see a problem why doesn't mommy see a problem because he comes back with riches and gives her riches so she turns a blind eye and that's exactly what they do to this day as long as they're enriched by it who cares what happens to others so every man takes a damsel or two maybe one maybe two whatever they're fat whatever they fancy to Sisera a prey of diverse colors a prey of diverse colors of needlework of diverse colors of needlework on both sides he gets the best of everything meat for the necks of them that take the spoil so she's just got it all figured out and this this is just habit now is no problem but that didn't happen he didn't come back he had a temple or a nail driven through

his temple and then what does the Bora say she has no pity for mommy mommy Sisera these are wicked people and God instructed Israel to go in and wipe them out and and and God Himself will do this when he comes he comes in Wrath and he coming in wrath over his land and there's controversy over his land and Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies and the abomination of desolation will be set up but that's when he will act and he will wipe these people out once and for all and zechariah 14 tells us a Canaanite will never ever ever ever ever enter into jerusalem again god is sick of these people in their nastiness so let all your enemies or so let all your enemies that is Jehovah Zenna me so the enemies of Israel are the enemies of God so let all your enemies perish Oh Lord but let them that love him be as the son when he goes forth in his might and isn't that the promise that we will shine as the Sun in its full strength in our resurrected bodies but it you know we have to love him and love his purpose and be behind his purpose and support his agenda and love and bless Israel not not I don't just mean the land called Israel today I mean the tribe of Israel the descendants of Israel did the DNA stalk of Abraham let them that love him be as the son when he go when it goes down when it goes forth in its might and the land had rest forty years and so judges five comes to an end with this wonderful celebration it was a wonderful victory in judges four wonderful celebration and we see what's important to God by how this prophetess was inspired to put it to music and this is what God wants remembered and spread and so the land now had restaurateur all these enemies are subdued the land has

rest 40 years now lest we think that that's the end let's just read verse 1 of chapter 6 where God willing we'll be next week and you guessed it after 40 years of rest the children of Israel did evil in whose sight in their own sight not in their own sight they're quite pleased with themselves they're quite self righteous they did evil in the sight of the Lord and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian 7 years so next year we'll read about that the land of Midian and our how they how they suffered under the hand of Midian because of this evil so this is judges like it's it's crazy you know this is wonderful victory that de Bora sings of this should be the beginning of the Kingdom of Israel being established but these people's heart is inclined to do evil not in their own eyes if you were to interview them they'd tell you how wonderful they are and they're the people of God and how the feast that they keep but in God's eyes they did evil and again it begs the question as the Church of God is the firstfruits Israel of God I know in our own sight were righteous people and we keep the feast days but in the sight of God if we were to reconcile our behavior with the Word of God are we doing evil in the sight of God this is a good place for us to end as judges 5 what we'll do now is open this up and just have a conversation with you about the studies that we've had so far and if there are any questions if on CGI that church online org if you can post them there I'll also take a quick look at Facebook if we don't see your question you know the way with Facebook live it'll just pass and we won't so if we didn't answer it and you wanted answer maybe just post

it again but pastor Murray are you there  
okay good really good thanks for joining  
tonight I really appreciate that thank  
you thank you  
maybe we'll get before you get started  
we'll just inform that's how everybody  
can hear pastor Murray well and I'm ER  
if you can just talk for a little bit  
maybe just tell us uh you've been doing  
the count for us onslaught really  
appreciate that how do you manage to  
keep up how do you manage that all  
the things that you're doing for us well  
they want you to manage all the stuff  
that you're doing yeah just to find time  
to prioritize the important things in  
the counters is important it's just a  
small thing but small things matter to  
goddess we're going through the book of  
Judges right so yeah very good and  
that's actually what struck me and  
judges there where you see the boar is  
confused you know why didn't Dan and why  
didn't move in why didn't they come to  
the battle they had other priorities and  
then she highlights Zebulun and Naphtali  
the people who hold the pen for the  
writers they put it down and they came  
to the battle so I think that point that  
you make about prioritization is so  
critical and all of us as Christians we  
need to really need to be asking  
ourselves do we have God's priorities as  
our priority  
did you give me feedback customer is  
perfect it's wonderful good good so I  
know there was a question pastor Murray  
from our sister Laurie and this came on  
the slot channel and it was regarding a  
video from a rabbi and I forget his name  
now but it was to do with the feast of  
weeks and 11:00 and how there's leaven  
there's no leaven in the wave sheaf  
offering but 50 days later at the



firstfruits offering there is leaven  
with the offering and so she he had an  
approach or a thought or a theory that  
you know leaven represents doctrine and  
so you know there's there's this new  
doctrine that we have to take on I  
believe I'm summarizing this correctly  
maybe you can correct me if I'm wrong so  
it's been a little while since I looked  
at it but the the offering with Lebanon  
to cost represents new doctrine that  
were to take on so maybe if you don't  
mind just sort of summarizing your  
understanding of the question and then  
you know what are your thoughts on this  
sure yeah no that's summarized very well  
I don't remember the gentleman's name  
either his website was learned the truth  
and he had dealt with the in generally  
speaking he was dealing with the  
validity of the feast of weeks and  
overall he did a very good job he cited  
a lot of references that we would  
support that the feast of weeks is a  
good thing it was just this one point  
that caused some confusion for her  
sister  
in that as you as you correctly noted  
what he said was that 11 is doctrine so  
there's bad life and bad doctrine good  
leaven good doctrine and that the  
inclusion of the is offering in  
Leviticus 23 on the day of Pentecost of  
these two Leben two loaves had to do  
with the implication of good doctrine  
over the course of the feast of weeks  
and that was well that does sound  
plausible it does so that therein lies  
the confusion so I'm certainly glad that  
sister rory reached out and asked about  
that it was interesting to me that in  
his overall handover the feast of weeks  
he posted a lot of scriptures which in  
invalid support of the feast of weeks

and Pentecost but he referenced he didn't show any scriptures and just referenced his thought on this being leaven being doctrine and he referenced Luke 12 with Christ warned to beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees I think is how we put it actually when I remember watching the video because I picked that up as well that there was no scriptural support for his thought that leaven represents doctrine he just sort of threw it out there that Christ taught that leaven represents doctrine and I can't find that teaching in the Bible I don't start anywhere where Christ said Leaven represents doctrine and that's always a key when somebody has a theory is to find out if they actually quote a scripture and he just would I believe the certainty he was referencing was beware the leaven of the Pharisees but he didn't quote it right because he said the doctrine of the Pharisees and he then went on to say that Leaven was doctrine that's me said you know can be good doctor to the bad doctor but he never actually went to the scripture when you go to the scripture and it's a Luke 12 it actually says beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy so it's actually not doctrine at all for attitude and then you go into first Corinthians 5 but Paul really digs a deeper into why we need to deal with ourselves

we see leaven being a puffy substance can represent pride arrogance hypocrisy and in fact in 1st Corinthians 5 pulling finger says to put on the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth truth is doctrine so when we actually go make this unleavened bread is dr. represents dr. so the absence of leaven is a doctrine which then brings us to what -

these two leaven Lowe's what could that possibly mean now the Bible doesn't directly interpret this one and it is interesting that a lot of Church of God groups well they don't really address it in too much detail we've got a couple of sources one it is in our a correspondence course there's also a blog I found by one of our pastors that does address this briefly and not most churches don't really go into a whole lot of depth here so it leaves this open to interpretation

which is why gentlemen like this could say this and cause some confusion from my perspective and I'll throw this out and see what you think he brought it Feist is the perfect offering and was accepted by God before the feast of weeks began the firstfruits are represented at the end of the feast of weeks on the day of Pentecost so why these eleven rows the best that most most people can come up with is that these represent imperfect offerings that mere still imperfect now perhaps you know Pentecost pictures the distribution of the law and the holy spirit and that we come into the church age so as we as we are baptized and we come to God is imperfect imperfect beings as the first fruits beginning our journey upon the receipt of the Holy Spirit

the whole process of perfection begins but we are imperfect and we need God's mercy to come before Christ so really most interpretations that I've found within our movement within the church regard specifically CGI will say that this

to mean that we are this has to do with the imperfect we the firstfruits being imperfect you may have a we there are various other interpretations that I've

read that made that play off of this  
that what could what could these two  
lowest mean could they represent two  
types of group of people specific groups  
of people again all all interesting to  
consider and and could be valid  
interpretations but I think when you  
boil it all down the fact that leaven  
pictures sin it seems most reasonable  
that these two leaven blows have to do  
with the first groups being imperfect  
offerings because Christ is really only  
perfect the only perfect I love what you're  
saying there and I think it's very  
consistent with Scripture I think that  
the scripture James says that we are a  
kind of firstfruits so we you know we  
call ourselves first roots because we  
are in the first fruits harvest but the  
scripture more specifically says that  
Christ is the firstfruits of them that  
slept and then it goes on further to say  
we are a kind of firstfruits  
so we're it were a kind of firstfruits  
so I think we're a kind of firstfruits  
because you know we are leavened we are  
not we are not the perfect offering as  
Christ was but Christ Cain as the Holy  
One of Israel to redeem Israel so  
because of his offering this offering  
can now be acceptable to God so I think  
that's very acceptable I think the two  
loaves that just in my opinion would  
represent two types of firstfruits and I  
think we have the Old Testament Saints  
and then we have the Saints in Christ  
baptized into Christ in the new in the  
New Covenant and you know again we have  
144,000 which is twelve by twelve we've  
got the Twelve Apostles and we've got  
the 12 the twelve tribes the heads of  
the tribes so to me that is consistent  
that there are two types of firstfruits  
because there were many that had the

holy spirit historically that are going  
to  
up in in in the first resurrection but I  
do think I love what you've done here  
with this and again it's scripturally  
supported and it's consistent it is  
consistent I didn't like the  
inconsistency with the rabbi I thought  
he was be was all he was doing really  
well and then it just sort of really  
struck me that he's quoting Christ  
without actually going to the scripture  
and he's just saying Christ Christ said  
this yeah misquoting Christ to me that's  
that caused me to serve but I I think  
that's great and maybe we'll see if  
there's any further conversation or  
discussion on this but you know there as  
you mentioned as well that there's some  
things that are not quite clear  
so that hidden things belong to God but  
he gives us what he gives us and we work  
with what he gives us wonderful  
wonderful I'm not seeing any questions  
on I'm actually looking at the Sabbath  
service not at the study I just saw  
somebody is saying god I need you on the  
Facebook with any any questions or  
comments there on the on the channel oh  
great okay perfect and so just while  
you're talking to Elena aim says thank  
you Marie  
interesting and it also thanks me as  
well so thank you for that Christy Roman  
says hi everybody hi Christy thanks so  
much for joining us and Brenda ray says  
hello hello Brenda  
Moses Moses father must refer to suggest  
in chapter 2 verse 18 to us really well  
so come to some sort of consistency here  
well the best explanation is also  
supported  
so it's an explanation sure  
so the Hebrew contain the same concerts

and are only differentiated by their  
vows originally well it wasn't before  
because there was the oral tradition and  
they were constantly rehearsing it but  
after some of the oppression that they  
suffered and then these people were lost  
but then they were facing the text and  
the people didn't remember how to  
actually interpret it so now they just  
have to rely on those who can read  
Hebrew and try to figure out from the  
context what are the vowels that should  
be there and that's where they came up  
with the vowel markings without  
changing the clients cuz they the text  
was sacred didn't want to change it so  
that's where they came up with the ball  
marketing so absolutely I get what  
you're saying they see the consonants  
that helps to find who that is actually  
Moses brother MA the son of and that's  
that's fervent to find there so when you  
go into when you take judges for verse  
lending to so many other translations  
that has been corrected or reinterpreted  
to state brother-in-law but is just  
something that's didn't last week that  
I've always known Moses father to be  
Jethro ya know and now here's a third  
name so I just wanted to put a little  
bit of color there that's great I really  
appreciate that very very good very good  
just checking the checking the church  
online here have a note here from the  
Lisa Simpson she says what's going to  
make greetings in the Lisa thank you for  
joining us from Jamaica that's great  
great  
yes greetings as well just some comments  
here sister Donna says we cannot be seen  
from search again supports that you said  
I'm sister Olivia courts Matthew sixteen  
there's 12 in regard to the eleven of  
the Pharisees sister Sylvie had had a

comment a crisis about sin and yeah just no other questions so far here on the chat

and just a comment here from Ardath Dillard hi from cliff and ardath's from Kansas happy to get our Bible studies hello cliff and Ardath great to have you as part of our virtual congregation here hopefully you're able to join us on Sabbath as well we have a Sabbath service at 2:30 Eastern Time 1:30 Central right here in that CGI dr. Tom line org and I guess it goes onto Facebook as well

we'll be speaking of Sabbath as well in the past an interesting leads not very good the concept of the fast actually came from the chat on this study about two weeks ago their summers here on the chat from around the world started to throw the idea back so that was put forward really looking forward to that and I think just going back to the question that you started off with pastor Murray and and just was artists that says cliff and Ardath enjoy the studies I think what's important about these studies is their line by line we open up a book and we read it line by line and everything is now in context it may be very familiar verses i know when i was reading isaiah verses that i know coming into the church i learned them they're very poetic when actually sit down and read it in context it doesn't say what i thought it said or it doesn't mean what i thought it meant and i think the same way with that rabbi where he just says oh you know christ says well he's a rabbi so i'm just gonna sit there and I'm going to accept what he says but what God wants is for us to search the Scriptures to see if these things are so

and searching the Scriptures means  
reading it upon test line by line what  
what you know what's happening before  
what happens after what does that what  
would the scripture mean to the people  
that Christ was speaking to how would  
they have interpreted it we can build on  
that but it can't mean the opposite of  
what Christ originally meant  
so I think that I appreciate the  
opportunity we have to do these studies  
and lift up the word of God above the  
word of men you know the Bible is the  
let's take it it's the word of God let's  
give it high regard and then study  
everything in context yeah absolutely  
and please everybody don't take anything  
anyone says here whether it be a tree  
and I or anybody else on any message  
just at face value open up your Bibles  
that's right open up different versions  
I mean you'll see and as you see  
different as you come to study the  
scriptures you'll see even some of the  
more modern versions have taken  
liberties that are against the true  
meaning of the text it's so much so and  
I don't mean to get off on a tangent  
here but you go into some of the more  
liberal translations or paraphrases and  
there's a complete elimination of things  
like Satan and Lucifer and in Christ and  
Christ  
so yeah I've really become really if  
there's anything that we can take from  
this set of studies here it's as you  
said it it's the line by line very very  
good very good so you gave us a preview  
of what you'll be speaking about this  
Sabbath so we're looking forward to that  
what is the purpose of fasting and  
certainly God expects that of his people  
so we'll be encouraged very much look  
for time I see a Elena says that's why I



love these studies because you go through everything amen thanks so much and that's again we want to give God's Word high regard not our word we're gonna go through the Bible and use the Bible to interpret the Bible and always put the Word of God above what we think or say and again we open ourselves up we'll take questions we don't we might not know the answer so to say you know what that's a good question we'll have to look into that one because it's not about men it's about the Word of God and the Word of God is gonna strengthen us and support us through everything ahead it's a lie it's a lamp unto our feet so as the world turns and as the world changes and as you know what the scriptures say men's hearts failing them for fear Christians will be bold why will we be bold because of the word of absolutely man

good way to end very very good very very good well pasta Murray really appreciate you and you know although you don't come on screen every week you're very very often like nine times out of ten ninety-nine times out of 100 your hair every week and you're here on the chat and certainly you and I behind the scenes really appreciate the support that we have for one another so so thank you for all your service and brethren we look forward to you joining us again you know there's there's all different services that are available to us on Sabbath I believe Tyler is 11 a.m. Eastern Time 12:12 so Tyler service is at 11:00 a.m. Central time and then our service will be at 2:30 or 1:30 central 2:30 Eastern Time so brethren Facebook they have a Facebook page as well were they broadcast very very good thanks customer e brethren thanks so much

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his word is incontrovertible let's stand  
on his word and stand on his promises  
god bless the Church of God  
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