

19-Psalms-32-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study this one is taking place on Thursday night for those of you who did join me last night apologize for the technical difficulty we basically had to just stop the broadcast and so I'm redoing Psalm 68 this evening so that we can have this for the archive i told me the word of prayer and then we can get into tonight's study or Heavenly Father we pause as we do to acknowledge you and to ask your blessing father certainly thank you for the blessing of the Scriptures and the opportunity we have to study them together and also the technology that you've made available to us that was not available to our spiritual ancestors that we were able to broadcast your truth your word internationally globally for those who have an interest we thank you for this father we pray that you'll bless everybody who tuned in you'll deepen our understanding deepen our convention deepen our faith and just help us father to be pleasing to you in both our meditation our words and our words and our actions father praise you would thank you we ask this in Jesus Holy Name Amen

hmm as I started no yesterday I'll just go back there with Isaiah as content for Psalm 68 let's remember see that we saw in Isaiah and we'll just start with second Isaiah Isaiah 40 and it starts out like this comfort you comfort you my people says your God so someone is in a relationship with the true God and the true God is asking these people who are in a relationship with him to comfort his people so so whoever understands

this has an obligation than to turn to God's people in a time of crisis with a message that is a good message that is good news and he says speak comfortably so those who are his servants speak you comfortable

to who to Jerusalem speak you comfortably to Jerusalem he says here and cryin to her that her warfare is accomplished so there there is a purpose Christ told us that Jerusalem would be surrounded by armies and there is a purpose to all of this it is not to forsake Jerusalem it's not to destroy Jerusalem it's to drive Jerusalem to repentance according to the original prophecy laid down by Moses he says tell her that her warfare is accomplished it's over now it's what God was looking for from her has been achieved that her iniquity is pardoned for she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins and they will fast forward and by the way if you were not with us when we studied second Isaiah it is in the archives you can access it on YouTube with the channel CGI digital network it's one of the playlist there or download our app CGI digital network on the iTunes Store and all the people play store and also on the Kindle Store so you can download the app and then access the archives there so we've gone through a second Isaiah line-by-line but just want to remind us refresh us of what we studied there before we go into Psalm 68 because Psalm 68 is a psalm of victory it's a victory song and we just need the context of what is being celebrated while David was not just a king he was a prophet and he could see him to the future and I think having this context is going to help us unpacking Psalm 68 so somebody is taking

a good news message to Jerusalem despite the warfare despite the devastation the catastrophe someone actually has good news that sees that this is not the end that there is a very positive outcome for Judah and Jerusalem and here we seem out the Gospel message in Isaiah 52 in verse 7 how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings the gospel so we know that this is referring to Christ as was a prophecy of Jesus Christ

coming and walking upon the mountains of Judah and bringing a message of good news for them as their Messiah so the Prophet says a beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good news that publishes peace that brings tidings of good so it brings basically good news brings tidings of good that publishes salvation so the salvation here that Isaiah is speaking of and that the Jews of his time as they're listening to this and even in Christ's time when they were looking for salvation again we did the Gospel of Luke and chapter one again that's in the archive as well chapter one and chapter two when they were looking for salvation they were thinking nationally they were looking for a messiah to save the nation to do to free them of oppression and release them from their bondage it was it was a national salvation we as Christians tend to think of salvation individually that it's our personal salvation and the reality is it's both that God is coming to and we'll understand this as we unpack the different prophecies but certainly we'll see it in Psalm 68 the victory song that God is coming to save his people he is using firstfruits to help him in this process and these firstfruits are not

just from among the physical descendants of Israel they are also from the Gentiles that have been grafted in and have become Israelites through the process of receiving receiving the Holy Spirit and being grafted into the Covenant and these firstfruits which all true Christians are a part of being used to proclaim the good news to the rest of God's people that the tribes of Israel because the salvation is for Israel God is coming to save Israel to put a put Israel in her rightful place on the earth and in so doing offer salvation to the rest of mankind so there is a process there is an order and so this Messiah came to earth brought the gospel good tidings of good and published salvation and says to Zion not to the whole world to Zion your God reigns so in a time of catastrophe when these people are being humiliated denigrated enslaved captivated that at this moment when it looks like all hope is lost help comes from above to say no no no you have been right all along your God reigns not these false gods and if this is a time that we know the whole world will have given themselves over to the beast will be subscribed to the Beast power and the Beast religion and you know it's wrong and it will be very clear in this debt that the god of Zion the God of Israel is the god that rings then in verse 8 he says I 52 verse 8 your Watchmen that's the watchman of Zion shall lift up the voice well who are the Watchmen it's the firstfruits the firstfruits who have the holy spirit who understand the plan of God who who have the ability to preach to proclaim this gospel to the whole world to all nations as a witness as a warning and the firstfruits will be

hated of all nations because our message contradicts the prevailing wisdom of the world and the way that the whole world is going and so your watchmen read ourselves into this shall lift up the voice with the voice together shall they sing for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again his eye on and remember this phraseology to bring again Zion it means to release her from captivity he's going to gather her and bring her again back to her promised land the land that was promised to her forefathers they will be gathered from the four corners of the earth and brought back here but we who have been proclaiming this as the Watchmen we're going to see it live we are going to be with Christ we're going to be his helpmate we're going to oversee this whole operation it is going to happen so he says no desire break forth into joy sing together you waste places of Jerusalem imagine in the contrast that there is such devastation there is such destruction there is such hopelessness and in the midst of this devastation in the midst of this destruction in the midst of this hopelessness there is now a time to break out into singing there is unspeakable joy in the midst of catastrophe why because of God's faithfulness to his covenant when he makes a promise it's forever and even though Israel and Judah have failed in keeping their part of the Covenant God has not failed in keeping his part so he's going to renew this covenant and pour his holy spirit upon them so that they in fact mckee they're part of the Covenant so in the very midst of destruction Jerusalem will break forth into joy and will sing together for the

Lord has comforted his people so we are told to comfort his people and then we're told we're actually going to see this take place we will see if I - I when God acts to comfort his people that he has redeemed Jerusalem and he's coming to redeem Jerusalem the Lord has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations again there's a great controversy here because the nations have given themselves over to the Beast and God is now coming to rescue with his mighty strength his people whom the Beast has enslaved has made bear his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God remember this is not just a personal salvation this is a national salvation that these people have been enslaved they've been taken captive to the four corners of the earth Jesus Christ is returning on a rescue mission and he's going to gather his elect from the four corners of the earth his elect are those that have been elected to the Covenant they've been chosen for this covenant relationship and so all the nations that have given themselves over to the beast power are going to witness God coming to release his people from this bondage and so the whole earth is going to see the salvation of Judah's God so with that as context let's now go into Psalm 68 which is a victory song so there are some things but it's not clear when exactly David penned this song but it's obviously at a time of victory so David was all very successful in conquering there the surrounding nations in establishing Israel as the prominent kingdom and and so I'm part of this process he penned this victory song but David was not just the king of Israel he

was also a prophet and he was given the spirit and the ability to under inspiration speak of the future foresee the future and so this song while it is clearly reflecting a time of victory for King David is also looking forward and it's seeing a time when Israel would be completely freed of her captors and established as the head nation in all the earth and a whole earth will witness this so this is the thrust of Psalm 68 verse 0 - the chief musician a song or song David so we know that King David wrote this Psalm and it's to be performed it's good that it says it's shame that we've lost the music that goes with these songs and and and that we're reading them in English and losing the poetry that's in the Hebrew but it is a song of victory and remembering in Isaiah the instruction is to sing together to sing with joy to sing aloud and so all they'd be singing songs of victory

so begins let God arise let his enemies be scattered so the Hebrew actually doesn't say let it just says God arise enemies scattered let God arise let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him so this is a time of I mentioned great controversy and there are those that hate the God of the Bible and there are the enemies of God's people and they are slaughtering and enslaving God's people point of hopelessness and then God arises then Yahweh Jehovah the God of Israel arises the God of covenant arises and his enemies are ashamed and scattered and those that hate him have to flee for their lives this is the the promise of God that he is not forsaken his people despite appearances now David is actually quoting here the words of Moses

that if we look at in in numbers when they were in the wilderness every time Moses advanced and took the Ark of the Covenant to advance this is what he said numbers 10 verse 34 and the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day so there was a David is remembering this relationship special relationship that God has this covenant relationship that God has with Israel and so he sees alluding to the relationship that Moses the Moses had with God representing the people and the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day when they went out of the camp and it came to pass when the ark set forward that Moses said rise up Lord and let your enemies be scattered so this is what David is quoting rise up Lord arrives enemy scattered and let them that hate you flee before you so this is as they're moving into the land and moving these people out the ark is is leading them through this path and there's this relationship that they have with with God and it is really symbolized in the Ark of the Covenant and whenever they go forward Moses said this and so David is alluding to this and then when arrested he said return our Lord unto the many thousands of Israel so God went before them and his shirt assured their victory and God was with them they were in this special relationship David is now losing to this he then says as smoke is driven away so there's a there's a metaphor here or analogy that how there's no match basically that as powerful as these armies are they are no match for the God of Israel so David makes that clear that the way that smoke is driven away so you just see how smoke the wind will just blow it

away that there's no contest between the smoke in the wind and the same way you will see as wax melts before the fire so wax is just no match for a fire in the same way that we see math wax being no match for the fire and we see smoke being no match for the wind that drives it away so let the wicked perish at the presence of God so they have been powerful they are established in the land they are having their way and then God returns there's no match it's just this this is what David sees there's just no match and this is how the wicked will perish at the presence of God so that's the lot of the wicked contradicting that is the log of the righteous instead but let the righteous be glad let them rejoice before God yes let them exceedingly rejoice and again that's what we saw in Isaiah comfort my people and the people of God the physical descendants of Israel and Judah are driven to a true repentance and they become part of the righteous and so when God returns he's not just returning to the first fruits he's returning to a people that I've learned their lesson and that have wholeheartedly repented and they're considered the righteous so they're going to be glad and we're going to see this eye to eye Isaiah says and they're going to rejoice and sing aloud as Christ returns to redeem them exceedingly there's going to be joy in the place of devastation there will be exceeding joy sing unto God and I just you know there's so many talented singers and musicians that I just can't it's hard to imagine how the music will sound when talented people give themselves over appraised in God instead

of giving themselves over to vanity you know you're some beautiful voices and songs and but it's all nonsense now we have people who are truly repentant truly loving God appreciating him grateful to him using their talent to praise him he says but let the righteous rejoice and be glad let them rejoice before God yes let them exceedingly rejoice oh the wicked are in power God acts God arises the wicked melt and flee and perish and the righteous rejoice this is where the world is heading then there's a sing unto God sing praises to his name and this is this is this is not just you know oh it's time to pick up your head bookends these people are gonna be singing with all their might all their heart they're just gonna be overwhelmed with gratitude and awe and so signal to elohim sing praises to his name extol him that rides upon the heavens by his name yah and rejoice before him so he rides upon the heavens he's returning with the clouds and so he's coming from the heavens and this is the true God and this is when Christ was in this conflict with the Pharisees in Matthew 23 that chapter ends with him saying I believe his verse 34 you won't see me again until you shall say unless it is he who comes in the name of the Lord and so there is this acknowledgment finally they acknowledge who he is and their to glorify him by his name yah which is a short for Yahweh or Jehovah this is his name this is the true God you know the whole world will have given themselves over to a false god the god of the beast but now the people of Judah can say this is our God and my name yah and rejoice exceedingly the Wicked are fleeing for their lives they're perishing and the

people of God are able to praise the true God of Israel he is a father of the fatherless and a judge of the widow's this really matters now there are a lot of people in power who take advantage of the fatherless and who take advantage of the widows and at the same time they will do this they will claim that their God tells them that this can be done that this is this is uh this is their God's will the true God is a father of the fatherless the most vulnerable in society the widow's God has a heart for life and the Gospel message the good news is they will be looked after they will no longer be exploited and so any religion any ideology any philosophy that enriches those in power at the expense of the poor does not come from God it's false and when it says he's a father of the fatherless it means he's going to act with vengeance when it comes time for retribution in John he's a God of justice when it says he's a judge of the widow's it means their cases will be brought to him and those who have exploited the wicked are they exploited the the widow sorry those that have exploited the widow's the wicked that have exploited the widows will be they will be sentenced and they will they will experience the Justice of God does God in his holy habitation this is the God that we serve he says God sets the solitary in families and this is something that you know when people are in loneliness it's very hard for them to imagine any other situation but God's promise here is that those who are solitary he will set us in families God sets the solitary of valleys he brings out those which are bound with chains and again his people

will be in captivity in the four corners
of the earth many of them will be made
widows because their husbands will have
been slaughtered many of them will be
made fatherless because their fathers
will have been slaughtered and they many
of them men will be enslaved and
brutalized as fatherless and widows and
and God is going to act and bring them
out of that captivity he brings out
those which are bound with chains but
the rebellious dwell in a dry land so
David is very clear when God rises up
there's this there's this separation
between God's people or the righteous in
amongst God's people and and there is no
hope for the wicked justice will finally
though the wicked who were in great
power spreading themselves will now
dwell in a dry land Oh God
when you went before your people and
again he he is recalling the Covenant
relationship that God had the special
place that Israel had with God Oh God
when you went before your people when
you did march through the wilderness
Selah so this is worth reflecting and
meditating upon that God has a people
and there was a very intimate
relationship with God and his people and
he went before them and David is
reflecting this and in fact we can see
this when we go to Exodus 13 we'll get a
glimpse of this the Nexus verse 20 they
took their journey from so called and in
counting
in the edge of the wilderness and the
Lord went before them by day in a pillar
of a cloud to lead them the way tonight
in a pillar of fire to give them light
to go by day and night so they were able
to proceed day and night because of this
intimate relationship that God hath with
his people he took not away the pillar

of the cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night from before the people this is what David is reflecting on it was a special relationship David goes on in verse 8 of Psalm 68 the earth shook the heavens also dropped at the presence of God even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God the God of Israel so he is remembering what happened at Sinai when God came down and now he's saying God arise return restore your people and he's remembering what happened before and he wants that relationship restored but let's remember well let's remember what happened when he came to sign up Exodus 19 4:16 and it came to pass on the third day in the morning that there were thunders and lightnings the heavens shook and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud so that all the people that was in the town trembled so this is what David is remembering when the law was given in Song and salmon verse 9 of Psalm 68 you O God did send a plentiful rain whereby you did confirm your inheritance when it was weary so again he's remembering this special relationship that God had with the forefathers within ancient Israel and he sent reigning a plentiful rain and this matters because this is part of the relationship that God had with Israel look at Deuteronomy 11 I love this chapter in verse 4 this passage because it really which we chew it really outlines the priority that God places upon his land he says here therefore verse 8 Deuteronomy 11 therefore should keep all the commandments which I command you this day that you may be strong and go in and possess the land where you go to possess it so God wants them to be successful

the key to their success is obedience
obey the commandments go in be strong
take the land and possess it and that
you may prolong your days in the land so
it's not just a matter of going into the
land it's a matter of being successful
in the land and and staying in the
land being being able to retain your of
your position in the land that's what
God wants for them but it's not it's not
just a transactional one-time thing it's
for their to dwell in the land that you
may prolong he says he wants them to
prolong their days in the land which the
Lord swore unto your father's to give
unto them and to their seed this is a
promise that he swore yet this is an
oath that God made that he's going to
give these people this piece of real
estate on the earth a land that flows
with milk and honey say for the land
again the you notice the focus on the
land so there's this covenant
relationship clearly there's a covenant
relationship but in addition to the the
intimacy between Israel and God that
relationship takes place on a plot of
land a specific piece of real estate
called the promised land because it's
the land that God promised for the land
where you go in to possess it is not as
the land of Egypt so he created this
nation by taking them out of captivity
out of Egypt and bringing him in into
this land but he's telling them it's not
the land I'm taking you into is not the
same as the land that I'm taking you out
of from where you came out where you
sow your seed and watered it with your
foot as a garden of herbs so the way it
worked in Egypt was more of an
irrigation system where they had the
Nile River
through Egypt and they developed this

very sophisticated irrigation system that they could then pump water out of the river and water their land so that they could develop their their crops God says it's not going to be that way in the promised land but the land again the focus is on the land where you go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys and it drinks water of the rain of heaven so God will personally water this land that's the land you're going into whereas you had to draw water in Egypt from the river here I'm going to water the land for you so that you don't have to kind of work so hard to get the irrigation it's gonna just count as a blessing and then he says a land which the Lord your God cares for we can't miss this God cares for the land a specific piece of real estate that he has promised to the father's this is the land that God cares for this land there's no there's no other passage in the Bible that says there's any other land that God personally cares for his focus is and has always been on this promised land this is the land that God cares for a land which the Lord your God cares for the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it he has never forgotten in this land in this promise that he has made to the father's his eyes are always upon even now in the midst of all this warfare and and false claims over the land and a lot of debauchery that's taking place in the land God is watching and his focus is on his eyes are always upon this land and he will act any will fulfill his promise to the father's even if it means renewing the covenant with these people so that they can in fact keep their part of the bargain so that he can then fulfill his promise to the father's the

eyes of the Lord are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end

the year so that that is worse in Psalm 68 he's reflecting upon the fact that God sent rain for these people and they were perfect they prospered because of the care that God had for them and the rain that he sent upon the land verse 10 Psalm 68 your congregation has dwelt there in you O God have prepared of your goodness for the poor so everyone was blessed in the land the Lord gave the word great was the company of those that published it so this was a covenant promise that God gave he spoke it and then there was just a plethora of people that were able to proclaim this covenant promise and the benefits of Israel obeying the Covenant and being in this special relationship with the God of Israel and then David goes on not only did Israel benefit from this special relationship that they had with God the enemies the Gentiles AHA they were they they could not match Israel verse 12 kings of armies these are powerful people to assemble these powerful armies and be the leader over these powerful armies kings of armies did flee apace you know like like wax melting before fire like like smoke being driven away by the wind by a strong wind these powerful armies and Kings they fled for their lives and she that tarried at home divided the spoil so Israel was so successful everybody had to go to war and those that didn't go to war they also benefited they looked after everything at home those soldiers and warriors went to war and were successful there was tremendous spoil they brought it back even those that didn't go to war there was so much in abundance -

everybody benefited and let's go see an example of this in numbers 31 in the Torah in numbers 31 and they warn against the Midianites so this is an example

one of the nation's they warned against as the LORD commanded Moses of God gave the commandment to clear out this land and so they were commanding a commander to do this and they slew all the males and they slew the kings of Midian these are powerful men powerful powerful men and Israel slew them slew the kings of Midian beside the rest of them that were slain and now Moses names the kings of Israel our Shlaim AVI and recomb and zarur and her and reba five kings of Midian now to us just doesn't mean anything but had we lived in the time we would be blown away it's like you know so listen listing some of the very powerful world leaders today and looking at their maybe nuclear arsenal ray that they have and or arsenal I should say looking at what they have and thinking like how do you wipe these people out and Israel just wipes them out no problem and so he were to publish these may and you'll be like wow this is really something this is miraculous bottom also the son of Beor basically with the sword so very very powerful people

why not because of their own strength because of the blessing the favor of the God of Israel verse 13 though you have leaned among the pots so you have already a humble place yet shall you be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with gold with yellow gold so they're going to be exalted go from this place of humiliation to a place of great exaltation when the almighty scattered

kings in it

it was white as snow it was white as snow in Solomon and again just quickly in the Torah numbers 21 verse to Israel about Israel about about unto the Lord and said if you will indeed deliver this people into my hand then I will cut early destroy their cities and the Lord hearkened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites and they utterly destroyed them in their cities and he called the name of the place so God just just did this for this favor that bound is really granted this favor on Israel that they were just unstoppable and and David is remembering this relationship that Israel had with God verse 15 Psalm 68 the hill of God is as the hill of Bashan so this is you know sets Hilbert's really Mountain ha-har in Hebrew so there is this glorious mountain bishan and he's saying Mount Zion is as if it's as the hill of passion a high hill as the hill of passion so although man Zion is a humble mountain is hardly considered a mountain compared to some of these other mounds surrounding mountain ranges David is saying no it's like that and then he poses the challenge of the question why leap you new high hills then he speaks of Zion he says this is the hill which God desires to dwell a yes the Lord will dwell in it for ever David realized this is the God of covenant he has not forgotten his covenant he has promised this land to his people and he has chosen Mount Zion and although Mount Zion is in no way physically as glory as some of these other mountain ranges which normally any human being would choose the highest mountain and say I'm going to establish

my stronghold there and certainly Esau
you know the prophesies are against the
strongholds of Esau humanly we're going
to look at these majestic mountain
ranges to say this is this is where a
powerful King king who resides but God
has chosen Zion and there's no need
for arrogance from those who think
otherwise he goes on to say the chariots
of God are 20,000
even thousands of angels so here cotton
Yuri says arise O God and let your
enemies be scattered well here is God he
comes with chariots of tens of thousands
he's the Lord of Hosts and some posts
the Lord is among them as in Sinai in
the holy place and we can see this in
Deuteronomy 33 verse 2 going to going
back to the Torah he said the Lord came
from Sinai and rose up from seer unto
them he shined forth from among Quran
and he came with ten thousands of Saints
from his right hand went a fiery law for
them so when God comes he's the Lord of
Hosts and when David says arise O Lord
let your enemies be scattered he's
coming with a host of our army
so with tens of thousands Psalm 16 verse
18 he says you have ascended on high you
have ascended on high you have led
captivity captive and I just love the
poetry of this you have led captivity
captive and this should actually bring
us in mind of the Apostle Paul and
Ephesians
because he quotes this song you've
ascended on high one you've led
captivity captive to and you've received
gifts from it three this is what happens
god is victorious it sends on high and
with him he takes captivity so those
that were in power those that were
enslaving others that when God asks he
ends that slavery he takes the captors

captives you received gifts from man yes for the rebellious also that the Lord God might dwell among them so God is coming to it establish his home in the promised land in mount sinai and he's coming today and so he's going to release his people from bondage bring them from the four corners of the earth but he's going to put down the rebellion so this is exactly what the Apostle Paul quotes in Ephesians 4 when he says wherefore he says when he ascended on high he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men that's exactly it sends on high it leads captivity captive and then he has gifts from there and what a wonderful time it's going to be now in addition to the Apostle Paul it should also put us in mind of the Apostle John the Apostle John in Revelation 13 and verse 10 says he that leads into captivity shall go into captivity so God will take captivity captive this is here this is his justice against the the father of the fatherless and a judge of the widow's so these people have come in and slaughtered men and taken their wives captive and taken their children now taken captive God is coming he's going to take the captors captive he that leads into captivity shall go into captivity he that kill'd with the sword must be killed with the sword God is a God of justice here in this understanding is the patience and faith of the saints so again by reading these scriptures and and routing our understanding in the Torah and the fundamental pattern of the Torah and then all these prophecies the different prophets and the writings and the history we understand the will of God and we understand that yeah you might go through the shadows of the valley of

death well we come out the other end God
is always faithful and I'm in
understanding this that everybody when
they see the power and the victory of
the Beast they give themselves over to
it it's like oh well might as well sign
up might as well go this way and you
actually see it hints about today
whereas the Saints are patient and
they're able to wait upon the Lord why
because of the promise to Abraham the
same way that abraham believed God and
it was counted to him for righteousness
the righteous the children of abraham
believed God they believed that he will
never break his promise that he will
never go back on
then once he vows about he keeps it and
this is the patients are the same so
despite being held captive they know
that God will come through so this is
the understanding back to Psalm 68
blessed be the Lord who daily loads us
with benefits every single day God is
blessing his people and then the shame
is when God's people are ungrateful
God's people we should be full of joy we
should be full of gratitude we should be
overwhelmed you know there is a death
sentence on our head and Christ came and
he died for his bride to redeem her and
we've been we've been grafted into this
process we should be overwhelmed with
gratitude and it is painful when we see
God's own people ungrateful to God
expecting more from God we deserve
nothing everything is the cup is half
full it's not that we expect it to be
for how come it's how come it's happened
to know we expect it to be empty we
deserve nothing why is why is the
why is the glass half full
why are you blessing us like this father
and we know ultimately it's going to be

overflowing then there won't be enough space to contain the blessings of God so he says blessed be the Lord who daily we daily we should be counting our blessings who daily loads us with benefits even the god of our salvation Selah so he is the god of the salvation of Israel notice notice what David says there's to be clearly he that is our God whole world's gone after a false god but he that is our God is the god of salvation and the whole world is gonna see this salvation and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death and this again is the patience of the Saints that that despite the catastrophe we know that God will act and he will be faithful and he will release his people from the issues of death and on the other side so there's always when God arises there's a clear separation between the Justin but God shall wound the head of his enemies the hairy scalp of such a one as goes on still in his trespasses Oh God arises he redeems the righteous he puts down the wicked and gods and he says here in verse 21 he'll ruin the head it's over when when the head is wounded this is a fatal blow he's going to wound the head of his enemies and this I hope is very clear to us that God is coming in Wrath God is coming in fury and I'm afraid that some of us Christians are seeing God in because we've just been inundated with this false concept of Jesus which is centered around his first coming which the Jews did not recognize him as the Messiah because the prophecies when they looked at these prophecies they were looking at his second coming and they were looking for a lion of a Messiah a conquering Lion of the tribe

of Judah that would crush the enemies
that was coming in wrath to redeem his
people and instead this lamb came the
suffering servant and they just didn't
recognize him I think we're at risk in
the same way but in Reverse that
Christians today we've been so inundated
with this lamb like Jesus and then this
sort of long-haired hippy Jesus that
wears flowing robes and sandals and it's
just tolerant of everything and
everybody and just loves everybody and
just would never hurt a fly and so this
is the Jesus that we have wired and
programmed into our head and therefore
we think when he comes he's coming with
this cutter big arms and a hug for the
whole world and therefore we think that
we can do whatever we like that we can
engage in any level of sinfulness and
once saved always saved and no problem
that everything's gonna be fine well how
can it be and we read the scriptures
that God is coming with intense wrath
that this this wrath is going to fall
upon the head of the wicked
for their deeds how can it be that God
is going to punish them for their deeds
while we continue in these sins this is
insanity we need to hide ourselves come
under the tent that the wrath of God
passes over us what would happen to
ancient Israel if like the Egyptians
they did not put the blood on the
doorpost they did not accept the blood
the sign then the death angel would come
after them just as much as it would come
after the Egyptians and we cannot play
games with God and we need to take our
vows seriously that we valid at baptism
so it's going to come he's going to
crush the head of his enemies the hairy
scalp of such a one that goes on still
in his trespasses so these are you like

Pharaoh his heart just hardening
hardening hardened at this end time we
see the beast power and those that
follow him their hearts are just going
to harden they're going to go on in
their trespasses and a lot of these
trespasses have to do with violating the
people of God we see the same prophecy
in Habakkuk in about three and verse two
O Lord I have heard your speech and was
afraid o Lord revive your work in the
midst of the year so these are the
miserable years these are the years of
oppression and captive captivity and
he's saying to God revive your work in
the midst of the years in the midst of
the years make known so in the very
midst of this people will rise up and
they will comfort his people and they
will publish the good news to all
nations and and make known what God's
will is and then he says this in wrath
remember mercy so this is a period of
wrath Jesus Christ is coming in wrath he
says you didn't march through the land
in indignation Jesus Christ is returning
an indignation you did March the land in
indignation unit Thresh the heel in an
anger remember these are patterns that
repeat themselves but Christ said I have
come
to not to abolish the Torah or the
prophets but to fill them to the full so
these cycles that we see beginning in
judges and through first and second
kings and chronicles and Samuel and all
these patterns that we see and through
the prophets Christ said I'm coming to
fulfill it all to the full and so this
pattern we're going to see this is when
it's filled to the full the God is going
to march to the land in indignation and
Thresh the heathen in anger he is angry
you went forth for the salvation of your

people so he's coming to save his people from the hands of the wicked and this is a national salvation as well as a personal salvation even for salvation with your anointed this is the prophecy you wound the head out of the house of the wicked this is a fatal blow to the wicked he wounds the head out of the house of the wicked by discovering the foundation unto the neck Selah back to Psalm 68 verse 22 the Lord said that notice the language right out of Isaiah I will bring again from bhashan I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea so to bring again means they were taken captive to the four corners of the earth and God is going to bring them back he's going to bring them again to their land and this is true this is from the Torah Moses established us it's drawn all the prophets they they make this clear and Christ was also a prophet and when he came to earth he prophesied the same thing he said in verse 31 of Matthew 24 that he shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect that is the people of the Covenant from the four winds that's the four corners of the earth the north wind the south winds east and west winds excuse me from one end of the heaven to the other so this prophecy is going to come to pass and just all this news were listening to about the coronavirus and again that as we head into these this time of trouble there will be pestilences and so these are the pestilence is that we're now seeing and hearing with our own eyes and may God protect us through this period but all of this is there the birth pangs all of this is the the indications that were heading into this final chapter of

the history of mankind without God and then he's going to rise up in return and when he returns

how about Habakkuk says he comes through the land for the salvation of his people and this is the celebration in Psalm 68 and this is what he's sending here that when he returns he's going to bring again his people from the four corners of the earth

now this is from the foundational prophecy of Moses

so Moses establishes the foundational prophecy in the Torah and in the prophets they give more detail they give more color and texture but their prophecies are they don't contradict Moses they unfold in more detail what Moses actually laid down so the fundamental prophecy and the fundamental pattern is here in Deuteronomy 30 and this is what Christ meant when he said when he returns he's going to send his angels to the four corners of the earth to gather and bring again his people here in Deuteronomy 30 and verse 1 he says and they shall come to pass when all these things are come upon you the blessing and the curse so Deuteronomy 30 comes after Deuteronomy 28 the chapter of blessings and then 28 and 29 where he outlines the curses blessings for obeying the Covenant curses for disobeying the Covenant these are the terms and conditions of the Covenant and that's what Moses then says in Deuteronomy 30 okay you've heard the blessings you've heard the cursings both of these things are going to come upon you you'll have the blessings in a period of obedience but that obedience will not last forever and you're going to rebound and when you do God is faithful to his

covenant so the terms and conditions of the Covenant around unfaithfulness and disobedience will then again so the very fact that you will be scattered to the four corners of the earth his evidence of God's faithfulness to its covenant but then he goes on he says that they'll come upon you the blessing and the curse which I've said before you and you will call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you so that's part of the curse that she'll be driven from the land he can't stay in the land the land is a special land and you have to be righteous to be in the land if you're going to be unrighteous you'll be ejected from the land the same way Adam was ejected from the garden you'll be ejected from the land and when you when you are enslaved in the four corners of the earth you will call to mind you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you so I think there's some education process implied here that somebody will be teaching them about the Torah and teaching them about the Covenant and teaching them why they're in the condition they're in so they'll call them to mind and then you shall return unto the Lord your God and you shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day so there's going to be this true repentance and sort of a resurgence of the Torah a recognition of the value of the Torah and a recommitment to it that you'll obey his voice according to all that I command you this day you and your children and notice how they'll do it with all your heart and with all your soul this is a true repentance and this is why in

Isaiah 40 were to comfort her comfort
God's people because her warfare is
accomplished in other words the warfare
that the humiliation and and denigration
and and pain that she was subjected to
drove her to this point where Christ has
come to bring it to the fall and as he
brings it to the fall their repentance
we'll be brought to the fore and with
them obey God with all their heart and
all their soul and cleave unto him that
then the larger God will end your
captivity that that's when he will bring
captivity captive then he'll end your
captivity and have compassion upon you
so he's waiting he's watching driving to
this point and then he'll have
compassion upon you and will return and
gather you from all the nations where
the Lord your God has scattered you
that's exactly what Christ is speaking
about in Nazi 24 verse 31 that when he
returns he'll send his angels so they
will have gone through this process of
repentance wholehearted repentance when
Christ returns he's returning us havoc
said for the salvation of his people
Edwards gather them and reestablished
them in the land in the midst of the
heathen in the midst of the Gentile
kings and the whole nations all the
whole world all the nations will witness
the salvation of the God of Israel
verse 23 back to Psalm 68 verse 23
speaking of God now your that your foot
may be dipped in the blood of your
enemies and the tongue of your dogs in
the same so again this is Jesus Christ
he's returning to shed blood this is the
God we serve he's coming to shed the
blood of his enemies and and here we saw
that in Isaiah he says verse three of
Isaiah 63
I have trodden the winepress alone and

of the people there was none with me
he's the only one that could do this
that could be righteous enough to do
this for I will tread them in my anger
and trample them in my fury
God is furious and their blood shall be
sprinkled upon my garments he's in these
these regal garments and despite the
regalia despite the the expense of this
clothing he is furious and he's coming
to slaughter the enemies of his people
and the blood will be sprinkled all over
his door
and I will stain on my rainin he's so
angry that that he's not careful with
with his clothing he's just coming to
put it into this wickedness back to
Psalm 68 verse 24 they have seen you're
going till God even the goings of my God
my king in the sanctuary so now he's
making it clear that the people know
this they've seen this they've been in
the sanctuary they've seen what God has
done and and now he's seeing again this
is a psalm of victory he's seeing the
parade he's seeing the celebration he
says here the singers went before the
players on instruments followed after
him among them were the damsels playing
with timbrels so he sees you know just
think of the Allied forces after world
war 2 here where the war is over
they've been victorious and now they're
coming home and there's this tremendous
celebration the whole nation stops to
celebrate the victory and the singers go
first and remember Isaiah says sing
aloud sing with joy sing with exceeding
joy the singers go first and then the
players of instruments follow after and
among them where the damsels playing
timbrels and so he's just amazed that
the celebration says bless you the God
in the congregation's even the Lord from

the fountain of Israel and he said there is little Benjamin with their ruler so Benjamin's the smallest tribe and he's able to look and say look there's little Benjamin with their ruler and then the princes of Judah and their council and the princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali so you can see this parade and all the tribes are in their sections and even little Benjamin the smallest tribe he's there you know they're the devil's will is to stamp out the tribes of Israel God's will is to bless the tribes of Israel and they're all there and they're in there there are their sections and they're celebrating this victory of Yehovah
the Lord your God
has commanded your strength strengthen
oh god that which you have wrought for us because of your temple at Jerusalem shall Kings bring presence unto you so Jerusalem and the Temple in Jerusalem is going to be the center of the world and the whole earth is going to acknowledge the true God it's gonna be a place where you know you only see human beings today and they walk up and down they're made in the image of God they're made in the likeness of God but they have no concept of God well the world is coming at a time when the whole world will know you know what God is in Jerusalem the creator of mankind he lives in Jerusalem and because of your temple at Jerusalem Kings shall bring presence unto you so every nation will acknowledge the God and bring gifts unto the God at Jerusalem and Israel the head nation will facilitate this relationship between mankind and God we saw this in Isaiah 60 we just read this passage and love this passage
mr. well remind you again what we

studied in Isaiah but in Isaiah 60 verse
1 arise shine this is speaking now to
Israel because God has arisen and
scattered the enemy now Israel can arise
arise and shine for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon
you so when God rises his glory Rises
upon Israel for behold the darkness
shall cover the earth and gross darkness
the people but the Lord shall arise upon
you and his glory shall be seen upon you
seen by who see by the Gentiles they
will see that Wow we hated the Jew and
now we realize Judas God reigns these
islands God reigns his glory shall be
seen upon you and the Gentiles shall
come to your light this is what David
saw in Psalm 68 the Gentiles will come
to Israel to the light of Israel and
Judah the Gentiles shall come to your
light and Kings to the brightness of
your eyes
so the darkness is now lifted it's very
clear who God is in covenant with and
how the whole world benefits because of
this exclusive relationship that God has
with Israel lift up your eyes roundabout
and see all they gather themselves
together they come to you your son shall
come from far and your daughter shall be
nursed at your side remember god puts
the solitary in families so these people
are suffering their captive as long as
they have the DNA of Israel God is now
gathering them and bringing them back
and the Gentiles are bringing them then
shall you see and flow together in your
heart shall fear and be enlarged so
you're just going to be a maid
overwhelmed with gratitude because the
abundance of the scenes shall be
converted unto you so in other words all
the wealth is going to flow to these
people the wealth of the Gentiles shall

come unto you the multitude of camels
shall cover you
the dromedaries of Midian and easie
turns down camels as well young camels
the dromedaries of Midian and ephah all
they from Sheba shall come so these are
all the Muslim nations that surround
Jerusalem today they're all going to
repent and they're all going to come
with their offerings and acknowledge the
true God of the universe they shall
bring gold and incense and they shall
show forth the praises of the Lord they
praise the God of Israel all the flocks
of Kedar again these are Muslim nations
surrounding nations shall be kept
because the focus is on the land and
then the neighbors of the land that been
are jealous and envious and want to root
out God's people from that land and take
them captive throughout all over the
earth no God is gonna put things right
all the flocks of Kedar shall be
gathered together unto you the rams of
nabiyya allah stir unto you their
they'll serve you they shall come up
with acceptance on my altar and I will
glorify the house of mine crowing so
this is what David is seeing the birds
eyes I see the David saw Moses saw Micah
saw Jeremiah saw it
Habakkuk saw all the prophets
the same thing back to Psalm 68 verse 31
Prince's shall come out of Egypt
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her
hands unto God the true God again Muslim
nations that hate the God of Israel but
they're going to come and worship the
God of Israel they're going to join
forces with the people of Israel to
worship the God of Israel and this is
you know we read this in a Zechariah at
the feast time if you those of you who
are with us obviously know about the

Feast of Tabernacles if you don't you need to understand the holy days of God and just write in to us in for its CGI or to ask about God's holy days and will provide literature for you see what God God which days God honors and what they mean but here we typically read this at the feast but it has great meaning here so remember us David is looking forward and he's seeing these people of these Gentile nations coming to worship the God of Israel

and he says now and Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem and the wealth of all the heathen roundabout shall be gathered together gold and silver and apparel and great abundance are these people who were humiliated are now going to be exalted these people who had nothing all the wealth people can give them enough money all the wealth is gonna flow to them and so shall be the plague of the horse of the mule of the camel now of the donkey and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents as was plague so God is driving the Gentiles to it so first he drives Judah and Israel to repentance and then once they repent he then acts and there's zero tolerance now he's going to drive the Gentiles to repentance and he shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the king so is a complete change of heart where they hated Jerusalem and they wanted to eliminate all the inhabitants of Jerusalem now there's a complete reversal they acknowledge ya they acknowledge the God of Israel and the special role of these people in a relationship with God and now they're going to worship alongside with the Jews their worship the king the Lord of Hosts

to keep the Feast of Tabernacles so again these holy days you know today traditional Christians are keeping what Easter Christmas Valentine's Day Halloween you know etc etc none of these days have anything to do with God God has specific days and when he establishes his kingdom in the earth these days will be kept and so here the whole world now will be keeping the Feast of Tabernacles and it shall be that whoever will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the king the Lord of Hosts even unto them shall be no rain so they'll have no choice or they can face famine and if the family of Egypt go not up and come not that have no rain they're still stubborn there's no rain and they won't come there shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles O Jerusalem and Judah are going to have a very special place in the earth and all the tribes of Israel and the whole earth is going to acknowledge this special place and by acknowledging the special place they can then be educated by these people the people the tribes of Israel and in being educated they can come into a true relationship with God and have access to his salvation and the firstfruits are going to be overseeing this whole operation that will be taking place on the earth this shall be the punishment of either that's why princes will come out of Egypt that's what David saw because they'll be punished if they don't this shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations including Ethiopia that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles so we go back to Psalm 68 few last verses here

sing unto God you kingdoms of the earth
imagine that Satan is defeated he's
locked up the whole earth now realizes
the plan of God and the people of God
and everyone can sing use their talents
abilities to praise God and support the
people of God no more fighting and envy
singin to God you kingdoms of the earth
Oh sing praises unto the Lord Selah
so you Judah will lead the nations in
praising their God to him that rides
upon the heavens of heaven so he's gonna
come with the clouds to him that rides
upon the heavens of heavens which were
evolved lo he does send out his voice
and that a mighty voice a scribe use
strength unto God his Excellency is over
Israel David is very clear
God's excellency that that the glory
it's over Israel
and the whole earth is going to
acknowledge this glory so this glory is
over Israel he says behold
sorry-sorry and his strength is in the
cloud so his strength is in the clouds
cuz he's returning with all this power
from the clouds and that's why we see in
Revelation 1 and verse 7 behold he comes
with clouds all of this power this
Majesty let God arise and his enemies be
scattered he's coming with the clouds
and every eye shall see him and they
also which pierced him for the ones that
pierced him will see in and all the
Kindred's of the earth shall wail
because of him this is not good news for
the earth for the world for the Gentiles
it's good news for his people to repent
he's coming to rescue them and he's
coming to crush his enemies so that's
why the tribes of the earth will wail
because of him and John says oh well
even so amen and that's the exact same
thing that Christ said in Matthew 24

verse 30 that then shall appear the sign
of the Son of man in heaven and then
shall all the tribes of the earth mourn
when Christ appears when let God arise
and let his enemies be scattered when
God arises the heathen panic this is not
good news for the world
it's terrible news for the world and use
for his people who's coming to rescue
and then shall appear the strive the
sign of the Son of man in heaven and
then shall all the tribes of the earth
mourn and they shall see shall and they
shall see the Son of Man
in the clouds heaven with power and
great glory and and Judah will be saying
this is our God we've waited for him
hallelujah blessed be him that comes in
the name of the Lord
last verse of Psalm 68 Oh God you are
terrible out of your holy places the God
of Israel is he that gives strength and
power unto his people blessed be God so
this is the song of victory and notice
how this song ends with David
acknowledging that God is terrible and
he comes out of the holy places and he's
coming from heaven he's coming in the
clouds he's coming with great power and
with great terror the whole earth is
gonna be terrified and then he says this
the God of Israel is he that gives
strength and power unto his people
blessed be God and let's just see that
here as we wrap up this is the final
verse of a song that the God of Israel
is terrible he comes out of his holy
places and he gives strength and power
unto his people and go back to the first
verse let God arise and let his enemies
be scattered and go back to Moses that
every time you move the Ark of the
Covenant
he would say that the authorized enemy

scattered and so when God arises he's going to give strength to his people so that his people can crush their enemies the way wax melts before fire and we actually get a glut of this in Zechariah 12 where he says the burden of the word of the Lord says the Lord which stretched his forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth and forms the spirit of man within and this is the true God behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people all the all the Gentile people round about when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and Jerusalem and against Jerusalem and in that day while I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all Gentile people all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in let God arise and let his enemies be scattered though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it so the whole earth has gone after the beasts power they all agree that these people have to be destroyed and removed from Jerusalem and God is saying yeah not on my watch not on my watch in that days of the Lord I will smite every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness and I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah and will smite every horse of the Gentile people with blindness and the governors of Judah shall say in their heart the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of Hosts their God let God arise and let his enemies be scattered so when the enemies are scattered they are like wax melting before the fire and that's what we see here in Zechariah in that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood or David would say among wax they're just gonna be melted there's gonna be burned

up there's no match there's no contest
God is coming he gives strength to his
people
there'll be no contest just as with
Moses and Joshua when they went in and
had these contests with the Gentile
nations around the rock there was no
contest when David went against his
enemies there was no contest there's
great song of victory in that day will I
make the governors of Judah like don't
hurt the fire arm on the wood and like a
torch of fire in a sheath and they shall
devour all the people round about in
other words they these the wicked will
melt like wax they shall devour all the
people round about on the right hand and
on the left and Jerusalem shall be
inhabited again in her own place even in
Jerusalem what a beautiful song what a
beautiful way for us to end today's
message this is a psalm of victory it
allows us to see through the trouble
ahead unto the end time when God arises
an axis and acts on behalf of his people
and brings national salvation
not just personal salvation what a
wonderful God we serve he's faithful to
his word every word that he has spoken
he will fulfill and that's what we will
celebrate in the time to come have a
great night what a great thought God we
serve Jesus Christ is Lord and King amen