

19-Psalms-41-Transcript

[Music]

well

greetings brethren and welcome to
another wednesday night bible study
after the break that we had
with the feast i certainly hope that my
volume is uh
coming in clearly and i'm not online
right now so uh pastor murray maybe you
could just send me a quick slack message
and just uh confirm that my uh my sound
is coming through clearly i'd appreciate
that

i will open the word of prayer and then
we'll get into uh tonight's study
our heavenly father we come before you
lord praising you thanking you
we are so blessed and we do thank you
lord for the
ability that we had to observe the feast
of tabernacles in the last great day
despite the economic lockdown and and
now

even tighter restrictions we just thank
you god for making it possible
for us to gather with our brethren and
to be edified and strengthened
we praise you lord we we know you're
watching over us and we thank you for
this
and what a great blessing it is for us
to to have access to these words
which are thousands of years old and yet
so relevant to today
we thank you god for putting it in our
hearts to desire
your righteousness and we pray god that
you'll you'll bless us for this desire
you'll fill our hearts you'll give us
wisdom and you'll guide us father
through these dark days
we praise you we thank you we praise
jesus christ and

we pray and ask in his name amen
so brethren hopefully you had a great
feast and
we did take a little bit of a break from
the wednesday night bible study
but not from bible study we did uh
throughout the feast
uh we did have our our um emphasis or
focus on the book of ephesians and
um if you didn't get to see that we were
basically almost
daily um doing a study every morning
and if you didn't get to see that oh
okay great uh steven scale from
uh jamaica has just informed me that the
sound is clear thank you so much thanks
thanks for that
um so um and then also pastor murray
awesome thanks so much that is great
um okay so uh yeah so if you didn't get
to see
the series that we did on the book of
ephesians
it is in the archives and i would highly
encourage you
to study that book and keep up with us
because all these books are integrated
they all tie together
and the apostle paul just had some
amazing
instruction for us in the book of
ephesians and
and normally we dip in and out of that
book and we don't just sit down and read
the whole letter
in context and read everything in the
letter in context
and when we do that line by line so much
more
comes out for us so i certainly hope
that you're able to do that
tonight we want to cover um psalms 83
84 and 85 so let's uh let's do that
let's get into

tonight's study and we're going to cover
psalms 83
84 and 85.
we're going to do it a little bit out of
order i want to study psalm 83
and then i want to study psalm 85
because those two
are inextricably linked to that the
link is very clear very direct
and then we'll go and cover psalm 84 god
willing
so let's um get into tonight's
study and we will look
at or we will start in psalm 83.
before we go to psalm 83 though i just
want to point out because this is a very
heavy psalm
this is a psalm of prophecy and and some
people might not want to treat it with
the with prophetic regard
because it's it's not a psalm of david
it's a psalm of asif
and they may think that as if well he's
no pro he's no prophet um actually
assaf was a prophet and you'll see here
in second chronicles 29
30 with respect to king hezekiah when he
commanded the levites to sing praise
unto the lord
using the psalms the psalms of david
and of asaph the seer so he was a seer
he was a prophet he had
a vision into the future and so that's
what we're going to see now
with the same psalms that they would
have been singing these many years ago
we will read now this psalm of asaf
and most of book three of the psalms has
been have been biosif
but this one in particular is extremely
prophetic
extremely relevant to our time right now
so this is a psalm of assaf
and he just starts out immediately

there's no time
to waste here he needs to get straight
to the point with god
keep not thou silence o god
hold not your peace and be not still
oh god so clearly just the way the psalm
begins
it is a time of terror it is a time of
tribulation
it is a time of great urgency and so as
we
read this psalm and again the way the
scriptures are written
and the history that god's people have
with god
there are these cycles so no doubt as
much as i'm saying this psalm is
prophetic
no doubt it's historical as well that
there was a time of crisis
historically that assaf was inspired to
write about
but that he was inspired by the holy
spirit to write about it in such a way
that it would also have prophetic
significance
and so as we read this i think this is
clearly pointing
to the great tribulation and it's going
to
come to a time when the people of god uh
both jews and spiritual jews are going
to be crying out
informed by what is written in the
psalms
so this is a time of incredible urgency
it's a life and death situation and it's
it regards the whole
uh community god keep not silence
and don't hold your peace and don't be
still
like we need you to move god why
for a lo your enemies
not not our and yes yes they're our

enemies but god these are your enemies
you need to do something about this god
because these are your enemies
they make a tumult and they that
hate you have lifted up the head
they are in a strong position now the
world has changed in such a way
that they now have the upper hand no
doubt they've been building toward this
and no doubt others have been colluding
with them to help them to get in this
position
but there's no doubt they are now in
this position
and assaf says they hate god
that everything god stands for with
their false god
they're actually worshiping satan and
then as christ says you can't serve two
masters
you love one and hate the other so they
love satan
and therefore they hate jehovah they
hate the true god
of israel so asif is pleading like these
are your enemies they're making a great
commotion
and and they've lifted up the head they
are in great authority now
and he says so just in terms of this
lifting up the head and there being the
enemies of god we know from revelation
13
that this beast this political beast in
the end time
is a hater of god and it says here in
revelation 13
6 he opened his mouth in blasphemy
against god so he's talking religion the
the false there's two
there's two beasts in the end time one
is religious and one is political
but the religious beast is having
everybody

worship the political beast so the
political beast is also religious
but he's worshipping satan he's a
worshiper he's a representative of satan
on the earth
and the religious beast which we know
clearly i think it's we you know we
don't can't speak categorically
absolutely
but there are indications that the
religious beast is the catholic church
the pope
and the pope now is going to influence
the world to worship
the political beast and the political
beast
has a religion and and they both are
going to collude around
worship and the whole world will worship
but he's a blasphemer and he
and and he opens his mouth so he's
lifted up the head he opens his mouth in
blasphemy
against the true god to blaspheme his
name
and christ tells us in matthew 24 that
the true followers of god
will be hated by all nations because of
his name
so it's all about his name the true
followers of god know his name
they proclaim his name and the beast and
those that follow the beast
blaspheme his name so there's
controversy in the end time
around the name of god to blaspheme his
name
and his tabernacle his tabernacle is in
jerusalem that's where god
dwells that's where he will dwell
eternally he blaspheme his name
and his tabernacle and them that dwell
in heaven
so this is a great evil and this is the

enemy of god
and so psalm 83 prophetically is
pointing to this time
verse 3 they have taken
crafty counsel against your people
christ warns us that in the end time
we're looking for this abomination
that makes desolate we're looking when
when the armies surround jerusalem
that's the signal we're looking for so
in order to get to that point where all
the nations agree
that those in jerusalem need to be taken
out
it's some crafty council it is some
crafty council that's needed and so they
have
taken crafty council against your people
and consulted against your hidden ones
so who are these hidden ones and i know
that um sometimes i upset people
because i'm trying to show the integrity
of god's word the continuity of god's
word
the consistency of god's word and when
we do that
much of god's word is about his physical
this the physical descendants of jacob
and specifically of judah
but because of replacement theology from
the catholics to the protestants
and even in the church of god we want to
kick out
completely out of our eschatology out of
our theology
we want to completely dismiss the
physical descendants
of judah but god doesn't do that
god is very faithful when he covenants
it's forever and there's a covenant that
god has
with judah and it's forever and so
we automatically want to say that well
they've taken crafty council

against your people most christians will
say that's christians

i think some will concede that
these people who are under this intense
persecution it is the physical nation of
judah

but then this next phrase and consulted
against your hidden ones well that's got
to be christians that's got to be us
because we're the hidden ones we're the
very elect we this must be speaking
about us

i don't think so i think this is still
speaking just just as in psalm verse
83 verse 2 actually even verse 1
keep not silence hold your peace be not
still

these are not different things that the
psalmist

is asking god to do he's basically
saying take action take action take
action now

and just hebrew poetry there is a
repetition where you say the same thing
but you say it in different ways

i think here in verse three he's saying
the same thing it's the same people
he's just saying it in a different way
they've taken council

crafty council against your people
they've consulted or taken crafty
council

against your hidden ones and who are
these hidden ones then

it's the jews in in revelation 12 and
verse 13

when the dragon saw that he was cast
unto the earth

he persecuted the woman which brought
forth the child

well the woman that brought forth the
child is israel

the church didn't bring forth the child
the child brought forth the church

the church comes after the child but the
child comes after israel
and and more specifically judah brought
brought forth the child if we think of
the prophecy in isaiah 9 verse 6 for
unto us
that is judah a child is born so judah
brought forth the child
and israel has been divorced and
scattered
judah remains a people for god and so
when the devil
sees that he's cast to earth he
persecutes judah
and christ tells us that jerusalem will
be surrounded by armies
and isaiah tells us that the abomination
that makes desolate will be set up in
jerusalem
and the people of judah will be
destroyed
so these hidden ones are god's people
the jewish people
and he says and to the woman were given
two wings of a great eagle
that she might fly into the wilderness
into her place where she is nourished
for a time
and times and half a time from the face
of the serpent this is god's
covenant commitment that satan is doing
all he can to destroy judah
that's where christ says unless these
days were shortened
no flesh would be saved alive again
because of our replacement theology
we just automatically assume that means
no human being would be left alive
that's not what the text is saying
if we read the text in context the focus
from matthew 23
is jerusalem and the cities of judah and
that goes all the way back to isaiah
chapter six this is the focus this is

the focal point
and these armies surround
jerusalem and the cities of judah with
the express
intent and the sole purpose of
destroying
to completely wipe out these people
and and god allows it to appoint
to drive them to repentance and when
they finally come to their senses and
realize there is no hope for them
except in their messiah and they
acknowledge their messiah
then he cuts the time short and then he
appears
strong the conquering line of the tribe
of judah he appears on their behalf
so he he hides them
in the middle east in this time of great
peril
in order to preserve his covenant
promise it's impossible
what did he say in jeremiah that if you
can stop the sun and the moon
then you can stop these people from
being a nation before him
but unless you can do that then these
people and
all the tribes of israel will be a
people before god forever
so this these hidden ones are right here
in revelation 12
back to psalm 83 they have said
come and let us cut them
off from being a nation they're saying
these people have no right to exist
jerusalem will be surrounded by armies
all the cities of judah
will be embattled with the sole purpose
of
wiping them out they do not want these
people to exist and you see that hatred
already
in the islamic nations that surround

jerusalem that's around israel
the physical country called israel and i
when i say israel i want to be very
clear we or we meet i need to be clear
when i'm talking about israel
the tribes of israel or when i'm talking
about the country of israel
which represents but one tribe the tribe
of judah
benjamin a bit of levi a bit of simeon
but
fundamentally it's the tribe of judah
which is one of the twelve tribes
so today what we call israel or where
the people they gave themselves the name
israel
they really represent the tribe of judah
this or the southern kingdom
so they want to cut them off from being
a nation and god is going to allow them
to be successful
to a point but not to completely cut
them off he is going to allow a remnant
to survive
and that remnant will come to a
wholehearted repentance
but they have said and they don't
realize god is using them
but this is their intent whatever
ideology they have they're false
scriptures
that tell them that this is what god
their god wants them to do
because their god is satan satan wants
this
come and let us cut them off from being
a nation that the name of
israel may be no more in remembrance
this is straight from the mind of the
devil god says i will be the god of
israel forever
the people of israel will exist before
me forever
satan's agenda is to frustrate god's

plan he can't
god says what makes him god is he
declares the end from the beginning
and from ancient times that which is not
yet done saying my counsel my plans will
stand
nothing can frustrate my plans so here
in
so he satan and these people who worship
satan
want to cut off the name of israel
forever and again we see the controversy
in the end time
is going to be around the name of god
he's the holy one of israel
and and there's going to be blasphemy
against the name of god
there's going to be those who are
proclaiming the true name of god and
nature of god
and there's going to be this council in
this plan to wipe out the name of israel
forever that this is this is a term this
is a name
that should never be mentioned again
that's their agenda in luke 21
and verse 20 christ says when you shall
see jerusalem is surrounded with armies
then know that the desolation thereof is
near
so this is what assaf sees that these
people
have an agenda to completely wipe out
this name
forever and the only the northern tribes
of israel are lost they don't even know
who they are
so the only people carrying the name of
israel today is this little tribe of
judah
with their country called israel and so
these people are saying you know from
the river to the sea
uh palestine must be free and they want

to completely what that means from the
river to the sea
that means they want to completely wipe
out the name of israel
here it is in prophecy when you shall
see jerusalem surrounded with armies
then know that the desolation thereof is
near
then let them which are in judea flee to
the mountains
and let them that are in the midst of it
depart out like this is this is
you see how the psalm opens keep not
silence oh god
this is urgent don't be still anymore
you've got to act now
this is an existential threat that we're
facing act now god
so so god is telling them yeah this is
what's going to happen so if you're
in the region of judea at this time you
better run for your life
this is an existential threat they want
to wipe you out forever
and let them which are in the midst of
it depart out and let not them that are
in the countries
enter there into so right now there's a
lot of jews trying to
to to leave there's persecution in
europe personal accusation in north
america
they want to leave and they want to go
to judea god is saying that
at this time don't do that you're
actually safer
facing whatever persecution you face in
whatever country you're in
than to go to judea because in the end
time the council
and the agenda is just to wipe out
israel
to wipe out the name of israel the the
name of israel

that name becomes blasphemy and anybody
who mentions that name will be executed
because satan wants to stamp that name
out forever
so let not them that are in the
countries enter there into
for these be the days of vengeance
that all things which are written
may be fulfilled all of this has been
written and now
everything has to be fulfilled because
this is who god is
when he speaks his word cannot be
frustrated
so there are so many prophecies that
have said that that the
tribes of israel and specifically of
judah
must be punished that the curses of all
the curses of deuteronomy
must be fully activated and fulfilled
and god is going to now bring this about
as we
were reading the book of judges how he
punishes his people
is through these neighboring nations
and and so they kept going through this
cycle kept going through the cycle and
this has been the history
of god's people but now christ said i
have come
not to destroy but to fill to the full
i i haven't come to destroy the law and
the prophets i've come to fill
to the full so now because of christ
now in the cycle now when we go through
the cycle it
is undiluted and the wrath of god upon
these people
is undiluted but this wrath comes
through
the neighboring nations for then shall
be
great tribulation keep not silence o god

that these are your enemies and look
what they're doing to us
for then shall be great tribulation such
as was
not since the beginning of the world to
this time
no nor ever shall be and uh daniel when
he receives it it's like since there was
a nation
that this tribulation is upon a nation
it's upon a people
and no other people in the history of
mankind
will have ever faced and will ever face
this level of tribulation keep not
silence oh god because this is an
existential threat and except those days
should be shortened so god will finally
act
because he will not allow satan to to
fulfill his counsel
of wiping the name of israel from the
earth except those days should be
shortened
there should be no flesh in context
beginning with the curse that christ
declares
upon jerusalem in matthew 23 as we read
all of this in context and come into
matthew 24
the no flesh that would be saved
is the flesh of the cursed people that
these people have brought this upon
themselves
and it is only because of god's covenant
mercy
it is only because of god's covenant
love it is only because
god is god and he's not man
and it's because he doesn't change when
he makes the covenant he doesn't change
his mind
and that's the only reason jacob is not
destroyed

so when it says here there should no no
flesh should be saved
we have to go back to malachi chapter 3
that god says
i am the lord and i change not
therefore you sons of jacob are not
destroyed
because when i make a covenant i don't
change my mind and that's why
even though satan's agenda here is to
destroy all jewish flesh
that christ then steps in and doesn't
allow it because he doesn't change he
made a covenant
but for the elect's sake and i know
again because of our narcissism
we want to say that we are the elect and
yes indeed we are the elect but we're
the first fruits elect
the elect those chosen those selected to
be a holy nation
these are the tribes of israel the
physical
sons of jacob that's who the elect is
and the election is without without
regret with without repentance
this is the election we now are first
fruits those of us who are gentiles we
are grafted in
to first fruits israel but the election
has always been
israel but for israel's sake
the elect those days shall be shortened
why
because i am the lord i change not
therefore you sons of jacob
you sons of israel you sons of the
tribes of jacob
you're not destroyed so even though it's
like it's bleak it's this is this is the
end
but no it's not god will step in he'll
shorten the days
back to psalm 83 verse 5 for they have

consulted together
with one consent you know these nations
hate each other
but one thing they can all agree on they
hate israel more
the the country israel they hate the
country israel more
they hate the jews more there is a
despising there's a
hatred there's a very deep envy
it goes back thousands of years it's in
their dna
it's a sense of being um as long as
these people exist
they have a claim that they are the true
sons of abraham
and they can't stand this they are ideal
ideologically wired to want to stamp
these people out
so that they can say no we are the true
sons of abraham
for they have consulted together with
one consent they hate each other
but they all agree on this they
are confederate against you god
you're the one who made this covenant
you're the one who made this plan
you're the one who made this promise and
they're trying to destroy
your agenda they're blaspheming against
you
they're claiming that satan is higher
than you
they they are confederate not against us
we're in the way they're confederate
against you
satan wants to be the most high he wants
to knock you off your throne
and he's using these people to destroy
your plan
their confederate against you who who is
confederate against god
oh is it the the european empire the
european commission

is it is it north america is it is it is
it africa is it australia
who is doing this
asaf tells us through his prophetic eye
remember he's the seer
he tells us who's doing this and right
right
right off the bat the the the opening
line
the tabernacles of edom
the tents of edom and
the ishmaelites remember
edom is esau esau
despised the covenant
and it went to isaac so isaac we went to
jacob
so sorry instead of going to
edom esau it went to jacob and then
instead of going to
um ishmael it went to isaac
so these two have built into their dna
dna and their whole society
has been wired with this hatred and this
envy
of what they lost and you see it today
where
you know new immigrants come to say
north america and they're cool
they're happy to be here and then they
have children
and their children look into the history
and their children become very angry
and their children become filled with
rage and hatred
and they're like second third fourth
generation
it's like this isn't even your struggle
they're living among us they're
they're enjoying the bounty of these of
these uh
north american blessings but they look
into the history and they see a time in
the past
when they were abused and they become

full of rage and hatred so so we see it
in our modern day today
surely we can understand it anciently
that when the
tribes of esau were established when the
tribes of ishmael were established
although certainly esau he made peace
with jacob
but you can see that the generations
after would look into the history
and become very angry and then esau and
ishmael combined
through marriage and so they were just
completely about
uh envy and and feeling um
hard done by and then hatred for the
people who have been blessed by god
so clearly today esau
and ishmael are muslim nations
in fact all of these nations that are
mentioned by asif
are muslim nations that surround the
country of israel today
this is fact moab
the hagarins the hagerins some people
say this is
egypt because of hagar but if we look at
um first chronicles 5 verse 10
in in the days of saul they made war
with the hagarites
who fell by their hand and they dwelt in
their tents throughout all the land of
gilead
so so the hagarites in saul's time
actually
were in the land of gilead uh in in what
we would call the promised land
but maybe they are egyptians that
migrated there
because of hagar but we're not sure but
clearly these are surrounding nations
that um are today
islamic nations with a a a chip on their
shoulder

with a grudge with a hatred wired into
their dna they're they're born into this
hatred
if you happen to be born in any one of
these countries
before you're four years old you have
imbibed the hatred
and it's just part of the culture then
with respect to edom and that's the
first nation mentioned
and eat them in a way the same way judah
becomes the representative of all the
southern tribes
so judah and benjamin were in the south
many of the levites were in the south
not all we read judges and we saw they
were wandering levites
and then judah and simeon were neighbors
and so there were many
simeonites that were part of the south
as well
but judah becomes the name of all the
southern nations
in the same way then israel becomes the
name
of the northern nations but also the
name of ephraim that there are many
prophecies because ephraim was the
largest tribe
in the north that many times god talks
about ephraim
but he's really speaking about israel so
ephraim becomes synonymous with israel
in the same way edom becomes synonymous
with the enemies of god
that all the enemies of god kind of come
under that the umbrella
term of edom and so here
god says at times not always
but he says here to jacob
i have loved you these are the people of
israel they're wondering what
why are they so hard done by god has
abandoned them god says no

i have loved you i'm in covenant with
you says the lord
yet you say wherein have you loved us
what's god's answer was not esau
jacob's brother says the lord
yet i loved jacob i i put my covenant
love on jacob
and i hated esau i
covenant hated esau he despised the
covenant i want nothing to do with him
so these are brothers but i have chosen
you
because of jacob's desire to enter into
this covenant with me
i hated esau and i laid his mountains
and his heritage waste for the dragons
of the wilderness this is the destiny of
esau
whereas edom synonymous for esau
says we are impoverished so we've been
struck down
but we will return and build the
desolate places
that's what esau says through the
inspiration of the devil
thus says the lord of hosts yet you know
what they shall build
they will try to do this and and you
know this this uh
beast suffers this fatal blow and then
it tries to come back
they shall build but i will throw down
i god personally will do this
and they shall call them the border of
wickedness
and the people against whom the lord has
indignation forever
so we can't look at genesis or we can't
read genesis
read all about isaac read all about
ishmael read all about jacob read all
about esau
and then come into the modern world and
forget all about that

god has not forgotten about that he says
this
hatred that he has for esau this
covenant hatred that he has for esau
it's forever esau can never ever
ever ever ever rebuild even though he
tries
so esau remains on god's radar
and on god's agenda right up in the end
time
so we can't just ignore this we can't
pretend that esau doesn't exist
he's on god's radar and he's on god's
agenda
and he will be known as the people
against whom the lord has indignation
forever
in micah so so we're going to talk about
the assyrian as well
in micah 5 5 he says because we're going
to see the assyrian joins in as well
this man shall be the peace when the
assyrian
shall come into our land so so there's
going to there is going to be a savior
and it's going to happen when the
assyrian comes into our land
and when he shall tread in our palaces
then shall we raise against him seven
shepherds and eight principal men
so micah is seeing a time in the end
when the tabernacle of god will be
tread underfoot will be made desolate
and mike is saying this will be led
by the assyrian so if you study the the
prophecies the understanding of the jews
they fully expect
that the leader of this
force that's going to destroy them is
going to be a syrian
and you know many of us want to say well
who are the assyrians today
and there's a you know many many out
there that believe that the assyrians

are german
i don't subscribe to that i don't
subscribe to that i think asap saw what
asaf saw
and he saw that it is the people of god
in the
in the promised land surrounded by
hostile neighbors
and it is these neighbors that are
leading the destruction
of god's people and assyria anciently
would be turkey iraq and syria
a combination of turkey iraq and syria
that's that's where they're expecting
the assyrian to come from
this makes total sense i think we get
caught up with germany
because of the roman empire and the
roman empire we believe is the fourth
beast of daniel
i don't accept that the the the beast
that daniel saw or
the dream that nebuchadnezzar had of the
four kingdoms
he was the head and he was in babylon
and every kingdom that he saw afterward
replaced him in some way in the sense
that they ruled
babylon he was the first ruler of
babylon from that point
and every other kingdom that succeeds
him ruled babylon
rome never ruled babylon i think it was
emperor hadrian who actually entered
into babylon
for about a month before he died from
heat stroke and then the romans had to
retreat
so they never conquered babylon so in in
nebuchadnezzar's vision
he wouldn't see rome so we just assume
because rome comes after greece it's the
fourth
beast yes it absolutely was a beast and

in john's vision it was the sixth
beast but nebuchadnezzar didn't see the
sixth beast
because it didn't conquer it didn't
conquer babylon
if rome is the beast that we're looking
to be resurrected
that would make it the sixth and the
seventh beast
but revelation john shows us there are
actually
eight beasts and every beast is
completely different from the other one
before it
except the eighth beast it's the same as
the seventh
so the beast that was and then it died
has suffered a fatal wound and then it
comes back that's the seventh and the
eighth
so if we say it's rome then that means
rome is the sixth the seventh
and the eighth even though every beast
the sixth and the seventh beast have to
be different from each other
and rome never conquered babylon and
there are many many other reasons
but this is why i can contend that
the seventh beast was the ottoman empire
this is the greatest gentile empire
that has ever existed by far
the roman empire pales into
insignificance compared to the ottoman
empire
and yet we never talk about it and then
the ottoman
empire suffered a fatal blow after world
war one
and now almost 100 years later it's
coming back
and erdogan has clearly stated he is
going to lead the resurrection of the
ottoman empire
and so this assyrian is going to come

into their land and they fully expect
this
back to and we'll see the assyrian tied
in here
back to psalm 83 gabal and oman and
amalek
the philistines the palestinians with
the inhabitants of tyre
assyria asser also has joined in with
them
and and looks like he will actually lead
this whole movement so these are all
muslim nations
that have one thing in common they hate
israel
and they agree that israel must be wiped
off the face of the map
and in and on that they can agree they
have helped the children of lot
again all of these are not every single
one of these
are muslim nations today and this is not
the only prophecy all the prophecies
that deal with the interaction with
god's people in the end time
god constantly condemns the muslim
nations
do unto them as unto the midianites
as to sisera as to jabin at the brook of
kisan
so we actually read about this in judges
and we saw you know that the tent peg
and how these people were
destroyed when god acted on the behalf
of his people
which perished at endor they became as
dung for the earth so this is his prayer
that god because of this catastrophe
that has fallen upon his people assaf is
now praying that god will make an end
of his enemies make their nobles like
aureb
and like zeb yeah all their princes as
zeba

and as zelmuna who said let us take to
ourselves
the houses of god in possession
so what they did anciently and how they
were dealt with anciently this pattern
once the repentance is there assaf wants
god to act as he did anciently
and to rid israel in this case
specifically judah of her enemies
to take the houses of god in possession
matthew 24 15
when you therefore shall see the
abomination of desolation it's going to
take the temple of god in possession
and set up this abomination and it's
going to make israel desolate
uh spoken of by daniel the prophet stand
in the holy place
who so reads let him understand we have
to go back to daniel
we need to study daniel and we need to
understand it
because when all of this starts to
happen there needs to be a people who
understand what is happening
and who can explain it verse 13
oh my god make them a wheel as the
stubble before the wind
as the fire burns a wood and as the
flame
sets the mountains on fire so persecute
them with your tempest
and make them make them afraid with your
storm
fill their faces with shame that they
may seek your name o lord
so these people have no idea
you need to crush them lord so they know
that you are god
and and christ says when he returns all
the tribes of the earth shall mourn
judah will rejoice but the tribes of the
earth shall mourn
let them be confounded in trouble

forever yes let them put
let them be put to shame and perish this
is exactly what mooses wrote in
deuteronomy
30 verse 7 and the lord your god will
put all these curses upon your enemies
so first the curses are on judah
or on israel once they repent god takes
those curses
and puts it on their enemies even though
he uses their enemies to crush
his people and the lord your god will
then put all these curses upon your
enemies
and on them that hate you which
persecuted you
in isaiah 43 and verse 9 we we studied
second isaiah
we will go back god willing to the book
of isaiah to do first isaiah
but here in second isaiah 43 verse 9 let
all the nations be gathered together
that's this is god's agenda
to bring all the nations together they
all agree that that
judah must be destroyed and they all
agree to to side with the beast
and fight against god's agenda and god
now says let all the nations be gathered
together
and let the people be assembled who
among them can declare this
and show us former things let them bring
forth their witnesses
that they may be justified or let them
hear and say it is true so
all of this agenda that you have been
working together to destroy israel
where is this written where did you get
this from
and and show us ancient scripture that
says that you will be successful
because god is going to reveal ancient
scripture

that says that he is the god of israel
and israel will be established as the
head nation forever
so he says to judah you are my witnesses
the fact that you are going through this
awful experience and that it was written
that all of this would happen to you and
all these things must be fulfilled
you now stand as my witnesses says the
lord and my servant whom i have chosen
this is the elect israel is the elect
you're my servant whom i've chosen that
you may know
and believe me this is a difficult
process we've gone through i've
covenanted with you
you've been very stubborn you've been
very unfaithful but i've covenanted with
you
and we're going to go through this
process until you get it
until you finally become the faithful
wife so
you're my servant whom i've chosen and
i've done this that you may know and
believe me
and understand that i am he before me
there was no
god formed neither shall there be after
me
that men may know that you whose name
alone is oh sorry go back to psalm
83 18. so this is what asif is now
praying
do all of this that men may know as they
all the nations are assembled
they're going to know that you whose
name alone is jehovah
are the most high over all the earth
that's the end result
in isaiah 49 and verse 3 he says and
said unto me
you are my servant you're my elect o
israel

in whom i will be glorified he will not
be glorified in the arabs
much to their chagrin all of their power
and blasphemy and and great shouting
words notwithstanding
god will be glorified in israel in all
the tribes of israel
he has chosen israel and he will be
glorified in israel
in luke 1 verse 32 the gospel of luke
according to luke
he says christ shall be great and shall
be called the son of the highest
and the lord god shall give unto him the
throne of his father david
he will sit on david's throne in
jerusalem and he
shall reign over the house of jacob for
how long
forever so if he's going to reign over
the house of jacob forever
how long will the house of jacob exist
and when all the nations of the world
agree
that they must gather together and
remove the name of israel
from the face of the earth how could
that be possible
when christ says he will reign over the
house of jacob
forever so that's why unless these days
are shortened
no flesh of jacob would remain
no jacobite flesh would
would survive because this is the agenda
of satan
but because of the elect that is jacob
because of the covenant these days will
be shortened
he'll reign over the house of jacob
forever and of his kingdom there shall
be no
end so that is psalm 83 quickly we'll go
to psalm 85 just for the continuity

to the chief musician a psalm for the
sons of korah
lord you have been favorable unto your
land
you have brought back or you have ended
the captivity of jacob so in psalm 83
we see the captivity of jacob and we see
jacob or judah crying out to god for
relief
and now in psalm 85 we have the answer
that he has been favorable unto his land
and he's brought back
or he's ended the slavery of jacob
you have forgiven the iniquity of your
people
you have covered all their sin sila
god says he will remove the sin from
jacob
you have taken away all your wrath so
all of these nations are
basically what is christ say he says the
assyrian
is the rod of his anger so the assyrian
thinks he's doing his own thing
he's actually the rod of god's anger and
so god now
has taken away all finally the process
has come to a successful conclusion
finally these people have truly repented
and so god can now take away his wrath
he actually turns his wrath on the
gentiles you have taken away all your
wrath
you have turned yourself from the
fierceness
of your anger and for some reason most
christians don't understand
that this is part of god's character
that he has
fierce anger and therefore most
christians don't fear god
most christians think that we can do
whatever we like and it's okay because
god is just full of mercy

yes that's true he's full of mercy
he's also full of fierce anger and he's
going to unleash
this fierce anger upon the earth and i
think it would
christians would do well to hold in
their
in our minds not only the mercy of god
but also his fierce anger so
you have turned yourself from the
fierceness of your anger that fierce
anger was turned to his people
and now he's turned it away turn us o
god of our salvation
and cause your anger toward us to cease
it's very clear this is where the anger
is directed and shall return
so in in deuteronomy 30. so this is all
to do with the mosaic prophecy
in deuteronomy 30 verse 2 when when
israel repents
and shall return unto the lord their god
when all these curses have come upon
them
and shall obey his voice according to
all that i command you this day so all
of the torah
you and your children with all your
heart
this is why the curses are kicking in
not to end the covenant
but to actually activate in the people
of god
their love for god so that they can
be faithful within the covenant god
doesn't end the covenant
he just activates the curse clauses so
that he can be
in covenant with the same people he
doesn't have a covenant with new people
you find finally you'll obey his voice
according to all that i command you this
day
you and your children with all your

heart this is true conversion
and with all your soul that then
the lord your god will end your
captivity
so this was this that all things may be
fulfilled so all of this has to happen
so that all things that are written may
be fulfilled
that then the lord your god will end
your captivity and have compassion upon
you the fierce anger of the lord will be
turned away
and will return and gather you from all
the nations
where the lord your god has scattered
you so this is when christ returns he's
going to send his angels out to the four
corners of the earth
to gather his people and bring them back
to the promised land
back to psalm 85 will you be angry with
us forever it's like this is the end
this this this vengeance
this hatred of these surrounding nations
it is so
thorough that it looks like we're just
cursed forever
we we will cease to be a nation it's a
time of trouble that no nation has ever
faced
will you draw out your anger to all
generations
will you not revive us again that your
people may rejoice in you
show us your mercy o lord and grant us
your salvation and christ tells them
that that's exactly what he will do
when he returns he'll send his angels
with a great sound of a trumpet
and they shall gather together his elect
from the four winds and from one end of
heaven to the other exactly what moises
prophesied
in deuteronomy 30 and what all the

prophets have prophesied
in psalm 150 and verse 6 he says
let everything that has breath praise
you o lord
i didn't want that verse romans 11
though
i know everything that has breath will
praise god romans 11
paul says the same thing that all israel
shall be saved this strange mysterious
plan of god
it is it ultimately it ends with israel
being a nation before him and him being
the god of israel forever
so ultimately all israel shall be saved
as it is written
there shall come out of zion the
deliverer
and shall turn away ungodliness from
jacob
that's exactly what the psalmist is
saying that god will finally turn the
sins away will cleanse israel from her
sins
and and and will save all israel so that
was psalm 85
and that's why i just wanted to go put
83 and 85 together it sort of tells
a story there but in the middle we have
psalm 84.
let's quickly go through psalm 84.
to the chief musician upon gitzith
which i think is some sort of instrument
a psalm for the sons of korah so
these two psalms 84 and 85 for the sons
of korah perhaps
musicians how amiable
are thy tabernacles oh lord of hosts and
here we are just returning from the
feast of tabernacles
and because of the blessings that we
experienced there we we're just getting
a foretaste
of of god's tabernacles his dwelling

places how many will how beautiful and
wonderful they are
my soul longs yes even faints
for the courts of the lord my heart and
my flesh cry out for the living god
can you imagine a nation where
everybody in the nation has this heart
for god
and this is what mooses foresaw that
all the blessings of the covenant are
going to come upon these people but
they're going to be unfaithful
and then all the curses of the covenant
are going to come upon them
not to destroy them but to drive them to
repentance
and when they're driven to this true
repentance
then god will end the captivity and
bring them together as a people
so imagine this nation they're going to
face a time of trouble like no nation
has ever faced before
but the end result of it is going to be
a nation that loves god
and you'll never say to anybody in this
nation you know
it would be a good idea if you knew the
lord they will all know him
and they will all love him that's where
we're heading
so so what we're reading here with this
all the nation will feel this way
my soul longs yes it even faints for the
courts of the lord
my heart and my flesh cry out for the
living god
yes the sparrow has found a house
and the swallow a nest for herself where
she may lay her young
even your altars o lord my host my king
and my god
so there's just you know the sparrow
knows it's home and now the people of

god
they just know their home where they'll
be safe where they can nest where they
can
you know create provision for their
offspring
blessed are they that dwell in your
house
they will they will be still praising
you
selah and this nation will dwell in
god's house
and we as the first fruits of israel
we're going to be with christ overseeing
this whole operation it is it is
absolutely
mind-blowing that the privileged
position we are in
we just have to be humble and not boast
and not get arrogant to think that this
story is all about us
we have to go into the covenant and
understand what is god what has god
promised that he will never turn back
from and how do we help him
fulfill his promises and how do we pray
for his promises to be fulfilled blessed
is the man
whose strength is in you and going from
psalm 83
to psalm 85 we see those men
who call out to god who realize that
they have no strength they have no
military power
there's nothing they can do they only
can call on god
and blessed are those men who recognize
that their strength is in you
in whose heart are the ways of them
who passing through the valley of Baca
make it a well
the rain also fills the pools so this is
some historical context here
where they were in trouble and uh

and the trouble turned to a benefit
because of god's blessing
they go from strength to strength every
one of them in zion
appears before god so these people that
will be in zion
every single one of them will have a
relationship with god
and will be able to minister to the
inhabitants of the earth
to the point where somebody say well
you're a jew we'll go with you we heard
that god is with you
and every one of them will appear before
god and will be able to minister
on behalf of god o lord god of hosts
hear my prayer
give ear o god of jacob selah
behold o god our shield and look upon
the face of your anointed for a day in
your courts is better than a thousand
i had rather be a door keeper in the
house of my god
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness
and the tense of wickedness
are going to look beautiful they're
going to look
spectacular you know i was in the middle
east and i saw some of these mosques
they are spotless they're spectacular
and you feel like they're europe there's
some kind of greatness here
well they're just going to be rubble
they're just going to be nothing
i would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my god
than to dwell fat and just be so high
and mighty
in the tents of wickedness we have to
have a longer-term view
for the lord god is a son and a shield
the lord will give grace and glory and
those in jerusalem there's no need for
the son

that god will be the light of jerusalem
for the lord god is a son and a shield
the lord will give grace and glory no
good thing will he withhold
from them that walk uprightly and we are
the firstfruits of this operation
if we walk uprightly believe me there is
no good thing
that he will withhold from us and and
you know in all of this what we saw in
psalm 83
when all of this comes to pass although
the focal point is the middle east
it extends all around the world and it's
it's the time of all
all the tribes of jacob are going to be
in trouble
so christians will get caught up in this
and there's many christians oh no
the rapture we will never see any harm
we'll be swept away we'll be off with
christ in heaven
and then we'll come back when all the
trouble is over the scriptures don't
indicate that
at all the scriptures indicate in fact
that for many christians it's a time of
martyrdom
and this is something that we should not
fear we should not be like oh no
i don't want to be martyred no
we need to be preparing ourselves and
this is the ephesians study
when we study ephesians 6 in particular
about we're battling not with flesh and
blood but against principalities and
powers
and we need we have access to a power
that is far
greater and that power will if we tap
into it that power will steady us
and if we edify one another we'll build
each other up to face this
and you know a brother uh brother

laurent he asked a question in our bible study on the friday evening and it was kind of a strange question but an interesting question he said you know will we feel good about the martyrdom that we might have to face and and what i said is you know don't focus on the feelings we just focus on our commitment and if some of us have to be martyred some of us have to be martyred the scripture in fact says that those of understanding will fall uh so if we have to be martyred we have to be martyred and the the view we should have is me have the honor of being martyred for jesus christ me if that's what christ asks of me for all that he has done for me and for all of humanity for israel and all of humanity this god of great love is asking this of me you know may i and then once he has this once he once we give this commitment to him in martyrdom the reward to to reign with him forever like we we have to see the big picture so i said you know don't focus on your feeling focus on your commitment but it is an interesting question because um historically when we looked at when we look at the martyrs of the early church many of them they were just in a state of ecstasy as they went down there was there was something that came over them that you know even stephen when he was being martyred he said you know i see christ standing at the right hand of god so so there's something that came over

these martyrs so it's an interesting question
and the answer may be yes we thought
god may give us this supernatural vision and understanding and experience
to go through what we have to go through
but regardless let us have the view
that we should be so honored as to
proclaim
the gospel of christ and to be hated for
his name
and to die for him let's not have the
view like oh i i don't want to be
beheaded i don't want to be heard i
i don't want anything to happen to me
let's not be like that
let's just start telling ourselves that
whatever we have to go through
we will go through for christ
so he says the lord is a the lord for
the lord god is a son and a shield the
lord will give grace and glory
no good thing will he withhold from them
that walk uprightly
oh lord of hosts blessed is the man that
trusts in you
and this is very important because why
would we trust in god
so in psalm 83 when the people of god
are completely surrounded
by people who have one objective and
that is to completely
wipe them off the face of the earth then
why would the people of god still trust
in god
it's because of what we see here in
hebrews 6 that the hebrews
when we believe it's the apostle paul
wrote this
they were in the same existential crisis
and because of this crisis many of them
were turning back
they were apostasizing and paul is
writing this to like strengthen them and

say snap out of it and be
strong in the lord and be bold but in in
so
doing he says to them that it's by two
immutable things
in which it was impossible for god to
lie we might have
strong consolation so that no matter
what happens we can walk by faith and
not
by sight that asaf in psalm 83
he's walking by faith where did this
faith come from
why was he so confident that although
they were facing an existential threat
he could rely on god and why are these
hebrews
double-minded and paul has to say look
stop being double-minded
you can rely on god despite the
existential threat don't worry
why he tells them because of these two
immutable things
now when the apostle says two immutable
things
we don't need to make up what these two
things are
we don't need to pull these two things
out of thin air he tells us what they
are
and it's not just two immutable things
it's two immutable things in which
it is impossible for god to lie so
whatever these two immutable things are
in both of them it is impossible for god
to lie
so we can have strong consolation no
matter what face
so so we can be blessed in that we trust
god
no matter what abraham trusted god
no matter what and he is now the father
of the faithful
we need to be like abraham we need to

have the faith of abraham and trust him
no matter what
how can we do that the very same way
abraham did it
that there were two immutable things in
which it was impossible for god to lie
that's what abraham took his strength
from that's where abraham took his
comfort and and
that's where his conviction came from
paul is now writing to these hebrews
say guys snap out of it there are two
not one if it was one immutable thing
from god that would be enough
but there are actually two immutable
things in which in both of them
it is impossible for god to lie we don't
have to go outside of the text
to see what these two immutable things
are because they're right in the text
that through these two things we can
have not just consolation
but strong consolation who have fled for
refuge
to lay hold upon the hope set before us
so there's a hope set before us we can
lay hold on it
we can trust in god we can be blessed by
trusting in god
and we're trusting in god because he is
god
when he speaks nobody can frustrate his
speech
and so we can hang on his word and
there's something
there are two things that come from god
that cannot be changed
this is where he says i am the lord i
change
not therefore you sons of jacob are not
destroyed
why are they not destroyed because he
doesn't change what doesn't change his
covenant

i don't break covenant that's why you're
not destroyed
so there's two things which can never
change
and in these two things each one can
never change when you put them both
together
absolutely this can never change what
are these two immutable things
let's not make things up let's read the
text
let's go back to verse 12 that you be
not slothful
but followers of them who through faith
and patience inherit the promises and
god says in revelation
twice that the the in this is the
patience of the saints
that in your patience christ says you'll
possess your souls
where does this patience come from where
the same thing that these people they
through the fault let's be followers of
them who through faith
and patience inherit the promises what
did they believe in
why could they be patient even though
they couldn't see the thing they were
hoping for
why could they be patient why did they
still believe in it this is why
for when god made promise to abraham
that's the first
immutable thing if god makes a promise
god is not satan and god is not man
when god makes a promise that is it
that is it that is immutable so that's
the first immutable thing
when god made promise to abraham because
he could swear by no greater
he swore an oath by himself
that's the second immutable thing that
if he makes a promise
this cannot change he's god

and then if he makes an oath this cannot
change
because he's god so he made a promise to
abraham and then he swore an oath
on top of the promise these are the two
immutable things
saying surely blessing i will bless you
and multiplying i will multiply this is
the oath on top of the promise
and so after abraham had patiently
endured why
because he had two immutable things he
had the promise
and then he had an oath on top of the
promise and because he knew he was
dealing with god
who would never go back on his promise
who would never go back on top of
on an oath and that the oath was on top
of the promise
because he had these two immutable
things he patiently endured
and then he obtained the promise the
promise which had an oath on top of it
for men truly swear by the greater
and an oath for confirmation is to them
an end of all strife so if somebody says
i swear by something greater than
themselves
this is supposed to satisfy like i'm not
sure are you really gonna i know i swear
you know people swear on something
greater than themselves and that people
okay
you know he's given us his oath so so
god
gave a promise to abraham and then he
gave him an oath
and when you're given oh when men give
an oath it's the end of all strife
that's it
matters resolved what if god gives you
an oath on top of a promise that he's
already given you

so god gave this oath on top of the
promise
wherein god willing more
abundantly he really wanted to do this
this is
he overwhelmingly wanted to do this
wherein
god willing more abundantly to show unto
the
heirs of promise that's the first
immutable thing
abraham received the promise we are the
heirs
of this immutable thing the promise
in fact he says it right here he willing
more
abundantly he really wanted to do this
that we would have no doubt
so he willing more abundantly to show
into the heirs of promise
the immutability of his counsel
because of because he really wanted to
do this to really get it in our heads
that his counsel is immutable
that he declares the end from the
beginning and from ancient times that
which is not yet done
saying my counsel shall stand and nobody
and nothing can change it
because he really wanted us to
understand this not only
are we the heirs of the promise but to
show the immutability the
unchangeableness of his counsel
and this is why the sons of jacob are
not destroyed because he will not change
his counsel
god willing more abundantly to show unto
the heirs of promise the immutability of
his counsel
confirmed it by an oath so these are the
two immutable things
the promise is immutable and then he
lays an oath

on top of the promise and this is god
who declares and does not change
that by two immutable things these are
the two immutable things are in the
verse right before we don't have to make
things up
that by two immutable things in which
it's impossible for god to lie the
promise and the oath
in in either one of them it's impossible
for god to lie
we might have strong consolation and
conviction
who have fled for refuge to lay hold
upon the hope set before us
which hope we have as an anchor of the
soul
and this is if you go back to the
ephesians study in ephesians 6
we have to put on the whole armor of god
and and anchor our soul in this
immutability of his counsel and we have
access to this higher power so that when
satan does his thing
excuse me in the evil day it's coming
satan is going to pull out all the stops
and he's going to do this great great
evil upon the earth
and we christians have to go through
this and we have to be faithful through
it
and we have to declare the gospel in it
and and we are going to be rewarded so
handsomely for this
but just like the hebrews who panicked
when this happened to them in the same
way in the end time
we see there's going to be a great
apostasy in the christian
church and so we have to warn brethren
we have to edify each other we have to
be
preparing for this uh again go through
the ephesians study

but this is this is we have to anchor
anchor ourselves allow god to give us
the strength
of the immutability of his counsel in
which hope we have as an anchor of the
soul
both sure and steadfast and which enters
into that within the veil
where the forerunner is for us entered
even jesus himself
he made a high priest forever after the
order
of melchizedek so the same way that
asaph
had this incredible
conviction that in the face of all of
these enemies
and despite this existential threat he
could cry out to god
in confidence because he understood the
covenant
and as we go through these psalms psalms
of us of psalms of david the sons of
korah
moses everything is centered around
the promise that god made to abraham and
then he confirmed it with an oath
and that's what isaac inherited and
that's what israel inherited
and we are that's what we've inherited
and so
let's let's let's rejoice that this is
this is prophetic word
these words were written thousands of
years ago but they are
giving us some light some vision
into the future and we can now
understand
how we can anchor ourselves through the
time that is to come
and when all the world is going is crazy
and confused and chaotic and people
don't understand what's happening
we will understand what's happening and

we will say unto judah
behold your god praise him
for his faithfulness jesus is lord
amen good night brethren
you