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welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and welcome back from the Feast of Tabernacles and if you don't know what the Feast of Tabernacles is you've got to write to us info at CGI'd org and ask us about God's holy day so welcome back everybody

here we are again back to Wednesday night Bible study we're going to start a brand-new book I'm very excited about this book we're going to be getting into the Book of Isaiah so let's open with a word of Prayer and get right into the study our Heavenly Father we come before you Lord and praise you we just want to thank you so much Lord for everything that you're doing and we thank you God that you are revealing to us the great mysteries in your word and we know father that there's very few people in the earth that you are selecting now as firstfruits and we are just so grateful to you Father that we understand your plan through your holy days and that you have selected us to understand your word and to do our duty and carry out your word we thank you Father we pray that as we start this new study now the Book of Isaiah that you will just help us to understand in a much greater way in a much deeper way your counsel help us to understand your will and help us father to do your will according to faith we praise you and we ask this blessing now in Jesus name Amen well my wife and I were in Jamaica for the feast and let me highly recommend Jamaica to all of you if you're looking for a spirit-filled feast and to worship with brethren who

truly worship our great God with all of their heart and all of their soul just a wonderful rejuvenating feast and we're just recharged now and ready to begin another year until next feast or even but she really say until the spring holy days so we're going to be studying the Book of Isaiah and I should mention that our pastor Murray will not be joining us tonight

he's hoping to get back onto the study next week he's taking a bit of a well-deserved extended vacation so we're gonna be doing Isaiah and I've really struggled with how to present Isaiah it's a big book 66 chapters and it's not clear it's not chronological and so there's not a storyline that we can follow and so I've struggled with this how to present it and and I feel inspired to present it in a certain way we left last the last book that we studied was the book of Jude where he exhorted us to contend for the faith and Isaiah is a very special book I'm very important to us in terms of contending for the faith what we find with the Book of Isaiah is it's like a mini Bible it really is like a mini Bible and here if you just look at the structure of Isaiah there are 66 chapters in the Book of Isaiah obviously the scroll didn't have 66 chapters originally but the people who put it into chapters seem to really grasp the message of Isaiah and they put it into 66 chapters we know the Bible has 66 books the first 39 books of the Bible are the Old Testament the last 27 are the New Testament well coincidentally or strategically by design the first 39 chapters in the Book of Isaiah have an Old Testament message an Old Testament message of judgment and

the last 27 chapters of Isaiah have a New Testament message of redemption and so Isaiah is really like a mini Bible and what's also special about Isaiah is the Dead Sea Scrolls that when they discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls and they thought that wow this was a thousand years older than their oldest manuscript for Isaiah they thought there'd be huge discrepancies with the latest version of eyesí or the late oldest version of it as either ad and one that was discovered there was a thousand years older and when they compared it line by line the differences were minor few grammatical things there was really with the book of Isaiah we have it's a faithful rendition of the original scripture and so we can really have confidence in this book and as I said it's a mini Bible the whole message of the entire Bible is in the Book of Isaiah so when we understand Isaiah we're going to have a better grasp of the Bible and no one can deceive us with anything in the Bible if we reconcile it back to what the prophet Isaiah saw in terms of what we're gonna cover we're going to cover the well I feel inspired to cover this is to really focus on what's called second Isaiah and second Isaiah really begins at chapter 40 chapter 42 66 I want to I want to start with second Isaiah and then come back and cover first Isaiah and they call it second Isaiah because they don't believe that Isaiah wrote it they believe that Isaiah the original Isaiah wrote the first 39 chapters and then they believe that sometime later maybe a hundred years later one of his disciples or a disciple of his disciple that there are multiple people a collection wrote according to the message of Isaiah but

they wrote what's called second eyes eye or the second person wrote second Isaiah that is absolutely nonsense becoming no it's nonsense because when Christ began his ministry they handed him the scroll of Isaiah and he quoted from chapter 61 and he said Isaiah says and Paul when he quoted from Isaiah quoted from what's called second Isaiah and said Isaiah says and so and in fact Isaiah is one of the most quoted books in the New Testament and I didn't want to take a moment and actually show you that I said I'll save that for later but the New Testament is really like a commentary on the Book of Isaiah and none of them even the Lord Himself did not say oh you know there are two Isaiah's but the message is very different in second Isaiah it is a message of redemption and Isaiah actually lived his ministry was maybe 40 or 50 years long so what happened is all of these prophetic warnings that he had over the course of his ministry and his prophethood at the end they're put in a collection so Isaiah is rather than being like a book it's really a collection of his various prophecies so that's say let me just give you a sense here we'll just start we'll start reading the book and what I want to cover today really is just chapter one but I want to set it up and give a little bit of context we're not gonna do any deep analysis of the chapter I just want to read the chapter with you because the whole story of the book is in Chapter one in the first part of chapter two and no doubt at the feast you would have definitely heard Isaiah quote it is impossible to look ahead into the future the Millennium without quoting Isaiah because he was given a

very rich vision of what the future would be let's uh let's begin just by jumping into the text and taking a look at what is it that Isaiah saw so it starts off saying the this is the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz so some people think this is Amos it's not Amos it's Amma's Amma's was the brother of one of the kings and so Isaiah comes from a royal lineage and he's actually the cousin of King Uzziah messiahs father was a Moses brother and he says here that it's concerning Judah and Jerusalem which he saw in the days of uzziah jotham ahaz and hezekiah so this allows us to see very clearly the timing of Isaiah's prophecy and so you can see that Isaiah Cole reigned with Jotham Jotham Corinne with hahas AHA spall reigned with Hezekiah Hezekiah Colerain with Manasseh and then Manasseh this wicked King was the one that actually had Isiah put to death but he didn't get any vision in the time of I of Manassas reign but he did receive these visions during the reigns of these Kings Uzziah Jotham Ahaz and Hezekiah and he was a man of stature he was able to access the king's court unlike the Prophet Amos who as a farmer and was then called into prophecy Isaiah's different he's a royal lineage very well-educated very powerful man who had to then prophesy in the time of these kings but what we shouldn't read over and what I believe most people read over is verse one an in verse 1 it says very clearly what this book is about and this is where we go off track is we just read over it but it says very clearly that this is the vision which Isaiah saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem this is what the book is about the book is about the vision is about

Judah and Jerusalem he makes mention of Israel the northern tribes and he certainly talks about the tribes that's the or the because they tribes the ethnic group state the nations that surround Judah and Jerusalem but the vision is about Judah and Jerusalem and we skip over this and we quote Isaiah as if it refers to America interfere it refers to Britain it refers to Canada it refers to the church it refers to everybody and everything in fact I even heard a speaker recently reporting Isaiah and applying it to Hitler replacing Judah and Jerusalem with Hitler so how Hitler is going to have his chance in in the second resurrection the book the scroll the visions are concerning Judah and Jerusalem and if we keep that in mind we're going to understand what exactly Isaiah is trying to tell us now if we and this is important actually is this what I want to set up why it's so important for us to understand what the book is about because this is what's going to help us avoid deception that Satan's work is deception and if we understand Isaiah we cannot be deceived and so we will miss the point if we miss first one that Isaiah's writing is about Judah and Jerusalem now when we get into the text before we get into the text I want to talk about deception so and these are in the KB's or in the south so hood Isaiah is totally focused on the southern kingdom unlike Amos who was preaching to the northern tribes now we know that Satan is a deceiver but I don't know if we associate his deception specifically with Jerusalem and this is why I want who is it why so important that in verse one we understand that Isaiah is writing

about Judah and Jerusalem because of Satan's deceptive work and we cannot allow ourselves to be deceived notice here in Revelation 20 and verse 1 that John saw his angel come down from heaven having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand and he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent right from the Garden of Eden this old devil which is the devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years so for a thousand years I think we all understand this Satan is in prison cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nation's No More this is the devil's work the devil is a deceiver and because he's locked away for a thousand years he cannot do his work of deception until the thousand years are fulfilled after that he must be loosed for a little season so it's necessary at the end of the thousand years because of those who come up in the second resurrection they have to face the devil just as we who are striving for the first resurrection we have to face Satan nobody nobody can go into God's kingdom without facing the deception of the devil and choosing to obey or disobey God so he must be loosed at the end of the thousand years and when the thousand years are expired verse 7 Satan shall be loosed out of his prison now what does he do when he's loosed out of his servant he's a deceiver so he does his work in verse 8 when he's loosed out of his prison he goes out to deceive the nation's so why is that important why is that necessary what is it that he's trying to do what is his agenda when he deceives the nation so they're in the four quarters of the earth Gog and Magog to gather them

together to battle he's deceiving the
nation's to battle to battle him to
battle what he says the number of whom
is this a sand of the sea and this verse
here is very chilling verse eight but
the number of the people he deceives are
as the sand of the sea and I know we
have this for those of us who understand
the second resurrection sometimes we can
have this flippant attitude of oh well
they'll come up in the second
resurrection and everything will be okay
everything will not be okay
because it's very clear that the devil
is very successful against the second
resurrection the people that come up in
the second resurrection he's able to
deceive a number of them as the sand of
the sea so I think we need to be very
careful of having a flippant attitude
that oh if you're in the second
resurrection everything's fine
everything is not fine we need to strive
for the first resurrection and hopefully
God calls others and our loved ones to
pursue the first resurrection because
the second resurrection is no picnic and
they went up on the breadth of the earth
and surrounded the camp of the Saints
about and the beloved City this is
Satan's work of deception he is
competing against Jerusalem he is he has
his own City he has he wants to be like
the Most High and in order to be like
the Most High he cannot have them look
into Jerusalem he very much was working
in Jeroboam's heart when Jeroboam
competed with Jerusalem and set up his
capital in Samaria again always to
distract from Jerusalem and in the end
time he uses Babylon as his center so
everywhere the whole world is looking to
Babylon instead of Jerusalem so when
he's loosed for a thousand years it's to

deceive the world about Jerusalem and get them to fight against Jerusalem but fire comes down from from God out of heaven and destroys them all and that's that's the end of them if they follow his this

now before the millennium before the time of the second resurrection so before Christ returns and kind of introducing his return the success of the devil is to deceive people against Jerusalem so in Zechariah 12 verse 2 behold God says I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people so the devil's gonna be successful in deceiving all the people around it so they're gonna go to battle against Jerusalem of this the agenda is the same when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem so this is why we need Isaiah because as ayahs gonna tell us what is to be concerning Judah and Jerusalem and we will not get swept up in the deception of the devil he says in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces of God the devil has an agenda concerning Jerusalem and God has an agenda concerning Jerusalem and we have to be on God's agenda concerning Jerusalem he says though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it so we can't be fooled when we see these powerful nations going against Jerusalem we can't be seduced by their power we have to understand that God is just allowing this but he's going to act on behalf is agenda who is a is all around Jerusalem and the devil's agenda is all around Jerusalem so our agenda needs to be around Jerusalem if we don't care about Jerusalem were not on God's plan

when that were being deceived if we don't care about Jerusalem David says that he wants Jerusalem to be his joy above above his chief joy that Jerusalem must be his joy because he had the heart of God and if we have the heart of God Jerusalem is our chief joy but for many of us we don't care and so we're not on God's agenda so it says here in verse chapter 14 now and no doubt we would have read these verses at the feast that it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which were deceived and came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to trip the king the Lord of Hosts to keep the Feast of Tabernacles so we see the two competing agendas the devil is trying to destroy Jerusalem turn everybody against Jerusalem God is going to establish Jerusalem and all the nations in the millennium are going to go to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and so again if you don't understand what we're talking about when we talk about God's holy days you need to write to us info at CGI org and ask for information on God's holy days because the whole plan of God is revealed in his holy days so the whole world is gonna go to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and they will no longer be on the devil's agenda he says any 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 upon them shall be no rain they will starve to death they will suffer an agonizing death if they do not acknowledge Jerusalem and if the family of Egypt does not go up so these are Muslim people who hate the Jews and hate Jerusalem and delete this disregard the Holy One of Israel but if they don't

repent and they don't come they'll have no rain there shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to the Feast of Tabernacles so this agenda of Jerusalem are not Jerusalem is so intense that the heathen some of them just can't bring themselves to acknowledge the God of Jacob and to go to Jerusalem and it's going to be terrible for them if they do not come off this rebellion this shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that have been deceived that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and so he goes on then to describe the punishment now in Isaiah 25 no doubt you would have read this during the Feast of Tabernacles as well when God is going to host a feast for all the nations and in Isaiah 25 in verse 6 he says and in this mountain that is in Jerusalem shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people so all these people that were fighting against Jerusalem

now in God is established has established Jerusalem he's going to host a banquet and it's going to be the best of everything and all nations are going to acknowledge that God is the God of Jacob and that Jerusalem is the place of salvation and so that the deception will be gone he's gonna make a feast of fat things wonderful things the best things a feast of wines on the leads the best wine of fat things full of marrow of wines on the leaves well refined as he's gonna spare no expense this is gonna be a wonderful celebration and he will destroy in this mountain in Jerusalem the face of the covering cast over all people who cast this covering over all people we know that's the work of the devil so the devil will be bound a

thousand years and his deception regarding Jerusalem will be lifted his deception regarding the God of Jacob will be lifted and so if the god is going to destroy the covering cast over all people and the veil that is spread over all nations all what he is successful doing is deceiving all nations concerning Jerusalem and so they cannot they're blind it to the God of Israel because they're blinded to Jerusalem now we see this very clearly in Christ's prophecy in Matthew 24 which we're all very familiar with but let's just read it again with respect to Jerusalem he says and as he sat upon the Mount of Olives the disciples came to him privately saying tell us when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world and Jesus answered and said unto them take heed that no man deceive you now in the context of what we've just read it's really not that a man deceives you it's take heed that the devil doesn't deceive you and what is the devil's agenda to deceive mankind concerning Jerusalem so if we need to understand that the deception has to do with Christ when he returns don't be deceived he is returning to Jerusalem he's returning to established his headquarters the headquarters of the whole universe in Jerusalem don't let anybody deceive you because the devil's work is to take Jerusalem out of our mind and to think that God has abandoned Jerusalem says don't let anybody said Tom to his disciples let no man deceive you because many will come in my name saying I am Christ and shall deceive many so they're going to say that he's Christ but they're going to deceive us concerning

his return they're going to deceive us concerning Jerusalem because that is the devil's work the context for this prophecy is in Matthew 23 you have to read all of Matthew 23 to get the full picture in fact we have to read all of Matthew because the math the context of Matthew 24 our chapters 1 to 23 but if you just read chapter 23 that's enough context to see the collision between Jerusalem and Christ and he says here at the end of chapter 23 Oh Jerusalem Jerusalem in a pleading and mourning because he sees what's gonna happen to Jerusalem he knows the prophecies and so he says you that killed the prophets you Jerusalem is deceived and they have got they've signed on to the devil's agenda and they kill the prophets and they stone them that are sent how often he would have gathered Jerusalem's children together even as a hen gathers her chickens when when the chickens are under threat the hen protects them under her wings but you you wouldn't have it he says behold your house is left unto you desolate this is the destiny of Jerusalem and it's because of this destiny of Jerusalem that Christ says to his disciples make sure that nobody deceives you what he's saying is I have not abandoned Jerusalem don't believe for a minute that I've abandoned Jerusalem there there is a speak he calls it in Isaiah his strange work in in Habakkuk he calls it his unbelievable work his work that nobody will believe even if it's told to them it's a strange work that he is coming he is going to orchestrate events so that is shattered and destroyed and made desolate but that doesn't mean he's abandoned Jerusalem and that's why Isaiah is split up into these two halves

1 239 condemnation of Judah and Jerusalem and there's some good news mixed in there's not purely condemnation there's hints we all know as I a 9 verse 6 that the baby will be born that will grow into a great king that will establish the kingdom forever these types of hints of the good news are in the first part but primarily the first chapters 1 to 39 are all about the destruction of Jerusalem by the nations that surround it and then judgment on all of these nations for what they do to Jerusalem and then chapters 40 to 66 that's the good news and that's what that's really what the gospel means it's not just oh there's good news for mankind isn't it wonderful that there's good news for mankind we have to read Isaiah and see the world through the lens of Isaiah to really understand what is why is it good news it's good news because of the condemnation it's good news because of this that Jerusalem is going to be desolate but not forgotten there is good news that there is a victory over all of Jerusalem's enemies so the context for Matthew the prophecy in Matthew 24 is that Jerusalem will be desolate and in Luke 21 verse 20 he says when you see Jerusalem surrounded with armies because this is the devil's work the devil is going to stir up these nations is going to have an ideology a way of convincing the nations that they have to destroy Jerusalem that's his deception so when we see this deception taking place then know that it's true that desolation is coming like this is gonna be horrendous back to Matthew 24 he says when you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation so there's some sort of religious worship that is set up that is

pagan that is set up in the midst of Jerusalem when you see this that's spoken of by the prophet Daniel when you see that stand in the Holy Place he says whoever reads make sure you understand this then let them which be in Judea this is going back to Isaiah because Isaiah saw the prophecy of what is going to happen to all Judea or Judah and specifically to Jerusalem so this what Christ is saying here is very clearly this is not a prophecy about America this is not a prophecy about Canada this is not a prophecy about Britain this not a prophecy about anywhere else in the world this is a prophecy what Isaiah saw because Isaiah got to see well into the future well deep into the future and so this is the same prophecy that Isaiah saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem and Christ is now saying if you accept me as your Messiah when this happens if you are in Judah you better run for your life you better run for your life he doesn't give this instruction to anybody else anywhere else in the world where the gospel has to be preached we do not have permission to run only here where the slaughter is just going to be it's just gonna be relentless it has nothing to do with whether you're a Christian or not it's just the fact that you're in Judah and and this judgment is coming upon Judah he says flee to the mountains get out of there because it's going to be wholesale slaughter so that's the backdrop that we need to understand why Isaiah's vision is so important concerning Judah and Jerusalem now Isaiah's call is in chapter 6 and when we go back and we do chapters 1 to 39 of what's called first Isaiah we'll get into this in more detail but just in

terms of introduction this is really where Isaiah gets his calling into prophethood and he says here in Isaiah 6 verse 5 then said I what was me because I'm undone why is he undone because I'm a man of unclean lips so as I understood he's a human being and unclean things have come out of his mouth and why is that important why does that matter and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips for my eyes have seen the king the Lord of hosts so Isaiah was selected and he had this encounter with the Lord of Hosts and if he just thought undone this like I have come into the presence of holiness and I'm a carnal man he says he's undone then flew one of the seraphim's unto me having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar so he saw this this he encountered God and it was an altar and there was a there were coals on the altar and his angel took one of the live coals that hot coals and he laid it upon my mouth and said lo this has touched your lips and your iniquity is taken away and your sin purged so he's in the middle of a filthy people and he himself says he's filthy and yet the iniquity has been taken away so he has been able to now by God's grace come into God's presence and we all pray for this that when Christ returns we can all come into his presence and through his blood the iniquity is taken away in our sin is purged so he says this also I heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send and who will go for us so clearly there's more than one and nothing to do with the Trinity in fact when we were in Jamaica one of the events we had was an evening

of doctrinal defense and apologetics and we had three people one of which was a veteran had been in a church for many years a very solid teacher another one kind of up-and-coming leader I would say and the third one was a young lady who has been baptized for a year and all three the mood was to do with the Trinity not reflecting the Godhead that the Trinity is a false doctrine and they dug into this and just Wow was sowing all three of them took slightly different angles but very robust defense of the the Godhead that the true Godhead and and how the Trinity is false and so at least though that people do see this to see that God is more than one and you need to understand what this means that God is a family there's one supreme god so if the definition of God is the supreme one there's only one that's the Father but there's also a class of beings called God and Jesus Christ is in that class of being and so God the Father and God the Son and nowhere in the Bible t see any mention of Trinity people are trying to read that in but over and over and over it's very clear that the Father and the Son and the spirit and these these three brethren made it so clear the Spirit is the power of God so here the father and the son are talking and the question is who will go for us then said I this is Isaiah talking Here I am or here here here am I send me so Isaiah had this very receptive spirit very willing spirit and said I'll go and he said okay go and tell this people which people the whole world know the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem specifically go and tell this people here you indeed but don't understand and see you indeed but don't

see but perceive not make the heart of
this people which people the Jews make
the heart of this people fat and make
their ears heavy and shut their eyes
lest they see with their eyes and hear
with their ears and understand with
their heart and convert and be healed so
God is so angry with this people that he
is going to ensure that they don't
understand the truth so Isaiah is being
called into his prophethood he's gonna
have a ministry for four or five decades
maybe six decades and it's going to be
an unsuccessful ministry that as much as
he preaches they're not going to
understand because the message has to be
delivered to them but they're cut off
from knowing why is this
so he said then said I Lord how long
what is the condition how long will this
condition be where they have no clue
what I'm talking about
and he answered until the cities be
wasted this is why Christ always spoke
to them in parables because he was
fulfilling Isaiah even Paul when he
preached they couldn't understand his
teaching because they were so rebellious
and he quoted the equated this scripture
said truly Isaiah was correct in what he
said about you so how long and he
answered until the cities be wasted so
crisis Jerusalem your house is left unto
you desolate so until that prophecy
comes to pass this will be their
condition your cities are wasted and
without inhabitant and the houses
without man and the land be utterly
desolate God is not joking this is
serious these are his people and this is
what they must go through and the Lord
has removed men far away so they're
going to be taken captive and taken away
from Judah and there be great forsaking

in the midst of the land this is what's necessary this so Isaiah you have to take this message from God to the people and keep taking it to them until this happens now Jeremiah who comes later listen to what he says and this will give us insight into God's thinking in chapter 11 verse 1 the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying here you the words of this covenant ah this is about the Covenant so God had a covenant with Israel when the tribes split there were the northern tribes and then Judah in the south he divorced at the northern tribes because of their idolatry and adultery and faithlessness and had the Assyrians come in and wiped them out in Isaiah foretold dot and then actually witnessed it and Judah witnessed it and as much as Judah witnessed it they were worse than the northern tribes and so this covenant but but God didn't divorce them this is God's strange work here the words of the Covenant speak unto the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem so this is the prophecy that we're gonna see as we study Isaiah concerning Judah and Jerusalem

speaking unto the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and say you unto them thus says the Lord God of Israel curse it be the man that obeys not the words of this covenant so Israel came before God the Covenant the terms of conditions of the Covenant were read to them and they said all that the Lord has said we will do and they agreed to the Covenant God says here cursed be the man that obeys not the words of this covenant which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt from the iron furnace saying obey my voice and do them

according to all which I command you so shall you be my people and I will be your God so here's the covenant do what it says you'll be my people I'll be your God that I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your father's I want to perform this oath to give them a land flowing with milk and honey as it is this day this is what the Covenant is all about it's all about God having a people and giving them the land that this land is for them and they to be established in the land as the head nation that the whole world will then have a model of righteousness have people who can lead them to God so I'm gonna give you this is the Covenant I swore and I swore to your father's I'm gonna give you a land flowing with milk and honey as it is this day then answered I and said so be it Oh Lord then the Lord said unto me proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem saying hear you the words of this covenant and do for I earnestly protested unto your father's in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt saying even unto this day rising early and protesting saying obey my voice yet they obeyed not nor incline their ear but walked everyone in the imagination of their evil heart therefore I God is saying because of this covenant agreement that we have if you do this this and this I will bless you like this if you disobey I will curse you like this

I swear because of this covenant and because they disobeyed the Covenant God says therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant so we just only have to go to Deuteronomy and see what are the words of the Covenant

to see how God is going to punish them and he's gonna use the devil and through the devil use all the nations that surround Jerusalem to bring upon all the words of the Covenant which I commanded them to do but they did then not and the Lord said unto me a conspiracy is found among the men of Judah people don't believe in conspiracies all conspiracy theory God says there's such a thing as conspiracy says here a conspiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem they are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers Satan is the greatest conspirator and he's now even deceived God's own people and they're turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers which refused to hear my words and they went after other gods to serve them the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers therefore thus says the Lord behold I will bring evil upon them this is God's faithfulness to his covenant just go to Deuteronomy and we'll know exactly what God is going to do because when God speaks he means it behold I will bring calamity upon them and they shall not be able to escape no way this is why this is why they cannot hear they cannot see heart cannot respond because God says okay you broke my covenant I'm gonna bring this calamity upon you and you will not be able to escape if they could hear and understand and respond then they could escape but no the Covenant says you will not escape and so they will not escape and though they shall cry unto me I will not hearken unto them then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry out to the gods and to whom they offer

incense but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble so this has to happen the people have become unfaithful they've taken up idols they've taken up other gods let them cry to these gods and let God is gonna bring to pass exactly what he said they're gonna cry to these gods and the gods are not gonna be able to help them and this is to prove a point to these people for according to the number of your cities that is the cities of Judah were your gods Oh Judah and according to the number of streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to that shameful thing even altars to burn incense unto Baal so Israel's gone God is now dealing with Judah and as much as they have cities in Judah that's how many false gods they're worshiping and as much as they have streets in Jerusalem that's how many false altars they've set up to burn incense unto Baal therefore he's saying to Jeremiah do not pray for this people these are God's people don't pray for them neither lift up a cry or prayer for them for I will not hear them in the time that they climb to me for their trouble so with all of that backdrop let's now just read chapter 1 of Isaiah because in Chapter 1 and the first part of chapter 2 we get the whole story so we'll just go ahead now and read what is what is the story and and in Chapter 1 will understand the whole of eyes eyes eyes I have such a wonderful book I just I wish I could call cover all 66 chapters in one sitting because it's like we've got to grasp the whole book but we're gonna take this slow will begin in China in second desire which is chapter 40 and that's really the good news which comes after the bad news and I pray that it will

take us right into Passover so when we finish hopefully we'll finish in time but by the time we get through the heart of our second Isaiah we will have an understanding through the lens of Isaiah of really Passover and atonement because it covers both but well I think we'll deepen our observance of the Passover so what's the story here

as ayah 1 and verse 1 the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem let's not make Isaiah about anything else except what it's about it's about Judah and Jerusalem which he received in the days of uzziah jotham ahaz and hezekiah the kings of Judah here all heavens I think I'm not gonna do any analysis here when we come back to chapter 1 we'll do a little bit more analysis here but let's just read and get the story flow he says here are all heavens and give ear o earth the heavens and earth for the Lord has spoken

I have nourished says God I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against me my own children that I've nourished them I've given them everything I I looked after them and they turned on me this this is this is quite an indictment this is God's God's raising a case against his people I bless them I brought them up i nurtured them and they rebelled against them the ox he says knows his owner and the donkey his master's crib so so God is saying here I mean there are some really smart animals in the world and you can go to a circus and then you can see these animals perform all kinds of tricks because they have a bit more intellect going on it's not human intellect but they're switched on and they can do all

kinds of be trained in you especially
dogs you see what you can train a dog to
do you don't really train an ox to do
tricks you know they can do a bit of
work they're dumb animals yeah that's
the saying that dumb I the dumb ox
however the Ox knows something the Ox as
dumb as it is it knows his owner and the
donkey knows his master's crib but
Israel that's the whole eight nation of
Israel does not know my people do not
consider so God is saying that his
people have less intelligence than a
than the dumbest animal sinful nation a
people laden with iniquity these are
these are evil people these these are
the people that God selected and he's
saying how evil they are they are a seed
of evildoers
so a seed sprouts so they're evil doers
and they sprout more evil children that
are corrupters they have forsaken the
Lord they have provoked the Holy One of
Israel unto anger and this is why you
know if you've heard me preach
I'll constantly say God is not giving
Jerusalem to his people today and
whatever happened in 1948 that was not
God fulfilling his prophecy to give the
land to his people they cannot be in the
land according to the Covenant while
they're in this state of evil while they
have rejected God they cannot be in the
land but God is that this wise ayahs
gonna show us that God is going to act
and God is going to purge his people
after punishing them and when they are
purged then he's going to bring them
into the land he's gonna gather them
from all around and then he'll bring
them into the land but whatever is going
on today if anything I would say they're
being gathered to be slaughtered
according to the prophecies

they have provoked the Holy One of Israel in Isaiah uses this phrase 50 times in this book 25 times in first Isaiah 25 times in second is this having encountered God this is the way that he describes God God is the Holy One of Israel and Matt Jesus says in Matthew that the whole the whole nations will hate us not because of who we are but for his name's sake

this name of Israel and he says that his name is constantly blasts fiend this is his name the Holy One of Israel and he'll be known as the Holy One of Israel forever he'll be known as the God of Jacob forever and Israel is causing his name to be blaspheme and so he is going to most certainly address that so he says here they have forsaken the Lord they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger he is nurtured them he's brought them up he's been patient with them and they have just constantly been breaking his covenant constantly committing adultery constantly committing idolatry which aren't the same thing by the way adultery is idolatry idolatry is adultery they are gone away backwards why should you be stricken anymore what why are you allowing this will you revolt more and more like you've provoked me to anger I'm going to strike you

you won't stop why are you doing this the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint from the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores so you can imagine a body that has these wounds and bruises that are not healed and you know I'll be kind here and just sure a mild bruise but God is really speaking of something really disgusting these bruises and

putrefying sores that have not been
treated they have not been closed
neither bound up neither mollified with
ointment and and they're still rebelling
despite all of this
he says your country is desolate your
cities are burned with fire this is the
destiny of Judah and Jerusalem that your
country is desolate your cities are
burned with fire this is the
pronouncement this is the judgment of
God on Judah and Jerusalem actually on
all about all of Israel but it's gonna
be specifically when we get very
specific about Judah and Jerusalem your
country is desolate your cities are
burned with fire your land strangers
devour it in your presence and Zechariah
shows us this that you have to watch
while strangers come into your land God
says when you see Jerusalem surrounded
by armies strangers are going to devour
your land in your presence and it is
desolate as overthrown by strangers will
see the abomination of desolation set up
and the daughter of Zion is left as a
cottage in a vineyard as a lodge in a
garden of cucumbers so this is sort of
after the harvest they would have a
cottage there while they're doing the
harvest so they could seek shelter from
the Sun but now everything is gone and
the only thing the only evidence that
people were actually there is this
makeshift cottage that's left this is
what the daughter of Zion is left as as
a cottage in a vineyard as a lodge in a
garden of cucumbers as a siege City this
is the judgment because of their
rebellion now the good news this is the
whole story so despite all of this
judgment on Judah entry on all Israel
and specifically on Judah and Jerusalem
the reason we have a gospel the reason

there's good news is it is relief from
all of the bad news it's not just you
know mankind's sin and you know people
don't know God but there's good news
Jesus came to save the world the God is
very precise he's very specific you know
we say Oh God so loved the world if we
study that passage closely it's God in
this way loved the world there's a
specific way that God loved the world
and there's a specific way
he's going to save the world and he's
going to save the world through
Jerusalem he's going to save the world
through Israel through Judah there's a
specific way that he doesn't just have
this relationship with Gentiles he sets
up this nation they're the head nation
and all the world has to come to him and
this book of Isaiah is so amazing we
will not be deceived when we understand
as I you know as I as referred to in the
Hebrew Bible by the Jews as the head of
the prophets when they organize their
Bible they have the former prophets
which is really to historical prophets
Kings chronicles judges they call it
prophets even though it's history and
then they have the latter prophets which
are all of the major prophets Isaiah
Jeremiah Ezekiel and then all the minor
prophets the twelve minor prophets they
don't call them that they just called
them the prophets but the head of the
prophets is Isaiah so Isaiah is the very
first prophet and he is then considered
the chief prophet and then everybody
else because he was given the broadest
vision the deepest longest vision and so
here he's given the good news here this
is the gospel that because of the
devastation on his people that they are
basically wiped out but there's good
news he says except the Lord of Hosts

had left unto us a very small remnant so God is moving in such a way that there will be a remnant within Judah and actually within this remnant this is the firstfruits harvest where Gentiles are now being grafted in to be a part of this remnant to provoke the rest of Judah to jealousy the God's very strange work I except for this remnant we should have been as Sodom we should have been as Tsar Sodom and we should have been like unto Gomorrha so we know that's why your cities are burned with fire so Israel that the native 12 tribes have become as wicked as sodom and gomorrah that's how filthy they've become and if it wasn't for the fact that God is doing a strange work and he is going to establish

juda and he is going to establish jerusalem and so there will always be this remnant that god is gonna work with had it not been the case and that's because of his promise to abraham is unconditional covenant with abraham but had this not been the case these guys would be wiped out yes there's that fleeing they have no redeeming qualities it's because of god's faithfulness to abraham that they will be redeemed hear the word of the Lord you rulers of Sodom give ear unto the law of our God you people of Gomorrah so the rulers in Israel are condemned and the people in Israel are condemned and so you know we can just abstract from this that yes you know whenever you have a wicked leader generally the people follow and you have wicked people and whenever you have a good ruler a good leader you have a good body of citizens but God holds the people accountable in other words that people get the leaders they deserve and so God doesn't say well

you it was it's the leaders fault no we followed the leader we we agreed we were in collusion with the leader and so God condemns both the leader and the people so everybody has a responsibility though the leaders have to lead righteously and the people need to follow righteously and if the leader is going astray you don't go astray you stick to the Word of God

so here both rulers and people in Israel are condemned to what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me so so here the people are very faithful they're keeping the Feast of Tabernacles they're keeping the the holy days the Passover they're they're doing all of their offerings and God is saying to what purpose you know are your to what purpose is the multitude there's lots of it they're very religious people going through all the rituals to what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me says the Lord I am full of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts and I delight not in the blood of Bullock's or of lambs or of hiko's so they're going through all these rituals they're having their holy days they're they're going through all of the motions and God say I can't stand it when you come to appear before me who has required this at your hand why are you doing this who has required this at your hand to tread my courts bring no more vain oblations incense is an abomination unto me the new moons and the Sabbath's the calling of assemblies I can't away with it it is iniquity even the solemn meeting and I think the solemn meeting here would refer to the Passover that this which is the most solemn meeting it could refer to

atonement but it certainly I think it's
Passover here that God is saying I can't
stand it that if the heart isn't right
none of these things matter to me
he says your new moons and your
appointed feasts my soul hates so he's
speaking specifically to the people of
Israel but certainly we who have been
grafted into Israel we need to be very
careful we see the sentiment of God he
doesn't want ritual so if we're going
and we're keeping the feast and bringing
our offerings but we're leading double
lives we see this thing we see God's
heart he doesn't want it he wants our
heart first then he wants our worship
your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates they are a trouble unto me
I am weary to bear them and when you
spread forth your hands I will hide my
eyes from you so very clearly they
spread out their hands when they prayed
when you spread forth your hands I will
hide my eyes from you yes when you make
many prayers I will not hear your hands
are full of blood this is what the city
has become this is what the people of
God have to
don't don't let it end there here's what
God says wash you make you clean put
away the evil of your doings from before
my eyes cease to do evil
so godly clearly you can see God's heart
the Covenant is there he's gonna carry
out the Covenant but he so wants them to
obey Him just do what is right
wash you make you clean put away the
evil of your doings from before my eyes
cease to do evil learn to do well seek
judgment relieve the oppressed judge the
fatherless plead for the widow come now
and what we'll go through when we get
back to this we'll do more analysis but
for now what you want to get a story Flo

come now and let us reason together this is God speaking to his people come now and let us reason together since the Lord though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool so there is a mechanism God is saying for redemption if you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land this land is very important to God and again we'll have time to do more analysis on this but I think we often forget the land and the Covenant is all about the land and God wants to bring his people into the land and that's why in Matthew 24 when he says he returns he's gonna gather his people through the four corners of the earth why to put them in the land that the Covenant is all about the land so all what's happening in the Middle East it's on the top of God's mind and it should be on ours as well

if you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land this is the covenant promise and God wants this to give this to its people but if you refuse the Lebel you shall be devoured with what with the sword this is the Word of God so he raises up these nations all around the land and he's gonna raise them up with what a sword they're gonna come into the land that they're gonna be beheading these people left right and center with the sword if you refuse and rebel you shall be devoured and when Isaiah speaks these things happened they happened first with a Syria and Israel and then about a hundred years after Isaiah died then Babylon came and it happened to Judah but when we when we actually get into the prophecies you can tell them in both cases it's just a dress rehearsal because the detail that

Isaiah gives those fulfillments of prophecy didn't fulfill fully the prophecies that Isaiah gave and then immediately on the heels of the full fulfillment of these prophecies comes the Millennium so we can see like what happened in 721 BC with Israel and what happened in I think it's 586 BC to Judah these things are just models they're just patterns they're just dress rehearsals for what is yet to happen in the future and when the future fulfillment comes that's when Christ comes and so we will see Isaiah's deep so if you refused and rebel you shall be devoured with the sword and they're still refusing and they're still rebelling and they shall be devoured ultimately with the ultimate fulfillment with the sword for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it how is the faithful City become a harlot how did this happen that this is a faithful City this was this city was set up in righteousness and they were serving God and they were supposed to be the model and David was their King and they were faithful how is it that this faithful City became a harlot remember adultery is idolatry idolatry is I don't his adultery it's all one of the same thing how is the faithful City become a harlot it was full of judgment righteousness lodged in it but now murderers your silver has become dross your wine mixed with water your princes are rebellious and companions of thieves everyone loves gifts and they follow and follow after rewards and they judge not the fatherless neither does the cause of the widow come upon them they have just they've become very much become like Sodom and Gomorrah very selfish very

self-centered no mercy no compassion for the poor and very much falling into the devil's agenda this is the faithful City therefore says the Lord the Lord of hosts the Mighty One of Israel ah I will ease me of my adversaries his own people have become as adversaries I will ease me of my adversaries and avenge me of my enemies you don't look after the widow you don't look after the poor you will press them you've become the enemy of God and I will turn my hand upon you and purely purge away your dross and take away all your 10 and I will restore your judges okay what is God saying here there's a remnant that as much as they deserve this unrelenting punishment when it comes down upon them this is God's strange work now he says in the midst of all of this condemnation and I will restore your judges as at the first so the faithful City he says how has this happened that the faithful City has become a harlot and now he's saying the faithful City is going to become the faithful City again the worry the harlot the harlot City is going to become the faithful City God means it when he's established Jerusalem it's forever and I will restore your judges as at the first and your counselors as at the beginning afterward shall you shall be called the city of righteousness the faithful City we haven't even left chapter 1 and Isaiah is giving us the gospel and it's good news because of the bad news that as much as all of this covenant bad news is well deserved and these people should be completely wiped out there's a mechanism in the Covenant to bring good news and Isaiah was given the vision I was gonna say of how this good news will come about but it's really of who will bring this good news

and how he will do it that this this
mysterious servant is going to come into
the land and he is going to live by
every word of God and he's not gonna be
recognized as God and he's going to be
slaughtered and he's not gonna open his
mouth and after he slaughtered he's
going to come back to life and when he
comes back to life he's gonna put down
Israel's enemies gonna put down Judah's
enemies and he's going to establish
Judah so it's all here in Isaiah and we
haven't even left chapter 1 and we're
getting the gospel he says he's going to
restore them I will restore as much as
that I will destroy you now he's saying
I will restore your judges as at the
first and your counselors as at the
beginning afterward you shall be called
the city of righteousness the faithful
City and that's what we were celebrating
for the Feast of Tabernacles a time when
the whole world is looking to Jerusalem
and calls Jerusalem the city of this
despite the wickedness that's there now
despite the denial of Jesus Christ
despite the abomination of desolation
that's going to be set up there
despite the slaughter that's going to
take place there all the violence that's
going to take place there even now but
the real intense violence that's to come
this city is going to be called despite
Satan's efforts the city of
righteousness the faithful city Sion
shall be redeemed with Genesis the conch
this is the gospel the gospel has
contacts attended drop out of the air
Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and
her converts with righteousness and the
destruction of the transgressors and of
the sinners shall be together God isn't
joking there's going to be a mechanism
for repentance and those who repent are

going to be established but not everybody's going to repent and sold the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together and they that forsake the Lord shall be destroyed this is the God is spoken God when God speaks that's it his words never return to him empty so those that forsake the Lord will be destroyed for they shall be ashamed of the Oaks which you have desired and you shall be confused for the gardens that you have chosen for you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades and we can get into the analyses of all this later and as the garden that has no water and the strong shall be as toe and the maker of it as spark and they shall both burn together and none shall quench them God isn't joking so his own people he's nurtured he's brought them up as his children they rebelled against him and yet there's going to be this mechanism for them to wash themselves for them to repent for them to be redeemed those who don't will be ashes under the feet of the righteous now let's just wrap up now with the first part remember these chapters are IR artificial so let's just keep this the flow the good news the gospel the word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem so always never forget this that Isaiah is a book about Judah and Jerusalem that's not making it Isaiah is so misquoted because we can just zoom in pick up a scripture included we meet to read it in context what is Isaiah talking about and we can take principles of apply them all over the world sure but we need to understand what does it actually refer to who is he talking about the word that Isaiah the son of Amoz

Hamas saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem
and it shall come to pass in the last
days that the mountain of the Lord's
house shall be established in the top of
the mountains this this this would be
this city this harlot City these
rebellious people these people that God
himself nurtured and brought up that
rebelled against him it's going to be
established in the top of the mountains
and shall be exalted above the hills and
all nations shall flow unto it all these
nations that have been deceived to
destroy it - to send armies against it
to go in and ravage the city when God
acts they're all going to have to repent
and they're all going to have to
acknowledge that the Holy One of Israel
is God that God is the God of Jacob and
they're gonna have to learn his holy
days learn about his Sabbath's and come
and worship the king in Jerusalem
so all nations shall flow unto it and
many people shall go and say come
let us go up to the mountain of the Lord
so the deception the devil is now put
away and this deception against
Jerusalem has been lifted and there is
acknowledgement of Jerusalem come let us
go up to the mountain of the Lord to the
house of the God of Jacob Keyes God
where we were we were deceived he's God
and he will teach us of his ways and we
will walk in his paths because we've
come to understand for out of Zion shall
go forth the law and the word of the
Lord from Jerusalem so as much as Isaiah
is pronouncing this severe judgment on
Jerusalem and a judgment the likes of
which Sodom and Gomorrah were subjected
to who can find Sodom and Gomorrah today
but Jerusalem will not be wiped out that
there will be a remnant and God is gonna
work from that remnant to bring

repentance to Judah and Jerusalem to establish Judah and specifically Jerusalem so the whole world has a model of righteousness and the whole world can then look for the word of the Lord from Jerusalem and he shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people why is he gonna rebuke many people because Satan has stirred them up at gates Jerusalem Satan has stirred them up against his covenant people and God allowed it to happen because according to the Covenant they deserve that but the people believe these nations are ruthless and they have torn apart his people and so God is going to now after we see that in Zechariah 12 Zechariah 14 other places where God is now having purified used these nations to purify his people and as I was gonna get into detail that is gonna give us detail having used these nations to purge his people and punish his people he's then gonna rebuke these name and Isaiah is gonna give us detail as to how to repute what the rebuke will look like he shall rebuke many people and these people that came up against Jerusalem these people that were puppets of the devil they shall beat their swords notice again it's swords it's all about the sword on his people they're gonna take these same swords and beat them into plowshares they're gonna become farming instruments and their spears into pruning hooks that are gonna be looking after trees instead of killing people nation shall not lift up sword against nation so you won't see any nations and these are ethnic peoples with our swords on their flag to boast of their military might and they're willing to behead people that's over they're not gonna do this anymore

they're gonna take their swords and turn them into farming instruments neither shall they learn war anymore

Oh house of Jacob come you and let us walk in the light of the Lord and in that one passage of Isaiah 1 in the first part of chapter 2 we have the whole story that God is the god of the Holy One of Israel and that he the god of the universe has raised up children on earth and he's given them everything and he wants to establish them as the head nation a kingdom of priests to lead the world to them but they rebelled against him and they became worse than the pagan nations they wholeheartedly embraced idolatry and so according to God God is gonna look at the terms and conditions of the Covenant and he's going to severely punish them and they're gonna deserve every bit of it and he's not gonna listen when they cry out because they have to learn that these gods cannot save them but he's going to reserve a remnant there's going to be a first fruits harvest which he's going to work through to lead the nation to repentance

and from there to lead the whole world to repentance but it's all gonna start with this first this way you have to understand the holy days and again I gotta emphasize if you don't know what I'm talking about when I talk about God's holy days if you're still keeping Easter if you're still keeping Christmas off coming up to Halloween now if you're keeping these pagan holidays you've got a right to us info at CGI org and ask about God's holy days so God is gonna work through these this firstfruits harvest and he's going to lead people to repentance and then once it Jerusalem is established once Judah is established

the whole world is gonna come to righteousness this is the Gospel according to Isaiah this is why it's such good news it's good news to God's people and when God's people receive this good news it becomes good news to the whole world and so we're gonna next week God willing we're gonna jump to second Isaiah which is really the New Testament part of Isaiah there's there's New Testament messages in those ayah one to 39 and there's Old Testament messages in Isaiah 40 to 66 but generally speaking we've got the Old Testament judgments in the first part of Isaiah and the redemption message in the second part of Isaiah so what we're gonna do because Isaiah is not really chronological it's fine that we can do this we're gonna focus in on the New Testament message in Isaiah and see how much the New Testament really Isaiah is like the Bible and then the New Testament epistles are commentaries on Isaiah so we're gonna really focus in on that then God willing once we've done that we'll go back to chapter one and we'll study in detail one 2:39 having the context of how the redemption will take place so thank you for joining tonight this is gonna be a wonderful study like very rarely do we ever go through Isaiah line-by-line and so much is gonna come out of it as we go through it line by line so thanks for joining tonight we are going to have a little bit of chat as I mentioned pastor Murray is not with us tonight but we will have a little bit of a chat and we will cover Isaiah chapter 1 and we cover chapter 6 and a little bit of a little bit of Matthew 24 so all of them in Revelation 20 so happy to have a little bit of chat on that and you can find us

actually let me just put up the let me
just put up where to go for the chat so
you can just come and join us at CGI
church online org and we'll just chat
there a little bit answer any questions
comments you want to make and then God
willing we'll be here again next week at
the same time that's gonna be a
Wednesday night 6:30 central 7:30
Eastern this is gonna be a wonderful
wonderful study as we go through what
isaiah has to say and how he talks about
and makes known how god is gonna bring
about this great wonderful good news and
this what we call the wonderful world
tomorrow everything that we've been
celebrating as we've just observed the
Feast of Tabernacles in the last great
day god bless you Jesus Christ is Lord
what a mighty God we serve