

23-Isaiah-13-Transcript

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well welcome back to another Wednesday night Bible study were up to Isaiah chapter 49 in fact last week we didn't quite finish chapter 48 so we need to go back and just finish that chapter and then get into chapter 49 I'm not sure if we'll finish chapter 49 but we should get a good way through that now I also want to go back and spend a bit of time on a question that sister Lena asked in the Q&A last week around Isaiah 48 verse 1 and that is about Jacob being pulled forth out of the waters of Judah and so we'll talk a bit about that finish off chapter 48 and then get into chapter 49

let's open with a word of Prayer
Heavenly Father we pause before our study tonight ever so grateful to you Lord that of the billions of people on this planet you have hand-picked us and you've given us access to these ancient writings and you've given us this desire to understand what these prophets of old understood and you've given us the ability father to see more than they saw to understand more than they understand if we can only build on their understanding accept their understanding and then build on it and tie it into what we see happening in the world around us today we are so close to the return of your son we thank you so much for the privileged position that we have to love your word to love you to love Jesus Christ and we just pray father for you to be with us and strengthen us we thank you Lord God and we praise you in Jesus Christ Most Holy Name Amen so let's let's begin then and we'll get

into the study for tonight beginning with sister Lena's question around the strange statement in isaiah 40:8 and verse 1 which we'll just read it again he says here you this o house of jacob so very clearly we see who he is addressing and that has been very clear to us from the beginning from Chapter one he says here you this a house of Jacob which are called by the name of Israel so this is the house of Jacob and we know that Jacob was he was converted and God gave him the name Israel upon his conversion but prior to that he was a very carnal man named Jacob and so God refers to this carnal nation by the name of the house of Jacob but he says they're called by the name of Israel which is a very exalted name you know prevail with God the prince with God and a very exalted very holy name is we say you're just called that and but that's a very high honor that you have and then he says this and you are come forth out of the waters of Judah so you have come forth out of the waters of Judah which is again a very high privilege and notice that this house of Jacob is tight Judah that is because God has divorced the northern tribes Syria has gone in or will go in and destroy them and and it's over for them until Christ returns but for now that's it for them and the threat with God and Israel is now in Judah and these are the people that come forth out of the waters of Judah they swear by the name of the Lord and make mention of the God of Israel this is a very high honor that they have that they're able to swear by the name of the Lord and make mention of the God of Israel but not in truth nor in

righteousness so obviously there is a problem with the appearance and the substance that they are not actually truly living up to the great name and honor that they have but Lena's question specifically was what does it mean or what does God mean when Isaiah writes that they have come forth out of the waters of Judah specifically that term waters of Judah and about the best sister Lena

every one that I can make of this is this has to do with the womb that they are DNA descendants of the tribe of juda and this this is why they are considered of the waters of Judah so you think of that when a woman gives birth the water breaks and the child comes forth and so they have the great honour of being among this chosen tribe and and God is saying you have the blessing of coming out of this tribe and it is a mind-blowing blessing to be of the tribe of Judah the god of the universe has specifically selected this tribe to carry a great honor eternally and they have they are carrying this eternal honor but they're not living up to it and this in fact some really glad a sister Lyanna raised this because when we look at verse 8 we covered this last week but we'll understand it better when we understand that they have the honor of coming out of the waters or the womb of Judah he says here in verse 8 yes you heard not yeah you knew not yeah from that time that your ear was not opened for I knew that you would deal very treacherously and you were called a transgressor so Judah was called a transgressor for how long was Judah called a transgressor well God makes it very clear he says you were called a transgressor from the womb so this is

this is the people that you know we're not we're not here defending Zionism we're not here saying Jews are just so such wonderful people they're the people of God and they can do no wrong the Bible says they do wrong and in fact God says they deal very treacherously according to this covenant that they're in with him they are treasonous with it and they are a transgressor from the womb and this is again what is meant by from the waters of Judah so so if we tie verse 8 back to verse 1 that they've come forth out of the waters of Judah then verse eight makes it clear that those waters are the womb and that's that that'll that's gonna help us in our understanding as we move through the rest of 48 we got up to verse 18 last week as we move through the rest of 48 and into 49 this theme of coming out of the womb though coming out of the waters of Judah is critical and in fact it was mentioned earlier if we go back a couple of chapters to chapter 46 he says hearken unto me o house of Jacob and all the remnant of the house of Israel which are borne by me notice this from the belly which are carried from the womb this is a big deal to God that you have the honor the distinct privilege of being born through this line and you come out of the womb of this line it is no small privilege but they're just taking it for entitlement we're entitled where Judah we're entitled and they're not living up to the great honor and purpose that God has outlined for this tribe so let's continue now with that backdrop which is very very helpful as we're going to go through the rest now of chapter 48 and we're breaking into a new section of second Isaiah beginning in chapter 49 the shift now is we're

gonna move from this focus that God has
has had on God has been very much
focused on reassuring and comforting
Judah and we're gonna move from the
focus of the comfort of Judah and and
God's promise of redeeming Judah to the
mechanism that God will use the ultimate
mechanism that God will use to redeem
Judah and that is our Lord Jesus Christ
and and Isaiah has so much to say about
Jesus Christ and when Jesus Christ came
he had so much to say about what Isaiah
said and so any understanding that we
have of the gospel that is not rooted in
Isaiah it's it's a false understanding
and in 99.9% of the Christian world out
there that is preaching Jesus Christ is
preaching a false Jesus Christ I said it
let me repeat it 99.9% of Christianity
of the preachers that are out there
preaching repentance and salvation and
come to Jesus Christ they're preaching a
false Jesus Christ how do I know it
doesn't reconcile with Isaiah so they
have to take their message and they have
to reconcile it with Isaiah as do we and
as I've mentioned earlier god is so
proud of what he is bringing to pass
that he declares it before it happens
and he says to to Israel and
specifically Judah be strong and don't
fear because this is what's gonna happen
and this is proof that I am God and I'm
the only God and if we end up preaching
what Isaiah didn't say and therefore
what God didn't say and we end up
preaching false prophecy and and and not
declaring what God has declared we are
in negating the very proof that the God
of the universe the creator of the
universe gives very specific proof that
he is God we need to stand behind that
proof and so we're going to now see as
we get into the rest of this chapter how

God is going to pull off this miraculous redemption of his people
Judah and specifically and in particular but Israel and then ultimately the whole Gentile world so let's let's continue then where we left off in in chapter 48 will come down to verse 18 and you just hear the pain in God's voice here he says oh that you had hearkened to my Commandments God just wishes oh oh that you had hearkened to my Commandments then if you if you had listened so he opened up saying you're hypocrites you you have a show of righteousness you have the name you have all the external appearances and instruments but it's not real oh if only it was real if you only understood what my plan is for you and how I'm going to use this tribe of juda to save the whole world if only you lived up to it he says here oh oh you hear the the anguish oh that you had hearkened to my Commandments then had your peace been as a River and it's interesting we're gonna see a lot of I shall I say themed around water so Judah comes out of the water or Israel these people come out of the waters of Judah now and we see that constantly referring back to the womb but throughout these passages there's something to do with water that God repeats but here he says then had your peace been as a river so you could have had wonderful peace but not just you he says and your righteousness as the waves of the sea again that watery metaphor but he says this is well your seed also had been as the sand and the offspring of your bowels again we see this notion of water that you came out of the womb of Judah and your offspring will come out of the womb of Judah and you could have had great peace and your offspring

could have had great peace it didn't
have to be the way that it's going to be
but you chose this you've decided to on
this fate of yours and yet despite your
treachery despite your unfaithfulness
God is saying I am NOT unfaithful I'm
gonna find a way to redeem you despite
your unfaithfulness
this is the good news this is the gospel
according to Isaiah and this is what
Christ came to preach he says your seed
also had been as the sand so think of a
beach and all the the sand on that beach
alone and then think of all the beaches
in the world this could have been your
seed uncountable and the offspring of
your bowels like the gravel thereof
his name should not have been cut off
nor destroyed from before me but this is
the fate that you've chosen your name is
gonna be cut off you're going to be
destroyed in front of my eyes why
because I'm a faithful God and this was
the Covenant arrangement that we entered
into so you do your part I do my part
you don't do your part I still do my
part which is to punish you according to
the covenant but then not to forget you
to still find a way to redeem you
according to the Covenant he says here
so here now if we fast forward when the
Lord was on the earth you hear the same
anguish in the Lord it's the same God
it's the same voice here in Luke 13 and
verse 34 he says o Jerusalem Jerusalem
which kills the prophets and stones them
that are sent unto you how often would I
have gathered your children together as
a hen gathers her brood under her wings
so your children did not have to suffer
or will not have shouldn't have suffer
the way they're going to suffer and you
think of just the Holocaust alone which
was a dress rehearsal you think of just

that alone this is the fate of the children of Judah and and the God of Judah is saying this is so unnecessary it did not have to be this way and you hear now the god of Judah when he's walking upon the earth having this same anguish that he had when he spoke through Isaiah that your children didn't have to suffer I would have protected them but you wouldn't have it this way you chose to walk away from me you chose to reject me you chose to break my Commandments you chose to bring these curses upon your children so he says behold your house is left unto you desolate and we should read into this the fate of the children of Judah so these people are making decisions not just for themselves but for their descendants

your house is left unto you desolate this has to happen this desolation has to happen why because God is a faithful God he never speaks in vain he never says something and then says oh I didn't mean that every word of God is true every word of God is true and so because of this truth of God's Word your house because of your choice is now left unto you desolate so this is the fate of the children of Judah and verily I say unto you you shall not see me until the time comes when you shall say and then they will be dead so clearly this is now speaking of the identity of the tribe and it's speaking of their descendants who are living in the time of Jesus Christ and they will say blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord so let's go back now to Isaiah so I just wanted to demonstrate there how it is the same Jesus Christ is the God of Israel he is the Holy One of Israel he is the God of Isaiah and so when he came

he's quoting the Book of Isaiah we mustn't think that oh yeah Old Testament and in the New Testament is something completely different if there's no continuity there is complete continuity and so here let's continue now in Isaiah 40:8 verse 20 where here he says he says basically get out of Babylon go you forth of Babylon and remember Isaiah is writing this when Judah is seeing the superpower Assyria mighty mighty power in the land what they're going to do or they're doing to Israel seeing that they are they have intense and design on Judah Judah is panicking and wondering what they should they do about Assyria and Isaiah's coming along and saying you need to worry about Babylon which is just a mediocre insignificant city that you need to worry about Babylon and then while talking about the the devastate that Babylon is going to bring he also speaks about the redemption and so now he's saying get out of Babylon leave Babylon and this has rings of or this is certainly echoed in Revelation chapter 18 when John writes come out of her my people saying God come out of her my people go you forth of Babylon flee you from the Chaldeans so again the way Isaiah writes he pins it down do you we cannot say that Babylon you know some people think that America is Babylon but but Isaiah wants to be very clear here he's speaking of the Chaldeans so it's not is the Babylon is not a concept it is very much a concept that's worldwide that the whole world has subscribed to just as in the future the whole world will subscribe to The Jerusalem agenda today the whole world subscribed to the Babylonian agenda but but Isaiah is very clear and the way he writes he's not

just writing for the immediate catastrophe he's writing long term because he writes in the context of the last days and the return of Jesus Christ so this this immediate catastrophe is just a dress rehearsal it's a it's an anti-type of the ultimate fulfillment and the way he writes he makes it very clear so so it's time to leave Babylon flee from the Chaldeans Chaldeans are a specific people in the Middle East with a voice of singing declare you so just after telling them how hypocritical they are how treacherous they are he's now telling them that they can leave their oppressor with a voice of singing so something has happened to make this possible and that's what Isaiah's gonna go into next when we get into chapter 49 so well immediately it's it's Cyrus who's gonna enable them to leave in a in a pattern but ultimately it's Jesus Christ so he says with a voice of singing to clear you so this is such a joyful time that they can leave their oppressors there to declare it's singing so God declares it and they are his witnesses so they are now to declare it tell this

uh turren even to the end of the earth say you the Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob

so Jacob is his servant and salvation Redemption the purpose of the Lord it all has to do with the redemption of Jacob and and we need to be very careful again I've mentioned this replacement theology where we just dismissed Jacob Jacob Jacob is this this carnal man who had descendants and these descendants matter to God

and he is acting to redeem these people and he's gonna put his spirit in these people and these people are going to

love him

and this is we cannot just brush this
aside and say oh that's all replaced
it's now the church that was the Greek
philosophers agenda in the early church
that was the Catholic agenda and the
Protestants inherited as well a form of
a head of questions a a form just
ultimately it's out anti-semitism that
they hated the Jews so much they hated
the privileged position that the Jews
had with God that they came up with this
religion that just dismissed them just
got rid of them in the church replaces
them but when we read the scriptures
carefully God will not give his glory to
another and he says that in Isaiah of
chapter 47 I believe we read that 47 or
was 48 last week but he says that so if
we say it's the church then the glory
that was in these people God has taken
that glory away from them and he's now
given it to the Gentile Church so we're
calling God a liar so we have to
reconcile all of this what is the role
of the church how do we because we are
certainly glorified in Christ so how are
we grow fide in Christ while God is
still glorifying and fulfilling his
promise to these people his servant
Jacob and so we have to understand this
this role that we have as firstfruits
which is an early harvest while he's
working out the ultimate plan with the
fall harvest firstfruits being recorded
to help him and ultimately everybody
will have to go back and revisit
Revelation to see how this all comes
together but we'll do that
Isaiah will forces
go into Revelation and show how these
two paths converge and how the church
and the physical people of Israel
ultimately come together as one and we

just have to understand the high
privilege that we have of being in this
early harvest this firstfruits harvest
which I'm afraid many many brethren and
I don't just mean in our church just
each CGI

I mean Church of God broadly speaking we
take it for granted

oh yeah we're firstfruits everything's
just one we're firstfruits and and I
we're not seeing the the all-out effort
of a people who understand what a high
privilege this is instead we're just
seeing in fact the second kind of
accusation that God made of physical
Judah that you're called by the name of
Israel and you call on the God of Israel
but not in truth and not in
righteousness we need to be careful
about that and our pastor Maria's doing
a series or has been doing a series I
think you'll be continuing this on
holiness and the importance of us
fulfilling this call to holiness and I
think if we have this vision of what it
means to be a first fruit we're gonna be
all out we're gonna be all out what time
is short it's it's running out and and
and the glory that will be revealed in
us is it's phenomenal but that glory
that will be revealed in us is a
foretaste it's a firstfruits foretaste
of the glory that will be revealed in
Israel because we have all been grafted
into Israel and we are just a foretaste
of the ultimate glorification of Israel
and and in Revelation and Isaiah
together make this crystal clear but
that's for another another lesson or
another study in the future so if he
says here he has redeemed who has he
redeemed his focus is on his servant
Jacob so says god I'm not making this up
I'm reading the scripture he has so-so

there to come out of Babylon singing with a high hand that God has redeemed his servant Jacob you know as ayah says this earlier in chapter 25 in verse 9 he says and this shall be said in that day this is an ultimate this is pointing to the return of Christ it shall be said in that day lo this is our God and this ties into zechariah 12 this is our god we have waited for him and so there's this notion here of faithfulness that there's an understanding that they come to somebody is comforting them somebody is preaching the true gospel to them they're finally getting it and they're waiting that there despite all is persecution all around them and the suffering that they're going through they're waiting for their Messiah faithfully we have waited for him and he will save us and this is the salvation this is the good news of salvation it's not this sort of very loosey-goosey God is just gonna save everyone and just just just you just have to say I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ let me say this is the Savior's prayer Oh Lord forgive me of my sins and I believe in you and suddenly presto change-o I'm now in the kingdom once saved always saved this is nonsensical God is very precise he's working out something very specifically and and somebody has preached this truth to these people so that they can now have confidence to wait for him and he is coming to save them they understand that this is salvation this is the gospel this is the Lord there's been a controversy there's been another Lord that's been promoted there's been another Lord that's been accepted and finally Judah as the the the upper hand and the triumph to say this is the Lord we have waited for him

we will be glad and rejoice in what in
his salvation this is the salvation this
is the good news
this this is the good news that we must
be preaching in Isaiah 13 and verse 19
he says here that and Babylon the glory
of Kingdom so we are in the process now
this is God's strange work the world is
changing very rapidly America has been
this incredible superpower that you know
young nation 249 years old say let's 250
years old a very young nation
having achieved this climax of power
that the world has never seen and you
know all this kind of power is very hard
to manage but you know what as far as
history goes these American leaders have
been phenomenal and they have no nation
has been this powerful that has
benefited so many people around the
world and it's a nation that uses its
super power to say okay we could
subjugate you and tax you forever but we
prefer to trade with you
you can have your culture you can have
whatever you like but let's do trade
together and don't don't don't invade us
don't don't try to subjugate us and
we'll that will for the most part we'll
manage you but we're not going to
destroy you
that's America and I you know search the
annals of history we haven't seen
anything like this that I think the
closest would have been Persia but then
even Persia was very very oppressive and
you just have to read Esther and how
they treated the women to see what kind
of subjugation
the Persians put the the other nations
through but now so if people think
America is Babylon this is ridiculous
Babylon is Babylon it is that great city
that's Babylon and and it has a it has a

system and a concept in a philosophy that spreads throughout the world and Babylon the glory of Kingdom so we're in this process of seeing Babylon rising and in the next few years couple of decades we're not sure it's happening very quickly we're gonna see the judeo-christian nations come down and we're going to see the Babylonian nations rise and Babylon specifically we're gonna see it dripping in opulence and it's going to be the glory of kingdoms it was and it shall be and Babylon the glory of kingdoms and again Isaiah's very specific in case we go wandering off and saying America is Babylon the beauty of the cal d's excellency this this is the pinnacle of their power this is the height of their glory it's the beauty of the cal d's excellence

it shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah so it's it's gonna rise to a height and a beauty and a splendor that everyone's going to believe that truly this must be the true God because look at the splendor look at the wealth look at the opulence and God is going to personally destroy it it shall never be inhabited neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation it is full of such perversion and in the way that it has achieved its power has been through corruption and God is going to bring it down he says it shall never be inherit inhabited ever again so they say this again tells us why we know that this cannot be he cannot be speaking of the babylon that took judah Nebuchadnezzar's babylon he cannot be speaking about this because he says it will never be dwelt in again and you can just look today that people are dwelling in it is vantage rising so this is when

it's ultimately destroyed it shall never
be dwelt in it shall never be inhabited
neither shall it be dwelt in from
generation to generation it's over for
babylon and notice this he says neither
shall the arabian pitch his tent there
so the arabian is pitching his tent
there and and god calls out specifically
i this is not me i'm not i'm just
reading the scripture that the arabian
obviously is in a position of incredible
power and and he's doing his will he's
doing whatever he wants and god is
saying that power will end and the
arabian will not be able to do this
again neither shall the arabian pitched
tent there neither shall the shepherds
make their fold there and and in matthew
24 again speaking of the arabian the
Lord Himself says therefore if they
shall say unto you behold he is in the
desert so so who's in the desert that
that's surrounding Israel today
surrounding Jerusalem today the arabian
so when the arabian says you hey our
good
christ has returned he's in the desert
do not go forth behold he is in the
secret chambers don't believe it so so
we cannot fall for this deception if we
understand the Lord's purpose we would
say that doesn't make any sense
we read the scriptures we understand
Isaiah we understand the prophets we
understand Genesis we understand
revelation why would he be in the desert
why would he come and his people are
still being destroyed why would he come
and his people are being slaughtered we
understand that when he comes he's
returning to the Mount of Olives he's
returning to Jerusalem he's returning to
redeem his people so you know yes they
pull the other one you're pulling my leg

pull the other one
no when he returns he's returning to
redeem Jacob to redeem Judah in
Isaiah 14 verse 1 he says for the Lord
will have mercy on Jacob we know that
Jacob is hypocritical we know that Jacob
is treacherous

whatever accusations I hear but always I
anism and they want to throw these
accusations and America and Britain and
and all these yeah sure great tell me
your worst accusations because God's
accusations are actually worse and
despite the character flaws the Lord
will have mercy on Jacob and will yet
choose Israel and set them in their own
land he gave them the land and
everybody's crying out oh we there were
people there before and it's their land
hey it's God's land the earth is the
Lord's and the fullness thereof and the
people in that land were very wicked and
God said wipe them out I'm done with
them I'm giving this land to my servant
Abraham my friend Abraham and I'm
covenant in with him to give his
descendants this land and it's a
covenant that he's made and so he will
set them in their own land this is the
agenda that God has and the strangers
shall be joined with them so there is
going to be a wholesale repentance in
the Gentile world

I shouldn't say wholesale because from
Zechariah 14 we see that the some of the
Egyptians and others will refuse
to come to Jerusalem to acknowledge the
people of God and keep the Feast of
Tabernacles and keep the holy days
they'll refuse and so there'll be no
rain on them and they will die they will
die a slow agonizing death and anybody
who fights against his people God will
curse them but at the same time from

Revelation 7 we see that there's a there is a significant repentance in the Gentile world and people will acknowledge that God is the God of Israel and strangers shall be joined with them and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob and this is what God wants the world is not right as long as Jacob is not right because God has declared that Jacob must be the head nation and and we can't just go about our business and we don't care about Jacob we don't care about Jerusalem David says let my right hand forget her skill if I forget Jerusalem let my tongue cleave unto my mouth so I can't even speak if I forget Jerusalem and that's the kind of passion for Jerusalem we should have and and Paul says I mind my my desire my heart's desire is that all Israel be saved and if we have God's desire we'll be like Paul that that's what this is about and being part of the firstfruits is to be recruited into this agenda to put the world right and so the world will cleave to the house of Jacob and the people shall take them and bring them to their place so there's this big argument over Jerusalem armies are surrounding Jerusalem to rout Judah out of there and say you have no right to be there and when God comes to set the world right they acknowledge no you do belong there and all the captivity and these people that have been enslaved all around the world the people shall take them and bring them to their place this is your place you belong here your God is here you belong here we're gonna help you back into the land and this is what we saw Cyrus do as a type of what's coming but what Jesus is going to do but this is

and people are trying to do it too
but it's it's it's this is a form of
this is Zionists and what people are
doing today they God doesn't need the
help of Zionists and God doesn't need
the help of carnal man to do his will he
will do it and he will put this in
everyone's heart to just like Wow
they'll just do it voluntarily it won't
be a fight and the house of Israel shall
possess them in the land of the Lord
it's God's land and they are going to be
taken captive but then God is gonna
reverse that captivity and they will
then take their captors captive and they
will have the upper hand this is the
plan of God the house of Israel not just
the house of Judah the house of Israel
Israel and Judah shall possess them that
is the Gentiles in the land of the Lord
and Isaiah has a lot to say about this
as we get into the further chapters
we'll see this first he's going to talk
about the servant that's going to enable
this it is the servant of the Lord that
makes this possible and then he'll talk
about what the servant of the Lord makes
possible and that's why when when Christ
began his ministry he quoted Isaiah 60:1
because that's now getting into the
section of what he makes possible and
this is this is we're seeing a glimpse
of it here so when Israel is right they
will possess the Gentiles in the land of
the Lord how four servants and handmaids
that they are going to be the exalted
nation and this is when the world is
right in God's eyes and they shall take
them captives whose captives they were
so there's gonna be this reversal of
fortune and they shall rule over their
oppressors this is an amazing thing God
has chosen these people the devil is now
working hostility and hatred and

vengeance in the Gentile nations against them they're going to be and God says it didn't have to be this way they could have had peace they they didn't have to go through this chapter but because of their treachery and treason and and rebellious Ness they have to go through this chapter of captivity and subjugation and oppression but then God is going to come and relieve them and reverse it and they will then be able to take their captors cap and their captures will then serve them and they shall rule over their oppressors so says God and it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow so you have to go through this chapter of sorrow and God says it didn't have to be this way but you chose it he was in the day that he gives you rest from your sorrow and from your fear and from the hard bondage were in you were made to serve so this is the chapter we're getting ready to see now we're seeing nations rising up that hate the Jew that the in that that hate the Christian that hate the West and is going to subject us to hard bondage and he's gonna say I'm gonna relieve you from this sorrow I'm gonna relieve you from this fear I'm gonna relieve you from this hard bondage wherein you were made to serve you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon so this is what you'll be able to say to the king of Babylon and say how has the oppressor ceaselessly how the mighty have fallen it you know how did Lucifer fall now how does this kid how did that the power the global power that this Babylonian king had how did it cease the Golden City ceased and again I just want to emphasize Isaiah's very specific so is John in Revelation or I

should say so is God in Revelation it's the city the golden city Babylon is the city the golden city has ceased how did this happen it's miraculous and and again with this all of this is fulfilling what God said when he cut this covenant with Israel now therefore if you will obey my voice indeed and they will he says that in Deuteronomy 30 that when they're scattered and they're on all these nations Deuteronomy 30 verses 1 to 5 that when they're in the in this horrible condition in the nation's that then they're gonna reflect on God and God is then gonna have to bring them back and they're gonna come back with a wholehearted repentance and then Joel tells us that he's gonna put his spirit in them and and Zakaria shows us that they're gonna sir they're gonna acknowledge him whom they've pierced and they're going to come into a true relationship with him and Jeremiah shows us that he then is going to have this new covenant with these people we we are we are firstfruits of the new covenant but the new covenant is the old this is a preview of what God is going to do with them that he says now therefore in Exodus if you will obey my voice indeed so first covenant they didn't obey 2nd covenant they will cos gonna put his spirit in their heart in his law his laws in their heart and keep my covenant then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people for all the earth is mine so who are we as the the clay to argue at the Potter the the Creator has created the earth the whole earth is his and he has decided because of his love and his agreement with Abraham his friend he has decided that the descendants of Abraham will be a

peculiar treasure to him and they will be the head nation they will be above all people and he can do this because all the earth is his we should be grateful to be alive we should be grateful that he has set in place a mechanism for us to have eternal life but mankind is very envious and you know they they saw this experiment I should have actually thought of it here I saw this experiment with these monkeys where the monkeys are asked to do a task and every time they complete the task they get a piece of cucumber and they're very happy with this arrangement so they do the task they get cucumber they do the task to get cucumber in the cage right beside them there's another monkey and they notice that when he does the task he gets a grape and then when the experimenter the researcher tries to now give them the cucumber that they were happy with because they saw that the other monkey got grapes they pushed that they would get very angry and they pushed the cucumber in the researchers face and they don't want it anymore well that primal behavior that carnal behavior is in mankind rather than to be grateful to be alive and to have eternal life there is this resentment that God has chosen a people to be above everybody else all the earth is his baptized I have 48 and they thirst did not when he led them through the deserts so again that notion of water they thirst did not when he led them through the deserts he caused the waters to flow out of the rock so so this is something that he did miraculously as he was working with his people he says he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them he did this this is in in the wilderness that

these were his special people and he made a way for them and he's going to do it again he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them he split the rock also and the waters gushed out again there's a lot of theme here around water and symbolism around water so he split the rock also and the waters gushed out for them and then he says this so so with this very shall I say this there's a real care and consideration for the welfare and the well-being of his people while he's looking after his people and and and he's gonna look after their enemies he says there is no peace says the lord the lord says this so so his people have to go through a period of lack of peace but he says here there is no peace says the lord unto the wicked and and and the wicked are those who act against God's agenda who tried to destroy God's council he says he's the true God that declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times that which is not yet done saying my counsel my plans shall stand nobody can refute it and yet mankind in vain fights against God's plan and anybody that fights against God's plan God says is wicked and so we have today this situation where God has a plan for Judah that the Covenant remains in Judah despite their wickedness and God intends to exalt you that and exalt Israel and yet we have a people surrounding Judah the nation would call Israel today and and wherever they are in the world hunting them down and subjugating them to humiliation and these people whenever they meet each other they have a greeting assalamu alaykum assalamu alaikum which in arabic is peace be unto you peace and they only give it to each

other they don't give it to anybody else
peace be unto you but israel must be
destroyed and god is saying to his
people there is no peace says the lord
unto the wicked and we have to
communicate this message to them so they
have time to repent and not get caught
up in this and god repeats this in
malachi at the end of the old testament
he says you know when when Israel feels
Forsaken and they feel that God doesn't
love them he said I have loved you and
they say well how have you loved his
voice it wasn't Esau Jacob's brother
and yet I loved Jacob but I hated Esau
he says I hated Esau this is a covenant
hatred Esau despised the Covenant and so
God despised Esau for despising the
covenant he says I hated Esau and laid
his mountains and his heritage waste for
the dragons of the wilderness that is
the desert

whereas Edom says so the Edomite say and
these are Muslim peoples today we are
impoverished but we will return and
build the desolate places thus says the
Lord of hosts this is the god of the
universe they shall build but I will
throw down and they shall call them the
border of wickedness and the people
against whom the Lord has indignation
for ever so says the God of the Bible so
says the God who declares the end from
the beginning and from ancient times
that which is not yet done saying nobody
can stop my purpose
and you can know that I'm God because I
predict the future in detail and it
happens exactly the way that I said it
that I said it would
so this God says that anybody who acts
against his plans is wicked and they can
and he's gonna destroy them and they can
try to rebuild all they want it'll never

be rebuilt it'll never be inhabited it's
over and God is going to exalt Jerusalem
throughout the whole world back to so
now we just come into the first part of
chapter 49 we won't get to finish the
chapter we'll just do the first part
here he says listen Oh Isles unto me so
this is now he's going beyond the the
land the promised land
so so so there's a very clear land of
promise that God a specific piece of
real estate that God has promised to his
people
and that land is is the issue who does
it belong to
who did God give it to who will be the
rightful occupant of this land where
will Christ return to when he returns
when the New Jerusalem comes down from
heaven where will it be located it's all
about this land and so from this land
now he's been talking to the nations
that surround his people and he's been
talking to them but now he goes beyond
and he says listen Oh Isles the
coastlands he goes beyond that the land
here and into the Far Far Away lands
listen up because remember when the
beast power arises it's got the whole
world going after him and agreeing with
him and honoring him so God says listen
o coastlands unto me and hearken you
people now he's speaking to the Gentiles
he's been speaking to his people all
along now he's being to the Gentiles
Harken you people from far the Lord has
called me from the womb oh so now this
is where again it was so helpful
important
for us to understand that the womb
matters to God he says the Lord has
caught now chapter 49 were shifting into
so prior to this God has been talking
about Cyrus as his mechanism to save his

people but he's been pointing to an ultimate fulfillment of salvation and redemption for his people and now we see how now beginning in chapter 49 believes for the next nine chapters the focus is on this mysterious servant who is going to come to make all of this possible and so now this servant begins to talk to us through Isaiah and he says that the Lord has called me from the womb so Judah has been treacherous from the womb but God intends to be glorified in Israel so there is going to come an Israelite from the womb a rightful Israelite a rightful Jew from the line of Judah who from the womb is going to fulfill the covenant with God and make it possible for them to rightfully come into the land that this land belongs to Israel but God cannot give it to Israel because he would break his word that they are unrighteous they don't deserve to be in the land and so how does he solve this conundrum of having to destroy his people according to his word but at the same time wanting to redeem them he can't just the way it was with Moses in Egypt he can't just send he can't just uh pass over them though his wrath passes over them goes on to the Egyptians and he brings them out of bondage and into the Promised Land he could do that then because their bondage was no fault of their own they were escaping famine they went into Egypt and they were just very productive having lots of children and it was the Pharaoh who got worried and enslaved them out of fear but not because they did something wrong and so God could just then relieve them of that oppression but they're in this oppression because of their wickedness and because of their treachery and so because of the covenant

they have to be subjected to this oppression and captivity enslavement and torture this is what they brought upon themselves and so God can't just come in swoop in pass over his wrath over them and punish the Gentiles that would be going against the Covenant the way he solves this conundrum the way he solves this dilemma is he sends his son that God Himself comes into the earth through the womb of Judah from the waters of Judah and he lives by every word of God he lives a he lives by the Covenant so he when he was here he quoted Deuteronomy repeatedly he was very very familiar with the law and he lived by it perfectly and they tried to set him up and get him to break the law and Satan tried to get him to break the law and he just kept the Word of God by every word he lived because of that he has fulfilled the covenant and so he can now rightfully going to the promised land and and God can rightfully give it to him but rather than just do that he came to redeem Israel and so rather than do that what he did instead was this he said I will take the curse of the Covenant upon my back so everything that Israel deserves put it on me and if they will accept me as their savior let them into the promised land rightfully I am the represent I am the righteous representative of is of the Israelite nation and if they will come in to me and come in through me they can rightfully if they will repent and accept me as their Savior they can rightfully inherit the land while I inherit the curses of the Covenant and that crucifixion that I suffered is the pain that they deserve and then he dies three days three nights later he comes back and now now he can fulfill the

second Exodus he can fulfill the second
Passover fully and the
second Exodus and bring his people into
the land and we'll talk later about the
role of the firstfruits so he says here
he called me from the womb from the
bowels of my mother so this is the
coming through the waters of Judah as he
made mention of my name and we see that
in Luke when when Luke wrote in verse 31
and behold to Mary the angel says you
shall conceive in your womb the waters
of Judah you shall conceive in your womb
and bring forth a son and shall call his
name Jesus so exactly what Isaiah says
here that he called me from the womb so
from the womb you're gonna bring forth
this child out of the waters of Judah
and you're gonna call in him you're
gonna give his name God saves and he has
made my mouth like a sharp sword so so
we know that the Word of God is like a
sharp two-edged sword so he says here
you've made my mouth like a sharp sword
in the shadow of his hand has he hit me
so this is a message to the Gentiles
that he's coming with a mouth like a
sharp sword and he's going to slay them
with the Word of God in the shadow of
his hand has he hit me so this is the
God that hides himself and though the
mechanism for the redemption of Israel
has been hidden until now so he's in the
shadow of his hand as he hit me and made
me a polished shaft in his quiver has he
hit me this is the language of war and
this is going he's going to unleash this
power against the oppressors to redeem
his people and we see this in Revelation
19 verse 15 where he says and out of his
mouth goes a sharp sword this is it this
is the fulfillment of what Isaiah was
seeing that with it he should smite the
nation's this is the purpose he's coming

this is the length this is language of war put an end to this oppression so he's gonna come with this sharp sword the Word of God and with it he will smite the nation's and he shall rule them with a rod of iron they are so rebellious

that it is necessary to rule them with a rod of iron to keep them in their place to make sure that they understand their role in the world and they understand the role of his people Jacob and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God God is furious and and we really need to act like God is furious and we need to come into the Passover that Christ is our Passover so that when this wrath of fierceness and wrath of Almighty God is unleashed on this wicked world it's going to pass over us and it's going to fall on the head of the wicked as this mighty warrior comes to redeem his people back to a chapter xlix and he said unto me you are my servant o Israel in whom I will be glorified this is why it's so important and a lot of people don't even know that Jesus Christ was a Jew that this this would be a revelation to many if you said to them did you know that Jesus Christ was a Jew they would be shocked doesn't Jesus Christ have blue eyes and blond hair and kind of like a hippie with sandals and and he has nothing to do with Judah because that was the Catholic and the Protestant agenda to completely expunge Judaism out of Christianity but he is a Jew and it's very important that he's a Jew because God will not give his glory to another so he says and he said unto me you are my servant o Israel in whom I will be glorified and we read that last week says where he says for my own sake even

for my own sake will I do it I'm going
to redeem you not for you but for my
sake for how should my name be polluted
so you're called by the name of Israel
you have God's name on you and and and
God has entered into covenant with you
how should his name be polluted and I
will not give my glory to another so we
have to be very careful about buying
into this replacement theology and
believing that God will give his glory
to somebody else
that would defile his name it would make
him a liar so he will not give his glory
to another that's why Christ came as a
Jew so that the glory will remain in
Israel and then in in Psalm 22 and verse
3 he says you are holy o you that
inhabits the praises of Israel God will
inhabit the praise of Israel for ever
God will be the God of Israel forever he
will be the God of Abraham Isaac and
Israel for ever and he's a God of the
living not a God of the Dead so Israel
must be forever and as long as there's
Israel God will be the god and will be
glorified in Israel so he inhabits he
lives in the praises of Israel that's
why as I have 49 then I said so listen
to it listen to the Savior the servant
so he's called from the womb he comes
through the waters of Judah he's there
to to warn the Gentiles so this gospel
will be preached in all the nations as a
witness
somebody has to warn the Gentiles many
will convert and repent but that's not
the objective here the objective is just
to make sure the truth is spoken his
people are comforted that if these
peoples continue in their wickedness
they've been warned then I said I have
labored in vain so he came to redeem his
people and he ended up saying I've

labored in vain this this was all for nothing that's how wicked these people are then I said I have labored in vain I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain yet surely my judgment is with the Lord and my work with my God so although all Israel is unfaithful I'm not going to be unfaithful it the whole process seems like it was a waste of time because Israel is just unrepentant but my judgment is with the Lord and my work with my god and so we see this in Matthew 26 he says in that same hour said Jesus to the multitude have you come out as a against the thief with swords and staves to take me I said daily with you teaching in the temple and you laid no hold of me but all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled then at that time all the disciples forsook him and fled and you could see this like wow I've labored in vain so then I said I have labored in vain all the disciples forsook him and fled and in Luke 22 we see and the Lord turned and looked upon Peter and Peter remembered the word of the Lord how he had said unto him before the crows you will betray me three times youyou claim to love me and you're with me and you're right there with me and you'll die with me listen before the rooster crows you're going to betray me not once not twice but three times and you can imagine how painful you we know how painful it was for Peter because he says he wept bitterly but he can imagine how painful it was for the Lord and so there's this moment where he says I've labored in vain back to Isaiah 49 and now says the Lord that formed me from the womb from the waters of Judah to be his servant the suffering servant and this is what the Jews did

not understand they're looking for their
Messiah they're looking for the Messiah
he's coming as a mighty king he's going
to put down their oppressors and when
Christ came as the suffering servant
they didn't understand it and they
didn't recognize him because they didn't
recognize how wicked they were they
didn't understand that he had to comment
because they would not live by the Word
of God they call on the God of Israel
but not in truth nor in righteousness
and because they would not live by the
Word of God it was impossible to save
them for God to be a righteous God and
saved them he would be breaking his
covenant so they did not understand that
the suffering servant had to come and
had to live by every word of God in
order to make the path of Sal
possible for his people so he says and
now says the Lord that formed me from
the womb from the waters of Jacob waters
of Judah to be his servant now why did
God send Christ to earth why through the
waters of Judah
why why why this suffering servant so
that we could save all mankind just like
that that's not what the scripture says
he says he formed me from the womb to be
his servant why why a servant why a
suffering servant to bring Jacob to
again to him so there is a purpose here
where God is working to bring Jacob to
him that that is what this is all about
is to bring Jacob to him there's a
mission there's a reason why God came to
earth though Israel be not gathered
there they're stubborn they're
rebellious they they will not cooperate
though Israel be not gathered yet shall
I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord so
he will not fail in this mission and my
God shall be my strength so Christ is

determined to succeed in his mission and
this this is why he came as the
suffering servant he says yet shall I be
glorious in the eyes of Lord and my God
shall be my strength and he said it is a
light thing that you should be my
servant what is the purpose of the
suffering servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob I'm not making this up this
isn't coming out of my head I'm reading
the text over and over and over again
this is the purpose of Christ
it said then and God is now saying to
Christ look it's no light thing that you
should be my servant to raise up the
tribes of Jacob to restore the preserved
of Israel this is why the suffering
servant had to come
and this way set the jaw to John's
disciples go and tell John things that
you see so he can come back and read
these scriptures and understand what my
purpose is it's to raise up the tribes
of Jacob and Therese to restore the
preserved of Israel this is the mission
that God gave Christ and then he says in
addition to that I will also give you
for a light to the Gentiles and I
realize it's a bit past 8:30 but I want
to tie this together because there is an
order of operations there is an order of
operations here so people just think oh
Christ came to be a light to the
Gentiles isn't that wonderful he used to
he used to be focused on Judah but now
he's just a light to the Gentiles and so
forget about Judah there's an order of
operations and in order to be the light
to the Gentiles Israel has to be
restored it is it is his glorification
in Israel that becomes the light to the
Gentiles and the Gentiles come to this
light there's glorification in Israel in
fact you probably take me the better

part of 15 to 20 minutes to to unpack this but so let me let me let me stop it here and we'll just read this verse again that in Christ discouragement God encourages him to say lookie this is no light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob this this rebellious people there's people that have broken the Covenant over and over and over again and yet I promised my servant Abraham that I would be glorified in his descendants it's no life thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel so there's a lot of Israelites that are gonna get wiped out but there is going to be a remnant that God will be glorified in in addition to that he says I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth and we see we will see that in fact I'll stop there but you'll see when we get to Luke that that this was prophesied that he would be a light to the Gentiles but Isaiah doesn't leave us hanging here to be all confused is he is he doing this to restore Israel or is he doing this to save the Gentiles Isaiah tells us the order of operations and how he must be glorified in Israel and that is the light that goes to the Gentiles and the Gentiles must come to Judah the Gentiles must come to Israel for salvation and so God willing we'll cover that next week when we finish off Isaiah chapter 49 and then hopefully going to chapter 50 as well what a mighty God we serve this is ancient text God has spelled it all out in detail and he challenges anyone to undo what he has said challenges anybody to not bring - to handcuff him so that he's not able to bring to pass what he

has said it cannot be done God's plans
cannot be frustrated it's impossible for
God to lie the whole universe was
created with his word let's hang on the
word of God it's a crazy world we live
in
it's an insane world we live in the
wicked none of the wicked will
understand they're going to wax worse
and worse we're gonna see wickedness
that would not even enter into anyone's
imagination except the devil that has a
grip on this world and all of this is
coming to pass so that the words of God
through the prophets must be fulfilled
what a mighty God we serve Jesus Christ
our King our Redeemer our Savior our
husband our mighty God
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