

## 23-Isaiah-16-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and I hope I'm coming in clearly I am on the road so hopefully hopefully the internet is good I apologize if I seem a little bit to hell tour skelter just rushing from one meeting to the next and also God willing we're going to have two guests at the end of the formal Bible study pastor Marie will be joining us and also pastor Bill Watson will be joining us as well and I've asked pastor Bill to join both Marie and I as not last week but the week before there was a question around a prophecy in Daniel and pastor Watson is actually going through and preparing a detailed study and commentary on the Book of Daniel so just thought it'd be helpful if the three of us discuss this question so just getting our feedback that I'm coming in clearly this is wonderful let's open with a word of Prayer so I can get settled you can get settled and we can get into the Book of Isaiah hopefully we'll cover chapters 50 and 51 this evening they're not long chapters so we should be able to get through those and then get into the Q&A and again any questions at all that you have even from you know from the very beginning of the study these questions are really good they're really helpful they get us to be thinking and questions that you have probably other people are having them as well so I think it's really in the questions and answering those questions that we really begin to solidify our understanding of the gospel

according to the prophet Isaiah  
let's open with the word of Prayer  
Heavenly Father we pause now just  
thanking you Father that in the midst of  
our busyness we have focus we have  
focused on these ancient words we have  
we just thank you so much God that we of  
all people have access to these  
prophecies that in a world that is  
clearly  
just going crazy it's it's it's  
unraveling and people are confused but  
we think you got that we can be anchored  
by your word and we just pray father  
that each week as we dig into this  
prophet Isaiah that you would deepen our  
understanding that you would deepen our  
conviction and that you would clarify  
for us what is happening in the earth  
what you are doing in the earth and our  
role in your plan we thank you Father we  
thank you so much for Jesus Christ we  
thank you for his love for us we thank  
you for his his purpose and  
determination and we just thank you God  
for her relationship with him we praise  
you Lord we thank you we ask God that  
you'll bless our study now in Jesus most  
holy name let us get into the word right  
away so that we can have enough time to  
get into the Q&A at the end and we are  
continuing now in Isaiah chapter 50 we  
cover God chapter 49 last week again I  
was on the road last week and managed to  
pre-record the message but we didn't  
have a Q&A session afterwards so God  
willing we'll do that after today so  
let's uh let's get into the study we are  
just give me a second here we are in  
chapter 50 and verse 1 it says he begins  
now this chapter says thus says the Lord  
where is the Bill of your mother's  
divorce this is what where is the Bill  
of your mother's divorcement so there's

there's been a divorce that has taken place and God is asking Israel where's this bill of divorce and he says whom I have put away so he put their mother away and he wants them to produce the bill of divorcement so that they can understand why she was put away or which of my creditors is it to whom I have so so that I always somebody something I've sold you to pay off that debt which which of the creditors is it that that I have sold you to many s then many answers and he says behold for your iniquities have you sold yourselves this is a real condemnation goddess and you did this to yourselves and the reason you were sold is because you are such wicked people it's because of your iniquities that you've been sold and for your transgressions is your mother put away so the mother and the children the whole family is full of transgression and this is why God had to divorce them now I want as well on this point of divorce and we know that God hates divorce but look at the law and I just want to highlight something here in Deuteronomy 24 he says here when a man has taken a wife and married her and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes so something has gone wrong maybe he discovered something whatever the case is she no longer finds favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her then let him write her a bill of divorcement and give it in her hand so that she understands why she's been put away and this is this is the law and so God is following this law because he was married to Israel and and so he divorced Israel and so he's given her a bill of divorcement according to the law and send her out of his house so Israel that when I say Israel I mean the

northern ten tribes they were divorced and then he goes on and he says this in the same passage in Deuteronomy and when she is departed out of his house she may go and be another man's wife so their marriage is over it's it's completely just basically it's dissing old it's uh it is no longer it's it's it's ended and so because that marriage is now completed it's over she can now go and marry another man now if the latter husband hate her so maybe there really is a problem with this woman and the first man married her didn't realize the second man marries her and then he also realizes after the fact that there is her out of his house and I'm just getting a bit of a message or a signal that my internet signal is very weak again if you don't mind just letting me know if I'm still coming through clearly and write her a bill of divorcement and give it in her hand and send her out of his house or if the latter husband died so either the second husband he comes to realize you know there's something wrong and he divorces her or if he dies and she becomes a widow which took her to be his wife so in either case the second marriage also hens listen to what God says this is the God of the Bible her former husband which sent her away may not take her again to be his wife it is there's just no way God is very very clear here if you marry a woman and you divorce her that marriage is over she can now go and marry another one man if she marries that man and that man either dies great okay so still coming through good so I see others might be skipping but that's good so I'm just seeing this signal is just a little bit unstable but that's great so that man dies well he divorces her and so now

she's free again to marry but she cannot go back and marry the first husband God says her former husband which sent her away may not take her again to be his wife after that she is defiled for that that act of the woman being married being divorced marrying another man and then being divorced and then coming back that's an abomination before the Lord and you shall not cause the to sin which the Lord your God has given you for an inheritance so God is just saying this is this is abominable behavior and and he cannot have it so in in Leviticus was speaking to the priests now following the same law they shall not take a wife that is a or profane neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband for he is holy unto his God now why am i emphasizing this why am i spending time on this well look at and again we are in the West or having to deal with head-on it's like a head-on collision here we are having to deal with head-on the growth and in Canada the fastest-growing religion is Islam and it's certainly growing very fast in America as well it wouldn't surprise me if it's the fastest growing religion in America as well in fact it's it's said to be the fastest growing religion in the world and I put religion in air quotes because I would say forced religion compelled religion or even better it's really an ideology it has a veneer of religion but it's really a political ideology but in any case we're having to deal with this now is it the same God well let's see compare and contrast the God of the Bible with Allah and his law so what does his law teach about and this is coming from a website called the religion of peace calm the religion of

peace calm helpful website here  
reburying a divorced wife what must a  
divorced Muslim wife do before her  
husband can take her back according to  
the Koran a woman who is divorced by her  
husband which is easy for him to do so  
the way that a man divorces a woman in  
Islam is he just says to tell o'clock so  
I divorce you I divorce you I divorce  
you he just has to say it three times  
and she's gone that's how easy divorce  
is in Islam and the God of the Bible  
hates divorce  
but once he divorces her  
he can only she can only be taken back  
if she first marries another man and he  
divorces her and when she marries that  
man they have to consummate the marriage  
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it's not just a symbolic gesture so the  
Koran says here in sur - ayah 230 if a  
husband divorces his wife revocable II  
he cannot after that remarry her until  
after she has married another husband  
and he has divorced her this is the  
exact opposite of the God of the Bible  
here in the hadith in Bukhari among the  
most authentic hadith Bukhari 63 190  
Muhammad tells a woman that she cannot  
return to her first husband until she  
has sexual relations with another man  
and Abu Dawood also confirms this in  
2192 and 2302 so here they have some  
notes on Islam this is called Nika  
halala if in a fit of anger a man  
pronounces the triple Tillich repeating  
I divorced you three times to his wife  
they are divorced under Islamic law  
that's how vulnerable women are under  
Sharia however if the couple wishes to  
reconcile perhaps for the sake of their  
children they cannot do this until she  
first marries and divorces another man  
this requirement is not symbolic

Mohammed was very clear that the interim marriage must be consummated this command is utterly degrading to the woman who may have done nothing to merit merit her husband's rage yet must bear the brunt of his temper in the most humiliating way this is certainly refutable evidence that sexism and sexism is deeply rooted in Quran and so goes on and in fact a lot of the Imams make a lot of money from this requirement of having to remarry because what they do is they just make their services available that if a man divorces a woman and he wants to remarry her they will show up and they will they will marry the have relations with her and then divorce her so that the man can take her back and you can imagine how that relationship is afterwards it is completely ruined and so this is the god of the and it's gonna pause for a second until the stream comes back I just see that the stream is a little bit unstable what I was saying there is that this is just ruinous to the marriage that if the man takes the woman back he can no longer have respect for her the marriage is ruined and so let's just do some critical thinking here that God who uses marriage as a metaphor for his relationship with his people and and who honors marriage so deeply and hates divorce could it possibly in any remote way be the same God I'll leave that with you to consider in Jeremiah here in 3 verse 8 so talking about the divorce of Israel and again this relationship this covenant relationship that God has with Israel is likened to a marriage he says and I saw this Jeremiah 3:8 went for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel

committed adultery I had put her away  
and given her a bill of divorce yet so  
this is the northern tribes they were  
divorced this is the bill of divorce for  
her treachery members because of their  
sins because of their iniquity God had  
to divorce them he says yet there was  
yet her treacherous sister Judah  
fear not so this is now the southern  
tribe they didn't fear they saw that she  
was put away but went and played the  
harlot also so they they continued in  
iniquity even though they saw the  
divorce of the northern tribes and verse  
10 and yet for all this her treacherous  
sister Judah had not turned unto me with  
her whole heart but fainted Li says the  
Lord and you know this can be a problem  
you know we're looking at ancient Judah  
but let's look at ourselves the church  
that we can see how God hates what's  
happening in the  
world and it's so obvious and we can  
look at that and perhaps in the southern  
tribes Judah they looked at the  
hypocrisy and the iniquity of the  
northern tribes Israel and because they  
contain they continued in the South to  
have the proper rituals to keep the holy  
days on the proper days perhaps they  
just looked down on the northern tribes  
and they just thought you know we're  
righteous and I could see how we can do  
that in the church as well that we  
worship on the right days we you know we  
understand the proper doctrines and  
though the world is full of iniquity and  
so we can actually give God lip service  
and we're involved in ritual rather than  
in a very deep and profound relationship  
with our Creator and and it's easy to  
fall into this hypocrisy because there's  
such wickedness all around us and so I  
don't think necessarily that Judah was



just 100% totally rebellious I think there's probably some self-deception involved here and some self-righteousness that they are they're doing righteous acts but their heart is not with God and the righteous acts are deceiving them and we in the church need to be very careful of this that we can be doing righteous acts but our heart is not with Jesus Christ and our righteous acts are deceiving us so they didn't turn with their whole heart so they turn with their heart but not their whole heart but fainted Li says the Lord back to Isaiah fifty therefore when I came was there no man when I called was there none to answer is my hand shortened at all that it cannot save so so God is trying to reconcile with his people but there's nobody there to respond and so he calls and they can't answer and he's saying look my hand the fact that there's a disconnection between us that we don't have a relationship it's not because my hand is short and I can't reach you I can reach you so is my hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem the answer is no he can read or have I no power to deliver so if Israel or Judah finds himself in trouble is it too much trouble for God to intervene and save them he says look behold at my rebuke I dry up the sea I make the rivers of wilderness their fish stink because there is no water and die for thirst so we should be very mindful of the first Exodus how this is the god of power and when he went to redeem ancient Israel that the sea was not a problem he just split it in two and provided dry a dry land for Israel to actually walk over so the problem is not with God's power we need Israel we need Judah to do some self-reflection here

the problem is not with the Creator the  
problem is not with the Holy One of  
Israel

the problem is with Israel the problem  
is with Judah he goes on to say here I  
quote the heavens with blackness so and  
I make sackcloth their covering so in  
other words this is the power of God  
that he can turn the skies black and we  
know he actually is going to do that so  
we look back to something that he did in  
the past and now we're looking forward  
to something he's going to do in the  
future in revelation 6 verse 12 he says  
and I beheld John says when he had  
opened the sixth seal and lo there was a  
great earthquake and the Sun the Sun  
became black as sackcloth of hair and  
the moon became as blood this is the God  
we serve this is the God that Israel and  
Judah serve and God is saying is there  
you think there's a problem with me  
there the reason we're in trouble is it  
because I cannot save you or do you need  
to do some self-reflection here maybe  
you should go and get that bill of  
divorcement and and see why that  
happened and go and check how is it that  
she fell into slavery how did you fall  
into this and and with that  
self-reflection come to a deep  
wholehearted repentance verse 4 the Lord  
God has given me and so suddenly  
it shifts to the servant and and as we  
go along here we're learning more about  
this mysterious servant and when John  
the Baptist came in AME he sent his  
disciples to Christ and said are you the  
one or do we look for another Christ  
didn't answer right away he did the acts  
of the suffering servant and then he  
sent the disciples back and say go and  
tell John what you've seen so that John  
could come back to the scroll of Isaiah

and figure out this is the mysterious servant that he has a job to do before he comes as the mighty Messiah and so where we're learning more now about this servant and now the servant is speaking the Lord God has given me the tongue of the learner that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary so so the the the people of God are weary but within the people of God there are two camps there are the rebellious and then there are those that really do have a heart for God and and they are weary and the servant has this tongue of the learn it to come and encourage them that I may speak a word in season to him that is weary he wakens morning by morning he wakens my ear to hear as to learn it so he is coming with a special insight a special wisdom that he can now encourage the weary the Lord God has opened my ear so we know that Israel's ears are closed

Israel eyes are shut their heart is waxed fat they God cannot have a relationship with them but the servant's ear is opened to God and he was not and I was not rebellious neither turned away my back in Contra distinction to the rest of Israel Israel is rebellious but the servant the suffering servant is not he just deals with God went eclis wholeheartedly with a commitment to do we'll now it says and I know our brethren the Jews they want to believe that the servant in Isaiah is always the nation of Israel and we say you're not reading your scriptures clearly you're not reading your scriptures honestly yes the servant of God is Jacob but the servant the suffering servant is Christ and everything that Christ is out that Isaiah is outlining here Jesus Christ comes to earth to fulfill the suffering

servant and we see it very clearly here in verse five I gave my back to thus my toes and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair I hid not my face from shame and spitting we read that in the Gospels in Matthew here 26 then did they spit in his face this is the suffering servant and buffeted him and others smote him with the palms of their hands and in mark 1465 and some began to spit on him and to cover his face and buff at him and to sand to him prophesy and the servants that strike him with the palms of their hands perfect fulfillment of the suffering servant that Isaiah prophesied back to Isaiah for the Lord God will help me so the suffering servant understood his relationship with God understood that because he was righteous God's hand was not shortened that God would help him the Lord God will help me therefore he says the Lord God will help me therefore shall I not be confused so I not be confounded because he's confident of the Lord's help Israel is not confident the Lord's help when God calls he can't find anybody but the suffering servant is confident therefore should I not be confounded therefore have I set my face like a flint and I know that shall not be ashamed and and this is really the call of the Christian that we need to have this level of confidence in the Lord God that he will help us that if our heart is right with God in the midst of all this confusion in the midst of all this hatred and certainly I think it's very clear something strange is happening to our world there there is a demonic spirit that is covering the nation's and you know just this week a young Catholic boy was confronted by a social activist and the young boy high

school student demonstrated tremendous self-control a tremendous virtue I would say and yet he's the one that's being because his reputation has been ruined there have been death threats against him people have threatened to burn down the whole school with the students inside where does this kind of hatred come from I think we know and so there is a demonic spirit that has been released and in its turning society on itself and when when these days especially let's focus on America because that is the superpower when America turns on itself in this way it is weakening itself and it is making itself vulnerable to outside powers and we know that because of these prophecies that have to do with Zion with Jerusalem with Judah that these prophecies cannot be fulfilled as long as America remains strong and in alliance with Israel so what we expect according to prophecy in America being one of the Israelite nation's chief Israelite nation we expect it to collapse and then Judah is exposed and all these prophecies we see around what's going to happen specifically to Jerusalem the nations that surround Israel will have free play so something is happening in the world and we as Christians need to have the confidence of our Lord Jesus Christ the Lord will help us and because we know the Lord will help us we have to set our face like flint and just just hard to set we know what we have to do and Christ told us we cannot fear men we cannot fear those around us and and look when Christ was on earth in luke 9:51 and this is in the archives if we study Luke chapter 9 it came to pass when the time was come that he should be received up he steadfastly

set his face to go to Jerusalem this is the suffering servant fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah that he would set his face like flint he goes on to say he is near that justifies me that is God God is near that justifies me who will contend with me and we know that Paul made that same argument in Romans it's God who justifies who can condemn us he is near that justifies me who will contend with me let us stand together who is my adversary let him come near to me the suffering servant is fearless he's fearless who is my adversary let him come near to me behold the Lord God will help me ok so just understand that there's some trouble but I'll just keep going usually the archive is it doesn't have these hiccups so hopefully you're getting enough from the live broadcast and hopefully many of you go back and view the archive afterwards but for the sake of the archive I'll I'll keep going here behold the Lord God will help me so again very different from Israel that they believe the Lord's hand is shortened the suffering servant knows confidently that God will help him who is he that shall condemn me lo they shall all wax old as a garment the moth shall eat them up so these are just human beings and the suffering servant is not afraid of human beings again I quoted Paul if we go to Romans 8:32 he that spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all how shall he not with him also freely give us all things so there's a confidence here that we have in God's love for us we shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect and it's really funny even the elect we'll lay charges to each other this God is saying who's gonna lay anything to

the charge of God's elect they're going to accuse us of all kinds and specifically the greatest sin that we can commit or and that we will be accused of is assigning partners to God that when we say Jesus printed the Son of God this will be considered the greatest it's gonna send people crazy it's gonna be considered the greatest of all sins and we just have to declare the truth search the Scriptures the Son of God came to earth who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect it is God that justifies and this is again an allusion to Isaiah 50 who is he that condemns it is Christ that died yea rather that is risen again who is even at the right hand of God who also makes intercession for us so there's a confidence that Paul has here in God through Christ and Christ had this same confidence in fact Paul is alluding to the confidence that the suffering servant displayed when he was on earth and that Isaiah prophesied he would have here in a back to Isaiah 50 verse 10 who is among you that fears the Lord so they're not all the same there are the rebels but there is among them a subset it's sort of like there's always the church within the church throughout history there's always been a remnant that takes God seriously and so today we have the broad Church of God movement and then within that broad Church of move of God movement within the various organizations there really are the Holy Spirit driven brethren who are faithful and doing all they can to get their heart right with God and then there are those this is just a ritual just something we do you know once a week same with Israel there are those who are ritualistic and then within that there's

a remnant like the Joseph and Mary's the  
simians the Zacharias and Elizabeth  
so who is among you that fears the Lord  
and Malachi 3:16 I believe it is talks  
about this that they who feared the Lord  
spoke often with each other  
in the midst of the wholesale rebellion  
of the nation who is among you that  
fears the Lord that obeys the voice of  
his servant so there's a recognition of  
the servant and not just a recognition  
of the servant but there's a recognition  
of the authority of the servant the  
servant has Authority and there's a  
subset that obeys the voice of the  
servant that walk in darkness and have  
no light and so there's an  
acknowledgement that they're in darkness  
and they're in trouble but they also  
have no guidance they they've lost sight  
of the Word of God but they recognize  
the servant and they need the light from  
the servant let that one or those those  
that remnant let him trust in the name  
of the Lord and stay upon his God so to  
stay upon his God is to rely on God it's  
the wait on God how do we do that  
well we read his word and we believe his  
word  
can we trust his word it's not just a  
feeling I feel like I trust God  
this is not what stay upon God means  
stay upon God means we study his word we  
know that he's faithful it's impossible  
for him to lie and so no matter what it  
looks like around us we stay true to the  
Word of God and this is the message that  
we must bring to Israel and Judah we  
must drive them back to their Bibles and  
get them to see that every word of God  
is true and he has not forgotten them  
it's them who have forgotten God but we  
have to drive them back to the Word of  
God and and this understanding that they



must wait upon God he will renew their strength they wait upon him behold all you that Kindle a fire so there's a contrast now there's those that well they're all in darkness but there are those that are in darkness that knowledge that they're in darkness and recognize the servant and then there are those that are in darkness that recognize they're in darkness but they try to Kindle their own light rather than look to the servant and follow his light they look to themselves and they Kindle their own light and they reject the servant and they reject the authority of the servant so now here's the message to them behold all you that Kindle a fire that surround yourselves about with sparks walk in the light of your fire go ahead see how this is gonna work out for you now rather than wait upon rather than search the Word of God and believe the Word of God you go ahead and walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks that you have kindled and you can get that sense of the temporariness of sparks you know sparks fly and they light up fill up and then they're gone so you go ahead and walk in the sparks of your fire this shall you have of my hand so here's what this is how this is gonna end up for you this you shall have of my hand so God is very focused on his people and any saying look you need to understand why there's a break in our relationship and those of you who do and when I send this servant of redemption to you and you acknowledge him great those of you who don't and you reject the servant that I send here's how it's gonna end up for you this shall you have of my hand you shall lie down in sorrow and you

know we wish that it wasn't that way but that's how it's gonna end up for you you reject the Word of God God will reject you and unfortunately for many in Israel and many in Judah

this is the way it's gonna end up for them and so we need to magnify our voice we need to bring the by of the Word of God back to them and show them just how solid God's Word is that we have to first of all have a right understanding of it and then we need to communicate it and tell them very very clearly to wait upon God and to stay upon his word and those who reject God and want to just generate their own light temporary light it's gonna end up it's not gonna end up well it's gonna end in a great great sorrow

unfortunately they cannot see what's around the corner through the Word of God we can see what's around the corner and we can warn them what's coming continuing in the next short chapter 51 Harkins and we you that follow after righteousness so there's this really there's three parties here or four parties there's God there's the servant and then there's the faithful people of God or the repentant people of God and then there's the rebellious people of God and and so the servant actually is creating this clear contrast as to who is foo when the servant appears when the servant is revealed when the servant is presented then there are those that go and search the scriptures and realize this is the servant and he has the authority of God and then there are those who reject him and so now he says hearken to me the subset the remnant the church within the church did today's language but you know Israel within Israel hearken to me you that follow

after righteousness you that seek the  
Lord look unto the rock whence you are  
human and to the whole of the pit whence  
you are dict so the first chapter we  
opened was to go and look at the bill of  
divorcement and find out what happened  
and why you're in the situation you're  
in now God is saying look to the rock  
from which you were here and the hole of  
the pit from whence you were dict what  
is he talking about here he tells us in  
the next verse he's talking about  
Abraham he says look unto Abraham your  
father and then to Sara that bear you  
for I called him alone and blessed him  
and increased him so what he's saying  
here to the faithful view is be  
confident and the reason you can be  
confident so first be repentant and then  
once you're repentant and you  
acknowledge the servant you can be  
confident in the Word of God and how can  
you be confident by looking to the rock  
from whence you were here all of this  
began with abraham and abraham believed  
god  
Abraham had God's Word and he believed  
it was impossible for God to lie and he  
trusted God and although he was advanced  
in years and it's seen and his wife was  
advanced in years and it seemed  
ridiculous and impossible that God could  
actually fulfill his word to the point  
where Sarah laughed God still fulfilled  
his word he promised Abraham and then he  
delivered his promise and God wants the  
faithful to look to that and to realize  
no matter what it looks like we walk by  
faith and not by sight so no matter what  
it looks like that does that's  
irrelevant it is irrelevant whether the  
God is saying his hand is not shortened  
he's the God that split the sea and when  
it looked impossible his people just

walked over dry land and now he's saying all of this began with Abraham and when it looked impossible he gave Abraham the heir one child and from that one child the whole seed of Israel has sprung why because God is faithful to his word and that's why we can wait upon his word and that's why our message to Israel and to Judah is you must look to the word and you add that the trouble that you're in and they don't did understand the trouble they're in yet but it's coming very fast it's coming very very fast and our message to them in the midst of all this trouble is if you fear God wait upon his word he will fulfill it so Abraham was a single man and God called him and blessed him and increased him and all of this began with him he says for the Lord so the reason we were to look to the rock from whence you're human and the miraculous nature of the beginning of this whole process so that you can come to this conclusion for the Lord shall comfort Zion this is the miracle this is what seems impossible we're entering into a chapter of the history of man where as ion will be devastated Zion will be desolate the design will believe that they are Forsaken and forgotten and God is saying it doesn't matter what it looks like wait upon the Word of God he shall comfort Zion he will comfort all her waste places so Zion is just gonna be full of waste places it's gonna be desolate this is gonna be like could this possibly be the City of God but God says yes you look to Abraham and see what I did with Abraham I will comfort all her waste places and he will make her wilderness like Eden so that is what's coming and this is the the vision that we have to have very clearly in

order to communicate it clearly to Zion  
that the Lord shall comfort Zion he will  
comfort all her waste places and he will  
make her wilderness like Eden so there's  
a there's a devastation there is a  
devastation that is coming upon Zion and  
we need to tell Jerusalem be confident  
God is gonna make your wilderness like  
Eden and her desert like the Garden of  
the Lord joy and gladness shall be found  
therein Thanksgiving and the voice of  
melody this is reality this is the truth  
it doesn't matter what it's going to  
appear on the surface again once America  
collapses and then the nations are going  
to have open open season with Sion and  
they're there they are going to pretend  
that they want it but at the same time  
they're going to completely make a  
desolate they're going to show no  
respect for it whatsoever because they  
don't there they are not instruments of  
God they are instruments of the devil  
and they're working against the plan of  
God and yet our message to Zion is you  
shall be comforted  
and this this garden shall be or the New  
Jerusalem shall be like the garden of  
the Lord and there's gonna be singing  
and it's gonna be praise and there's  
gonna be Thanksgiving it's gonna be  
wonderful  
hearken unto me my people so not hearken  
unto me the whole world  
hearken unto me my people and give ear  
unto me o my nation not all nations my  
nation the nation of God hearken unto me  
my nation and he says for a law shall  
proceed from me and I will make my  
judgment to rest for a light of the  
people so this is what God is going to  
do my righteousness is near my salvation  
is gone forth so isaiah is all about the  
salvation of god and it's all about the

servant coming with the good news with the gospel the good news of this salvation and the reason it's such good news is because there is such horrendous news that precedes it the good news is to the people of god the nation's will wail it's bad news for the nation's when God returns but it's good news for his people my righteousness is near my salvation has gone forth so it's not going to return this is the plan of God and my arms shall judge the people the Isles shall wait upon me and on my arm shall they trust he's gonna gather his people from all four corners of the earth lift up your eyes to the heavens and look upon the earth beneath beneath for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke

and the earth shall wax old like the garment so this is reality that as much as we look around at the creation around us and it feels like it's gonna be around forever God is saying no the whole earth is gonna be burned up and there's gonna be a new heaven and a new earth but God's Word is certain that will never go away so so look look to God's Word he says and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner so everything is temporary this whole state of affairs it's all temporary it's all fading away and there's a new state of affairs coming but my salvation shall be forever so this is what we need to look to that there's a salvation process that God is in the midst of and it's gonna be forever

God is going to be the God of Israel forever he's going to be known as the God of Jacob forever why because he's covenant it he's covenant it and he's not going to turn back on his word and that's why we must look to Abraham

because that covenant with Abraham is an everlasting covenant and it has cascaded from Abraham down to Isaac down to Jacob and he will be known as the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob forever and so he is now going about this process of salvation for his nation his nation but my salvation shall be forever and my righteousness shall not be abolished nobody can reverse this this is Satan hates it and his children hate it but it can't be reversed this is what's going to happen and here in Luke 1 and verse 19 when Gabriel appeared the real Gabriel he says the angel answering said unto him I am Gabriel he identified himself I'm Gabriel it wasn't in the middle of the night in the middle of the cave with no witnesses he came in Gabriel and and he made it very clear who he is that stands in the presence of God that Gabriel and I'm sent to speak unto you and to show you these good news is this good news are these glad tidings so there's a consistency there's a coherence the Bible tells one story and and and Gabriel came to show how the promises in the Old Testament are now going to be fulfilled he didn't come with a completely strange just completely disconnected message that no one has ever heard before he came very specific to show I'm coming from the presence of God and all of the promises that God made historically he's gonna fulfill every single one of them because God is impossible for God to lie so I came to show you this this this good news in verse 31 and behold you shall conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name God saves ya saves he shall be great and he shall be called the son of the highest

he's the son of God  
and the Lord God shall give unto him the  
throne of his father David so there's a  
promise around the throne of David and  
that's a that's an eternal promise and  
God is not gonna break it so he's not  
there's gonna forget that promise that  
covenant that he made with David David  
and he shall reign what shall he reign  
over he shall reign over the house of  
Jacob forever so in Isaiah when he says  
o my nation listen to me my nation this  
is because this nation is his nation  
forever he shall reign over the house of  
Jacob forever and of his kingdom there  
shall be no end so the kingdom is the  
Kingdom of Israel the kingdom will be  
restored to Israel the kingdom of God is  
the Kingdom of Israel back to Isaiah  
hearken unto me you that know  
righteousness the people in whose heart  
is my law fear you not the reproach of  
men same thing that Christ said when he  
was on earth don't be afraid of men it's  
the same God fear you not the reproach  
of men neither be you afraid of their  
reviling and their violence are going to  
be intense so we as Christians cannot  
fear them and we need to tell the people  
of that the nation of God Israel and  
Judah don't be afraid don't be afraid  
that God is going to fulfill everything  
that he says in his word here in Matthew  
this is what God says to his people when  
he was on earth fear not them which kill  
the body and are not able to kill the  
soul but rather fear him which is able  
to destroy both soul and body in in hell  
so we need to be very very clear here  
who were who were serving and just as  
the suffering servant Cain and he's like  
where are my adversaries let them come  
unto me there they'll just whack souls  
like a good like nothing they're like



grass they'll fade away back to Isaiah  
for the moth shall eat them up like a  
garment and the worm shall eat them like  
war

like literally this is what's gonna  
happen there's gonna go in the grave  
moths gonna eat them they're just gonna  
be eaten up by the worms but my  
righteousness shall be forever and his  
righteousness is to do what is right and  
to put the world right so his plan his  
counsel what he has in mind for his  
people on the earth that is  
righteousness and it will be forever and  
nobody can stop it but reiben my  
righteousness shall be forever and my  
salvation from generation to generation  
to generation and so generations yet to  
come are going to be born and they're  
gonna grow up and they're gonna read the  
Word of God and they're gonna realize  
how faithful God is and again there's  
people that are yet to be born or  
they're just being born now and they're  
gonna be seduced by some other ideology  
and it's gonna cause them to fulfill all  
of the adversarial roles that the Bible  
outlines and woe unto them but we must  
be about our father's business verse 9  
awake awake put on strength so so  
there's a feeling of demoralization  
there's a sense of loss the sense of  
destitution and somebody is saying to  
them don't be taken up by what you see  
with your eyes your God is faithful  
awake awake put on strength or arm of  
the Lord awake as in the ancient days in  
the generations of old are you not it  
that has cut Rahab and wounded the  
dragon and so there's the sense that God  
is mighty and he will act when he's  
ready he's just waiting for the right  
time and when he asks Rahab I think is a  
symbolic of Egypt that oppressed Israel

and then he destroyed a gypped and wounded the dragon are you not it which dried the scene again the first Exodus the waters of the great deep and have made the depths of the sea away for the ransom to Passover so there's the sense of the mighty power of God that and is not short he can save and so as I had described him earlier as the God who hides himself from Jacob and yet we know from the prophecies that he will reveal himself and he will act and so there's a plea here now for God to act now and there's a confidence that his hand is not shortened that he is powerful that he can pull off miraculous work so it doesn't matter what things look like it's the confidence in God's Word therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return so by the fact that it says they shall return it tells you they'll be taken away that that the people of God will be taken away they'll be taken as slaves and they'll be sent all over the four corners of the earth and because of the mighty power of God and that his hand is not shortened therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return return where return to Zion therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion they're going to be silly gonna be full of such joy and gratitude despite what things look like and what they're going to look like they shall return and come with singing unto Zion and everlasting joy that's a big word they're gonna come with everlasting joy and some people like to say that you know 1948 that's fulfilling this prophecy they came the Jews came back to Israel I don't think they came back with everlasting joy I think they've faced a lot of terrorism a lot of death a lot of slaughter and

they've faced a lot of sorrow so that  
can't be this this is talking about a  
time when God brings them back and when  
he brings them back they come with  
singing and everlasting joy joy that  
never ends because God is the God of  
Israel forever and everlasting joy shall  
be upon their head they shall obtain  
gladness and joy and sorrow and mourning  
shall flee away I even I am he that  
comforts you who are you that you should  
be afraid of man that shall die so again  
the same words that Christ spoke to his  
people when he was on earth don't be  
afraid of men that  
and the son of man we shall be made as  
grass and forget the Lord your maker  
that has stretched forth the heavens and  
laid the foundations of the earth so now  
he's going all the way back to creation  
so for first we're told to look to  
Abraham we're told to look to the first  
Exodus how he split the sea and his  
people walked over dry land now he's  
telling us people go all the way back to  
creation this is the God that you're  
dealing with who don't don't forget the  
Lord your maker that stretched forth the  
heavens and laid the foundations of the  
earth and has feared continually every  
day because of the fury of the oppressor  
as if he were ready to destroy and where  
is the fury of the oppressor so again  
Judah and Israel are facing tremendous  
oppression and there's gonna come a  
point where that fury of the oppressor  
it's gone these are just men who can die  
they're like grass the captive exile  
hastens that he may be loosed and that  
he should not die in the pit nor that  
his bread should fail but I am the Lord  
your God that divided the sea again he  
reminds them how powerful miraculous his  
Redemption was but I'm the Lord your God

that divided the sea whose waves  
Ward the Lord of Hosts is his name who's  
constantly referred to as the Lord of  
Hosts the Holy One of Israel is his he's  
a God of an army that is coming to save  
Israel the Lord of Hosts is his name and  
I have put my words and I've put my  
words in that in your mouth speaking to  
the servant and I've covered you in the  
shadow of my hand that I may plant the  
heavens and lay the foundations of the  
earth and Santa Zion you are my people  
so so again this this is in the context  
of some sort of controversy and a claim  
that you know there's another god and in  
serving this god that they have to put  
Judah to death and that pleases this God  
and yet the God of the Bible the god of  
the creation the creator of the universe  
says I'm putting this servant in place  
so that Zion can understand true  
they are my people Suzanne you are my  
people not not the Gentiles you are my  
people  
again awake awakened as a sense of  
urgency awake awake  
stand up o Jerusalem so first the Lord  
is awake and he does what he does and  
now Jerusalem stand up don't you don't  
be don't be in a state of a posture of  
surrender you know right now they're  
strong but that strength is gonna fade  
away and they're going to be in big  
trouble and God is saying look to the  
God of Abraham that's who your strength  
is and stop relying on on these other  
nations awake awake stand up o Jerusalem  
which has drunk at the hand of the Lord  
so this is God's doing this is his  
strange work you have drunk at the hand  
of the Lord the cup of his fury you  
deserve this  
and so all of this development and this  
hatred how God has allowed it because of

your iniquities and so you have drunk at  
the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury  
you have drunk the dregs of the cup of  
trembling and wrung them out like you  
have really this is gonna be horrible  
it's a it's it's horrible it says  
there's no words for it but it was  
deserved and God has to be faithful to  
his word and they have to remain in this  
deaf dumb state until this this is  
carried out so that God can be faithful  
to his word there is none to guide her  
among all the sons who she has brought  
forth  
so she's of many children but nobody can  
guide us trying to make her own light  
neither is there any that takes her by  
the hand of all the sons  
she has brought up these two things are  
come unto you who shall be sorry for you  
desolation and destruction and the  
famine and the sword  
so as desolation and destruction has  
come upon them and also famine comes  
with that and the sword and in my  
opinion this is the going to be the  
sword of Islam this is speaking of  
beheading this is what's become come  
upon you desolation and destruction the  
famine and the sword by whom shall I  
comfort you your sons have fainted  
they lie at the head of all the streets  
this is horrible they she has no defense  
now your sons have fainted they lie at  
the heads of all the streets is a wild  
bull in a net they are full of the fury  
of the Lord the rebuke of your God so  
you should have repented you should have  
looked at the the Covenant agreement you  
should have been faithful to the  
Covenant but you weren't and you didn't  
and so now you're drinking the cup of  
the fury of the of the wrath of God and  
somebody needs to be telling Zion and

telling Israel their sins and leading them to repentance and so all of this is going to happen and it's their own fault so this strange reconfiguration of the world that we're witnessing it's the Lord's work it's the Lord strange where he is the one that is allowing all of this these powerful nations that just look like nothing could ever stop their civilization they're all collapsing and the collapsing from within and God is allowing this therefore here now this you afflicted and drunken but not with wine you're drunk with the wrath of God thus says the Lord thus says your Lord V Lord and your God that pleads the cause of his people so he is that much as he's punishing his people he also pleads the cause of his people behold I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling even the dregs of the cup of my fury you shall no more drinking again so this is an intense period but this is it they're never gonna have this again and so God is gonna take this cup away from his people but I will put it into the hand of them that afflict you this is the perfect fulfillment of Deuteronomy chapter 30 that God that's exactly what Moses foresaw that this punishment that's gonna come upon them all these curses that cop on them God will then lift these curses and put it on their enemies but I will put it into them that is this cup of fury I will put it into the hand of them that afflict you so be careful anybody who afflicts the people of God be care I will put it into the hand of them that afflicts you which have said to your soul bow down surrender and I think there is

some sort of movement around the world called surrender and it's forcing people to bow down and surrender which have said to your soul surrender that we may go over but you have laid your body as the ground and as the street to them that went over so I think ancient Lieven used to actually do this conquered people would have to lie down in the street and then the king would write over them in his chariot to demonstrate just how subjugated they were but certainly this is also speaking symbolically of the surrender because they have not relied on God how they have to surrender to the Gentile nations and so that ends Isaiah chapter 51 and started 50 and 51 and what I'll do now is again if you have if you have questions or comments please feel free to go ahead and post those on the chat or on Facebook and what I'm going to do is just see if I my brothers are on the line here and ready to go so let me do that and we'll just we do want to start with the Daniel 12 question but also any other questions that you might have we'll do that let's just see here and I'll just check the Facebook to see how that is working okay welcome to do enter your name ID followed by ground hopefully you can hear that okay I'll just check on enter your participant ID followed by pound otherwise chest press you are in the meeting now there are four participants in the meeting I think that's better okay let's just see here I'm gonna do this I'm sorry about this guys I just have to sort out this technology I think I have to mute this try that again hi there Marie Belle are you there hi Marie Billy either yeah sorry about that

okay good now let me just check and confirm that people can hear us online I'm hearing you very clearly so I'm hoping the microphone is picking you up I just go ahead and talk for a bit and I'll just wait for confirmation that we're coming through loud and clear so how are you hon today going yes funny Q&A so sacred that bill joins extra names oh yes bill yeah thanks for inviting me to the program a real pleasure and a delight to be here on behalf of all of us to participate in this question and answer great okay and I'm getting a feedback bill and Marie that you guys are coming in loud and clear so that's fantastic so and bill it I thought of you because not last week but the week before somebody raised the question around timing of duration of prophecy you know how long will it take for these prophecies to be fulfilled and Marie and I said you know we didn't see any specific prophecies around duration but at the same time someone I think was Christie raised the question around the Book of Daniel and she quoted specifically Daniel 12 that had to do with the you know the 1260 days 1290 days 1335 days and just wondered if we had any thought or insight on that and I know that you have you're doing a deep dive into the Book of Daniel I know you're planning to release that study sometime in the near future but I thought you might want to join us and just comment a bit on that and Oh Marie has been looking into this as well so I just thought the three of us chat about this I think would be helpful yeah well I appreciate that and certainly it is a great opportunity to be here on the program before I get started and even



address that Adrienne I just wanted to mention and thank you very much for your consistent commitment that you've shown to do this weekly Bible study because I know that it does take a lot of time and sacrifice and it's certainly from the standpoint of you making that effort and express dedication I just want to express our deep appreciation for all your efforts and time that you've devoted to this I really deeply appreciate it I really appreciate just go there uh bill I really appreciate your words there and also just want to commend my brother Murray many hands make light work and then he's here every week with me and kind of spearheading this as well so appreciate you brother Murray also build maybe just before you jump into Daniel some people may be on the study here that don't know you is I don't want to assume that everybody is in the in this CGI and just knows you know your background and your your your credentials maybe just take a moment and introduce yourself and then and then tell us about the to your thoughts on Daniel well those who may want to get to know me there's a bio of a bio at CGI Medina dot org that goes into a lot of detail with regards to my background and and just what I'm doing presently but primarily uh I've been a minister of the CGI for quite a few years ordained in 1986 primarily a producer and director along with a good group of folks my wife and Jeff Reid and others putting together primarily our flagship program the armour of God which you are helping out as well as called one of the commentators one of four commentators that we have on the program and also involved in publishing and writing articles and so forth for the

Church of God and operate as a regional coordinator for some of the areas here that the Church of God International serves in terms of field congregations so that's a little bit of my background those that may be interested in finding out more about me can as I said go to that CGI Medinah org site hit on minister and there's a by a little bio there that goes into voice and let me just jump in and say medina is spelled med i and a cgi medina org med IMA that is correct right yes civilian will appear that was about to mention the Book of Daniel as I think all of us know is a clearly historicist book as well as a futurist book I like to call it a historic sis but with futurist appeal and futurist features it has some very compelling historical revelations needless to say and also some very captivating and I believe intriguing very exciting of descriptions of future events that have yet to come upon us and some of the things that you were alluding to in the Bible study I found very interesting as well because the timeline that is set in Daniel does indeed operate as an underscore to some of the things that you were referencing and passing as you were going through Isaiah there and and mentioning and referring to end times and difficulties of the geopolitical conditions that we have today in the world and the fact of the United States and the West pretty much being on borrowed time but at any rate this question regarding these days is a very compelling question in many respects because there there's a lot of debate that surrounds these particular times the preterist they've got their points of view that historicism have their points of view and the Futurists

they have their points of view and everybody seems to have in certain regards an interpretation that they're comfortable with and of which they advance even the seventh-day adventists have quite a quite an approach to these particular times that are listed there as you pointed out the 1260 days the 1290 days and the 1330 1335 dates I'm not sure how much time that we want to spend on this because really the chapter chapter 12 is quite a quite a detailed book with regards to what its address because it's concluding essentially a prophecy that commenced in chapter 10 so chapters 10 11 and 12 are pretty much tethered together that commences with a visitation of an angel that was you know I guess we you could say it comes somewhat of a street fight with some demons on his way to answering Daniels prayer but of which ultimately he begins to address this prophecy that he was commissioned to give to Daniel and opens it up in chapter 11 commencing with what you could say Alexander the Great and then taking us through all the way to the end times and has pointed out here in chapter 12 and in verse 1 actually to the resurrection where it says there will be such a time of trouble as never since there was a nation even to that same time and this obviously is one of a type there couldn't be two types of this this is not a never before so this is a once any time event at the end times and we see that in verse 2 those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt and then it goes on in verse 3 and kind of concludes this portion of the prophecy that I mentioned commenced in chapter 10 but it concludes

in the sense that it really gives no context with how all that plays out and the context comes with the timelines that follow and so it picks up in verse 4 where it says Daniel shut up the words in the book and even to the time of the end and I and I want to mention something as I was passing through some of those other categories of individuals that have particular interpretation of Daniel 12 to illustrate that there is no and yet the preterists will tell you that this book was fulfilled as of almost 200 years preceding the first coming of Jesus of all things and that's amazing because the fact of it is I don't know what and how they ignore verse 4 where Daniel is set are told shut up the word seal the book even to the time of the end so it's real clear that we're talking about number one of course preceding that in verse 2 the resurrection of the Dead those who sleep and of course a time of trouble like never before and as you pointed out Matthew there 24 I think it was I think he pointed that out where there's going to be a time and if you didn't obviously many of us know that there is going to be a time when no flesh could survive and that time is very corollary to this time I mean them the same times so at any rate Daniels told in this case to shut up the book and then he looks at he beholds two angels one on each side of a riverbed and they start talking to one another and asked a question there in verse 6 where it says how long shall this it be to the end of these wonders and what wonders are we talking about but the wonders that commenced in chapter 10 and 11 and all the way up through 12 verse about four that's a really good point I think a lot of a lot

of people read the scripture and just stay in chapter 12 this thing we really need to go all the way back to 10 and read the whole thing in context yeah yep absolutely because that's where it all begins and if I might mention Rawlinson's Gorge Rawlinson's book written in the nineteenth century he was a 19th century scholar wrote a book called the manual of ancient history and he does a yeoman's job on chapter 11 in putting a lot of the historical value and enlightening and illuminating much of how that all worked and played out during the times commencing with Alexander the Great and then bringing us up to the latter days when two major players the king of the north of the king of the south face-off and the king of the north invades the Holy Land occupies Jerusalem and essentially takes over Egypt and kind of begins to wrap around the Mediterranean by taking Libya and so forth but the point being it all ends of course as we understand in the greatest trouble the earth has ever seen and culminates in the resurrection and that's a big quantum jump from 11 verse 45 to 12 1 through 4 but then as I say you get the backstory of some timelines of this 1260 days the 1290 days and the 1300 and 35 days and obviously my point tonight that I just wanted to make clear to everybody and I think it's pretty clear by virtue of the Scriptures is that these are endtime timelines yes that apply to situations conditions circumstances and events that have yet to come upon us and we can make and debate perhaps you know certain years and implementing or applying the day for a year principle in some of these numbers and

claim that it spans over you know as the futurists would say 1260 years but in the context of what we're talking about in Chapter 12 it is no question if we're talking about real time in real days and the Annandale regard we're talking about a time when sacrifices will be stopped some will debate that it is even sacrifices because the word sacrifice is inserted in chapter 12 but if you tether that to chapter 8 and in verse about 11 through 50

where you read the tree type of Antiochus Epiphanes who ran roughshod through Jerusalem there in about 160 something BC and desecrated the temple and so forth and was a pre type of what we're reading about here later in chapter 12 it is clear that we're talking about a sacrificial sacrifice a daily sacrifice of which two sacrifices occurred per day that would be stopped at these days 1260 and 1290 are obviously 30 days apart and represent some events that you know we could speculate about and talk about but like the military I don't think really many of us are going to know just exactly what they're inferring until we really begin to see some of this stuff play out but I think it's clear in regards to the 1335 and I don't think there's a whole lot of debate here especially in light of the language where it says in verse 12 blessed is he that Waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and five thirty or five and thirty days and obviously we know that those that will endure to the end are going to be saved and I think this is a clear indication out of it that'll give you a cup of coffee and a doughnut with regards to my thinking about what I believe it to be but the fact of it is it certainly

implies that that 1335 is a mark that many of us ought to have as a target of accomplishing in these latter days because there is some very very important element associated with it that would provide us with the word to be blessed to enter it very good I really appreciate your emphasis on the end time because a lot of these commentaries believe that it's historically fulfilled and I think this is so clear from what you've brought out here it is clearly dealing with a time that is unprecedented

I wonder Postum or if you had any thoughts or comments sure yeah and appreciate those comments on that definitely pointed to the end time in some of my research and going through this I think I think you'd agree but maybe I get both your feedback and then maybe just talk a little bit louder

Maria I think you're coming in clearly just a little loud it would be great sure so again just wanting to tie this into Revelations all but Matthew 24 maybe get your feedback on why he chose such a short period of time 1290 1335 the commentaries kind of waffle eyes bill pointed out some try to to pinpoint things like specific judgment periods others refused to touch it because it's very bad in Scripture but one thing that struck me if you tie the 1290 days in 24 the abomination of desolation and then tie that into revelation 12 verse 6 which basically comes to talks about the end of the 1260 days where the church is in the wilderness and we won't get into exactly what that means but the short period of time the extra 30 days and then the extra 45 days after that I think I think really refers to there's going to be a very short window of time

where it will be really really rough on God's people and including at the abomination of desolation which structure those commences in detail and we just need to be patient and faithful for a very short period of time and blessed is he who waits to get to that through thirteen hundred and thirty-five days and I think that ties into some of the other studies that have done that we've done in Revelation and Isaiah now and really it would be the culmination of these endtime events are going to be very very difficult but we just gotta be patient it's just a short tight window right and that's part of the takeaway that I get from from from 1260 to 1292 1335 days and then tying that into the events that's all over in Revelation 12 where the Satan then follow me to 1260 days after the two witnesses are assassinated and then resurrected that you know the church becomes persecuted the finalizing the Feast of the sea and the peace of the land which we covered back in Revelation it's just a tight window of time where we need to be faithful and and patient through the persecution they're just really really good like that on the other thing that I would just throw into the mix here and maybe just as a question you have thoughts in terms of how this relates to Jeremiah's prophecy of the 70 weeks and then Christ came and he his ministers for three and a half years of the last week and so there is that three and a half years left in that 70th week to bring an end to the to the persecution thoughts or comments on that and how that sort of fits into the mix but I really appreciate your comments there Marie on the focus on it's it's a short it's intense it's going to be brutal but



it's going to be short yeah and I think Tomales point and we're told you know as as the birthing process as we get closer to the birthing of the sons of God and the resurrection like a woman in travail which is coming to two further addition of her birthing process it is going to ramp up the birth pangs the contractions are going to occur more violently more rapidly and increased and accelerated in a fashion that many of us is going to be mind-blowing and and head attorney in many respects you know and and to your question there Adrian I've always felt that that lot of three and a half years that our that last week certainly connects with I believe the latter half of that prophecy that Jesus turned to when he said he was anointed to bring the gospel but stopped in the middle of it well that three and a half years would be certainly very appropriately described as the latter half of that prophecy portrays when he commences his ministry at the beginning of the millennium and begins to engage new legislation such as the Feast of Tabernacles organizing and bringing back those physical human beings that were in captivity of the of the Israelite cultures to define the second Exodus which will be so much more grandiose than even the first Exodus we're told in parts of Jeremiah and even Isaiah 11 and so forth that and especially Jeremiah 31 where these refugee types are coming out of the lands of the North beaten up and and crying and and you get this picture of just these refugees being brought back herded like sheep physical beings at the beginning of the millennium to establish the physical nation of Israel that's

going to become this shining city on the hill at the commencement of the millennium of which I'm sure is all part of that first three and a half years of Christ's very intensified ministry and getting the millennium out of the box so to speak it's interesting as you were talking and also with Murray's point earlier I was just thinking you know a marathon when when these people are running the marathon you know the first part of the race is easy for everybody it's the last half that's difficult and it's particularly at that last mile that is really a struggle and so I wonder you know you got the three and a half years I just wonder when Christ says blessed is he who endures and to the end the other that he'll be saved you know I wonder if it's that extra 30 days that extra 45 days when a lot of people will just give up it's like this has been three and a half years already and yet that this one out that then kicks in because it extends beyond the expectation of the finish line is at three and a half years it's actually there's an extra 75 days to endure well they'll definitely I think to your point weed out those that are a bit premature in their recent resilience you know to hang in there and to continue to to forge ahead yeah it's certainly going to be not as very enough a very unique Gideon's army yeah and this is this is no small thing he wants to grant to us and so we really have to demonstrate how much we hunger and thirst for it and I really ties back into what you put we've been talking about here about the specialness of because that is called the firstfruits yeah why why they are called and given such a place to help Christ rusher in

the rest of Johnson Foundation and I think on that point your yeah on that point Murray I'm a bit worried and maybe worry is not the right word but concerned that this calling is so profound but I think that sometimes we're around it so much and you know we hear these sermons every week and I think it's easy to fall into this sort of just take it all for granted and just not remember or realize how profound what it is we are part of actually is I think very I was just gonna say I think that that's why we just need to keep teaching and preaching this the prophets throughout you know you could be the early prophets the patriarchs the major prophets the minor prophets the Apostles it's really the same message they just have to keep harping on and I think that's just up to to the teachers and God's servants to just keep harping on this because as one generation passes and you want to come up it's a message that we're just gonna have to continue to teach and encourage and exhort and comfort much like you spoke today about the company of Israel it's also the comforting of the first fruits and they company of those who are the East called at once it drew to mind when you're talking about this you know second Corinthians one talks about the God of all comfort and all times second Thessalonians on top so though being like a nursing mother nurtures her children I think it's just something we're gonna have to continue to to not tire of group of teachers though and I think the key to what what we're addressing to hear and what you commence there in discussion as far as being apathetic or allowing a certain Laodicean attitude

sneaked into our personalities it's important that each and every one of us as Christians finds the key to make God real to us I mean all of us have the responsibility of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and via that relationship with the father of course and so with that being said it becomes incumbent on all of us to find the methodology in our relationship with Christ utilizing God's Holy Spirit to engage what is certainly I think to be the greatest endeavor that all of us as human beings are challenged with and that is to have a real reality relationship having gotten real to us in in whatever form or fashion that we personally need to have because we're all different people my relationship with Christ is different than yours or anybody else any you know other time did or Harry so it really is important that we make God real with ourselves because if we can do that if God is real to us you know what will be motivated to show respect to God the home to the church looking like we're going to church will do the things that are the right things because we have this ingrained sense of responsibility that we don't represent ourselves but that we're representing the very Living God of the universe that's a big responsibilities as ambassadors when we walk on this planet impregnated with the spirit and are responsible now to reflect that holy name and family legacy so it's really important I act and I think it here's my understand here that if we can do that if we can achieve that we will accomplish what you said Adrienne and avoid this laxa visible approach and any worry orphans

turn of missing the mark because it won't happen you know her in training and we love this sport we're in if you know what I'm saying we love the people were with we love the relationship we're nurturing yeah I think the other is the flip side of that bill if we don't do what you're saying then the Bible becomes this sort of academic book god becomes abstract and then I think we begin to see our brethren as dispensable and and in the prophecy that yeah the prophecy does say a time is coming when the the reality of the fear will be so real that we won't think twice about betraying our brother which is really betraying Christ but I think the antidote to that is just what you've just brought out just now yeah and that's a walk away what were you just reminded us all about is really just a stunning realization to even be able to wrap your mind around the fact that we could ever allow ourselves to get beat and become that way but to the scriptures point it is possible because the Scriptures there if God is no longer real to us then it becomes anyway alright yeah yeah very good Marie final words before we wrap up yeah no I not much else other than see that just it's interesting to see as for this to be studies fruitful years now that's just the same message coming back God has a consistent message from beginning to end and it's just great to see it come alive and hopefully those who are finding value in this study and seeing come alive are the ones that will be encouraged to follow through and keep that real as we've just been talking about and endure to the end seeing the Bible come alive this way hopefully it will make God the old in that fashion

amen to that brothers I just see it's  
passed I just passed a bit 9 o'clock  
here why don't we end on that note and  
God willing we'll be able to do this  
again in the near future but really  
we appreciate your contributions tonight  
and Bill appreciate you jumping on and  
just giving us some insight into the  
prophecies in Daniel I know you are  
working on a thorough Bible study that  
you'll release in the near future thanks  
for the opportunity awesome thanks so  
much pastor Murray okay  
god bless okay god bless everybody good  
night everyone God willing we'll see you  
next week bye-bye