

23-Isaiah-17-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and I'm recording this one as when we tried to broadcast live we're just having really cold and windy weather here and it just seemed to be interfering with the broadcast so I'll go ahead and record this evenings study which is Isaiah chapter 52 and then God willing we'll be live next week for chapter 53

let's open with a word of Prayer our Heavenly Father great God Almighty we pause and just give you thanks father were in such awe we're so grateful Lord that we of all people have access to your ancient word the the words that you inspired to the ancient prophets that we have the desire to read these words and you've granted us through your mercy the ability to understand what the prophets were communicating we thank you Father that we can look back thousands of years to get these words this understanding to understand our time today and also what is yet to befall us oh and also after the return of Christ we praise You Lord God and we thank you we ask your blessing on our study your blessing on our understanding and that you would deepen our faith in your word we praise you we ask these things in Jesus Holy Name Amen so we are up to Isaiah chapter 52 and it's a short chapter what I want to do before I go to Isaiah chapter 252 is set it up with lamentations and that's a book that we don't go to very often but now that we're in the depth of Isaiah the whole set of prophecies of Jeremiah and the Book of Lamentations become very clear that Isaiah was

prophesying what would happen in the future
to Judah and Jeremiah lived in it he lived during the Babylonian siege and then he personifies Jerusalem's outcry with lamentations so I would really recommend if you could I just ask got a homework assignment read the whole book of lamentations it's not that big but I think you'll find having gone through Isaiah it'll just really make sense to you but I just want to call out a few verses out of lamentations chapter 1 and 2 before we go into chapter 52 of Isaiah here in chapter 1 he says how does the city sit solitary that this is dumbfounding how does the city sit solitary that was full of people how has she become as a widow how did this happen it's like from one day to the next you could never for nobody could foresee what was going to happen to Jerusalem it just looked like she was just set forever and yet she sits solitary and she has become a widow she that was great among the nations and you know when in Solomon's time people came from all over the world to the city of Jerusalem to see the splendor she that was great among the nations and princess among the provinces how is she become tributary and that that is really you know to say if someone is tributary is really to speak of forced labor how does she become enslaved how is it that the princess among the provinces has become captive and become a slave not only that the prophet goes on to say she weeps sore that there is great anguish here she weeps sore in the night and her tears are on her cheeks among all her lover's

she has none two comforters if she had all these alliances and everyone has forsaken her everyone has ditched her among all her lover's she has none to comfort her all her friends have dealt treacherously with her they are become her enemies and we are certainly seeing that now coming out of the period of the Holocaust

there was great sympathy for Judah and in the last five years or so

as the world turns towards sympathizing with Islam we're seeing a growing anti-semitism to the point where Jews are having to flee European countries just because the the anti-semitism is so great and even in North America

certainly in the educational institutions there is great empathy and sympathy for the Palestinians and resentment towards Judah and even accusations Judah is occupying Israel and has no right to be there

and so all of these allies that Judah has today the prophecies predictors that happened before that they will all turn their back on her and she'll be left alone in fact he goes on to say they have become her enemies so going from allies and helping her they turn their back on her and not just turn their back on her actually become her enemies Judah has gone into captivity because of affliction so something has happened and she's gone into captivity because of affliction and because of great servitude she dwells among the heathen so the heathen have gotten the upper hand

they now have force they now have Authority what the one their their perception of reality becomes truth and she is just subjugated she dwells among the heathen she finds no rest all her

persecutors overtook her between the straits or in the narrow places so she she was persecuted we know that Jerusalem's gonna be surrounded by armies and now they she's been overtaken her adversaries are the chief so they have the upper hand her enemies prosper for the Lord now why do they prosper why why did the adversaries have the upper hand over Judah he explains for the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions and this is really important because when we go to Isaiah when we look at the suffering servant Jews deny that the suffering servant is Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ is the Messiah they believe very strongly that the servant in Isaiah is always the whole nation and I think as we've been reading it it's very clear that clearly Jacob is the chosen servant of God and so Judah specifically is the servant of God but the whole sum all the tribes of Jacob have been chosen by God and guys ayah makes that clear but he also makes it clear that they are treacherous and as a result of their treachery God has sent this servant to successfully redeem them and the reason the Jews deny this is there's there's a self-righteousness about them they believe that they are here to save the Gentile nations that they'll have they read all the positive aspects of the prophecies in Isaiah about Judah but they don't read the negative aspects and when we read the negative aspects it becomes clear that Judah cannot save herself that Judah is treacherous and Judah needs a savior and certainly when we combine Isaiah with Jeremiah with limitations with Malachi with with Zechariah with the other prophets it tells one story and that story is

actually Isaiah opened up with it but God has raised children he has brought up children and they've turned against him and they've completely betrayed him and yet because he's loved his faithfulness to his covenant he's going to find a way to redeem them and so very clearly here we can see Jerusalem is subjugated not because she's righteous and and her her her persecution her slaughter is somehow going to save the nation's it's because she is treacherous it says here her adversaries are the chief her enemies prosper for the Lord has the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions and that affliction is very specific it's according to what we read in Deuteronomy that they entered into a covenant they broke the covenant the Lord is faithful to his word he's going to carry out exactly and precisely what is in the Covenant so the end of her enemies prosper because the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions her children have gone into captivity before the enemy so the enemy is coming to take her captive and that that's just a reality that that God is the one that's doing this why because it's exactly what he said would happen if they were unfaithful to the Covenant so he says here the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions her children are gone into captivity before the enemy Jerusalem has grievously sinned so so to all our Jewish brothers and sisters who want to deny that Jesus Christ is the suffering servant please read this scripture your scriptures this is coming out of your Bible that Jerusalem has grievously sinned how can juice Allah be the Saviour how can Jerusalem be the

suffering servant when she is so filthy according to your own Bible she needs a savior Jerusalem has grievously sinned therefore she is removed and we just go back to Deuteronomy and we read the law we read the covenant we read the terms and conditions and God is totally righteous God is completely faithful what makes God God is his faithfulness to his word he has magnified his word even above his own name Jerusalem has grievously sinned therefore she's removed all that and that's exactly what God said what did what happened that they be removed from the land if they were unrighteous all that honored her and be scattered to the four corners of the earth all that honored her despised her so so something has terribly changed and we see it setting up today we see this anti-semitism growing all around the world all that honored her despise her because they have seen her nakedness this this is the reality they have seen her nakedness yes she sighs and turns backward her filthiness is in her skirts she remembers not her last end therefore she came down wonderfully she had no comforter Oh Lord behold my affliction for the enemy has magnified himself so Jerusalem is going down the enemy is coming up this is the Lord's doing verse 15 the Lord has trodden underfoot all my mighty men in the midst of me so we know Jerusalem's gonna be surrounded by armies and all her mighty men are going to be trodden underfoot he has called an assembly against me to crush my young men this this is God's doing and this is what we want our Jewish brothers and sisters to read their scriptures and see that their self-righteousness is ill-advised that they are not righteous

they are wicked and they have departed from God and we are calling them to repentance he says he has called an assembly against me to crush my young men this is the future of Jerusalem the Lord has trodden the virgin the daughter of Judah as in a winepress for these things I weep my eye my eye runs down with water for these things I weep my eye runs down with water because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me God hides himself from Jacob he hides himself from Judah she's all alone the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me my children are desolate because the enemy prevailed Zion spreads forth her hands and there is none to comfort her the Lord has commanded concerning Jacob that his adversaries should be round about him and we know that when Jesus Christ was on earth and he was in Jerusalem and he was in this great confrontation Matthew 23 before the great prophecy in Matthew 24 he was in this confrontation with the scribes and the Pharisees and he says you know how often I would have gathered your children but you wouldn't have it and he says behold your house is left to you desolate and then he goes on to predict that Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies and that they will not see him again until they say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord and that's what's being set up here they're going to be in such horrific circumstances that they will finally acknowledge him whom they've pierced the Lord has commanded this is he he's commanded this this must happen this is the righteousness of God yet as much as it pains him and he says I I would have gathered your children together I would

have protected them as much as it pains him because he is God and he keeps his word and it's impossible for him to lie he has to carry this out and so the Lord has commanded concerning Jacob and notices concerning Jacob is not just Judah it's all the whole house of Jacob all the tribes of Jacob the Lord has commanded concerning Jacob that his adversaries should be round about him he they will be surrounded Jerusalem is as a mistress woman among them in other words they see Jerusalem as filthy they see Jerusalem as unclean they have their own definition of righteousness and they're imposing that definition of righteousness on Jerusalem and Jerusalem is considered an unbelieving Jerusalem is considered evil the Jerusalem is considered a wicked by them and there's no regard for her whatsoever so they can go in and just just treat her with a enormous disrespect notice what Jeremiah says the Lord is there is this an understanding that the profit has that as much as the Lord is commanding this desolation on Jerusalem he's doing so in his righteousness the Lord is righteous for I that is Jerusalem have rebelled against his commandment he understands and this is what we need our Jewish brothers and sisters to understand they have rebelled they have broken the Covenant let's open up the Covenant and let's read the terms and conditions and see where Judah where the Jacob has repeatedly broken the terms and conditions and even God divorced the northern tribes and the southern tribe saw what God did they saw how wicked the northern tribes were they saw how God divorced them and then their evil was worse but because of God's faithfulness

to Abraham he did not divorce them but he's setting up away now to redeem them the Lord is righteous for I have rebelled against his commandment here I pray you all people and behold my sorrow my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity so this is unfortunately the near term future that Jerusalem is facing my virgins and my young men have gone into captivity behold O Lord I am in distress my bowels are troubled my heart is turned within me for I have grievously rebelled and so there's a real righteous acknowledgment of the sin here and this is what we need all Judah to do this is the whole plan of God is to drive Judah to this point of true wholehearted repentance so that they can receive the holy spirit and finally be the servants that he has in mind for them for I have rebelled abroad the sword believes at home there is death so there they've been taken captive wherever they are they're being hunted down they're being beheaded at home they're being killed lamentations to the Lord has swallowed up all the habitation of Jacob so this is not just Jerusalem and certainly you know when he says here abroad the sword believes at home there is death home obviously being Jerusalem and when we look at how Jerusalem is surrounded so this is the Lord's doing it's been building up over time and Jerusalem is surrounded by terrorist organizations that hate her so these armies are going to surround her they're going to move in the only reason in fact that she survives the way she does today is this alliance that she has with America and once once America goes down she is vulnerable and so you just look

at how she is surrounded by these enemies and so she loses the upper hand she loses all respect and unfortunately that means slaughter for Israel so he goes on to say here he says a grievous lease rebelled against the Lord the broad the sword briefs at home there is death the Lord has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob and I think we we should be aware of who the judeo-christian nations are these are the habitations of Jacob they have also been treacherous the Lord has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob so Daniel tells us that the tribulation is the time of Jacob's trouble so this upper hand that Jacob and Judah have enjoyed it's over the Lord is bringing them down the Lord is going to punish them the Lord has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob and has not pitied why because of the covenant the Lord is righteous because of the covenant he has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah he has brought them down to the ground he has polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof and this is we need our Jewish brethren to read Isaiah with Jeremiah to read Isaiah with lamentations and so there's no wiggle room now you can't say that Judah is righteous and that Judah is the suffering servant it's impossible Judah needs a messiah Judah is not the Messiah Judah needs a Messiah he says here God has brought them down to the ground he has polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof he has cut off in his fierce anger all the Horn of Israel so again not just not just Judah and when there isn't there we have to have this focus on Jerusalem that's where God's

mind is but he says he has cut off in his fierce anger all the Horn of Israel and we just have to look around the world today and see which nations are more civilized which nations have rooted in their judeo-christian ethic and which nations are more given over to paganism and have really no knowledge of or no foundation that's judeo-christian and so here he has cut off in his fierce anger all the Horn of Israel he has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy he has burned against Jacob like a flaming fire which devours roundabouts so again Jerusalem is going to be surrounded by armies but not just Jerusalem its Jacob the whole house of Jacob like a flaming fire the Lord was as an enemy he has swallowed up Israel he has swallowed up all her palaces he has destroyed his strongholds and has increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation and so all of this is happening because of God's righteousness and what we see in Isaiah the relief that's coming from Isaiah is again because of God's righteousness and all of this was predicted and we've read this a few times before but we'll read it again because it's so foundational that Moses foresaw all of this Moses says in Deuteronomy 30 after reading the law and the covenant to Israel before they inherit the promised land he says and it shall come to pass when all these things have come upon you the blessing and the curse so Moses could see that they would receive the blessing that Jerusalem would be this splendid power among the nations but he could also see that they were going to be unfaithful and that they would be scattered according to the Covenant so Moses understood the

punishment it's not gonna be random you know it's not gonna be according to Quran where he says that God turned them into Apes and pigs because they broke the Sabbath this is random it's arbitrary God is not arbitrary God is very precise and so Moses could foresee the punishment that was going to come upon them because he had the law in front of him he says when all these things come upon you the blessing and the curse which I have set before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you so this is where Jeremiah is now be wailing the personifying that the of Jerusalem and he's saying or hunted down were bereaved by the sword abroad and there's only death at home well this is this is the fulfillment of what Moses prophesied you shall call him to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you and you shall return to the Lord your God so this is a very intense spanking that these chosen people of God are receiving why in order to turn them to their God in order for them to acknowledge that they have betrayed him and you shall return unto the Lord your God so Moses could see this that God would not forsake them he would punish them yes but he wouldn't forsake them you shall return into larger God and shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day so Moses is really foreseeing the New Covenant he's seeing that these people would receive the Holy Spirit and that Holy Spirit would enable them to do all the commandments so you shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day you and your children with all your heart and with

all your soul so not only is he seeing
the New Covenant and seeing the people
of Israel filled with the Holy Spirit
and loving God authentically truly truly
wholeheartedly

he's also foreseeing the second
resurrection what we see in Ezekiel 37
because he's seeing you you people that
I'm talking to now and your children but
these people are going to die
but they and their children will serve
God with all their heart and with all
their soul which can only mean they're
going to be resurrected and the Holy
Spirit is going to be put in them that
then the Lord your God will turn or end
your captivity so he could see them
they're going to be taken captive but
then God is going to end the captivity
and have compassion on you and we'll
return and notice this and gather you
from all the nations

where the Lord your God has scattered
you it's not an arbitrary punishment
it's very specific you cannot stay in
the land if you are unholy you will be
exiled you'll be scattered you'll be
taken captive but then because of God's
commitment to Abraham you will be
gathered and brought back nevertheless
oh so sorry let me now go to Jeremiah
before we get to Isaiah so there's going
to be this lamentation it's according to
Deuteronomy but here in in Jeremiah in
518 listen to what the Prophet says
nevertheless in those days says the Lord
I will not make a full end with you this
is exactly what Moses was talking about
that you're going to be scattered you're
going to be punished you're going to be
cursed but you will still exist that as
much as the enemies hate you they will
not be able to destroy you why because
God will not make a full end of you

because he has this commitment Abraham which he is going to fulfill through you so you're going to have to come to this place of repentance so Jeremiah sees what Moses saw nevertheless in those days says the Lord I will not make a full end with you and it shall come to pass when you shall say why does the Lord our God do all these things unto us then shall you answer them like as you have forsaken me and served strange gods in your land so shall you say serve strangers in a land that isn't yours very specific not arbitrary you took it upon yourself to serve strange gods in the Holy Land okay according to the Covenant you will now be taken captive and you will serve strangers in a land that's not yours even though you had everything going for you so they're wondering why why are we suffering like this this is why he says marry Jeremiah Jeremiah he goes on to say declare this in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah these are our marching orders we have to be declaring these truths we have to be clear on the truth ourselves study the word we have you know workmen that can study the word and show ourselves approved that we understand the Scriptures understand the prophecies and then when we understand them we need to declare the truth of these prophecies in the house of Jacob so that means we need to know where is the house of Jacob and not only the house of Jacob we need to publish it in Judah so we we have a very specific ministry to Judah and we need to figure this out and clearly the Internet is a great way of doing this but we have to look at every door that God opens and make sure that we are declaring these truths about God's

people to God's people in the house of Jacob and in Judah saying here now this o foolish people and without understanding this this is uh you know God's truth is not always pleasant it's always true it's not always pleasant and so there's a message here that these people are foolish and they have no understanding they think they're sophisticated but they're actually very foolish and they have no understanding which have eyes and see not which have ears and hear not exactly what Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 6 exactly what Christ quoted when he was in his ministry here on earth and now here it is Jeremiah saying tell them they lack understanding things are happening right in front of them and they have no clue what's happening they're hearing things and they have no understanding we need to confront them and tell them this now Jeremiah says for on behalf of God fear you not me don't you fear me says the Lord will you not tremble at my presence and they they don't they don't they say they scoff it's quite remarkable but God is saying will you not tremble at my presence which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree that it cannot pass it so it doesn't matter how powerful the water is it's bound by the sand and God did that and it can never pass the boundary he says he he has placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree search forever that it cannot pass it and though the waves thereof tossed themselves yet can they not prevail they may they just they cannot get the upper hand over the sand of the seashore no matter how powerful these waves are and God saying I did that though they roar yet can they not

pass over it this is the God that we're dealing with it's the creator of the universe but this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart they are revolted and gone neither say they in their heart let us now fear the Lord our God that gives reign both the former and the latter in its season he reserves unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest so they just have no fear of God no understanding and they don't they don't have an acknowledgment of God in their heart and so we have to confront them bring these truths to them bring this understanding to them and ultimately get them to turn we know from Moses prophecy and Isaiah and Jeremiah and Malachi and Zechariah and Christ that eventually and the Apostle John eventually they will turn they will see and acknowledge him and they pierced but somebody has to be preaching the good news to them now we covered chapter 51 last week this week we're going to begin in 52 but just want to pick up a couple of verses from last week because of the sense of urgency in Isaiah 51 verse 9 we see this a week a week so this awake awake there's a sense of urgency put on strength o arm of the Lord so this is the first awake awake that the arm of the Lord must put on strength awake as in the ancient days in the generous days of old are you not it that cut Rahab and wounded the dragon okay so that's the first awake awake the armor of the Lord must put on strength then in verse 17 a weak awake stand up o Jerusalem so because the arm of the Lord has put on strength now Jerusalem can stand up and we see that in Zechariah 12 awake awake stand up o

Jerusalem which has drunk at the hand of
the Lord the cup of his fury so again to
our Jewish brethren how can Jerusalem be
the savior when God is punishing her so
severely because of her wickedness
she needs a savior stand now she can
stand up because these arm of the Lord
has strengthened awake awake stand up o
Jerusalem which has drunk at the hand of
the Lord the cup of his fury she had to
drink this you have drunken the dregs of
the cup of trembling and run them out
this this you know as I was very poetic
and I wish that I could do this in
Hebrew I'm sure it's you know the power
the poetry is lost in English but we do
get a sense of it here but also the
intensity this
is gonna be really horrific horrific for
Jerusalem and she has to drink a cup of
his fury and she's gonna drink the dregs
of the cup and wring them out now the
third awake awake begins chapter 52
so first the arm of the Lord must put on
strength then awake awake Jerusalem must
now stand up and now awake awake again
this sense of urgency and again because
the situation is so horrific you can
understand how urgent the situation is
awake awake put on your strength o scion
put on your beautiful garments Oh
Jerusalem the holy city so the enemies
the adversaries have surrounded
Jerusalem they have no regard regardless
of their rhetoric they really hate
Jerusalem because Satan hates Jerusalem
and they go in and they just it's it's
desolate it's the abomination of
desolation that completely make a
desolate and set up their abomination
there but they have no regard for it in
the city as left empty it's just
completely waste and now Zion is to put
on her strength and her beautiful

garments God has not forgotten Jerusalem and that's why when after Matthew 23 the scathing rebuke of the of Jerusalem dad God begins Matthew 24 saying don't be deceived that it's gonna look like I forsaken Jerusalem and people are gonna be talking about my return in a way that it sounds like I have no regard for Jerusalem but when I return I'm returning for Jerusalem so don't be deceived don't don't let anybody deceive you about my coming that it's gonna be clear to you because there's gonna be signs in the heavens and I'm coming to redeem Jerusalem so put on strength armor the allure the arm of the Lord stand up Jerusalem and now put on your strength of Zion and put on your four garments or Jerusalem the holy city for from now on excuse me they're found no more coming to you the uncircumcised and the unclean so we're gonna have a future where the uncircumcised and the unclean are going to be running roughshod over Jerusalem they're gonna take over the city but God is gonna stop it and it will never ever happen again in fact here in Revelation 21 he says and there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles neither whatsoever worketh abomination or makes a lie but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life so what we can see from this is those that are going to be in Jerusalem are going to be those that work abomination and they make a lie and again we just have to look at how how Jerusalem is surrounded just just look at that map and we see how tourism is surrounded by those that believe in longing and those that make abomination and God is saying this will never happen again this is it it'll never happen again so

here in Revelation he's telling us that from this the implication is that those that work abomination and those that make a lie or it will be in there but it's not gonna happen again and that's what Isaiah is saying here that they always shall no more coming to you the uncircumcised and the unclean and in fact Zechariah says the same thing in that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord the whole city is gonna be a paragon of holiness and everything in the city will be holy and the bells on the horses of the horses will be holiness unto the Lord and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar everything is for sacred worship yes every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts so we go from this abomination of desolation Jerusalem being desolate to it being rebuilt and restored and glorified and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them and see therein so there seems like there will be sacrifices there and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord so the Palestinians are saying hey we are Canaanites this is our land Israel is occupying the land and so they are admitting that they are Canaanites and God is saying Canaan Kanaan was cursed and God took the land from him because of his perversity and the perversion of the Canaanites and he gave that land to Abraham through covenant and to his seed forever and so the Canaanites are now fighting back to say this is our land and they take it over and God is saying no more there they're gonna be rooted out and they shall be no more there shall be no more the Canaanite in the

house of the Lord of Hosts as I have 52
verse 2 shake yourself from the dust
arise and sit down Oh Jerusalem loose
yourself from the bands off your neck o
captive daughter of Zion so we go from
this situation of horrific captivity
that is just unprecedented and now she's
told to loose herself from the bands off
your neck o captive daughter of Zion for
thus says the Lord you have sold
yourselves for nothing and you shall be
redeemed
without money so a very strange
situation where if people sold
themselves into slavery they did so for
money but hey I'll sell myself into
slavery I'll work for you for five years
I'll pay off all my debt and then I can
be free or somebody is selling someone
else for money but these people have
sold themselves into slave
for nothing it's their transgression
that has sold them into slavery and yet
God says although you sold yourself for
nothing you will be redeemed without
money so God is gonna redeem them not
for money for thus says the Lord God my
people went down before into Egypt to
sojourn there and then he switches and
he says the Assyrian will press them
without cause so what we see here is
there was the first exodus from Egypt
there's going to be a second exodus from
the Assyrian the Assyrian oppressed them
without cause and he says here without
cause and the reason we know it's
without cause is what we read earlier in
Isaiah in chapter 41 when God says to
the pagan nations produce your cause
what is the reason for all of this let's
hear it produce your cause says the Lord
bring forth your strong reasons or bring
forth your strongest arguments says the
king of Jacob he's the king of Jacob and

he wants to hear what are these strong arguments let them bring forth and show us what shall happen let them show the former things what they be that we may consider them and know the latter end of them so God is saying look if you are doing all of this in righteousness if you are doing this because you your God authorizes you to do this then let's test how real your God is can he tell us what's going to happen in the future because if he can't then he's a false god and your authorization for this brutality there is none and that makes you really wicked and so let's let's hear what you have to say about your authorization for this brutality now we want to know the latter and/or declare us things to come show the things that are to come here after that we may know that you are gods so you come and you you're serving this God that you claim authorizes you do all of this wickedness okay prove that it's that that you really do have God behind you so the things that are to come here after that we may know that you are gods yes do good or do evil that we may be dismayed and behold it together so tell us what's gonna happen and then we'll look and it should just happen without any human intervention it just it's just gonna happen because your God and Wow precisely exactly as you said I don't think so there's only one God that could do that and that's Yahweh the God of the Bible he says behold you are of nothing so God is not expecting any strong argument here this is bring your strongest argument and let's see how your God can predict the future so we know that you've really are serving a true god

you're nothing and your work is nothing
an abomination is he that chooses you
and many many many are choosing an
abomination and we need to be clear that
we are not choosing this we're choosing
the God of the Bible as I have 52 now
therefore what have I here says the Lord
that my people are taken away for
nothing they that rule over them make
them too how says the Lord and my name
continually every day is blaspheme so
God's name is blaspheme by the heathen
and in fact Paul quotes this passage in
Isaiah 52 in Romans 2 in Romans 2:23
says you that make your boast of the law
through breaking the law this honors you
dishonours your dishonor in God you
dishonor God for the name of God is
blasphemed among the Gentiles through
you as it is written so he's referring
back to Isaiah saying because of your
behavior because of your treachery
you're causing God's name to be
themed exactly what Isaiah says so
inside says now therefore what have I
here says the Lord that my people are
taking away for nothing again because of
their treachery because of their
wickedness they that rule over them make
them to howl says the Lord and my name
continually every day is blaspheming so
because Israel forsook God they found
themselves in this situation where their
God is mocked how could how could your
God in fact Allahu Akbar literally means
Allah is greater greater than Who
greater than Yahweh so every time
Muslims are subjugating Judah and crying
out Allahu Akbar this is blasphemy
Yahweh's name is being blaspheme what's
his name as I tells us he says therefore
my people shall know my name they will
know my name therefore they shall know
in that day that I am he that does speak

behold it is I the implication being
they don't know now they have no idea
who God is he came to them but they
denied him and he says in terms of
blaspheming his name and in chapter 37
who have you reproached and blaspheme
and against whom have you exalted your
voice and lifted up your eyes on high
speaking to the pagan nations even
against the Holy One of Israel so when
you blaspheme the name of Israel you're
blaspheming God's name because he is the
Holy One of Israel and he is the Holy
One of Israel forever

in chapter 41 he says fear not you worm
Jacob and you men of Israel I will help
here says the Lord and your Redeemer the
Holy One of Israel that's who he is the
Holy One of Israel in chapter 43 3 he
says for I am the Lord your God
the Holy One of Israel this this is the
name that is being blaspheme because
Israel has allowed herself to be in this
subjugated position so the name is being
blaspheme he says I gave you two free
ransom Ethiopian see before you in force
14 thus says the Lord your Redeemer the
Holy One of Israel in verse 15 I am the
Lord your Holy One the creator of Israel
your king in 47 for as for our Redeemer
the Lord of Hosts is his name the Holy
One of Israel and we can go on and on
and on its rod eyes eyes throughout
Jeremiah

back to I have 52 and this is really our
theme for this whole study coming from
this verse how beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of him that
brings good tidings and I think we just
read over that that it's upon the
mountains

so yes the feet of him that brings good
tidings are beautiful and these are the
same feet that were pierced the same

feet that the Jews allowed to be pierced
these feet are beautiful they were up
and down the mountains of Israel
bringing this good news to Israel that
publishes peace and it's so it's so
beautiful because of the warfare it's so
beautiful because of the slaughter
because of the subjugation because of
the the the angst that this is relief
from all of that Publishing peace that
brings good tidings of good this is the
gospel this is the good news the gospel
according to Isaiah that publishes
salvation this salvation this saving is
all about God's saving his people that
says unto Zion your God reigns this is
the answer to Allah ho Akbar this is the
answer to all those armies that are
going to be going into Jerusalem saying
Allah is greater no he's not
fictitious God reigns Yahweh reigns now
the mountains matter that how beautiful
upon the mountains let's just been a bit
of time talking about the mountains in
Deuteronomy 11 verse 11 God says or
Moses writes but the land where you go
to possess it is a land full of
mountains that that word is mountains
it's a land full of mountains and
valleys and drinks water from the rain
of heaven so they were in Egypt and they
had irrigation systems there and so the
water came from the river Nile but here
this land that they were going into God
himself would water the land and the
water would come down from the mountains
and there'd be valleys to catch the
water and and so the it's very specific
this is important it's important because
we have to have our geography right that
a lot of people are very North America
centric in in their in their
Christianity in fact if you look at some
of the ancient and older commentaries it

was very British centric and and in fact you know the New Jerusalem was Britain and then it became very American centric and all the American Christians are very focused on America but the Bible is a book about the Middle East and it's about a specific piece of real estate and here are the characteristics of this real estate it's a land full of hills and valleys for full of mountains that that word in in Hebrew actually her iam is mountains and drinks water of the rain of heaven this land this specific land is a land which the Lord your God cares for for the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it God loves this piece of real estate this land from the River Nile to Euphrates loves this piece of real estate the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the so this land has mountains and Jesus Christ was walking up and down on this land publishing good news and the controversy is on this piece of real estate and we see that controversy and we've read this before but we'll just read it again in Ezekiel 34 he says verse 13 and I will bring them out from the people and gather them from the country so again we just see this theme over and over and over God is going to gather his elect from the four corners of the earth and gather them from the from the countries and we'll bring them to their own land where is that land and feed them upon the mountains of Israel so we can't be confused God is very specific about which piece of real estate he's talking about it's this land that has them that has mountains and valleys and he's going to feet he's gonna gather

them and bring them and feed them upon
the mountains of Israel by the rivers
and in all the inhabitant have added
places of the country I will feed them
in a good pasture and upon the high
mountains of Israel so the gospel Jesus
Christ was up and down on these
mountains publishing peace publishing
good news of salvation and God is saying
now he's going to gather his people and
he's going to feed them on these
mountains of Israel so so we shouldn't
be confused about where where is all of
where is the focus of God's attention
upon the high mountains of Israel shall
their fault be there shall they lie in a
good fold and in a fat pasture shall
they feed upon the mountains of Israel
so where will they feed upon the
mountains of Israel moreover the word of
the Lord came unto me saying son of man
set your face against Mount Seir this is
Esau and today these are Muslim nations
set your face against Mount Seir and
prophesy against it and sand to it thus
says the Lord behold o Mount Seir I am
against you and I will stretch out my
hand against you and I will make you
most desolate so Mount Seir is gonna
make Jerusalem desolate and now
according to Moses the punishment the
curses that come upon God's people he's
going to take those curses and turn them
on his enemy and so he said on their
enemies and so that's what's happening
here

God says I'm against you even when you
look at malachi of the book of malachi
opens where israel is questioning God's
love for them and and God says I've
loved you but I've hated Esau so how
have you loved as well I'm in a covenant
with you but Esau despised that covenant
I've despised he saw and Esau said I

will we will we were impoverished but we
will rebuild and God says no you won't
you'll never rebuild and you'll be known
as the border of wickedness forever I'm
against you and I will stretch out my
hand against you and I will make you
most desolate I will lay your cities
waste so that's exactly what Moses said
they they what the enemies do to you God
will do to your enemies I will lay your
cities waste and you shall be desolate
and you shall know that I am the Lord
that's the end of allah-o-akbar that
Allah is greater know you will know that
Yahweh is the Lord because you have had
a perpetual hatred this is something
that goes all the way back to Esau and
Ishmael it's a perpetual hatred and have
shed the blood of the children of Israel
by the force of the sword so here we
have these nations that are that are
beheading Judah and Israel with the
force of the sword in a time of their
calamity in the time that their iniquity
had an end therefore as I live God is
swearing this says the Lord God I will
prepare you unto blood and blood shall
pursue you since you have not hated
blood even blood shall pursue you so
this is a very bloody people they love
blood blood is shedding everywhere and
God is say okay if you love blood blood
is gonna pursue
thus will I make Mount Seir most
desolate and cut off from it him that
passes out and him that returns so
everybody that is involved here with
Mount Seir God is saying is gonna cut
them off and I don't think it takes much
imagination to try to think that you
know who are these Edomite nations that
surround Jerusalem that love blood that
have a controversy over God that are
saying that their God is God that is

blaspheming the God of Israel that God is now going to take them and since they love blood blood is gonna pursue them thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate I'll make most most desolate from him that passes out in him that returns and I will fill his mountains with his slain men so so he's filling the mountains of Israel with slain men and God is saying no I'm gonna fill your mountains with slain men in your hills and in your valleys in your hills and in your in your valleys he says and in your work all your rivers shall they fall that are slain with the sword and this is exactly what we see in fact in in Revelation that the understanding of the Saints have he said this is the patience of the Saints what is the patience of the Saints the understanding that he that lives by the sword must die by the sword and so it is this understanding of the prophetic word that these curses that have come upon God's people it's just for a little while and then God is going to redeem his people and take all these curses and put them back on their enemies so those that live by the sword they will die by the sword and so the Saints are able to have this patience because we're able to look at everything through the lens of God's Word and the lens of the faithfulness of God to his word he says I will make you perpetual desolations exactly what Malachi says they'll try to rebuild what God says no he'll be known as the border of wickedness forever I will make you perpetual desolations and your cities shall not return and you shall know that I am the Lord so there's a controversy you don't know you you're claiming someone else's God but you will

know that Yahweh is the Lord because you have said these two nations and these two countries shall be mine that is Israel and Judah and we will possess it it's ours whereas the Lord was there he didn't realize the Lord was there the Lord was allowing this we know from Habakkuk that God is raising up the Chaldeans and allowing them to do their work it's God's strange work but it's only for a window and then God is going to reverse it therefore as I live says the Lord I will even do according to your anger so these are angry people and according to your envy ah they're full of envy they hate Judah because of Judas heritage with God and there's Envy there and they want to claim that they have this heritage so there's a these are angry people and they're envious people which have used out of your hatred against them which you have used out of your hatred against them so these are people full of hatred that if you subscribe to their ideology you immediately become a hater that when you study their scriptures you hate and you hate Judas specifically and I will make myself known among them when I have judged you and you shall know that I am the Lord God keeps repeating this there's real controversy and we're saying to Zion your God reigns and God is saying to eat them the you will know that I am the Lord and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel very specific piece of real estate God is concerned about saying they are laid desolate they are given us to destroy so God has stopped protecting them hey we can go in and destroy thus with your mouth you have multiplied your

you have boasted against me and have multiplied your words against me I have heard them thus says the Lord God when the whole earth rejoices I will make you desolate so the whole whole earth is gone after them who can make war with them there just in such power everyone agrees with them and they're all rejoicing with them and God says in that moment I'm going to make you and when you're at the pinnacle of your glory I'm going to make you desolate this is what God is so specific he says he's the only one that can do this he can declare the future from ancient times telling us what's going to happen as you did rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate so will I do unto you you shall be desolate they don't realize that Israel is the Lord's inheritance and so Israel is the apple of God's eye when they are destroying Israel like this they're destroying the Lord's heritage his inheritance and so you did rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate here we see that already there there's such a joy whenever there is a terrorist attack and Jews are slaughtered so will I do unto you you shall be desolate on Mount Seir and all I do Mina even all of it so all of all of Edom and eat up Edom being Esau and even you know the way Ephraim is really a stand-in for all of all of Israel Edom is really a stand-in for all of Ishmael ish the Israelites and because eat'em married into Ishmael so that hole really though all these Muslim nations that surround are considered Edom but we can see that specifically the Kingdom of Edom and all these neighbors that hate Israel and full of envy hatred and anger

toward her God says they shall know that
I am the Lord
so let's now in that context go back to
Isaiah and this is the context as this
controversy over the mountains of Israel
this is what sets up the context for
this verse how beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of him that
brings the gospel this good news is so
necessary because of the catastrophe the
catastrophic warfare that these
mountains of Israel have been subjected
to how beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him that brings the gospel
that publishes peace that brings good
tidings of good and publishes salvation
and says unto Zion your God reigns and
the enemies will know that Yahweh is God
and again this passage is quoted again
by Paul in Romans 10 he says how then
shall they call on him in whom they
haven't believed and how shall they
believe in him of whom they have not
heard and how shall they hear without a
preacher and how shall they preach
except they be sent so so the only way
to have a true preacher is someone who's
actually sent because this this requires
courage this requires a work ethic to be
digging in and really understanding so
that we can preach the truth so how
shall they preach except they be sent as
it is written and now he quotes isaiah
but he plural eise's it how beautiful
are the feet of them that preach the
gospel of peace and bring glad tidings
of good things so this again shows that
the prophecies concerning the suffering
servant are now being fulfilled and
continued in the body of Christ in his
church and its really that sold you know
volume 1 and volume 2 of Luke where the
Gospel according to Luke is volume 1 and
we see the work of the Messiah and then

volume 2 is the book of Acts where we see the work of the Messiah except this time it's through the Holy Spirit in his body and so the church is the body of Christ and so this clearly again we were asking before is the Christian Church prophesied here we see the Christian Church is the embodiment of the suffering servant how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings our good good news of good things but they have not all obeyed the gospel for Isaiah says Lord who has believed our report so as I saying hey they don't believe we have a report and they don't believe so then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God so again this is why we have to get the Word of God right we have to preach the Word of God we need to be going to the house of Jacob going to the house of Judah telling them of their foolishness showing them the truth showing them the prophecies so that they can hear the Word of God but I say have they not heard yes verily their sound went into all the earth and their words unto the end of the world but I say did not Israel know first Moses says I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people and by a foolish nation will I anchor you so God is trying to provoke his people they will not listen so he's now bringing the Gentiles into the church giving the Gentiles the truth Gentiles and how going to the Jewish people going to Israel and saying this is the truth and it's to provoke them to jealousy but Isaiah is very bold Paul says and says I was found of them that sought me not I was made manifest to them that asked not after me but to Israel he says all day long I've

stretched forth my hands unto a
disobedient and gainsaying people so
these people God has tried to work with
them try to work with them but they're
foolish they're deaf there they're blind
and yet the Gentiles come into the
church and and they were not looking for
God the way the way God is looking for
Israel and so now with the Gentiles
coming into the
their purpose is to provoke Israel so
God has not forsaken Israel that's why
saya your Watchmen shall lift up the
voice the voice together shall they sing
for they shall see eye to eye when the
Lord shall bring again Zion so God is
not forgotten Zion you'll see break
forth into joy sing together you waste
places of Jerusalem what a contrast it's
going to be horrific and then it's gonna
be beautiful break forth into joy sing
together you waste places of Jerusalem
for the Lord has comforted his people he
will comfort his people he has redeemed
Jerusalem this is God's focus and this
has to be our focus we can't be so
caught up in our daily lives David says
may my right hand forget her skill and
my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I forget Jerusalem and so we have to
get our focus in the right place and
that is where God's focus is and his
focus is on the redemption of Jerusalem
for the Lord has comforted his people he
has redeemed Jerusalem the Lord has made
bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the
nations and my wife is showing me in one
of the commentaries but when one bares
his arm is to roll up with your long
sleeve garment to get ready for work and
certainly God is going to do a great
work here in front of these nations
these nations that are vicious these
nations that are rebellious these

nations that are blaspheming he's going to do he's gonna bare his holy arm he's cutting Zechariah 12 he's coming to fight and subjugate these nations and put them in their place and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God now that sounds like it could be a positive thing like oh wow a joy to the world the Lord has come let earth receive her King

nonsense nonsense it's not joy to the world

John John tells us in Revelation 1 I believe it's verse 7

that the Jews are going to acknowledge Christ but the nations are going to wail because of him it is bad bad news for the nations because all the nations have gathered together to fight against Jerusalem so when God comes to redeem Jerusalem Zechariah 12 he's going to fight against all these nations and so all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God that's not going to be pretty so the gospel is good news for God's people it's bad news for everybody else and when they see the salvation of God when he makes bare his holy arm it's the fight here in Zechariah 12 he says verse 3 and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people it's gonna be a burden for them all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces this is what the arm of the Lord is going to do cut them in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it so even though all the people of the earth think that they can destroy Jerusalem they cannot God as promised he will not make a full end of Jerusalem and so he's gonna bare his holy arm and he's going to destroy these nations and they're going to see the salvation of Jerusalem

they're going to see the salvation of
God's people just wrap up here in Isaiah
52

he says depart you depart you go you out
from here so again a sense of urgency
get out of here touch no unclean thing
go you out of the midst of her be you
clean that bear the vessels of the Lord
and this is just an echo of Isaiah 48 go
you forth of Babylon flee from the
Chaldeans so it's not just a generic
Babylon its specific the Chaldeans with
a voice of singing declare you tell this
utter it even to the end of the earth
say you the Lord has redeemed his
servant Jacob

so get out of Babylon God is reaching
redeemed Jacob and then it's also
reminiscent of Isaiah

sorry revelation things 18:4 come out of
her my people he says for you shall not
go out with haste so come out of her my
people but he says you're not gonna go
out of in haste it's not it's not it's
not a desperate leaving for you shall
not go out with haste nor go by flight
for the Lord will go before you this is
the second Exodus God is coming to
gather his people from the four corners
of the earth and he's telling them here
you're not gonna have to flee in haste
the Lord will go before you and the God
of Israel will be your reward so it's at
that sort of the you'll be in the front
and he's also gonna be gathering them
from the back and we'll just end with
this first here and Isaiah 28 verse 14
therefore hear the word of the Lord
you scornful men that rule this people
which is in Jerusalem because you have
said we have made a covenant with death
now I wonder who do we know what what
peoples have made a covenant with death
because you have said we have made a

covenant with death and with hell are we
at agreement so so who is it that loves
death that is driving as many people as
possible into the grave that themselves
are looking forward to being slaughtered
when the overflowing scourge shall pass
through it it shall not come unto us for
we have made lies our refuge
now again who is it that loves death
which people have made lies their refuge
and under falsehood have we hid
ourselves hmm who hides themselves under
lies therefore thus says the Lord the
Lord God behold I lay in Zion a I lay in
Zion for a foundation a stone a tried
stone a precious cornerstone and Christ
himself quoted this when he was on earth
to say the the stone that the builders
refused has become the head of the
corner which he was quoting Psalms but
here it is in Isaiah I lay in Zion for a
foundation a stone a tried stone a
precious cornerstone a sure foundation
he that believes shall not make haste so
the Jews that come to believe in this
precious cornerstone they will not have
to make haste God is going to gather
them lead them out in a very orderly way
and this is the future so it's a future
that's gonna get very very dark but then
it's gonna be very very bright in
Jerusalem forever and God has called the
Christian Church today to understand all
of this to proclaim all of this and
ultimately to oversee all of this as
assistants we are this firstfruits
harvest to assist him in this fall
harvest which is going to be a really
massive operation but as we dig into
Isaiah we understand it more I'm gonna
finish here I'll begin in verse 13 of
Isaiah 52 next week because it's really
part of really the chapter break should
be here and so next week God willing we

are really going to get into this suffering servant the one of these servant songs of Isaiah where it is undeniably speaking of Jesus Christ but I think well many times when we as Christians read it we read it in a Passover context but as we've been reading it in the context of Isaiah we should also be thinking of it in an atonement context that this is how God will bring Judah and Israel to be of one with him through this suffering servant so god bless what a mighty God we serve we need to proclaim to Judah and to Jacob that your God reigns and to drive them and to invite them to repentance and to a relationship with the true God yeah