

23-Isaiah-19-Transcript

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well good evening to another Wednesday night Bible study and we are just marching through the Book of Isaiah we are up to chapter 54 let's open with a word of Prayer and get into the text our Heavenly Father we pause before beginning our study because we want to acknowledge you father and we want to thank you there is just so much confusion in this world and it's a world that's getting darker and darker it's spinning faster and faster out of control and yet we can be anchored with your Shore word and we just thank you Father for the incredible privilege that we have to access the ancient prophets to access the Word of the very God of the of the universe the God of Israel we praise you father we thank you for this we pray God that you'll continue to bless us as we hunger and thirst for your righteousness and that you'll bless us this evening as we study your word together we ask this Lord in Jesus Christ Most Holy Name Amen as I mentioned we're up to Isaiah chapter 54 last week we were looking at Isaiah chapter 53 a very pivotal chapter that really outlines the the role of the suffering servant and and how the suffering servant makes the reconciliation of Israel with God possible and through that the reconciliation of the world with God possible so we'll continue with Isaiah chapter 54 and I believe it was in Chapter 52 that I went back to the Book of Lamentations to do as an introduction as an on-ramp in to Isaiah and I want to

do that again for this chapter because
Jeremiah having lived through the the
the anti-type of what Isaiah was
ultimately prophesying
he then personified the suffering of
Jerusalem and the suffering of his
people in lamentations and so that's
just a foreshadowing of the suffering
that is going to come upon God's chosen
people in the end time so here in
lamentations

chapter one verse one he writes how does
the city sit solitary that the you get a
sense of confusion is like how could
this happen this glorious city that
seemed untouchable that had had God's
blessing and mercy well we just have to
go back to Deuteronomy we just have to
go back to the Covenant and said yes you
will be blessed if you obey God but in
disobeying God these are the curses that
will come upon you and and this most
certainly and that's the thing about God
he's not random he's not arbitrary he's
very precise he's very specific and he's
very true to his word and so we just
have to go to the Covenant and see what
was promised what was agreed to and then
we know that God is gonna carry out his
word faithfully so how does the city sit
solitary that was full of people how has
she become as a widow she that was great
among the nations and princess among the
provinces how has she become a slave the
Lord was as an enemy this is why this is
what happened it was they became an
enemy of God so the Lord now is against
them this is the answer the Lord was as
an enemy he has he has swallowed up
Israel it might look like the
Babylonians came in and swallowed up
Israel but God is saying and and the
Assyrians who swallowed up the northern
tribes God is saying I did it I did it

the Lord was as an enemy he has
swallowed up Israel according to the
Covenant he has swallowed up all her
palaces that this was a glorious nation
he has destroyed his strongholds and has
increased in the daughter of Judah
mourning and lamentation God has done
this now we just fast-forward to chapter
3 even though God set himself up as an
enemy to Jerusalem and as an enemy to
his people Israel

listen to what the Prophet writes

Jeremiah lamentations 3:21

this I recall to mind therefore I have
hope it is of the Lord's mercies that we
are not consumed and that's what we see
in Malachi people are very familiar with
the passage in Malachi were says you
know I'm the Lord I've changed not and
people use that as some sort of Greek
philosophical platform to say that God
is fixed but that's not what God is
saying in Malachi I believe it's chapter
3 when he says I am the Lord I change
not he explains what he means he says
therefore you sons of Jacob are not
destroyed so when God makes a covenant
when God makes a promise he doesn't look
for something better

he doesn't negate his promises or renege
on his promises and so because God made
a promise to Abraham that is eternal
this is why the sons of Jacob are not
destroyed and this is why his mercy
endures forever and so Jeremiah in
looking at this devastation and looking
at the catastrophe the calamity he still
has hope and he says this I recall to
mind therefore I have hope it is of the
Lord's mercies that we are not destroyed
because his Compassion's fail not they
are new every morning great is thy
faithfulness and that's such a beautiful
hymn I think many of us are familiar

with it how great God's faithfulness is
but many of us just take it personally
God is faithful to me but what we really
need to understand about this is God is
faithful to his word and his
faithfulness is great to his word he
magnifies his word even above his own
name and so because of this jeremiah is
confident that they will not be
destroyed the God's mercy is new every
morning so there's a new start even
though it's devastation and plunder
today we can look forward tomorrow -
tomorrow and that really is you know
it's like from the very creation when
God created that the night in the day
the night comes first and and it plunges
into deep darkness
and then the light comes and that really
sets down the pattern for how God works
that with man that mankind is going to
plunge himself into deep darkness is
real specifically going to plunge
themselves into deep darkness but then
light will appear and so they are new
every morning great is thy faithfulness
the Lord is my portion says my soul this
is a truth that Jeremiah understood
therefore will I hope in him and so that
pattern that's laid down in lamentations
it's actually laid down through all the
prophets it's like Jay I just mentioned
it's laid down from the very beginning
of creation this pattern of going into
deep darkness and then light emerging
and eliminating the darkness this is the
pattern that we see in Isaiah and so
Isaiah really you know first Isaiah is
laying down the plunge into deep
darkness and then second Isaiah is the
emergence of light through the sea as a
result of the work of the suffering
servant and so this is what we're going
to see this pattern now as we come into

Isaiah 54 and as I just has this way of just constantly coming back to this and emphasizing it so that we don't miss it so he says here in Isaiah 54 and verse 1 he says sing o barren that did not bear so you know and again back in the day to not have children was a great burden for women today it's the thing not to have children you know it's a just modern Western man yeah just doesn't kick light fears about career not about children but back in the day it was all about having children and having big families and but some women were not blessed that way and so they were really burdened and we can think of Hannah when we can read in in Samuel how she hugged burdened she was not to have children I certainly we can think of Sarah but here God is telling them to break forth into sin and cry aloud so there's a turning of events break forth into singing and cry aloud that you did not travail with child for more are the children of the desolate so he says here more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife so somehow the woman that was desolate that was barren that had no children the married wife she was having lots of children not but yet there's been this turn of events turn the turn of Fortune where the woman that had no children now has more children the woman that was desolate now has more children than the married wife and so God is telling the desolate one to rejoice and and what we're going to see here is the desolate one is Israel it's it's Israel and Judah in the end time they've been completely ravished and wiped out and there's nothing left and yet God is telling this remnant rejoice because you're gonna have more children than the married

woman which was ancient Israel that was married to God and here we'll see in Isaiah 49 we actually read this when we were back in chapter 49 he says then shall you say in your heart who has begotten me these seeing I have lost my children so so there's this devastation that's going to come in the end time upon the head of Israel upon the head of Judah great devastation and yet God says that's going to be reversed and they're going to have tremendous blessings and they're going to have lots of children and and there's this sense of confusion now in the same way that Jeremiah was confused as the how did the city become desolate now there's this confusion as how did the desolate City become so prosperous then shall you say in your heart who has begotten me these seeing I have lost my children and I'm desolate a captive I'm a slave and removing to and fro and they're just taking me around wherever they and who has brought up these behold I was left alone these where had they been so all of a sudden all these children are appearing for Judah and for Israel and there's this where did these people come from now all of this because God is faithful to his word all of this is fulfilling the ancient prophecy to Abraham where in Genesis 22 17 God says that in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is upon the seashore and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies this is what God is going to fulfill so we walk by faith not by sight and no matter what it looks like and there's this growing anti-semitism all around the world something that we thought we would never see again after the

Holocaust never again never again never again and yet it's happening again and yet the promises that the seed of Abraham the covenant seed of Abraham will possess the gate of his enemies so the enemies are going to surround and destroy and then God is going to act and reverse it and Israel and Judah will possess their enemies now Paul the Apostle Paul does something really fascinating with this verse Isaiah 54 1 where the desolate woman has more children and is to rejoice over the married woman that had lots of children but now the desolate woman has more children than the married woman look what Paul does what this is very fascinating and a lot of people because they divorce the New Testament from the Old Testament they make things up they make up meanings that Paul never intended but Paul is actually commenting on Isaiah 54 verse 1 and so when we realize that the Bible has to reconcile reconcile this scripture cannot be broken that we can use Paul to understand what's going on in Isaiah but we can also use Isaiah to actually understand what Paul is saying so look what he does in Galatians chapter 4 he says here in Galatians chapter 4 tell me beginning in verse 21 tell me you that desire to be under the law do you not hear the law and so the traditional Christian they're going to use this passage to say laws done away we don't need the law and yet that's not what Paul is saying so let's read this in the context or through the lens of Isaiah that Paul is not gonna contradict Isaiah he is just using what Isaiah says to bring out this meaning much more clearly and I think what's important I think where people get off-track is they

believe that God has a relationship with
Gentiles that God is unfaithful that
he's married to Israel but on the side
he has an intimate relationship with
Gentiles god forbid we have to just
expunge that concept out of our mind
God has zero nothing nothing to do with
Gentiles there is no relationship that
God has with Gentiles he has a
relationship an intimate relationship
with Israel he says through Amos you
only have I known of all the families of
the earth you only have I known in that
word known it implies intimately known
nobody else so understanding that when
we come into Galatians
it's very clear that Paul is speaking to
a people who have been grafted into
Israel is he speaking to Israel Jew or
Gentile
it doesn't matter they've been grafted
into Israel and they're all one they're
all a piece so this is a message to
Israel whether a Jew or Gentile this is
a message to the covenant people and the
Gentiles have been grass
and you know he says tell me you that
desire to be under the law do you not
hear the law for it is written that
Abraham had two sons
mr. Abraham had two sons the one by a
bondmaid the other by a freewoman so
this is what we understand that
Abraham's wife Sarah was free but Hagar
was a slave a bond woman and he had a
son through Hagar and a son through
Sarah he says but he that is Ishmael who
was of the bondwoman was born after the
flesh that was just a carnal it had
nothing to do with God that was just a
carnal activity and this boy was born
and it really it's outside of the
Covenant has nothing to do with God but
he of the freewoman was by promise so

one one child was just born the way any
other child is born just of the flesh
but Isaac was a miracle Isaac was a
miracle and he came because God promised
that he would bring this child through
Abraham and Sarah
so this Isaac was by promised miraculous
not just a carnal act then he says which
things are an allegory so he's saying
this whole thing now is it has a
symbolic meaning so let's unpack the
symbolic meaning of the fact that
Abraham had two sons through two
different women one was free and one was
bound these things are an allegory for
these are the two covenants there it is
right there we don't need to try to
figure out what is the allegory what is
the symbolism Paul tells us that Hagar
and Ishmael represent the Old Covenant
Sarah and Isaac represents the New
Covenant and he's gonna unpack this
further these things are an allegory for
these are the two covenants the one from
the Mount Sinai which begets bondage
which leads the bondage which is Hagar
so Hagar is from Mount Sinai and she
represents the Old Covenant and it leads
to bondage simply but they can't keep
the Covenant so all the curses are upon
and they're one of the key curses is
they'll be captive for this Hagar is
Mount Sinai in Arabia and I mean there
was a question earlier about you know
which where is non cyanide we had a
great presentation from one of our
brethren he came up last year Pentecost
and really through archaeology and just
very systematic thinking and research
was able to show us that the true
Messiah is in Arabia and Paul confirms
it here this Hagar is Mount Sinai in
Arabia and answers to Jerusalem which
now is and is in bondage with her

children so what he's saying here and this is fascinating Hagar represents the Old Covenant

it's a carnal covenant but now he goes further and he says that that Hagar actually corresponds to Jerusalem so he's not saying that Jerusalem represents the New Covenant he's actually saying the opposite that Jerusalem and Hagar are one in the same so if you really think through this allegory he's saying that the Hagar is carnal and the child's comes to a carnal relationship and it just leads to she was a bound woman and that just leads to bondage and then he's saying this actually symbolizes Jerusalem that is under the Old Covenant and has been led into bond

so Hagar Ishmael

the old covenant people they're all the same package they're bound then he says this opposite to that so opposite to Ishmael and opposite to Old Covenant Israel is Jerusalem which is about so this Jerusalem that's above that is coming to earth

this Jerusalem is free completely free has nothing to do with bondage but Jerusalem which is above is free which is the mother of us all so so this is our mother this is where we are born of this mother so so this now really is the symbolism of Sarah that Sarah points to the Jerusalem which is above and her children Jerusalem above come by promise not through carnal behavior but Jerusalem which above which is above is free which is the mother of us all for it is written and now he quotes Isaiah so in this this allegory that he sees in the two relationship that Abraham had he sees it fulfilled in Isaiah's prophecy so he says for it is written so let's go

to Isaiah 54 rejoice you barren
you barren that bear is not so this is
Sarah rejoice you barren that bear is
not break forth and cry that travails
not for the desolate has many more
children than she which has a husband
and so there's this turn of events and
now the one that was childless is going
to have children more than the sand of
the seashore more than the stars in
heaven this is by promise now we
brethren as Isaac was are the children
of
promised so he sang brethren this this
is important we brethren Israel Gentile
or Jew Israel those in the New Covenant
say he's making it clear there's an Old
Covenant people and then there's a new
covenant people and the old covenant
people are really symbolized by Ishmael
and Hagar that's the old covenant that's
the kernel and that just leads to
bondage the new covenant has to do with
the Holy Spirit which comes from heaven
that this New Jerusalem is our mother
and we come by promise now we brethren
as Isaac was are the children of promise
but as then he that was born after the
flesh this is fascinating so the same
way it was way back when when he that
was born after the flesh persecuted him
that was born after the spirit even so
it is now and so when he says now we had
the the the Jewish leaders the the
Pharisees and the scribes and and the
the Sadducees and all of it the Jews
there who would not accept the suffering
servant and put him to death and then
persecuted the church or his body
afterwards and so Paul is saying this is
the same thing they're they're all a
piece this this is what what happened
anciently is happening now and then even
today we could say it's the same thing

that Ishmael persecuted Isaac and that's what's happening in the world today and as the world is spinning out of control you can't understand it unless you have the insight like this that Paul had that as it was anciently even so it is now that Ishmael that those that were born of the flesh will persecute the New Covenant people and that's what Christ prophesied so the the carnal one really is going to sweep the nation's and so will really be Confederate and lead and consolidate the nation's the Gentile nations to persecute the children of promise nevertheless so even though even though that's the way it is now nevertheless what does the scripture say the scripture that cannot be broken what does God's Word say no so that's the way it is now nevertheless what does the scripture say cast out the bondwoman and her son so this is why Isaiah says the desolate woman has far more children now than the married woman the married woman being an Old Covenant Israel that's over now that's the God's done with that now he's shifted to the New Covenant and so the Old Covenant cannot reproduce anymore it's done and now all the children of the future and that promise to Abraham that his seed would be more than the sand of the sea seashore all of that is coming out of the New Jerusalem and the New Covenant Israel so nevertheless what says the scripture cast out the bondwoman and her son and so this is this is the fate of not only Ishmael but also Jerusalem under the Old Covenant cast out the bondwoman and her son for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman that is actually quite

frightening so even if you are genetically a Jew or genetically an Israelite if you do not accept Jesus Christ you're cast out it doesn't it it's done it's over you have to accept Christ to be a child of promise in order to be included in the future so so you know going forward it's all about the New Jerusalem so then brethren we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free so this is making it very clear we're done with the Old Covenant we are now under the new covenant and then he concludes here or we'll just conclude his argument here in Galatians five stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage so this is not saying go ahead and break the Sabbath have a big feast and eat all the shrimp you want and go and fornicate and commit adultery and lie and murder and steal and just have your way and as long as you're in Christ once saved always say don't worry about it it's not saying that at all and that's what people have twisted this to mean that the law is done away and that's not what he's saying is saying the Old Covenant is done away and it really it's ineffectual now because the New Covenant has made it obsolete so that the Old Covenant is obsolete because there's now a new covenant and so stay in the new covenant which is by promise we are children through the promise and it's not if we're trying to work up our own righteousness we're gonna be destroyed and so accept Christ as Savior and understand that it's through promise that we obtain salvation and that now that we have obtained salvation with Christ we must do those things that please him and we just only

have to read the book of Revelation to see that it's those that keep the commandments of God that will be saved so fascinating what Paul did with with Isaiah so that's Isaiah 54 verse 1 now we're coming into verse 2 where he says now he says to him Isaiah writes enlarge the place of your tent your dwelling place in the largest visit this is speaking to the desolate woman though the woman has just been wiped out that has seen no mercy now all of that has stopped and the prophecy now says enlarge the place of your tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitation spare not lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes so now she can just well freely and this is in country distinction to what Jeremiah experienced he says in Jeremiah 10 my tabernacle is spoiled 10:20 and all my cords are broken here he sang lengthen your cords spare not could you spread out here he's saying my Tabernacle my tent is spoiled and all my kora cords are broken my children are gone forth took me they I've lost my children and they are not there is none to stretch forth my tent any more and to set up my curtains and yet God reverses this and we saw that in Isaiah 49 he says for your waist and your desolate places and the land of your destruction shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants so you're gonna have so many people coming back to your land that there won't be space it's too narrow now for they that swallowed you up shall be far away so this is again God promises that they will inherit and they will possess the Gentiles so they will now have the upper hand the children which you shall have after you have lost the other shall say again

in your ears the place is too straight
for me it's too too narrow give place to
me that I may dwell so again this is the
new woman the woman now by promise
they've repented they have received the
Holy Spirit God God is pouring out his
spirit upon them he's bringing them back
into the land and this is the woman that
is now having far more children even
though she was desolate and there was
hardly just a remnant left now she's
gonna have far more children than the
married woman which was the Old Covenant
water Old Covenant Israel the children
which you shall have after you have lost
the other shall say again in your ears
the place is too narrow for me give
place to me
that I made well back to Isaiah 54 in
verse 3 he says for you shall break
forth on the right hand and on the left
you're going to be free and your seed
shall inherit the Gentiles these
powerful people these powerful nations
that just moved in that looked
unstoppable the promise to Abraham was
that your seed shall possess the
Gentiles and now God is fulfilling this
even though he has to fulfill his word
this this is why what we read last week
in Isaiah 53 is so critical because God
has to be faithful to his word to Moses
and at the same time he has to be
faithful to his word to Abraham but this
sets up a contradiction because he's got
to punish the people according to the
covenant with Moses but at the same time
the people need to possess all the lands
and the Gentiles and and be in
enumerable because that was the promise
that was unconditional to Abraham so how
does he solve this problem and to the
suffering servant who fulfills all the
conditions of the Mosaic Covenant all of

the conditions for righteousness but then all of the conditions to be cursed so that he lifts the curse off Israel so that if they will accept him as their Savior they can now have the promises to Abraham and God never ever ever breaks his word it's impossible for God to lie it's impossible for God to go back on his word so as a result of what we saw in Isaiah 53 God is able to navigate this this conundrum this contradiction that that he keep how can he fulfill both things because of the Supreme servant and so here we see now the fulfillment of Abraham is to Abraham your seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited in chapter 43 what we saw he said fear not for I am with you I will bring your seed from the east and gather you from the west and we saw that numerous times throughout Isaiah and Eva Christ says the same thing that the elect will be gathered the chosen will be gathered from the four corners of the earth and brought back to the land and here in Isaiah 60 we've read it before will read it again in this context and the Gentiles shall come to your light these Gentiles that hated you these hand Gentiles that meant to destroy you they shall come to your light and Kings to the brightness of your rising so these people will be above Kings that Kings will come and be subservient to them lift up your eyes round about and see all they gather themselves together they come to you lift up your look at this you would never believe it but I'm fulfilling my word and so we've there's been this reversal of fortune and the Gentiles are down Israel is now up and the all they come to you your sons shall

come from far and your daughters shall be nursed at your side and so this is this where did all these children come from I thought I was completely wiped out but God knows who who carries the DNA the genetic code of Israel and he's got them all monitored all over the earth and so when this time happens he knows who to gather and they're all gonna be brought back to the son of the promised land and these people who thought they were completely wiped out because of the deed the thoroughness of the Gentiles but yet where did all these children come from your son shall come from far and your daughters shall be nursed at your side then you shall see and flow together and your heart shall fear and be enlarged because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto you shall be brought to you so this this all this well is not just that the people are coming yes the people are coming but they're bringing all this wealth with them as well for offerings the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto you

and back to Isaiah 54 so it's throughout the scriptures and so we'll be going through and then just I thought it's just going to be going through this in different ways from different angles to make sure that Israel really gets it and really we in the new covenant Israel we have to really get it because we have to communicate this to Israel both Israel and Judah we need to say behold your God and we need to drive them to repentance and be the voice of reason be the voice of clarity in a world of confusion and spiraling out of control that's becoming more and more violent somebody needs to explain what's going on and so as ayah is explained it over and

over so that we can get it so that we
can comfort God's people fear not for
you shall not be ashamed and that's one
thing that there's such a resentment for
God's chosen people that they are
constantly driven to shame but I say a
says fear not for you shall not be
ashamed neither will you be confused for
you shall not be put to shame for you
shall forget the shame of your youth and
shall not remember the reproach of your
widowhood anymore so all of that loss
you're not gonna remember it anymore
that that's in the past so so move away
from that it's time to move forward to a
bright bright future in chapter 41 he
said again fear you not for I am with
you God is with you be not dismayed for
I am your God I will strengthen you yes
I will help you yes I will uphold you
with the right hand of my righteousness
excuse me it's all about God's
righteousness and we could just say
rightness God does what is right and God
puts things in order
even from the creation when there was
all this chaos Tohu and bohu
and God
that's it right and so there's going to
be this Tohu and bohu in the creation in
the end time and God is coming to put it
right and a big part of putting it
right was the Covenant people need to be
in place
despite their faithlessness and despite
the wickedness of the Gentiles God is
coming to put things right and we are
going to help him in Isaiah 45 he says
they shall be ashamed so so in 54 he
said it's gonna take the shame away from
his people but here he says they the
persecutors the oppressors they will be
ashamed and in fact this the pattern was
laid down by Moses in Deuteronomy 30

when he says when God finally acts and then puts his spirit in you and brings you to true repentance then he's gonna take the curse off you and he's gonna put it on your enemies all those that persecute you they're gonna receive the curses so we can read and Deuteronomy 28 29 all those persons that are on Israel they're eventually going to be on the head of the Gentiles so he says that they shall be ashamed and also confounded all of them they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols and that's really all the Gentiles have is false gods but Israel you get back in 45 17 but Israel shall be saved so it's gonna be this great confusion violence everywhere oppression slavery it's gonna be the devil's paradise which is gonna be man's nightmare but God says in all of that the Gentiles will be shamed and Israel shall be saved but Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation and everlasting salvation you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end forever you will never be confounded so this is back in 45 here we are nine chapters later Isaiah saying the same he's hoping that we get it that we need to be solid in this understanding so that when we preach the good news we preach it from a place a base that is solid we know what we're talking about and we have the ancient prophets that are all reinforcing this every prophet is saying it over and over and regardless of which prophet we go to or or or apostle well Christ himself it's one message it's one narrative and they're all saying the same thing we're solid we know what we're talking about Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation you shall not

be ashamed nor confounded
world-without-end
back to Isaiah 54 he says here as I 54
it says for your maker is your husband
so this is now you know the Old Covenant
woman was married but that's done now
the New Covenant woman is the same thing
Israel and God are one Israel and God
are one Israel is the Lord's helper the
Lord is Israel's husband for your maker
is your husband the Lord of Hosts is his
name and your redeemer the Holy One of
Israel and this is what I say over and
over again that we have to tie this to
Matthew 24 when Christ says you shall be
hated of all nations of all the Gentiles
for my name's sake what is his name is
the Lord of hosts
specifically the Holy One of Israel
and that this name Israel will be
blessed themed in the end time but
somebody needs to say no no no God is
the Holy One of Israel you're making a
big mistake
he says the god of the whole earth shall
he be called there goes allahu akbar oh
well that's over to say Allah is greater
Allah is greater Allah is greater
no that's gonna stop that's gonna come
to an end those people are going to come
to shame and God will be known
throughout the whole earth
as the Holy One of Israel and the whole
earth will come to Jerusalem to learn
the ways of the true God the God of the
whole earth shall he be called for the
Lord has called you as a woman forsaken
so this is a woman that's forsaken that
has is worthless but that's this is when
God called you the Lord has called you
as a woman Forsaken and grieved in
spirit so you were without hope and a
wife of youth when you were refused says
your God for a small moment have I

forsaken you so God has forsaken her she is devastated they have completely destroyed her and God says that all of that was just a small moment for a small moment of I forsaken you but with great mercies will I gather you that is exactly what Jeremiah saw that's why he says great is your faithfulness your mercies are new every morning so this intense punishment is just for a moment but God had to forsake her according to the Covenant and that's why Jeremiah says how long are they going to be deaf dumb and blind and then the heart that's just cold to God and he says until the cities are desolate and without inhabitant and then finally I will have to save them so for a small moment of I've forsaken you but with great mercies will I gather you and that is made possible by the work of the suffering servant here in chapter 62 he will when we get there we'll see he says you shall no more be termed forsaken that means that she will be termed forsaken that that everyone say these people that they don't but does not care for them how it wears their God if they had a God why would this be happening to them so everyone will agree these people are forsaken and God says stop it you shall no more be termed forsaken neither shall your land anymore be termed desolate so no one loves the land people want to move into this land they want to claim they have a right to this land but they're happy to make it desolate because they really don't care about it but God cares about it neither shall your land anymore be termed desolate but you shall be called Hepzibah and your land Beulah for the Lord delights in you and your land shall

be married so God is going to marry the
land he's going to marry Israel is going
to marry the land he's going to marry
the church it's all we have to
understand how does this all come
together but it all comes together he
says in a little wrath I hid my face from
you for a moment God keeps saying it's
like God God has this eternal
perspective any saying in the eternity
in the perspective of eternity it was
for a brief moment I died for secure and
allowed you to go through what you had
to go through but in the grand scheme of
things that period of time is really
nothing compared to eternity
he says in a little wrath I hid my face
from you for a moment
but with everlasting kindness he says it
with everlasting kindness will I have
mercy upon you so so there is this
period of wrath but then after it
there's an eternity of kindness but with
everlasting kindness will I have mercy
on you says the Lord your Redeemer the
God is doing a redemptive work and then
people seem to think that God is
forgotten Israel and God is saying no I
haven't he's forgotten Judah God is
saying no I haven't I've turned my back
on them just for a moment but my heart
is still with them and I am their
Redeemer that's who I am I am the
Redeemer of Israel
so people running around saying yet
God's done with Israel it's all about
the Gentiles now you don't get this from
the scripture God is not done with
Israel
he says in chapter 57 here for I will
not contend forever
neither will I be always angry for the
spirits should fail before me and the
souls which I have made for the iniquity

of his covet covetousness for the
iniquity of his covetousness was i angry
either that's why and I struck him
I hid me and was angry so I turned my
back on him i forsook him I hid from him
and I was angry because of his his he
and he went on flowered Lior corruptly
he was very corrupt in the way of his
heart back in chapter 8 he says in
Isaiah just to show how God hides Isaiah
says and I will wait upon the Lord that
hides his face from the house of Jacob
that's what God does so it does people
words where's God where's God where's
your God well he's hiding so the Atheist
where's your God yeah he's hiding he
hides his face from the house of Jacob
and I will look for him so as I
understood he will come back is just
superb periods for a small period of
time back to chapter 54 and verse 9 he
says for this is this whole situation of
Israel this is as the waters of Noah
unto me for as I have sworn that the
waters of Noah should know more go over
the earth so have I sworn that I would
not be angry with you nor rebuke you so
there was a time when God was so angry
with mankind that he destroyed the whole
earth with water and he promised never
to do that again in Genesis 9 verse 11
he says I will establish my covenant
with you neither shall all flesh be cut
off any more by the waters of a flood
neither shall there be any more neither
shall there any more be a flood to
destroy the earth so God was very angry
he sent this flood wiped out mankind and
then he made this promise
that he would never do that again and
here we are thousands of years later
we've never seen anything like this
again so the same way that he will never
flood the whole earth again to destroy

man is the same way he's saying the situation with Israel is like this that yes I had to destroy them but I'll never do it again this is God's promise I will never destroy them again he says for the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed but my kindness my kindness to Israel so your mountains will depart this is gonna happen we're gonna we're gonna see mountains Mount Everest and all these different kellerman Jarrow we're gonna see them moved in the new configuration of earth but my kindness shall not depart from Israel neither shall the Covenant of my peace be removed says the Lord that has mercy on you so there's going to be the same way he made this covenant that he would never destroy the earth with floodwaters again now he's making a covenant of peace with Israel that will never be lifted so there's this moment that he's gonna forsake Israel the Gentiles are gonna have the upper hand they're gonna be ruthless and then he's going to establish them and and put in place a covenant of peace that will never be reversed says the Lord that has mercy on you and this this mercy we sing this often in the in the Psalms and in our hymns praise you the Lord give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and just this phrase his mercy endures forever and I just sort of struck me that the reason David could say this is he saw the mercy on Israel is in eternal mercy so forever and ever and ever he's going to be known as the God of Israel Israel as should have been destroyed Israel that should have been wiped out that this covenant of peace this union between God and Israel this honor that God will give Israel is forever

when Israel should have been
and so this is why David could say
is mercy endures forever he says here in
verse 11 back to Isaiah 54 he says o you
afflicted sir o you afflicted tossed
with tempest and not comforted so this
is the period that she has to go through
behold I will lay your stones with fair
colours and lay your foundations with
sapphires this is the future of Israel
these people that are going to face
desolation and devastation and
catastrophe God is saying I'm going to
personally lay your stones with
beautiful colors and your foundations
with sapphires I will make your windows
of agates a special kind of stone or the
Ruby and your gates of carbuncles and
other precious stone and all your
borders of Pleasant stones this is how
this the city of Jerusalem and the
cities of Judah are going to be laid
with with spectacular wealth and this
really takes us back to prehistory when
in Ezekiel 28 speaking to Satan he says
you had been in Eden the garden of God
every precious stone was your covering
so God when He bestows his love but he
just bestows everything and Lucifer had
every precious stone as his covering the
sardius topaz the diamond the barrel the
Onyx the Jasper the sapphire the emerald
the carbuncle and gold the workmanship
of your tablets and of your pipes was
repaired in you and the day
that you were created so god really in
Eden in in heaven set Satan up and just
gave him everything and he was the cover
in carat and we know now that that New
Jerusalem is coming down to earth and
it's for Israel it is for Israel and God
says what he promised in Isaiah we see
now fulfilled in Revelation and there
came unto me one of the seven angels

which had seven vials full of the seven last plagues and talked with me saying come here I will show you the bride the Lamb's wife and in verse eighteen and the building of the wall of it was of Jasper and the city was pure gold like unto clear glass and the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones the first foundation was jasper the second sapphire the third chalcedony chalcedony the fourth an emerald the fifth sardonyx the sixth sardius the seventh chrysolite the eighth beryl the ninth of topaz the tenth a crystal precious the eleventh a jacinth the twelfth an amethyst so twelve gates twelve stones twelve gates this is all for Israel and the twelve gates were twelve pearls every several gate was of one pearl and the street of the city was pure gold as it were a transparent glass so John took it upon himself to make sure that we understood just how precious Jerusalem is going to be but because of Isaiah we understand that Jerusalem is for Israel that this is coming for Israel and if you're not part of Israel this is not for you so this is God is very very faithful to his word and he means what he says so he says here and all your children shall be taught of the Lord and in fact I think what I'll do is I'll stop here because this is now going to get into some New Covenant language and I'll need a bit of time to just develop that and unpack that so we will just conclude here he says at this time when everything is just laid out and there's normal it's a covenant of peace with Israel that at this time all her children shall be taught of the Lord why because they have to be a

kingdom of priests that the whole earth comes to them with the Holy Spirit to learn about God and so all your children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children no one's gonna persecute them anymore this this hatred that people have to say you mean your your your your the chosen people and they have they resent it and so they have to destroy these people they're gonna have great pieces people don't actually yet yeah yep you're the chosen people and so next week God willing when I unpack this it's gonna be ever so clear that the role of the church today is what what we do today in terms of having the spirit and teaching God's Word Israel will be doing Israel and Judah will be doing what we're doing today as physical human beings with the holy spirit that's what they'll be doing in the Millennium and we the church will be in God's family overseeing and teaching them so it says they shall be taught of the Lord it doesn't say who will teach them but in another place it actually does and we the church will teach them so that they in turn can teach the world but let's let's pause here and we'll continue with chapter 54 God willing next week so all your children shall be taught of the lower this is amazing this pain this painful process that Israel had to go through or God for suck them so that they could be punished according to the Covenant but then this work of this mysterious servant enables God to then redeem them and bless them and have mercy upon them forever so I'll go to the chat now and God willing we can have a bit more conversation there and then God willing we'll continue this train of thought next week as we conclude Isaiah chapter

54 we serve a mighty God we serve a
faithful God we just have to search the
Scriptures so that we can understand his
will pray according to his will and act
according to his will what a great God
what a merciful God we serve Jesus
Christ is indeed Lord and safe