

23-Isaiah-24-Transcript

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well good evening and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and I'll just hang on and get confirmation that I'm coming in clearly so if you can just let me know

and what I'll do while I'm waiting for that is will open with a word of Prayer our Heavenly Father we come before you Lord and praise your Holy Name we thank you God for this opportunity to study your word and to have access to the ancient words of your holy prophets we pray for understanding father and we ask your blessing in Jesus most holy name Amen

well we are up to Isaiah great as Americans get here we're up to Isaiah chapter 57 and what I want to do is just jump right in but before I do that actually let me just say that next week Bible study will be on Thursday evening I'm gonna be traveling next week and I was thinking of recording it but I want to because it's the end of the month pastor Murray and I would like to host a live Q&A session as we're trying to build that into a new practice that at the end of each month we'll just push pause and give you an opportunity to ask questions anything that we've said that perhaps is unclear and you want some clarification on it and we'll go ahead and answer those questions and that'll be we'll answer the questions on facebook as well as on the chat which is at CGI Church online dot org we won't be able to accommodate YouTube apparently we're not no longer broadcasting live on YouTube because of some change in policy with Facebook so next week Thursday evening Bible study pastor Murray will

join me and we'll do a live Q&A monitoring the questions that come through on Facebook as well as the CGI church online org chat so let's get into the study for today and just give me a second here I'm on the road and just seeing the my Bible app is not coming through properly so I just need to fix that

see what we can do here so thank you for your patience as I just sort this out there we go okay so okay I'm still coming through loud and clear and we will just get this all set up here apologize when I'm on the road I don't have everything exactly the way I would like to have it so I have to be able to just tweak on the fly well we're good we can do that okay so this passage here now we were able to read that the righteous man or the righteous perishes and no man lays it to heart and merciful men are taken away

none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come now this is a very interesting process if there are three items that I want us to note here one is there's a righteous man or a right there are righteous people and then there are people that don't consider this they don't it's not important to them that the righteous are perishing and three there's evil to come so we need to define our terms who are the righteous who are the people that don't care and what is the evil that is to come now Micah the prophet micah is gonna help us out a bit here because he sees the same thing he says the good man is perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men

so what Micah says is what's happening here the righteous men are being destroyed they're being murdered they're

being wiped out and there's none upright among men so the men that are left are left because they're evil we could say through the lens of Revelation they're left because they agree to worship the Beast

and so that anybody who resists the Beast is being slaughtered is being slain and those that agree to worship the Beast they're they're okay they can live so he goes on to say they all lie in wait for blood so everyone that's left they're all a piece they're all in agreement and they're just their murderous and they're out hunting for blood they hunt every man his brother with a net so something has ideologically possessed them that they don't even care about brother sister mother father brother-in-law son-in-law daughter-in-law all family relations mean nothing when they are ideologically possessed by whatever this ideology is its paramount and they hunt every man his brother with a net like that goes on to say why do they do this that they may do evil with both hands earnestly so the righteous man is interfering with their agenda and so the answer to them is just get rid of that person get rid of those people and that way we are justified to do the evil that we want to do though they may do evil with both hands earnestly the Prince asks and the judge asks for a reward and the great man he utters his mischievous Davich desire so they wrap it up so the even the leaders are corrupting themselves and and the leaders that should be looking out for us we can't trust them so the elite the leaders in society they are corrupt and all they care about is how to enrich themselves and they'll drop hints as to what they're looking for and they expect

you to fulfill their desires he says
Michael goes on the best of them is as a
brer the most upright is sharper than a
thorn hedge this is horrible this is so
the righteous man is wiped out and those
that are left they're horrible they're
murderous they're they're dangerous so
the best of them is as a prayer the most
upright is sharper than a thorn hedge
the day of your Watchmen and your
visitation
comes now shall be their perplexity so
mica is looking forward and he's seeing
that even though these wicked are
gaining the upper hand that there's a
time just a little bit further on when
their judgment comes and this is the
evil that Isaiah is prophesying that yes
they're they're wiping out though the
righteous people but they're not
considering what's actually going on and
that there is a great evil that's to
come upon them and the righteous is
actually being taken away to be spared
this evil in the letter to the
Philadelphians John or Christ describes
this as I will keep you from the hour of
tribulation that shall come upon the
whole earth now we really didn't have to
go to Micah to get the answer to who are
the righteous who are those that are not
laying it to heart and what is the evil
we could have stayed with in Isaiah and
just look at what we read last week and
as I attempt to 56 Isaiah wrote and by
reminder because we covered this last
week he said thus says the Lord keep you
judgment and do justice for my salvation
is near to come and my righteousness to
be revealed so there are a set of people
who are listening to the Prophet and are
making that commitment to keep judgment
and to do justice and they're looking
forward to the salvation of the Lord

because they realize it's engineer it's about to be revealed
blessed is the man that does this so this is the righteous man this man that does this this is the one that is going to be slaughtered this is the one that's going to be taken out of the way so so in Isaiah 56 there's two parties there's the righteous and there's the wicked and Isaiah 56 begins with the righteous blessed is the man that does this the son of man that lays hold on it that keeps the sabbath from polluting it and keeps his hand from doing any evil and then we went on to read about the unit and the stranger they there they can be included in this great promise as well and so these are the righteous and so when we went to Acts and we saw Philip speaking to the Ethiopian unit these would be in this category so in the end time those that have the same faith as Philip and the same faith as the Ethiopian eunuch who are responding to the Word of God they are put in the category or saying we are put in the category of the righteous in the same chapter Isaiah also identifies the wicked the evil yet here he says and dropping down in the last part of the chapter you'll recall that there was this summons to the beasts of the field all you beasts of the field and also to the beasts of the forest all you beasts of the field come to devour yes all you beasts in the for in the forest this is like open season this is a mealtime you know this is this is the feast time this is time to come and devour it devour who devour the righteous so those in the first part of Isaiah 56 that are responding to God now the beasts of the field are moving in to devour them and the Watchmen are not doing their job the

Watchmen who should see this who should
be crying out who should be warning
they're asleep on the job and they're so
selfish they don't really care so his
Watchmen are blind these are the wicked
the oh these are the ones that are not
laying its heart so as I at fifty seven
opens with that the righteous perishes
and no man lays its heart well here here
are the men that are not laying its are
they should be Watchmen but they don't
care so when the righteous are perishing
they're not doing their job and they
just couldn't care less
his Watchmen are blind they are all
ignorant they are all dumb dogs they
should be barking they should be
creating some sense of excitement but
the beasts are coming and instead
they've got nothing to say they're dumb
dogs and they're blind meaning they
don't have access to the prophets they
can't see what the prophets have been
warning and so these prophets have been
warned we should be looking and seeing
the signs
to say the sword is on the land this is
happening now but we're not paying
attention to the profits and therefore
we cannot give the warning of the
profits so this is the blindness the
ignorance we don't we're not studying
the word we don't we don't have the
knowledge they are all ignorant they are
all dumb dogs we've got nothing to say
we might be talking but from God's
perspective we're saying nothing they
cannot bark sleeping lying down loving
to slumber they love it
slumber is wonderful I don't know if
you've ever been in that situation where
maybe you're really really tired and
your wake up in the morning and you just
you you don't have to get up and you

don't want to get up and you just the
sleep is just so sweet this is that this
is the spiritual state that they're in
they're in this that the profits that
they need the watchmen the men who
should be warning they're in this
spiritual slumber and they love it
it's just it just feels so great yes
they are greedy dogs so they're dumb
dogs but I thought it goes on to say
they're greedy dogs which can never have
enough so that's why Micah was saying
they they're they're willing to have a
bribe they're trying to enrich
themselves they'll give hints as to what
they're looking for and they just they
can't they don't know how to say it's
enough they want more they are greedy
dogs which can never have enough and
they are Shepherds that cannot
understand there are Shepherds Wow
there's they're supposed to be guides
but they don't understand they can't
understand they all look to their own
way this is why they don't lay it to
heart the righteous man is perishing
they don't care why don't they care
because they're looking to their own way
everyone for his gain from his quarter
come you they say they I will fetch wine
let's have a party I'll get the wine and
we'll fill ourselves with strong drink
and tomorrow shall be as this day and
much more abundant so they don't see the
evil that is to come because they don't
have access to the profits if we are
reading the profits we know that God his
righteousness is about to appear and
he's a he's a
ferocious lion he is the conquering Lion
of the tribe of juda and he is coming
with judgment and with reward and so the
righteous are looking to him for reward
but the righteous also know that he's

coming with judgment he's coming with
with ferocity for to punish the sins of
man and so these people are blunted that
they just have no access to this
knowledge so in their view tomorrow is
gonna be like today only it's going to
be even more we're gonna even enrich
ourselves even more so this evil now so
we answered we answer to questions we
answered who are the righteous in Isaiah
57 1 and then we answered who are those
that are not laying it to heart that the
righteous are perishing now we need to
answer the question what is the evil
what is the evil that they don't see is
coming here in back in Isaiah 45 we read
God Himself says i form the light and
create darkness i make peace and create
evil god is the one that creates this
evil this evil should be defined as
catastrophe so God creates catastrophe
and those that are not laying to heart
that the righteous are perishing they
don't understand that God is packaging
and preparing a catastrophe to come upon
the land God is the one that creates
this catastrophe I make peace and I
create evil the Lord does all these
things back to Micah let's go back to
the prophet Micah he says this therefore
thus says the Lord behold against this
family do i devise an evil so this is
God's family this is Israel and Micah is
telling us this is what God says through
Micah behold against this family do i
devise an evil from which you shall not
remove your necks so these people that
are the dumb dogs the shepherds they're
part of the family and they should be
warning the family that the beasts have
come upon the land the sword is on the
land but they're not doing their job
they only care about enriching
themselves

and they're part of the family and God is saying you know what I'm gonna prepare an evil that it says here from which you shall not remove your necks so the sword is on the land the sword is on your neck and you can't you're not gonna be able to get out of this from which you shall not remove your necks neither shall you go haughtily so this arrogance is going to end for this time is evil so this is the time that the Shepherd's the the dumb dogs the blind guides they have no knowledge that this evil is coming Jeremiah says something similar he says in Jeremiah 11:11 therefore thus says the Lord behold I I personally will bring evil upon them and as so as we understand the prophets we begin to understand there's a sequence of events that nation will go to war against nation this is going to reconfigure the balance of power in the world so that it gets consolidated with a beast power that beast power is going to come upon this is the evil that God is creating this evil this beast power is going to come upon the family of God the family of Israel that is the nation that we call Israel today these are the tribe of Judah but also broader Israel these judeo-christian nations that are enjoying tremendous wealth and are not attributing it to God and just think that they can just keep going on like this God says I'm going to bring evil upon this family behold I will bring evil upon them which they shall not be able to escape it's the same thing that Micah said that he's gonna bring him evil on their necks that they they're not gonna be able to remove Jeremiah sees the same thing but Jeremiah is now speaking more specifically about Judah Micah talking about Israel behold I will

bring evil upon them which they shall not be able to escape and though they shall cry unto me I will not hearken unto them remember God is doing this because he's driving his family to repentance he made a promise to Abraham that he's going to work through this tribe that the family of Abraham he made a promise to Moses that if they keep his command they will be this nation of this kingdom of priests but if they don't they're going to be punished and so this is the punishment according to the Covenant but at the same time he's going to work this punishment in such a way that he's able to fulfill his promise to Abraham with these very same people so this is a process of driving them to true repentance Micah goes on in chapter 3 verse 5 thus says the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err so there's a there's a leadership crisis in Israel and in Judah that the the prophets that the leaders who should be leading the people they're leading them to make to error though they're leading them to catastrophe so this says the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people here that bite with their teeth so this is where Mike is saying they're sharp they're dangerous and cry peace and he that puts naught into their mouths they even prepare war against him you know and I when I read this prophecy it reminds me of Donald Trump that these leaders in Israel who are just wrapped up in developing their own wealth that if you don't put money in their wealth basket if for example you want to build a wall to prevent these dangerous drugs from coming into the country that these leaders in Israel who are being enriched by this drug trade by human trafficking

when you when you're gonna interfere
with their money with their wealth
they're gonna prepare war against you
and so you see this man he's just every
day's embattled and why because he wants
to protect his people because he wants
to make sure that this human trafficking
comes to an end and this is why they go
to war against him well if they'll do
this to him what will they do to the
righteous who stand up and call them out
and tell them that they are wicked
they're going to prepare war against us
so we come back now to Isaiah chapter 57
and we can understand now who's who the
righteous the first part of Isaiah 56
those that obey God they're going to
perish so the the leadership is in
collusion with the beast power the beast
power is going to be just wiping out the
righteous
and no man that is no Israelite leader
lays it to heart they don't care and
merciful men are taken away
none considering that the righteous is
taken away from the evil to come they
think that tomorrow is going to be just
like today only better now only they'll
be wealthier and they have no idea
what's coming and that the righteous is
going to avoid this as a revelation says
I'll keep you from the hour of
tribulation that will come upon the
whole earth he says then that the
righteous will enter into rest the
righteous he shall enter into peace they
shall rest in their beds each one
walking in his uprightness so not only
is God gonna give the righteous rest and
and the wicked don't understand this but
in their rest which is their death
they're going to sleep they're also
going to walk in their uprightness so
very clearly we see here with in isaiah

a prophecy of the resurrection of the first resurrection that the righteous will sleep but that's not the end they're going to come back to life and they're going to walk they're gonna stand upright and walk in their uprightness now Micah says the same thing at the end of this prophecy and that prophecy in Micah that we were reading where they're just so wicked that they even turn against their own family that's actually the prophecy that Jesus Christ quoted I believe it's in Matthew 10 when he says that brother will put brother to death and father the son and the mother the daughter-in-law he was quoting the prompt this very prophecy that I bet Micah could see of the end time when people are going to be vicious they're going to be brutal and then at the end of all of this

Micah says rejoice not against me o my enemy when I fall I shall arise so Mike has seen the very same thing that Isaiah saw I saw that the the righteous will be put to death but they're going to stand up again and they're gonna walk in their uprightness and so Micah says don't rejoice against me when I fall that's temporary

I shall arise when I sit in
yes the Lord shall be a light unto me
and this is these are the words that we have to take strengthen as the world collapses around us we need to know that nothing can stop us nothing can stop us because the Lord is for us and if we if we sleep if we die we're just taken out of the way to avoid what's coming and then we're gonna be brought back to life back to Isaiah 57 now so that's the righteous the righteous are going to rest in their beds and they'll be at peace but then he says this but draw

near here you sons of the sorceress the
seed of the adulterer and the Wow
you know this isn't me I'm just I'm just
reading the Bible this this is God
talking so there's there's the righteous
and they're going to rest in their beds
and they're gonna be brought back to
life and they're gonna walk in their
uprightness but then there's the wicked
the wicked within Israel and God says
about the wicked within Israel come here
and what does he call them use sons of
the sorceress you seed of the adulterer
and the god is saying like this is
this is so deep in your DNA it's like
you can't help yourself
the seed doesn't fall the fruit doesn't
fall far from the tree so the same way
that the tree is bent and crooked and
wicked so are its offspring and and the
same language actually was alluded to in
Isaiah 50 where the Vera a couple of
months ago thus says the Lord where is
your bill where is the bill of your
mother's divorcement whom I have put
away or which of my creditors is it to
whom I have sold you behold for your
iniquities have you sold yourselves and
for your transgressions is your mother
put away so God is saying like this is
just so deep-rooted in these people this
is this is not a recent phenomenon this
is something that's been going on from
generation to generation it's just like
it's built into their DNA this
wickedness back to Isaiah 57 against
whom do you sport yourselves
against whom make you a widemouth and
draw out the tongue are you not children
of transgression a seed of falsehood
this this is condemnation upon
condemnation God God really has no
regard for the righteousness of these
people he's saying like this you're so

far gone that from generation to generation
you're nothing but wicked what are you
doing you're in flaming yourselves with
idols under every Green Tree so so so
instead of worshiping Yahweh instead of
listening to the prophets you've gone
the other way and you're in flaming
yourselves with idols under every Green
Tree notice this slaying the children in
the valleys under the cliffs of the
rocks so this sort of idolatry which
leads to sexual immorality which leads
to the production of offspring which are
unwanted then leads to murder
infanticide adultery so today we see the
exact same thing we see this incredible
level of immorality which is idolatry
people today can say how sophisticated
they are God is using ancient people to
uncover deep human truths and today
we've got all this fascinating
technology around us and we look and
feel so modern and yet were very
primitive people and we are are our
people our society our worshippers of
the devil I can't apologize for this is
where this is reality
we think we're secular and and the devil
loves the fact that we don't believe
that he exists but in our practices we
are actually actually worshipping the
devil and the same way ancient Israel
became idolatrous and that idolatry led
to sexual immorality and that sexual
immorality led to unwanted children
which then led to the murder of those
unwanted children we're doing the exact
same thing today we might not our
explicitly say we're worshipping idols
but we are even technology as an idol
human-beings are idols money is an idol
power is an idol sex is an idol and
we're worshiping all of this and we are

losing any sense of morality one thing
for sure is we will never promote
abstinence we will never be promote
marital fidelity instead we're going to
promote the freedom of women to do what
they want with their bodies and the fact
that this results in unwanted children
no problem we'll just slaughter them all
we'll just pull them limb from limb from
within the world and destroy life in the
womb and should a child actually be born
will actually kill it upon birth this is
what we've descended into and this is
the worship of Satan loves this that
human beings made in the likeness and
image of God should be destroyed and
slaughtered and we're doing it ourselves
and this is what the nations of Israel
have come to and it's nothing new it's
the very same practice so today the same
way that God called these people
children of the sorceress and children
of the
this is what we are today this is who we
are and if we can only acknowledge this
and come to repentance maybe there's a
chance that we can avoid the slaughter
that's to come but we're not listening
so here they're slaying the children in
the valleys under the cliffs of the
rocks it's just amazing to see how
accurate God's description and
assessment of these people is now in
Deuteronomy the the law was laid down
that Israel should not participate in
these practices he says here Moses
writes you shall utterly destroy all the
places wherein the nations which you
shall possess served their gods upon the
high mountains and upon the hills and
under every green tree
so instead of instead of destroying
these altars and this pagan practice
Israel actually join them and went under

these green trees and hence we have our mystery worship and all of this is it's coming from these pagan practices that we should have stamped out but Israel just loves this they love to in fact I was traveling in Vancouver and I was just on the road and I see this group of Canadians worshipping Hare Krishna and chanting Hare Krishna like what's wrong with you but this is this is just built into Israel's DNA instead of worshipping their God they want to seek after other gods because that's that's right what's fascinating and so we're very happy to accommodate other gods and denigrate Jesus Christ it's unbelievable here in first Kings we read Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed above all that their fathers had done for they also built them high places and images and groves on every high hill and under every Green Tree and there were also sodomites in the land and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel so instead of rebuking these practices Israel adopts them and these are this is God's family this is the family that God wants to work with and this is how wicked and evil they are in Jeremiah the Prophet writes and it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and with stalks so it's not just going under every Green Tree another pagan practice was to worship stones and this is like today we see Islam bowing down five times a day to a stone this is ancient Celtic pagan practice and they want to dress it up and call it whatever they pretend they want to call and pretend it

comes from Abraham it doesn't it comes
from paganism and here we see Israel
involved in the same paganism so we come
back now to Isaiah and we see it's not
just the green trees it's also the
smooth stones among the smooth stones of
the stream is your portion they they are
your lot so they were pickney
smooth stones and be very specific about
the stones and think that some kind of
spirit was in them so he says they they
are your lot even to them have you
poured a drink offering instead of
worshiping Yahweh they're worshiping the
stone and has offered a meat offering
should I receive comfort in these and we
see the exact same thing today Israel
just can't wait to embrace everything
Islamic instead of worshiping the true
God upon a lofty and high mountain have
you set your bed even there went you up
to offer sacrifice behind the doors also
and the posts have you set up your
remembrance for you have discovered
yourself to another other than me you
are gone up and have enlarged your bed
and made a covenant with them you love
their bed where you saw it so this is
all parted commitment to idolatry
instead of the worship of Yahweh and you
went to the king with ointment and did
increase your perfumes and did send your
messengers far off and did debase
yourself even unto Hades or Sheol you
are worried in the greatness of your way
yet said you not instead of realizing
that there's no hope you didn't say that
you have found the life of your hand you
have found the life of your hand
therefore you were not grieved so you
love this you just thought this is
fantastic
instead of realizing that your whole way
is being destroyed and we see this today

look around us suicide is that epidemic
rates drug addiction epidemic rates
adultery epidemic rates depression
epidemic rates and instead of saying our
hope is lost what are we doing whatever
we're doing it's not working no we just
we just do more and we promote it even
more and so same thing with ancient
Israel instead of saying you you didn't
say there's no hope you found the life
of your hand
therefore you weren't grieved and of
whom have you been afraid or feared so
today we see the same things again since
9/11 the nations of Israel have become
very apologetic their their their
suffering from this Stockholm Syndrome
and they're just bending over backwards
to please this this foreign religion and
they're just bringing them into the land
and they just love it
why because they're afraid they see the
slaughter everywhere and they're afraid
and God is asking of whom have you been
afraid or feared that you have lied and
have not remembered me nor laid it to
your heart have not I held my peace even
of old and you feared me not so we know
that the future is going to be a time of
great fear that this beasts power he
causes all both small and great rich and
poor free and bond to receive a mark in
their right hand or in their forehead
and the only reason is they're afraid
who can make war with this beasts power
rather than fight him let's just join
him so that is who you were afraid of
you don't fear me you're fearing the men
back to Isaiah 57 he says I will declare
your righteousness and your works this
is a speaking sarcastically let me let
me talk about your righteousness and
your works for they shall not profit you
so instead of saying our hope is lost

let's repent let's turn back to the Lord
they're doubling down it's like let's
double down this is the way let's just
do this even though it's destroying them
and God says okay I'm gonna declare your
righteousness in your works for they
shall not profit you and when you cry
let your companies deliver you so those
people that you're running after when
you're in trouble let's see how they
help you when you cry let your companies
deliver you but the wind shall carry
them all away vanity shall take them but
he that puts his trust in means shall
possess the land so again we go back to
the first part of Isaiah 56 those that
commit to doing judgment
justice those that honor the Sabbath and
are keeping the commandments of the Lord
and are looking to the return in the
appearing of the Lord with great hope he
that puts his trust in me
shot so that the Israel is being split
into two camps those that are repenting
and turning to God and those that are
doubling down in their in their folly
and so God says okay those that are
doubling down I'm telling you there's
gonna be a sword on their neck the likes
of which man it's unprecedented this is
going to be the time of Jacob's trouble
eventually he'll be saved out of it but
he's gonna go through this there's this
washing machine to make him clean but
those that trust in the Lord he says but
he that puts his trust in me
shall possess the land so God is coming
and he's gonna make the world righteous
he's gonna put the world right and
Israel will possess the land and shall
inherit my holy mountain and shall say
cast you up cast you up prepare the way
take up the stumbling block out of the
way of my people so these people are

going to realize the Lord is coming
let's prepare a highway for our God and
take these obstacles out of the way so
that we can make this make his path
clear so these these ones that put their
trust in him shall say cast you out cast
you up prepare the way take up the
stumbling block out of the way of my
people for thus says the high and the
lofty one that inhabiteth eternity this
is who's speaking
the God of Israel is the true God the
true creator and anybody else
harikrishna

Allah Buddha the Spaghetti Monster all
these false gods finally it's gonna be
clear all of this was nonsense and
there's only one true creator and it is
the lofty one the high and the lofty one
the Holy One of Israel the high and
lofty one that inhabiteth eternity this
is who speaking whose name is holy i
dwell in the high and holy place with
him also that is of a contrite and
humble spirit like this is mind blown
the Holy One the high and lofty one the
one that inhabits
eternity also dwells with him that is of
a contrite and a humble spirit so we are
contrite if we are repentant if we
humble ourselves the god of the universe
will dwell with us the God that inhabits
eternity will dwell with us for eternity
it's amazing so he says I dwell in the
high and holy place with him also that
is of a contrite and humble spirit to
revive the spirit of the humble and to
revive the heart of the contrite ones
that's right my enemy don't rejoice over
me when you see me fall because my Lord
is gonna lift me up don't rejoice over
me when you see my day of darkness
because the Lord is my light and that's
what the righteous saying we can be

humble and we can we can wait for him
this is our Lord we have waited for him
and here he is so he's coming to revive
our spirit and to revive the heart of
the contrite ones for I will not contend
and this is our message to Israel and
this is our message to Judah God is
furious with you he's furious with you
he's going to destroy you but he says
here right in the prophet Isaiah for I
will not contend forever I will not
contend forever
neither will I be always angry for the
spirit should fail before me and the
souls which I have made so God is not
going to be angry forever and we see
this in Jeremiah listen to what the
Prophet Jeremiah says he says for thus
says the Lord like as I have brought all
this great evil upon this people so it
is God that is doing this the wicked the
heathen think they're doing it they
think it's their own doing but God is
the one that in Habakkuk he says he's
preparing the Chaldeans that bitter and
hasty nation God is the one that's doing
it and so he says like as I have brought
all this great evil upon this people so
a great evil is coming upon this people
and God is saying the same way that I
brought this great
evil upon this people in the same way
will I bring upon them all the good that
I have promised them so there's a
process God is going to and this is what
Moses was telling us in Deuteronomy 30
that he's going to bring this this
blessing upon these people but he's got
to drive them to repentance first and
there's great evil that is coming upon
the nations of Israel it's coming upon
us to drive us to repentance so that God
can actually use us in righteousness so
in the same way that he brings this

great evil upon this people in the same way he's going to bring all the good that he's promised them in chapter 4 of Jeremiah Jeremiah says then said I our Lord God surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem saying you shall have peace whereas the sword reaches unto the soul in chapter 4 he continues at that time shall he be said to his people and to Jerusalem a dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people not to fan nor to cleanse even a full wind from those places shall come unto me now also I give sentence against them behold he shall come as clouds and his chariot shall be as a whirlwind his horses are swifter than Eagles woe unto us for we are spoiled so this is the great evil that God is bringing upon this people and Jeremiah saw it it's the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it he's going to be driven to repentance and then brought back to the land to serve the purpose that God has in mind for Israel back to Isaiah 57 the continual verse 17 for the iniquity of the Lord for the iniquity sorry of his covetousness was i angry and struck him I hid me and was angry and he went on Howard Lee in the ways of his heart so he was just so Israel was just so corrupt and this is what God was angry with Israel and he struck Israel and he hid himself from Israel so that everyone's like where's your God and I'm saying like if God exists how could this happen well God is hiding and he's allowing all of this to play its course but he's saying he did it cuz he was angry and and instead of repenting Israel continues in his corruption I have seen his ways and I will heal him so God has not forsaken Israel he's

punishing Israel and he's going to heal Israel and this is why the Messiah came to heal the breach between God and His people I have seen his ways and will heal him I will lead him also and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners I create the fruit of the lips peace peace to him that is far off and to him that is near says the Lord and I will heal him so after all of this destruction

God declares peace it is the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it because God has a plan for Jacob God has a plan for Israel and in fact this passage here peace peace to him that is far off and to him that his near says the Lord I will heal him this is what Paul quotes in Ephesians when he says and came and preached peace to you which were afar off and to them that were near so Paul is seeing how this prophecy of Isaiah is and was unfolding in his time but there's an ultimate fulfillment of it we just say again Isaiah was the Bible for the first for the early church and so we just see lots of quotations from Isaiah in the new testament verse 20 but the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest whose waters cast up mire and dirt so this is the this is what the wicked are like they can't have peace and it just their corruption comes up even more we really see what they're made of if they cannot be driven to repentance there is no peace says my god to the wicked so there's no peace to the wicked and this is God is driving Israel to repentance but not everybody's gonna make it not everyone's gonna repent and Malachi says that the wicked will be ashes under our feet so oh well even so oh well he

so there is no peace says my god to the wicked so we have to warn them and that's why now we come to Isaiah 58 this is the context of a well known Scripture cry aloud spare not because there is no peace for the wicked we have to ensure that we alert Israel to this great evil that's coming so cry aloud spare not lift up your voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression God has a people they're called Israel the tribes of Israel we have a job to cry a lot these these people are in deep darkness they are at the depth of the per depravity and somebody has to go to them and say this is wickedness and and they're gonna position it like it's righteousness they're like what's your problem with this is this is wonderful abortion is a wonderful thing let's cheer over infanticide let's cheer over third trimester abortion let's cheer over fornication and adultery and even though our children are committing suicide and epidemic and epidemic rates let's just keep going and somebody has to say this is madness in fact it's more than madness its wickedness this is of the devil and somebody needs to cry aloud without sparing no apology so in the in the era of political correctness we don't care we speak truth we speak ancient words without apology cry aloud spare not lift up your voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins very specific there's a very specific people that need to be brought to repentance and need to be told about their sins here Micah tells us about fulfilling this prophecy in Micah 3 he says but truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord I've

been empowered by the Spirit of the Lord
and of judgment
and of might to do what to declare unto
Jacob his transgression and to Israel
his sin so this is Holy Spirit work and
Michael was filled with the Holy Spirit
to do exactly what Isaiah said needed to
be done to declare unto Jacob his
transgression and to Israel his sin so
what is this transgression and what is
this sin Micah says in chapter 3 here
this I pray you verse 9 you heads of the
house of Jacob so the leaders that
Isaiah was prophesying about it
Micah's begging them to listen hear this
I pray you you heads of the house of
Jacob and princes of the house of Israel
that abhor judgment and pervert all
equity this is what the leaders in
Israel do they abhor judgment common
sense like can you make a common sense
judgment they hate it it's it's like
that they're gonna call that an
abomination that's immoral so their
their sense of wickedness and
righteousness is all upside down what is
right they say is wrong what is evil
they say is good and what is good is
evil and what is wrong is right they're
all upside down in sideways and so they
abhor judgment and pervert all equity
Micah says for behold the Lord comes
forth out of his place and will come
down and tread upon the high places of
the earth this is the God that we
worship not some Greek philosophical
concept that's way up in in the other
nests and and it's too great to have
anything to do with man no the God that
we worship came down to earth and formed
man and fellowship with man on the earth
and came to earth to sacrifice himself
for man and he's coming back to earth to
judge man and so Micah says our God the

Holy One of Israel is going to come forth out of his place and he's going to come down to earth and he's going to tread upon the high places of the earth this is the God that we worship and the mountains shall melt under him and the valleys shall be cleft as wax before the fire and as the waters that are poured down a steep

why is he doing this why is our God going to come and tread upon the high places of the earth why is this happening because of the transgression of Jacob is all of this all of this wrath of God is happening because of the transgression of Jacob for the transgression of Jacob is all of this and for the sins of the house of Israel what is the transgression of Jacob and what are the sins of Israel well Mike is glad we asked because he's going to tell us what is the transgression of Jacob isn't it Samaria so we'd have to go into the history said what happened in Samaria what was the sin of Jeroboam and the false worship of Jeroboam that is at the root of all of Israel's wickedness isn't it Samaria and what are the high places of Judah are they not Jerusalem so if we really want to declare the transgression of Jacob and the sins of Judah we have to study the history of Samaria and we have to study the history of Jerusalem and we have to see the wickedness and the sinfulness that took place in Samaria and in Jerusalem to get at the root of Israel's sin Ezekiel says again and we're familiar with this chapter 33 verse 1 again the word of the Lord came unto me saying son of man speak to the children of your people and say to them when I bring the sword upon a land when God does it God is the one who orchestrates this evil when I

orchestrate this evil to slaughter my people when I bring the sword upon a land if the people of the land of the land take a man of their coasts and set him for their Watchmen if when he sees the sword come upon the land he blows the trumpet and warn the people then whosoever hears the sound of the trumpet and takes not warning if the sword come and take him away his blood shall be upon his own head so for those of us who understand the prophets who understand what God is doing God has set as the Watchmen and we have to cry aloud and spare not and tell Israel their sins that the world is changing rapidly and it's changing the way it is and it's not good for the nations of Israel it's not good so who are the nations of Israel we need to look for a people who are incredibly wealthy who are far advanced beyond other nations and really through no credit of their own the the magnitude of wealth that they enjoy is just it's far beyond what anybody else enjoys that it can't just be human ingenuity there needs to be the explanation is there's a supernatural blessing and you know if we're honest with ourselves and we look at the world and here's a map of billionaires in the world and that the dark-brown are where the wealthiest bil wealthiest people live you know what they live in the Americas they live in primarily in North America and primarily in the United States the blue are where the poorest people in the world live you know where the poorest most backward people in the world live they live in the Middle East and North Africa and or we the Africa but Middle East and North Africa but all of Africa these these people and it's not are they stupid are they are they worse than everybody else

or are the Americans just naturally brilliant or is there something happening here where the people of Israel are the people that are the most blessed people in the earth and now the world is changing in such a way that they are being despised and they're going to be slaughtered and somebody needs to understand what is happening in the world and somebody needs to be able to explain this to others and this is what God is saying so he says if we understand what is going on in the world and we understand the prophets we have to warn the judeo-christian Nations tell them who they are tell them what God is doing in the earth and how he's going to use the underprivileged nations who feel resentment towards all the prosperity that the judeo-christian nations have and realize that this is the sort and it's on that those people from these lands are going to come upon the lands of Israel and they're going to infiltrate even the highest levels of government and they're going to figure out how the whole government system works and they're going to prepare to bring down these these nations and so this is the sword he says but if they don't a warning that's on themselves their blood is on their own head he heard the sound of the trumpet but he didn't take warning his blood shall be upon him but he that takes warning shall deliver his soul but if the watchman sees the sword come this is what we were reading in Isaiah 56 the last part beginning in verse 9 that these these are dumb dogs and they're the beasts are coming the sword is on the land if the watchman sees the sword come and blow not the trumpet you can see this

happening but you don't care you think tomorrow is gonna be much the same as today only better if the watchman sees the sword common blow not the trumpet and the people are not warned if the sword come and take any person from among them he is taken away in his iniquity but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand that is scary that God will say you are guilty of murder because you didn't warn the people about their sins and you didn't warn the people that God is bringing the sword that in fact the sword is on the land the sword is in our governments this distort is upon us and all it takes is a snap of the fingers and suddenly heads are rolling everywhere but if we don't warn then we're guilty when these heads roll God puts that blood on us he says here verse 7 so you Oh son of man and when we read O son of man let's say he's dead Ezekiel's dead unburied so whose son of man today when the sword is on the land it's those who are reading the scripture and understand what the son of man understood and who can articulate the scriptures of the son of man the burden now lies on us to be the Ezekiel's to be the Micah's to be the Isaiah's and to tell the nation's what these ancient prophets the the the revelation in the prophecy that these ancient prophets received not so much for their day but for our day and so there needs to be people alive today who can give voice to the ancient prophets and who work as a team to get this message out and the more we work as a team that louder we can cry the more we fragment ourselves and work in these little independent groups and we have no power we have no voice then how are they how are the

people gonna be warned so how can we come together with one voice and cry aloud with with the message of the ancient prophets so you Oh son of man I have set you a watchman unto the house of Israel God wants Israel warrant therefore you shall hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me so this is not just the people setting up a watchman this is God setting up a watchman and saying warn these people from me you listen to the word from my mouth in other words for us today studying you know we don't have people today who are receiving this kind of revelation the revelations been received and it's written down we just have to study it and then we need to understand it and proclaim it you shall hear the word at my mouth so - for us today that means we're going to study the prophets because the word has already been given and then warn we need to know who Israel is and then we need to warn them from God when you say Elizabeth the prophets are telling you in fact we need to be very clear that as much as this applies to Israel physically it applies to us who have received the Holy Spirit and Ephesians Paul says let no man deceive you with vain words don't don't don't slip here don't be fooled let no man deceive you with vain words for because of these things and you just have to read earlier what these things are but all of this sexual immorality because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience so while we're warning others let's make sure that we don't fall away ourselves so we need to be the example of repentance as we are preaching repentance to the nations of Israel back to his eye he says yet they

seek me daily and delight to know my ways as a nation that did righteousness so we have all of this religiosity which isn't real but we love to talk about it whether Jew or Christian yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways as a nation that did righteousness and forsook not the ordinance of their God they asked of me the ordinances of justice they take delight in approaching unto God and we chose to see this

Ezekiel says son of man you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house which have eyes to see and see not they have ears to hear and hear not for they are a rebellious house so this is how God characterizes Israel their rebellious house back to Isaiah where for why have we fasted they say so this is the false religiosity why have we fasted they say and you don't see why have we afflicted our soul and you take no knowledge behold in the day of your fast you find pleasure and exact all your Labor's so you're forcing your servants your employees to work and you're extracting as much labor as you can out of them while you're pretending to keep the Sabbath and while you're pretending to fast behold you fast for strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness

you shall not fast as you do this day to make your voice to be heard on high so don't fast so that I can form to you we fast so that we conform to God is it such a fast that I've chosen a day for a man to afflict his soul is it to bow down his head as a bulrush and despair to spread sackcloth and ashes under him will you call this a fast and an acceptable day to the Lord so God is not impressed with all of this

again religiosity this this show of religion isn't this the fast that I've chosen to loose the bands of wickedness to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free it'll give your fasting your fasting to become godlike in your character and and to behave and treat others the way God would and that you break every yoke is it not to deal your bread to the hungry and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house when you see the naked that you cover him and then you hide not yourself from your own flesh then shall your light break forth is the morning so again this is the whole process God is driving them to repentance but it has to be a true wholehearted repentance so if they do this if they do this type of fast then shall your light break forth is the morning and your health shall spring forth speedily and your righteousness shall go before you the glory of the Lord shall be your rear award then shall you call and the Lord shall answer this this is what will get the Lord's attention when you truly repent and truly change wholeheartedly you shall cry and he shall say Here I am if you take away from the midst of you the yoke and putting forth of the finger speaking vanity so stop your oppression and change and then God will have a relationship with you and if you draw out your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul then shall your light rise in obscurity and your darkness be as the noonday and the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought and make fat your bones and you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not and again this is always see here in Isaiah it goes back to the foundational

prophecy which we saw in Deuteronomy when Moses wrote and they shall come to pass when all these things are come upon you the blessing and the curse which I've said before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you and shall return to the Lord your God and 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 that that's when God is going to then gather you and give you his Holy Spirit and circumcise your heart and truly have a relationship with you Micah says the same thing so that's the route Deuteronomy is the foundational prophecy and then all of the other prophets including Isaiah are really amplifying what Moses saw so Moses is the foundation Isaiah is really the breadth and width so Isaiah goes way back into prehistory and way forward into the future and so Isaiah has the broadest view of prophecy but Moses that Moses has the foundational prophecy prophecy and then all the other prophets fit within that framework of the foundation of Moses and the breadth of Isaiah so here's Micah be in pain and labor to bring forth so so this whole evil that God is bringing upon Israel it is the process of laboring to bring forth being faith being pain in labor to bring forth o daughter of Zion like a woman in travail so this time of Jacob's trouble that he's going to be saved out of Micah's telling us it's a process of laboring of our bringing to them to birth for now shall you go forth out of the city and you shall dwell in the field and you shall go even to Babylon so so that's the curse you're gonna be

taken to Babylon and again we have to understand where is Babylon today and what does this mean there shall you be delivered so Israel is going to be delivered from Babylon there the Lord shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies so it's the same process you're gonna be driven to repentance and when you repent you're going to be gathered that's what Moses saw that's what Isaiah sees that's what all the prophets are saying back to finish you up here in Isaiah and they verse 12 and they that shall be of you in other words your descendants shall build the old waste places so this destruction that is going to come upon Judah and Jerusalem your descendants will actually rebuild it so they're going to rebuild Jerusalem they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places you shall raise up the foundations of many generations and you shall be called the repairer of the breach the restorer of paths to dwell in so God has a plan for Israel and the whole world is going to acknowledge that the God of the universe is the God of Israel and that Israel are the people of God they are the priests of God and that's when the world is right and they're going to be called the repairer of the breach the restorer of paths to dwell in if you turn away your foot from the Sabbath so again many many are not clear on the requirement to keep the Sabbath they think that the Sabbath is done away no need to keep it and yet the the Sabbath is constantly in the prophetic word and we're constantly looking forward to a time when the Sabbath will be honored so why would God want us to desecrate the Sabbath today if you turn away your foot from the Sabbath from doing your

pleasure on my holy day and call the sabbath of delight the holy of the lord so the sabbath is the holy of the lord honorable and shall honor him not doing your own ways nor finding your own pleasure nor speaking your own words if you do these things then shall you delight yourself in the lord and so this this is the good news that this anger that god has towards his people it's not forever that God is actually he has a plan for his people and he's taking them through a process so if they do if they are driven now to this repentance and they observed the Sabbath and they keep his law and they keep his judgment then shall you delight yourself in the Lord and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it this is just wonderful news but we have to understand it and we have to understand there's a great evil to come and it is designed specifically for the house of Jacob because God is driving the house of Jacob to repentance and our job is to bring this message to Jacob and to bring this message to Judah and then those that repent wonderful and those that refuse to repent oh well there will be no peace for the wicked okay so this is Isaiah chapter 57 and chapters 57 and 58 next week God willing will copper chapter 59 and then we will have an opportunity for some live Q&A and remember that's going to be Thursday evening not Wednesday evening so thanks so much for joining us and I'll jump on the chat for a little bit and I believe pastor Murray will be available to chat as well but will be available live next week thanks for joining us these are the

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