

26-Ezekiel-09-Q&A-Transcript

0:44 Well, welcome brethren to another Wednesday night Bible study where together we study the Scriptures Line upon line this evening.

0:53 No new content.

0:55 What we're going to do is answer some questions that have come in over the last couple of weeks and to help me do that, we haven't done this for a while but Pastor Murray is joining me.

1:06 Greetings pastor.

1:08 Hey, good evening.

1:09 How are you?

1:09 Good, good, nice to be with you on this platform.

1:12 We're together again in the Weekly Sabbath, but we haven't done this for a while.

1:18 Yeah, we haven't actually, I think something came up personally for me the last time we had something scheduled and a little bit of a, a medical issue in the family and small and everything worked out.

1:27 Ok.

1:27 But happy to be through the feast and you know, we've all traveled a little bit and now we're finally just getting our legs up under us and getting back to normal.

1:35 So appreciate that the last two Q and A I had some pretty substantial that I needed to deal with and they took the, the, the whole session.

1:45 So why don't we get into it for today?

1:47 Would you do the honors of the, the opening prayer, Father in heaven?

1:52 We just are very grateful to come before your throne and to do so virtually with so many people joining us live and, and thankful for this technology that unites us and allows us the opportunity to study your word in the middle of the week here.

2:07 A nice, a nice break during the middle of the week.

2:11 We now thank you for your word.

2:14 We thank you for Jesus Christ.

2:15 We thank you for all that your way provides and your way means especially in these, these chaotic and tumultuous times.

2:23 We pray for peace and we pray for courage and we pray for peace of mind and wisdom.

2:28 We are grateful that your body has access to the scriptures that that keeps us focused and keeps us calm and keeps us pointed in the right direction.

2:37 We pray for the your body as it goes through these tumultuous times, the body of your son.

2:42 We pray for the people of Israel.

2:44 And mostly most importantly, as we've continued to learn from the pages of your scriptures is that we don't pray against your will, but we pray for their repentance.

2:52 So we ask that these evenings studies and the words that we share and the interaction we have with the, the brethren are to your honor, to your glory.

3:01 And we ask all of these things in the name of our soon coming king and our Messiah Jesus Christ.

3:07 Amen.

3:07 Amen.

3:08 Thank you, brother.

3:10 Thank you for that.

3:11 So, how did you want to proceed?

3:14 I think you've been sort of journaling for us the questions that have come in.

3:17 And also,, please in the live chat, please feel free to post questions right this evening as they come to you and,, we can do that, but maybe,, pastor you wouldn't mind.

3:30 Just your overall thoughts on is, I don't think we, we've had you on Ezekiel yet.

3:35 No, this is the first time we're having you come in.

3:38 Yeah.

3:39 Yeah.

3:39 So I certainly really appreciate the studies and, you know, as, as we've been going through them,, it couldn't have been more perfect timing.

3:47 God ordained timing, timing for sure.

3:49, the Ezekiel studies and then the Jerusalem, your Chief Joy,, sermons, which I kind of, I guess come out of the Ezekiel studies and the studies of Isaiah as well.

3:59, really just, they, they really open up the profits to make them seem not so,, not so scary and not so,, heavy instable.

4:09 Yeah.

4:10, you know, growing up in the church you either were a prophecy nut and,, I mean, not, not necessarily in the greatest of ways because it was often, often trying to,, you know, pinpoint dates and that sort of thing which isn't the purpose of prophecy or people or you would just avoid it because it was either too overwhelming, too hard to understand.

4:28 But, you know, as we go through the line upon line, it's becoming increasingly clear, as you've stated, and as you've shown in your studies how everything comes you start in Torah, then Moses kind of narrows it down and points the way and then all the prophets come off of that.

4:43 So that's kind of just some general comments.

4:45 a few specific that really stand out is really a few things actually, God's God's message to them about the abomination that was in the land.

4:55 And I'm, I'm working on a message, I think in a couple of weeks to really deal with the effects of evil, the, the understanding of evil.

5:01 I think I really want to go there.

5:04 And I don't think we appreciate when I say we, I just think generally speaking, the people of God have a and deep under a deep enough understanding of the impact of evil.

5:15 There are the unchurched good people and then there are evil and everybody's not, those are two different sets of people.

5:24 And I think God really highlighting through Ezekiel, how, how, what he feels about abomination in his land and really the abomination actually is tied into the other piece of one of the messages of Ezekiel, which is the land and the holiness of the land.

5:41 He doesn't really, well, he does but you don't, you don't see in the scriptures and caring about other lands.

5:49 It's really his care for the promised land where the, you know, the new will come down to.

5:54 Obviously he cares about, about evil on the whole earth.

5:57 But the message really in the process is about evil in the land and the abomination and the land are really tight hand to hand.

6:03, and just a couple more things I guess is, is one of the other things that I thought was really important that we haven't really studied before and haven't really heard is really how,, Israel,, some people from the northern tribes migrated down into Sorry Murray just,, somehow your sound just came in and out on that.

6:23So it just, it was just a little muffled.

6:25It didn't coming out, it just got a bit muffled.

6:27OK.

6:27How is that?

6:28Is that ok?

6:28Yeah, that's better.

6:29, so just if you just repeat that last bit.

6:31Yeah, the last bit was the, the,, the new teach.

6:36The, the interesting, I hadn't really heard this before about how the northern tribes, how you went into Ezekiel and you went into second chronicles 15 and 11 to show how the,, some of the northern tribes stayed true to Judah and as best they could to the, the way of God by migrating down into Judah.

6:55So that's how, and it probably cleared up some confusion for many how God when he's really speaking to Judah can call them Israel.

7:03So that, that was, that was a good takeaway and just one other, one other point, I think you brought it up in the introduction and I just sort of stuck with me and that was the point of technology being the, the devil's imitation of the Holy Spirit.

7:18just in passing.

7:19But yeah, that, that's, that's that.

7:21So a lot to take away from Ezekiel.

7:23And, you know, we're only a quarter of the way through and certainly looking forward to the rest of the oracles.

7:30Yeah.

7:30No, that's some great takeaways and, and just reinforcement of some of what we've covered.

7:37That's great.

7:38So let's,, we'll keep an eye on the chat in case.

7:40Yeah.

7:41Got it in nothing yet.

7:42But but we do, we do have some questions that have come in.

7:46Maybe I want to just start off with Sister Christy because she did raise a question regarding the sacrifices in the future.

7:54And we, we will come to that because that is in Ezekiel.

7:57So Sister Christy, if you don't mind, we're just going through this line up online.

8:01So eventually, and that's what I love about the lineup online studies is we can't ignore any part of the scripture we, we just have to take it as it comes and then decipher it in, in its proper context.

8:13So God willing will come to that in, in a few months.

8:17Yeah.

8:17So certainly looking forward to that.

8:18It certainly is a, is a a, a teaching that has caused or a piece of scripture that has caused some confusion and certainly looking forward to that.

8:27So thank you to her for raising that.

8:30What I don't think we want to comment too much here on this, but because we've, we've covered it, You've covered it in multiple occasions, but the question did come in again on the, the different interpretations of the 30 years that begins in, in Ezekiel, there's a brother from Africa that wrote in suggesting that the 30th year in Ezekiel one is not the number of years since the destruction of the temple.

8:55But rather, I think he says here it has to do with when Ezekiel was, was was born.

9:00So again, you've, you've you've covered that, you initially covered it.

9:06One way, brother, I think it was brother Chuck wrote in and had some detailed stuff that you went through and you updated your teaching on that.

9:16So, and then you covered it again in one of the Q and A, a couple of weeks ago or last week.

9:20So I don't know if you wanted to make a few more comments about that, but certainly have gone into some detail already.

9:25Yeah.

9:26And, and I will address this again.

9:28First of all, I want to a to brethren because I put a timeline together during the feast or over the feast period.

9:35And then I presented that and it was on an I, it's an I OS app so I could do it on my tablet, I can work on it on my phone and as I was putting it all together and sort of excited to put things in order from Noah all the way through to New Jerusalem and explaining what's happening in the Middle East right now.

9:52And what is prophesized to happen?

9:54I wasn't really thinking about the output and it's not until I went to share it that I realized it's kind of clunky for sharing.

10:02So I've just been researching other timeline software that will make it easier to share and, and, and print and, and so I'll be working on that and, and sharing that and I think I can then revisit the, the timeline specifically around Ezekiel.

10:17But I do want to say this in principle because I think brother, the brothers question.

10:23He, his assumption is that Ezekiel is chronological, that it's organized chronologically and, and that is not quite correct.

10:34Ezekiel is organized thematically and in fact, I was just thinking of a scripture and let me just call, bring it up.

10:45It is in Deuteronomy and I'm sure you're familiar with it.

10:50It's in Deuteronomy.

10:52I think it's in 34.

10:55Yes, it is.

10:56OK.

10:56So Deuteronomy 34 let's see if I can share my screen here.

11:02Hm.

11:04Share a screen.

11:09Yes, I can.

11:11So here in De Army 34 the Torah is written by Moses.

11:17OK.

11:17So Moses wrote the Torah and some of our critics will bring out this passage de army 34 verse five.

11:25So Moses, the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab according to the word of the Lord.

11:31And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab over against Beth Por.

11:35But no man knows of his sepulcher to this day.

11:38And Moses 100 and 20 years old when he died and his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated and the Children of Israel wept for Moses in the plain of Moab 30 days.

11:49So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

11:53And so this gets a big laugh from our critics because they say, well, you say Moses wrote the Torah.

12:02did he write about his own death?

12:05And and how the Children of Israel responded to his death?

12:08And the answer is, of course not.

12:10So, even though the Torah is attributed to Moses, he is not the sole author of the Torah.

12:17And likewise with the prophets, even though the name is associated with the prophet Ezekiel.

12:24He is not the sole author of, is Isaiah.

12:28Same thing Isaiah's ministry I think was seven decades and he was receiving these oracles throughout the seven decades.

12:36And then it's really his disciples and the scribes that, that collect all of these oracles and then decide how they will organize them so that we get Isaiah first, Isaiah, second Isaiah, third Isaiah.

12:50And here in Ezekiel, the, the scribes that organized the prophet, the prophet scroll are not organizing it.

13:00Chrono ch chronologically, they're organizing it thematically.

13:05And so we've just finished the section from Ezekiel 1 to 12, which really has to do with God's evaluation of the problem with Judah.

13:18He's, he's really making a case against Judah and that is in chapters 1 to 12.

13:25Now we're going to begin a new section.

13:27And in fact, when I was first looking at Ezekiel, because it is a bit of a dense scroll.

13:32I was entertaining the thought of maybe taking a break at this time.

13:36I thought we'd get to chapter 12 by the feast after the feast, maybe look at another part of the scripture and then come back to Ezekiel just because it's a bit dense.

13:45But I think to your point in, in the introduction, it's God's timing that we're looking at this now and it has extreme explanatory power over the Middle East, what's happening in the Middle East right now.

13:59And so the next section or the next theme of Ezekiel is God's judgment on Judah.

14:06And he has quite a, quite a lot to say.

14:09It's the next from 13 I think to maybe 25.

14:13It's all about God's judgment against Judah.

14:17Then beginning in chapter 26 up to something like 34 33 30 maybe 32 25 to 32.

14:26 Thank you.

14:27 It's now, so once God deals with his judgment against Judah, now he begins to judge the surrounding nations very similar to what we saw on Sabbath when I was preaching from Amos, how God then judges the surrounding the neighbors.

14:43 And let me add the Islamic neighbors of, of Judah.

14:48 And then finally, the restoration of Judah and, and the, the, the, the millennial reign of Christ.

14:54 So these or this sequence is around themes of the oracles.

15:02 It's not saying this is how it, this is the order in which Ezekiel receives oracles.

15:07 In fact, last week, we looked at chapter 12 and that's an oracle about Zedekiah.

15:15 And that oracle actually precedes chapter one.

15:19 So he, he, he received that oracle prior to the vision and the communication he had with, with God in chapter one.

15:27 But the scribes are organizing this thematically to communicate something to us about Judah.

15:34 God's evaluation of Judah, his judgment against Judah, his judgment against the surrounding nations.

15:40 And then the restoration, regardless of how the actual order in which Ezekiel received these oracles, they're putting it together so that we can take away the fundamental meaning of these passages.

15:55 Yeah, that makes a whole lot of sense.

15:57 I mean, you look at the oracles against the surrounding nations and it, it's not like it wouldn't be a checklist where God is, you know, going to do, am on first then Moab.

16:04, because as you get down to Moab and Edom, the others should be paying attention and repent after that.

16:11 If it's a check, if it's a, if it's a chronological checklist.

16:14 So, yeah, good point.

16:15 And the other piece to Moses, actually, in addition to what you read and Deuteronomy 34 is you go back into Genesis where I think four or five times he incorporates the histories of different families and you know that those were likely documents of some kind that he would have been adapted into his writing.

16:32 So, and, and I think just to add to this, we have to acknowledge the movement of God's Holy Spirit.

16:40 It through the scribes and those who canonized the scriptures for us that it wasn't just, oh, you know, I'm a prophet of God.

16:48 Here's the revelation I received, let me document this for everybody.

16:52 There's a lot of work that went in post receipt of the revelation by the scribes to canonize it and put it in a particular structure and God's Holy Spirit was working with them as it was with the recipient of the revelation in the first place.

17:07 Yeah, great.

17:07 We do have a couple of comments from Jeff as well as a question.

17:10 And interestingly, his question really ties into a question we were already going to discuss from a sister that had sent in the question regarding the Jewish people of today.

17:19 So let me just read for everybody here.

17:22The couple of comments from our brother Jeff, thank you Jeff for writing in here as far as the land current affairs in the context of Ezekiel are, are interesting whereas people assume the state of Israel is, in fact Israel, which should be a covenant, obeying people of God and it's not, so good comment there.

17:40You know, we have discussed that in the especially deacon Jan and I in the two weeks that we were discussing in keeping watch that Israel doesn't even have a right to the land because of the covenant requirements that God set down.

17:56I'll continue here with his, his second comment and then we'll go back to his question.

18:00It is also interesting how evangelicals and you've spoken to this as well.

18:06How evangelicals were and are very dialed into the nation.

18:09Israel born in a day in 1948 yet ignoring other Arab countries were born in a day when Britain broke up, Palestine.

18:16So appreciate those comments, Jeff.

18:20Certainly agree with those.

18:22And your question, Jeff and then we'll go into the connected to the question that we already have here.

18:27Can you expand on this thought as you have touched on before?

18:30That's regarding pagan festivals and orthodox Jews who deny the Messiah?

18:35And if we can go now to just link that to the question that we already have from our, our sister Jane, I'm assuming your breakdown of Old Testament.

18:42Prophecy is similar to what most Bible scholars would be saying.

18:46Am I understanding it correctly that it is prophesized in the Old Testament that the Jewish people today are considered to have turned against God and that they need to repent if that is correct.

18:56Then how do Jewish scholars address that?

18:59Is it simply a matter of their hearts being hardened to the truth or am I misunderstanding?

19:03And that type of prophecy clearly applies to, to today is only found in the New Testament.

19:09So really, you know, talking about the, the state of the Jews today and how God perceives them and, and how they can come to repentance and, and how do the scripture speak to the Jews today?

19:20Maybe you wanted to kick off?

19:22Certainly.

19:23Thanks brother and thanks brother Jeff and the sister who raised the question as well.

19:29And I think, yeah, there, there is this sort of halo effect around the Jewish people that especially among the evangelicals that they can do no wrong.

19:39And we have to stand with them no matter what and no matter what they do, it's never evil because they, they're God's chosen people.

19:46And then there's the other side who just completely reject them and say no,, they've broken the covenant.

19:52So God is done with them and he's replaced them with Christians.

19:57And in fact, both views are incorrect if we start with the biblical view and let me again, just share my screen here and go back to the Torah where God here instructs them to keep the covenant.

20:10And he says it is, if, if you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and do them, then I will give you rain in due season and the land shall yield her increase the that the land of Israel and even broader, the promised land should be a very productive, high yielding land.

20:31And then this is the expectation.

20:32It should be really the the breadbasket of the Middle East.

20:36But he goes on to say, and he says, I'll give you peace here, verse six, I'll give you peace in the land and you'll lie down and none will make you afraid.

20:44And so there's all these blessings and you'll chase your enemies and then they shall fall before you by the sword.

20:50But then he goes down here and he says, I'm the land.

20:53But if you will not hearken unto me and you will not do all these commandments, and if you shall despise my statutes or if you are so abhor my judgments so that you will not do all my commandments but that you break my covenant.

21:10I also will do this unto you.

21:13I will even appoint over you terror.

21:17This is your appointment.

21:18It's like, oh, I'm late for an appointment.

21:20oh, Judah, who's your appointment with?

21:23It's with terror.

21:24OK.

21:24So there you go.

21:25Consumption and the burning ague of this disease and the destruction of your eyes, the sorrow of heart depression that this is what they're going through right now for the whole world to see.

21:35you'll sow your seed in vain, all of that pro productive land.

21:40And it's amazing, you know, the Muslims have been in that area, are taken it over since the seventh century and, and done nothing productive with it.

21:52Israel comes in since the, you know, 1948 and within a matter of a couple of decades, the desert is productive land and it's generating all of this wealth and then they bring in all this technology and it's just amazing what these people have done in a few short decades when the Islamic community has had it for centuries.

22:15So there's something to be said about the sort of carry over blessings of, of being God's people and being organized and, and having a, a zeal for life and not for death, but, but forcing themselves back against God's will.

22:31And there's a lot of in fact, orthodox rabbis who are cursing the Zionists for forcing themselves back in the land when they acknowledge no, this, it's the messiah who's to bring us back in the land.

22:47And when he brings us back in the land, we're to have peace.

22:51So God says here in verse 17, I'll set my face against you and you shall be slain before your enemies.

23:00They that hate, you shall reign over you.

23:02And so this is what we're seeing unfold.

23:04Now, this sort of these, these cycles that the God's people go through.

23:08 We, we, we're intensifying this cycle to the full, leading up to Christ's return where the whole world, I just, it's a, it's an Israel cannot win.

23:20 They just cannot win this.

23:22 And, and so nobody's calling out for Hamas to mend their ways.

23:27 Nobody's saying, ok, Hamas, you're a government of a land and we expect you to behave like this, this and this and this.

23:33 Nobody, what everybody is saying is, oh Israel, we were gonna lay down conditions for Israel and the media is when just over time, Israel's losing the battle of public sentiment.

23:45 And so here it is, you're gonna be slain before your enemies.

23:48 They that hate you will reign over you and you'll flee when none pursues you.

23:53 And they're right now depending on their, their military prowess.

23:57 But God's curse says nothing will help you.

24:02 And they're depending as well on their relationship with America and, and that is gonna gonna collapse as well.

24:09 So let me just maybe summarize by saying this, that the people of Judah, the people we call Jews today are in the land by the will of man, they forced themselves back.

24:26 They had no land and they negotiated with Britain who was the leading empire at the time and, and they forced themselves back in the land through a human vision.

24:37 And then they put this veneer of scripture and spirituality over it, even though the driving force of this was an atheist.

24:45 And they, and they are socialists and Marxists and they just wanted a secular land and then they put this veneer to sort of justify and rationalize what they're doing and also to win the support of the, the more religious among them.

24:59 So that's on that side, the religious among them hate Jesus Christ, they hate Christians.

25:06 You try preaching the gospel in Jerusalem today and let me know how it goes for you because they just, this is Matthew 23 and this is the, the attitude they have towards Christ, which hasn't changed.

25:19 If you look at the Talmud that the despicable things they say about Christ and the Talmud.

25:25 So we've got, on one end, we've got leftists, Marxists, secularists atheists that who are just involved in every abominable practice.

25:35 And then on the other side, we've got these pseudo rig people who reject God.

25:42 So I just, I, I can't see a positive future until they're driven to repentance as Moses wrote ages ago and as the prophets have amplified, and it's only then when they truly repent in all the nations where they've been scattered that when Christ returns this massive second exodus, he's gonna gather all his people and he's gonna bring them back in the land and none shall make them afraid.

26:06 But that will be God's doing not 1948 and I'm afraid many of us have been swept up with this evangelical fervor over 1948 which is, if anything 1948 is about gathering all the people in one place so they can be destroyed.

26:23 That's right.

26:24 Yeah.

26:24 And to the sister's point as well, Your question, one of the, one of the points she was she was making was, is it simply a matter of their hearts being hardened to the truth?

26:35 And you know, we've talked about Romans 9, 10 and 11 many, many times and how Paul, how Paul says that Israel was blinded to the point where now the reason why gentiles were offered a place was to drive Israel to repentance.

26:48 And her point here is that it can only be found in the New Testament we see in the, in the Hebrew scriptures, God telling Israel that he will blind them.

26:57 You know, Deuteronomy, I got a couple of scriptures point to this.

27:00 Yeah.

27:01 Sure.

27:01 Deuteronomy 29 verse four 29.

27:05 Let me just share my screen again in verse four.

27:12 Yes.

27:16 Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear unto this day.

27:21 So you know, we read in John six about how it you know, got the father must open the heart to draw you to to draw you into Christ.

27:31 That's not a, that's not a new Testament concept here.

27:34 The Jews have been blinded.

27:36 And then the second scripture you know, you've always said, Isaiah comes out of is all the prophets filtered through Isaiah which comes directly out of Moses.

27:44 So we're gonna go to Isaiah 29 verse nine and 10 interesting left.

27:50 This is actually what is quoted in, in Romans 11 where Isaiah says, stay yourselves in wonder, cry you out and cry.

27:59 They are drunken but not with wine.

28:01 They stagger but not with strong drink for the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep and has closed your eyes, the prophets and your rulers, the seers, he has covered.

28:11 So just another another layer to this would why Israel is, is you know, they chose all the way back to, to turn their back against God, to become to become an abominable.

28:25 And as a result of this, God washes his hands and says, listen, we're, we're moving on here now and you simply can't see unless, as you point as you pointed out in, in Jeremiah, your sermon last week that God is going to,, a remnant is going to be allowed to be able to, for his purposes because he still needs to, to keep his covenant.

28:46 So he's going to maintain a remnant for his purposes.

28:49 Not because there's anything worthy of the.

28:51 Exactly.

28:51 Exactly.

28:52 And just a couple of thoughts come to my mind as you're speaking there, brother.

28:56 one is in the blinding of Judah that Paul cautions gentile Christians not to become conceited, not to become self absorbed and think this is all about us, you know, not to be wise in our own conceits.

29:13 And that's a very dire warning.

29:15 And he goes on to say the same God that has blinded them and, and frozen them out of the covenant can graph them back in and can freeze us out.

29:26 And so I think we have to be very, very humble and we're, we're just reading the scriptures.

29:30 We're giving a biblical view of what's going on in the Middle East today and how to, how to interpret it based on scripture.

29:38 And it's not at all this.

29:39 Oh, we're better than the Jews.

29:41 No, we're not.

29:42 But God has, has chosen us to provoke them to jealousy through our accurate reading of their scriptures.

29:53 Did you want?

29:55 And the second thing that came to mind as you were reading Isaiah is the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been quoting Isaiah as well.

30:04 I think he was quoting Isaiah 60 to justify his brutality against the people of Gaza.

30:12 And you know, for such a corrupt politician, he should be very careful about quoting the scriptures.

30:20 And so just again, this, this use of the scriptures when it's convenient while at the same time, while young people are engaged in sacrilege and and debauchery, nobody's saying, hey, there's a need for repentance here.

30:35 Let's have a day of fasting and mourning and said, oh, what's wrong with young people partying and enjoying themselves on the Holy Sabbath, the Holy High Sabbath?

30:45 No, there's none of that.

30:45 It's just they have a right to do whatever they want and it's their land and nobody's gonna move them and they're just humanly trying to bring the the scriptures to fulfillment.

30:56 God will bring the scriptures to fulfillment.

30:58 And unfortunately for Prime Minister Netanyahu and, and the Jewish people, the Israelis, it's not pretty in the foreseeable future.

31:08 It will be beautiful down the road.

31:10 But initially, it's going to get very, very ugly and intense.

31:14 Yeah, interesting comments, especially regarding Paul's comments in Romans 11.

31:18 And, and really, I don't think you need to go any further to, to see that replacement, the replacement theology simply can't be you don't need any scriptures other than Romans 11.

31:30 even though there are, even though there are many and, and we're very guilty of replacement theology.

31:34 It's just something that sort of feeds the ego and therefore it's easy to latch onto.

31:38 But again, we've got to have an accurate reading of the scripture.

31:43 Yeah, absolutely.

31:44 And your comments about,, Prime Minister Netanyahu.

31:46, yeah, if you're going to go to the scriptures, you know,, let, let's use second chronicle seven about my people,, repenting, you know, God, God can, God can stop this if they simply would repent.

31:58 But we know we know they're not, I think there's a difference with, you know, I stand with Israel or we stand with Israel versus we stand for Israel.

32:07 And I think our, our position is we stand for Israel because we stand with God and God is for Israel, but we cannot stand with wicked people, we cannot stand with evil.

32:17 And unfortunately, the people we call the Israelis today have turned their back on God and they're, and, and they're engaged in abomination and, and you, you can't get out of the covenant.

32:29I remember Fiddler on the roof.

32:31There's a scene in Fiddler on the roof where I think what the main character at some point.

32:36He just says, you know, where, where God's chosen people.

32:39And he turns out to God and says, God couldn't, you have chosen some other people, you know, because He, he feels the burden of being chosen and being in covenant with God.

32:49And it is a very, very heavy burden to, to bear.

32:52And so they can't have this.

32:54They acknowledge their God's chosen people, but they completely despise the terms and conditions of the covenant.

33:01And, and I'm sorry, but you cannot, the covenant is eternal, they cannot get out of it.

33:06So when God covenants, he covenants and this is what a lot of the Christians don't understand.

33:10They think God is done with the Jewish people because they broke the covenant.

33:14Yeah, they broke the covenant, but Hebrews eight, that's God finds fault with them, not with the covenant.

33:21And so he's going to renew this covenant, not with gentiles, but in fact, with the people of Israel.

33:28Yeah, you, you make a great point.

33:29That's a, a great comment you made there that we can, we can say we stand for Israel but not with Israel.

33:35And you know, we talked about it a couple of weeks ago and then you actually went to a scripture on the Sabbath.

33:40I think it would be appropriate to remind everybody here.

33:42Jeremiah 11 verse 14.

33:44Let me, let me bring that up.

33:47Yeah, my 11 14.

33:50And this is all about standing for but not with and being sure what we pray for when we pray.

33:56And you know, we've, we've talked about it.

33:57We talked about it in our discussion afterwards.

33:59We talked about on keeping watch, but therefore pray not view for this people.

34:04Neither lift up a cry of prayer for them for, I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

34:11And yeah, so, you know, as we pray for Israel, be sure we pray for Israel and for their repentance according to God's will.

34:21God's will.

34:23Yeah.

34:23A lot of people are just sort of swept up in the emotion of it all on, on both sides that the Palestinians are suffering horrendously and, and that's being publicized a lot and you cannot help but feel empathy for what they're going through.

34:39Of course, what Hamas does just it, it is Hamas, excuse me, it is unbridled violence and evil straight out of the mind of the devil.

34:53and, and the Israelis have, have been subjected to this and traumatized by it and, and so we can't sugar coat that which all of a sudden the whole world is willing to do, as I mentioned.

35:03 Nobody's making demands of Hamas, even though it's an official government, all the demands are what Israel must do and what, what Israel must not do.

35:13 Yeah.

35:13 And then quickly turned like, I mean, a few, a few days pro Israel and then it wasn't quickly, we do have a few comments before we go on to the next question.

35:23 One comment before we go ahead because when you went to Jeremiah, it just brought to mind, I also covered Amos, but I want to just show here in Amos what he received.

35:34 This is an end time prophecy and we know it is because of verse two.

35:38 And he said, the Lord will roar from Zion.

35:42 God is going to be furious when he returns and he's going to roar from Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem.

35:50 This hasn't happened yet, but it's in the immediate future and the habitations of the shepherd shall mourn and the top of Carmel shall wither.

35:59 And then similar as what we're going to go through in Ezekiel in the near future, he pronounces his judgments on Judah's neighbors.

36:09 So Syria is going to come under condemnation so we can expect behavior from Syria that is completely anti Semitic and is going to come under God's judgment.

36:21 Then he goes on again with, with s Syria.

36:25 But here Gaza, the Gazans are called into judgment and, and you know, they can show us babies suffering and family suffering, but they have a hatred for God's people which they share.

36:39 I think some, you know, 80% of Gazans of Palestinians they call Palestinians, which is a misnomer.

36:46 They hate Jews and, and, and the eyewitness reports.

36:51 No, it wasn't just Hamas that was raping and abusing the the women and Children and the elderly.

36:56 It was the citizens as well who came over the border.

36:59 So they just baked into their psyche from, from youth is a pathological hatred for Jews.

37:07 And so we have to be very careful.

37:09 You know, they're saying, talking about Palestinians being occupied, Israel occupying the land.

37:15 How did Islam spread all over the world?

37:18 How did Islam make it all the way to Pakistan?

37:21 Because they take over land?

37:23 That the, the hypocrisy is epic.

37:25 It's epic, hypocrisy.

37:28 The very things they're, they're calling out are the very things they do.

37:30 And this goes right back to Muhammad but Gaza is going to come under judgment and, and, and he, he talks a bit about their cooper operation with, with Edom and this conflict really being rooted in the animosity with Edom and, and Jacob.

37:49 So I think we just have to be very, very careful that we're right down the center line with God.

37:56 Yes.

37:56 We, we, we don't stand with Israel, we stand for Israel and that means God's judgment upon them until they repent.

38:04 But we don't stand with the Palestinians or the Muslims, either God's judgment is upon them because of their, even though God is using them to punish his people right back to Moses, Deuteronomy 30.

38:16 He's going to punish them as well.

38:17 And so we're, we're right down the center and this is why we're gonna be hated by all nations because we preach the gospel accurately.

38:25 And as, as we've talked about before, you know, in its current state, neither the Palestinians nor Israel or Judah has a right to the land, God.

38:35 God.

38:36 God didn't give it to the Palestinians and Israel isn't obeying the covenant terms to have a right to the land and it is God's to give.

38:43 Exactly.

38:43 And I would say, you know, Noah gave the land to Canaan and God through Abraham took it away from this character that, that the whole Canaanite society is rooted in sexual debauchery.

38:58 And that's the root of their culture and their DNA is baked into the psyche of the culture.

39:03 And because of that, rightfully, as you pointed out, they've been removed from the land and, and Jude or Israel was told to go in, completely remove them and not to have anything to do with their abominable practices.

39:16 Instead, Israel went in and coexisted with them and adopted their abominable practices even to the point of what we see with Sodom and Gomorrah we actually see with, with Benjamin in, in the land.

39:30 So you're right, the, the, the the Canaanites lost the land first, they lost their right to the land first, followed by Israel losing their right to the land as well.

39:41 So right now, no one has a claim on the land.

39:44 But through covenant, God has every intention to bring Israel back to the land.

39:49 He does, he does a bit of an interaction between our two brothers from Ohio.

39:54 Jeff and Nathaniel just go through here quickly for everybody.

39:58 Jeff says so, so true about the bias.

40:00 Israel certainly is not perfect but how could they accept a two state solution when the other parties have Israel's destruction as official charter policy?

40:08 And certainly Deacon Jan, he provided a detailed history in keeping watch of the various times that Israel offered up as much as a 2080 split in favor of the Palestinians and the Palestinians rejected that.

40:24 So, Nathaniel, what's wild to me?

40:27 I've had both Jews and Muslims have the exact same reaction when we got to the part in our conversations where I said Jesus was the son of God.

40:34 Like so, yeah, interesting, interesting interactions, Nathaniel.

40:38 That's very, very interesting.

40:39 That says a lot.

40:40 It does down to brother Jeff again.

40:44 Netanyahu Prime Minister Netanyahu used for Samuel 15 3.

40:48 Now go and Sma Amali and utterly destroy all that they have and spare the knot regarding Hamas again, as to your point, selective use of scripture, which is which has been the human, which has been the human or the body of Christ's condition for time in memorial.

41:05 And, and to, to follow that scripture that has to be authorized by God.

41:11 You know, when, when, when Saul went into battle without God's authorization, God stripped the kingdom from him.

41:18 He did.

41:19 So this is not just and, and also that type of rhetoric is going to turn the whole world against Israel and they're going to forcibly want to remove them from the land siefried.

41:35 I think, sid fried is from the Pembroke area up by Ottawa.

41:38 There are over 30,000 Jews and Arabs in Israel who do follow the Old and the New Testament worship Jesus on the seventh day in the High Holy days.

41:45 They're having a hard time by the orthodox Jews.

41:48 And as you pointed out and as we've talked about,, very secular people,, throughout Israel for the most part and we'll get to that a little bit here when we talk about our next question.

41:59 down to, just, I guess that's really it, there's just some interaction there really about traveling and, and Chuck Reeves puts out a link to a specific, if you want to watch a good Christian debate, debating the Muslims in the Quran, check out the archive or you can go to CG I Canada and check out your debates, your two debates with the two Muslim Imams as well.

42:24 You didn't say that there.

42:25 I was throwing that in.

42:25 Very good.

42:27 So we wanted to, we had another question and that came up from our congregation following some comments you made in your sermon and it, and you've actually touched on it already here today.

42:38 And that is just really to provide a bit of a deeper explanation of zionism, which is a word.

42:43 Many are obviously having to become familiar with.

42:46 Now, if you're not already familiar with it and how it relates to Marxism.

42:50 And you made, you made a comment on the Sabbath.

42:53 I don't know if it was in your sermon or not, but I know it was in our discussion afterwards about how, you know, Zionism really is very Marxist and we've talked a lot about Marxism over the last three or four years, probably even longer, but really linking it here now to Zionism was, was a question that we had here.

43:12 So, and you've already you know, just to maybe kick off the conversation a little bit, you already touched on it that, that the, the, the veneer of Israel being started up as a, as a spiritual land was really a cover for really the, the intention which was really secular in nature.

43:32 And when you get into things like kibbutz and, and and when we talk about Marxism, what one of the items that we see and what we talked about is really the elimination of individual choice and the individuality of becoming everybody is a, is a the group that you identify with.

43:50 The collective is really the most important here.

43:52 So, comments on and really the actually, in this case, the Wikipedia article, actually, there's other better things I'm sure.

44:00But for, for just a quick reference, if you want, people wanted to go look at the design is article in Wikipedia that would give you a decent high level, quick overview of all you had was really five or 10 minutes to look into it.

44:12Did you want to make some comments?

44:13Yeah, maybe I'll just bring up Wikipedia as a starting point.

44:17But just my comment is, you know, when Hamas launched their attack on October 7th, you heard a lot in the news about these kibbutz and kibbutz that they were attacking the various kibbutz.

44:31We would say kibbutzes in English, I guess.

44:34what, what is Kibbutz?

44:36So, so he would look up kibbutz and, and our brother Jan knows this coming from Poland.

44:42This is a Marxist concept.

44:45It, it's sort of a collective farming village under Marxist ideology and, and that's part of the, what Z is brought back to Israel was this socialist communist notion.

44:59And that's why you have Jews living in Kibbutzes in Israel, even though there's no such concept or word in the scriptures.

45:08But let me just start with the article and I'm not gonna read all of it, obviously, but we'll just get a bit of a taste here on Zionism.

45:23And you'll see here.

45:24Zionism is a nationalist movement that emerged in the 19th century.

45:30So in the 18 hundreds to enable the establishment of a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine.

45:37And as I also said in my sermon on Sabbath, Palestine is a misnomer.

45:42This is something that I, I think it was the Emperor Hadrian.

45:47he just, he despised the Jews so much and their rebellion against Rome that he renamed Judea Samaria.

45:56He renamed it Palestine to disconnect the people from the land.

46:02And so what we know in the Bible is Judea Samaria because of the Romans.

46:08And I think he called it Festina as sort of an insult to the Jews to name it for their enemies.

46:15So what we're calling Palestine today is the trick of Rome.

46:19It's really, we should be referring to it as Judea Samaria and the people we're calling Palestinians.

46:25Many of them are just Arabs that have been brought into the land and now they're being oppressed by their own people.

46:32They're being used as pawns and even if they wanted to get out of there, they can't because the people who are true Islamists and, and want control, they're just using them as pawns and as human shields.

46:45So this is really Judea Samaria, but they wanted to establish their home in Palestine corresponding to this.

46:53So then, so then he goes on to say, and I'm just looking.

46:58So this is Theodore Herzig was the original founder of the Zionist movement, but it was David Ben Gurion who was the person who actually carried it out.

47:11And if you look him up, he was a Leninist.

47:13He loved Lenin and just really praised him for just being practical and getting things done even at the cost of human life, but just being very practical about it.

47:24This is what the, the founder of the nation of Israel as a, as a Zionist.

47:30Just very, we just need this, this land and he was a socialist.

47:35And so when we talk about Zionism, we should not equate Zionism with anything religious, anything spiritual.

47:43It is a socialist, secular movement where Jews who were dispersed and disbanded all over the world needed a homeland And, and, and we're thinking actually of South America, they wanted to establish a homeland in South America or Palestine.

48:01And then I don't know how it happened, but they chose through the Balfour Declaration declaration and communication with the Rothschild and the British to establish themselves back in what we call Palestine.

48:16And, and you know, this is, you know, when the Ottoman Empire fell and then Britain gained control over that whole area between Britain and France.

48:25they were deciding what to do with the Jewish people.

48:28And so it's just all human, human interest in getting these people back there because he, he can even hear Joe Biden years ago, maybe in the seventies saying that if Israel did not exist in the Middle East, we would have to invent an Israel.

48:46He did say that he said, because he says we, they represent our interest in the Middle East and we need them as a strategic stronghold in the Middle East.

48:56So it's all these sort of human, you know, devising to create this land for Jews in the Middle East in, in Palestine.

49:06And it is nothing to do with a spiritual longing to be loyal to God.

49:12But they had to put this.

49:13In fact, David Ben Gurion made the Sabbath a legal requirement in the land because he realized he's not going to win over the religious community unless he puts this spiritual veneer over it and can quote some scriptures around it.

49:28And so that was just a again a Leninist move.

49:31It was not at all loyalty to God.

49:34But you pointed out to me something down here.

49:37Yeah, down near the bottom.

49:38It was after the Balford declaration.

49:40So if you keep going down, you see, you'll see liberal labor zionism there it is here.

49:46Yeah.

49:46Labor z should I just read this?

49:48Sure.

49:48Yeah.

49:48Yeah.

49:49So, so labor zionism originated in eastern Europe.

49:53Socialist Zionists believe that the centuries of oppression in anti-semitic societies had reduced Jews to a meek vulnerable, despairing existence that invited further anti-semitism.

50:05A view originally stipulated by Theodore Hersey, who is the founder of this whole Zionist movement.

50:11 They argued that a revolution of the Jewish soul and society was necessary and achievable in part by Jews moving to Israel and becoming farmers workers and soldiers in a country of their own.

50:21 Most socialist Zionists rejected the observance of traditional religious Judaism as perpetuating a diaspora mentality.

50:31 So this idea that we've been exiled coming from scripture.

50:35 They hated that among the Jewish people and established rural communities in Israel called Kibbutzim.

50:42 The kibbutz began as a variation on a national farm scheme, a form of co-operative agriculture where the Jewish National Fund hired Jewish workers under trained supervision.

50:54 The Kibbutzim were a symbol of the second Aliyah in that they put great emphasis on communal communalism and egalitarianism representing utopian socialism to a certain extent, nothing to do with God.

51:11 In fact, anti, anti biblical, exactly, anti biblical, very, very good.

51:16 Though socialist Zionism draws its inspiration and is philosophically founded on the fundamental values and spirituality of Judaism, its progressive expression of that.

51:27 Judaism has often fostered an antagonistic relationship with orthodox Judaism very, I guess I'll just finish.

51:36 And that's a good point that you know, that sentence you made about it draws inspiration that that's really the, the genius of Satan and, and and how he works and how, you know, it's, it's a veneer.

51:48 So so even even even or here that say they, they drew inspiration from that.

51:53 If you really understand it, they, it's not, it's not spiritual Judaism at all.

51:58 You can go through the Torah and, and the, the laws of Torah speak against all of this.

52:03 And this point that you're making brother is so important because Christ told us before he comes, deception will be rampant and we must not be deceived.

52:15 And So by, by putting these veneers, you, you look at Islam and the evil and the wickedness of Islam, but it has this religious veneer over it.

52:24 And so people fall for it and think it's something spiritual and hear people say it's a beautiful religion, just peel off the veneer and take a look.

52:31 And in fact, their hatred of the Jews has to do with the Jews ability to pierce through the veneer that when Muhammad left Mecca and established himself in Medina and, and, and went to the Jews and, and you know, Arabs knew nothing about scripture, knew nothing about what a prophet is.

52:49 So they just accepted everything he told them.

52:51 And then when he went to Medina where there's this massive Jewish population and thought that they would accept him as, as, as their messiah and as their prophet and they just basically left, left him to scorn.

53:03 They were just so like, it was just such a ridiculous proposition.

53:08 That's when he began to despise them.

53:10 That's when he decided that they have to be eliminated.

53:13 So the this hatred that we're seeing today with Hamas and Hezbollah and, and these Islamic nations against Judah stems from Muhammad's insecurity that because they had the

Torah and could show from the Torah that his claim to be a prophet was ridiculous that the answer to that completely eliminate them.

53:34 This is how Islam has always spread by the complete elimination of its enemies.

53:39 The complete elimination of defectors and the subjugation of, of any and everybody.

53:44 And so this is, this is just all of that, this satanic veneer to deceive us and this, this concept in here of, of egalitarianism that, that word today is equality and the Bible doesn't speak about equality of outcome.

54:00 It says, you know, go to the ant you slugger and if you, if you don't work, you don't eat.

54:05 So exactly, let me just read this last paragraph.

54:08 If there's anything that jumps out labor zionism became the dominant force in the political and economic life of the yo, what is that of Jewish residents in Palestine prior to the establishment of the State of Israel?

54:22 OK, during the British mandate of Palestine and was the dominant ideology of the political establishment in Israel until the 1977 election when the Israeli Labor Party was defeated, which is basically socialism, right?

54:39 For sure.

54:40 The Israeli Labor Party continues the tradition.

54:42 Although the most popular party in the Kibitz is Motz and this is a left wing party as well.

54:50 And, and if you know anything and I don't know a whole lot about, I don't, I haven't studied Israeli politics a whole lot but in their, in their their parliament, which I think is called the Knesset.

55:00 they, they have dozens, dozens of parties.

55:05 and it's, and how, however they, they determine the, the ruling party.

55:10 They really get less than far, less than a majority of, of, the pe the people's votes just because of how dispersed the voting is.

55:19 So,, i it's, it's so anti democratic and, and not, not really how God's God's way would function at all.

55:29 Just labor design is the main institution is the Histadrut trade union.

55:36 Again, this is all communism, socialism, generally of labor unions, which began by providing strikebreakers against the Palestinian workers strike in 1920 20 until the seventies was the largest employer in Israel after the Israeli government.

55:50 So, and I guess there's more to say, I should probably take a look at this.

55:54 So thanks for pointing that out.

55:55 But I think brethren, we, we need to be careful not to get swept up in this whole Zionism movement.

56:02 And in fact, a lot of these Zionists are part of the elite of this global society and they are running and deciding on a lot of these things that we're seeing this, this march towards globalism and the oppression of the masses.

56:19 A lot of this is coming from the Zionists.

56:21 So for us to be saying, when we say we stand with Israel, what a lot of the evangelicals are saying is we stand with the Zionists and it is not a, a religious state at all.

56:33 You know, you've got people that theoretically keep the Sabbath but you know, they, they transfer their business out of their own name for 24 hours to, to ensure they don't lose their businesses.

56:43, you've got, you know, we've got friends, you know, brother Chuck and his wife went there.

56:48 Daniel are, are from our congregation, Daniel, his wife went there.

56:51 You go to places like Tel Aviv and all of these places and they're just as filthy and, and,, disgusting behaviors as we find in any of the North American cities.

57:01 On that point.

57:02 Brother, I had a, this is decades ago in our congregation, one of the brothers was just so excited to go to the feast in Jerusalem.

57:12 And so he went to the feast in Jerusalem and he was so excited when he came back.

57:19 He was so disillusioned and demoralized.

57:22 He just went into a depression because of what he saw over there.

57:26 He was expecting to see these holy people and it just shook him so much.

57:30 He ended up leaving the faith.

57:32 He was so demoralized.

57:35 He just couldn't get it out of his head that God's people.

57:39 Jerusalem could be so full of debauchery and he ended up leaving the church.

57:44 Wow, sad, sad.

57:46 But again, again, Israel is God's people, but we need to be sure we understand exactly what that means, right?

57:55 And you know, on this point, we do have people among us who say, oh, they're not the real Jews.

58:01 You know, blacks are the real Jews.

58:04 But when things like this with Hamas happen.

58:06 You don't hear anybody saying they shouldn't be destroying, they should be destroying us.

58:10 We're the real Jews.

58:11 It's like all of a sudden everybody backs off around who the real Jews are.

58:15 The judgments come down from God.

58:18 It's like reading the prophets and pointing out the,, the curses.

58:23, but it has nothing to do with us that, you know, we, we claim, we claim, you know, ministry can claim connections to the old Testament priest, except when God is condemning the priests for their, their bad behavior.

58:37 It's just that, that human nature.

58:39 Yeah.

58:40 Well, that's, that's,, all the questions we have.

58:42 There are, there are no,, new ones.

58:44,, so, and it is,, coming up on 830.

58:48 So,, really appreciate everyone's contributions and the, the,, conversation that we're having in the live chat, which is really, really glad, good, glad to be a, a vehicle for people to get to know each other and,, develop relationships and certainly appreciate all the work that you're doing.

59:04 Pastor Adrian and in bringing this week this week and study.

59:07 Yeah.

59:07 Praise God.

59:08And as you said,, right at the outset, it's just really interesting how God leads us to study certain scrolls at certain times.

59:16And this whole God opening up our understanding as we go through line by line of Ezekiel is certainly putting a great lens on the middle east right now and how to understand what's happening and what's going to happen next and really to be AAA light to brethren,, and how to process,, who to stand for.

59:40,, and, you know, Israel is nothing to stand for right now except for the fact that they are the covenant people and we need to, you know, plead for their repentance and, and somebody needs to be declaring to them, the need to repent.

59:52It's not just, oh, you're Jewish, you deserve to be in the land.

59:55You can do whatever you want.

59:56No, in fact, you don't deserve to be in the land.

59:59Exactly.

1:00:00Exactly.

1:00:02Very good brother.

1:00:03Really.

1:00:03I appreciate you, appreciate everything that you do and your support.

1:00:06And, brethren, hopefully you'll be able to join us this Sabbath for our weekly Sabbath service.

1:00:13We certainly appreciate all of your support.

1:00:16And,, God bless you.

1:00:17Jesus is Lord.

1:00:19Good night.

1:00:20Good night.