

28-Hosea03-Transcript-TS

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study where we study the scriptures line upon

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line we've been studying the eighth century prophets and this is the fourth of the four prophets the prophet hosea

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this evening god willing i'd like to cover with you chapters six and seven

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and certainly hope that your observance of the feast of weeks is going well and

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you're just very mindful that we are heading now into this third of seven sabbaths that we're counting towards

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the feast of pentecost so looking forward to celebrating that with you when it comes god willing and also

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willing looking forward to observing the sabbath with you uh this coming sabbath and hopefully you

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caught um the message that i gave last sabbath which was really reinforcing

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a great message that pastor murray gave us on the last day of unleavened bread

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and immediately after his message deacon jan gave a message which i want to reinforce

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on this coming sabbath so if you haven't had a chance if you could review deacon jan's message which is entitled

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uh is it new brand new or renewed covenant new or renewed covenant i think just uh

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pulling these messages together just to reinforce them these two great messages that we received hopefully god willing

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you'll be able to join us on sabbath for that let's um open with the word of prayer and then i'll check the chat just

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to make sure that i'm coming through loudly and clearly our loving father we

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come before you as we always do lord to acknowledge you to praise you to thank you

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and to ask you to be with us to deepen our understanding and to deepen our faith

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and we just thank you god for the light of your word as we descend into a darker and darker

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world a confused world we just thank you for the clarity of your word and the steadfastness

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of your faith and of your promises we thank you father and we thank you for jesus christ

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in whose name we pray and ask these things amen amen

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and yes pastor murray thank you very much uh video and audio are good so let's uh

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jump into the scripture we want to cover as i said god willing hoseas chapters

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six and seven and let's jump in first of all as i like to do let's just

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back up a little bit and just remind ourselves where we were in chapter five so

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you know i don't know how to describe how they it's a i can only describe it as a

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difficult book hosea is a difficult book um you know what we opened with the first

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three chapters and the metaphor that god uses he asks his prophet to go

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and marry a woman of organs and have children with her and and this is to reflect

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the whoredom of his people but not just the whoredom of his people because that's pretty intense

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what is more intense is the love that god has for his

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covenant people and so we have to be very very very careful

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if our theology if our doctrine is teaching that god has done away with his people when he's

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trying to demonstrate through this marital covenant the depth of his love and ongoing

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eternal commitment to the people of israel so we need to keep that in mind as we go through

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these scriptures and in hosea 5 just pick up a couple of verses at the tail end

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of chapter 5. he he makes it clear how he is

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determined to be faithful to the covenant and to punish israel according to

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the covenant that they entered into willingly hosea 5 and verse 2 12 he says

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therefore because of all of this idolatry adultery which is idolatry because of

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all of this he says therefore will i be unto ephraim as a moth meaning he's

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going to just devour her and to the house of judah as rottenness

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so he's just fed up with these people when ephraim saw his sickness

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and judah saw his wound so what did they do then went ephraim to the assyrian

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instead of coming to god god is punishing them driving them to their knees so that he'll turn to them

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they turn to the assyrian and sent to king jerob yet could he not heal you

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nor cure you of your wound not unlike our situation today

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when they put the frighteners on us with this pandemic and we all freaked out and

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became panic stricken and instead of turning to god and acknowledging him as our healer we

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ran we ran to the pagans and yet our situation is no better you

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know they were gonna you know i will crush the pandemic vote for me i will crush i will i will crush the pandemic

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for you okay and it's just getting worse so

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you know by an act of mercy this omicron variant has uh acted really as a as

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immunization that it's much milder everybody seems to be coming down with it and allowing the the natural immunity

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to build up but god god doesn't like this he doesn't like when his people

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refuse his help and turn to pagans and that's what ephraim did

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and god says yet he couldn't heal you nor cure you of your wound

7:08

for i will be to ephraim as a lion this is the relationship that god has

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with his people he's going to tear them apart this this is god's relationship with his

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people i will be into ephraim as a lion and as a young lion to the house of

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judah a young lion just full of you know full of uh beings and and wanting to

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just really demonstrate its strength and vigor now this is the relationship that god has

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with his people i even i will tear and go away i will take away and none

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shall rescue him so when god turns on his people there is no one

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that we can turn to to rescue us from god he will use our enemies against us

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and again as it was anciently no surprise if we see today

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our western nations who are built upon the ethic of the bible of the scriptures

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who have now rejected the scriptures turning to our enemies and no surprise if our enemies or
god

8:13

destroys us through our enemies i will go and return to my place

8:20

listen until they acknowledge their offense this is the point

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of the punishment this is how the covenant was set up it was not set up that if you disobey me

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if you violate the covenant i will completely destroy you and take you completely out of
existence and the name

8:41

of jacob will never be spoken of again that's not the way the covenant was set

8:47

up the covenant was set up in such a way that god is saying okay we are entering into an eternal

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relationship that's what the covenant is it's an eternal relationship it is also a real estate

9:01

uh agreement that so so these people that god is entering into a relationship with he's

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going to be in relationship with them forever and they're going to occupy

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a special piece of real estate and they're going to have that real estate forever that's the covenant now god says

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in that covenant agreement if you violate it i'm going to violate you

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until you get down on your knees and repent and

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turn to me so that we can have this relationship so there's no way out they cannot get out of the relationship

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it's going to be painful they're going to be destroyed then they're going to be resurrected and

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they just they're in this covenant that they have to come to repentance or they'll be destroyed

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and they'll be ashes under the feet of the righteous but there will be god will have

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this this harvest of the descendants of jacob forever as a kingdom of priests

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uh to him and i'll talk about this a bit more on sabbath but that's a very

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important verse phrase here in hosea 5 15 that he's going to tear them

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and it doesn't end there it's not that i'm going to tear them apart until they go out of existence i'm going to tear them apart and i'm

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going to go and return to my place and i'm going to watch them and i'm going to watch them suffer

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until they acknowledge their offense and seek my face in their affliction

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they will seek me early that's what that's what the covenant that's how the covenant was designed

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they cannot escape it so the covenant is designed in such a way to drive them back into a faithful

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relationship with god now normally i quote deuteronomy but moses makes it clear

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in leviticus as well of this dynamic of the relationship the covenantal relationship they have with

11:01

god and he says this in leviticus 26 and verse 36

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and upon them that are left alive of you i will send a faintness into their

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hearts in the land of their enemies so this this correction is going to be

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brutal and all there's going to be a lot of shed blood a lot of lost lives there

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will be a remnant left through all of this and that remnant that's left god says

11:31

of you that are remain i will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies

11:37

and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them you know we're we could kind of see that today

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we have no courage we have no courage in our society

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courage is like the principle virtue without courage all of the other virtues

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collapse and we have no courage so it doesn't matter what else we have

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without courage satan will will cause us to compromise and we will lose everything and today even christians

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lack backbone even christians today lack courage though we have the holy spirit because

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we're just it's just what seemed to be in a different era our forefathers

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came to uh the the new world and they suffered they died on the way

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uh many of my my ancestors as who were captured as slaves and were taken to in my case the

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caribbean many of them died along the way and then met with brutal conditions

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and they faced it they faced it and they got up and they faced the next day

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today we're just we i guess we're just so used to comfort

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that we we just i've never i don't maybe you guys can tell me in the chat if you know

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i don't know if there's ever been a society that sacrifices its children for its own

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well-being uh and i know that the you know pagan society sacrificed their children out of

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worship of the devil and the pagan gods but in a society that says

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in order for me to be comfortable i'm willing to wipe out the next generation

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that's what we're doing and it's quite phenomenal that we have no regard for the for the

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value of the next generation we'll completely wipe them out we will force even newborns to be vaccinated

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just in case we might get sick this this is uh absolutely crazy

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but god says this is this is what he will do he will remove courage from his people

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so much so that the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them they just heard a leaf shake and they ran

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and they shall flee as fleeing from a sword it's just it was just a breeze on a leaf

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and they panicked and they shall fall when none pursues

14:04

there's there's no nothing happening here but you're terrified and they shall fall upon and one upon

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another as it were before a sword so they're gonna collapse as if somebody was slaying them with a sword when none

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pursues and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies and boy oh boy when

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i if i didn't live in this era i would never believe it but the united states of america

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is the most powerful empire nation that has ever existed

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and i am witnessing firsthand the utter destruction

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of this empire you and i are witnessing it firsthand i would say that this is a nation that i

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couldn't see how any nation could go to war against this nation

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but it's going to war against itself and and we have put people in power who hate

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the idea of america when you when you remove free speech america is gone america no longer exists

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once you remove free speech and that's what's happening and so now we're seeing an america that

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can have no power to stand before its enemies and with america then the rest of the western

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world you shall have no power to stand before your enemy so god is the one who's actually behind this and you

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shall perish among the heathen people who do not have the

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the technological brilliance the the the intellect the

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the uh the legacy the the morality that you had

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these people are gonna come and just wipe us out and you shall perish among the heathen

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and the land of your enemies shall eat you up this is the curse of the covenant and they that are left of you shall pine

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away so the number just keeps whittling down they shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemy's land so we

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brought this upon ourselves i think we're all comfortable now but we're losing control of our countries enemies

16:12

are going to come in and remove us and also in the iniquities of their fathers

16:18

shall they pine away with them if they shall confess their iniquity

16:24

and the iniquity of their fathers with their trespass which they trespassed against me

16:31

and that also they have walked contrary unto me and that i also have walked contrary

16:37

unto them so this was the and i'm going to show up to them like a young lion and tear them apart and and god and his

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people are contrary to each other and and when god is through punishing

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them if they will confess that they have walked contrary to him

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and he has walked contrary to them and they will confess their iniquities and and that i brought them into the

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land of their enemies if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled

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and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity that they will acknowledge that we brought

17:12

this upon ourselves then will i remember my covenant with jacob

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and god doesn't mean you know he's going to remember his covenant with jacob he doesn't mean

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oh yeah i forgot oh yeah that's right i made a promise to

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jacob i clean for god that's not what god means god means that he will now act

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according to the promise that he made to jacob that that he will establish jacob's seed

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in the earth forever but they have to come to acknowledge their

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violation of the agreement so so baked into the covenant

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is the punishment for sin but also baked into the covenant is the

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restoration of these people who violated the covenant back into the covenant as soon as they

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back into the covenant because they were never out of it even when god is tearing them apart like a lion that's part of

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the covenant so they can never leave the covenant but what god is saying is

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they will not be wiped out that he made a promise to jacob he made a promise to isaac made a promise to abraham and even

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though their descendants are wicked like a hosea says or god says

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through hosea even though there is as wicked as a that that really i don't say it doesn't

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matter because it matters but it doesn't remove them from the agreement that god has entered

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into with abraham he says then will i remember my covenant with jacob and also my covenant with

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isaac and also my covenant with abraham will i remember and

19:01

and i will remember the land we must never forget the land because

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because the land is very much a part of this government the land not any land the land

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the land so with that then as backdrop normally we go to deuteronomy but it's there in

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leviticus it's in the torah that that god has made provision for this whoredom

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it's awful i know it's not nice to read some of these scriptures

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but i think as we read them we have to read them in the context of this hope

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we are the first fruits of this hope there is going to be a fall harvest a

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massive second exodus where he will gather his people from the

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four corners of the earth and then after a thousand years he will resurrect his people

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and they will be restored to this covenantal position

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and this we must never forget despite their order so with that as context let's come now

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to hosea chapter six and verse one he says come or the prophet is saying

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come and let us return unto the lord for he has torn like the lion he has

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torn and he will heal us he has smitten

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and he will bind us up this is an amazing uh ray of light

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in a very dark book and this is like all the prophets are the same way they will they will

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pronounce some some horrendous judgments and immediately after the horrendous judgment

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they'll speak of this kind of millennial beautiful setting for god's people and we will never understand this what

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were the prophets talking about we will never understand unless we have the torah as the foundation

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unless we have the original prophecies laid down by moses as the foundation once we have that then

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we can understand what these prophets are saying so despite the whoredom

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of these people and god's destruction of these people there is still the hope that god will

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return and that he will heal his people now let's just go to isaiah we spent a lot

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of time years actually studying isaiah together let's review isaiah 30 beginning in verse 19

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where the prophet declares categorically for the people

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and in this case he's speaking of the jewish people but ultimately israel will be grafted back in the the two sticks

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judah and ephraim will become one stick and and israel will be brought back into covenant

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but the people the covenant people shall dwell in zion at jerusalem

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notwithstanding all of the effort of the heathen notwithstanding the hatred

22:01

the pathological murderous hatred of the of the heathen

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that with not notwithstanding the people the covenant people shall dwell in zion at jerusalem

believe it or

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not as much as the heathen tried to eradicate them completely down to every

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the last one man woman and child wanted to completely what is the same from the river to the sea palestine must be free

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i.e they must remove and eliminate every jew from jerusalem that

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desire notwithstanding these people shall dwell in zion at jerusalem believe

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it or not god says so you shall weep no more

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meaning when god tears them apart like a lion doing that through the heathen there's going to be a lot of tears

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but god is saying through the prophet those tears will come to an end he will be very gracious unto you at the

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voice of your cry when he shall hear it he will answer you isaiah is echoing moises what we just

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read in leviticus god says i'm going to wait for them to acknowledge their sin

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and then i'll return to them and though the lord give you the bread of adversity and oh yes

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they're going to have some adversity and the water of affliction oh yeah they're going to have affliction

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yet shall not your teachers be removed into a corner anymore

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but your eyes shall see your teachers the you are we're speaking of the physical
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descendants of judah that are going to face such pathological
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hatred and and desire to be to be completely eliminated
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yet god says despite all of that i will restore you and you will have teachers
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this is why he has us his first fruits god could do it all himself but he chooses not to
24:03
he's recruited us to help him and we have to remember the plot line
24:10
we can't make up our own gospel we can't make up our own plans
24:15
we're recruited to participate in the plan of god
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we're recruited to help god execute his plan so we need to know what the plan is
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and we need to be preparing for this and so the teachers will be there to
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help with this massive fall harvest and your ears shall hear a word behind
24:38
you saying this is the way walk you in it so somebody has learned the way of the
24:46
lord and can now teach others somebody and many of these somebodies
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are actually gentiles who have come to him fully embrace the god of judah
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and can now teach judah about their god this is the way walk you in it
25:04
when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left so what this is saying
25:10
is god has chosen these people to be the priest nation of the earth
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and therefore they need to be schooled and protected and nurtured so that they can fulfill
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that role so this is why god is recruiting first fruits now
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so that we can assist in the establishment of this kingdom of priests on the earth
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he says you shall defile also the covering of your graven images of silver
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and the ornament of your molten images of gold in other words you're going to repent of your
idolatry and get rid of

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all of these things that you are worshiping and you shall cast them away as a minstrel's cloth

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you're just like you'll just realize how vile this is and you shall say unto get your hands get away from me i want to

26:01

be with god that's what these people will say while the first fruits will be there to assist

26:07

in this conversion process then shall he give you the rain of your

26:12

seed that you shall sow the ground with it and the bread of the increase of the

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earth and it shall be fat and plenteous in that day shall your cattle feed in

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large pastures so this is now this millennial setting that we often speak about and can envision

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is going to be very special for these people the ox likewise and the young donkeys

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that that ear the ground shall eat clean provender which shall be winnowed with

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the shovel and with the fans again just a lot of abundance and there shall be upon every high mountain and upon every high hill rivers

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and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall so

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obviously there's going to be a great slaughter of israel's enemies of judah's enemies moreover

27:01

the light of the moon shall be like the light of the sun you know we go out on a bright sunny day and

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it's so bright that's how the moon is going to perform and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold

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it's going to be bright bright bright as the light of seven days in the day that the lord binds up

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the breach of his people there has been a breach they broke the covenant

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but that does not end the covenant again i point you to deacon jan's

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sermon about brand new or renewed that god is going to pull this off

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despite the wickedness of his people and so here he's binding up the breach of his

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people and healing the stroke of their wound and all the prophets speak about this

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and so here coming back to hosea 6 and verse 2

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he says after two days god will revive us so there's hope here it's not all lost

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after two days he will revive us in the third day he will raise us up

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and we shall live in his sight now i don't know about you

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but i don't think there's any way to interpret hosea 6 and verse 2

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except as a messianic prophecy how on earth

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are these wicked people going to live in the sight of god without messiah

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and and so it says after two days he will revive us in the third day he will raise us up so you know after two days

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but in the third day these prepositions are supplied by the translators

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the hebrew simply implies that it's after two days there'll be a revival

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third day raising up so so i could equally say after two days

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he will revive us after the third day he will raise us up and then we shall live

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in his sight who is the we the we is this wicked this wicked wicked

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that's the we can't just say oh this is the church no that's out of context

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the context is this is a this is a wicked faithless

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that has turned from god and through this process that god has

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hosea go through we see god's commitment to his marriage

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to the marriage covenant and so after two days we're waiting it's not

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quite there but after the third day this is when it's going to happen there is a resurrection after the third day and

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then we shall live in his sight why because christ came as the representative of israel

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he came to represent israel israel could not abide by the terms and conditions of the covenant

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and therefore they by law they must be destroyed they must be written off

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they cannot come into the land by law because of their violation of the covenant

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so what does christ do christ says i will go to earth i will become human

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i will become an israelite more specifically i will come in through the tribe of judah

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and i as a representative of israel will live perfectly according to the torah i

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will be 100 torah compliant and in so doing

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legally and lawfully i will inherit all the promises of the covenant

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now comes the crisscross instead of me actually now

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taking the reward of the covenant i will instead take all of the

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punishments of the covenant as a representative of israel i will take all of the punishments of the covenant upon

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my innocent self so even though i did nothing to deserve these punishments in fact i did

31:10

everything to deserve the rewards of the covenant i will now take upon myself these punishments

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and israel whom i represent can now lawfully enjoy the land

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and the benefits of the covenant if and only if they accept me as their personal

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savior so i will take their punishment and they can take my reward and as the

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innocent lamb of israel i can do this and so this is why after three days

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when christ is resurrected in a very real sense all of the 12 tribes are

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lifted up with him in a very real sense israel comes back to life

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with the resurrection of christ and i believe this is why the apostle paul rabbi paul

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says in first corinthians

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15 and verse 4 that christ was buried and that he rose again the third day

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according to the scriptures so certainly we know uh jonah was one of

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those scriptures because christ himself quoted jonah now the lord prepared a great fish to swallow up jonah and jonah

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was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights and then christ himself said as jonah was three days and three

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nights in the whale's belly so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth

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but then luke also shows us that when christ was resurrected he went through all the scriptures

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and showed his disciples how all the scriptures spoke of him

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and he taught paul directly so certainly when paul says that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

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for me there's no doubt according to the scriptures one of these scriptures being hosea 6 2 that israel

33:02

comes back to life after the third day that that's how he will raise he will

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raise israel back up despite her whoredoms and her faithlessness

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isaiah 6 and verse 3 then shall we know if we follow unto

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know the lord his going forth is prepared as the morning and he shall come unto us as the

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rain as the latter and former rain unto the earth how do we read this

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and not be amazed at god's faithfulness like oh

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another question is how do we read this and embrace replacement theology how do

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we read this and say yeah god is done with israel physical israel he's done with the jews we now replace them

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you can't go to a you know according to the muslims according to muhammad

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uh the the jews um they fished they went fishing on the sabbath day and for that

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reason god was so upset they were very hungry he had not given them any food for the week and so on on the sabbath he

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tested them they were starving starving to death and on the sabbath he tested them by putting fish in the water and

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they went and they fished for their children to feed their children but they did it on the sabbath and because of

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that allah was so furious that he turned them into apes and pigs

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for breaking the sabbath and from that point arabs rejoice that god has rejected the jews they're now

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apes and pigs and when they actually go to the zoo and see monkeys there they believe they're looking at the children

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of jews that that jews literally allah turned them into apes and pigs

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and instead transferred the covenant to arabs because they went fishing on the sabbath

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because they were starving to death obviously this is a prophet that didn't

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read the book of hosea that didn't read the bible because throughout the bible and

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especially hosea we see how incredibly wicked these covenant people are

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but we also see how incredibly faithful god is to his covenant

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that that his faithfulness to the covenant is not a function of whether or not israel will

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be faithful in fact hosea tells us very clearly israel is unfaithful but god is faithful

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and so here we read this the prophet sees this incredible relationship that

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israel will ultimately have with god despite her faithlessness

35:36

then he goes on verse 4 oh ephraim what shall i do unto you

35:42

oh judah what shall i do until you can feel the pain like i'm trying to work

35:47

with you here i've made a promise to your forefathers can you help me out i'm trying to do something here and you

35:54

have no regard for your goodness is as a morning cloud

36:00

and as the early do it goes away so it's like if they're they're so fickle

36:07

that in the morning you might see a cloud and by the afternoon it's gone the sun has burned it off it's like blue

36:14

skies everywhere the the cloud is gone or the the the dew in the morning it's like hey the grass has a bit of dew on

36:19

it by midday it's completely dry it's gone that's the goodness of ephraim that's that's the goodness of judah

36:28

so so god is steady but they are not therefore i have hewed them by the

36:33

prophets i have slain them by the words of my mouth and again if we don't understand mooses it's confusing is god

36:42

for these people or against them it keeps going back and forth well the original prophecy by mooses said

36:48

this is the way it would be so god has destroyed them by the prophets that that by the words of his mouth he's

36:54

saying this this is what the covenant says and you violated it this is the destruction that's coming down upon you

37:01

your judgments are as the light that goes forth it's like it's plain as day and we're

37:08

gonna open the scriptures we're gonna open what mooses wrote and we're gonna read from it and that's your

37:15

judgment why because i desired mercy and not

37:20

sacrifice and the knowledge of god more than burnt offerings and pastor

37:26

murray this reminds me of your entry into the slack channel as you're helping us

37:32

go through the count and going through the apostolic writings of peter and god desires the knowledge of god

37:39

not not just knowledge there's a lot of knowledge in the world today in fact it's quite impressive uh that the knowledge that's available

37:46

to men today but look at the state that we're so so knowledge is not really the

37:51

antidote to man's ills the knowledge of god

37:57

is our antidote and for some reason israel didn't get that they thought that it was okay

38:04

just to go through the rituals so they were still having sacrifices

38:09

so they'd have the morning and the evening sacrifice but before in between and after they were

38:16

committing adultery you know let's let's go through the ritual of worshiping jehovah

38:22

and then let's go and worship ba'all and let's go to the temple prostitutes and let's have sexual relations with them so

38:29

that we can invoke rain from from baal oh and then let's go and do the evening sacrifice with jehovah

38:36

and we need to be very careful brethren if we're just going through a ritual and not actually building a trusting

38:42

relationship with god because god doesn't want it he's saying to israel you you missed the

38:48

point the point of going through these rituals was for you to understand me

38:56

to understand what it means to be in a relationship with me completely missed the plot he says he

39:01

wanted mercy not sacrifice so sacrificing the animals was not what he wanted he wanted you to understand

39:09

the power of sin and the consequences of sin and he wanted you to to obtain the

39:15

knowledge of god more than burnt offerings and in fact christ himself

39:21

quoted this passage in matthew 12 and verse 1

39:26

at that time jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn on the sabbath through the corn

39:33

and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck the ears of corn if only muhammad

39:39

knew the scriptures that were available to him then he wouldn't write in the quran

39:44

that because the jews had went fishing on the sabbath day because their children were starving to death

39:50

because god withheld the fish and so they went to feed their children

39:55

and then allah just blew a gasket he just went ballistic

40:00

and and turned them into apes and pigs which nowhere is written in the torah but this was just he just lost he just

40:06

lost his mind and when it went ballistic and turned them into apes and pigs if only muhammad could read and could read

40:13

the scriptures and and and the teachings of christ who he apparently says he followed

40:19

that the the mind of god he's with his disciples and they were hungry

40:25

see they began to pluck the ears of the corn and to eat it under his direction but when the pharisees saw it they said

40:32

unto him behold your disciples are doing that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day so

40:38

the conflict goes on but in verse 6 christ then schools the

40:44

pharisees and he says i say unto you in this place is one greater than the

40:51

temple but if you had known what this means quoting hosea

40:56

i will have mercy and not sacrifice you would not have condemned the

41:01

guiltless so so right back at the time of hosea god was telling them i want you to

41:08

understand me you're doing all these rituals but you're missing the point

41:13

here at the time of christ on the earth god on the earth

41:19

he's saying you didn't understand you still don't understand had you understood you would know who i

41:25

am and you wouldn't be condemning me back to isaiah verse 7 chapter 6

41:32

but they like men have transgressed the covenant they've transgressed the covenant that

41:38

does not remove the covenant that does not eliminate the relationship these people have with the covenant

41:45

but they certainly have transgressed the covenant what that does is it activates the curse clauses

41:51

of the covenant which we saw the purpose for those clauses is not to completely eliminate the people but to drive them

41:58

to their knees and to drive them to repentance so curse clauses are now activated

42:03

but they like men have transgressed the covenant there have they dealt treacherously

42:10

against me that's what they've done they have worked treacherously against god gilead is a city of them that work

42:17

iniquity so just north of judah um you know this is a place you maybe it

42:23

had a reputation but god is inquiring and looking and saying no nothing but iniquity and it's

42:30

polluted with blood murder again uh just so much what we're reading here

42:37

about ancient israel we see today in our society you know the best of our cities

42:46

are our workers of iniquity the best of our our leaders are our

42:51

mayors our governors our uh premiers our prime minister our presidents

42:58

all of the leaders they're they're engaged in murder

43:04

uh listening today about uh ukraine and how we must you know we must

43:12

arm ukraine because it's good for the american economy it's good for the economy

43:17

wow do you realize people are being slaughtered and tortured and destroyed their lives upended

43:24

yeah well it's good it creates jobs so the best of our place cities are

43:30

polluted with blood actual murder and as troops of robbers wait for a man

43:38

so the company of priests murder in the way by consent

43:44

these are the religious leaders they're going along with it all good to them they they see the

43:49

benefit they're going to play the role of priests but corrupt priests because there's a benefit to them and so they're

43:56

involved in this murder as well and they commit lewdness the priests

44:03

so god wants knowledge he wants his people to have this knowledge malachi makes it clear or
god

44:09

makes it clear through malachi that the people should seek knowledge from the priest slips but
the priests are luke

44:17

i have seen a horrible thing in the house of israel there is whoredom of ephraim

44:24

israel is defiled this is a horrible thing and again if we don't understand torah

44:31

we would think this is the end there's no hope but because we understand torah because

44:36

we understand the writings of moses we can read this in the context of the eternal covenant

44:43

that somehow god is going to pull this off somehow the promises

44:48

that he made to abraham isaac and jacob and it's impossible for him to lie it's impossible for him
to break a promise

44:55

it's impossible for him to go back on an oath so that is the backdrop that we have

45:01

while we're reading this so somehow as the chapter opened with this strong hope of no note of
hope

45:08

we we continue to have this hope for ephraim we have this hope for israel

45:14

and we find that that hope is in judah because in ezekiel and in jeremiah

45:21

god says that he's written off israel because of their

45:26

whoredom and then immediately after that he says judah saw how wicked

45:33

israel was and instead of repenting judah was worse

45:38

than is in fact judah in a sense what's the word justified

45:45

judah's wickedness justified israel or exonerated israel because judah took

45:50

the wickedness to the extreme and yet despite that god did not divorce judah

45:57

god remained in covenant with judah why because of his promise to abraham he's

46:04

pulling something off here and he he's bound by his word he's bound by his covenant

46:10

and so ephraim is is full of whoredom israel is defined

46:15

and then the prophet says also o judah he has set a harvest for you

46:22

when i returned or when i ended the captivity of my people so we know

46:28

from moses the captivity was to drive the people to repentance

46:34

the captivity will do that and when they turn to god god will turn

46:39

to them and he will end the captivity so this word return to hebrew shiv it means

46:45

to end to turn it around so there's a harvest

46:52

set for judah when the slavery of god's people comes to an

46:59

end there will be a harvest in judah this is the fall harvest

47:04

now this word uh turned or shiv we see it in job

47:10

42 that the lord ended the captivity of job

47:16

when he prayed for his friends also the lord gave job twice as much as he had before and i did a study on job

47:25

and showed how really the life of job was symbolic of god's relationship with

47:31

israel just as the life of hosea is symbolic of god's marriage

47:37

to israel but in any case what i wanted to point out there is the the notion of ending the captivity

47:44

so in deuteronomy 30 and verse 2 and this is our sort of go-to passage

47:50

so let's go there about ending the captivity there's going to be a harvest in judah when god ends

47:56

the captivity of his people remember he has divorced the northern tribes so now the relationship is in judah

48:04

gentiles are being grafted in to judah becoming spiritual jews

48:09

ultimately though god will take ephraim the stick of ephraim and the stick of judah and bring them together and

48:17

ephraim or israel will be grafted back in but it is all centering and we saw

48:22

this in isaiah and in micah it's all centering around the covenant relationship that remains in judah

48:28

despite the fact that judah is cursed with blindness that they will be driven to repentance

48:34

and everything will turn around so here in moses in deuteronomy torah and he

48:40

shall when you shall return unto the lord your god and you shall obey his voice

48:46

according to all that i command you this day so everything that's in torah they're going to

48:51

listen to him at this point and then he says

48:57

because of the the curses that come upon them you not just you but you and your

49:03

children with all your heart let's stop the

49:08

ritual but stop the hypocrisy now you really mean it so when that

49:13

happens when you really repent with all your heart and with all your soul that then the lord will end your captivity so

49:21

hosea is making a call back to torah that this is when there will be a

49:26

harvest in judah the remaining covenant people that the lord your god will end your

49:32

captivity and have compassion upon you and he will return shove and gather you

49:38

from all the nations where the lord your god has scattered you so we saw that in leviticus we see it here in deuteronomy

49:44

we continually see it in all the prophets we just have to understand it

49:49

back to hosea continue in chapter 7 verse 1 he says

49:57

when i would have healed israel i was ready to heal israel

50:02

that's when the iniquity of ephraim was discovered and the wickedness of samaria samaria

50:09

being the capital of uh israel and that's sort of their worship center

50:15

for they commit falsehood and the thief comes in

50:21

and the troop of robbers spoils without again it's just like a perfect description

50:26

of our society today they're just drunk on theft they're drunk on wickedness

50:31

and they discovered not in their hearts that i remember all their wickedness

50:38

now their own doings have beset them about so there are consequences it's a cause and effect world and there are

50:44

consequences to how we live their own doings now their own doings

50:51

have beset them about or have surrounded them and they are before my face so god

50:57

is not forgetting their wickedness they make the king glad with their

51:02

wickedness and the princes with their lies so they're willing to

51:07

violate common decency and morality in order to

51:13

please the leaders they are all adulterers all of them

51:19

that that that's this is not new what what we're facing today in our society the

51:25

the sexual immorality that is just flagrant

51:30

and it's just openly out there it's everywhere it's either even going after the children

51:36

this is not new this is you know maybe the extent to which they're going after the children is due

51:42

but the the egregious immorality it's not new and the fact that it it just seeps into

51:48

every aspect of society it's not new even the covenant people when they

51:53

started to play with uh ba'al and the pagan nations and allow some of that immorality to creep in it takes

52:00

over a little eleven eleven is the entire lump they are all

52:05

adulterers as a as an oven heated by the baker

52:10

and we we saw this on sabbath here with us jeremiah 5. it says the same thing they're they're

52:17

they're like an oven they're hot and coveting other men's wives

52:22

the people of god they are all adulterers as a hove as an oven heated by the baker

52:30

who ceases from raising after he has needed the doll until it eleven so it

52:35

just gets to a point where the baker just knows the whole thing's gonna be leavened i can just leave it now

52:42

in the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine he stretched out his hand with scorners

52:49

so again speaking of the extent of the corruption for they have made ready their heart

52:55

like an oven you know if you're going to be baking you might follow a recipe and they might

53:01

say you set the oven to 325 and let it sit there for 30 minutes we want the

53:07

oven to be nice and hot before we begin putting anything in it this is we're talking here about

53:12

israel's wickedness and it's just the the oven is hot uh and that's where today

53:19

we have to be very careful about our entertainment about our access to the internet

53:25

about the books we read all this stuff that comes in through our eyes through our ears

53:32

through our five senses because it's what it's doing it's it's baking the society the society is like

53:38

an oven that's just hot hot with adultery and and fornication

53:44

and all kinds of immorality is just it's just baked into the society now

53:49

he says they've made ready their heart like an oven while they lie in white

53:55

their baker sleeps all the night in the morning it burns as a flaming

54:00

fire okay it's hot now it's like we're ready to go they are all hot as an oven this is the

54:07

creator looking at his covenant people and this is his assessment

54:14

it's gotten so much into their psyche and into their heart they are all hotter than oven

54:21

and have devoured their judges and again you look at us today you can judge

54:26

you can look look at uh this supreme court leak in america uh regarding abortion

54:33

wanting to push it back down to the states and there there's panic and freaking out everywhere
this this gets

54:40

their attention and they want to fight back now so judges are now afraid

54:46

to give judgment because the people will just turn on them they've devoured their judges all
their

54:52

kings have fallen there is none among them that calls unto me

54:58

boy does that describe our world there's not a leader now

55:03

that calls to god they've all given themselves over

55:08

ephraim he has mixed himself among the people meaning the pagans

55:16

ephraim is a cake not turned so he's continuing this

55:21

baking metaphor where might not be as uh hard easy for us to

55:27

appreciate this given the technology today where you have an oven and it's nice and sealed

55:32

and maybe it's got the the air is circulating in the oven so you can put your bread or your cake
inside and all

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the air circulates around and you bring it out and it's like wow it's just perfect golden
everywhere and you cut

55:44

through it and it's perfectly timed and so it's just a beautiful cake that you've made or a loaf of
bread

55:51

but anciently when you're dealing with real fire and maybe a bit of a

55:56

cave or a cavity that you're able to use as uh an oven

56:02

well they would have to turn the cake over or turn the bread over so it's gonna burn on or cook
on bake on one

56:10

side and then you're gonna flip it over to get it to bake on the other side but if the oven is really
really really

56:18

super hot and you put the cake in and then you don't turn it

56:23

well you're going to end up with one side that's totally burned and the other side that's not baked at

56:29

all so it's just completely useless like whatever your intent was

56:34

when you put that that dough in the oven whatever you were hoping to get out of it

56:40

you didn't get it you got it's burnt to a cinder on one side and completely

56:46

uh doughy and wet and inedible on the other

56:52

strangers have devoured his strength it's just hard to read this ancient text

56:59

without seeing ourselves in it today to look at the open borders

57:05

where strangers are coming in and destroying our strength strangers have devoured his strength and

57:12

he doesn't know it politicians are up there saying this is a wonderful thing and we're watching the destruction

57:18

of western civilization and us with it strangers have devoured his strength

57:25

and he knows it not and by the way the strength of the west was the scripture

57:31

the moral code the work ethic that we got from scripture

57:37

that was our strength and we've abandoned it and we're allowing now anything goes

57:43

there's no civilization that's better than another there's no culture that's better than another it's all equal bring

57:50

your paganism we don't have any virtue we don't have any values why don't you teach us about your paganism and we will

57:56

bow down at your feet to learn about pagans and pagan worship and we will just you know

58:03

flog ourselves strangers have devoured his strength and he doesn't even realize it

58:08

yet gray hairs are here and there upon him yet he knows not

58:16

it's over you're getting old here you're dying and you don't even realize it

58:24

and the pride of israel testifies to his face

58:29

and they do not return to the lord their god nor seek him for all this

58:36

chilling chilling words why because we know that god is in covenant

58:43

with these people he's in covenant with their forefathers and because of that covenant

58:49

he has to fulfill that promise to them therefore the punishment on this people what does

58:56

uh jeremiah daniel say he says it's the time of jacob's trouble

59:02

and this is a time of trouble the likes of which the world has never seen this is why

59:09

this is why that when god tore them apart he thought that was enough that would

59:14

have caused them to repent it didn't therefore the punishment must be intensified

59:21

and so this tribulation this great tribulation i sometimes will refer to it as the

59:26

great restoration or you could say this is the true great reset the great tribulation

59:34

is about restoring israel restoring jacob and and god has to go to this extent of

59:40

punishing these people with a punishment the likes of which the world has never seen

59:46

in order for him to drive them to true repentance he says

59:52

that the pride of israel testifies to his face and they do not they still don't return

59:57

to the lord their god nor seek him for all this ephraim also is like a silly dove

1:00:03

without heart they call to egypt they go to assyria i

1:00:08

mean you know they they cut off their own energy independence

1:00:14

they they cease to produce their own energy when that's the source of all prosperity

1:00:19

from for modern civilization they cut it off and then they run to iran

1:00:26

and say iran could you can you sell us oil and saudi arabia and venezuela can

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you sell us oil we you know we we've put ourselves in a totally dependent

1:00:37

state and now we're going to our enemies to say can you please help us how about

1:00:44

that's a silly dove then you just watch it dub flying around and knocking itself into the windows and just has no sense

1:00:51

without heart they call to their enemies these beast powers that want to destroy them

1:00:56

they call to egypt they go to assyria when they shall go

1:01:01

i will spread my net upon them i'm going to make this a snare i'm going to trap them with this

1:01:08

i will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven i will chastise them

1:01:13

as their congregation has heard so they they've heard that somebody has read moses to them

1:01:20

that the prophets have told the congregation here's the word of god and now it's going to happen according to

1:01:27

the word of god and they will know because they've been taught woe unto them for they have fled from me

1:01:34

destruction unto them because they have transgressed against me

1:01:39

though i have redeemed them yet they have spoken lies against me

1:01:45

and i would say that despite all of our prosperity when we start saying things like

1:01:51

a man can be a woman and a woman can be a man and this is how god made them

1:01:56

that when we say children and say you know we have to perform surgery on this child because god made them

1:02:04

opposite to how they were born you're telling lies on god they've spoke i tried to redeem them and

1:02:11

yet in fact i did redeem them and yet they've spoken like they found that the thanks i get is they speak lies against

1:02:18

me they have not cried unto me with their heart

1:02:24

this is calling back to torah the purpose of these punishments according to moses was to get them to

1:02:31

truly but hosea is saying it hasn't happened yet

1:02:37

ephrain is a cake not turned they have not cried unto me with their heart

1:02:43

when they held upon their beds so so they were suffering they didn't like the economy collapsing they didn't like

1:02:50

their enemy overpowering them they didn't like suffering so they were howling upon their beds but they weren't

1:02:57

repenting they didn't like when disease spread through the land

1:03:03

but they didn't repent they didn't turn to god they didn't even acknowledge him they tried to come up with some

1:03:08

concoction to avoid having to deal with god

1:03:13

they assemble themselves for corn and wine and they rebel against me

1:03:18

though i have bound and strengthened their arms yet

1:03:24

do they imagine mischief against me so you could imagine if somebody was injured and say their arm was broken

1:03:30

and and you put it in a cast i can speak this from my own experience uh and then after

1:03:36

it comes out of the cast it's a bit weak so it's some physiotherapy to get it strong again god has done this for them

1:03:42

you know they they they were weak and god strengthened yet

1:03:48

do they imagine mischief against me they return but not to the most high

1:03:55

they really don't have this understanding of what this was all about they are like a deceitful bow

1:04:02

very important here a deceitful bow so you you going into battle and you want to depend

1:04:09

upon your weapons and this is a bow you can't trust it's gonna it's gonna fail when you need

1:04:15

it brethren we can't be like this beloved brethren we cannot be like this we we

1:04:21

have to return to the most high we cannot get swept up with society

1:04:28

that sins upon sins upon sins and then wants to avoid the consequences

1:04:34

no no no we we understand we can observe and understand and we turn to god with our whole heart we realize we are the

1:04:40

first fruits but we need to educate these people when they come up in the resurrection god wants them educated

1:04:47

they return but not to the most high they are like a deceitful bow their princes shall fall by the sword

1:04:54

for the rage of their tongue this shall be their derision in the land of egypt so they're going to suffer for

1:05:00

this now just we'll end here um just quoting this deceitful bow is a call back

1:05:06

actually or psalms is a call to this but let's just uh read psalm 78 just to finish up this evening

1:05:13

breaking at verse 51 that god smote all the firstborn in egypt he redeemed them this is the redemption that he spoke of

1:05:20

he redeemed them and yet they told lies against him he smote all the firstborn in egypt and

1:05:25

the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of ham but made his own people to go forth like

1:05:30

sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock and he led them unsafely so that they

1:05:36

feared not but the sea overwhelmed their enemies and he brought them to the border of his

1:05:42

sanctuary even to this mountain which is his which his right hand had

1:05:49

purchased he cast out the heathen also before them and divided them in inheritance by line

1:05:56

and made the tribes of israel to dwell in their tents yet after this redemption

1:06:02

they tempted and provoked the most high god and kept not his testimonies

1:06:09

but turned back and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers like there's just no

1:06:15

end to they were turned aside like a deceitful bow

1:06:22

you cannot depend on them when you're going into battle and you need your weapons and you need to trust

1:06:27

what you've got you can't depend on them for they provoked him to anger

1:06:33

with their high places and moved him to jealousy with their graven images

1:06:41

when god heard this he was angry and he greatly abhorred

1:06:47

israel so this is our situation with israel

1:06:53

that when we read hosea we cannot but feel a deep sadness

1:07:00

and a deep loathing for these people but this is the human condition

1:07:06

god chose these people uh you know i think we all know by now this is the human heart

1:07:12

and it's not like we can say well these people were wicked but if god chose me everything would have been fine no the

1:07:18

human heart is wicked and this is this is the human condition and yet what we're going to see as we

1:07:24

continue to study the scriptures is god is faithful despite the unfaithfulness

1:07:30

of his wife god is faithful and this is the great god that we serve we're going to really

1:07:36

uh i think as we go through this just we're going to trust god you know israel is a deceitful bow god is a bow that we

1:07:44

can trust we can go into spiritual battle knowing that we can trust god

1:07:49

that it's impossible for him to lie so god willing brethren you'll be able to join us again

1:07:54

when we gather on sabbath and if you can pastor murray's message

1:08:00

regarding the innocence project and deacon jan's message regarding is it

1:08:07

new or a renewed covenant those two messages i want to comment on

1:08:13

god willing as we come together on sabbath so wonderful for you to join us brethren

1:08:19

this evening god bless you have a great rest of the week continue the count and

1:08:24

we look forward to seeing you on sabbath

1:10:37

you