

## 29-Joel-1-Transcript

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well welcome back brethren to wednesday night bible study where we endeavor to

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study the scriptures lying upon line we are now moving into a new book we're

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going to be studying god willing the book of joel and god willing will cover

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chapter one this evening i appreciate the break the summer break it's been a wonderful summer nice to spend some time

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with family and and brethren we managed to visit our brethren up in ottawa over the labor day weekend hope you had a

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great labor day weekend and i hope everything is working i some sometimes when i haven't done this for a while i

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feel like i'm out of sorts and i'm hoping that the technology will behave so i'll go ahead and open with

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prayer and maybe just let me know if i'm coming to you loudly and clearly

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our heavenly father we we come before you lord a time of tremendous change

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and yet father we can be assured of your word

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of your will of your plan which do not change we thank you so much father for

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jesus christ we thank you god for his commitment to the covenant

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and we thank you father for grafting us in and making us brethren

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and then making us making christ our elder brother and that we can call you father so we

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are praying now father as we open up this new scroll the scroll of joel that you'll increase our understanding

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that you'll deepen our faith and that you'll deepen our commitment to stand strong

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in a very fast-changing world we thank you lord god almighty we pray for your

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blessing now when we ask in the mighty name of jesus christ amen

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let me just go ahead and confirm that i am coming through uh clearly

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yes uh thanks pastor murray and uh posin otto and uh brother alan wolfgall thanks so

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much okay so good so everything seems to be working well let us proceed with our book

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this new book of joel and i'll just share my screen there we

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go so it looks like we are in business i'll just uh increase the font a little bit uh so joel

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chapter 1 and verse 1 says the word of the lord jehovah

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that came to joel the son of pethuel so this is all we know about joel

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there's not much that we do we're not told where he's from who he is he's just we know his name

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and we know he's the son of pathwell and then we just get straight into

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the revelation so it's as if to say don't focus on the messenger

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focus on the message and don't get all tied up with the messenger but the information that we're given here

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is that uh first of all his name joel it means yehovah is god is the name

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and we know that uh pathwell is his father who probably named him and therefore we know that uh pathwell is

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always a faithful uh covenant member of the covenant community and pathwell means uh expansion by god expanded by

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god so and he would have called his his son joel uh which means jehovah is god

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and that's it the emphasis is on the fact that it's the word of the lord so as we get into this

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prophetic word god wants us to take it very very seriously and i just as i begin as we

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begin this new scroll i wanted to just remind us of

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the admonition by the apostle paul to the thessalonians

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and to us by extension despise not prophesying

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that i think sometimes there can be a sentiment within the church i don't think among us

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who are diligently studying the scriptures but it can it can happen where oh we don't need prophecy we just

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need christian living it's just christian living well you can get into christian living on autopilot

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and suddenly find yourself with a with a a terrible complacent attitude

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the the purpose of prophecy is to keep us sharp so that we have our wits about us and as these deceptions begin to

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creep into society we're not fooled by them we're on alert

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because we understand the prophecies and we don't fall for uh statism

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because we understand what ultimate statism looks like because of prophecy so prophecy enables us to fast forward

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see what the future looks like come back into the present without girding up our loins

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and making sure that we're switched on instead of this oh it's just christian living

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let's be careful that we do not despise prophesyings so this is the word of jehovah that came to joel the son of

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pathul and he says then hear this you old men or you elders

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and give ear all you inhabitants of the land so this

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is like let's get let's get straight into this this is a revelation it's the word of the lord and and you elders

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gather around and hear this you you leaders in the covenant community gather around

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and hear this this is of the most urgent message that you need to hear and not just you all the inhabitants of the land

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need to hear this prophetic word you need to hear what's about to come upon you and and uh this is uh we're

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going to see a devastating economic crash followed by

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invasion and and although this is a prophet to the southern kingdom it's a prophet to

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judah you know as i'm reading and studying it it really applies to it applies to us in

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principle it applies to judah in particular so we want to be very faithful in our

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reading of the texts this is a text for judah

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in particular but in our modern day it's a text for us in principle

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as we turn our back on the judeo judeo-judeo-christian foundation

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of of the western world particularly of of uh the united states

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britain and the united states and canada where and and many of our other viewers who

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are coming viewing from western nations we've turned our backs we've turned away as a society

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from the scriptures they just have no no influence

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in fact i would say the only influence they have is to energize people against them

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people want to do everything the opposite of what the scripture says so as we depart from the scriptural text

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um i think that some of these prophetic uh sentences and judgments

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apply to us now as the western world collapses

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judah is exposed so this nation that we call israel today in the middle east it

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really is the southern kingdom what was left of the southern kingdom of judah that was left of the covenant community

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as the northern tribes were divorced as as the western world falls and

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particularly as america collapses right before our eyes judah is exposed

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so these the sort of the ultimate fulfillment of these prophecies we're on the cusp we're

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on the cusp so yes they apply to us in principle they apply to judah in particular so he says he gather around

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elders gather around everybody in the land and tell me something

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has this been in your days or even in the days of your fathers

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so this is something you know we would use the term this is unprecedented i think that's a term though over the last

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few years so much is unprecedented as the western world just uh unravels we're

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seeing things the likes of which we've never seen before the extent of which we've never seen before but here at this

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time this is unprecedented and so he can gather the oldest men the elders the

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leaders have you ever seen anything like this micah opens up his prophecy in a similar way

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he says hear all you people hearken o earth and all that therein is and let

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the lord god be witness against you the lord from his holy temple for behold

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the lord comes forth out of his place and will come and tread upon the high places of the earth amen we we

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look forward to this as these uh narcissistic totalitarian

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demagogues who believe their gods are are just inflating their egos and

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and grasping all power and wealth to themselves and and just destroying life

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any any any semblance of of joy in the earth uh we need christ to come and and and

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and tread upon the high places of the earth and and bring true

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righteousness to the earth but that's what god is going to do and the mountain shall be shall melt under him and the

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valley shall be cleft as wax before the fire as the waters that are poured down a

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steep place so micah saw this ultimate judgment of god that joel also sees that isaiah

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saw that all the prophets have seen why is this happening well why why this

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earth-shattering judgment well it's for the transgression of jacob is

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all this and for the sins of the house of israel this is why so as evil as these wicked

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men are they're only able to do what they do because the covenant community has

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failed god and so god's focus is really on the covenant community

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and and i think for us in the church today we are grafted into this covenant

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community and we have to ask ourselves have we failed god are we living up to the standard of

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torah or are we compromising because when god looks at the earth he

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judges his covenant community first because there's an expectation that we will provide leadership we will provide

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a voice into the earth why why all of this tremendous climactic

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judgment for the transgression of jacob is all this and for the sins of the house of israel what is the

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transgression of jacob micah ask isn't it samaria their capital city

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and what are the high places of judah are they not jerusalem

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the holy city isn't this the the cradle of sinfulness in judah

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this is why so joelle goes on to say

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tell you your children of this this is unprecedented it's never happened before make sure you tell your children about

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it and let your children tell their children and their children the next generation

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so so whatever this is that joel sees it's something that must never be forgotten

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and make sure that you tell your children and they tell their children and they those children tell their children

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and so generations must remember and file this away and and

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understand the judgment of god in in torah and this is sort of a an

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echo of torah in a slightly different way because joel is saying tell your children

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about this judgment of god whereas in torah it's speaking of the law

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and and mooses says and you shall teach them deuteronomy 6 and verse 7 mooses says you shall teach them diligently

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unto your children and we have not done that we have not done that you you see

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children today and by children i'll say anybody under 30

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in our society today and they've lost their minds

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you know purple spiked blue hair big earrings that appear

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pour big holes into their ears and through their nose and dressing like pagans abandoning christianity

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involved don't even know whether they're male or female involved in all kinds of uh sexual

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debauchery they have no self-regard no self-esteem no healthy respect for themselves

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this is this was it a good idea to take prayer out of the classroom is do do we bear good fruit by not

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teaching our children about jesus christ has this been a good decision well let's

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just look at the developments the the evolution or the devolution of society over the last three decades

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are are we really progressing and now we're at the point where uh we are

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basically courting with and normalizing pedophilia well you know once once you go to

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abortion and pedophilia there's no hope you know this is sacrificing our

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children to moloch this is where we are will god not judge us for these things

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he says here in torah teach the law teach the statutes to your

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children but we didn't do that so now joel says tell your children

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about this judgment this calamity and make sure they tell their children so there's a saying in jamaica they

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would say if who doesn't hear will feel so it's like if we don't listen to moises then we're going to feel the

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prophetic whip from joel he says teach them diligently to your children and you shall talk of them when

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you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up if only the covenant

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community followed this instruction this command then they wouldn't have to follow this

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one by joel nevertheless joel's this word that joel receives he says tell your children of

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this and make sure that they tell their children and their children another generation

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then what is it this is what he says that which the palmer worm

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has left so these are our locusts and so uh locusts can be devastating

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and in fact let's just take a quick look at this uh how devastating they can be

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so you'll see these uh locusts here into the good times as the desert locusts

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they just come through and just devour wow

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non-stop devastation

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the young locusts are known as hoppers for at this stage they're flightless they find new feeding grounds by

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following the smell of sprouting grass so he goes on to share how these these

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locusts go through different stages and they're just like an army marching through the land stripping it of

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everything within an hour there's nothing green left that's how devastating they are and

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there's just they go through these different stages from larva to hoppers to then they can fly and they can just

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cover more and more land well what joel says and remember this was a thriving economy



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and this what we're reading in verse 4 is the collapse of an agricultural

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economy and not just the collapse the complete devastation and wiping out of the

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economy everything will be gone so all of the animals that depend on on feeding

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of the the bounty of the land all of it's gone so so complete devastation and famine

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following he says that which the palmer worm has left the locust has eaten

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and that which the locust has left the cankerworm has eaten and that which the canter worm has left the caterpillar has

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eaten so you sort of have this sense of these these waves where one type of locust comes in and

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it's devastating and right on the heels of that another type comes in and that wipes everything out and on the heels of

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that another and whatever's left all the caterpillars now who maybe go

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more slowly and can and they're they're they're looking for anything they can find they strip everything that's left

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and the result is a complete thorough wiping out of the economy

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so jeremiah saw the same thing jeremiah says in chapter 5 and verse 10 go you upon

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her walls and destroy but make not a full end take away her battlements they

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are they are not for they are not the lords for the house of israel and the house of judah have dealt very

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treacherously against me again this is the problem why this devastation well this is the

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problem the house of israel and the house of judah have dealt very treacherously against me says the lord

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they have belied the lord and said it is not he

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god is not god it's not him he's not the real god it is not he listen to this

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neither shall evil come upon us neither shall we see sword nor famine

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and this almost i almost hear um noah yuval harari i i kind of hear an echo of

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him speaking here where he scoffs at the scriptures laughs at the god of the bible

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nothing like that could ever happen stay tuned god is very patient but his word is true

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he says they say no evil shall come upon us neither shall we see sword nor famine

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and the prophet shall become wind so who cares what the prophet said it'll just disappear the prophet shall

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become wind and the word is not in them thus shall it be done unto them

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wherefore thus says the lord god of hosts because you speak this word behold

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i will make my words in your mouth fire and this people would

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and it shall devour them so the prophetic word the prophetic will will be done and the words of the

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prophets will be like fire and the people like wood and it shall devour them lo i will bring a nation upon you

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from far o house of israel jeremiah says jehovah it is a mighty nation it is an

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ancient nation so these conflicts go back in time and even though we think we're modern

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the the root of these conflicts goes all the way back and we need to understand that he says

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it is an ancient nation a nation whose language you don't know neither do you understand what they say

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their quiver is an open sepulchre they are all mighty men

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and they shall eat up your harvest and your bread which your sons and daughters should eat

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they shall eat up your flocks and your herds they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees they shall impoverish

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your fenced cities wherein you trusted with the sword so this army is behaving

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like locusts they're coming in and stripping everything so this is going to be important because uh joel is speaking of

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an actual um swarming of these these locusts and stripping and

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crashing the economy but then he's going to go further and say all of that was just part one stay

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tuned because that was symbolic of an army that's going to follow once you lose

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your economy you lose your military strength so you think of these people um the the incredible economy they had

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under king solomon and the incredible military force they were able to build up and and the respect they have around

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the whole world but once the economy crashes everything goes with it

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so so for us today we have a leader today in the western

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world the most powerful man in the world us ostensibly who wants to have a

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military vehicles that are all green and that need to be charged and run on solar

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this this is where we are today and and to broadcast that and actually to buy the technology from from an arch enemy

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this is where we are and who's deliberately crashing the economy in fact all of the western nations are

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deliberately crashing their economies well there are people in the world that

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hate us that envious that want to destroy us and once we once we crash our economy

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then we lose our military strength and we're open for the taking

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so here we see from jeremiah this ravishing of of this army he says to declare this

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in the house of jacob publish it in judah saying hear now this all foolish people

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are our people not foolish you know it's uh just you just shake your head

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these are leaders do they have do they have two brain cells do they not know history or maybe they're foolish just

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because they're evil maybe they know exactly what they're doing and they're foolish just because they're evil here

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now they're so foolish people and without understanding which have eyes and see not which have ears and hear not

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so this again is hearkening back to isaiah 6 where these people will be cursed like

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this until not forever until once this devastation destroys jerusalem

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and the cities of judah then finally god will allow them to see and understand and repent but until then

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they're going to be driven to this point of of just complete devastation

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god then says to them do you not fear me fear you not me

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says the lord jehovah will you not tremble at my presence this is how arrogant his people have become

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and and you know it's no surprise if in our western nations many of the leadership roles in our western nations

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are actually people from the covenant community who have just become atheistic and rebellious

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they just have no fear of god fear you not me says the lord will you not tremble at my presence

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which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree and a kid that it cannot pass he just speaks

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of a miracle of his creation and though the waves thereof toss themselves yet can they not prevail though they roar

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yet can they not over it but this people and again just think of our own people

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so this these prophecies apply to judah in particular but they apply to us in principle

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even though the northern nations have been divorced they're still under curse

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they're still under the deuteronomic curses and the divorce is just a part of those curses

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but this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart

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they are revolted and gone i think this is like are we

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this is speaking of us today this this verse 23 of jeremiah is the

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perfect description of our society of our the leaders in our society they've gone they've gone mad they're stark

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raving mad they are lunatics they're drunk on power they're drunk on wealth they're drunk on debauchery they're

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drunk on idolatry and they have a revolting and a rebellious heart

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they have revolted and they're gone but they can't be helped now

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back to to joel so so jeremiah is speaking of an army that's going to come

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through judah and just be devastating just wipe everything out and just consume everything but joel

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is seeing actual locusts that are going to crash the economy and and cause incredible suffering

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and weaken their military force so now he goes on and whatever he's

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seeing through revelation through the gift of revelation

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he says awake you drunkards and weep

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so whatever this is even the drunkards

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who are spaced out completely uninvolved unaware

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living in their own world like snap out of it this this is going to affect everybody

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and you need to be aware of this awake you drunkards and weep

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jeremiah says they've revolted in their god and and the root of this devastation is

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the rebellion of his covenant community and now within the covenant community

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jeremiah joel says wake up you drunkards and weep wake up so you can weep

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and howl all you drinkers of wine why

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because of the new wine for it is cut off from your mouth you're not you're not getting this

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supply anymore this is a supply chain disruption is going to cut off this supply from you

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isaiah says there is a crying for wine in the streets

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meaning all joy is darkened the mirth of the land is gone

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and you know we we we've had incredible joy we've had incredible mirth in our

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land um the french president

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has just recently said the age of abundance is over what

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the age of abundance is over is this is this absolute madness or what so

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the western world with its work ethic with its christian principles

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with its charity it has just grown phenomenally

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phenomenally and the western world and capitalism in particular it's not perfect but it has done more to raise

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people out of poverty than any other system that we know of this side of christ's return

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and yet they want to stamp this out and replace it with stakeholder capitalism which is really communism

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so once they introduce communism and socialism we have decades of history

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maybe i should say centuries of history two centuries where we can see what

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communism has brought it doesn't lift people out of poverty it takes those who are

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wealthy and brings them into poverty and and it brings mass murder and

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devastation and removes all joy so we could have these western leaders could

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have chosen the way of abundance to to prosper the world to make sure

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that those third world nations let's give them uh understand how to use technology

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so they can have inexpensive energy and once you give societies inexpensive

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energy you can lift them out of poverty so we could have chosen the way of lifting as many people out of poverty as

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possible and certainly we could have continued innovation

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and abundance but this leader now says in front of his people the age of abundance is over what  
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does that mean it means they have chosen to turn away from abundance  
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they've chosen to turn away from lifting people up and what they want to do now is destroy life  
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what they want to do now is bring everybody down and so now you're seeing historically or  
erstwhile  
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abundant nations now in the uk they're talking about heating or eating  
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this winter senior citizens will have to decide do i eat or do i heat  
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and because if i heat i'll starve to death but if i eat i'll freeze to death  
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in leading western nations these are the decisions the everyday people now have to make  
29:38  
coming soon to a theater near you this is what our leaders are doing you know i had hoped  
previously  
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that uh in the us president trump would continue as as coarse and horrible and i know i know  
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everybody hates him i know he's terrible you know he's human but i had hoped that he would  
continue  
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so that we christians who preach the word would be able to  
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preach and take advantage of of the technology and what we can do  
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and then just have an abundant voice but that's not the case now we've we've  
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made our bed we have to lie in it and so let's tighten our belts and let's get ready for suffering  
that's  
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what these leaders are bringing upon us suffering and and i i don't apologize for for  
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sounding hyperbolic or alarmist this is bad here you you you elders have you ever  
30:35  
seen anything like this everything is going to collapse at once it's a house of cards  
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and these leaders do not mean us any good so let's get ready this is it's a it's a  
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different type of christianity now there's there's one path we could have had where you know we  
write the high

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places of the earth and we preach the gospel and that's what we do well then there's another version of

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christianity where we suffer and and the scripture is there to prepare us for this we suffer intensely

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and we lose everything you know when they say you will own nothing

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you'll have no privacy and you'll be you better be happy about that and you'll rent everything we will

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own everything you'll rent it from us they're not kidding this is real and it's a global agenda and when we should

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see beyond whatever little political party we have in our countries countries are now um provinces

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of a global cabal so incredible suffering is coming our way

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we need to be ready it's just a different type it's a different version of christianity it's like if this then

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that or if this then that well we're in the if there's tremendous suffering and

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and and heartache and hardship this is the kind of christianity we now

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need to practice and the kind of love we need to make sure we have for each other that we

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have for christ we have for god and the type of nobility and dignity we have when they try to strip all of this away

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from us we asked for it we made our bed we need to lie in it and it's okay

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i i think it's actually a higher reward christianity

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that now rather than preaching say through technology which will be taken away from us we're going to be preaching through our example by this shall all

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men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another the kind of love that i have for you christ

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says so when they do all of their dirty and they just see they can't take the

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love that we have from what for one another away from us they cannot strip us of our dignity no matter what they do

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we hold our heads high we look to the sky for the return of christ and we are noble

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that is a very powerful message so that's where we are tremendous stay tuned uh tremendous

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suffering is on the way so now joelle pivots

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so the murray isaiah says the mirth of the land is gone french president says

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the age of abundance is over for the western world now we choose between heating or eating

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people are beginning to say like this is real this is really affecting me now

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joel goes on now to go from the vision of the locusts which is real

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which is devastating he now pivots and he says this was really a symbol

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these four waves of of just consumption and destruction

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we're symbolic he goes on to say verse six for a nation

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has come upon milan what land is that well in principle we can apply it to our

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lands as our economy crashes we are now wide open for the taking

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we can expect china or the islamic jihadis

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to come in and wipe us out and enslave us if we have no no you know we we just have no way to defend ourselves we've

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given that up so in principle yes it applies as we've rejected god he's rejected us and we

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we're going to suffer but in particular the land this is a book about the middle east

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so in particular the land is jerusalem and the cities of judah

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and a nation now and again when we collapse in the west that exposes judah

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judas surrounded by hostile islamic nations that that want to wipe it off the face

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of the earth but as long as there's a powerful american ally and western nations that

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are in alliance with it it's it's standing strong but once we once we are no longer to

34:48

even protect ourselves never mind support judah or the nation of israel today it's going to get it's going to

34:54

get invaded taken captive why all the prophecies are going to come true so america has to collapse

35:00

for these prophecies around the middle east to come to pass so you know

35:05

might be hard on us personally but this is the prophetic word but certainly this can apply to us in

35:11

principle for a nation has come upon my land strong and without number wow

35:18

whose teeth are the teeth of a lion and he has the cheek teeth of a great

35:23

lion this is what habakkuk saw when when there's wickedness in the

35:28

nation wickedness in the covenant community and god and he says god why don't you do something about this he said i am doing

35:35

something behold you among the heathen don't look in the covenant community look out at the heathen

35:41

and regard and wonder marvelously awake you drunkards and mourn

35:49

this is what god is doing for i will work a work in your days which you will not believe

35:55

though it be told you and when it was told to habakkuk he didn't believe it for lo

36:01

i raise up the chaldeans that bitter and hasty nation

36:07

which shall march through the breadth of the land joel says uh this nation has come upon

36:12

my land they're like locusts to possess the dwelling places

36:18

that are not theirs back to to joel

36:23

he says in verse 1 joel 1 verse 7

36:30

he says he has laid my vine waste

36:36

and barked my fig they're acting like locusts but this is an army

36:41

of a hostile ancient nation he has laid my vine waste

36:46

and barked my fig tree he has made it clean bear and cast it away this is jerusalem and

36:54

the cities of judah and the branches thereof are made white they're just stripped

37:01

nothing is left he says lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth

37:08

for the husband of her youth so this is a virgin she's not married to the point of

37:15

consummating the marriage but she's betrothed so she's as good as mary this is not

37:21

like we say in the western world engaged in the jewish culture she's betrothed it's as good as mary in order to get out

37:27

of that betrayal they'll have to go through a divorce but she's betrothed and then she loses

37:32

her husband before they even get to consummate the the marriage and and that kind of incredible mourning now

37:39

all the hopes and dreams they had the family they had planned they would have it's all gone and she's probably now

37:45

impoverished so lament like that everything is gone

37:52

the meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of yehovah

38:00

the priests jehovah's ministers mourn

38:05

this thing is it's an economic devastation it's a military defeat

38:11

and it's a religious defeat the the the priests the ministers understand now

38:19

they are cut off from god this this worship covenant intimate relationship

38:24

that they've had and enjoyed with god it's cut off no more the ability to have the worship

38:31

system it's cut off you know it's not not uh

38:36

it's not on the same level but these last two years where they with with political force

38:44

prevented us from assembling this is to to to render void

38:49

the worship system of god or or the jews when they cannot gather in the temple

38:55

is to render voice satan is rendering void the worship system of god and god is allowing it

39:01

because the people have completely disappointed him so the priests understand now this is

39:06

not just an economic defeat this is not just a military defeat this is this is a cutting off of the

39:13

covenant relationship that we have with god the meat offering and the drink offering

39:19

is cut off from the house of jehovah they can no longer do these these rituals of worship

39:26

the priests the lord's ministers mourn so you got the drunkard morning

39:32

and now it's even the priests of the lord have to mourn over this the field is wasted

39:38

the land mourns for the corn is wasted the new wine is dried up

39:45

the oil languishes everything is gone and our political class our elite today

39:52

are making decisions so that the fields we oh climate change

39:58

climate change we for for sustainable sake of sustainability these are the things we need to do

it's all going to

40:04

backfire it's all going to backfire these people are insane

40:09

genesis 1 god created this world and when he created it said it's very

40:16

the whole ecosystem he said it's very good the fact that that we need oxygen

40:23

and and the trees and the green life around us give us the oxygen we need

40:28

and and they need carbon dioxide and we exhale carbon dioxide and when we

40:34

the more carbon dioxide have the more they flourish the more oxygen we have the more we flourish and it's just a

40:40

wonderful symbiotic relationship these people who think they're smarter than god

40:45

say oh we must cut out the carbon dioxide and we must cut down all the trees and

40:50

and put up windmills and solar farms and and feed i came across a business

40:57

the other day uh uh they wanted to see if i was interested in doing business with no thanks

41:03

came across the business the other day that cultivates black flies like large

41:08

flies and then they take the larva and they they grind the larva into food

41:14

and they take the carcasses of the flies and they grind that into food and they feed it to pets and they feed it to cows

41:23

and when this person is explaining this to me i said well wait a minute are aren't cows herbivores

41:29

and he had no answer he said oh yeah i guess so

41:34

like do you think it's a good idea to stop feeding cows grass i think they

41:40

call it frass instead to feed them crushed up flies

41:46

what's that gonna do but this is these people think they're so clever and feed will feed uh insects

41:53

bugs to humans and let's see how that all works out

41:58

there's there's something in bugs that humans cannot digest and it causes our immune system to go crazy so we can

42:05

expect a plague of cancers and all kinds of

42:10

autoimmune disease but they're just destroying everything in fact i was looking at this list the

42:16

other day that um here here the farmers they they're the

42:21

the dutch farmers are some of the most productive farmers in the world second only to the united states and

42:28

they have a fraction of the farmland that america has and they're in trouble they're shutting

42:33

them down they're destroying their culling their their their cattle and here we see

42:39

just this devastation all over what what is going on

42:44

in fact you see i was looking at this um list of all of the food plants in the us

42:52

that over the last couple of years fire fire fire fire all these food

42:59

plants are being burned are was it arson what is it there's an explosion  
43:04  
fire fire fire another explosion fire fire plane crashes into these  
43:09  
processing food plants fire another one on fire plane crashing what is going on  
43:15  
what is this so so we stopped the farm you know we stopped the farmers  
43:22  
from farming we see the devastation that it causes that then spreads to other countries  
43:27  
including canada where we're we're forcing  
43:32  
the these um this climate change chain climate change agenda which is a farce  
43:39  
and a hoax and and and we have these supply chain disruptions  
43:45  
and and all of these food processing plants are being i won't say there's i don't know are they  
being set on fire is  
43:50  
it arson is it just so many coincidental for accidents planes crashing into food processing  
43:57  
plants so this is going to be very very difficult  
44:02  
death by a thousand cuts and only one cut would have killed us death by a thousand cuts  
44:09  
he says the field is wasted the land mourns you you want climate  
44:15  
change you're worried about climate change there is no more devastating impact on  
44:21  
the environment than war stop being warmongers  
44:26  
try to figure out how to avoid war at least we had four years under the previous administration  
where  
44:33  
there were no new wars as soon as that administration was out this administration is in back to  
orbit  
44:40  
back to the war business let's get those those bank coffers rolling again  
44:45  
the industrial military complex and then you say you care about the environment there is  
nothing more devastating to the  
44:52  
environment than war so so me i better turn up my my thermostat so my air conditioner doesn't  
44:59

come on as much that's that's a nothing if they would just stop devastating the

45:05

earth with their warmongering the field is wasted the land mourns

45:10

for the corn is wasted the neon is dried up the oil languishes we could have enjoyed this there could

45:16

have been joy in the harvest enough for everybody no they they deliberately destroy this

45:22

they bring this upon themselves be you ashamed or you farmers howl

45:28

you vine dressers for the wheat and for the barley

45:35

because the harvest of the field is perished and that's really you know what we see this is just the beginning what

45:40

we see with these dutch farmers in a sense they are howling because the harvest is perished

45:47

and it's perished because of these policies he says the vine is dried up

45:52

and the fig tree languishes the pomegranate tree the palm tree also

45:59

and the apple tree you care about the environment stop disobeying god you care about the environment how about

46:06

you follow the torah then the enviro the torah and the environment go hand in hand

46:13

the palm tree also and the apple tree even all the trees of the field are withered

46:20

because joy is withered away from the sons of men we

46:25

we are heading into some very very difficult times i hope you're not overly

46:31

attached i hope none of us are overly attached to material things

46:36

these people are serious they they mean for us to become serfs

46:42

they mean for us to become slaves if even we can survive this but we have something so so wonderful

46:49

and this is this is really the key now this is going to be the test of our faith were we just playing church

46:56

was this church theater and it's like you know it's nice to be nice and it's nice to have somewhere to

47:02

go on the sabbath and well we don't keep sunday we keep sabbath and and it's just ritual

47:08

or have been we've been really taking this time to transform

47:14

to put on the mind of christ because now it's going to be tested

47:19

and when all of this is stripped away from us what will be left

47:24

is the character of god and he's coming with his reward in his hands

47:30

so this is this is a time of this this this is going to be a very very

47:35

difficult we need each other this is not the time for brethren to be at each other and causing division and this is a

47:42

time for us to be supporting and helping and building each other up he says the joy

47:47

is withered away from the sons of men gird yourselves and lament you

47:54

beasts howl you ministers of the altar you know come lie all night in sackcloth

48:03

you ministers of my god and these are ministers that they will

48:08

do this if they understand if they don't understand they're going

48:14

to have this attitude of business as usual everything's fine let's keep just doing what we did in the 70s

48:20

if they understand they will howl they will how they will wail

48:27

they'll lie all night in sackcloth you ministers of my god for the meat offering

48:33

and the drink offering is withheld from the house of your god

48:38

the whole worship system has collapsed the covenant community will no longer be

48:44

able to worship god the the implication being god has rejected them

48:50

and you ministers of god who should have been facilitating this relationship with god well it's all gone pear-shaped

48:57



the whole thing has collapsed and maybe that's even on your shoulders as ministers of my god  
49:04  
because if you were doing your job the people would have turned to god they would have had a  
heart for god and the  
49:09  
worship system would have been protected by god but the fact that god has allowed the worst  
these these heathen  
49:16  
these unrighteous heathen the fact that god has allowed them to come in and wipe out the  
worship system means the  
49:22  
ministers of god were not doing their work micah as a faithful minister of god he  
49:29  
says like michael 1 and verse 8 therefore i will wail and howl  
49:36  
i will go strict and naked oh calm down micah stop being so hyperbolic stop being so  
49:43  
dramatic everything's fine can you just kind of give your everyday message  
49:49  
or or do you understand something the likes of which joel understood jeremiah understood  
isaiah understood  
49:56  
habakkuk understood do you do you see something that the rest of us should be seeing  
50:01  
oh yes he does and he says therefore i will wail and howl i will go strip to naked  
50:07  
i will make a wailing like the dragons and morning is the owls  
50:13  
for her wound is incurable we've reached we've passed the point of no return  
50:18  
now the devastation is coming her wound is incurable for it has come  
50:24  
unto judah he has come unto the gate of my people even to jerusalem even the whole worship  
50:31  
system now the heathen has come upon it all the prophets are seeing the same  
50:36  
thing joel says sanctify you a fast  
50:41  
call a solomon assembly gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house  
50:47  
of the lord your god and cry unto the lord so this is the cause this is the root now  
50:53  
dole's saying here's what's going to happen here's why it's happening and let's get to the root of  
the issue

50:59

the religious worship has not been accepted get down and really fast and really turn

51:05

to god with your whole heart maybe that will change things christ himself when he was on earth

51:13

you know they hear in luke 5 and verse 33 that the pharisees say to him why did the disciples of john fast often and

51:20

make prayers and and likewise the disciples of the pharisees but yours eat and drink

51:27

and he said unto them can you make the children of the bride chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them

51:34

but the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them and they and then they shall fast in

51:41

those days so we're coming to a time where for services

51:47

we may be continually saying this needs to be a congregation wide fast we need to come together and fast our

51:53

way through this and there needs to be this wholehearted turning to god

51:59

joel says alas for the day for the day of the lord is at hand this

52:04

is what he's seeing all of this now is like okay this is the day of the lord and as a destruction

52:11

from the almighty shall it come and i think as we're coming into the trumpets period now this season

52:17

we need to understand this that the the symbolism of trumpets the

52:22

announcement of the return of christ it's not happy happy happy

52:28

everybody sing and dance and rejoice it's destruction the likes of which the world has never

52:34

seen from god will be the author of this destruction this is the god we worship

52:40

this is the god we look for and it is so necessary it's necessarily on two two dimensions

52:47

one is it's so necessary for the wicked they've gone too far

52:52

they've they've inflated themselves to they think they are gods on earth they need to be brought down

52:58

and they need to be shown they are not gods they are mere men they are like grass so it's another the destruction that god

53:05

is bringing is necessary to humble arrogant man

53:10

but the destruction that god is bringing is also necessary to turn the covenant community to him

53:18

remember he said to them you won't see me again until you shall say blessed is he

53:24

who comes in the name of the lord so so this destruction is necessary from two

53:30

dimensions to to bring down the wicked and to turn the covenant community to

53:36

god but let's not make any mistake the day of the lord is destruction

53:42

let's see that clearly alas joel says alas

53:48

for the day for the day of the lord is at hand and as a destruction from the almighty

53:54

shall it come amos says 5 verse 18 woe unto you

54:00

that desire the day of the lord are you do you not understand what the day of the lord is

54:06

woe unto you that desire the day of the lord to what end is it for you the day of the lord is darkness

54:13

and not light so we have to have a sober perspective here

54:19

and we need to be warning and this again is like despised not prophesying

54:24

so if we're just like hey you know what i'm just about christian living i keep the sabbath you know i don't lie i don't

54:30

steal i don't murder i don't covet and i'm just living the life well great

54:36

good start that's sort of kindergarten level come up now time to advance

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and time to get to the point where we can bring the alarm to god's people and say like you better make sure

54:49

you understand these prophecies and then we can bring the alarm to the world and say warning warning there is a

54:56

god and he's coming and this is what he's going to do when he comes and there's a sense of urgency  
55:01  
conviction when we speak not this sort of like complacency that's  
55:07  
over he says whoa unto you that desire that  
55:12  
are you like he's almost like are you crazy do you not understand what this is  
55:18  
to what end is it for you the day of the lord is darkness and not light so we need to understand  
55:24  
this we need to preach this and then we need to live in such a way that we truly can  
55:30  
love his appearing look forward to his appearing because as he is or as he was so are we in this world  
55:38  
revelation 22 and verse 7 god says behold i come quickly blessed is he  
55:43  
that keeps the sayings of what of the prophecy of this book  
55:48  
do not despise prophesying and keep the sayings of the prophecy keep alert  
55:54  
you know what what what this implies is that as we get to the end time  
56:00  
brethren are not going to be studying revelation and as the waves of deception come into  
56:06  
the earth brethren will go along with it because they're not switched on they're not seeing what the revelation is so  
56:13  
plainly laying out in fact we can expect and our brother deacon jan in his sermon last  
56:19  
week that expect the bible to become illegal expected to become hate speech expected to become taken away from us  
56:26  
and therefore if we don't have access to these prophesied prophesyings these prophecies  
56:31  
how will we keep them well we better be so immersed in them have them memorized have been so well  
56:37  
grounded that we just keep the words of the sayings of the prophecy  
56:43  
of this book joel says is not the meat cut off before our eyes  
56:49  
yes joy and gladness from the house of our god the whole worship system has collapsed

56:55

the economy collapsed the defense military defense system collapsed

57:01

the worship system collapsed it's all over and now it's down to

57:07

the faithful remnant to live through all of this and to delight god

57:13

and to love his appearance to look for his appearing as he comes

57:19

he goes on to say the seed is rotten under their clods

57:24

the garners are laid desolate the barns are broken down for the corn is withered

57:31

how do the beasts groan the herds of cattle

57:37

are confused because they have no pastures like again these guys want to feed the cattle

57:44

they want to feed them bugs they want to feed them flies insects

57:50

but here the all the green all the shrubs all the grass

57:56

has been destroyed and now the cattle are facing famine

58:01

the humans are facing famine the whole system has collapsed this is difficult

58:07

it's hard to grasp but this is what's coming this is the judgment

58:13

how do the beast groan the herds of cattle are confused because they have no pasture

58:20

yes the flocks of sheep are made desolate oh lord

58:25

to thee will i cry for the fire has devoured the pastures

58:30

of the wilderness and the flame has burned all the trees of the field in

58:37

this you want to you you care about the environment stop disobeying god

58:43

you care about the environment stop engaging in war the this is this is what brings climate

58:50

change this is what brings environmental catastrophe oh lord to you will i cry we're not

58:56

we're not turning to men for the fire has devoured the pastures

59:01

of the wilderness the flame has burned all the trees of the field the beasts of the field cry also  
unto

59:08

you for the rivers of water waters are dried up and the fire

59:15

has devoured the pastures of the wilderness not

59:20

the the greatest um i was gonna say it's not the greatest

59:25

encouragement but we can be encouraged because all of this is leading somewhere in fact let  
me um

59:32

just quickly here look up uh what do i want to see here i want to look up

59:38

the outlines give me one second see if i can find this

59:44

i just wanted to show you that it's not all doom and gloom uh um

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the prophet joel is going to have a wonderful encouragement for us but it is

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going to take a little bit of time we have to go through this first part

1:00:01

and then we will get to his encouragement

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and i just don't see the text right here let me see if i can see this

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no i'll i'll bring it up for next time um but i just wanted to show you the just the overall outline  
of of the book

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and how he goes from this devastating judgment and then he shows the relief

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that will come and how ultimately jerusalem will be restored

1:00:32

so stay tuned brethren we'll go through this line upon line but that was uh joel 1 today

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and hopefully you are getting something from the study and we'll look forward to having you

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join us again god willing next week jesus christ is lord uh we we we need

1:00:51

this judgment again for those two reasons one because man is haughty and arrogant

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and must be brought down must be shown that he's just man and two because the covenant  
community

1:01:03

has abandoned god and god needs to to really drive them

1:01:08

to repentance which is what moises saw from the very beginning jesus christ is lord god bless  
you brethren

1:02:55

you