## 31-Obadiah-Pt01-Transcript

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I want to make sure that you can hear me if you can maybe just in the chat confirm I think we should be good now Wednesday Wednesday night Bible study welcome we are studying a one book this week and that's the book of Obadiah it's a single chapter so we'll finish it God willing tonight and then next week for some reason I don't know how it happened but Psalm 25 was not recorded I'm pretty certain and pastor Murray as well it's pretty pretty certain that we did cover it but it wasn't it's not in the archive so God willing next week we'll do Psalm 25 and then we'll take a break we're coming up to the Holy Day season so trumpets just just around the corner then we have atonement Feast of Tabernacles in the last great day I will resume God willing we'll resume the Bible studies after the holiday season so we have this week next week and then we'll have a short break for the holiday season and let's get into the study will open with a word of Prayer our Father we pause before the study to honor you to thank you to praise you and and father we're just so grateful that the world is definitely changing rapidly we thank you for these ancient prophets and the ancient texts and that you've given us hearts and a desire to study these words and and that gives us an understanding of what's happening around us and gives us great peace great calmness great confidence despite the chaos that surrounds us we praise you father we thank you for this little book of Obadiah and pray that you'll open our

understanding as we study it together we ask this in Jesus most Holy Name Amen now we're in the book of Obadiah a short book before we get into the details of Obadiah what I'd like to do is begin with a bit of background a bit of context and to do that I would like to go back to Genesis so Obadiah is a prophecy and it's a prophecy against Edom and Edom is Esau and we really pick up the story here remember the twins Jacob and Esau they were struggling in in Rebecca's womb but here we will read in Genesis 25 33 we're going to read that

Jakub this is a situation where Esau sells his birthright to Jacob and Jacob said swear to me this day and he swore to him and he sold him his birthright to jacob and jacob gave esau bread and pottage of lentils so Edom means ready he saw was actually read when he was born but but this read pottage is also where he gets his namesake Edom so Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils a lentil soup and he did eat and drink and rose up and went his way as if nothing happened thus this is how Esau despised his birthright so this is now the beginning of this story between these two twins where Esau is the firstborn had the birthright but he despised it therefore God and now so now we come to the blessing now of Isaac he's old he's dying he's blind but it's time for him to bless his sons and particularly his oldest son to pass on the birthright to his older son and this this blessing is performative so this is this is he it has a performative power and so he begins now this blessing and he's been he's been tricked by Jacob and by his wife Rebekah so they've tricked him Rebekah knowing that the prophecy it was

the blessing to be on Jacob and somehow feeling she had to help God out I suppose to make this happen but now Jacob is blind and Jacob has Isaac is blind and Jacob has fooled him I'm putting on a hairy covering and had the smell and cooking a Rebekah cook the the the venison the way that Isaac liked it and so at the end of all of that he's now going to perform the blessing he says therefore God give you the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine let people serve you and nations bow down to you so this is the origin of this this nation or this these tribes of people and how they will be blessed in the earth and so through the passage of time thousands of years it's going to be very clear that there are a people that ride on the high places of the earth and other people are impoverished other people suffer and and there can be no explanation for it it's not that you know these people are somehow smarter than everybody else there's no explanation for it except that this original blessing from Isaac and he says let people serve you and nations bow down to you so this is a level of power that is going to be unprecedented in the earth let people serve you and nations bow down to you that these are chosen people be lord over your brethren and let your mother's sons bow down to you now listen curse it be everyone that curses you so people should have a sense of who these people are lest you curse them and bring curses upon yourself and on the other hand blessed be he that blesses you the this is performative so Isaac is pronouncing this and it is so that anybody who curses Jacob will be cursed and anybody who blesses Jacob

will be blessed Esau is going to come in right on the heels of this and there's no blessing for Esau and this sets up this contention between Esau and Jacob and it sets Esau on a path of being cursed because Esau and his descendants now begin to curse Jacob and as a result of that they are bringing curses or they bring curses upon themselves and this culminates in the end time and this is what Obadiah is going to show us cursed be he that every one that curses you and blessed be he that blesses you and it came to pass as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob so he just pours it all out on Jacob and I covered this when we were studying Isaiah so it's in the archive and I want to go into the detail here but I did cover this whole situation in detail in when we were studying 2nd I don't remember which chapter but if you haven't studied second Isaiah with us I would encourage you to go into the archive and study second Isaiah the Gospel according to Isaiah it is quite a fascinating book and they just allow once we understand what's going on in that book it helps us understand the whole Bible you came to pass as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father so you know one goes out the next one's on his heels the Jacob was scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father and it's interesting that when Esau was born Jacob was holding on to his heel and that's where he got his name as a planter but but now it's like he supplanted him he he it's now Esau is coming in on the heels of Jacob he was scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father but Esau his brother

came in from his hunting and he Isaac and Esau loved hunting Jacob not so much he was more at home with his mother and he also made savory meat and brought it on to his father so he's gonna take time make sure he makes it exactly the way his father likes it he realizes this is you know perhaps the last meal that he'll have with his father but certainly this is the end of his father's life it's time to receive the blessing so he's gonna make sure he gets it just right he brings it unto his father and said unto his father let my father arise and eat of his sons venison that is his firstborn sons venison that your soul may bless me and Isaac his father said unto Him who are you and he said I'm your son your firstborn Esau and Isaac trembled very exceedingly so Moses is giving us a sense here of something tragic has occurred and Isaac understands exactly what he did for Jacob thinking that it was Esau and now that Esau is in his presence this is terrifying I Isaac certainly had every intention of passing this blessing to Esau and now he's terrified and Isaac trembled very exceedingly very exceedingly and said who where is he that has taken venison and brought it to me and I have eaten of all before you came and I have blessed him like this is done this is a done deal

I have passed on this blessing to Jacob yes and he repeats yeah and he shall be blessed this is it there's no going back on this so thousands of years later we should be looking to look around the earth and see like which nations are truly blessed that it's like it's beyond explanation that they're there their level of blessing is his orders of

magnitude greater than anybody else because Isaac just says this yeah I blessed him yeah and he shall be blessed and when Esau heard the words of his father

so he's terrified as well he cried with a great and exceeding bitter Christ we have to combine this that Isaac trembled exceedingly and Esau cried exceedingly this is just tragic for both of these men and he said unto his father bless me even me also all my father so he begs him to give him something and Isaac's got nothing and if you study the rest of the chapter and if you don't find the chapter in second Isaiah there's some person second Isaiah that refers back to this all he's got left for Esau basically he is curses there's no blessing for him cuz he gave everything to Jacob

now how this contention now begins to play out so the men Esau and Israel in the end they were able to make up Israel thought he was going to be killed by he saw and he sent him gifts and the Esau managed to do okay and so he was happy he was content and he wasn't really thinking a long term or of his descendants

and so they were able to reconcile but his descendants and the descendants of Jacob are were forever in contention and it begins with Israel coming out of Egypt and here in numbers 20 and verse 14 says Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom so this would be a descendant now of Esau and they've established themselves as a kingdom so he Moses now is sending messengers unto Kadesh from Kadesh sorry unto Adam thus says your brother Israel so Moses is speaking on behalf of these tribes and referring to the tribes as

the brother of Edom you know all the travail that has befallen us in other words we've been enslaved for 400 years all of that how our fathers went down into Egypt and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time and the Egyptians vexed us and our fathers and when we cried unto the Lord he heard our voice and sent an angel and has brought us forth out of Egypt so that's the whole 400 year saga or four hundred and thirty years Agha and behold we are in Kadesh a city in the uttermost of your border so they are now bordering right on Edom and Moses is going to make the request can we just pass through your land let us pass I pray you through your country we will not pass through the fields or through the vineyards neither will we drink of the water of the wells we will go by the king's highway we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left until we have passed your border so you know this is a large company of people that maybe it's around 2 million people and what they're saying is we're not going to invade your land we will stick to the beaten path and we just want to pass through your land that's it and Edom said unto Him you shall not pass by me lest I come out against you with the sword so I will I will slaughter you if you dare step foot in my land and the children of Israel said unto Him we will go by the highway look we're not trying to invade your land or anything like that well we'll stick to the highway and if I and my cattle drink of your water then we'll pay for it I will only without doing anything else go through on my feet that this is all we want to do and he said you shall not go through and Edom came out against him with much people so a whole army now

shows up and with a strong hand thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border where Israel turned away from him so this is just the beginning of much contention between the children of Esau and the tribes of Esau and the tribes of Israel but this is where it begins now again what Isaac when Isaac blessed Jacob he was repeating the blessing that God gave to Abraham where in Genesis 12 and verse 3 God says I will bless them that bless you and curse him that curses you and so this blessing that God pronounced on Abraham which then passed down to Isaac Isaac now pass this blessing it's from God he now passes this blessing on to Jacob and we see now the beginning of Esau cursing Israel and so Esau is cursed according to the performative word in this blessing now the other thing I want to mention about Esau is that Esau is not just pure Esau so the have been wiped out they're cursed there are cursed people they've been wiped out but according when we read Obadiah it's clear that they still exist right before Christ returns so part of their existence we see here in Genesis 28 and verse 9 that Esau is so Jacob was given very strict and straw not to marry off from the canaanites with the land that they were in but rather to stay within the family of Abraham and so he had very strict instructions where to find a wife Esau heard those instructions and realized that the women of Canaan were very displeasing to his father and so he went to a descendant of Abraham and so he went unto ishmael isa went onto ishmael and took unto the wise which he had mahalo the daughter of ishmael abraham's

son so that was his reasoning while she's still from Abraham the sister of nabiyev to be his wife so what we see here is a mixing now of Edom and Ishmael both of which are hostile to the godly seed Ishmael being the firstborn of Abraham through this the slave woman Hagar but being denied the birthright the birthright instead going to Isaac and so that set up contention and hostility between the Ishmaelites and Isaac and now we see all we just saw this conflict set up between the next generation between these two twins Esau and Jacob and Esau being firstborn but God giving the birthright enabling the birthright and the blessing to go to the second born Jacob and so now we see both of those who have been hard done by who feel this is unfair joining forces and so when we're looking for Edom in the end time we have to understand that he's mixed into or part of part of Esau is mixed in with Ishmael know the whole lineage of Esau Moses spells out in Genesis 36 and we're not going to go through all of it but it's quite vast and you see that the dukes and the tribes of Esau so he says it begins this chapter by saying now these are the generations of Esau who is Edom so he wants us to be clear that Edom is Esau and then what we also see in chapter 36 is that esau migrated into Mount Seir so he says thus to all Esau in Mount Seir and he repeats again Esau is Edom it really wants us to know Esau is Edom you need to know Esau is Edom and then what we see in addition to the line we also see the location so he's in this mountainous place that is referred to as Mount Seir and it's very advantageous for the we Avera be a harsh land but similar to today it would be

like Afghanistan so Afghanistan is a very harsh land very rugged land very mountainous and cavernous land but nobody can go into Afghanistan and win doesn't matter how great these powers are Russia has been there America has been there all the different nations that have gone in there have failed these guys know the mountains they know the terrain it's just impossible to get an advantage from them they can see everything they just know the land and if you don't know the land you're lost and so in a similar way Esau sets himself up in Mount Seir and as a result he's able to become a very in the nation of Edom becomes a very powerful nation but today we don't speak of Edom but the fact that God calls out Mount Seir means there is a location for Edom and vou'll see where Judah is in the middle and Edom the kingdom of Edom is right below Judah and this is where Mount Seir is this is a very mountainous place you'll also see Petra is in Edom and and so you know they're in days years gone by people talked about Petra a lot because there's this whole system of caves that are in Petra and this is again an example of how the could set themselves up set themselves up in the mountains very difficult for anybody to invade and yet today there's we don't talk about the because they have been cursed but based on the prophecy we know that they have not completely disappeared now we see here and just an example of this in of just quickly in 36 you'll see here and of the sons of Eli fires were two man Oh Mars FL Gotama and Kenaz so job one of his friends these wise men that came to comfort him was at the team a night a

life as the team a night and and so later on and some of these prophecies you'll hear about the wisdom that comes out of teaming where the wisdom that comes out of Esau so they did develop a whole kingdom and system and and had wisdom also interesting that we see the name Omar here again they mixed in with the Ishmaelites and you'll see the name Omar are very popular among the Ishmaelites but it's coming from Esau now in verse 16 of chapter 36 he goes on to talk about the different dukes but one of these Dukes was amalek and and the Amalekites or the Amalekites were a thorn in israel side and and saul was instructed to go and slaughter these people in fact you'll see this in so the Amalekites come from there there and you'll see here in 1st Samuel 15 where Saul is instructed by Samuel now go and smite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they have and spare them not but slay both men and women infant and suckling ox and sheep camel and donkey and Saul didn't do this and as a result what at least one of these Amalekites lived and their lineage continued so even though the Amalekites dissapeared their genetics their DNA did not disappear and proof of that is years later when Israel is in or Judah is in Persia we see in the book of Esther that after these things chapter 3 verse 1 did King Ahaz arose promote Haman the son of Hamad artha the aggregate so the aggregates are from Amalek and so this this hamon is a descendant of King Agag of the Amalekites and so even though the Amalekites were wiped out decades maybe centuries later when Israel is in Persia they have now an Amalekite who's designing to slaughter all of

Judah so there's this perpetual contention and an hatred between Esau and the tribes of Israel now this continues in the New Testament when Jesus Christ was born and now what we have is a situation where the here in the first century when Christ was on earth at this time the had the upper hand because they sided with the Romans and in siding with the Romans they were installed as the rulers over Judah so the earlier were forced to convert to Judaism and so they had a semi Judaic background i Herod was very familiar with the j' Judaic customs but Herod was installed as king over Judah but he wasn't a Jew he was an Edomite and as a result now when Jesus he gets news that the Messiah has may have been born and he's worried about the Messiah replacing him as king and it was in the last two years that this would have happened what does he do he slaughters all the Jewish boys two years old and younger this is again the contention between Edom and Jacob or Israel and again further another nail in the coffin for Esau and the and and because they will not bless Israel they will not be blessed and in fact because they continually curse Israel they will be cursed so then Herod when he saw that he was mocked of the wise man was exceedingly angry and sent forth and slew all the Jewish children that were in Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof from two years old and under can you imagine this is again Edom cursing Israel now just before we read obadiah's prophecy Jeremiah has a very similar prophecy to Obadiah so this is you know well if God says

something twice then it is he's really reinforcing doubling down Edom is cursed and and Moses wants us to understand Esau is Edom so here Jeremiah 49 concerning Edom okay so Jeremiah had a lot of prophecies concerning Judah but now this is a prophecy concerning Edom concerning Edom thus says the Lord of Hosts his wisdom

no more intamin remember we said earlier that to man was set up and in fact job's friend was a team a night so now hey his wisdom no more intimate what happened his counsel perished from the prudent is their wisdom vanished flee you turn back dwell deep o inhabitants of D Dan for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him the time that I will visit him Esau is doomed

he took his birthright he despised his birthright he continually cursed Israel he's cursed Judah he's doomed for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him the time that I will visit him if the great gatherers come to you would they not leave some gleaning grapes if thieves by night they will destroy until they have enough so so even wicked people there's a sense of reasonableness okay so I'm gonna break into your house and I'm gonna steal stuff but there's a limit that I love what I can carry it seems that Esau's wickedness knows no limits Esau's wickedness has no limits and so God says you like if Greg gatherers come to you wouldn't they leave some gleaming grapes and if thieves by night don't they just destroy until they have enough but I've made Esau bear I have uncovered his secret places and he shall not be able to hide himself so this is this is what he deserves because of his behavior his seed is spoiled his seed is spoiled and

his brethren and his neighbors and he is not he's wiped out so again we don't talk about today so they are not but just the same way that the aggregates continued that God knows everyone's DNA and any trace of Esau even if it's mixed with Ishmael or mixed with other tribes he knows Esau and Esau is cursed for I have sworn by myself and the only way Esau can avoid this curse is to repent and to actually embrace Israel and and acknowledge Israel for I've sworn by myself says the Lord that Basra shall become a desolation you know when God blessed Abraham he swore by himself because he could swear by no higher and now he's telling us through Jeremiah that he's sworn by himself that Basra shall become a desolation so we know that Jerusalem is going to become a desolation but God is also making a Clary swearing by himself that Esau and the major city of Esau shall become a desolation a reproach a waste and a curse and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes never be rebuilt for a lo I will make you small among the heathen and despised among men and that sounds like a real reversal of fortune so clearly Esau becomes very magnified and very well respected and God says no no I'm gonna tear you down and I'm gonna make you small among the heathen and despised among men you're terrible has deceived you so there's a power and there's a ruthlessness that Edom has that has made them drunk on their own self regard they just think they're just wonderful you're terribleness has deceived you and the pride of your heart and we know that pride comes from Satan so they have been completely infused with satanic ideology so you've been and

that ideology is what actually makes them so terrible your terribleness has deceived you and the pride of your heart oh that you would dwell in the clefts of the rock that holds the height of the hill though you should make your nest as high as the Eagle I will bring you down from there so you know again he's my Edom is in Mount Seir and and although you can position yourself in the mountains and really set yourself up God doesn't care he's coming for the hunt and when he says anybody who curses Israel shall be cursed now he's swearing by himself because he can swear by no higher Esau is cursed so even though they dwell in the clefts of the rocks and hold the height of the hill though you should make your nest as high as the eagle i personaly God says will bring you down from there says the Lord also Edom shall be a desolation everyone that goes by it shall be astonished and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof it's gonna be astonishing as in the overthrow of sodom and gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof says the lord no man shall abide there neither shall a son of man dwell in it therefore hear the counsel of the Lord that he has taken against Edom and his purposes that his Eden's purposes that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Tomaso thus God's purposes against Edom surely the least of the flock shall draw them out surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them so that is just serious something's happened and these prophecies happen in types so it's not to say that this as clearly we don't talk about the kingdom of Edom today so something happened historically but

when we read these prophecies again in Obadiah they point to the day of the Lord they point to the return of Christ and when Christ returns he has a contention of personal contention with Edom so Edom has not disappeared genetically the kingdom is gone but the people are still here the earth is moved at the noise of their fall at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red Sea behold he shall come up and fly as the eagle and spread his wings over Basra and that that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs so very clear reversal of fortune these people who are so powerful and will be very powerful in the end time when when Christ returns Christ is coming to confront them directly and there all of their power and glory they're gonna be like a woman in pain and labour pain okay all of that then has backdrop for this interesting single chapter book and prophesy of Obadiah Ovid Yahoo in the Hebrew which means a servant of Yahoo the servants of yah of Yahweh so this name is a very common name we don't know who this person who the Prophet is saying Obadiah in Judah would be saying would be like saying Abdullah in Saudi Arabia

you know everybody and their brother is called him doula because it means servant of Allah well over Yahoo means servant of Yahweh so there are multiple obadiah's in the Bible we don't know who this is but he had a vision and that's what matters the vision of Obadiah thus says the Lord God concerning Edom so Jeremiah's prophet prophecy concerning Edom obadiah's prophecy is concerning Edom we have heard a rumor from the Lord and an ambassador is sent

among the heathen arise you and let us rise up against her in battle behold just what jeremiah saw I have made you small insignificant among the heathen you are greatly despised so there's a reversal of fortune so God is doing this but prior to this it's obvious that he's a big deal and now suddenly he's no longer a big deal in fact he's despised the pride of your heart has deceived you so there's some kind of ideology that has these people thinking they're the best of mankind and everybody else is below them and this is a satanic indoctrination and so they've swallowed the Satanic kool-aid God Satan wants to be like the Most High and so he needs these followers to to take on his ideology so that he can be propped up and he's ruthless and they're ruthless and God is saying you allowed pride and most of us this is how we get to see this is how Eve was deceived the pride in her heart deceived her and this is why we need to become immune to flattery and we need to become immune to self-interest when when people are coming to us with offers like you know you're you're important and you shouldn't let this happen to you and then you have to be careful this is the art of seduction so we're not what we're interested in is self-sacrifice we are followers of Christ he sacrificed everything this is what we do and we think of others and we we we are a living sacrifice for others that others may live we're not all we're not here about ourselves about our tribe we're not tribal people we think in very big big picture and we think eternally we think globally and we think eternally and when we go back in time and all the way forward we're not just caught up in

our day to day and we can be easily seduced through pride so so these people are easily seduced and most times is when people are insecure and and Esau has this problem of being insecure that he lost the birthright Ishmael lost the birthright and so they're just unsettled people and feel hard done by and so when Satan comes and whispers in their ear no no you really are important they swallow it hook line and sinker got another one here and so the pride of their heart deceives them you that dwell in the cleft of the rock and so again it's not just that who Adam is genetically God is also very specific about his geography so this so it's not just the people it's the geography and this area just south of Judah this is Mount Seir and this is where these people will operate from so this area we call Jordan today this is where they're going to operate from and so we don't know how things are going to unfold in the future we just know that God's Word is true so he says here you dwell in the clefts of the rock whose habitation is high that says in his heart who shall bring me down to the ground and this Jeremiah has already answered this for us but let's hear Obadiah got through Ovadia though you exalt so so they just think they're so great you know he threw his habitation is on high and he says in his heart who shall bring me down to the ground in other words as he looks around the earth there's no match there's no match so he feels quite secure God says though you exalt yourself sorry God says though you exalt yourself as the eagle and though you set your nest among the stars from there will I bring

you down

says the Lord same thing he said through Jeremiah God means it and he swears this by himself that he's going to do this it doesn't matter how high Esau gets in the end and this is we need to train ourselves to look at the world through the lens of Genesis we really have no clue what's going on from a godly perspective when God on his throne looks down on the earth he's looking down on the earth through what Moses wrote through them through what he gave Moses in the Torah that to God he sees Abraham and he sees everybody else and and he sees Isaac and Jacob and their descendants and everybody else and he sees Esau and Ishmael and and so this is how we have to view the world and God is very focused on the middle east and he's very focused on Jerusalem so if we're going to see the world the way God does or try to begin to see the world the way God does we have to have a historical perspective we can't just be present-day people we have to people we have to be Genesis people we have to be Origen how did this all start you know what were the dominoes that were turned over at the beginning and how have they cascaded down to our time and so we look at the world through the lens of Genesis we're very focused on the Middle East what's happening there we're very focused on who is descended from who and and who are who is Judah today and where are the nations of Israel today where are these where is the blessing that Isaac pronounced on Jacob that it's going to be orders of magnitude greater than anybody else and yet now being set up for a time of tribulation being set up now to be brought down by a very specific set of people and that these

people then will be cursed and so one of these tribes is Esau and God promises that even though Esau exalts himself as the eagle

he's gonna be really spread out in the end time and though he sets his nest among the stars from there will I bring you down says the Lord if thieves came to you this is the same thing he said through Jeremiah if bees came to you if robbers by night and then it's like God is like man you're doomed is this parenthetical thought like wow how you're cut off anyway let's just let me continue my thinking here if thieves come to you if if these came to you if robbers by night would they not have stolen until they had enough if the great gatherers came to you wouldn't they leave some grapes how are the things of Esau searched out so again by implication Esau is ruthless and we had an indication of that right from the beginning when all Moses asked was can we just pass through and if we if we take any of your water and said it will pay you but we'll stick to the highway we'll stick to the main course we won't trouble anything we just want to pass through Esau came ready to slaughter Israel these people are ruthless they're they're their foundation their genetics is ruthless they love death all God says how are the things of Esau searched out how are his hidden things sawed up and he says this all the mends we going a bit further now than Jeremiah all the men of your Confederacy have brought vou even to the border the men that were at peace with you have deceived you and this again is the the nature of these peoples they don't trust each other they're always at war with each other unless they can be at war with somebody

else and so you know if they can all get behind destroying Judah yet we all agree we all hate the Jews so let's work together to destroy the Jews but that doesn't mean that they're truly unit United so there's a confederacy but there are cracks in the Confederacy and God is saying now that at this time they've brought you to the border these men that were at peace with you have deceived you and prevailed against you they that eat

your bread have laid a wound under you there is no understanding in him now this Confederacy is all about the destruction of Jerusalem God is actually using these people to bring about the abomination that makes desolate that makes Jerusalem desolate and so here in Luke Christ gives us the prophecy that when you shall see Jerusalem surrounded with army so there's a confederacy so these multiple nations are Confederate and they are surrounding Jerusalem and when you see this then no this is this is the abomination that's going to be set up that's going to make Jerusalem desolate so then you should know that the desolation of Jerusalem is near now this Confederacy is spoken of again in Psalms in Psalm 83 he says David so I think this is David Koepp not you silence oh God

hold not your peace be not still Oh God so she's deeply troubled and he's begging God to do something for lo your enemies make a tumult and they that hate you

have lifted up the head so he doesn't say they hate Israel he says and he doesn't say they're Israel's enemies are Judas enemies they say god they're your enemies and they hate you they have taken crafty counsel against

your people and consulted against your hidden ones and again at this time we're going to see Jerusalem surrounded because of this crafty council they have said come and let us cut them off from being a nation so they don't have a right to exist we need every last Jew destroyed are we hearing these rumbles are we hearing this this rhetoric that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance that's what they say but this is actually Satan's agenda Satan knows the plan of God he understands the intentions of God he wants to prevent God from carrying out his promises and then he wants to exalt his people instead

so they want to cut Israel off from being a nation so hopefully this is what we're seeing this you know we're not deaf to this we're seeing that there there is such rhetoric bubbling up in the earth today they have said come let's let's work together and cut them off from being a nation that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance for they have consulted together with one consent they are Confederate against you David is saying they're Confederate against you God then who is it who are these people that are Confederate top of the list verse six the Tabernacles the dwelling places of Edom and the Ishmaelites so the first two tribes identified Edom or Esau and Ishmael of Moab and the hag arena cabal and Amman and Amalek and the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre a sir also has joined in with them so all of these are Muslim nations today they all surround Jerusalem they're all indoctrinated by the Koran the Sira this ideology that says they're superior he says they have helped the children of

lot Selah so Moab and Ammon or the children of law back to Obadiah so this is people have no idea what's going on in the world today because they don't have access to these prophecies we have access to these prophecies we can look at the world understand not only what's happening but we can actually see what's going to happen next in Christ tells us what's gonna happen and then when these things happen we also know what's gonna happen after that so God says here

so David identified them as God's enemies and God God treats them as his enemies he says you know though you make your nest as high as the Eagle or you you you would soar as high as the Eagle I personally will bring you down Edom so God has a treat Edom Obadiah and jeremiah show us God has something very specific to settle with Esau shall I not in that day says the Lord even destroy the wise men out of Edom and understanding out of the mount of Esau again very specific location and they think they have understanding they think they have wisdom they think they have holy books and God says I'm gonna destroy it all Ezekiel also has something to say about Esau Ezekiel 35 verse 2 son of man set your face against Mount Seir specific location and it's the dwelling place of Edom set your face

thus says the Lord God behold o Mount Seir

it and say unto it

against Mount Seir and prophesy against

I personally God says I'm against you and I will stretch out my hand against you and I will make you well I will make you most desolate in fact the way this is worded now it's like you think you're

going to make Jerusalem desolate I'm gonna make a you most desolate I will lay your cities waste as you know you've been laying my cities waste I'm going to lay your cities way so the cities of Judah will be laid waste and by putting all of this together we see Esau is gonna have a big hand in this and when Christ returns he's going to hold Esau personally responsible he has this attitude of not helping in fact despising Israel cursing Israel and God says hey you curse my people I curse you I will lay your cities waste and you shall be desolate and you shall know that I am the Lord you see there was a question Esau thought somebody else was the Lord Esau thought this is the time Allahu Akbar

Allah is the greatest there's no and every time he destroys he has to chant Allahu Akhbar meaning my God is greater and God says yeah go ahead no matter how high you set yourself up I'm gonna bring you down personally and you will know that I am the Lord because you have you have had listened to what ezekiel discloses

because you have had a perpetual hatred this is not recent so although it's going to end at you know sometime in this century let's say I want to set dates sometime in this century we'll say maybe very soon who knows but whenever it finally culminates God is saying this hatred it's not new it's perpetual it goes all the way back in time goes all the way back to Genesis and you've never let it go it's something that you've harbored this disgruntlement you've harbored it for millennia and so you know warning to all of us do we harbor resentment or can we flush it out and let it go and get over it and get over

ourselves so this perpetual hatred is an indication that Esau and the tribes of Esau they can't get over themselves they can't get over them there's two important and so anybody who slights them they can never forgive because you have had a perpetual hatred and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword so this ideology that you have it's a death cult it's a death cult and it's it's targeting the children of Israel and I warned you that if you curse Israel you'll be cursed and and my servants have warned you and you didn't listen you have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity in the time that their iniquity had an end and this is another trait of Edom throughout the throughout the millennia is whenever Israel was in trouble instead of helping Israel they would help the enemies of Israel and they would they would when Israel was in distress for example will actually cover this in a bit when the Babylonians came in and raided Judah Edom helped so he says this is you know in the time of their calamity you used to let you slew them in the time that their iniquity had an end so they came to repentance and that's what God is using all of this trouble on Judah and Israel for to drive them to repentance and they were repenting Edom didn't help therefore as I live you know before he swore you know I swear by myself and now God says as I live this is real this is serious this is not just play talk this is not something that we can read and say oh well I don't know what to make of this it doesn't mean anything to me if God says as I live if God says I've sworn by

myself we better take note of what this is because he means what he says therefore as I live says the Lord God I will prepare you unto blood God is going to do this and blood shall pursue you since you have not hated blood you know these people love death more than you know they chant we love death more than you love life okay

God says since you have not hated blood even blood shall pursue you this is gonna be a big big part of your future thus will I make Mount Seir most desolate and cut off from it him that passes out and him that returns so there is a glorious future for Mount Seir and we don't know how things are gonna unfold but we can't look at these prophecies through the lens of today everything nations are gonna go to war against nation and thing's gonna be reconfigured

you know 1948 Israel becoming a nation the physical nation of Israel the people of Judah becoming a nation in 1948 that came out of two world wars and and that was a configuration that they decided okay these people need to go somewhere and people think all this is you know God gathering his people and returning them to to Judah no this is not what's happening this is God preparing his people to suffer they don't accept Jesus Christ they're going to be punished nations are going to surround them but all of that is for the purpose of driving them to repentance so that ultimately they will acknowledge their Messiah and they will bless him when he returns and then he will have a and from them so that's the purpose but these nations that are torturing his people and cursing his people God has promised I will curse anybody who curses

the descendants of Jacob so he says thus will I make Mount Seir most desolate so he obviously has a lot to do with the the abomination of desolation the abomination that makes Jerusalem desolate he obviously has a lot to do with that because now God is gonna make him specifically most desolate and cut off from it him that passes out in him that returns back to Obadiah and your mighty men o to man again part of Esau your mighty man shall be dismays these gonna be very powerful people but they're gonna be confused to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter God isn't joking if I were these people I would repent if I were these people I would embrace the God of Israel before it's too late and that's why God says in Matthew 24 this good news of this gospel will be preached in all the world as a witness and then the end will come and these people will not be able to say they didn't know because somebody will be publishing the good news that the kingdom of God is coming to earth the kingdom is going to be returned to Israel that these people are God's people and they need to repent and acknowledge their Messiah because the Kingdom is coming to them and he saw and everybody else will not be able to say well we didn't know because everybody will hear the good news he goes on verse 10 for your violence against your brother Jacob shame shall cover you this this is the problem this is the root of the matter this and this word violence in Hebrew is the word Hamas because of your Hamas that's interesting there's actually a people an organization called Hamas losses because of your Hamas

against your brother Jacob shame shall cover you

shame on you this is this is you know I this is the isit pronounced this on Jacob

and when Esau came in Isaac was terrified there's no blessing on Esau all the blessing was on Jacob and anybody who curses Jacob they're cursed he says because of your Hamas against your brother Jacob shame shall cover you and you shall be cut off forever forever when we go into eternity Esau is not coming with us

he saws done so anybody from Esau that has any hope of eternal life needs to repent means to turn their back on Esau and be grafted in to Israel Zechariah has something to say about this he says here in Zechariah 2 verse 8 for thus says the Lord of Hosts after the glory has he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye so this gospel is going to be preached in all the world to all nations as witness and all nations are going to hate those who are preaching this good news because what the good news entails is the identification of the children of Israel and in in identifying the children of Israel who are going to be subjugated who are going to be on the verge of being wiped out in identifying them we're also going to be pronouncing that when the Lord returns to redeem them to rescue them he's going to curse all nations that touch them because Israel is the apple of God's eye sorry I you know I I didn't I didn't I'm not God I didn't design this God has hand-picked two people and he says I will be glorified in these people and the other nations can rage and rants and and carry

on oh well I didn't write the Bible I'm just telling you what God says that whoever touches Israel touches the apple of his eye and there's going to be a strong response to that and somebody's telling Israel

good news the king is coming the war is over

the king won he's going to establish his kingdom but good news for one side of the war is bad news for the other side and so revelation shows us that when he returns from the clouds every eye will see him and all the tribes of the earth are going to mourn they're going to wail they're going to be terrified because his return is bad news for them but it's good news for Israel and Judah he that touches you touches the apple of his eye in the day that you stood on the other side this is what we're reading in numbers in the day that strangers carried away captives kept of his forces and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem even you were one of them sorry so this is when Babylon sorry

came in to destroy Jerusalem your brother instead of you helping your brother you helped the Babylonians and David in Psalm 137 you know he talks about this is by the rivers of Babylon how can we sing King Alpha song how can we sing the the Kings song when were when were captive and then he ends this Psalm by saying remember O Lord the children of Edom so this is a he's railing against Babylon the Babylonians have come in and taken them captive and they're in Babylonia and they're not good they they're not gonna sing the King song in Babylonia but in this Psalm of railing against Babylon he concludes it by saying

remember O Lord the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem who said raise it raise it even to the foundation thereof and so he goes on then to curse Edom because he helped out the Babylonians back to Obadiah but you should not have looked on the day of your brother in the day that he became a stranger neither should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction neither should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress and the sense here is this is going to be ultimately fulfilled in the end when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies and Edom again is gonna play a part you should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity yes you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity so the tribulation is the time of Jacob's trouble and Edom is still gonna be on the scene and he's gonna he's going to take advantage of the opportunity you should not have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity neither should you have stood in the cross way to cut off those of his that did escape neither should you have delivered up those that did remain in the day of his distress notice this now so all of this prophecy in Obadiah has to do with the end time so most certainly aspects of these prophecies have already been fulfilled historically and there's been this pattern that you know beginning with Moses whenever Israel was trying to escape and Israel's with God enemies were taking advantage of them whether it was Egypt or Syria or Babylonia Edom always somehow found a way to help out the enemies and to take advantage of Israel but God is now speaking through

Obadiah in the context of the end time so clearly Edom has not even though there's no nation of Edom the and Esau are still there and he says here at verse 15 for the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen as you have done it shall be done unto you and this is why he was saying through Jeremiah and through Obadiah you know if a thief broke into your house you know he would steal until he has enough he wouldn't take the whole house and so Esau has this this an insatiable appetite and he just won't stop and so whatever has been done unto him God is saying I personally will see to it that it's done unto you your reward shall return upon your own head so when you see this level of ruthlessness God is going to ensure that it comes back on Esau and that is according to the prophecy in in Deuteronomy in the Torah so Moses is just recording the foundational prophecy here he says and the Lord God will put these curses upon your enemy so all of this tribulation has finally driven Judah and Israel to their knees they're finally acknowledging their God and when this happens God is going to be compassionate with them is how we began second Isaiah chapter four and he tell Jerusalem her warfare is ended comfort my people and so finally they come to this place of repentance and Moses says when this happens because Moses Moses could see it he foresaw all of this and he says the Lord God will then at this time put all these curses upon your enemies and it seems from God's perspective the chief enemy and one that needs to be dealt with you know certainly you know Babylon and Assyria are gonna be dealt with but God says Edom Esau and so he saw as one

of the chief enemies and on them that hate you and and he saw we see in Ezekiel has this perpetual hatred it just never stopped for it for Israel so God will put these curses upon your enemies and upon them that hate you which have persecuted you back to Obadiah speaking to eat them for you have drunk upon my holy mountain so shall all the heathen drink continually yes they shall drink they shall swallow down and they shall be as though they had not been so these powerful people it's just for a moment and then they're gone

on the other hand all of this destruction is going to be upon these people on the other hand but upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance this is the good news this is the gospel we have news you know the gospel is not just some sort of hey I've got a doctrine I call it the gospel it's the gospel of Jesus Christ it's it's it's nice to be nice and Jesus is nice and it would be nice if you knew a nice Jesus and then you would be nice too this is really nice gospel I like nice Gospels this is not gospel gospel is news

I have news that in all of this destruction that's going on and this perpetual hatred for God's people I'm coming to tell you I've got good news the war is over God wins and the kingdom will be established and the kingdom will be retaught restored to Israel this is the good news here's the good news that all of this might is going to be reversed and put down by God himself and upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance it doesn't look like it Jerusalem is gonna be surrounded by armies but I have news before it even happens I've got news and

it's good news well it's bad news for the for the wicked but it's good news for Judah upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance and there shall be holiness despite the abomination of desolation I have news

there shall be holiness in Jerusalem and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions so I have good news not just for Judah but for the whole house of Jacob and that all these people that enslaved you it's going to be reversed I've got this good news for you before it even happens I'm telling you this is how it's going to unfold Isaiah says the same thing Isaiah 49 23 and Kings shall be your nursing fathers all these kings these mighty they're gonna support you and nurture you and their Queens your nursing mothers they shall bow down to you here's my news here's here's the good news I know it looks horrible now and I know they want to completely destroy every Jew from the face of the earth

despite that based on the scripture I've got good news there's reason to hope don't be despondent don't despair look up the time of your deliverance is near the war is over God wins and when he wins your enemies shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth that's how much respect they will have for you they'll bow down to you with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet they will rule eyes what a mistake they have made that's why they wail when Christ returns they will realize that God is the God of Israel and all this nonsense that they have believed that they were deceived and they will realize how holy his people are and these people will be driven to true repentance God will pour out his

Holy Spirit upon them and when and they're still they're still human beings but they're full of God's Spirit when these other human beings come to them they're going to bow down to them they won't be looking them in the eye and spitting him not spitting in their faces they'll be bowing down to them God's ayah says further they'll lick up the dust of your feet and you shall know that is Israel and Judah you will finally understand that I am the Lord and they shall not be ashamed that wait for me and the reason they wait for him is somebody has been preaching the good news somebody's been telling them you do have a Messiah

it's Jesus and he is coming to save you and and they'll be convinced and they will wait for him meaning they'll be praying to him they'll be looking for him they'll be acknowledging him and God says nobody that waits for me will be ashamed despite what's happening but thus says the Lord even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered so it doesn't matter how powerful these people are including Esau God is going to deliver the prey from them for I will contend with him that contends with you he's Israel is the apple of God's eye and although they are wicked although they are rebellious they're still his people they're still the descendants of Jacob and he has these promises for them and so despite their rebellion despite their wickedness he is going to be working a process I used the metaphor before of the washing machine so all of this tribulation all this rough-and-tumble

is a washing machine and and the result the outcome of all of this is a people

that are humbled people that acknowledge their Messiah be a people that acknowledge that the scriptures and the power of the scriptures and that everything God says is right and they will worship Him with our whole heart and God will fight for his people so anybody that curses them God will curse and so he says here I will contend with him that contends with you and I will save your children this is the good news I have news and I will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh so II saw your wickedness is coming back on you I will I will feed them that oppressed you with their own flesh and they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine there is gonna be full of it and all flesh so Israel and Judah will finally know that Yahweh is God but God goes further when this process is over all flesh none of this nonsense of you know everybody believes in everything even the Spaghetti Monster is God but nobody will acknowledge the God of Israel even though there's only one book that has prophetic word in it that actually comes true all the time every time everybody believes in every nonsense and they've been chanting allah-o-akbar saying that Allah is the greatest thing ever and now God says okay enough of that nonsense my people will finally know that I'm Yahweh and the whole earth will know that I'm Yahweh and your enemies Judah are gonna come and bow down to you because they're going to acknowledge that your God is God this is the news I'm giving you I'm giving you the news in advance and I didn't make it up I just read it from the scriptures and all flesh shall know that I the Lord and your Savior and your Redeemer this is really good news

he's the Mighty One of Jacob and when he's coming he's coming to contend for Jacob Zephaniah 3:16 he says in that day it shall be said to Jerusalem fear you not this is the news I'm telling you in advance

Jerusalem although they hate you although they despise you although they want to wipe you off the face of the map I'm telling you your God is God your King reigns and it shall be said in that day to Jerusalem don't fear and to Zion don't let your hands be slack you you now have the opportunity to fight back the Lord your God in the midst of you is mighty he will save he will rejoice over you with joy he will rest in his love he will joy over you with things so this is F and I we read this last week in Zephaniah 3 so all the prophets have this news in advance there's good news in advance and I just love this that God is mighty and he's gonna save them and he's going to sing God is going to sing over his people this is such a joyous time for God and for us if we're on God's path back to Obadiah and the house of Jacob shall be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame I'm gonna be powerful God is gonna give them power to fight back and the house of Esau for stubble oh wow even though in the end time and this is endtime prophecy so clearly Esau has not disappeared but as powerfully as Esau becomes in the end time the analogy or the metaphor God uses that Esau will be like wood like stubble and the house of Jacob will be like fire and so Esau will be fed to Jacob and there'll be no contest

because God is for Jacob and God is with Jacob and they shall Kindle in them and devour them and there shall not be any

remaining of the house of Esau for the Lord has spoken it so somebody is pronouncing this good news in advance and because of pronouncing this good news in advance we are hated by all nations because all nations are Confederate with Esau and and they they don't like this news they think they have the upper hand forever and our news is it doesn't matter how high you build yourself God personally is gonna tear you down and he's going to restore the kingdom to Israel that's the good news so here in Malachi Malachi says to Jacob God says to Jacob through Malachi I have loved you and this is something we need to understand through Malachi God says he hates divorce a covenant is it's profound it's it's it's eternal it's it's you know lifelong we here in the physical state is for life our marriage covenant but this covenant that God has made with Israel is eternal he says if you can you know he says that Israel is he will be glorified in Israel forever and they will never cease from being a nation before him and he will bind himself through covenant or he has bound himself through covenant to Israel forever and so here in Malachi he says I've loved you says the Lord yet you say how have you loved us and the answer to that is well wasn't Esau Jacob's brother wasn't Esau Jacob's brother says the Lord yet I love Jacob because Esau despised the birthright and Jacob received the birthright and so God is in covenant with Jacob and even though these people are wicked and it Malachi's time their suffering and they're in despair and they feel like God has abandoned them through Malachi God is saying I haven't abandoned you it wasn't Esau Jacob's brother but I've loved

Jacob and I hated Esau and I laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness whereas Edom says we are impoverished but we will return and build the desolate places thus says the Lord of hosts au contraire thus says the Lord of hosts you say shall build but I will throw down and they shall call them or they'll be called the border of wickedness Esau will be known as the border of wickedness and the people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever you know if I were getting caught up in Esau or the Edomite ideology based on the power of these scriptures which cannot be broken I'd flee from my life and so this gospel this good news needs to get out so that if any have a heart and eat them to repent they can repent before it's too late because

what they're doing is not good when you curse Judah a descendent of Jacob or you curse any of Jacob you're cursing yourself and Esau seems to be the head of it just finished up here in Obadiah and they of the South shall possess the mount of Esau so Esau is gone a Judah will possess Esau and they of the plane and and they of the plane of Philistines and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria and Benjamin shall possess Gilead so God has promised this land to his people and when he comes he's going to ensure that his people have this land so all of this contention in the world today in the Middle East which is about this land which is going to trigger the next world war no doubt God is coming to set it all right we have good news the land will be restored to the tribes of Israel and the captivity of his host and the captivity

of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites so all that land that was kannon's land God took it away from Canaan and so people are there to say hey we are descendants of Canaanites we are Palestinians or we are Philistines really that's or the Roman word Palestine we are Philistines this is our land no this is the land that God promised to give to Abraham and Abraham seed so all this these children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanite this is the good news this is the gospel even unto Zarafa Zarephath and the captivity of Jerusalem which is in sefirot shall possess the cities of the south and then here's more good news saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau saviors plural so it's not just Christ but when he returns all of his saints who have the Holy Spirit are going to be caught up with him in the air we're going to return with him we're going to be part of this salvific army the army of the Lord of Hosts and we're going to come up on

Xion and we're going to judge the amount of Esau with the Lord and the kingdom shall be the lords this is the gospel the kingdom will be restored all of this no wars and rumors of war there's all this power struggle people are trying to establish themselves as the dominant global power and we have good news none of you will have the kingdom the kingdom is the Lord's and it will be restored to Israel and will just conclude here in Isaiah so in addition to these saviors that are going to come with Christ upon Mount Zion and they're going to judge the Mount of Esau we see here in Isaiah when we were studying Isaiah chapter 30 verse 21 and Judah your ears so when

these saviors come then this is what's gonna happen next as they start living their lives as these people that are acknowledged as the people of God still human but they'll now have the holy spirit and have a true love for God that at this time Judah your ears shall hear a word behind you saying this is the way walk you in it because Judah has to be the priest class or really Israel the houses of visitor the house of Israel has to be the priest class and all the nations are going to come to Mount Zion to learn the law of the Lord so these saviours which are what we call Christians today people who accept Christ as Savior who have the Holy Spirit when Christ returns we are now side by side with him reigning over the earth and helping the house of Israel to fulfill their function on the earth so that all the heathen can come to Mount Zion and learn from them the ways of the Lord and so Judah says here your ears shall hear a word behind you saying this is the way walk you in it when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left so God is committed to to fulfilling his promises to Abraham and this is what we see and what Obadiah really brings out for us is just how significant this an original contention I began in the womb between Esau and Jacob but how Esau in despising his birthright ended up cursing Israel over and over and over again perpetually and it's very clear in reading Obadiah that this continues right up until Christ returns and that when Christ returns he personally he makes it his personal business and he swears by himself because he can swear by no higher and he as he lives he swears as he lives that he's going to

take care of Esau personally so this is all good news yeah unfortunately it's bad news for Esau and those who follow Esau but it's really really good news for Israel for Judah Thank You Obadiah for this faithful prophecy so that we can now look at the world look look what's happening around us in the world and understand it and again just see how faithful God is to his word how faithful he is to his promise Abraham was just so wise to just trust God God said it I believe it that said and now all of this these promises to Abraham have been carrying out for thousands of years and we're just coming to the culmination of them now people in the world have no idea what's going on but as we look at the world through the lens of Genesis and through the lens of the prophets we can actually understand what's going on Jesus is Lord Israel Judah they need to learn that Jesus is Lord and then when they learn it the whole world will learn that Jesus is Lord and he's faithful