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so welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study tonight we're going to get into the small book of Zephaniah and it's quite a fascinating book it's just three chapters and we finished book one of the Psalms there are five books in Psalm so we finished book one so in between the books just to break it up a little bit I'm going to try and cover a smaller book over the Bible and so for the next couple of weeks God willing we'll cover the book of Zephaniah let's open with a word of Prayer and then get into tonight's study our Father we pause before you as we always do to acknowledge you and to also ask you Father to bless our study we thank you for this wonderful gift of your word we know in the future is going to be a famine of your word and so father we just pray that we can be as well-versed as possible to go through that famine and and to go through it and navigate it with the guidance of your word because your word is a lamp unto our feet we praise you lord we thank you and we ask this blessing in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah amen so I want to cover a chapter one of Zephaniah this evening and in addition to that at the end I received a letter from one of the Brethren I won't name him he hasn't given me permission to give his name but it was a long letter and for me to reply to it I think he you know we're all busy he's busy so he didn't have time to write a short letter and I don't have time to respond but I thought some of the questions that he asked were relevant to everybody and relevant to the studies that we've been

doing so at the tail end of this I want to touch on that and then pastor Marie is with us this evening he's going to be available on the chat at CGI church online org and you see that URL under the title Zephaniah one so will will go to the chat and have some live discussion via the chat so Zephaniah will get into the study then actually just before I do get into the study just want to remind you all that this year pastor Maria and I are hosting the Feast of Tabernacles in Collingwood so if you are if you haven't finalized your plans yet and you're looking for an inspiring feast we would welcome you in Collingwood Ontario so we are covering Zephaniah and the name in Hebrew it's Safin set fan Yahoo Safin Yahoo and what that means is the Lord hides or whom the Lord hides and and when we get into the content I think it's gonna be very clear why the names F&F Ania it's a fan yahoo is so important to us who believe in in God and who are seeking to follow his ways so with that as introduction let's uh get straight into the study it's the word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah set fan Yahoo the Lord hides and the sense behind the name is something precious that God is hiding the son of Cushi the son of Goodell Gedaliah the son of a Moriah the son of Hezekiah so clearly you can see that he's in a oil line we believe this is a Hezekiah of King Hezekiah and so Zephaniah comes through this lineage and he was he received this word of the Lord in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah and so the focus of this prophetic word is Judah and Zephaniah comes from the royal line so like Isaiah he would have access to the

palace and this word is coming to Zephaniah in the time of Josiah we know that Josiah was the king that went through the reforms we'll talk about that in a minute but first of all this this sense of his name whom the Lord hides we can get the sense of this from Malachi 3 where the Old Testament ends and it says God says they shall be mine says the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels so that sense of something precious and I will spare them this is the sense of the hiding that Zephaniah his name indicates or implies I will spare them as a man spares his own son that serves him so Zephaniah has a very powerful a thunderous prophetic word a frightening word and yet his name means whom the Lord hides and we see this it's very clear this is sort of the pivotal verse in the book in chapter 2 which we'll cover next week verse 3 seek you the Lord all you meek of the earth which have wrought his judgment or we have sought his judgment in and executed his judgment seek righteousness seek meekness you know hunger and thirst for his righteousness it may be you shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger and

cover next week verse 3 seek you the Lord all you meek of the earth which have wrought his judgment or we have sought his judgment in and executed his judgment seek righteousness seek meekness you know hunger and thirst for his righteousness it may be you shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger and that's really then the sense of this book that despite the Lord's anger there is a hiding and we are pursuing pursuing that hiding that that that being spared and noticed though it's not being spared from Satan's wrath and this is where I think a lot of Bible students get confused and and they sort of mixed together Satan's wrath and God's wrath and I don't want to be frivolous but I want to say we don't care about Satan's wrath but I mean we do we don't to be frivolous but what we really care about is God's wrath and what we want to be

hidden from is God's wrath and what we want to be spared from his God's wrath and that's that's what we have to keep we have to endure Satan's wrath but we want to be spared from God's wrath now he preaches in the time received this prophetic word in the time of the reign of Josiah that there's a great reformer and here in second Kings 23 24 moreover the workers with familiar spirits we just get a sense of what was going on in josiah's time the workers with familiar spirits you know I think of voodoo when I hear there's people who are meddling with with the spirit world and and being familiar with the spirit world and the Wizards and the images and the idols and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem did Josiah put away that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that he'll kya the priest found in the house of the Lord so we remember that he'll kya found that the Book of Deuteronomy and and when Josiah saw it he really put all of these Reformation measures in place but when we read that narrative with Zephaniah there's a problem and it seems like the king did everything to put away this idolatry but you can't legislate people's hearts and it seems that Zephaniah is indicating that there's still a problem despite the external Reformation so let's get into the word now so this is a man of royal lineage so like Isaiah he would have access to the palace and it's like you know think of the king's court and Zephaniah shows up and it's like you know knock knock who's there it's F&I okay yeah let him in Zephaniah what's up and hey what's up this is what's up God says I will utterly destroy all things

from off the land says the Lord it's like whoa take it easy no I will not take it easy there's more I will destroy man and beast I will destroy the fowls of the heaven and the fishes of the sea and the stumbling blocks with the wicked and I will cut off man from off the land says the Lord this is like there's there's no introduction there's no soft-pedaling this is just boom this is what God says God is furious that the the extent of idolatry within Judah is so great that God is furious and when he says from off the land this is that the Hebrew adama' of Adam is from the land Adam ah and it's used for the earth but my sense in reading this and I think it could be interpreted both ways that he's going to destroy everything from the earth but my sense in reading Zephaniah is that the land refers to the holy land the Covenant had land that God is furious he's had it and he's going to destroy everything from off the land but either way we can interpret this either way and and it should put us in mind of the language that was used with Noah in Noah's day

that was used with Noah in Noah's day and God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually and it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth and it grieved him at his heart and the Lord said I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the Adama of Sodom ah means the whole earth in this sense both man and beast and the creeping thing and the fowls of the air for it repents me that I have made them so here there you know God did not have any special covenant with any people and so he's just gonna just

destroy all mankind but he's going to enter into a covenant with Noah in restoring mankind through Noah he then sets in motion a plan of salvation for man by covenant with Israel Israel then splits into two nations the North and the South the North is just wicked beyond belief God divorces them so he separates himself from them but he remains in covenant with Judah but then Judah becomes more wicked than even the the kingdom of the north yet God does not divorce them he remains in covenant with them because he will be faithful to this covenant despite their wickedness but the

Covenant involves the relationship that he's in there their ability to stay in the land requires holiness and the fact that they have broken holiness as a faithful God to the Covenant he must now remove them from the land so as I read Zephaniah my sense then of this passage that it opens with when he's going to destroy everything from the land he's speaking specifically of Judah but equally valid is he speaking of the whole earth the whole earth has become just as wicked as in Noah's day and he's going to destroy all of mankind from the earth either way it's fine because verse 4 puts the focus back in he says I will also are the translators put I will also stretch out my hand upon Judah the Hebrew simply says he will stretch out his hand

upon Judah so for clarity they're putting in I will also I might put it in as I will even for God to really just emphasize I'm going to do this these are the Covenant people I'm in covenant with them the through them my plan for salvation it will be executed for the whole earth through them and yet I will

even stretch out my hand upon Judah so we see now that what's in view clearly in view even if you took the broader view in verses two and three by verse four we must now narrow our focus where God says I will stretch out my hand upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem God is furious he has had it and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place and the name of the Cameron with the priests so there's a problem with the holy land and there's a problem with the people the inhabitants of Jerusalem and and this word can mean it's refers to idolatrous priests it's used in second Kings 23 five he says I will put down the Camry the idolatrous priests so these are Jewish priests that have given themselves over to idolatry and they're referred to in Zephaniah as the camry as well as the the cohan the co haneen he says I'm sorry here in second Kings 23 five he and and he put down the idolatrous priest the Cameron whom the kings of Judah had ordained the kings of Judah ordained them to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places round about Jerusalem them also that burned incense to baal to the sun and to the moon and to the planets and to all the hosts of heaven so this this is what they've done the kings have put these camera in place and they have instituted false worship and God is saying he's had it he is going to just destroy these people he says and then that was back to Zephaniah and then that worship so you see here they were worshiping the Sun the the planets and all the hosts of heaven God's had it so the camerea are leading them in this worship and God says and them that worship the hosts of heaven upon the housetops and notice this is

very interesting language in Zephaniah 1:5 and them that worship notice this and that swear by the Lord and that swear by Malcolm so Malcolm is the the amorite God that the chief god of come on but we could also say Molech depending on if we're talking about the Moabites or who were talking about but these these are though this is the false god and they soo molecule remember is the god of abortion and infanticide that they would offer there they would have what is though just illicit sex and then these children that were born from these pagan sex worship would then be offered to Molech and and today you know the the massive abortion a lot of this is driven by the Jewish people it's it's amazing these these Jewish communists who are pushing pushing abortion and and this is the worship this is the sacrifice human sacrifice to Molech and God is saying he's not having it that he is going to destroy these people and notice they they mix their religion they swear by Yahweh and they swear by Malcolm he says no not only them though so there's these that are involved in the false worship not only them but he says and them that are turned back from the Lord so they have become atheists they don't they don't believe in Yahweh at all they're not even pretending to worship Him so some are pretending to worship Him while they worship false gods but God says yeah I'm gonna take care of them but I'm also gonna take care of them that have turned back from me why because I am in covenant with them they are my people so they may forget me they may not care about the Covenant but I care very much about the Covenant my word stands and they are in covenant with me and I

will hunt them down and I will perform the Covenant upon them so them that are turned back from Yahweh and those that have not sought the Lord nor inquired of him or for him so he's covering everybody so they're there they're worshiping God they're worshiping Baal they're worshiping the whole host of heaven and there's even those that don't even care about God as long as you're in the Covenant God is faithful to the Covenant and God is going to carry out every aspect of the Covenant why because he's God that's what makes him God he's faithful every word that comes out of his mouth he performs not a single word falls to the ground and so he has entered in covenant with these people he's going to perform it he says hold your peace at the presence of the Lord God so remember God we saw this in Isaiah that God is the God who hides himself from Jacob but now his presence is going to be known and he wants silence there's no more time to argue hold your peace at the presence of the Lord why for the day of the Lord is at hand for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice he has bid his guests this is going to be ugly God has been so patient he has been holding off he's been sending prophets and and and holy men and scribes and all kinds of warnings and now his patients as reached its limit and now there's going to be a massive sacrifice and it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord sacrifice that I will punish this is Zephaniah a descendant of Hezekiah going into the palace and speaking to the king's court and telling them it shall come to pass

in the day of the Lord sacrifice that I will punish the princess and the king's

children and all such are clothed with strange apparel so this is you know as Joe's I was doing his best but there's a problem you know it's again you know just in terms of a modern example we can look at President Trump who from an economic perspective not a religious perspective but from an economic perspective he's trying to turn the nation around it's been you know for the last thirty years it's been slowly being handed over to China and certainly in the last eight years before his presidency it was just on a rapid giveaway and had Hillary Clinton come into office they she would have sold out the nation quickly and here we have this man who's trying to turn the nation around economically and despite all the opposition is gaining good ground but not everybody's with him and so you can see here as much as he has this tough exterior and he's just doing what he's doing and he doesn't care the criticism he just goes forward in a sense he feels like he's unstoppable you can imagine Josiah

he's driving these reforms as we read these reforms just based on what we see today from an economic perspective we don't we need not and certainly what we're reading here in Zephaniah we need not conclude that the whole nation was just so happy to give up their idolatry and that even you know you see the betrayal from those who are even closest to to Donald Trump you can imagine there's even betrayal in the palace and so God is making it very clear through Zephaniah that he will punish the princes and the Kings children and all such as are clothes with strange apparel no exception God is not a respecter of persons he says in the same day also

will I punish all those that leap on the threshold so you know we don't know this is we'd have to go back in time to understand there's some think of the God day gone on had to be leaping over the threshold to try to save their God not sure exactly but it's obviously some sort of pagan practice that even those in the Kings Court or participating in and those which fill their masters houses with violence and there's always people that can be bought there's always people that can be bribed and so there are some here that they just have no moral conscience they will do whatever their masters bidding is and if it means to you know if you uh you know hashtag Clinton body counts if it means just carrying out assassinations whatever the master wants you just do it they fill their masters houses with violence and deceit and it shall come to pass in that day says the Lord that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate and a howling from the second and a great crashing from the hills again this you know if we were in the time and we understood how Jerusalem how the city was laid out it basically sounds like God is gonna be very thorough from one end to the other there's going to be you know you kind of get the sense of when God acted on Egypt and there was just cry throughout the land well now this is his holy land and in the same way he acted on Egypt he's now acting against his own people and there's going to be a cry from one end to the other he says how you inhabitants of map dashed a part of Judah part of Jerusalem for all the merchants people are cut down all they that bear silver are cut off so you get the sense of there's just a great economy here people

are doing really well they're making lots of money and they've forgotten God and God is now pulling the rug from under their feet and and all of this economy is gonna crash and there's no opportunity now to gain wealth he says and it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with candles in other words he's going to be very thorough every corner is going to be examined and punished the man that are settled on their leaves so they listen to what they say that say in their heart the Lord will not do good neither will he do evil and this is the problem we have right now when God hides himself from Jacob he just people just come to the conclusion either that there is no God or that even if there is a God he's checked out that he might have I can't bring myself to believe in evolution you know there's just too much intelligence in the design of the whole universe so I believe there's a god so clearly God created everything but that's all he did he just put everything in motion and now he's disengaged and and life just unfolds according to our will this is the conclusion that they've come to that the Lord will not do good neither will he do evil the meanwhile the only reason God hasn't acted as we see as we hear from from Peter is because of his patience that that the Lord is patient he doesn't want men to perish he wants them to heed the warnings and to come to repentance he says therefore now notice that the language here is is very very important that we have to carefully follow what God is saying because he's faithful yes he's had enough his patience has come to an end and he's going to punish his people but listen to how he's going to

punish his people he says first of all that their goods shall become a booty so all of this wealth that they've gathered someone else is going to come in and gather it and their houses shall become a desolation so some of these beautiful houses that they've built and they're so joyful about home how modern and spacious and wonderful their houses are they're going to be destroyed they shall also build houses but not inhabit them and they shall plant with plant vineyards but not drink the wine thereof and again I'm emphasizing these punishments God is wrathful God has had enough but the punishments are not arbitrary so this is how we know that Islam is completely false because Allah is inflicting punishment upon the Jews that is completely arbitrary it just it just comes out of nowhere that he turns them into pigs and he turns them into Apes why why pigs and why Apes here what Zephaniah is saying is the Jews are going to be destroyed in a very specific way their wealth is going to be taken by others their houses that they build they're not gonna live in them the vineyards that they plant they won't be able to enjoy the produce so remember very that the very specific punishments why because God is faithful to his covenant so these punishments that we see Zephaniah saying this is what God is gonna do these are not just coming out of thin air they're coming out of Deuteronomy and this is so important for us to to plant ourselves in the deuteron Deuteronomic text because we have to endure to the end and the way that we endure to the end is to understand that heaven and earth may pass away but God's words will never pass away

never and so we root ourselves in God's Word and any interpretation of events any interpretation of the the word that does not root itself in the Torah and specifically in Deuteronomy it's a false understanding and so here we see now what are these punishments that God is inflicting like God has had it and now he's unleashing his wrath but the wrath is prescribed according to his word here in Deuteronomy 28 he says you will betroth a wife and another man shall lie with her this is specifically to his people

you shall build a house and you shall not dwell therein so Zephaniah is not just making things up God is not just always F and I I thought of this today God is telling Zephaniah these people are unfaithful but I'm not unfaithful they will not do what I said but I will do what I said I will uphold my part of the Covenant they will build a house but they will not dwell therein you will plant a vineyard and you shall not gather the grapes thereof so this is this curse that God is bringing down upon them in Zephaniah comes right out of the book of Deuteronomy let's go further in Deuteronomy 39 you will plant vineyards and dress them but shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes it's right out of Deuteronomy for the worms shall eat them and then in terms of the

you'll be trough a wife but another man will lie with her coming right out of Deuteronomy when all of this comes down when God finally acts Zachariah says behold the day of the Lord comes the same it's not a different day it's the same day that Zephaniah sees behold the day of the Lord comes and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you

again this is this is an arbitrary this is God's faithfulness to Deuteronomy what he said in Deuteronomy what my Moses so Moses is the foundational prophet Moses gives the prophetic word and every other prophet basically repeats within the framework of the prophetic word in the Torah that the Moses lays down the framework and all the other prophets simply pick it up and amplify it so he says God says here in that day when he acts he says for I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle now this is very very important this is very very important and it's gonna is gonna speak to what I was in some Q&A that I have at the end God does not destroy his people directly he raises up the Gentiles to destroy his people to drive his people to repentance according to the word that he gave to Moses and when his people come to repentance the the Gentiles are actually a tool in God's hands to drive his peace covenant people into a genuine relationship with him to drive his people into genuine repentance when they achieve that level of heartfelt repentance then God comes to save them God does not act directly to destroy them he destroys the Gentile nations in order to save his people this is the framework that Moses laid down and this is the framework that all the prophets pick up and repeat any interpretation that violates this interpretation is false so he says I will gather all nations against Jerusalem this is the the anger of the Lord against Jerusalem that there's going to be this collusion of the whole the whole world will agree Jerusalem needs to be destroyed I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle and the

city shall be taken and the houses rifle so this is exactly what the Deuteronomy Deuteronomy

text says and then it further says the women will be ravished was exactly the curse from Deuteronomy you'll marry a wife but another man will lie with her and half of the city shall go forth into captivity and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city why because all of this God has an agenda it's not that he wants to completely destroy his people

destroy his people yes he's angry with them yes he will destroy them but not completely he this whole thing is to drive a remnant to repentance so as much as all the nations agree these people need to be destroyed as much as all the nations agree they must be completely wiped out they won't be because they have their purpose which is the annihilation of these people annihilation of the Jews but God has his purpose which is the redemption of the Jews to drive them from their wickedness into his arms back to Zephaniah 1 verse 14 the great day of the Lord is near it is mere and hastens greatly it's coming so fast you know and and in the days of Noah as well as in the days of lot they had no idea how fast the destruction was coming they were just clueless and God tells us that that's exactly how it's going to be in the end time but this time it's not just the world in general it's his own people that have no idea what's coming the great day of the Lord is near it is nor near it hastens greatly it's coming so so fast and they have no idea even the voice of the day of the Lord and he says here it's such a terrible time that even the mighty man shall cry bitterly and you think of a strong man a man that's just so powerful

you would never think of him being somebody who is full of tears but even the mighty man shall cry bitterly why because it's a day of wrath God has had enough notice this again we're gonna tie this curse

to Deuteronomy he says it's a day of wrath a day of trouble and distress a day of waste nurse and desolation a day of darkness and gloominess a day of clouds and thick darkness so these curses in Zephaniah are not arbitrary

they represent the faithfulness of Yahweh he said he he does exactly what he said he would do if we go back into Deuteronomy go back into the Torah what did God say would happen if they disobey Him you shall eat the fruit of your own body this this is how terrible this curse is that it's gonna be so devastating that you will even eat the fruit of your own body the flesh of your sons and of your daughters there's sort of a madness that comes from the famine where the tender flesh of their children in order for them to stay alive they'll consume it and you know with the way children are seen today with all the pedophilia with the infanticide with the abortion you know as shocking as this may seem it's like it's it's not that far away you mentally to get there which the Lord your God has given you in the siege and in the straightness were with your enemy shall distress you so again God doesn't do this to his people directly he raises up the enemies of Israel to do this the enemies of Judah to do this and they cut off all the supply to the land and the people are just in famine and the enemy's distress now where does this come from it comes from Deuteronomy let's go back to the

text Deuteronomy 28 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom shall is he he shall eat so so this is saying here that the parents are going to be so in such a calamitous situation that when they eat their children they won't share the children with their friends they'll just they'll keep eating the flesh of the children they will not share they'll eat it themselves he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat because he has nothing left him in ceej and in the straightness where with your enemies shall distress thee in all that gate so I just want to show you here this curse in Zephaniah it's all it's not it's this distress in this trouble it's not arbitrary it's coming right out of the text in Deuteronomy there's going to be great distress in your gates from the enemy and toward her young when that comes out from between her feet and toward her children would she but she shall bear for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and the straightness all nations are gonna come surround Jerusalem cut it off and there's gonna be such a siege that this is what's going to happen where with your enemy shall distress thee in your gate so Deuteronomy gives us more detail around this distress that the enemies are going to bring upon Judah and I'm just gonna keep emphasizing this that God does not destroy his people directly because of their disobedience he allows their enemies to get the upper hand if they were faithful to him they could have destroyed their enemies and and caused their enemies to be a peace with them because they're unfaithful God allows

their enemies to get the upper hand and to then distress them in Deuteronomy 4 he says and you came near and stood under the mountain and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven with darkness clouds and thick darkness so there's a very specific way that God is going to be destroying his people and it's all coming right out of Deuteronomy back to Zephaniah a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities and against the high towers and I will bring distress upon men and they shall walk like blind men why because of the darkness that dude that Moses tells us about in Deuteronomy so this darkness is going to come upon the land they're not gonna be able to see what's in front of them they're gonna walk like blind men why because they have sinned against the Lord and their blood shall be poured out as dust and their flesh as the dung so this is a terrible time for Judah neither shall their silver nor their gold neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath and you get the sense here of incredible wealth that wealth that whatever you want you can get it you know it's like everybody has their price and you just pay them enough and they do your bidding and so you never really worry because whatever situation you're in you can you can buy people silence you can buy people in agreement you can buy their cooperation you can buy their ability to execute people at your will money just takes care of everything and yet it can't take care of this neither shall and again you get a sense that they've amassed a lot of wealth neither shall their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath but the

whole land and again I don't think he's talking here of the whole earth because of the focus that Zephaniah has he means the Covenant land the promised land but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy he's jealous over the Covenant land the holy land and the God the Covenant that he has with these people

and they've just gone and prostituted themselves they've gone and they've committed idolatry spiritual adultery so the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land why because of the Covenant God is holy the land is holy the people must be holy if the people are not holy according to the Covenant they cannot stay in the land and so he's gonna move very quickly it's it's like he's patient he's patient he's patient now it's time to act he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land and so this uh this groping like blind man again comes right out of Deuteronomy 20 28 29 in the middle of the day when the Sun is its brightest and you shall grope at noonday so some kind of catastrophe has happened that has cut off the son you shall grope at noonday as the blind gropes in darkness

and you shall not prosper in your ways
God warned them this is for God to say
all of this and then not do it would
make him unfaithful so God is being
totally God is being God totally
faithful to his word so the punishment
that these people have to endure is
right out of the prophecy right out of
the Torah you shall not prosper in your
ways and you shall be only oppressed and
spoiled evermore so they have come all

the wealth that they've gathered it just means nothing they have no protection at all God was their protection they turned their back on God they thought that they had power and wealth and they've got nothing he'll be spoiled evermore and no man shall save you nobody cares about you everyone despises you again back to Deuteronomy

they have moved me to jealousy so God is in an exclusive relationship with them but they have not respected the exclusivity of the relationship so God has been moved to jealousy with that which is not God they have provoked me to anger with their vanities there they're caught up in some sort of egotistical bizarre fantasy and and it's provoked God to anger and notice this and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation

this is Deuteronomy 32 21 and I just want you to pay very very careful attention to the language so God has been moved to jealousy he's been provoked to anger now that he's had it and his ease about to unleash his anger upon them how does he do it I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people they're not a covenant people they don't they don't mean anything they come and they go they live and they die there's nothing in them they have no promises anything that they have they would have to have through the covenant people and yet God says I'm going to move them to jealousy with the people that with with those which are not a people so they're going to be just alarmed with the power and the might and and the the efficacy of a people that are not a covenant people

I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation a nation that doesn't have the Hebrew Scriptures a nation that doesn't have wisdom this is how God punishes his people any interpretation of prophecy any interpretation of current events that is not seen through this lens is a false interpretation God does not directly destroy the covenant people he raises up a foolish nation and when we put all the scriptures together it's very clear that he's working through Esau and Ishmael he saw an Ishmael become this foolish nation in the end time that God uses to destroy Judah and Israel so this is the interpretation he says for a fire is kindled in my anger and shall burn unto the lowest hell and shall destroy the earth with her increase and set on fire the foundations of the mountains so that is Zephaniah chapter 1 and what I want to do now having introduced the prophecy of Zephaniah and it's just it's a short book will do chapters 2 and 3 in the next week or two what I want to do now is just address a question that came to me and I thank my brother for sending this letter to me even though it's long it's well thought out it I love the attitude you know this this is a brother that disagrees with some some of what I'm saying

but disagrees in a most loving way he's a very intelligent man he's really thought long and hard about what he what it is he's presenting to me here so it's very it's very well thought out good good concepts and ideas being presented and being presented in such a loving and respectful attitude so brother if you're listening I thank you and for those of you who may not agree with everything that ministers say or your minister says

there's a lesson here an approach understanding respect mutual respect and not coming in railing I mean I get I get those things to where people come railing and you don't know what you're talking about and bla bla bla bla yeah okay fine you know but it's nice to see an MS very that six in the exception it's nice to see just intelligence combined with humility and respect and so that's what that's wonderful so what this brother is saying is he would like me to pay more attention on the influence of Zionists around us that he you know he mentioned that I talked about Jeffrey Epstein and I mentioned that he's Jewish but I didn't talk about the Zionist influence on society he points out here that he does not believe that President Trump is really fighting for America he believes that President Trump is fighting for the Zionists and that he's part of the global cabal and he uses evidence for this as the Trump administration supporting the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on women peace and security and he is launching a global effort for the criminal criminalization of to end the criminalization of homosexuality so what I want to say about this so he's saying you know because of this he's supporting LGBTQ rights for example example that this is the liberal agenda and so therefore because it's the liberal agenda Donald Trump is really supporting globalism so I don't agree with this and then I'll share with you why first of all and most most liberals don't know this most of the people on the Left don't know this and they're shocked when they're asked the question who is the only

resident in the whole history of the United States there is only one president that came into office supporting the rights of the LGBTQ community they have no idea who is this it's Donald Trump he's the only president that came into office saying I support the rights of these people so there's no surprise here this is not something like oh wow he betrayed you know he he's done the opposite of what he said when he was campaigning he said this while he was campaigning and he came into office supporting this now does this mean that he's a globalist well let's go back to the beginning of nationalism and the fight against global is I'm in Genesis 11 verse 5 the Lord came down to see the city in the tower which the children of men built and the Lord said Behold the people are one they are global and they all have one language or one ideology that they all share so they speak the same thoughts and concepts and they're all united and this is what they begin to do this is a level of evil that is unprecedented this is a level of rebellion against God that is unprecedented this is the satanic agenda unleashed and unstopped and there's nothing - there's no obstacle they satanic agenda now that he's got all of them worshiping him as one because he wants to be like the Most High so God says and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do so God sees that when they all come together in this globalist initiative there's no stopping them that whatever evil they've imagined and we're seeing today this we've you know the whole artificial intelligence and transhumanism and and human beings integrating with with machines to become

godlike creatures this is like whatever they imagine now it cannot be stopped when they work together globally God is the author of nationalism he says come let us go down and confuse their language that they may not understand one another's speech so God is the one Institute's nationalism when he implements nationalism and he sends them away in their tribes to start nations does it mean that these nation states that are now initiated by God himself are the leaders of these nation states righteous people do when when they go from globalism to nationalism do they go from the Satanic agenda to holiness and now all the nations begin with holiness of course not they have the same corrupt agenda what God is doing here is he's limiting the impact of evil that the ability to do whatever they imagined would short-circuit God's agenda so he puts the brakes on it so that he can unfold his agenda that the holy one has not even come down to earth yet and yet Satan is driving this agenda through mankind God says no and he implements nationalism to slow down the evil so anybody who is looking to Donald Trump as some sort of religious Savior this is ridiculous all Donald Trump is doing is he's blocking the global agenda he's blocking it he's not allowing them to have their way as quickly as they would like now he's one person and and he's doing I in my opinion he's doing a remarkable job and and he seems uniquely cut out for this opposition to the globalists but he is not a righteous man he is not I mean compared to them he's a saint but he's no saint he's a very corrupt a very flawed individual but he's a patriot America

has been good to him America has been good to his family and he sees American exceptionalism and he is striving to retain American exceptionalism now if he was part of the globalist agenda we have to ask ourselves would he be receiving the level of opposition and hatred and demonization that he's recited I've never seen this I've never seen it in my lifetime and my knowledge of American history I've just never seen this level of demonization listen to this news item that just came recently on CNN as destructive a person in this century as Hitler Stalin and Mao were in the last century he may be responsible for many more million deaths than they were

he needs to be contained but he needs to be contained by attacking his policies not his person yeah while they go on to attack his person and not his policies I mean they're they're basically prescribing him as mentally insane they're demonizing him they want to destroy him they're stirring up as many people as possible to say this man is I said last time I think was last week that I said he has no loved ones only Satan loves him his only loved one is Satan the devil but I was wrong because then I did my research and realized Satan doesn't love anybody so even his own father doesn't love him he's the most evil man that ever walked the face of the earth where does this narrative come from why has everybody gone insane because the pedophile elite ring have lost control and just emphasis this in irrational hatred of a human being who's flawed okay you know yeah you in one election we win another and it goes back and forth clearly this man is an outsider and he's obstruct obstructing

their agenda and it does you know the fact that he's evil the fact that he supports evil initiatives this is not the point the point is that he's an American and he's a nationalist and he's a patriot and my point is as long as America remains strong with the judeo-christian I'll use that it was built upon and has that influence around the world Christians are in much better shape than if America Falls and either the Communist agenda or the Islamic agenda or some other agenda takes over then this is when the persecution of Christians begins now he says here you know why did I why did I you asked me why I brought up Epstein as a Jew because I believe the Jews are evil people I know where do I ever say all you know the Jews are so righteous and the land of Israel is so beautiful and the Jews belong in fact I think if you go through Isaiah I made it very clear that it is a man-made initiative to put the Jews in Israel today that that does not fulfill the prophetic word that in fact they have no right to that land today until they accept Jesus Christ and then Christ is going to put them in the land and no one will ever remove them so this whole Zionism is man-made and it's a man-made initiative he says here so question here so I'm suggesting a dichotomy of nationalism and globalism that is nationalism versus communism yes absolutely right that is what I'm saying now we just quickly see these other things I want to go back to the scripture in a second yes oh I think if I just go to the scripture I think will answer some of these other questions so and again people think yeah it doesn't matter if

America Falls you know it'll just it will just bring the day of the Lord to us faster so you know bring it on let's be very very careful God Himself is delaying this because it is going to be so devastating it is gonna be so horrendous upon mankind in general but even upon God's spirit-filled people that Christ Himself says he that endures him to the end the same that lot will be saved not everybody that has the Holy Spirit because he makes it clear this is gonna be such a horrendous time people are gonna betray one the love the agape love that only those with the Holy Spirit have that agape love is going to wax cold so we need to be very careful and take a mrs. Warren and woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord

to what end is it for you the day of the Lord is darkness and not light so we we need to have a sense of trepidation around what is coming and the fact that God is delaying it so long that the people arguably say how God won't do good and he won't do evil oh yeah he's going to unleash something that's going to it's just gonna be horrendous so the fact that there is some delay means that we are brethren others can fortify ourselves and prepare for this day and our children maybe they can come to this light come to this full understanding that we have I wouldn't be so the word I'm looking for is just a frivolity to say oh yeah bring on the day of Lord will come faster God Himself is delaying it now Mathew there's a prophecy in Matthew that I want to get to but before I get to it I want to just bring talk about

the context and I think it will it will just reinforce this concept of Siffin

Yahoo that the Lord hides and this is what we're looking for that maybe Zephaniah says maybe you might be hidden when this when all of this comes this is what we're looking for so I want to lead into a prophecy that Christ makes but I want to give the context of the prophecy first and I want to go all the way it's in Matthew 24 but before I get to Matthew 24 I want to begin in Matthew 21 because it starts in Matthew 21 and we need to keep what he says in Matthew 21 22 23

all of that is context in Matthew 24 and what we tend to do is just go into Matthew 24 and just read it like it just that's all he had to say instead of reading the whole conversation from from from the context of it let's go back to Matthew 21

he says in verse 28 but what think you a certain man had two sons and he came to the first and said son go to work today in my vineyard and he Hanson said I will not but afterward he repented and went and he came to the second and said likewise and he answered and said I go sir

but he didn't go which of them which of the two did the will of his father and they said unto him the first so so God has a son this is Judah everyone that Israel has been divorced his son is now Judah but Judah he splits into two camps all of Judah's rebellious but one part of them actually repents and does the will of the Lord the other does not they said unto him the first Jesus said to him truly I say unto you that the publicans and harlots which are Jews go into the kingdom of God before you which are the religious zealots and these are the ancestors of what we call the Zionists today and then and I want to

just address this because this is really the rub that this brother has and and it's just much more Robert a suggestion is that I preach more about the Zionists and particularly this text called the protocols of the learned Elders of Zion which basically shows that there's these very wealthy Jewish families that have an agenda to control the whole world and absolutely this is true and and and these that the communist agenda is a Jewish agenda these are the people they have this view and having come through the Holocaust especially many of them are atheists and so but they have this view of world control they do see themselves as superior they do see themselves as rightfully owning the world and and they do have this agenda and people who have studied this are seeing that the things that are in this text are coming to pass and in fact the Islamic world is using this as justification to destroy the Jewish world so you know my and I'll just tell you my position on all of this is that Zionism / communism doesn't matter and a great metaphor for this is what happened in Iran where the Communists colluded with the Islamic world to bring down the Shah of Iran and once they succeeded in doing that it is the Islamists who came into power and they were ruthless and therefore the first priority they had was to round up all the Communists behead them and parade their heads on stakes for everyone to see and when you have this sort of intense fanaticism

everything as long as Islam is triumphant this is an agenda that wins and and the

where they just don't care and they are they're willing to completely destroy

scripture supports this that God does not destroy his people directly he raises up an enemy nation to destroy them so let me unpack this using the scripture that this design is / communists you know in fact let me just quickly go to one scripture here which shows me here in John 16 he says that notice verse 2 that they shall put you out of the synagogues yes the time comes that whosoever kills you will think that he does God's service so yes there's this fight for global domination and from what I can see in the world right now there's two camps there are the Communists / scientists who are striving for global domination and there are the then there are the Islamists who are striving for global domination the text in John 16 tells me that the atheists do not win and the text in Deuteronomy tells me that the Zionists do not win that they will be punished by a a nation that are not a people there are not a covenant people there are foolish nation but they're going to have the upper hand and they're going to destroy so I think what happened in Iran is a perfect metaphor for what's going to happen in the end times globally but let's unpack this so so Judah is split into two nations two parts the whole nation is rebellious but there's a part of the nation that responds to the warning and they actually do God's will and so there's a warning message that's given to them and they respond and then there's a part of the nation that that are just so arrogant they don't respond and so he says I say to you the publicans and harlots go into the kingdom before you even though you think you have a right to it then he says in verse 33 here of 21 here are another

parable this is all context for Matthew 24 there was a certain householder which planted a vineyard and hedged it round about and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and let it out to husbandmen and went into a far country so he left with an expectation of fruit from what he set up and when the time of the fruit drew near he sent his servants to the husbandmen that they might receive the fruit of it and the husband took his servants and beat one these are prophets that that are coming to Israel the husband took his servant the husbandmen took his servants and beat one and killed another and stoned another again he sent other servants more than the first and they did unto them likewise but last of all he sent her to them his son saying they will reverence my son but when the husbandmen saw the son they said among themselves this is the heir come let us kill him he's in our way if we can get rid of Christ if we can get rid of Christianity then nothing will stop us this is the Communist agenda he this is the heir come let us kill him and let us seize on his inheritance so we have this vision of a utopia without Christ but but you know that whole vision of two each according to his need from each according to his ability that comes right out of acts acts 2 and so Karl Marx stole that to say this is our inheritance without Christ let's kill Christ and they caught him and cast him out of the vineyard and slew him when the Lord therefore of the vineyard comes that is the day of the Lord that Zephaniah is talking about what will he do unto those husbandmen they say unto him he will miserably destroy those wicked men so

where are those wicked men today who are the children of these men that were addressed directly by Christ with the Zionist Jews so God is going to take care of these wicked men and he will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen which shall render him the fruits in their season so that's exactly what we just read in Zephaniah 1 that's exactly what God he's gonna go through Jerusalem thoroughly and in fact the whole world thoroughly and seek out his covenant people and he's gonna have a controversy with them but he's not gonna punish them directly he's gonna punish them indirectly and those that repent and do his will he's gonna come and save them Matthew 22 here more context for Matthew 24 and Jesus answered and spoke unto them again by parables and said the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain King which made a marriage for his son and sent forth his servants to call them which were bidden to the wedding but they wouldn't come his servants wouldn't come again he sent forth other servants saying tell them which are invited behold I've prepared my dinner my oxen and my fatlings are killed and all things already come to the marriage but they made light of it and went their ways so they just no not interested abandoning Christ one to his farm and other to his merchandise and the remnant took his servants and entreated and treated them spitefully and slew them but when the king heard thereof he was angry and he sent forth his armies listen he's talking about his people this is context for what's in Matthew 24 he's talking about his people are gonna go from here into Matthew 24 he sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city this

is exactly what we just read in Zephaniah the Bible tells one story from the Torah revelation so so you can go dig into Deuteronomy dig into the Torah and if you go through the Bible and you start coming up with an inconsistent story you're misunderstanding the Bible God it's the same God and it's one narrative so this is just what we read in Zephaniah it comes out of Deuteronomy he sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers those murderers are Jews they are his covenant people and he's going to destroy them and burn up their City their city is Jerusalem verse 43 of 22 he said unto them how then does David in spirit call him Lord all of this is context for Matthew so we're going from here into Matthew 24 it's all context how then does David in spirit call him Lord saying the Lord said unto my lord sit you on my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool so again we just sort of generalized this God has enemies all around the world and he's gonna make them his footstool yes that's true but in context it's very clear that his enemies are his own people and he's going to put them down so he says and now we come into Matthew 23 so all of this is it's the same story it's the same context he's talking he's come to the Jewish people he's talking to the Jewish people about the Jewish people and so here in Matthew 23 is just such a curse it's the the wall chapter woe unto you who scribes and Pharisees Jewish people Jewish leaders hypocrites for you devour widows houses and for a pretence make long prayer so that this is from Christ's day there's been this religious facade but they've been following a satanic agenda therefore you shall

receive the greater damnation this is what we just read in Zephaniah God is coming to destroy any setting up conditions to destroy his hypocritical people therefore he says in verse 31 you are witnesses unto yourselves that you are the children of them which killed the prophets so whatever was so he sent them again this is coming from Matthew 21 where he sent these servants and sense servants in the sensor and they killed them all and now we sink to these people the way you speak you you demonstrate that you have the same nature the same agenda the same perspective the same actions as your forefathers and your children after you are going to be wired exactly the same way to reject me and to destroy and kill my servants so you view you've bought you out of your own mouth you've borne witness that you're the same so he says fill you up the measure of your father's and that's what's happening today they're filling up the measure of their father's you serpents you generation of vipers how can you escape the damnation of Hell therefore behold I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes and some of them you will kill and crucify and some of them you shall scourge in your synagogues and persecute them from city to city why that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth I don't know how to describe somebody more wicked to say that somebody is more wicked than a person that God says that all of the righteous blood that has ever been shed upon the earth is on you this is the height of wickedness and this is what Christ is saying to these Jewish people that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the Earth from the blood

of righteous abel from the very first murder of a righteous man unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias whom you slew between the temple and the altar truly I say unto you all these things shall come upon this generation so there is a wrath that we just read in Zephaniah that is going to cut it is hastens greatly and when it comes is gonna be so intense and it's gonna happen so fast upon one generation he says o Jerusalem Jerusalem again we just read this in Zephaniah you that kill the prophets and stone them which are sent unto you this is the context now coming from Matthew 21:22 now we're in 223 all of this is context for what we're gonna read in 24

you that kill the prophets and stone them which are sent unto you how often have I gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings and you wouldn't cooperate behold your house is left unto you desolate and we just read that in Zephaniah we just read that in Deuteronomy this is what's going to happen to this generation that comes just before Christ returns this is part of the return of Christ that his people must be left desolate by a people that are not a nation for I say and then he says this very strange prophecy after saying you are the most wicked people that I've ever walked the planet and so to say to me Adrian the Zionists are wicked people yeah okay great what's your point what's your point Christ says this he says and then he says this for I say unto you you shall not see me again until you shall say blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord so we begin in in chapter 21 we go through 22 we come here through 23 God is not

pulling any punches these people are wicked and he's going to destroy them but this destruction that's gonna come upon them is going to drive them to a deep and wholehearted repentance some of them and they're going to say his coming is blessed his coming is blessed and we see this in Zechariah 12 how and in Revelation 1 I believe it's verse 8 just how fortunate they are that he's now returning so all of this is context for Matthew 24 and he says in verse 4 right out of the gate to his disciples take heed that no man deceive you and I'm saying that if you interpret what's going on around us or any of the scriptures outside of Deuteronomy you're going to be deceived and what he's saying here is it's going to look like God has abandoned Jerusalem it's going to look like he's abandoned his people and there are going to be narratives saying the same and there were going to be people preaching Christ and saying this that he has abandoned these people these people are cursed are their God forsaken but the true understanding is that no he has simply raised up enemies to drive these people to repentance and we who understand will but we will not let go we will keep saying you are God's people

you are covenant people you must return to Christ you must acknowledge Christ read it in your Torah these things are happening to you because Christ is your Lord Christ is Messiah and we we Paul never let go of this no matter how wicked they were he kept in fact he was among them but then he kept preaching to them so don't be deceived the Zionists are in covenant with God he says he's going to punish the atheist they they've forsaken him but he hasn't

forsaken them his agenda is not just to wipe them out it's to drive them to repentance and we go back to Deuteronomy to see this he says when you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel the prophet stand in the Holy Place like this is unbelievable what's happening in the Holy Place whoso reads let him understand so you don't be deceived you're going to see this and people are gonna say God is God is not it's a it's a foolish nation that are not a people and people are gonna be saying this foolish nation clearly God is with them clearly they are a people clearly there are the Covenant people but whoso reads let him understand that this is desolation that takes place right in the holy place is according to God's agenda and God has not forsaken his people he has not forsaken the Covenant he says then them then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains the whole focus the focal point is Judea and they still flee in the mountains let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house neither let him which is in the field we turn back to take his clothes this is urgent this is this is like there's gonna just be wholesale slaughter upon these people and and God because this is the Covenant land

this is the covenant land and God says this is what Zephaniah is talking about and woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days there will be no mercy upon these people instead pray that your flight neither being winter nor on the Sabbath day for this is the time of Great Tribulation this is the time that Amos said is coming and it's just it's gonna be

horrible so be careful what you what you're saying yeah just bring it on this is gonna be tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time no nor ever shall be now listen to this this is why they say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord except those days should be shortened there should be no flesh saved but for the elects sake who are the elect the elect are his covenant people Judah and even Israel he's gonna gather them from the four corners of the earth and bring them back together and establish them because all of this is meant to drive them to repentance but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened so all of this and I'll just end here all of this is just repeating the framework that Moses laid down in Deuteronomy God will not destroy his people so so this notion and this is what I'm getting at and I've heard it from a couple of people but the beast is Jewish the Zionists are the Beast power and they're gonna control the whole world and then Jesus is gonna come and destroy this Jewish beast I'm sorry I don't buy it I don't buy it because it violates the foundational framework of prophecy that is right here in Deuteronomy that God says that he will raise up a foreign nation to destroy his people and in that destruction there will be a people who are preaching the truth to them and telling them why this is happening to them and in that desolation they will finally turn to God when God comes he comes to rescue his people not to destroy his people the foreigners do that and so in my opinion this is my opinion based on what I've read and unless somebody can convince me scripturally otherwise it is foreigners

it is it is the beast from the sea which is not Israel the religious beast is from the land and I see this as the hotel thought that the Catholic Church the Pope who is going to tell the world to worship the beast from the sea which is a Gentile beast and and in all of this

it's the Jews and the Christians that are caught in the crossfire and somebody is preaching the truth so that they come to understand why all of this is happening and God is able to have the fruit that he was looking for so I'm just gonna end with this text in Deuteronomy 30 because whatever interpretation we have of prophecy it has to fit this fundamental framework and they shall come to pass when all these things that come upon you the blessing and the curse so even though they were going into the promised land with a high hand Moses could see yet you're gonna be blessed but you're also gonna be cursed all these curses that Moses just finished pronouncing that we would we just finished reading Moses had a clear line of sight into the future to say yep this is gonna happen which I've set before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you so all the nations are going to drive these covenant people and take them captive and you shall return unto the Lord your God and shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day this hasn't happened yet so wherever they are all around the world they're going to be driven to a level of repentance where they actually returned to God and they're going to do everything that's commanded in the Torah you and

your children with all your heart and with all your soul this requires receipt of the Holy Spirit so someone is preaching the true gospel and and very clearly and it's making sense finally and they're seeing the relief is coming from Christ and they're coming just wholeheartedly repentant that then the Lord your God when they reach this level of repentance then the Lord your God will will endure in your slavery and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you if any of yours be driven out unto the utmost parts of heaven from their will the Lord your God gather you and so that's what Matthew 24 says gonna gather them from the four corners of the earth from there will the Lord your God gather you

and from there Willie fetch you and the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your father's possessed so that same line that they're gonna be driven out of they're gonna be brought back into it and this is why I don't accept these people in Israel today to say they have a right to be there they have no right to be there it's in fact it's the opposite they need to be driven out of there and there will be but they will ultimately have a right to the land and God is gonna put them in the land and nobody will ever move them again so this is when the Lord your God so in 1948 does not fulfill this when Israel was set up as a nation that is a Zionist agenda that is an earthly thing that's just human being setting that up this is not what God intended and the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your father's possessed and you shall possess it and he will do you good and

multiply you above your father's and the Lord your God will circumcise your heart this is Holy Spirit language and the heart of your seed to love this this was the whole intent this is why everything happened all the curses that Moses outlined were to this end to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live and the Lord your God will put all these curses upon your enemies so the enemies put these the God doesn't put these curses on Israel and Judah the enemies put these curses on them and then when God comes he reverses that saves them and put the curses on the enemies to show the enemies these in fact are my people the Lord your God will put all these curses upon your enemies and on them that hate you which persecuted you and you shall return and obey the voice of the Lord and do all his commandments which I command you this day so this is what this is the future that these people as much as they hate God they hate Christ they don't acknowledge him some of them are devoted to Judaism and this sort of weird Talmudic text and all of this some of them are atheists zionists communists if they're children of Judah they are the covenant children and God has an agenda and God says anybody who curses the children of Abraham will be cursed and those who bless the children of Abraham will be blessed and we are going to bless these people by teaching them what their heritage is and this is when you know he says here listen to this matthew 24:9 they will deliver you up to be afflicted and they shall kill you speaking to the faithful covenant people now who have received the Holy Spirit who are his true disciples and you shall be hated of

all nations

he doesn't say you'll be hated of all nations except Judah he doesn't say you'll be hated of all nations except those who call themselves scientists it's across the board those of us who understand the religious text will be hated by everybody you'll be hated of all nations why for my namesake the Holy One of Israel that we understand what the agenda is we understand what the plan is and so he says in this gospel this gospel there's a very it's a very specific gospel it's exactly what everything we read going from Matthew 21 leading right up into this everything in fact is a whole message that he preached we have to be very clear what is the message that Christ preached that's the gospel it's not some generic gospel I heard someone the other day say oh the gospel is being preached all around the world even as long as Jesus is preached no no there's a very specific good news that is this that is according to Deuteronomy according to what we just rest read in Deuteronomy 30 that's the gospel that the kingdom will be restored to Israel this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations all these nations that agree that Jerusalem should be destroyed that every Jew should be vanquished we don't agree yes the Jews are evil yes the Jews have forsaken God yes the Jews have been unfaithful to the Covenant but they are but God is faithful to his covenant and we are we are preaching a message that says that the kingdom will be restored to Judah and not just Judah to all Israel and Israel and Judah will be brought back from the four corners of the earth once they repent to dwell in

the holy land and so this gospel will be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations that's why all nations are going to be well that's why we're going to be hated of by all nations because we're preaching this message and then shall the end come and we will not endure to the end if we're misinterpreting scripture heaven earth will pass away but God's Word will pass away and so we need to be digging into God's Word and making sure that whatever interpretation we have of prophetic text of current events is matching the the fundamental prophetic framework that Moses laid down because all of the other prophets come and just pick up that framework and amplify it so my brother thank you for writing I love the the intelligence and the questions and the comments and some of the insights we do have of course have a fundamental disagreement I think on who is this beast power in the end that's going to be having this global domination but I certainly agree that the Zionists are communists but from John 16 I see the Communists the atheists have they do not get the upper hand so we'll we'll dig into this more as we go through the the prophetic word but that was F Anaya 1 today God willing next week we'll continue in Zephaniah 2 and and when we put all these scriptures together it's just so wonderful and then we'll return to the Psalms that are going to show us how to have this intimate relationship with God and how to praise Him despite distress and how to how to call upon God to save Israel and and to save Jerusalem and to do his will and bring the kingdom and restore the kingdom to Israel Jesus Christ what a mighty and faithful God he is