

38-Zechariah-01-Transcript

1:13 Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study.

1:17 We are God willing going to cover Zachariah.

1:20 Start the scroll of Zachariah.

1:22 The opening video would have shown you that it did not play well here.

1:26 I don't know how it played there.

1:28 I just want to see if it is a buffer issue.

1:30 So I'm gonna play that intro video again and then maybe tell me in the chat a couple of things.

1:34 One is, am I coming through loudly and clearly?

1:37 And then secondly, did the video play properly?

2:34 All right.

2:35 So again, that did not play well for me.

2:37 So we'll just proceed.

2:38 God willing.

2:39 We'll start with Zechariah chapter one.

2:42 I'm gonna open with a word of prayer and then we'll get into our study line upon line.

2:49 I, I did want to choose or I felt motivated, inspired to cover the scroll of Zechariah because it's our, you know, go to scripture during the feast of tabernacles.

2:59 It's hard to get through a feast without the scroll of Zachariah being quoted in some way, shape or form.

3:06 And I think it's just gonna be helpful for us if we look at the whole scroll and God willing, we will get through it.

3:12 By the time of the Fall Festival, I'm gonna open with prayer and then I'm gonna check the chat to see if I am coming through loudly clearly.

3:19 And also what your experience with that opening video was.

3:23 I think we may have to doctor it so that it will play properly.

3:27 Our loving heavenly Father Almighty on high, a master of the entire universe with great humility.

3:37 We bow before you and with great gratitude, we bow before you because we see a world that is just accelerating into confusion and into darkness.

3:48 And simultaneously we are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and our savior and, and just having this increasing light shed upon us and guiding our path.

4:03 And so we're just so grateful father that we have this privilege with you.

4:08 We pray Lord that you'll continually have this passion burning inside us that we hunger and thirst for your righteousness.

4:18 We desire the, the sincere milk and meat of your word.

4:22 And we pray father that we will be faithful in carrying out the commission that you've given to us.

4:30 We praise you Lord for Jesus Christ, we praise you for your Holy Spirit and for the brethren that you've given to us, if you've given us to one another, and we praise you for the many gifts that you've given to us.

4:44We ask no father that you would be continue to be merciful, that you would bless us, that we would continue to grow and that we would do and conform to your will.

4:55We praise you Lord.

4:56We thank you.

4:56We ask all of this in the mighty name of our Lord, our savior, our soon coming King Jesus, the Christ.

5:03Amen.

5:04All right, let me just check the chat here.

5:06We'll see who's here and see how we are doing in terms of audio video.

5:13Good evening, Sister Rose, but Dave and Dev.

5:16Good evening, brother Jeff, Pastor Murray, sister Christy, Carlotta, Judy and Chuck.

5:24Who else is here?

5:25Cha Jaws, Donna Banta, Pep Square, Na Nathan Hendrix.

5:31Welcome.

5:32I'm sorry, I don't have time to read all the chats just looking at the names and Rick four is here and OK, you are coming through fine video is fine as well.

5:43Ok.

5:44Interesting.

5:44So that's thanks F Murray.

5:46So that's great.

5:47So most of the problem is just obviously a local problem on my end.

5:51Very, very good, loud and clear.

5:54Wonderful.

5:55All right.

5:55And I see Siefried is here as well.

5:57So, greetings for all of you who checked in.

5:59Hopefully, I didn't miss anybody.

6:01We're grateful for you and grateful for all of you are who are here this evening.

6:07Let's get into the scroll of Zachariah.

6:12Interesting scroll.

6:14Let me just go ahead and share my scripture.

6:19Let me just start to do this.

6:23There we go.

6:25OK.

6:27I wanna begin our study in the Torah in Exodus because of this word remembered.

6:37So God heard their groaning Children of Israel and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.

6:47So this word remembered is important.

6:49I'm just going to go to the original language here, the Hebrew, it's the word zakar and we see it's means to mark.

7:02So as to be recognized, to remember by implication, to mention and also to burn incense.

7:11So it says here to, to make, to be remembered, to bring, to call, to come, to keep, to put in remembrance, to think on.

7:23So this, this word Zakar is where we get the name Zachariah.

7:29 Basically, Zakar means remember and Zachariah means God remembered Jehovah remembered.

7:35 So that's what the, the, the, the name Zachariah means.

7:40 And it's tied to this very notion here in Exodus two that God is remembering his covenant.

7:47 So that's not to say that God forgot.

7:50 And it's like, oh yeah, oh yeah, my covenant, I better do something about that.

7:54 What it really means are the implication or the, the, the connotation is that this special covenant relationship that God has with his people because of their unfaithfulness.

8:09 It was put on the back burner and they're allowed to suffer.

8:14 And then when it gets to a certain point in, in history, God says, OK, I'm now going to insert myself in the affairs of men.

8:25 And I'm gonna put this special covenant relationship that I have with my people.

8:28 I'm moving it from the back burner to the front burner.

8:31 And now I'm, now I'm going to act to show the special relationship that I have with my people.

8:38 So that's the connotation of, remember now, before I get straight into the scroll of Zechariah.

8:45 I want to just, first of all, give a sense of the timeline.

8:51 So let's do that.

8:54 So you'll see here, hopefully you can see my screen.

8:57 Zechariah and Haggai are patriots.

9:00 They, they're, they're contemporaries and, and they're in the time of the kingdom of Persia.

9:08 So there they lived during the Persian Empire.

9:11 Before that, we have Israel being subjected to the Babylonians and, and before that subjected to the Assyrians.

9:24 So this is the Assyrian Empire.

9:26 This is the Babylonian Empire.

9:28 And you'll see that Ezekiel lived during the Judah Empire watched as the Israel Empire collapsed under Syria and then taken over by Babylon and then Judah collapses and falls and is taken victim or taken captive by the Babylonians.

9:49 And then you'll see that after Ezekiel comes Zechariah.

9:54 So just to put the, the timeline in order Zechariah is his ministry is during the Persian Empire and it's, it's there, they're called post exilic prophets.

10:06 So this is after the exile.

10:09 So now let me continue before we go into Zechariah proper.

10:19 I just want to understand who Zechariah is.

10:25 We're going to see that he's not only a prophet like Ezekiel who was a prophet, he's also a priest and Ezekiel was also a priest.

10:35 So Ezekiel was very sensitive and understood the code of holiness, but he was also a prophet there to drive the people back to their covenant relationship with God.

10:46 And so Zechariah is similar.

10:48 So let's just get his bona fides his credentials.

10:52Ezra chapter four verse 16, this is where Reham and Shimshai and others are writing to the king Darius to put a stop to the building of Judah, to the building of Jerusalem and the temple.

11:08And so they're, they're writing here, we certify the king if this city be built again and the walls thereof set up by this means by.

11:17But if you allow this to happen, you shall have no portion on this side of the river.

11:22So you're thinking of these kingdoms where they, they have sat traps.

11:27So you're, you're a govern, you're allowed to have your country under the Persian Empire, their foreign policy, but you're under the king.

11:36So you're part, you, you, you're, you're part of our empire, you have your own country, but it's under us.

11:41And so what these people are warning the king is, you don't want to do that with these Jews because they're not gonna play ball and eventually they'll revolt against you and they are a very powerful nation or they have been a very powerful nation and they'll take over not just Jerusalem or Judah, they're gonna end up controlling and competing with you and you'll have no portion on this side of the river because it will then all be controlled by Judah.

12:06Then sent the king an answer unto Ram, the chancellor and to Shimshai, the scribe and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria and unto the rest beyond the river.

12:17Peace.

12:18And at such a time, the letter which you send unto us has been plainly read before me and I command it and search has been made.

12:28And it is found that this city of old time has made insurrection against kings.

12:33And that rebellion and sedition has been made there in there have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem which have ruled over all countries beyond the river.

12:43So he's they, they have history.

12:45They see that.

12:46Yeah, this what you've said is true and toll tribute and custom was paid unto them.

12:52Give you now commandment to cause these men to cease and that this city not be built until another commandment shall be given from me.

13:03So you just cause the operation to cease unless I say otherwise or until I say otherwise take heed.

13:11Now that you fail not to do this, why should damage grow to hurt to the hurt of the kings?

13:18So, so so don't do this.

13:20This is King Arch Xerxes actually King Darius is gonna come next.

13:23So this is he, he, he really takes warning and says, and remember when they rebelled against the, well, you see history where they rebel against Babylon and try to side with Egypt and they just say, OK, cause them to stop.

13:41Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes letter was read before Rahe and Shimshai described and their companions, they went up in haste like they wasted no time.

13:51OK?

13:52We got the letter.

13:53so they ran to Jerusalem unto the Jews and caused them to cease by force and power like we've got the upper hand.

14:01Now you need to stop, then ceased the work of the house of God, which is at Jerusalem.

14:08 So remember Cyrus authorized them to go back and to build the house of God and now suddenly it has come to a stop.

14:18 So it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

14:25 So King Artaxerxes stopped it because of the information that he received and it stopped until King Darius and specifically the second year of the reign of Darius, king of Persia.

14:38 So this is where we pick up the scroll of Zechariah or the ministry of Zechariah.

14:44 So verse one in the eighth month in the second year.

14:50 So that's what it said that it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius.

14:56 So now we get specifically when in the second year in the eighth month and the second year of Darius came the word of Jehovah unto Zachariah.

15:06 Zachariah, meaning God has remembered Jehovah, the, the covenant name of God, that personal relationship that he has with his people.

15:15 He's now going to prioritize his covenant relationship with them.

15:19 Came unto Zechariah who is the son of Barak, the son of Ido, the prophet saying, so he's from this prophetic line, but we're also gonna see he's from the priesthood as well.

15:31 Nehemiah, when they had to basically document who really should be in the priesthood here.

15:37 And do you have proof and documentation of your lineage in Nehemiah chapter 12?

15:42 And verse one.

15:43 Now, these are the priests and the levites that went up with Zerubbabel, the son of Shalt and Jeshua.

15:49 So these are the ones that went up with them into Jerusalem.

15:53 Sariah, Jeremiah Ezra Amariah Malo Haus, Shaan Raha Merio Ido.

16:02 So we see here Ido.

16:03 So Ido was a prophet.

16:04 He was also a priest, Gano and Abi.

16:10 And then in verse 12 and in the days of Joachim were priests, the chief of the fathers of Sarah Mariah of Jeremiah Hanani of Ezra Meshal of Amariah Jhon of Melik Jonathan of Shabani Joseph of Harm Adna of Marath Hel of Ido Zachariah.

16:37 So we see very clearly there's a priestly line, even though they're prophets, they're priests.

16:43 And this is important because priests are really well informed on the code of holiness on the Torah, on what's required for the people to be holy in this holy covenant relationship with God.

16:56 So that's what we see then in terms of Zechariah's credentials.

17:02 Now, verse two, he's giving them this message.

17:09 The Lord has been so displeased with your fathers.

17:15 Therefore, say you unto them.

17:17 This is the message of Zechariah and I should mention by the way.

17:20 So what we're gonna be seeing in the first six chapters of Zechariah are eight visions or eight night visions, eight dreams that Zechariah has that are really dreams of hope that are demonstrating to Zechariah without any question or, or concern or doubt that God is now acting on his covenant to prioritize his covenant with his people.

17:47 And this is the the the dual nature of prophecy.

17:52 This is has a local application like right now under the Persian king of Darius, the temple will be restored.

18:00 Excuse me, the people will be restored.

18:03 But when we look into the language, we're also going to be seeing that clearly, it was not fulfilled fully in the time of Zachariah.

18:12 And in fact, that's why we quoted at the feast so often that in fact, these visions are pointing to the millennial reign.

18:21 It's pointing to the future, it's pointing to the ultimate fulfillment of the covenant.

18:26 So we're gonna see that in the first six chapters.

18:29 And then towards the end of the book, we're going to see another two oracles that really drive home the end time nature of these prophecies that Zechariah is seeing.

18:41 So we're gonna cover two of these first eight visions in chapter one.

18:45 So here he's saying to them, so he wants them to know that the reason they're in this predicament has to do with the faithlessness, the the covenant violations of their fathers.

19:00 And so they need to understand this, that the Lord has been displeased with your fathers.

19:05 Now say, now you say to them this generation thus says, the Lord of Hosts turn you unto me, says the Lord of Hosts and I will turn unto you says the Lord of Hosts.

19:17 Now this word turn is the Hebrew word shu.

19:21 So you'll see it here shu and it really means to turn back.

19:26 So you're, you're going one direction and when you shove, it's like repentance.

19:32 you do a U turn you, you, you, you turn around and you go the other direction.

19:36 So you people have been going away from me and I've been going away from you, but you need to return to me and I'll return to you.

19:45 That's what he's telling them.

19:47 He's telling Zachariah to tell them now that should be familiar language to us.

19:52 This is coming right out of the Torah.

19:54 And I think that one of the things I'm hoping as we go through these scrolls and we're gonna go back to Ezekiel.

20:02 And I think as we cover Zechariah, when we go back to Ezekiel beginning in chapter 33 which is extremely positive with a couple of exceptions.

20:11, down all the way to chapter 40 we're going to see this vision that Ezekiel gets of the re the restoration of Judah and of Israel.

20:23 Well, this is the same vision that Zechariah is having yes, many years later, but it's the same God, it's the same vision.

20:29 It's the same covenant.

20:31 So I think Zechariah is going to help us better understand Ezekiel and what we've covered in.

20:36 Ezekiel should help us understand Zechariah.

20:39 It's all one story and, and both of them are helping us understand Moses.

20:45 So so when God is saying here, turn to me so that I can turn to you, that's right out of Moses that that's right out of Deuteronomy.

20:52 It's right out of Leviticus.

20:54 So he says, here don't be like your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried saying thus says, the Lord of host, turn you now from your evil ways.

21:10 That was the purpose of the prophets to turn them and to turn the kings back to the covenant because they were going astray, they were going away from God and these prophets would show up out of God's covenant love to get them to turn back.

21:24 So the former prophets went to your fathers and cried to them, turn you now from your evil ways and from your evil doings, but they didn't listen they did not hear nor hearken unto me.

21:38 Says the Lord, they just ignored, they ignored me, says, God, yeah, I'm speaking through the prophets and they ignored me.

21:44 Now, let's go to Deuteronomy.

21:45 This, this should be our sort of go to scripture.

21:49 I think Deuteronomy 30 you know, there's other places for this, but I, I just like the conciseness of Deuteronomy 30 where, you know, in a matter of six verses, we get the whole story of all the prophets.

22:03 All the prophets are basically repeating Moses and amplifying Moses and adding more texture and color and detail.

22:11 But here in verse two, the beginning of Deuteronomy 30 verse two and you shall return and I should have highlighted this word as well, which is Shu, you shall shoot when you turn to the Lord and shall obey his voice.

22:31 Moses is looking way into the future and he's saying a shove is coming, a return is coming and when that return comes and that return is coming because of the preaching and the warning of from, from the faithful covenant people, the first fruits who understand what God is doing and have not hijacked his word, have not tried to replace his plan, re replace his covenant people with themselves and suddenly make the story all about themselves.

23:01 They understand the word of God and they're preaching it accurately to the covenant people of God.

23:08 And the covenant people recognize because of the way things are going.

23:12 Just today, I got news that Israel has bombed.

23:16 Hezbollah.

23:17 Israel has taken out a leader of Hamas in Iran in Tehran that, you know, some of these are Shiites and Sunnis loving up each other because they hate Israel so much, but they hate each other.

23:30 But this leader of Hamas was in Tehran meeting with the mullahs there.

23:33 And Israel sent a very precise missile that took him out, specifically very targeted and took him out right in the midst of Iran to basically say we know where you are.

23:46 We mean it when we say we're hunting you down and we're going to destroy you.

23:49 And of course, this is just going to escalate the tension in the Middle East.

23:54 This could drag the whole world into World War three.

23:57 And that's not an exaggeration, that's not hyperbole, that's just based on history and prophecy.

24:03 But, you know, in the midst of all of this, so Israel feels very strong now, but Christ made it clear they're going to be alienated, they're going to be isolated, they're going to be weakened and so as strong as they are today, this is not lasting.

24:17 They're, they're, they're having great confidence in their military might.

24:21 But God says that that military might is gonna be taken away from them.

24:25 All nations are going to be against them, they're going to be humiliated, they're going to be scattered.

24:30 History is gonna repeat itself.

24:32 And when it looks like there's no hope somebody is preaching the gospel accurately, somebody is giving them good news and, and, and they are listening and repenting so that when Christ returns, they're going to welcome him and say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

24:51 So there is a return that's coming.

24:53 And when you return to the Lord, your God and obey his voice, according to all that I command you this day and you and your Children with all your heart and with all your soul.

25:03 This is the real repentance.

25:05 This is the real truth.

25:06 This is the real turning that then the Lord, your God will and will, we will put an end to will reverse your slavery.

25:17 So first you turn, then God will turn and have compassion on you and will show will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

25:29 These two verses explain all the prophets with, with maybe one or two exceptions.

25:37 But this is the story and this is the whole history of Israel and Judah.

25:42 This is what the prophets are saying.

25:43 It's right here in these two verses.

25:46 Let's go to Leviticus to see this repeated as well in another part of the Torah in Leviticus 26 and verse 39 and they, that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemy's lands.

26:00 That this is the word of God.

26:03 And so we know this 1948 and th this is not it.

26:07 And these people who are in the promised land today because of their iniquity, they really don't belong there.

26:14 And so they will history will repeat itself and they will be scattered and you will be left to pine away in, in their iniquity, in your enemy's lands and also in the iniquities of their fathers, shall they pine away in them?

26:28 However, it says if they shall confess their iniquity, this is iniquity.

26:35 But they're now driven to a point where they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers with their trespass, which they have trespassed against me.

26:44 And that also they have walked contrary unto me and that I've also walked contrary to them.

26:50 So they have to turn to me and then I'll turn to them.

26:52 But right now they, they walked contrary to me.

26:55 So I'm walking contrary to them.

26:56 This is the covenant relationship and, and, and they have to respond and I've brought them into the land of their enemies.

27:04 If then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity.

27:13 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob Zechariah?

27:19 This is Zechariah.

27:21 This is the remembering of the covenant.

27:24 This is the people coming to their senses, acknowledging their iniquity, repenting and then God acting to remember, but because it wasn't full, then God doesn't fully bring the covenant relationship to the forefront.

27:42 And so that's why Zachariah is dual.

27:45 It's talking about the time of the Persian Empire under Darius.

27:49 But that was just a partial, partial kind of indication of what's possible.

27:54 It's really pointing to the time when Christ returns for the full fulfillment for the full turning and the full remembering.

28:03 But then I was the car.

28:04 So again, if we look at the original Hebrew here, this word remember is Zachar Zachariah.

28:15 That's where we get God has remembered.

28:19 Then I will Zakar, my covenant with Jacob and also my covenant with Isaac and also my covenant with Abraham Will I Zakar and I will Zakar the land.

28:30 So here right from the Torah and then we're going straight into the prophets and then Christ basically repeats the same thing, but somehow we've got it into our minds that none of this matters, that all of this, we can just forget God has remembered, but we want him to forget and we wanna wipe all of this away.

28:54 And in sort of line with traditional Christianity, oh, the Bible is about us.

28:59 It's about being Christian and being a New Testament Christian and just forget all of that Old Testament stuff.

29:06 And basically, what we're saying is God is a liar.

29:10 You know, God forbid that we would say that what we need to do is say no, God said this and he means it and he didn't say it once.

29:17 He said it multiple, multiple times.

29:19 And therefore, he will not back away from it.

29:22 And therefore, we've got to figure out the preaching of the gospel in the context of these great promises that God has made.

29:30 So he says that when they repent, he'll remember when they turn, he'll turn.

29:37 So we come back to Zechariah.

29:39 Then who then tells them like you've got to turn.

29:43 So he says, don't be like your father's unto whom the former prophets have cried.

29:48 Saying thus says, the Lord of hosts, turn you now shove from your evil ways and from your evil doings.

29:56 But they didn't listen, they didn't hear nor hearken unto me.

29:59 Says, the Lord, your fathers, where are they?

30:03 So they didn't listen.

30:04 Where are they?

30:05 Now?

30:05 That's a great question.

30:07 And Ezekiel will actually help us answer this.

30:09 But where are they?

30:10 They're in the grave and the prophets do they live forever?

30:14 So they're there, they're bringing this, this grace and this mercy.

30:18But do they live forever or do they expire?

30:21And so what's, what's the decision you're gonna make when the profits come to you?

30:26So your fathers, where are they?

30:28And the prophets, they live forever.

30:30But my words and my statutes which I commanded my servants, the prophets did they not take hold of your fathers?

30:38So again, through Christ's preaching, we understand the sanctity of God's word, the accuracy of God's word that not a jot nor a tittle will be, will be stricken from God's word.

30:50So these words were spoken to these people and God is saying my word is my word.

30:57And so everything that happened to your Father's happened according to my word.

31:01Therefore, if you, if you turn, if you repent, you can look at my word and you'll know what I'll do.

31:09But my words and my statutes which I commanded my servants, the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers?

31:15Didn't it happen to your fathers?

31:16Exactly as I said, it would.

31:18And then here these are the people that Zechariah is speaking to and they returned, they shoo they're fulfilling what Moses said when you shove God will shove.

31:32So the people that are in Zechariah's earshot his audience, these people in Persia, they repented, they returned and said, like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us according to our ways.

31:48And according to our doer doings, so has he dealt with us?

31:52So they're saying yes, the word of God is true and everything that Moses laid out and the prophets laid out, this is exactly what's happened.

32:02Then we get this vision now.

32:08So this is the relationship.

32:09Now, the people have sh the people have turned.

32:12And so now according to Moses, according to God's original word with Moses, and through all the prophets, now God is going to act, he's going to remember and he's going to prioritize the covenant relationship.

32:25So we're gonna see these visions first too upon the four and 20th day of the 11th month, which is the month sabat.

32:36So it's the, the 11th month of the year in the second year of Darius came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Beriah, the son of Iddo, the prophet saying I saw by night and behold, so he had a, a vision at night, maybe a dream or a vision and behold a man riding upon a red horse.

33:02And, and I was just thinking of the blasphemous Olympics ceremony that they're basically scrubbing from the internet now.

33:12But one of the talk about planning and detail and logistics, every detail in that ceremony.

33:20They meant no accidents, no misinterpretations.

33:25They meant every detail.

33:27And one of the details was this, this pale horse which is a mockery of the word of God.

33:35But here we do see where he saw a man riding upon a red horse and he stood among the Myrtle trees that were in the bottom and behind him, there were red horses speckled and white.

33:52 Then I said, oh my Lord, what are these?

33:55 Yeah, that's what we're wondering.

33:57 What are these?

33:58 And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I'll show you what these are.

34:04 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, these are they whom Jehovah has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

34:15 So he's having this vision that says that God is intimately aware of what's going on on the earth and, and he's getting reports, detailed reports of what's going on and, and this, it's these resources that are reporting back to him and they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the Myrtle trees and said, we have so that's their job to walk to and fruit.

34:42 And now they're reporting, we have walked to and fro through the earth and behold all the earth sits still and is at rest.

34:51 Now, that's Shalom.

34:53 That's what we want to hear when we see all of this chaos in our world to be given this report that God's people have turned and now God is turning to them and the report is finally the whole earth is at rest.

35:11 So all of that chaos that we see bubbling up in the Middle East, it's going to come to an end, the whole earth is at rest.

35:21 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, o Lord of hosts, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah against which you have had indignation these three score years and 10.

35:35 So there's the 70 years that we've seen Ezekiel was counting down yet from his ministry, he was counting 40 more years to get to the 70 that Jeremiah had prophesized.

35:46 And so now this indignation with Jerusalem, the question is like when, when, when does the indignation turn and the Lord answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

36:02 So so there are, there is comfort that is addressed to Jerusalem and Judah of all places.

36:10 After all of this indignation, the angel talked with me good words and comfortable words.

36:15 This is our understanding of the gospel and this is where we see now in second Isaiah, Isaiah 40.

36:21 He says, comfort you, comfort you.

36:24 My people says your God, your God says to comfort my people that there's a comfort that He has comfort.

36:32 He he speaks with words of comfort for his people.

36:36 We need to understand all of this so that we can relay this comfort.

36:41 Comfort you.

36:41 My people speak you comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished.

36:49 There's a shove.

36:51 So once that she takes place, hey, the whole earth is at rest, the millennium is coming that her iniquity is pardoned for.

37:02 She has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

37:05 So Isaiah saw it.

37:07 Ezekiel saw Habakkuk saw all the prophets are seeing what Moses saw.

37:12 And now Zechariah is, is receiving this in a night vision.

37:17 And again, this is all tied to the gospel.

37:19 We, we've the Bible tells one story and we've got to make sure that our preaching conforms to the story of the Bible, to the narrative of the Bible verse 14.

37:30 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, cry saying thus says, the Lord of hosts, I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

37:44 Those are chilling words for the heathen, their words of comfort for Jerusalem.

37:50 In other words, all of the disaster that is taking place and that will take place in Jerusalem.

37:59 And and what happened in just outside of Gaza in on October 7th is just a preview of what's coming to Jerusalem and to the rest of Judah, when God sees all of that, he becomes jealous because Jerusalem is his and it's being taken away.

38:18 And so these are chilling words, all of this celebration that we see among the Palestinians and the Arab world over the fall of Jerusalem.

38:26 God says He's jealous for Jerusalem.

38:28 Chilling words for the gentiles, words of comfort, for Judah, I'm jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

38:38 Let's see this right back to the Torah Deuteronomy 30 verse six.

38:43 And the Lord, your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed to love the Lord, your God with all your heart.

38:49 This is the future, this is the future, this is God's word that these people, these physical people, this seed is going to love our God with all of their heart and with all of their soul because He's their God and they will live, they will have eternal life and the Lord your God, then this is the jealousy that He has over his his city and his, his people, the Lord, your God will put all these curses upon your enemies.

39:21 So this bitterness that Judah has endured and this bitterness that Jerusalem has endured and will endure eventually, when they turn to God, and God turns to them, all of these bitter curses.

39:35 He's going to put on their enemies.

39:38 And that's what it means that He's jealous for Jerusalem.

39:42 The Lord, your God will put all these curses upon your enemies and on them that hate you, which persecuted you and you shall sho you shall return and obey the voice of the Lord and do all his commandments, which I command you this day, which means that somebody has to educate them on what these commandments are so that they can do them the same way Christ came and said, you have heard it said, but I say unto you.

40:05 So you're really taught what these commandments really mean.

40:09 And the Lord, your God will make you plenteous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your land for good.

40:18 This is what Zechariah is going to see.

40:21 This is the abundance of peace that we point to during the feast.

40:26 This is what Moses is seeing and the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as he rejoiced over your fathers.

40:36 Moses lays it down.

40:38 All the other prophets are repeating Moses verse 15, Zechariah one, God is jealous for Jerusalem.

40:51 And then he goes on to say, and I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease.

40:58 So it looks like everything is going their way.

41:01 They're comfortable, they're prosperous, they're happy and God is very angry.

41:07 I have very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease for I was but a little displeased and they helped forward the affliction.

41:16 So in other words, God was angry with His people, but not to the point of forgetting them, not to the point of completely destroying them.

41:26 And so because he was angry with his people, according to the covenant, he allowed the gentiles, he allowed the heathen to punish them.

41:34 But then the heathen just went too far because they're motivated now by the devil and they want to completely eliminate the covenant people.

41:42 And so they're accelerating the affliction.

41:44 They're amplifying the affliction.

41:46 And this makes God very angry because these, this is the apple of his eye, this is the covenant people.

41:53 And and now we're gonna see this play out now in terms of the heath and being at ease.

41:57 When we see in revelation 18, this this future of Babylonian Empire, how much she has glorified herself?

42:05 So she's at ease and lived deliciously.

42:08 So much torment and sorrow give her for, she says, in her heart, I sit a queen and I'm no widow and shall see no sorrow.

42:16 Therefore, shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning and famine and she shall be utterly burned with fire.

42:23 God is very angry with this hor for strong, is the Lord your God who judges her.

42:31 So all of this Zechariah is seeing and we need to beginning in Moses from the beginning just understand these patterns, the pattern of God's word, the paradigms of God's word and, and, and just be able to interpret what is what on the earth is going on here.

42:50 Well, the, the the these horses that are riding up and down and reporting back to God, they understand what on earth is going on and, and God's word enables us to understand what on earth is going on and where is it all leading?

43:03 Most people have no idea.

43:04 It was me with my family earlier this last week, no, this week, earlier this week on Sunday.

43:11 And my sister just, I was quite surprised that she just seemed very aware.

43:16 I just, I said something along the lines of these politicians are provoking civil unrest and she said, yeah, even international unrest.

43:26 And she said, I just, I would like to have a quiet life.

43:28 And so she her eyes are opening.

43:31 So therefore, thus says, the Lord God.

43:33 So people see, but they don't really understand, we need to see, understand and preach and educate.

43:41 Therefore, that says Jehovah, I am returned to Jerusalem because they, they have to show because they return.

43:50 God returns.

43:52 So now God is making it clear, I've returned to Jerusalem with mercies.

43:57 This is God's plan, this is the gospel.

43:59 This is the good news.

44:00 This is the gospel truth.

44:02 This is what, this is what we have to communicate.

44:05 This is what we have to preach and declare that God is returning to Jerusalem and yes, returning physically to, to j the, the city of Jerusalem, but he's returned, his heart has turned to Jerusalem, the people of Jerusalem.

44:21 I'm returned to Jerusalem with Mercies.

44:25 And this is again, we're, we're in the time of the Persian Empire and he says, my house shall be built in it.

44:32 This is to Zechariah to encourage the people, my house shall be built in.

44:36 It says the Lord of Hosts and the line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

44:41 So there's gonna be a full construction project here which again, the duality, this absolutely is for the local time, the immediate time of Zechariah.

44:51 It's also pointing to the future and the time of Christ Ezekiel here in chapter 37 is seeing the same thing.

44:59 And we'll get to these later chapters of Ezekiel, this these gospel chapters of Ezekiel when we return to Ezekiel after the scroll of Zechariah, God willing.

45:08 But here in Ezekiel 37 and verse 21 and say unto them thus says, the Lord God behold, I will take the Children of Israel from among the Heathen, we see this over and over and over and over again.

45:21 Even Christ himself when he returns, he says, I'm gonna send my angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather the elect.

45:29 And somehow we, we either we don't see this, we don't want to preach it.

45:34 But God's word is, is, is solid.

45:39 He speaks, he declares it from the beginning.

45:43 We need to preach this behold.

45:46 I will, this is end time.

45:48 I will take the Children of Israel from among the heathen where they be gone and will gather them from on every side.

45:56 And I'm going to bring them into their own land and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel and one king shall be king.

46:05 This, this is the gospel and one king shall be king to them all and they shall be no more.

46:11 Two nations.

46:12 Neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.

46:17 Neither shall they defile themselves anymore with their idols.

46:20 So we can talk all day about how blasphemous the Jews are, how idolatrous they are.

46:29 how lost Israel is.

46:32 And God is saying I've returned to Jerusalem.

46:35 My my heart is back to them, but something is going to happen between now and then with accurate preaching of the gospel and authoritative preaching of the gospel that is going to create this turning, especially in the context of the future.

46:52The, the w the more the world heats up and, and, and the covenant people are completely alienated and cap taken captive and destroyed and, and denigrated, the more this gospel message has to get out by people who are brave enough to just say God's truth.

47:10And, and what we saw with the opening Olympics on such a global international scene is the devil flexing his muscles and saying, ok, now is the time not to have any respect whatsoever for Christ.

47:23And in the general population is going along with this.

47:27Yes, there are some who are protesting it but not many, relatively speaking.

47:32Let, let them try that with not, not Jesus Christ, the creator of the universe.

47:40Let them try it with Mohammed a man and see what happens to them.

47:44They wouldn't dare, but they'll do it to Christ, the creator of the universe and imagine what they're going to do to Christians.

47:54They are demonstrating that they have the upper hand and now that they have the upper hand, they're going to be vicious.

48:01But despite the viciousness, there's a boldness in preaching the gospel and, and an accuracy and a precision in preaching the gospel that people are gonna be searching the scriptures to see if these things are so and they'll realize this is true.

48:16It really is this way.

48:17And that turning that we see in Zechariah's time, that's the same turning we're going to see before the Lord returns.

48:24Neither shall they defile themselves.

48:26Anymore.

48:27This is the turning.

48:27This is the truth with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions.

48:35But I will save them out of all of, out of all their dwelling places wherein they have sinned and will cleanse them.

48:42This, this is how they shall be my people.

48:47So shall they be my people?

48:49It's like how can these, how could these possibly be God's people?

48:52Look how horrible they are.

48:54No God is saying this is how they're going to be my people.

48:57Yes, they're horrible.

48:58But I'm going to cleanse them.

48:59And that implies acceptance of Jesus Christ.

49:03And this is how they're going to be my people.

49:05And I'm going to be their God.

49:07And we constantly see that through the scriptures right into revelation.

49:11They'll be my people.

49:12I'll be their God.

49:13They'll turn to me, I'll turn to them and David, my servant shall be king over them and they shall have one shepherd.

49:21This is what we're celebrating at the feast.

49:26This is the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle, this is the future.

49:31 This is the world is at rest.

49:33 This is the gospel.

49:35 And we've got to integrate this into our preaching.

49:39 And David, my servant shall be king over them and they shall, they all shall have one shepherd and they shall also walk in my judgment.

49:47 Somebody has educated them and now they understand how to do this.

49:52 They'll walk in my judgments and observe my statutes and do them.

49:55 The first fruits are learning God's judgments and his statutes so that we can teach and administer this so that they can be His people so that they in turn can then teach and administer and they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob, my servant.

50:14 This is what Moses says from the beginning, nothing has changed and even to this day, nothing has changed.

50:24 Jesus Christ came to fulfill all of this.

50:28 How is it that we preach?

50:30 And we don't mention this shame on us if we have forgotten the Old Testament and we just want to hang out in the New Testament, quote unquote.

50:44 And they shall dwell in the land that I've given unto Jacob, my servant wherein your fathers have dwelt that land, the land that your fathers dwelt in.

50:51 That's where you will dwell and they shall dwell there in.

50:54 This is like impossible, but God is doubling down.

50:57 Yeah, it might be impossible with men.

50:59 I'm the one who's going to do this.

51:00 They shall dwell there even they and their Children.

51:03 This is like Ezekiel is our God through Ezekiel is saying, yeah, I know you think it's impossible, but I declared this from the beginning, they shall dwell in the land.

51:15 This is the gospel.

51:16 This is the good news.

51:17 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my, to Jacob, my servant.

51:22 We're in your father's dwell that land and they will dwell there in even them and their Children.

51:30 This is Moses and their children's Children forever.

51:34 This is the gospel.

51:35 This is the good news and my servant David shall be their prince.

51:40 Forever.

51:43 Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them.

51:47 So we're going to resolve this conflict when they turn to me and I turn to them, the whole earth will be at peace and I'm gonna have this covenant of peace with them.

51:56 It shall be an everlasting covenant with them.

52:02 I hope we see this.

52:04 This is the gospel.

52:06 It will be an everlasting covenant with these same people and I will place them and multiply them and I will set my sanctuary, my, my, I will Tabernacle with them.

52:20 I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore, how, how do we get around this?

52:30How do we simply subtract this from the plan and then just make it all about us and say, yeah, well, we just replace them.

52:41God forbid that we should call him a liar.

52:44He's being very, very specific.

52:46I'm gonna make a covenant of peace with them and they're going to dwell in the land that their fathers used to dwell in and they're gonna dwell there and their Children and their grandchildren and I'm gonna multiply them and, and that whole picture of the millennium and the, the abundance of peace during the feast of tabernacles.

53:04They're gonna enjoy all of this and I'm gonna dwell in the middle of them just as you saw from the beginning in Exodus when I Tabernacle with them and I gave them the code of holiness so that they could dwell with me and I could dwell with them.

53:20Well, they're gonna have the code of holiness in their inner being and they're gonna be my people and I'm gonna be their God and I'm gonna dwell in the midst of them forevermore, this is the gospel, my Tabernacle.

53:36This is what the Zechariah is going to be.

53:38Seeing.

53:40Ezekiel saw it as well and these are prophets, but they're also priests and understand what this means to dwell with God and the whole code of holiness to make this possible.

53:51My Tabernacle also shall be with them, with them.

53:57You know, we could say, well, maybe God made a mistake in one verse.

54:01But if He keeps repeating this and if it's something that He said from the very beginning, and it's something that he says to the most of all the prophets, then eventually I think we have to say He means it.

54:12He means what he says, my Tabernacle feast of tabernacles.

54:17What we're celebrating also shall be with them.

54:22Yes, I will be their God and they shall be my people.

54:28And I spoke recently about this tying this to revelation 21 and the heathen shall know that I, the Lord do sanctify Israel.

54:40So this conflict is finally going to come to resolution.

54:45And Israel will know that I'm their God and the heathen will know that I'm Israel's God forever when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore, in the midst of who in the midst of them forevermore.

55:01So this is what Zechariah is seeing.

55:03It's the same thing as Eki saw previously cry yet saying verse 17 Zechariah one thus says, the Lord of hosts my cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad.

55:19So they're gonna be famous.

55:21All of these cities of Judah and Israel are gonna be famous.

55:25Their influence will be famous right now.

55:27We have the influence of Babylon that's famous.

55:29We then we saw the Olympics.

55:31We're supposed to be celebrating the best of athletic prowess, but Paris is famous and this whole Babylonian system is famous and all over the world, everybody is passing themselves after Babylon, all the cities, all the rulers.

55:48 But this is a time when Jerusalem will be famous and the cities of Judah and the cities of Israel will be famous and the superstars will be holy people and the whole world will be pattering themselves after holiness and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem as impossible as this sounds.

56:13 We have to be visionaries, we have to be people, we have to be people like Zachariah who have this vision who can see that which is not yet as though it is already that it's fully established and we can preach with that kind of confidence because we know it's the word of God and, and God never backs away from his word in Amos again.

56:35 Just we see this in the different prophets listen to Amos nine verse 12 that they may possess that his people.

56:42 Israel, the remnant of Edom.

56:44 God is gonna take it away from Edom and give it to Israel and all of the heathen.

56:51 They all the heathen will know that they were just basically collecting this wealth so that they could give it to Israel that they may possess the remnant of Edom.

57:00 And of all the heathen which are called by my name says the Lord that does this behold.

57:07 The days come, says the Lord.

57:09 And this is again one of these verses that we will quote as we envision the millennium and the abundance of peace.

57:17 Behold the days come says the Lord that the plowman shall overtake the Reaper and the treasure of grapes.

57:24 Him that sows seed and the mountain shall drop sweet wine and all the hills shall melt.

57:30 Well, when I first learned this verse during it was during a feast decades ago to me, I just applied it.

57:39 Generally speaking, there's gonna be this great abundance all over the world and the plowman will overtake the Reaper.

57:46 Now, with a closer study of the text, this is speaking specifically of the covenant people that the covenant people are going to be put back in their own land, the land of their fathers and that land is going to be incredibly prosperous.

58:01 And after all of this suffering that they've been through, they're now going to have the abundance of peace and the plowman that's an Israelite shall overtake the Reaper, which is an Israelite.

58:14 The treader of grapes is an Israelite will overtake him that sows seed, which is an Israelite and the mountains.

58:20 These are the mountains of Israel shall drop sweet wine and all the hills shall melt this.

58:26 This is all talking about the promised land and the covenant people and I will end or I will bring again, I will return.

58:34 I will shove the slavery, the captivity of my people of Israel.

58:39 I'm going, I'm going to do this and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof.

58:49 This is not generally speaking mankind overall, everybody is gonna be happy.

58:55 This is speaking specifically of God, remembering his covenant and everything that he promised through.

59:01 Moses.

59:02 He's now acting in the affairs of man to bring it to pass.

59:08 They shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof.
59:10 Nobody's going to rob them, humiliate them, murder them, destroy them.
59:16 All of that is history.
59:19 Now they just dwell in covenant peace.
59:22 They shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.
59:26 Whereas the curse was, you'll plant gardens will be taken away from your enemies, taken away from you by your enemies.
59:31 Verse 18, back to Zechariah one.
59:35 Then I lifted up my eyes.
59:38 So now he's having this.
59:39 So that was the first vision was the the horseman.
59:42 Now his second vision, then I lifted up my eyes and I saw behold, four horns.
59:48 This is really strange dream or vision I'm having, I saw four horns and it was strange.
59:54 So I said to the angel that talked with me, what are these, what are these horns I'm seeing?
1:00:00 And he answered me, these are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.
1:00:08 So we know there are like four beasts that Daniel saw.
1:00:11 But he's basically saying these are the gentile powers that have done the scattering that the these people have broken the covenant, the covenant curses for them to be scattered while God doesn't come down personally to earth to scatter them.
1:00:25 He uses their enemies.
1:00:27 And so these are the horns sort of symbolically of the four corners of the earth.
1:00:32 These are the four horns that have scattered God's covenant people throughout the earth.
1:00:36 That's what you're seeing.
1:00:38 Zechariah.
1:00:39 Now listen to Jeremiah in lamentations.
1:00:43 Two verse 17, the Lord has done that which he had devised that which he spoke of in the covenant.
1:00:52 He has fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old.
1:00:57 That's why Zachariah says your fathers didn't listen and where are they now they, they got the full brunt of the covenant curses.
1:01:08 The Lord has done that which he has devised.
1:01:10 He has fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old.
1:01:15 He has thrown down and has not pitied and you brought that on yourselves and he has caused your enemy to rejoice over you.
1:01:24 He has set up the horn of your adversaries.
1:01:29 So the horn really demonstrates the victory and the strength of government.
1:01:33 Well, you guys were supposed to be the government of the earth.
1:01:37 You violated the covenant.
1:01:38 And so God himself set up the horn.
1:01:41 So when you look at Assyria and Babylon and, and what these nations of Persia, Gree Greco Roman, when we look at what these nations have done, you did it to yourself.
1:01:54 God told you this would be the consequence.
1:01:56 And so God is moving in history to bring about the covenant curses.

1:02:01 But then he remembers the the ultimate promise of the covenant to the fathers and says He moves in history again to remember and to prioritize the bringing about of the covenant blessings in Psalm 75 and verse 10, all the horns of the wicked also will I cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

1:02:23 So there's a plan here and we need to be as much as the craziness that's going on around us.

1:02:28 We need to understand there's a plan.

1:02:30 Now, look at Jeremiah 48 verse 25 the horn of Moab.

1:02:37 These are today, these are Muslim nations, the horn of Moab is cut off and his arm is broken.

1:02:44 Says the Lord.

1:02:45 So this is a very, very symbolic dream where God wants to bring Zechariah into the understanding that these gentile powers are not forever and that he's now acting to bring them down and to bring Jerusalem to remember Jerusalem, Judah and Israel Zechariah one and verse 20.

1:03:04 And the Lord showed me four carpenters.

1:03:06 So this is still part of this, this vision of the four horns.

1:03:09 So this, this is the second vision of the four horns.

1:03:12 And so now God shows me four carpenters then said, I, what, what are these carpenters?

1:03:18 What have they come to do?

1:03:21 And he spoke saying these are the horns which have scattered Judah so that no man did lift up his head.

1:03:27 So they completely humiliated Judah.

1:03:30 That's what the horns did.

1:03:32 But these carpenters, but these have come to fray them to cast out the horns of the gentiles which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

1:03:45 So that's these are the two visions that Zechariah meaning God has remembered his covenant as the people come to repentance and they return to God.

1:04:01 God now returns to them and Zechariah is there to encourage them that yes, Jerusalem, God has not forgotten Jerusalem.

1:04:09 He's remembered Jerusalem and Jerusalem will be built.

1:04:13 And as we see that ultimately, they don't come through fully with their repentance.

1:04:21 And so we're in the situation we're in today, but the word of the Lord is the word of the Lord and Christ came so that all of these prophecies could be fulfilled fully.

1:04:34 And so as we sell, as we get ready to celebrate the feast, that's what we're pointing to the very visions that Zechariah had will be fulfilled when Christ returns.

1:04:46 So that is our introduction to Zechariah.

1:04:49 So we've covered chapter one, I'll check the chat to see if there is anything that I need to respond to.

1:04:59 But I will remind you and, and encourage you to join us as most of you usually do for our Sabbath service.

1:05:08 If you're new here, not only do we do the Bible studies on Wednesday, but on Sabbath, every Saturday, at 130 Eastern time, we have our holy service, our Sabbath service and then at 5

p.m. every Saturday, we have our podcast which is called Keeping Watch and really observes and keeps abreast of world affairs through a scriptural lens.

1:05:35 So God willing, I'll be speaking this Sabbath and hopefully you can join us.

1:05:39 Let me just pop over to the chat and just see if there's anything that I have to respond to sister Griselda.

1:05:47 Nice to see you.

1:05:48 I see you had some trouble.

1:05:49 Hopefully you can catch the archive and Yoka from Kingsville.

1:06:00 Greetings and I said last time that I hadn't seen Yula before, but then Pastor Murray reminded me of Yoka.

1:06:08 Nice to see your brother and, brother Nate.

1:06:10 Yes.

1:06:11 God operates where impossible is.

1:06:15 That's exactly right.

1:06:16 Interesting.

1:06:17 That Christ was a carpenter before beginning his ministry.

1:06:20 That is very interesting.

1:06:22 I hadn't made that connection.

1:06:23 Pastor Murray.

1:06:24, thank you so much.

1:06:26 Yeah, there's a lot here.

1:06:28 We just need to be students of the word of God.

1:06:31 You know, here a little there a little but, but reading in context and I think we can get, we can get into trouble if we just solely rely on here a little there a little and never read the word in context.

1:06:44 So that's what these lineup online studies are designed to do to give us that opportunity to read a scroll in its proper context so that we're able to look at a verse but understand the context of the verse.

1:06:57 We're looking at God bless you all.

1:06:59 Thank you so much for joining us brethren.

1:07:01 God be praised.

1:07:02 He is our King, Jesus is our savior and we look forward to you God willing joining us on Sabbath.

1:07:09 God bless.

1:07:09 Have a great rest of the week.

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