

38-Zechariah-07-08-Transcript

1:14 Well, greetings everybody and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study where together we search the scriptures line upon line.

1:22 God willing this evening, we are going to cover both chapter seven and chapter eight of Zechariah.

1:30 Unfortunately, we won't have pastor Murray with us today.

1:34 He's traveling out east and visiting his family there.

1:38 And so I'm gonna have to rely on you to tell me if I'm coming through loudly and clearly, he's usually very quick to let me know if the audio and video are coming through clearly.

1:48 So I'm going to say an opening prayer and then I'm going to look and check in the chat to ensure that in fact, I am coming through clearly our heavenly father or Great God Almighty.

2:03 What a privilege it is for us to call you father, for us to call Jesus Christ, our elder brother, for us to have each other as brethren and to have your scriptures.

2:14 And thank you God for putting it upon our hearts that we will search these ancient scrolls.

2:21 We will search out the wisdom in these scrolls and the understanding and the prophecy and that we unlike the world can actually be enlightened as to what your will is on the earth.

2:34 And we certainly pray father for your will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

2:39 We praise you father.

2:40 We thank you so much.

2:41 We thank you so much for Jesus Christ.

2:43 We thank you for your holy spirit and we pray father that you will through your holy spirit, help us to deepen our understanding of your word and deepen our faith.

2:54 We pray in Jesus' most holy name.

2:56 Amen.

2:57 All right, let me,, just quickly, I realize there is a delay as well, but let me quickly check and see.

3:04 Good sound and video.

3:06 Thank you Mr Palmatier replacing or, or fitting filling in for Pastor Murray and I can see that Rick four is here, Carletta Ellison, Peps Square, Dave and Deb Donna Banta Rosebud.

3:20 Of course, in Piter Jeff Lane, Carlotta Ellison that the crusty Ramin cha jaws Bruce Ellis.

3:32 Let's see who else is here, Judy and Chuck Reeves.

3:34 Very nice, Siegfried.

3:37 And hopefully, I didn't miss anybody.

3:39 It's hard to just, just when I'm under stress I don't read.

3:42 Well, so, hopefully I said hello to everybody and welcome the rest of you to,, haven't checked in, but we know that you are here.

3:50 Let's get into the subject for tonight, which is Zechariah seven and eight.

3:57 And so let me go ahead and share my screen and then we can look at the scripture for this evening, Zechariah chapter seven and beginning in verse one.

4:13 And so we, we've been through the eight night visions that Zechariah had to really help him to encourage the people, the returning exiles that God is with them and, and, and he will, despite what they've been through, he will restore the temple and worship system and, and their status on the earth.

4:36 And so we've come through those eight visions and now it's almost like a restart.

4:43 Now in chapter seven, we're gonna do a bit of root cause analysis.

4:47 So the people are discouraged.

4:49 Well, well, what led to this in the first place?

4:51 So let's begin in verse one of chapter seven and it came to pass in the fourth year of King Darius.

4:59 Or you'll remember in chapter one when we started, that was in the second year of King Darius.

5:05 So two years have passed.

5:06 We're now in the fourth year of King Darius that the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Kisu.

5:16 And, and Kisu is basically the, the, the ninth month, Hebrew month, but it's got a foreign name there.

5:23 It would be like if people were writing about us today as the covenant community and this happened on, on from Sunday to Thursday.

5:35 So the day of the sun to the day of Thor and then we have a moon day in between.

5:40 Like why are we using these terms?

5:41 Well, because that's the language and so clearly, they are out of their element.

5:45 They've lost control.

5:47 They're, they're no longer the, the pre eminent force on the earth using their language.

5:52 They're subjected to the language of foreigners when they had sent unto the house of God ser and Rege Melek and their men to pray before the Lord.

6:07 So this is sort of happening simultaneously.

6:10 The people are sending these men to pray before the Lord.

6:13 And while they're sending the men to pray before the Lord, the word of the Lord is coming to Zechariah.

6:19 And so they sent these men to pray before the Lord and to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the Lord of hosts and to the prophets saying, should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself as I have done these so many years.

6:36 So this is a Shatzer again, a pagan Babylonian name.

6:41 but he's obviously a Jewish man.

6:43 He's obviously part of the covenant community.

6:46 And these, all these men are part of the covenant community and they're going to pray before the Lord and, and to speak to the priests and also to the prophets, the priests and the prophets.

6:56 And they're wondering should they weep in the fifth month, separating them, separating myself as I have done these so many years, it's like this is exhausting.

7:08 We have been praying.

7:09 We've been fasting.

7:11 We've been observing the fifth month, all these years, maybe this guy's entire life all these years.

7:18 And, and these, these so many years are really the 70 years that they were in captivity.

7:25 And, and, and so that, that captivity, if you see here is second kings 25 and verse eight, it actually began in the fifth month.

7:34 And so that was a marker for them to commemorate to, to pray for God's mercy.

7:38 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the 19th year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came, Neur Neu Zadan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon.

7:51 He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month and he burned the house of the lord and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem and every great man's house burned he with fire.

8:02 So here's this, this jewel of a capital city and the temple and all the the beauty of God is there.

8:09 And in the fifth month came this captain of the guard and just destroyed everything.

8:14 And so that was they were Commemorating that, that fifth month, really pleading for God's mercy to remember them.

8:22 Then came the so while that's happening, then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me.

8:26 Zachariah saying we're gonna do some root cause analysis here.

8:30 You know what's going on.

8:32 We've been weeping these so many years, we've been fasting.

8:34 We've been separating ourselves.

8:36 We've been looking for God's mercy, speak unto all the people of the land and to the priests saying when you fasted and mourned in the fifth.

8:46 And now he mentions also the seventh month, even though 70 years, did you at all fast unto me?

8:54 Even to me, like, what was that?

8:58 So yeah, you've been engaged in this fasting ritual for these so many years.

9:04 But was it really to me?

9:05 And now he mentions the seventh month, let's go back to 1725.

9:09 And this time, verse 25 to see why were they fasting in the seventh month?

9:13 But it came to pass in the seventh month that Ishmael, the son of Nathania and the son of Eli Shama of the seed royal came and 10 men with him and smote Galli that he died and the Jews and the kiss that were with him at mis pa.

9:33 So this is their, their governor and he was killed in the seventh month, their first governor and all the people both small and great and the captains of the armies arose and basically fled to Egypt for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

9:50 So they had commemorated the fifth month.

9:53 And because of this incident, they were also Commemorating the seventh month.

9:56 And then God is asking, well, when you were fasting all these years, these 70 years look into your heart and wasn't really to me.

10:08 So that's when you were fasting and when you did eat and when you did drink, didn't you eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?

10:16 So you were fasting for yourselves.

10:18 You were eating for yourselves and there was no genuine relationship with me.

10:23 And now you're complaining about what happened.

10:26 Should you not hear the words?

10:29 Which the Lord had cried by the former prophets?

10:33 So, so they've had the prophets come to them, they've had, had come to them.

10:38 They've heard the voice of God.

10:41 Did they respond?

10:43 Shouldn't you hear the words of the Lord that has cried by the former prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity and the cities thereof round about her where men inhabited the south and the plains.

10:55 So now he's going back to the time when Jerusalem was doing really well and it was prosperous and, and the prophets were warning but he didn't listen to them and the word of the Lord came to Zechariah saying, thus speaketh the Lord of ho saying this, this is what you need to do.

11:14 So you want a relationship with me?

11:17 You want my protective custody.

11:19 This is what you need to do.

11:21 Thus speaks the Lord of hose saying, execute true judgment and show mercy and compassion, every man to his brother.

11:32 This this is what you need to do.

11:34 If you want to get my attention.

11:37 It's not fasting selfishly and eating selfishly and just living in your own world and expecting me to have to bend to your will and your desires.

11:46 It's to actually implement the Torah and, and, and do right, do justice that.

11:53 That's what God is.

11:54 That's what God is expecting from you.

11:55 So execute judgment, execute true judgment and show mercy and compassion, every man to his brother and don't oppress the widow nor the fatherless.

12:05 Don't, don't take advantage of people who are vulnerable, the stranger nor the poor and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

12:15 So you're fasting, you're praying, you're having these festivals and eating and, and at the same time, you have evil intentions and evil works and you, and you're claiming to fasten me, you want me to respond to you.

12:29 He says this is what you should do, but here's what you did, but they refused to listen and they pulled away the shoulder.

12:36 You know, when a child pulled away the shoulder and they don't want to listen, they pulled away the shoulder and stopped their ears that they should not hear that.

12:44 That's how they responded to the prophets, which is to the word of God.

12:49 Yes.

12:50 They made their hearts as an adamant stone as, as hard as stone.

12:55 That's what they did while, while they're going through these rituals and claiming to have a relationship with me, their hearts were as hard as an adamant stone.

13:05 Lest they should hear the law or the Torah and the words which the Lord of hosts has sent in his spirit by the former prophets, therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hope.

13:20 So this is root cause analysis.

13:21 You're you're wondering why you're in this predicament and, and how much longer it's gonna go on and, and how you have wet and prayed and fasted, but the Lord hasn't responded.

13:33 Let's do some root cause analysis.

13:35 Let's let's go below beyond, let's go be be below the surface and see what is really going on here.

13:42 And, and this is, this is your attitude to the prophets which is revealing your attitude towards God, but you're still going through the rituals and expecting him to respond.

13:51 That's why the wrath of God came to you in the manifestation of Nebuchadnezzar of the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans.

14:02 That's why this happened.

14:04 And it just brings to mind Habakkuk who's observing all of this evil and wondering God, why don't you do something?

14:13 And God says I am doing something.

14:15 You're just looking in the wrong place.

14:17 You need to look to the Chaldeans, this bitter and hasty nation.

14:20 That's what I'm doing.

14:22 And this is, this is why this great wrath came specifically from the Lord of hosts.

14:28 Therefore, it has come to pass that as he cried, as God cried and they wouldn't hear.

14:38 So they cried and I won't hear because this is the relationship you set this up, you pulled the shoulder, you turned your back on me.

14:45 So I turned my back on you.

14:47 When I cried to you, you wouldn't listen.

14:49 So now you're crying to me, why should I listen?

14:52 This is the root cause analysis and you're coming to ask, should you continue to fast and pray?

14:57 Therefore, it, it came to pass that as I God cried and they wouldn't hear.

15:03 So they cried and I would not hear says the Lord of hosts.

15:07 But instead, instead of hearing what did I do?

15:10 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among the nations whom they knew not.

15:17 These foreign nations just came in and just scattered them.

15:21 But God was God was the power behind it.

15:24 He was orchestrating it.

15:26 And that's why the land was desolate after them that no man passed through nor returned for, they laid the pleasant land desolate this, this is the root cause this is what happened.

15:39 And so that is Zechariah chapter seven, which was, as I say, a bit of root cause analysis while they're wondering what happened, why, why isn't God hearing us?

15:50 How much more fasting and praying should we be doing?

15:52 Let's just deal with reality.

15:55 So stop, stop changing the narrative, stop rewriting history.

15:59 This is what actually happened.

16:01 Now we come to Zechariah eight to really see the mind and the heart of Jehovah, the Lord of hosts.

16:11 So again, the word of the Lord of Hosts came to me say it and and this host is the army.

16:22 He's a he's a, he's a god of war.

16:25 And this is, this is the root of the salvation.

16:27 He has to put down the enemies.

16:29 So this is Jehovah Zavor, the Lord of Hosts.

16:33 Again, the word of the Lord of Hosts came to me.

16:35 This is Zechariah speaking saying thus says the Lord of Hosts, I was jealous with great jealousy for her with great fury.

16:47 So while all of this is happening, and the people are being destroyed and scattered and humiliated and degraded.

16:53 The feeling that God has about this is he's furious and he's jealous for Zion.

17:00 And this word jealous, we look at this word jealous.

17:05 It's the Hebrew word Kana.

17:08 The root of this is the word Ka or K Kana and it is to be zealous.

17:15 So we translated jealous AAA word, a better word.

17:20 Jealous is good.

17:21 But I think we'd better if we said jealous, zealous or zealous with jealousy.

17:25 So something is happening to his special people and and he experiences a deep jealousy about this.

17:35 This is his special bride.

17:39 And so the the feeling he has for her, it just how dare these other powers take advantage of his bride this way.

17:47 And so because of the jealousy, he is zealous to restore Zion.

17:53 So just this Kana we have to think of in terms of jealous with zeal to make, right?

18:02 So he says I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy.

18:07 This is I was jealous with great jealousy and I was jealous with great fury.

18:14 So this is if you wanna know how God feels about things and what's important to Him don't read over verse two.

18:21 And, and please, can we stop making up a narrative, a a salvation narrative that excludes the very people that God is jealous about with great zeal and great fury.

18:37 This is, this is not a superficial feeling, this is very deep.

18:42 How dare us have the audacity to ignore this and say, yeah, God, I know that you told us this is how you feel.

18:49 But let's just put that aside because we're here now and clearly it's all about us and you feel so strongly about us because we're your first fruits.

18:59 So let's just kick these people to the curb and let's make this all about us.

19:05 God's feelings are not so trivial, superficial fleeting, especially when he puts it in writing and communicates it through his prophets.

19:15 So when these people are scattered and oppressed and degraded and humiliated, God feels that he, he feels the pain of that, you know, would appreciate you saying a prayer for my wife.

19:32 She had a small accident on Sunday and we end up spending the day seven hours in emergency in the hospital.

19:43 boy, I didn't know Canada was such a third world country with such third world level services.

19:51 But I'll tell you when I heard my wife screaming, in pain.

19:56 Boy, did I move?

19:59 Did I ever move?

20:00 I didn't, I wasn't, I didn't realize I could move that fast and that intensely, but my wife was clearly in distress and so she just had a bit of damage on the tip of her finger.

20:10I appreciate your prayers that they're, they're saying that it should grow back and then it should be fully restored.

20:16But it was a bit of a nasty accident.

20:19And, and I, I could say that I, I was moved with zeal to look after her and, and, and God has a zeal who are we to say?

20:30Yeah, but yeah, but it's not real.

20:33We can ignore that.

20:34That's Old Testament.

20:36We need to be careful.

20:39So he says he's jealous for Zion with great jealousy and with great fury.

20:50This is deep.

20:50This is, this is touching.

20:52Now, if you wanna know what's important to God, here it is.

20:55And this is rooted in the Torah.

20:59And I'm only gonna quote two verses here from Deuteronomy 30.

21:02We need to repeat and repeat and repeat.

21:05What's the saying that repetition is the mother of a pedagogy.

21:10Repetition is the mother of teaching.

21:12And so sometimes we hear something once we still kind of hear it but don't hear it.

21:16The second time we hear it is, oh, I didn't, I've never heard that before, but we, we actually have, by the time we've heard it 345678 times.

21:23It's like, oh, now I get it.

21:27This is everywhere in the prophets.

21:29And this is the, the foundational prophecy that I've been pointing out for years that Deuteronomy 30 in verse three, that after you've gone, you've had the blessings.

21:40But when you're scattered and you experience the, the curses of Deuteronomy, the curses of the Torah and you repent that that's when the Lord, your God will end your slavery and you're scattering and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

22:02So clearly, God has an intention for these people that goes beyond their slavery that goes beyond their degradation.

22:10Yes, they will be degraded.

22:13But before that even happened through Moses, God made it clear that I have a vision for these people beyond the, beyond the degradation.

22:21I have a vision for these people beyond the humility.

22:24Who are we to write this off and to ignore it.

22:28The Lord that, that, that's the time when you finally repent.

22:31The Lord, your God will end your captivity and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

22:42So there's a purpose that He has for these people and he has not let go of that purpose.

22:46Listen to Isaiah Isaiah 14 and verse three and it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow and from your fear and from the hard bondage wherein you were made to serve.

23:01So this day is coming there, there, there's a rest for these people.

23:04 Listen to Ezekiel 39 and verse 25.

23:09 Therefore, thus says, the Lord, now will I end the captivity of Jacob?

23:14 And I'll have mercy upon the whole house of Israel and I will be jealous or zealous for my holy name.

23:23 This, this we we have to get this.

23:26 It's, it's because of his holy name that the first fruits are persecuted and some of us put to death in the end time.

23:35 It's because of our understanding of his name and how that ties into his plan of salvation.

23:41 And he's telling us very clearly here that his name is upon these people and and therefore he's going to act and be and act with zeal because his name is upon them.

23:55 We can't dismiss this.

24:02 Let me just confirm this word that's pronounced jealous.

24:07 Here is Kana.

24:09 It's the same zeal.

24:11 That's, that's born of jealousy.

24:14 He says here of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end.

24:21 This is the future, this is what's in the future upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even forever.

24:35 This is a forever vision.

24:36 And then he says, the zeal and then this is tied to it, the, the canal, jealousy or envy or with zeal.

24:46 This is the same root word, the same comes from the same root.

24:51 So when we read that the zeal of the Lord will host, will perform this.

24:55 What does that mean?

24:57 Unless we tie it to the Lord of hosts, declaring his zeal to Zechariah, to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, to Jeremiah to all the prophets.

25:07 This is, this is his focus, this is his zeal.

25:11 We need to figure out how we preach the gospel in a way that aligns itself with the zeal of the Lord of Hosts.

25:20 And that's where our power comes from because behind our words is the zeal of the Lord of hosts.

25:26 We're not just making stuff up and God is thinking, what are they talking about?

25:30 We're saying the words of God and God is backing us up with power because of the truth of what we are preaching.

25:40 Thus says back to Zechariah eight and verse three.

25:44 Now thus says the Lord Jehovah, I have returned unto Zion.

25:50 So he, he tells them in chapter seven, this is why this is why you were destroyed.

25:57 And now in chapter eight, he tells us he's returned to, it was never his intention.

26:01 We saw that from Moses.

26:03 It was never his intention to completely do away with these people.

26:06 There's no replacement theology here.

26:09 It was all it was his intention to use their enemies to drive them to repentance so that he can elevate them and this, this, this will this passion, this zeal, this purpose has never changed.

26:25 Now, he's bringing in gentiles, but the purpose hasn't changed.

26:28 Paul.

26:28 Paul tells us you gentiles are brought in to provoke them to jealousy, for them to, for them to be listening to you gentiles and saying, how is it that they understand this so much better than we do?

26:39 How is it that they're following the Torah so much better than we are?

26:44 Thus says, the Lord I've returned unto Zion and I will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth.

26:53 Now, this is amazing.

26:54 Verse three is amazing because Satan as powerful as Satan is and his hordes, they have an agenda to completely obliterate Jerusalem to completely destroy Jerusalem, to completely destroy the people of God, the physical people of God, the, the physical covenant community, this is the agenda of, of the devil.

27:14 And he's gonna use deception to do this and it's gonna look like He, he absolutely is guaranteed success.

27:21 But despite all appearances to the contrary, God says, I, I, I, I am gonna dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, right in the middle of Jerusalem.

27:31 That's where I'm gonna dwell.

27:32 And this city that Satan is trying to destroy and, and, and his, his hordes, his demonic hosts are trying to pollute and obliterate.

27:43 It's going to be called a city of truth.

27:46 Everyone all over the world is going to understand truth comes out of Jerusalem and it is going to set the world, right?

27:54 And the mountain of the Lord of hosts will be called the holy mountain to differentiate it from all the other mountains.

28:01 Thus says the Lord of Hosts.

28:03 And again, this is like amazing this, we have to read through the lens of October 7 2023 almost coming up to a year.

28:15 Now when that happened, I said at the time, this is the preview of what's coming and the Jews no doubt have suffered for millennia.

28:25 And and, and Christ said he came to not to obliterate, not to do away with the profits, but to fulfill, to filter the full, the prophet.

28:36 So these things, these prophecies have been going in cycles, but they've been intensifying and since Christ came now, they can be intensified to the full, the, the, the the great tribulation will be the greatest that, that any nation has ever experienced because now everything can be fulfilled to the full, including the gospel, including the good news.

28:56 And this is amazing that as we look through the lens of October 7th and see how horrific, how demonic, how satanic human beings can be and how evil their imaginations can be and how they can take joy in depravity against the covenant people through that lens.

29:20 We read verse four that despite what we see with our eyes.

29:25 The Lord of Hosts declares that there shall yet.

29:28 Old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem.

29:34 Meaning if you're a Jew, when Christ is on earth, nobody's gonna trouble you, you're gonna have a long, healthy, satisfying, fulfilling life with no enemies that can touch you and you will grow into a ripe old age in peace.

29:52 Despite the global hatred, all nations hating these people, all nations agreeing together to destroy these people and marshal all of their power to destroy these people.

30:03 God says, old men and old women will dwell safely in the streets of Jerusalem.

30:11 In fact, every man will have his staff in his hand because he's so old.

30:19 It's like when the, when I think it was the pharaoh who met with Jacob, when, when Jacob came to Egypt to be with his son Joseph and far was shocked.

30:36 Fur was like, how old are you?

30:40 It's like I've never seen anybody that I've never seen a human being this old before.

30:46 How, how old are you?

30:48 It's gonna be like that.

30:50 It's like these people are so old that they need a, they need a cane to get around and yet as weak and as vulnerable as they may be, no one's gonna touch them because the Lord of hosts is in the midst of Jerusalem.

31:05 And these are his people that he's restoring.

31:08 He says, and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

31:18 And again, you think of these demonic tools of the devil, these demonic puppets of the devil, these what do they call them?

31:27 N P CS, non player characters.

31:30 They have no thinking of their own.

31:32 They're just programmed to do destruction to anybody who's a Jew Christ in Matthew 24 says woe unto them who are with child.

31:45 If you're pregnant and you've got to escape these, these, these demons woe to you.

31:51 You're just not going to be able to move fast enough to get away from them.

31:54 And if you're, if you're breastfeeding and you're vulnerable, they, they, they have no, they are demonizing the Jews so that they can be justified in slaughtering boys and girls, slaughtering pregnant women, slaughtering infants who are being breastfed.

32:12 They are justified and they feel they are justified in doing this because of the revelation from the satanic text called the Quran.

32:21 They feel like, yeah, this is what God wants us to do.

32:23 He, he, he blesses us for doing this in this upside down world.

32:28 And yet God says when I return, you're gonna have boys and girls, Jewish boys and Jewish girls playing in the streets of Jerusalem in complete safety.

32:40 No one is gonna touch them.

32:42 This is, this is the zeal of the Lord.

32:45 This he he has a jealousy for Zion and, and a and a raft against the enemies.

32:51 And he's going to do this with great zeal, the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

32:57 He says, thus says, the Lord of Hosts, if it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnants of this people in these days, they're gonna be blown away.

33:08 Should it also be marvelous in my eyes?

33:10 Says the Lord of Hosts, it's like you Jews are gonna be blown away by what I do.

33:16But this is, this is what I plan to do from the beginning.

33:19So it might be marvelous to you.

33:20It might be incredible to you.

33:21It's exactly what I plan to do from the beginning.

33:24Thus says, the Lord of hosts, behold, listen brethren, listen to this, listen to God in his zeal in the in the depth of his emotion, from the depth of his heart.

33:39He says, thus says the Lord of Hosts and this is not just the thus says the Lord of hosts in casual conversation one day, you know, he was in the bar talking to a fellow Jew and they just said, you know, this is what I'm gonna do.

33:52This is the Lord of armies, speaking from a place of deep passion, looking at the the humiliation and the degradation of his people and feeling great fury and jealousy over this and from a very deep place of emotion, he says, behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country.

34:18And I will bring them and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem with me.

34:24I'm going to be in the midst of Jerusalem and I'm gonna gather them from the east, from the west, from the north, from the south, from the four corners of the earth.

34:32And they're gonna dwell with me safely.

34:34This is what God says with his greatest of passion, with his zeal, the Lord of the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this and listen and they shall be my people.

34:46They, these people who I'm rescuing, who have been degraded, who who broke Torah and therefore Torah broke them.

34:53But from, from the beginning in the Torah, I never said I'm going to abandon them.

34:58In fact, I said I'm going to restore them, but it's gonna be painful.

35:03So I'm going to bring them and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem and they shall be my people.

35:10This is like, really, they're your enemies today.

35:13They hate you.

35:14They, they participated in the crucifixion of your son.

35:17God says they shall be my people and I, I will be their God in truth and in righteousness.

35:25So the very thing that Moses saw down the line, it's going to come to pass.

35:30And I gave a, a sermon not that long ago called the Spirit of Prophecy.

35:35And I talked about this in revelation where God says they shall be my people and I'll be their God.

35:43And we usually just take revelation out of the context of the rest of the Bible.

35:48But in the context of the rest of the Bible, it's very clear he's speaking of a specific people and yes many gentiles have been grafted into this community.

35:58But listen, this, let's go back to the Torah Leviticus 26 and verse 12, the whole intention of this holiness code that God gave to them was so that He said, I will walk among you.

36:12Yeah, you human beings, the creator of the whole universe.

36:16If you follow this holiness code, I will walk among you and I will be your God and you shall be my people.

36:24That's the plan that God has chosen.

36:26It's God's universe, it's God's creation.

36:29He's chosen these people to be His people and He wants to be their God.

36:34 And in that model relationship, he wants the rest of the world to come to relationship with Him.

36:39 But it will be through this model relationship, this, this kingdom of priests whom he selected and he's never replaced.

36:45 There's, there's nothing in His word that says yeah, I changed my mind.

36:50 I'm gonna go with the Arabs now, Jeremiah 30 in verse 22 you shall be my people and I will be your God.

37:00 Ezekiel 11:20 that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and do them and they, these same people shall be my people and I will be their God and then we come to revelation 21 and verse three, which we then take completely out of the context of the rest of the Bible and heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the, the actual dwelling place of God is with men, with certain men in Jerusalem and he will dwell with them and they shall be His people and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

37:35 And we just want to sort of neutralize this and generalize this and just say God is going to be with all mankind.

37:40 So, so you know, Christ is going to return, he's going to put the world in its place and then he's gonna make the whole world one with him.

37:51 And then there'll be the feast of been gathering.

37:54 So the whole world will come to keep the feast of tabernacles and then everybody will live forever with God.

38:00 And in this narrative, in this plot line, we completely forget all of these ironclad passionate promises that God cannot break specifically for his people.

38:16 Zechariah eight and verse nine thus says the Lord of hosts.

38:21 So he's encouraging them.

38:22 So Zachariah received these eight night visions to encourage them.

38:25 And, and now again, he's received this word to encourage them.

38:29 Let your hands be strong you that here in these days, these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid that the temple might be built.

38:42 So your, your forefathers had the former prophets and they, they, they pulled the shoulder, they didn't want to listen.

38:49 But now you've returned and you've heard from prophets like Hai, as you were laying the foundation of the earth, they spoke to you, your job is to be strong and to follow their direction.

39:03 Zachariah that you're here in these days now that you've returned from exile by the mouth of these prophets, these these current day prophets which were in the day that the foundation of the house, the house of the Lord of hosts was laid that the temple might be built.

39:19 Listen to Hagi chapter two verse four.

39:21 So the same way that Zechariah is or the Lord is telling them to be strong through Zechariah.

39:26 That's exactly what he said through Hagi.

39:28 Yet now be strong.

39:29 O Zerubbabel says the Lord and be strong.

39:32 O Joshua son of Josh, the high priest and be strong.

39:35 All you people of the land says the Lord and work for I am with you says the Lord of F.

39:42 So this is the despising the day of small things, not believing that the power of God is actually in this work and they just have to do their part.

39:51 God will do the rest back to Zechariah eight verse 10.

39:55 For before these days, there was no hire for man nor any higher for beast.

40:02 I in other words, the economy had collapsed and there was nothing we could pay people to.

40:09 We, we have this building project.

40:11 We wouldn't have any money.

40:12 How are we gonna pay people?

40:14 So there was no hire for men nor any hire for beast.

40:17 Neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction?

40:23 So you guys were under heavy persecution for, I said all men, everyone against his neighbor.

40:29 So you're under heavy persecution and that's turning you against each other, not unlike the Israelites under Egypt where they begin to betray one another, turn against each other.

40:37 God says I did this.

40:39 I, I, I'm the one who set this in motion because I'm testing you and I'm developing you and I don't want hypocrisy.

40:46 I want a true relationship.

40:48 But now you've been through all of that, but now I will not be unto the residue of this people.

40:54 As in the former days says, the Lord of hopes.

40:56 So again, encouragement that these are the people who are returning to rebuild Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

41:03 And God is saying, OK, you've learned your lesson as Moses said, you would, that's now in the past, let's now work from a let's do a restart and work from a positive premise.

41:15 Now you're here, you're serious, you're genuine.

41:18 Let's put, let's let's let's restore the true worship for the seed that is you people now shall be prosperous.

41:27 The vine shall give her fruit.

41:29 The vine is Judah and the ground shall give her increase and the heavens shall give their due.

41:37 So the vine is, is really the physical vine but also figuratively, the fi the vine is Judah.

41:44 It's going now you can be prosperous and, and, and, and the the creation is gonna cooper with you and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

41:55 This, this is not a new promise.

41:57 This is exactly what God says through Moses before they even stepped foot in the promised land.

42:02 This was the promise that they would possess all these things and, and possess them in such a way that would be greater than what their forefathers had and it shall come to pass.

42:12 But as you were a curse among the heathen, which is what we're seeing today.

42:17 So even though there was the opportunity during the reign of Darius and this Persian Empire for Judah to come back to life if they did their part and, and, and many seem to have the, the, the will and the desire to do their part, it collapsed.

42:37They, they actually failed.

42:39And so these prophecies are still outstanding and they will come to pass.

42:44And that, that's the good news.

42:45That's the gospel that we preach, that these outstanding promises are ironclad.

42:50God will not break his promises so that there will be a people who can truly fully repent according to the gospel and God will do these things.

43:00It shall come to pass that as you were a curse among the heathen o house of Judah and house of Israel.

43:07So will I save you?

43:08This is salvation.

43:09So will I save you and you shall be a blessing.

43:13Don't be afraid.

43:14Just let your hands be strong, just just do this and, and you know what you see with your eyes to the notwithstanding walk by faith and not by sight.

43:26And this promise that you'll be a blessing and not a curse goes right back to the Abrahamic covenant.

43:33And he says to Abraham, I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and I'll make your name great and you shall be a blessing.

43:42And, and, and so this, this is the promise you, you will be a blessing to you.

43:47All the families of the earth will be blessed for you through your descendants.

43:52Back to Zechariah eight.

43:53And verse 14 for thus says, the Lord of Hosts, as I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, said the Lord of Hosts.

44:03And I didn't repent like this.

44:05This is covenant, this, this, this was an agreement that we had and they had to experience the covenant curses because they invoked those curses based on their behavior.

44:17So I, I was very deliberate about what I was doing in the same way that I did that he says so again, have I thought in these days not now that you've been punished and softened and you've come back with a willing heart according to what Moses laid down.

44:33So again, I've thought in these days to do well into Jerusalem and to the house of Judah, don't be afraid.

44:41I'm, I'm gonna do well to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah and, and I'm gonna do well to them in such a way that the whole world will see.

44:49These are things that you shall do.

44:51This is what God is saying.

44:53This is your part.

44:54Obey the Torah.

44:56Speak to every man, the truth to his neighbor, just stop lying, whatever comes out of your mouth, make sure it's true.

45:03We, we live in a society today that that people are just have no qualms that even you go through the the political process.

45:08People are making all these promises and everybody, they, they, the ones that are making the promises.

45:13No, I have no intention of keeping this, the ones that are voting for them.

45:16No, they, they, they never keep their promises, but I'm still voting.

45:19So, so this whole deception line is just part of our society.

45:24And God is saying, I don't want this.

45:26I want human beings made in my image and likeness to be like me, whatever comes out of their mouth must be true.

45:33Speak you.

45:34Every man, the truth to his neighbor execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates.

45:41And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor.

45:45There it is, again, this is the Torah should shape you.

45:48It should, it should, you know, transform your, your heart, transform your thoughts to the opposite of this.

45:56Imagine how you can do good to each other.

45:58Let, no, no, let and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor and, and don't love any false oath.

46:07These are all the things obviously they were doing in the past.

46:10God is saying, don't stop doing these things for all these things.

46:13All these are things that I hate says the Lord of hope.

46:17So again, if you want to know how God feels about things in his covenant community, these are things that He hates.

46:23So if you're imagining evil against your neighbor in the covenant community, if you're, if you're lying, you don't speak the truth.

46:30You don't execute the judgment of truth, you might know the truth, but you want to execute another judgment because it's more convenient and, and, and you're, you're not a peacemaker, you create rivalry and division.

46:42These are things that the Lord hates.

46:44So he's telling turn away from these things and the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me saying thus says, the Lord of hosts the fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh.

46:59So now he's adding the fourth month.

47:00All of these are things that happened in their past in their history that they were commemorated.

47:05These are not, why are we not keeping these fast today?

47:08Now, this is historic and these people suffered and they were Commemorating and seeking God's mercy by remembering what they it would be like the fast of October 7th.

47:17So we're coming up to October 7th this year.

47:19Who knows?

47:20Maybe the, the Jews will, will have a AAA national fast for October 7th, seeking God's mercy.

47:28But that's not coming out of the Torah, that's coming out of their own conscience and their own sense of vulnerability and appeal to appeal to God the fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh month and the fast of the 10th shall be to the house of Judah, joy and gladness.

47:44So God is gonna reverse this morning and cheerful feasts.

47:48Therefore, love the truth and peace.

47:50This is this is your part.

47:52So you, you just do this part and and work.

47:55I'll do everything else.

47:56God says.

47:58Thus says the Lord of hosts, it shall yet come to pass that this, this will happen.

48:03It shall yet not know it, it failed here because the people failed, but God did not fail and God will not fail to fulfill his promise.

48:11So this is still part of the gospel.

48:13This is part of the good news.

48:14This will happen.

48:16Thus saith the Lord of hosts.

48:19It shall yet come to pass that there shall come, people, there shall come people and the inhabitants of many cities.

48:27So, so Jerusalem is going to be the shining city on a hill that the whole world calls the city of truth and people are going to come to it.

48:39Listen to what Isaiah says in Isaiah 49 and we covered this when we covered this world of Isaiah thus says, the Lord God behold, I will lift up my hand to the gentiles to set up my standard to the people and they shall bring your sons in their arms and their daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

48:55When they see the truth of God, they're going to assist in the rebuilding of Jerusalem and making sure that the people are restored to Jerusalem.

49:04And kings shall be your nursing fathers and they're queens, you're nursing mothers and they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth.

49:14They're gonna, people are gonna come to you and they're gonna bow down to you with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet.

49:23You're gonna be such honored people and these people are gonna be in such repentance of what they've done that they will lick up the dust of your feet and you shall know that I am Jehovah for, they shall not be ashamed that wait for me and then that's part of the gospel preaching is to tell these people to wait for God and they will not be ashamed to turn to Yeshua and they will not be ashamed.

49:47In chapter 60 of Isaiah 60 of, of Isaiah chapter 16 verse three.

49:52And the gentiles shall come.

49:53There, people are gonna come.

49:55The gentiles shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your horizon, lift up your eyes round about and see all they gather themselves together.

50:05They come to you.

50:07People will come to you, your son shall come from far and your daughter shall be nursed at your side.

50:14So these are prophecies that are throughout the prophets that these people are going to be elevated by God.

50:20And the gentiles are going to acknowledge their greatness and, and their central role in God's ministry and plan back to Isaiah eight and I'm beginning to wrap up and I know there's always a lag.

50:34 So if there are any comments or questions, please go ahead and type those and I'll check that before I sign off.

50:41 But here Zechariah eight and verse 22 yes, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem.

50:54 That's where they're going to come and to pray before the Lord.

50:58 And we're gonna see as we get later in Zechariah.

51:01 the later chapters, particularly chapter 14, they're gonna be coming for the holy days.

51:06 They will be coming to observe the feast of tabernacles and to pray before the Lord under the leadership of Judah.

51:13 And Israel, Isaiah says regarding this strong nations coming to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, he says in verse five chapter 55 God says to Isaiah, behold, you shall call a nation that you know not and nations that knew not, you shall run to you.

51:32 They hated you.

51:33 They didn't know who you were.

51:34 They're going to run to you.

51:36 Why?

51:37 Because of the Lord, your God and for the holy one of Israel, for he has glorified you.

51:44 He's the holy one of Israel brethren.

51:47 These are all through the prophets.

51:50 How can we have a gospel that ignores all of these messages?

51:55 The one this in fact is the good news seek you the Lord while he may be found, call you upon him while he is near.

52:04 So this is a verse verse six is a verse that, you know, it's, it's really exemplary as a verse that we will just take out of context and, and Christianize it and just say, hey, Christians seek you the Lord while he may be found and call upon him while he's near because we're Christians and we don't see the context of it that it's to do with God restoring his people and then telling those people that he's going to restore to seek the Lord while he may be found.

52:38 And this is part of the gospel preaching to these people seek the Lord while he may be found, call you upon him while he is near, let the wicked forsake his way.

52:48 And this is what Zechariah is saying to them and the unrighteous man, his thoughts, or we could say here, the unrighteous Jew his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord.

52:57 This is going back to Deuteronomy 30.

52:59 This is exactly what Moses saw that.

53:02 If you return to the Lord, he will have mercy upon him and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.

53:08 This is not generic to everybody.

53:11 This is the covenant people though his promise to them for my thoughts are not your thoughts.

53:17 Neither are your ways.

53:18 My ways says the Lord to the covenant community, that's who he's speaking to through Isaiah.

53:26 Back to Zechariah.

53:28 The last verse now of chapter eight, we did it.

53:31 We said with God God willing we get through chapter seven and eight.

53:35The last verse now.

53:36So seven was really root cause analysis.

53:38What caused all of this.

53:39And chapter eight revealing the will, the thoughts, the passion, the zeal of the Lord and his purpose.

53:49Verse 23 for thus says, the Lord of Hosts, it says over and over.

53:53Thus says the Lord of Hosts thus says the Lord of Hosts, we can't ignore this.

53:57This is that thus saith the Lord in those days it shall come to pass.

54:03So this hasn't happened yet.

54:04This is still future when these people get it right.

54:07When they respond to the gospel and God responds to them, it's going to come to pass in those days that 10 men, 1010 gentile men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations that this is gonna be universal.

54:22Everybody's gonna come to understand.

54:24There's no, there's no language, there's no nation that it's like, yeah, I kind of heard about Jerusalem but not important to me.

54:31Doesn't, it doesn't concern me.

54:33I, I have my own gods.

54:34I have my own national pride.

54:36It's like all over the earth.

54:39Everyone is going to come to understand that God dwells on earth and that God is the God of the people who dwell with Him in Jerusalem and, and it's the city of truth.

54:53And so there's gonna be this enthusiasm to learn the truth finally.

54:58And these people who have been brought up in deception and have no idea that they're going to now take hold out of all the languages.

55:06They'll even take hold of the skirt or the hem of him.

55:11That is a Jew they're gonna recognize, OK.

55:15Today Jews need to be hiding.

55:17They need to be thinking twice about whether or not they show publicly that they are Jewish.

55:22But here everybody is gonna be proud to be Jewish.

55:24So everyone that's Jewish is gonna make everybody know I'm Jewish.

55:27I'm with Yeshua.

55:31I'm an ambassador of of, of Jerusalem and they're gonna take hold of the skirt of Him.

55:36That is a Jew saying we, we're gonna go with you where, where you're going?

55:40We're going.

55:41Why?

55:42Because we've heard the news that God is with you.

55:46We've heard that God is with you.

55:50The Jew.

55:52What do we do with these scriptures brethren?

55:54Do we just ignore them?

55:56They're over and over and over throughout the prophets.

56:00We just skip over them even though God says, how passionate He is, how zealous He is to fulfill all of this.

56:08Do we just say?

56:08Yeah, but we're not zealous about that.

56:11So God shouldn't be either.

56:13Well, this is what the scroll of Zechariah is showing us.

56:16And as, and it's a very heavily quoted scripture in during the, the fall holy days.

56:23But let's let's read it in its full context so that we can understand what is the purpose that God has that is revealed in His holy days.

56:32So that is Zechariah chapter seven and eight.

56:39And just a reminder that this Sabbath as we always do, if you're new joining us, we broadcast at 130 pm Eastern time every Saturday for our Sabbath services.

56:52God willing this Sabbath, I will be bringing the sermon and let me just go ahead and check the chat if there's anything that I need to respond to before I sign off.

57:04Thank you Brother Ian for your and Miriam's prayers.

57:08Yeah.

57:08He spent nine hours in the hospital emergency eight hours in the work.

57:12So we spent seven hours in the waiting room and in multiple waiting rooms, three different waiting rooms and we spent about 90 seconds with the doctor.

57:22So seven hours so that we could spend 90 seconds with the doctor and that the system is definitely broken.

57:30And Sister Rose Petty, you made it me Marilynne made it as well.

57:35Thanks for your prayers.

57:37Yes.

57:38Brother Jeff, thank you.

57:40Was there a historical fast besides atonement in the seventh month?

57:45Let me, let me check that.

57:46I, I believe there was, there was there's some history to that.

57:49So that's a great question.

57:50I'm gonna take that for our next study to address that.

57:54And thanks Dave and Dev.

57:56Yeah.

57:56So she really does need your prayers.

57:58bit of a nasty wound.

58:00But fortunately I had some first aid training.

58:05So I was able to put that into practice and right away and hopefully, she'll recover from this.

58:13Thank you, Sister Carlotta.

58:14Thank you, Rick for, thank you, Rosebud said Fred and Rose Petty.

58:21Thank you so much brethren.

58:23God bless you all and God willing have a wonderful rest of the week and we will be able to reconvene on Sabbath.

58:31Jesus Christ is Lord.

58:33His word is true.

58:34 God bless you all.