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[0:00] Okay, so we have been doing this series on dispensationalism. And, you know, for two reasons.

! One, we just got finished with a series going through the Law of Moses, specifically the Ten Commandments. We're planning on going into Galatians after that or after this. And there's a big, the big message of Galatians is the difference between law and grace and why as Christians we need to make sure that we keep ourselves in grace and under grace and not under the law. But really, it comes to a big question. Well, how did this change happen? This is different. And so that's why we're looking at this dispensational question. And there's also this moment in our culture in which dispensationalism is being talked about a lot and mostly in a negative way.

And a lot of it has to do with Israel and what's going on out in the Middle East and whether America should be supporting Israel or whether Christians should be supporting Israel and whether Israel has a real future in God's plan.

All those kinds of questions that we'll talk about in the coming weeks. Last week, we took a big picture overview of what God has been doing throughout history.

[1:28] And I wanted to give just a quick recap to kind of set our context here. Many years ago, thousands of years ago, God started a program, you might call it, in the earth starting with a specific man that turned into a nation.

It was a program, a covenant, a promise that he made to Abraham and to his children. And then continuing on, eventually, one of Abraham's children, a man named Moses, delivered a law to the children of Israel, a way for them to worship and serve God.

And then eventually after that, a kingdom was established. And it started out with a man named Saul, but eventually the kingdom was established through a man named David.

And God promised to David that he would establish his throne and his kingdom forever. But then if you know the rest of the story, what happened to that kingdom?

What happened to that nation of Israel with all of their promises that God had made to them? Well, it just seemed that things were not working out. Israel fell into both moral corruption in their hearts, turning away from God, a type of spiritual corruption.

[2:51] And then as a nation in the earth, they also became a conquered nation, conquered by foreigners, captured and then scattered across the world in foreign nations.

But during that time, God raised up prophets, men of Israel, to speak on his behalf, to give additional promises to this nation of Israel.

And those promises, there were many of them, but there were two major ones about the future plans that God had for Israel. The first is that he would establish a new covenant, not like the covenant of law, but a different type of covenant, a new one in which God would cleanse the hearts of the Jewish people.

He would restore them spiritually, restore their hearts back to or cleanse their hearts to a heart of purity. Then the second thing was that he would restore to them their kingdom, their place in the earth, their land, a king again to sit on the throne, and their place among the nations as the head and not the tail, to be over all the kingdoms of the world.

Over the years, the plan, the prophetic plan, grew in details as the prophets prophesied about how that would come to pass, that there would be a Messiah who would come from the lineage of Judah, specifically from the house of David, that this person would be born in Bethlehem.

[4:37] Also, that this person would be born to a virgin, that this person would be preceded by a messenger or a forerunner, that there would be a ministry of some kind, a light that would be in Galilee of the Gentiles, that this person would be anointed to preach good news, to heal and to set

captives free, and that eventually this person, this Messiah, would enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey.

It's kind of funny. And would be betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver. And also that this person would be rejected by his own people.

And as we looked at yesterday, or excuse me, last week, there was even eventually a timeline put in place in exactly when all these things would take place.

Daniel prophesied almost 3,000 years ago when the start of the timeline would begin and how many years until these things would happen.

And that's Daniel's famous prophecy of 70 weeks. And if you do the math and look at the time in the calendar, you see that the ending of this timeline when all of the fulfillment of this kingdom was to take place would happen sometime around 2,000 years ago.

[6:13] But one of the things that we ended with last week was where's the kingdom? The kingdom? The king came? But at least it seems by all appearances that the kingdom never did.

And that's really what I want to focus on this morning is analyzing and looking at that question. One of the things we'll look at in future messages is that there are many people today, Christians, who will say that actually, no, the kingdom did come, and maybe it's over, or the kingdom is here right now, and this is the kingdom that was prophesied.

But it was more metaphorical or figurative. One of the things that's unique about dispensationalism is that it takes especially prophetic passages of Scripture very much at face value.

Sometimes people might say it in a more literal perspective rather than figurative or metaphorical, but at face value, that the things spoken of that will happen in the future are taken as how they are spoken.

Let's continue on with the story of the king. Turn in your Bibles to Luke 1. Before Jesus was born, an angel came and visited both him, or excuse me, both Mary, his mother, but also Joseph.

[7:51] But in Luke 1, and we'll start in verse, this is an announcement from the angel Gabriel to Jesus' mother Mary.

Talking about this child that she is going to have. We'll start with verse 31. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the son of the highest and called this, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

There it is right there. This was what was prophesied by all the prophets that came before. And here an angel comes to confirm that this man, this baby boy, will be a fulfillment of those things that the prophets have foretold.

We see over and over and over again during the lifetime of Jesus that many people refer to him and ask the question, well, who is this man?

[9:03] In Matthew 2, verse 2, it says, where is he who has been born? King of the Jews. This is when the wise men, if you will, they were trying to search for this baby that was born because they had heard the prophecies of a king who would be born in Bethlehem.

And they wanted to go see him. They referred to him as king of the Jews. In John 1, verse 49, there is a disciple called Nathanael. Many theologians think that person, Nathanael, actually equates to, I believe it's Bartholomew of the 12 disciples.

But anyway, it says, this is one of the things that Nathanael said to Jesus, Rabbi, you are the son of God. You are the king of Israel. If we fast forward to the end of the gospel of Luke, turn to chapter 19.

Chapter 19. And Jesus is coming into the city of Jerusalem.

Most of his ministry had been up in Galilee, north, northern Israel. And he had come and visited Jerusalem a few times, but it was not very often. But finally, he comes to Jerusalem to really end his ministry, his earthly ministry anyway.

[10:30] And he comes in what we call the triumphal entry. It's kind of odd, right? Because he comes riding on a donkey, which doesn't seem to be very triumphant.

We don't think of a donkey as a triumphal way to enter anywhere. But that is what was prophesied. And here is what the people said as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Luke chapter 19, verse 38. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. They were proclaiming Jesus as king.

And we see later on as Jesus, after he enters into Jerusalem, he actually weeps over the city.

In verse 41, he says this, now as he drew near, he saw the city and he wept over it, saying, if you had known, even you especially, in this your day, the things which make for your peace, but now they are hidden from your eyes.

[11:37] For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you, and close you in on every side, and level you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another because you did not know the time of your visitation.

The king had arrived, but the people in the city had rejected him and would reject him. So the king had come, but what happened?

There was this triumphal entry into the city, and ultimately we know that Jesus was crucified. He died on a cross. That's actually something that Daniel had said would happen, that this person would be cut off from the earth.

And by the way, remember what was posted above that cross? It was said that he was, it said in several languages, I believe, that he was king of the Jews.

And the Pharisees, by the way, were very angry with that title, being put on the cross, and they asked the Romans to take that down. And I believe it was Pontius Pilate that says, nope, I put it there, and it's staying.

[12:52] Interesting. But the king of the Jews. All right. What happened? What happened? The king came, but no kingdom.

You know, there's a story that Jesus told about a fruit tree. Anybody here have any fruit trees on their property? We have this property that we bought eight years, nine years ago now.

And when we bought it, there was this apple tree. And over the years, we haven't really done much to it, but it has, you know, given us some apples. And we've enjoyed them over the years.

But a few years ago, it just stopped producing anything. And I'm looking at it, and I'm thinking, oh, I probably should be taking better care of it. But, so I spent some time, and I pruned the branches, and did what I could, you know, with my little bit of knowledge, to try to improve it, to see if it would bear fruit again in the future.

And so I decided, I'm going to give it another year, and see what happens. And when I did, nothing. In fact, it just got even worse.

[14:03] This apple tree right now, is sitting on our property, and it just looks horrible. It's an eyesore. And so my plan is, this tree is done for. What's left to do?

Just going to cut it down. Well, Jesus tells a story like this. In Luke chapter 13, if you're still in Luke, turn back a few chapters, to Luke chapter 13.

This is a parable about, not an apple tree like I have, but about a fig tree. And it goes like this, Luke 13 verse 6.

He also spoke the parable. A certain man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard. And he came seeking fruit on it, and found none.

Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, look, for three years, I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none. Cut it down.

[15:04] Why does it use up the ground? But he answered and said to him, sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it.

And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that, you can cut it down. And so here's this parable, about a, somebody who owns a, a vineyard.

He has this fig tree, and it's not bearing any fruit, and he's just like, I'm ready to cut it down, right now. Actually, there's been a three year period, where he's been looking for fruit, from this tree, and it hasn't born any, for three years.

Hey, it's time, to cut it down. But then the, the, the keeper of the vineyard says, hey, tell you what, let's give it one more year, and we are going to do our best, to see if we can get some fruit, from this tree.

We're going to fertilize it, we're going to dig around it, we're going to do what we can, and see, if after one more year, we can get some fruit. What is this parable, about? You know, if you read commentaries, about this parable, they are all over the place, and exactly what this is about.

[16:17] But here, is my view. The owner of the vineyard, is God the Father. The fig tree, is the nation of Israel, who has been typified, as a fig tree, for thousands of years, from the prophets.

And this three year period, this, is the ministry, of the king, who came, looking for fruit. Repent, for the kingdom of God, is at hand.

Turn back to God, you nation, of Israel. And for three years, Jesus was looking, calling the people of Israel, to turn back to God.

And there were some, who did, but for the most part, they did not. And here is the Father, saying, okay, I'm ready, we're going to cut down, the tree.

But Jesus says, let's wait, one more year, and we'll see, if we can get fruit, from this tree. And so, we continue on.

[17 : 26] Jesus dies, for the sins of Israel, for the sins of the whole world. He ascends, into heaven, and he sends out, his own disciples, with a ministry.

And what is their ministry? To, hey, take the same things, that I've been teaching you, and take them, starting in Jerusalem, by the way. Jerusalem, Judea, and then, to the ends, of the earth.

And by the way, I'm going to give you, a gift. I'm going to give you, the gift of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit, will empower you, to take this message, to my people.

And that's what we see happening, in early Acts. Those, 12 apostles, along with, the other believers, who had trusted, in Christ, who had believed, on their Messiah, went out, and they preached.

And there is this, one of the, one of the, the opportunities, that Peter had, to preach to, to Israel, to preach to, the Jews, was here in Acts chapter 3.

[18 : 35] Turn there if you will. Acts chapter 3. Let me actually turn there myself. There was a, a lame man, healed, at a place called, Solomon's Porch.

Solomon's Portico. And, when that happened, the people were really, amazed.

And this was the power, of the Holy Spirit, by the way, working, with, with Peter, and John. And, Peter preached a message, after the people, who are all ears.

Who are these men, performing miracles, like this? And here's how, Peter's message, went to them. I'm just going to skip, to verse 19. So, Acts chapter 3, verse 19. Here's his message, to them, for what they, ought to do.

What they ought to do. He says this, repent, repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of the restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all of his holy prophets, since the world began.

[20 : 08] He's saying, this is your message, this is your message, repent, turn toward God, and if you do, what does he say?

There will come times of refreshing, refreshing that the prophets spoke of. There will be times of restoration, the restoration of all things.

These are the things that God has spoken by the mouth of all of his holy prophets. In verse 22, he continues on detailing some of these prophecies. For Moses truly said to the fathers, the Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brethren.

Him you shall hear in all things, whatever he says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

[21 : 15] To you first, God, having raised up his servant Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning every one of you from your iniquities. Here's what Peter is saying to Israel.

God wants to bless you, Israel, but he needs you to turn back to him. He wants to bless you first. He wants to bless the whole world.

But remember what the prophetic program was? That the Gentiles would be blessed through who? Through the children of Abraham. Later on in Acts, we see a man raised up, seemingly a 13th apostle.

Some people think of him this way. We see a man named Paul. God calls him, a man who had been a persecutor of Christians in his day.

But he was called, and he was given a mission. In Acts 9.15, here's what the Lord called him to. But the Lord said to him, Go, for he is a chosen vessel of mine, to bear my name before Gentiles, kings,

and the children of Israel.

[22 : 22] Paul's mission was to take the name of Christ, the cross of Christ, and bear his name to the Jews. That was the mission of the apostles, the original 12, but also to the Gentiles.

And that is what he did. And we find that everywhere he goes, all across the world, or at least the small part of the world that they were in at that time, was where would he go to first whenever he entered into a city?

He would go first to the synagogue to find the Jewish people and preach to them that their Messiah had come. But what did he find over and over and over again?

Turn a few pages. Acts 13. Acts 13. Verse 46. Acts 13 and verse 46.

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold. And they said, It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first.

[23 : 26] He's talking to the Jews that they were preaching to, who ultimately rejected the message. Then he continues on, But since you reject it and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

And this is the story over and over and over again. Paul goes to the Jews, presents the message about their Messiah, that Jesus is their Messiah, that they need to turn to him.

He gets rejected, and he turns from them, and he goes to the Gentiles. Remember Jesus' parable about the fig tree.

And that vine dresser or that servant of the vineyard, the owner of the vineyard, said this, Let's give it one more year.

After these first three, let's give it one more year. And if it bears fruit, well, we're just going to continue on. We're going to have a fruitful tree.

[24 : 32] But if not, after that, you can cut it down. And so what happened? That tree, that fig tree, did not bear the fruit that the vineyard owner, that the father, was looking for.

And so, what happened? That tree was ultimately cut down. Turn to Romans chapter 11. Romans chapter 11 is a difficult one.

Really, there's a whole section from Romans 9 through 11 that really gets into the details of exactly what happened here with Israel and how they were cut off from their covenants.

They were like a tree and they were the branches in this tree but those branches were cut off and in their place new branches were grafted in.

We'll just look at one verse. We're going to look more at these chapters or these scriptures in future messages. But Romans chapter 11 and we'll look at verse 11. He's talking about Israel.

[25 : 58] He's talking about Israel. Certainly not. There is a stumbling that has happened but it is not a complete and total failure. It is not a permanent condition.

Certainly not. But through their fall to provoke them to jealousy salvation has come to the Gentiles. And so because Israel fell because they were cut off the branches were cut off from their tree God had a new plan to bring salvation to the Gentiles.

Now salvation was always supposed to come to the Gentiles. I mean even during the Jewish ages any Gentile could come to God right?

But what did they have to do? Well you basically had to join yourself with the Jewish nation. You had to circumcise. You had to keep the law. You had to do all those things.

You had to become a proselyte Jew in order to be part of God's family. And at any time during the Jewish you know the history of the Jews any Gentile could do that.

[27 : 12] But there was a future prophesied in which God would bless the Gentiles through the Jewish people. Here though Paul is saying that salvation is come to the Gentiles through the fall of Israel.

That is different from what was prophesied. The Gentiles were supposed to be blessed through Israel's ascendance through their glory among the nations.

And you know what? Nobody saw this coming. This change. This difference. This plot twist in the story.

It wasn't in the covenants. It wasn't in the prophecies of the Jews. You can't find it in Isaiah or Jeremiah or Daniel.

And so what happened here with God turning to the Gentiles and providing them with a salvation that was apart from Israel and her glory.

[28:16] Did God say stink that didn't work let's try something different? Is that what happened? Well let's see I want to tell a little bit of some interesting history here.

you know in the wake of World War II there we kind of entered into this nuclear age of nuclear bombs proliferating across the world.

we entered into what we called a cold war. It was this specter of fear of nuclear annihilation of entire nations.

And so in 1968 Great Britain they instituted a protocol for their nation that they called the letters of last resort.

And here's how the protocol goes. In Britain they have what's called a prime minister. It's similar to our president. And when any new prime minister takes the oath of office that sometime at the beginning of their administration they are supposed to write letters four of them four letters with instructions.

[29:36] No one is to see this letter except for them. These letters are to be written with instructions and delivered to four nuclear submarines that are part of the British Navy.

These are nuclear submarines with warheads on them that do patrols and exercises all over the world through the oceans of the world.

And so these four letters are supposed to go to these four submarines. Each letter is sealed and locked inside of a safe that goes inside of another safe deep into the control room of these submarines.

They're never to be opened except on one occasion. And that occasion is if these submarines ever lose contact with Great Britain.

If there is ever any evidence, sufficient evidence, that something has happened to their nation, that their prime minister and the upper echelons of leadership, if they are ever killed, destroyed, their nation, attacked in some kind of nuclear event or something like that, that is the trigger.

[31:04] That is the contingency in which they are supposed to open that letter. That letter might contain instructions for retaliation against whoever the enemy was that has destroyed their government.

It might be a letter saying, hey, don't retaliate. We don't want to proliferate a nuclear domino effect. Or it might be, hey, we need you to join our allies, the United States or Australia or other allied nations.

Or the instructions might just say, hey, use your best judgment as admirals or captains over these ships in deciding what you ought to do with the submarines and the weapons on board them.

But notice that these letters were written before these boats ever left port. They're just sitting there.

The only one who knows what's in those letters is the one who wrote them, the prime minister.

And he's making a decision when he first enters office as to what he wants to happen if this scenario, this doomsday scenario, ever takes place.

[32:20] From that day in 1968 till today, this protocol, this practice is still in place. And since that time, none of these letters have ever been opened. Each time there's a new prime minister, new letters are written by the new prime minister with his instructions on what he thinks should happen, and the previous letters are destroyed, unread.

There's contingencies that they have called for, have never come to pass. Well, here's what I want to present this morning, is that God himself also wrote a letter, a sealed letter.

But his contingency actually did come to pass. And that letter was eventually opened. Turn to Romans chapter 16.

This is actually the very end of Paul's epistle, his letter to the Romans. And he makes mention of this secret letter that was given to him.

Romans 16 starting in verse 25. Now to him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery, kept secret since the world began, but now made manifest and by the prophetic scriptures made known to all nations according to the commandment of the everlasting God for obedience to the faith.

[34:09] He's saying, hey, listen, there's this mystery that has been kept secret for how long? Since the very beginning of the world. God sealed these instructions.

But now, but now they have been made known. The letter has been opened. opened. You know, when we looked at what Peter said in Acts chapter 3, Peter was talking about all the things that the prophets said would take place.

But here we have a secret, something that was not prophesied by the prophets, a secret that had been kept secret for thousands and thousands of years, but now it has been revealed.

Now is this the only place in the Bible where we see a reference to a sealed letter to a mystery kept secret? Turn to Ephesians chapter 3. Ephesians chapter 3. Also, just to kind of give you, we'll also look at Colossians chapter 1.

So Ephesians chapter 3 and Colossians chapter 1. Ephesians chapter 3 says this, verse 8, to me who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery.

[35 : 36] By the way, that word fellowship is the word dispensation. To make all men see what is the fellowship or the dispensation or the administration of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God.

who created all things through Jesus Christ, to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

We'll end right there. There was this secret kept hidden, but now at this time Paul says the secret has been revealed, the envelope has been opened with the hidden instructions.

Colossians chapter 1 Colossians chapter 1 verse 24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you and I fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ for the sake of his body which is the church of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God.

That word stewardship is the word dispensation. I became a minister according to the stewardship or the administration or the dispensation from God which was given to me for you to fulfill the word of God.

[37 : 03] The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations but now has been revealed to his saints. You know when we think of the word mystery in our day we kind of think of Agatha Christie or some kind of puzzle to be solved but the word mystery is just a secret something that has been hidden to later be revealed.

That's what this word mystery means. You know God has always had a love for all men Jew and Gentile.

We know through the scriptures that God he put a special love. He considered Israel Abraham and his children to be beloved to him.

There was a special love put on Israel but just like John 3 16 tells us God so loved who? The Jews? God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.

And you know what? The Gentiles us by the way were always part of God's plan. But that prophetic plan the one that was prophesied was that the Gentiles would be blessed through Israel.

[38 : 22] Genesis 12 13 In you Abraham all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Isaiah 49 6 I will give you as a light to the Gentiles my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah chapter 8 verse 23 speaking of the Jews 10 men shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man saying let us go with you for we have heard that God is with you.

This was Israel's prophesied future that they would be as a nation in their ascendance when they came into their kingdom when their hearts were purified they would become the evangelists of the world restore a kingdom be the head and not the tail over all of the nations of the!

And the Gentiles would come to God through the Jewish people but because Israel rejected her king God put that program on hold on pause so today any Jew who wants to come to the Lord doesn't come through the covenants of Moses they come through the gospel of the grace of God going back to Romans 11 I'm going to read some more from that from that passage in Romans 11 starting with verse 11 so we'll read this again I say then have they stumbled that they should fall well certainly not but through their fall to provoke them to jealousy salvation has come to the Gentiles so instead of the Gentiles tugging on the sleeve of the Jew and saying show us your God now

God has offered! His grace to become part of His family without the Jews outside of the nation of Israel verse 12 now if their fall is riches for the world and their failure riches for the Gentiles how much more their fullness for I speak to you Gentiles and as much as I am an apostle to the Gentiles I magnify my ministry for if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are of my flesh and save some of them for if they're being cast away as the reconciling of the world what will their acceptance be but life from the dead you see there is this pause this parenthesis in which God is dealing with the Gentiles and what is one of the reasons well one is that God loves the Gentiles and

he wants to save them he wants to offer them grace but here's the other reason

[41:05] God also loves the Jews and he wants to offer his grace his amazing grace to Gentiles in order to make the Jews jealous to provoke them to jealousy that they would also be reconciled to God you see God's not done with Israel yet he made promises!

and commitments to them through many many centuries and millennia Israel's future glory is guaranteed because God made the promise it might be on hold but it is not completely done away with in fact in Romans 11 there skip to verse 29 Paul says this for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable God is not going to revoke his promises to them he may put them on hold but will not completely revoke them God will not cast them away forever!

when that time of the Gentiles he will graft them back in again he is going to restart that prophetic program restart that prophetic clock and fulfill every promise that he has made to his beloved people!

but for now the age in which we live we live in this secret administration though it's no longer a secret anymore it's now been made manifest all of its glory God's plans for the Gentiles to bring them to God all the things that God wants to do through the body of Christ his church through grace is revealed right there in Paul's epistle in Paul's many epistles excuse me we find out that that secret envelope that Paul opened had our names on it on what God wanted to do with us the Gentiles I'm going to finish up with this this will be I'll close with this 2nd Timothy chapter 1 2nd Timothy chapter 1 you don't have to turn there!

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel to which I was appointed a preacher an apostle and a teacher of the Gentiles let me read verse 9 again who has saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works he didn't create this plan for us because we were so amazing and so special that we were better than the

[44:23] Jewish people that's not why he called us and saved us but just because of his own purpose and grace and love in which he wanted to offer even the Gentiles to do a work in them and aren't we so grateful for that let's close in a word of prayer father you love Israel you see that over and over in the scriptures they are your beloved people even to this day they are your beloved people but you also love the Gentile people and we're so grateful to you that during this age of grace even though that prophetic plan is put on hold we get to enjoy your love your grace a relationship with you eternal life the promise of blessing after blessing after blessing in fact every spiritual blessing in heavenly places we thank you that you made us part of your plan that you planned it from the very very beginning your plan for the Gentiles that you would bless us and we pray that we would live for you and that by the way that our lives living for you and enjoying our relationship with you would be a light that even the

Jewish people would see that they would be provoked to jealousy as you said in your word that they would be provoked to jealousy by seeing the wonderfulness of our relationship that we as Gentiles have with our God and their God thank you for working in us and helping us to understand all of these things in the scriptures in Jesus name amen if you'd stand up on your feet we're going to finish out with the doxology which I forgot last week some of you tried to remind me but this time I wrote it down alright we'll see if we can get the key right praise God from whom all blessings flow praise him all creatures here below praise him above ye heavenly host praise father son and holy ghost amen amen