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Carl Racine: that's open in prayer Lord God we bless you for this day and we bless you for.

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Carl Racine: The season in which we remember you're reaching out to us in a very personal way.

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Carl Racine: And as we are surrounded by people who are just.

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Carl Racine: kind of gorging themselves and stuff we asked, we would be focused on those who are need those who are perhaps alone at this time of year is difficult time of year for a lot of people, those who have lost loved ones and that we remember that's why you came.

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Carl Racine: into this world.

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Carl Racine: So be with us in our discussion this morning.

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Carl Racine: And with all of those who participate in Jesus name amen.

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Carl Racine: Am I still echoing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Better.

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Carl Racine: Okay Susan may have heard the ECHO from the other room.

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Carl Racine: I.

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Carl Racine: Before we get going on the on the on the material I last week sister handbooks put some information about her upbringing in the chat That was really intriguing to me and I didn't get a chance to.

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Carl Racine: see it as carefully as I would like, and I asked her if she'd be willing to speak to the class about.

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Carl Racine: What she had put in the chat because she's it sounds like she had a very unusual upbringing, so this is your hand if you're willing to do so, I want to turn things over to you first.

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Hannah Brooks: Hello.

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Hannah Brooks: hi.

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Hannah Brooks: Good morning, how are you is good to see all of you on.

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Hannah Brooks: Well, my upbringing was a little bit I guess you could say different.

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Hannah Brooks: Originally from Columbus Ohio my mom is Jamaican my dad he was he was American he passed and on this on December 14 of.

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Hannah Brooks: Because they was David on your brooks he is a very powerful man.

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Hannah Brooks: So anyway, like I said i'm from Columbus Ohio and would on in Columbus we celebrated the Sabbath.

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Hannah Brooks: So we we went to church on Sabbath like similar to the Jews, you know, so we kept the Sabbath and we we generally don't celebrate Christmas or Easter or anything like that, but where we are Christian.

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Hannah Brooks: i'm trying to remember what I said in the chat but my father like I said he was a very powerful man.

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Hannah Brooks: In Columbus Ohio though the bicentennial fountain one time, my father, he setup where were very small small organization, the trust His name was church of God seventh day so um.

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00:03:14.100 --> 00:03:28.860

Hannah Brooks: So I like I said, my father was a very powerful man on one time he know that there's an area downtown Columbus Ohio called bicentennial fountain he rented the the whole area.

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Hannah Brooks: And we had a.

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Hannah Brooks: Like a Gospel I don't know what you call a girl I have Gospel concert and it was funny my dad operated in.

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Hannah Brooks: Our church, as if it was like 100 or 200 Member church, but it was this it was just a few of us, you know it was on my mother, it was a very small organization like I said, the name of it is church of God seventh day so um he said, my upbringing.

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Hannah Brooks: I went to evangelize Christian Academy, it was it was.

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Hannah Brooks: A school and the Hannah Ohio it's funny the name was it the name of the city was going to Hana and the name of the school as evangelists Christian academy so sweet sweet people.

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Hannah Brooks: They are predominantly it was a predominantly white school taught by white.

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Hannah Brooks: teachers were they were sweet people humble people you know.

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Hannah Brooks: So we went to evangelize Christian academy like I said it was in the Hana Ohio so we looked at my sister's name is lydia lydia brooks.

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Hannah Brooks: So we went to school at advantage model, and then we then I went to liberty Christian academy my sister was homeschooled for a while she she struggled in school, she was lydia the brilliant brilliant.

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Hannah Brooks: young lady but she's gone through a lot of struggles in life, as well as myself.

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Hannah Brooks: um.

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Hannah Brooks: yeah so like I said.

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Hannah Brooks: The Lord has been with me all my life long looking back, I really see that.

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Hannah Brooks: he's really carried me and on been so kind to me i'm our family came to.

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Hannah Brooks: Boston and.

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Hannah Brooks: I had some medical issues on but we we came to Boston here on we have been very, very, very, very blessed in the city, some people don't like Boston they say it's races I, I see that I do see that but on, but we have been blessed here on I went to children's hospital.

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Hannah Brooks: Why, I said I had some medical issues you know.

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Hannah Brooks: But the Lord has carried us, you know carried us a great deal.

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Hannah Brooks: um so my father was a powerful man he loves people and he passed that on to lydia myself like he loves people he didn't care, who you are he, the first thing he would tell you about is Jesus.

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Hannah Brooks: My father he's funny he I don't know if you guys believe in astrology or not I mixed on the issue, but he was a Leo and he was very much so Leo and if.

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Hannah Brooks: Oh.

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Hannah Brooks: So my father was a Leo he was born in July 23 I think 1949.

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Hannah Brooks: He was a powerful guy it's funny because when you look at it, the arm the tribe of judah right is like a lion and my my father, he was very light and light, you know, he said he loved Jesus, a great deal on.

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Hannah Brooks: yeah it's just COM.

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Hannah Brooks: Sorry.

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Carl Racine: Is there something else.

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Hannah Brooks: Now you can go ahead.

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Carl Racine: yeah it just sounded like I thought you would kind of Jewish schools or something I must have I didn't read the the email or the chat thing very well it's kind of.

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Hannah Brooks: focus on it.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: Just just growing up with a sort of more conscious observance of the Sabbath there are Christian groups that do that and we talked in this class about the value of that scripture Lee and not just spiritually but spiritually and emotionally and physically.

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Carl Racine: Something I think we've lost.

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Carl Racine: From Jewish tradition, that is.

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Carl Racine: That is a boss to that we don't.

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Carl Racine: Take a day to just.

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Be.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: Our world doesn't.

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Carl Racine: We take vacations but that's not quite the same thing.

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Carl Racine: But anyway, it.

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Carl Racine: You know it's stuff that we've talked about, and now the cat wants to come in, excuse me.

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Marie Doubleday: The commander in chief.

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Carl Racine: And you know I think when when i'm we've we've sort of come to the end of the line here and in this class.

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Carl Racine: We have been looking for a long time now for a couple of years at a whole lot of topics, like the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: that are part of Jewish tradition or or things that the rabbi's the rabbinic tradition, both ancient and modern rabbis have have talked about that I found helpful to me and kind of rethinking.

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Carl Racine: Particular passages in the scriptures and laying a more substantial foundation.

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Carl Racine: For our own Christian faith.

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Carl Racine: From the.

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Carl Racine: Jewish tradition and that's really been what i've been trying to do in this class deepening our understanding of the scriptures and appreciating things about Judaism that are often either Christians don't know about or look down upon.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: The Sabbath is a very good example of when I look back at the topics that we've we've covered in this course.

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Carl Racine: And the amount of scripture we've covered it's pretty impressive to me, and I know it's a lot for people to take in and a lot for people to process and i'm not quite sure exactly where we're going from here.

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Carl Racine: But I think it's stuff we want to continue to wrestle with and understand how it speaks to us today.

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Carl Racine: But I do have, excuse me, I do have a number of extensive.

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Carl Racine: Concluding thoughts that i've grouped into sort of four categories.

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Carl Racine: Concluding reflections on on the kinds of topics we've been talking about.

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Carl Racine: That, I hope, maybe will will will weave together some of some of some of what we've been talking about as we rethink how we understand our Christian faith.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: When when I might my.

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Carl Racine: I sent.

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Carl Racine: We sent a couple of books of rabbi saxes books to my brother in law for Christmas this year, and they.

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Carl Racine: We just sent them directly from the publisher so they came and he opened them right away, and rather than saving them for Christmas he started reading them and he's been getting my class notes as well, he used to attend, but it conflicts with his church schedule now.

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Carl Racine: So he called to thank me and talk about a couple of things and he one of the questions he wanted to have a further conversation with at some point was on the uniqueness of Jesus and.

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Carl Racine: it's it's a complicated topic for me, because my sense of it in the Church in general is that Christians have been so.

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Carl Racine: concerned to affirm the uniqueness of Jesus that they do so by contrasting Jesus to Jews and Judaism and that's something that is already kind of starting to happen in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: That is part of the anti Jewish tradition in the church that i'm trying to counteract in this class and.

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Carl Racine: For me, the I don't want to go off on this at length today but, for me, the first and one of the most important things about the uniqueness of Jesus is that he was a Jew.

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Carl Racine: And that's going to be your starting point that was an interesting fact in Jesus Day and it continues to be an interesting fact.

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Carl Racine: And if you leave that out of your understanding of the uniqueness of Jesus you're going to have to my mind, a very distorted view of who Jesus was and who Jesus is so.

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Carl Racine: We will we will talk about that will sort of come up in some of the remarks i'm making.

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Carl Racine: In these concluding thoughts.

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Carl Racine: um I want to.

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Carl Racine: Show okay well go to slide one, I want to show you just the outline of what we're going to be doing here for the next few weeks.

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Carl Racine: In the in the concluding thoughts hmm that's interesting.

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Carl Racine: You know I sell these slides to Carol.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: is just the right one.

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Carl Racine: gets the right one, sometimes, though there are.

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Carl Racine: there's something in the transmission process that that produces minor glitches the title their concluding thoughts should have been the same font.

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Carl Racine: sizes everything.

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Carl Racine: else and I quite sure how it got.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: If you're producing things in PowerPoint I don't have PowerPoint it translates to keynote.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So that's where so it gets a little.

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discombobulated.

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Carl Racine: it's not.

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Carl Racine: it's not the end of the world, but anyway i've sort of organized my my thoughts here around.

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Carl Racine: A number of I hope intriguing titles for sections where are the hittites which we're going to start today sibling rivalry life before death and the unfinished symphony.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: So let's begin with where are the hittites.

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Carl Racine: and rice.

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Carl Racine: Who, some of you probably heard of was the best selling author of a best selling series of books on vampires novels and she just died a week ago I know a week ago yesterday she's just.

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Like.

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Carl Racine: 80 years old.

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Carl Racine: She was a lapsed Catholic meaning she had sort of.

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Carl Racine: strayed from her faith and wasn't practicing it but at some point in her life, she came back to the Church.

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Carl Racine: And she actually wrote a couple of imaginative novels about the life of Jesus which frankly I read and didn't think were that great, but at least it was sort of something completely different from writing about vampires.

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Carl Racine: And, but, but in the in the introduction to the first one of those she she explains how she reconnected with her faith, because she had been doing historical research.

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Carl Racine: into ancient civilizations like Egypt and Babylonia and she was brought up short by this one stubborn fact she says, I stumbled upon a mystery without a solution.

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Carl Racine: A mystery so immense that I gave up trying to find an explanation because the whole mystery defied belief, the mystery was the survival of the Jews, I couldn't understand how these people that didn't die as the great people who they were, it was this mystery that drew me back to God.

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Carl Racine: I found that fascinating because that mystery of the survival of the Jews has been noted by many other non Jewish writers throughout history, Mark Twain who I think most of you should know was an outspoken religious skeptic.

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Carl Racine: He wrote about this astonishing persistence of the Jews as a vibrant successful people throughout history.

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Carl Racine: While other great nations like Egypt Babylon Persia Greece and Rome are all gone and he ends by saying all things are mortal but the Jew all other forces pass, but he remains, what is the secret of his immortality.

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Carl Racine: And the French Christian philosopher Pascal in the 17th century speaks of the uniqueness of this peculiar people he calls them.

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Carl Racine: He says, for, whereas the peoples of Greece and Italy of Sparta Athens in Rome and others who came along, after of Paris so long ago, these still exist, despite the efforts of so many powerful kings who have tried 100 times to destroy them.

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Carl Racine: They have nevertheless been preserved and this preservation has been foretold.

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Carl Racine: And then the title of this section from Walker Percy who's an American Roman Catholic writer in the 20th century.

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Carl Racine: He asks, in one of his essays, why does no one, find it remarkable that in most world cities today there are Jews, but not one single hittites.

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Carl Racine: Even though the hittites had a great flourishing civilization and you can see, on the map this white area, this is about the time of the exodus.

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Carl Racine: When Egypt is kind of controlling half of the Middle East and the hittites the rest, they have a great flourishing civilization, while the Jews.

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Carl Racine: Jews nearby where a week and obscure people when one meets a Jew in New York or a New Orleans or Paris or Melbourne, it is remarkable that no one considers the event remarkable.

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Carl Racine: Hence the title, where are the hittites, how is it possible that this small group of in the eyes of the world seeming nobody's has survived for over 3000 years, despite the best efforts of other much more powerful people's to wipe them out.

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Carl Racine: And that that effort to wipe them out has been there, from the beginning of their history, from their story the exodus itself.

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Carl Racine: The book of exodus starts with the attempted genocide of the Hebrews by pharaoh you know the story the Book of Esther narrates another such attempt by the Persians.

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Carl Racine: and historically in the eighth century BCE 10 of the 12 original tribes of Israel, the northern 10 tribes were savagely overrun and permanently disbanded by the Assyrian empire and they've been called the 10 lost tribes.

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Carl Racine: They just were absorbed into the Syrian empire and lost their individual identity.

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Carl Racine: And all that was left was Judah and.

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Carl Racine: Simeon I guess in the south, then.

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Carl Racine: 150 years later, the Babylonian sacked Jerusalem destroyed the temple and led the Judean leadership into exile and my sense of that they didn't try to wipe them out by slaughtering them so much.

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Carl Racine: But they took the leadership into exile, we see in the book of Daniel that essentially what they try to do is turn them into good Babylonians.

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Carl Racine: And that's a different way of eradicating Judaism was is to make them assimilate and we talked about that, when we looked at Hanukkah the Greeks came along.

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Carl Racine: We talked about a couple weeks ago we talked about Hanukkah in 168 and outlawed the practice of Judaism under penalty of death.

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Carl Racine: And then the Romans came after them and then 70 of the Christian year they banned, they just they destroyed the temple in Jerusalem in 70 and then 135 they they banned all Jews from Jerusalem, they sent them away.

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Carl Racine: And so on throughout history and that's included what we saw long, long time ago, years ago, Christian lead crusades and inquisitions against the Jews.

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Carl Racine: brutal persecution and slaughter in the name of Jesus, and yet, not even the insanely methodical Nazis were able to fully carry out their final solution to the existence of the Jews as Walker Percy said it's remarkable.

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Carl Racine: Now the earliest historical reference to Israel to the people of Israel that we've found outside of the Bible is from an Egyptian commemorative stone from around 1200 BC proclaiming victory over over the enemies of pharaoh Mer Neptune, and this is slide number three please.

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Carl Racine: So this is, this is the stone and kind of highlight of the Hieroglyphics.

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Carl Racine: That boast amongst all of people that they've conquered Israel is laid waste her seed is no more, in other words there's no more descendants there's no more israel's Israel has been eradicated.

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Carl Racine: But as Mark Twain once said, the report of my death was an exaggeration, the Pharaohs proclamation of israel's demise was premature and indeed the Jews have not only survive these repeated attempts to lay them waste, but they have thrived.

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Carl Racine: In the Bible when a fit an earlier pharaoh attempted to hinder the growth and power of the Hebrews in Egypt by subjecting them to hard Labor he noticed something astonishing exodus 112 says, the more they were impressed oppressed, the more they increased and spread.

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Carl Racine: And rabbi sacks sees this as an APP district description



of the Jewish experience he says Jewish history is not merely a story of Jews and during catastrophes that might have spelled the end to less tenacious groups.

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Carl Racine: It is that, after every disaster Jews renewed themselves, they discovered some healer to hidden reservoir of spirit that fuel new forms of collective self expression as the carriers of god's message to the world.

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Carl Racine: Comments questions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's that's pretty profound i'm just thinking about I think there are, and you can correct me brother Carl less than 18 million Jewish people in the world, I believe, but their influence is profound everywhere, so this is carry through for centuries.

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Carl Racine: yeah we're gonna we're gonna i'm gonna go on to talk about that a bit, but rabbi Sachs has a great quote which you'll see shortly says are.

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Carl Racine: Our numbers are less than a small statistical error in the Chinese census.

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Carl Racine: which I think is a great.

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Carl Racine: Comparison or something.

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Carl Racine: Alright, everybody good with that.

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Carl Racine: So yes, as sister Carol said it's not just that the Jews have somehow managed to survive they've had an unparalleled influence

on our world.

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Carl Racine: they've made theological and moral and intellectual and artistic contributions to human civilization in great disproportionate to their size, everyone from Karl Marx to Groucho Marx, you might say, side number four, please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know, brother Carl another comparison that just popped in my head is the small island of England, obviously, making up the United Kingdom.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The what I forget how many millions of people who were there, but again small numbers, but the influence that England has had over the entire world.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To this day, so just as a comparison, looking at the Jewish community and the influence that they've had their small numbers here, you have the British that.

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00:25:51.060 --> 00:25:53.910

Carole Copeland Thomas: have just touched the entire world.

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00:25:54.810 --> 00:25:55.110

yeah.

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00:25:59.670 --> 00:26:10.020

Carl Racine: we're actually I wasn't thought about the British but that's a very good example i'm gonna go on here shortly to talk, though, about.

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00:26:11.700 --> 00:26:15.870

Carl Racine: The the way that the Jews did that is completely different.

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00:26:15.960 --> 00:26:19.710

Carl Racine: From the way the British they did it by establishing and.

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00:26:20.910 --> 00:26:25.290

Carl Racine: The Jews did it by steadfastly refusing to be an empire.

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00:26:26.520 --> 00:26:27.060

Carl Racine: Well we're gonna.

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00:26:27.090 --> 00:26:27.630

Carl Racine: Talk about.

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Carl Racine: It but let's let's talk.

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00:26:30.240 --> 00:26:37.950

Carl Racine: More about the influence on our world, this book by Thomas Cahill who's a Roman Catholic historian.

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Carl Racine: He.

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00:26:42.840 --> 00:26:44.520

Carl Racine: And he's American I think he's American.

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00:26:46.080 --> 00:26:49.620

Carl Racine: His first book was called how the Irish save civilization.

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Carl Racine: But and it's very interesting, these are these are books that are written, not for scholars, but for regular people they're very readable, but this book The Gifts of the Jews.

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Carl Racine: How a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everybody thinks and feels has a remarkable thesis he says.

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00:27:11.010 --> 00:27:18.210

Carl Racine: We can hardly get up in the morning or cross the street, without being Jewish we dream Jewish dreams and hope to his hopes.

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00:27:18.480 --> 00:27:40.860

Carl Racine: Most of our best words, in fact, new adventure surprise unique individual person vocation time history future freedom, progress spirit faith hope Justice or the gifts of the Jews and it's really an astonishing claim, but he establishes that quite clearly in in this book.

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00:27:42.540 --> 00:27:45.810

Carl Racine: and other more sort of scholarly works.

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00:27:47.730 --> 00:27:53.640

Carl Racine: Only confirm and elaborate on his basic points another Roman Catholic historian Paul Johnson wrote.

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Carl Racine: To the Jews, we owe the idea of equality before the law, both divine and human of the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person.

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00:28:03.120 --> 00:28:21.120

Carl Racine: Of the individual conscience and so of personal redemption of the collective conscience and so social responsibility of peace as an abstract ideal and love is the foundation of justice and many other ideas which constitute the basic moral furniture of the human mind.

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Carl Racine: And one of the things that I would add to this list that we've talked about in this class is the idea that Holiness.

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Carl Racine: And the religious expression and religious practice of Holiness is about much more than simply a performing some rituals to appease the gods which was what ancient times holiness was about.

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Carl Racine: Torah as we've seen insist that holiness embraces all of life that one's relationship to God should result in a life of holiness and a life of compassionate justice and that that's as much what holiness means as any kind of specifically religious.

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00:29:05.490 --> 00:29:19.410

Carl Racine: Practice or ritual, and we take that idea for granted that that religion is about being good, but that is a direct gift from the Jews from Torah to.

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00:29:20.670 --> 00:29:21.810

Carl Racine: Our whole world.

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Carl Racine: And it was first found not in ancient philosophy, but in Torah.

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00:29:30.210 --> 00:29:36.150

Carl Racine: So, as I said here rabbi sacks comments, the number of Jews in the world is smaller than a small statistical air.

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00:29:36.180 --> 00:29:38.280

Marie Doubleday: In the child and not sure.

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00:29:40.110 --> 00:29:40.530

Carl Racine: But.

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00:29:41.040 --> 00:29:42.030

Marie Doubleday: No i'm sorry I mean.

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00:29:45.750 --> 00:29:49.950

Marie Doubleday: Sorry, I unmute myself i'm sorry brother cow okay.

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00:29:52.260 --> 00:30:05.400

Carl Racine: yeah we remain bigger than our numbers and and, as I said, my mind the endurance of the Jews and the end the you know, despite her research that backs.

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00:30:06.210 --> 00:30:21.720

Carl Racine: The thriving of the Jews, is nothing short of miraculous and to me, it is a mystery that point says to God and to the god, who called them into being and whom they continue to worship again comments observations questions.

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James Williams: Oh yes, you start out with the hittites and yeah and I thought the hittites whenever I saw that the Bible was just like a segment of the.

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00:30:35.670 --> 00:30:49.620

James Williams: Of the Jewish community, just like you know black Community get caribbean's and you've got you know Africans ourselves, you know I mean this all these different components to it, I always thought the hittites with just a component of the Jewish community.

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00:30:51.330 --> 00:30:54.450

Carl Racine: No, no, no, they were completely separate people they had their own language.

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00:30:55.560 --> 00:31:01.140

Carl Racine: They as you see, that back when the Hebrews as they were called.

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00:31:03.390 --> 00:31:10.500

Carl Racine: Were were still in Egypt, the hittites had this big empire when when Abraham.

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00:31:11.670 --> 00:31:13.590

Carl Racine: God promises Abraham.

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00:31:14.820 --> 00:31:15.870

Carl Racine: A land right.

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00:31:17.430 --> 00:31:38.370

Carl Racine: You know, leave your family home and come and follow me and and I will give you this land for you and your descendants, the only piece of that land that Abraham actually ever acquires is a cave the cave of Mike peeler where he buries his wife.

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00:31:39.750 --> 00:31:47.820

Carl Racine: And he buys that piece of property for an exorbitant amount of money from the hittites who own the land.

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00:31:48.930 --> 00:31:49.620

James Williams: Oh.

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00:31:50.820 --> 00:31:54.570

Carl Racine: The other so yeah the hittites are mentioned threw out.

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00:31:56.580 --> 00:32:08.700

Carl Racine: Some of the historical books in the in the Old Testament as well as well as Torah because they're around there one of those other nations that are around uriah.

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00:32:12.870 --> 00:32:18.120

Carl Racine: bathsheba his husband, the David had killed was a hit tight.

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00:32:21.960 --> 00:32:23.790

Carl Racine: But that means he wasn't a Jew.

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00:32:26.820 --> 00:32:30.240

Susan Racine: So why was he in the army david's army.

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00:32:32.340 --> 00:32:33.000

Carl Racine: um.

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00:32:36.480 --> 00:32:37.020

Carl Racine: I don't.

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00:32:38.280 --> 00:32:46.110

Carl Racine: Well, I don't think anybody really knows the answer to that question, I mean they you know he david's army.

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00:32:49.410 --> 00:32:55.650

Carl Racine: From from the beginning back when before way before he was a king were always mercenaries so.

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00:32:58.590 --> 00:33:00.660

Carl Racine: He must have been in it for the box.

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00:33:02.970 --> 00:33:18.210

Carl Racine: Or if bathsheba was Jewish, which is you know might it's hard to know but but it bathsheba was was Jewish he may have you know married her, and you know, then become kind of part of the people.

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00:33:19.650 --> 00:33:30.030

Carl Racine: he's constantly called uriah the hittites in the in the literature becky's even in the New Testament in the in the in the opening of the genealogy.

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00:33:31.860 --> 00:33:36.600

Carl Racine: I think this is right and the genealogy and Matthew that opens the New Testament.

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00:33:37.830 --> 00:33:40.920

Carl Racine: were rather than using the name bathsheba.

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Carl Racine: It says.

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00:33:45.450 --> 00:33:51.390

Carl Racine: David was the father of Solomon by the wife of your doesn't say you're either hit I just as by the wife of.

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00:33:51.390 --> 00:33:57.060

Carl Racine: uriah it specifically singles him out and somehow he was a memorable character.

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Susan Racine: So do we know who the descendants of the hittites were there some sort of Arabic people are but they certainly.

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Carl Racine: Know Turkey.

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00:34:08.730 --> 00:34:14.490

Carl Racine: I mean they're you know they were they were um yeah they they were.

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00:34:15.600 --> 00:34:19.680

Carl Racine: You know their empire, there was Turkey and Syria and.

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00:34:20.730 --> 00:34:23.970



Carl Racine: You know what we think of is Turkey and Syria and.

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00:34:25.050 --> 00:34:26.100

Carl Racine: But I don't know if.

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00:34:27.180 --> 00:34:27.840

Carl Racine: You know.

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Carl Racine: scholars may well know who their descendants are, I have no idea, but they didn't survive as a, you know as a as a recognizable group of people, they became something else they didn't maintain their own sense of culture and religious practice and beliefs and stuff the way the Jews did.

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Bill Hughes: um call two quick things.

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Bill Hughes: About England, one is.

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Bill Hughes: I find it fascinating that the point that been Carol brought up.

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00:35:05.280 --> 00:35:10.470

Bill Hughes: One of the great hymns and in England is called Jerusalem, which I think is kind of a.

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00:35:12.360 --> 00:35:24.870

Bill Hughes: In a way, and not in an homage and maybe also a a backhand at at Jews like where the new Jews, but but that an understanding of the power of that.

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00:35:26.010 --> 00:35:41.370

Bill Hughes: That that life and culture, and the other thing that I watched the Crown which many of you may have seen as the series and it's fascinating when you string it together and look at the 50 or 60 years of history that it covers.

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00:35:42.390 --> 00:35:49.470

Bill Hughes: How the imperial notion of England is what brought it down.

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00:35:52.140 --> 00:36:03.420

Bill Hughes: And you know, in a as opposed to the power of the the Jewish community and culture.

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00:36:05.340 --> 00:36:17.850

Bill Hughes: Which kind of issued being an empire and even where where did try to become an empire that's where probably fell apart and all the aspects of empire God warned them about.

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00:36:19.230 --> 00:36:21.030

Bill Hughes: Is where they may be suffering.

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00:36:23.850 --> 00:36:33.420

Bill Hughes: You know, starting under Saul and then you know living through a bunch of kings and and so forth, but, but I just find it fascinating that.

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Bill Hughes: As much as I grew up in New York City it's a city that has a very strong Jewish culture and Jewish leadership, and I feel like I intuitively understand Jewish culture, you know.

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Bill Hughes: Through that but I I am mystified that I cannot put my hand my I cannot really grasp what it what it is that.

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00:36:58.770 --> 00:37:04.620

Bill Hughes: Is the answer to the question that the enigmatic question that you put in the beginning, which is how did, how does this happening.

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Bill Hughes: Other than it is a miracle and and i'm sort of glad it gives me some comfort, because if it were easy to understand, then wicked people would use it to end them.

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00:37:22.320 --> 00:37:27.660

Bill Hughes: And I think God has made it a mystery in part two, to protect them.

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00:37:39.900 --> 00:37:57.090

Carl Racine: All right, you all are being really good this morning at anticipating things that i'm going to talk about which is good because it means we're we're thinking along the same lines, or something I don't know I, yes I it's just it, it was one of those.

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Carl Racine: I mean, I read in rice's words a long time ago I don't know when that book was published and I read it, but.

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Carl Racine: Maybe 10 years ago and that's always kind of stuck with me that that question, which is why I wanted to raise it here's a way of talking about some of the things that we've talked about in a more general way.

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Carl Racine: For me it's it's really the centrality of god's word the centrality of Torah to their life that allowed the Jews, to maintain their identity as a people, especially after the destruction of the temple and their dispersion throughout the world.

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00:38:36.450 --> 00:38:37.020

Carl Racine: and

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00:38:38.130 --> 00:38:48.120

Carl Racine: We when we talked about the exodus in the wilderness experience we talked about the mishcon that the the tent or tabernacle in the wilderness.

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Carl Racine: That was portable that could be taken apart and moved moved with them on their journeys in the in the in the wilderness there.

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Carl Racine: That movable structure became the model for god's presence with the Jews after the temple is destroyed because Torah scrolls are portable you can pick them up and move them.

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00:39:16.440 --> 00:39:31.050

Carl Racine: anywhere you want, and as long as you have 10 men and some Torah scrolls you have a congregation you don't have to be in a big specific place and there was a book, I read a number of years ago about Boston.

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Carl Racine: And, and about the cultures here and I don't remember the title of it now, but it contrast.

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Carl Racine: It talked about it was a book by some sort of sociologist who contrast and what happens to communities that are rooted in a religious building like a cathedral or a parish church, the way the Catholic.

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Carl Racine: Communities were in Boston where your parish was what define where you were so you didn't say I live in dorchester you says live in St greg's or I live in St brendan's or I live in.

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00:40:11.370 --> 00:40:26.760

Carl Racine: Whichever parish of Dorothy Peters whichever parish of dorchester was your church That was what defined you, and that was not a movable thing, but when cultural change came to Boston.

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00:40:28.200 --> 00:40:41.130

Carl Racine: And the Jews were essentially forced out by a number of really despicable economic manipulations by both the real estate business in the banks.

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00:40:42.480 --> 00:40:56.280

Carl Racine: They could pick up and move because they didn't need to they could maintain their identity, because they didn't have to be tied to a specific building so that magnificent synagogue that's there on.

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00:40:58.350 --> 00:40:59.760

Carl Racine: The stratford street.

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00:40:59.790 --> 00:41:01.680  
Carl Racine: seaver river street.

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00:41:03.120 --> 00:41:11.730  
Carl Racine: Right north of the of the zoo magnificent synagogue  
that's now I think it's some sort of Christian church.

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00:41:12.270 --> 00:41:17.070  
Carole Copeland Thomas: It is it some Father Father grace's Dom.

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00:41:18.390 --> 00:41:20.520  
Carole Copeland Thomas: couldn't his his group his organization.

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00:41:21.600 --> 00:41:23.940  
Carole Copeland Thomas: I think his father grace yes.

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00:41:25.200 --> 00:41:35.490  
Carl Racine: That congregation simply moved to out by BC and, at least  
for a long time, maintain their their their sense of identity,  
because.

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00:41:35.820 --> 00:41:41.550  
Carl Racine: They could move they weren't tied, even though they had  
this magnificent building they weren't tied to that building.

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00:41:42.270 --> 00:41:54.000  
Carl Racine: So in the Jewish community what after the destruction of  
the temple what was thought to be permanent, the temple turned out to  
be temporary well what they perceived.

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00:41:54.510 --> 00:42:01.020  
Carl Racine: As temporary this portable tabernacle became the model  
for Judaism for 2000 years.

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00:42:01.770 --> 00:42:10.230  
Carl Racine: prayer could take the place of sacrifice we looked at all  
of this, the study of Torah replace prophecy and repentance itself  
became.

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00:42:10.590 --> 00:42:28.230

Carl Racine: a substitute for the great ritual of atonement that was performed by the high priest in the holy of holy is on your poor, and so the synagogue, which was a building that could be anywhere became a kind of fragment of the temple in Jerusalem, but it was a portable one.

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00:42:29.670 --> 00:42:36.240

Carl Racine: But what bound them together, I think was a sense of collective identity and collective responsibility.

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Carl Racine: And, more than anything, a fierce commitment to the one God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob Jacob of Sarah.

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00:42:48.120 --> 00:42:58.650

Carl Racine: And Rebecca and Rachel and Leah and that God was their reigning monarch and Torah became both their political Constitution as a people.

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00:42:59.160 --> 00:43:17.880

Carl Racine: And their movable homeland that enabled them to make a home anywhere on earth and so despite all odds and despite enormous efforts by other human groups to eradicate them, they have not only endured they flourished now for over three over 3000 years.

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00:43:19.170 --> 00:43:27.600

Carl Racine: One of my favorite Bible teachers, a guy named John Howard yoder a Mennonite argues that the form that Judaism developed into.

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Carl Racine: A decentralized non hierarchical synagogue system that focused on Turan was led by Bible scholars.

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Carl Racine: really has its roots in the situation of the Jewish exile in Babylon some 600 years earlier that's where they began to learn how to live as exiles in in in the larger world.

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00:43:48.870 --> 00:44:08.580

Carl Racine: And the Community there was shaped by jeremiah's expectation to them to be god's people in that place in Jeremiah 29

again a verse we've looked at seek the welfare that Shalom of the city, to which I have exiled you for in its Shalom and its well being it's welfare will be your Shalom.

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00:44:10.590 --> 00:44:20.070

Carl Racine: And that's the Judaism that survived the political upheavals of the centuries, that follow the exile up until the time of Jesus.

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00:44:20.520 --> 00:44:27.840

Carl Racine: And that was the form of Judaism embraced by Jesus and his disciples as Jesus sent them out into the larger world.

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Carl Racine: With Christian assemblies that simply were part of the synagogue system at first and then replicated that synagogue system throughout the Roman Empire.

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Carl Racine: That form was the model for the early church up until the time of Constantine in the fourth century when the church decided to abandon its Jewish roots and model itself instead on the Roman Empire.

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00:44:51.420 --> 00:45:00.000

Carl Racine: And that's the form of Judaism that has persisted throughout the centuries into our time and yoder if we could go to slide number five, please.

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00:45:01.830 --> 00:45:08.430

Carl Racine: yo yoder describes that Judaism, as I love this phrase not being in charge.

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00:45:09.840 --> 00:45:19.620

Carl Racine: And it's a wonderful book of have collected essays by yoder on the whole split between Jews and Christians.

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Carl Racine: that's edited by two Jewish men who, after every chapter respond and creatively engage in yoder has died in 1972 but creatively engage with what's being said so it's again it's a very.

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Carl Racine: it's a book of dialogue, rather than simply a monologue.

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Carl Racine: On on the part of john Howard yoder.

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Carl Racine: That Judaism, he says, was the Judaism, they chose not to be in charge, they sought the welfare, the well being of the world around them, not trying to be in charge of things.

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00:45:56.790 --> 00:46:12.930

Carl Racine: Not by trying to take control of the government and impose their beliefs on people by force, but rather by being an alternative Community a community of Shalom that was not simply content with their own well being but also one that was concerned with the well being of all peoples.

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00:46:13.980 --> 00:46:26.400

Carl Racine: Obviously this is somewhat idealistic view this wasn't true of every single Jewish community throughout the world at any given time, but this is a general trend that you see historically in the Jewish community.

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00:46:27.360 --> 00:46:45.930

Carl Racine: As it was scattered throughout the world, the other forms of Judaism that took up the sword and wanted to run things the maccabees we saw the sad jesse's in Jesus day and the zealots shortly after they all died out and even the dividend monarchy his brother bill said which.

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00:46:47.340 --> 00:46:53.520

Carl Racine: Which is still look to as a model that will be restored at some future date.

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00:46:55.680 --> 00:47:07.350

Carl Racine: But that monarchy is depicted in the Bible, with all its warts and flaws and as ultimately developing into an oppressive worldly power by solomon's day.

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00:47:08.280 --> 00:47:16.560

Carl Racine: Shortly after david's rain, the King was treating the



foreigners living within his territory, the way the pharaoh had treated the Hebrews.

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Carl Racine: forcing them to work as slaves, for his massive building projects, including solomon's temple and the Bible is real clear about this Solomon violates all of the requirements, all of the laws that the Book of deuteronomy 17 sets out, for what it King should be.

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Carl Racine: And that results in the breakup of the empire that he was trying to create, so the scriptures are quite ambivalent about the whole idea of Israel, having a king.

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00:47:49.260 --> 00:48:07.770

Carl Racine: And God warns them that there will be disastrous results from their desire to be like other nations again we've seen that Israel was to be a nation that was the antithesis of Egypt, a countercultural Community a prophetic witness to the one true god of justice and love.

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00:48:09.420 --> 00:48:25.800

Carl Racine: And rabbi sex comments and I love this quote if there is a single sentence that sums up Jewish history, it is surely the statement of the Prophet zachariah not by power and not by might but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

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00:48:26.430 --> 00:48:36.810

Carl Racine: Jews never had much power, nor did they have might Christianity and Islam built massive monumental empires Jews never did.

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00:48:38.760 --> 00:48:48.480

Carl Racine: Israel was redeemed from Egypt in order to establish an alternative society, the complete opposite of a world dominating empire, they were not to be.

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Carl Racine: like Egypt or Babylon or Rome their power was to come from god's spirit living in them, so that their way of life, became attractive to others.

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00:49:01.800 --> 00:49:04.140

Carl Racine: And if we could go to slide six, please.

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00:49:06.930 --> 00:49:09.150

Carl Racine: And rabbi Sachs expresses.

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00:49:11.220 --> 00:49:36.390

Carl Racine: This contrast between the world's view of power and empire and Torres view he says, the choice humankind faces in every age is between the idea of power and the power of ideas, Judaism has always believed in the power of ideas and it remains the only non violent way to change the world.

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00:49:37.590 --> 00:49:38.640

Carl Racine: And I think i'm gonna.

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00:49:41.520 --> 00:49:53.580

Carl Racine: i'm gonna I think i'm gonna stop there for the day and allow people to to comment and make an asking questions about that and then we'll go on next week to talk about how that was true about rabbi sex himself.

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00:49:54.900 --> 00:49:56.610

Carl Racine: from his own little British Empire.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: One thing i'm struck is you have built up this case and have presented the comments and thoughts that had been made about this just.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: With such a small group of people.

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00:50:15.630 --> 00:50:22.800

Carole Copeland Thomas: Whether you call it an ethnic group or whatever, but again so much influence all over the world.

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00:50:23.880 --> 00:50:32.250

Carole Copeland Thomas: And the more influence, the more they have backlash against the group just the hatred.

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00:50:32.940 --> 00:50:39.930

Carole Copeland Thomas: That is perpetrated I mean certainly until this day since our conversation I was mentioning to some of my friends.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who are Jewish just about our class and how much fun, it is and it's multicultural and we're talking about the Jewish roots and I had two separate friends tell me.

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00:50:51.210 --> 00:51:05.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: of their experiences were Christians when they were children said oh you killed the Jew or you you're the one who killed Jesus, and you know they were stunned as children, so it, you know provoked a conversation with us, but just how.

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00:51:08.160 --> 00:51:16.590

Carole Copeland Thomas: influential they are but influence influential and persecuted, at the same time as they continue to be persecuted.

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00:51:19.140 --> 00:51:20.520

Carl Racine: And we also heard.

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Carl Racine: sort of lauren laporte a couple of weeks ago last time about hanukkah saying that Christmas time was when she experienced the most anti semitism from.

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Carl Racine: Christians around her because she didn't observe Christmas and i'm like.

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Carl Racine: yeah that's really.

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Carl Racine: That kind of sums it up we're not just talking about ancient history here we're talking about stuff that people that we know and love has experienced.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I don't know I don't want to put her on the spot, but our very good friend Meryl is here from Santa fe new even nodding your head quite a bit any comments or any thoughts.

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Meryl Lieberman: It just seems that the more visible, we are, as a Jewish culture, the more backlash we receive from the dominant.

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Meryl Lieberman: Culture, and it is so heartwarming and so soothing for me to be part of this class I am so grateful to have been invited Thank you so much, you have no idea how meaningful This is especially now, thank you.

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Bill Hughes: Welcome we're so glad to have you and you know what you said about the idea, the idea of power versus the power of ideas really rings with me i'll be thinking about that all week Carl.

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Bill Hughes: I think that's a lot of what we're living with right now I mean I think that's the battle in the United States, you know, there is a power of an idea, the idea that people can govern themselves by cooperating with one another, which is one of the gifts of the Jews right and.

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Bill Hughes: And yet the you know, there is a something very broken, I would say it's probably you know, for you went back to the fall of man and.

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Bill Hughes: In the garden and understood that I think you know that the idea of power is probably somewhere right very much in the beginning of that.

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Bill Hughes: And the need for power and control.

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Bill Hughes: That causes the very thing that merrill's talking about

that, when something.

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Bill Hughes: That is powerful yet vulnerable, which is ideas.

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Bill Hughes: arise.

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Bill Hughes: Then there's some counter force in the in the world that said that's jealous of that.

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Bill Hughes: says i've got I need that I need to take it, you know I want it from from from my maybe it's to to to destroy it, or maybe it's just to try to catch it like a butterfly and hold on to it it's mine and both of those things are destructive.

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Bill Hughes: And I think it is the the training of good religion is to teach ourselves how to resist those those types of human urges to set them aside and to.

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Bill Hughes: You know, bring forth the the ideas and and the faith that you have, because if you have if it's the power of ideas requires faith.

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Bill Hughes: That those ideas when put into practice are going to give you what you need, as opposed to I need to go take it, and in taking it I end up destroying the thing that I want.

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Carl Racine: And you know I didn't we talked about this more at length, a while ago and it wasn't part of that particular quote from rabbi sex.

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Carl Racine: But one of the things i've pointed out repeatedly in this class is that within Judaism.

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Carl Racine: it's not simply you have one idea, and you want to make that idea of the idea that everybody has to embrace but rather it's the power of ideas that create dialogue and even debate.

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Carl Racine: Within the Community that produces a community that that knows what god's purpose, for it is that and so that all of the the the Jewish literature, the Talmud and all of that, and I argue that this is true of the Bible as well.

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Carl Racine: Is a record of dissenting voices of conflicting voices of voices in conversation.

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Carl Racine: Rather than.

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Carl Racine: Here is the word of the Lord, and this is the only voice you're going to hear, and this is what you all have to do so it's not it's the power of ideas that that are allowed to emerge from a Community conversation rather than from a dictator.

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Bill Hughes: wow yeah.

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Carl Racine: And I, you know that to me, is one of the.

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Carl Racine: most valuable gifts of the Jews, I don't know that I don't know if Thomas cahill talks about that, but that whole idea that we talked about was.

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Carl Racine: Was arguments for the sake of heaven learning to argue.

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Carl Racine: Not for our own, and that was exactly what that was about there's arguments for the sake of power and there's arguments in the rabbi's for the sake of heaven.

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Carl Racine: And why are you arguing, what is the purpose is it is, it is to glorify God and to find out something one little bit of god's truth, for us, or is it simply to affirm my power my intellectual power my personal power, whatever over you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And that's where my example of the Brits is totally different than your.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right eloquent conversation about the Jewish community and there's their strengthen survival.

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Carl Racine: But it's a very helpful calm comment because.

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Carl Racine: yeah empires can.

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Carl Racine: can grow out of pretty small beginnings Alexander the Great was a Macedonian.

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Carl Racine: He he you know he put together this this world empire, starting from the backwoods in in in northern Greece.

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Carl Racine: Hitler tried to do the same thing from from Berlin, I mean you know it doesn't take a massive number of people to create an empire.

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Carl Racine: But so that was very it was actually very helpful to bring up that idea of the British Empire and the influence has had around the world as a way of sort of seeing.

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Carl Racine: And it probably from a historical standpoint, you know you still see the influence, even though that British Empire doesn't exist, the way it exists in the 19th century.

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Carl Racine: that's how the the alexander's Empire was in Jesus day the influence of alexander's.

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Carl Racine: Empire was still so strong that even though the Romans were there, and had their own sort of version of it we always scholars always talking about the Greco Roman culture, even though the.

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Carl Racine: GRECO had been surpassed politically by the Roman in Jesus day they're still speaking Greek the New Testament is not in Latin it's in Greek.

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Carl Racine: Even though the Greeks were not ruling.

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Carl Racine: The Roman Empire right.

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Carl Racine: So the empire can have a long lasting effect and all sorts of ways.

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Carl Racine: both positive and probably more negative I think one could probably easily establish that the.

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Carl Racine: Next, not just the British Empire, but the European empire ventures in the African continent are directly responsible for a lot of the horrors that continue to exist in that in that part of the world.

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Susan Racine: Do we know what the Jewish influence on China is.

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Carl Racine: No.

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Susan Racine: Just.

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Susan Racine: wondering about that segment of the world.

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Carl Racine: yeah I mean you're right that the the.

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Carl Racine: The K hills book is probably and others are probably really speaking from a Western.

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perspective.

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Carl Racine: I don't know how much influence.

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Carl Racine: or I don't even know how much Jewish presence there ever was in China.

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Carl Racine: Alright well we'll we'll leave it there for today and come back to this next week.

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Carl Racine: I hope everyone.

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Carl Racine: Has a peaceful and restful.

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Carl Racine: holiday and.

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Susan Racine: it's Christmas you say Christmas.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah Merry Christmas.

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Carl Racine: Well, but not just Christmas, with the new year, you know it's all kind of lumped together.

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Carl Racine: because someone please close us out in prayer.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I will Okay, thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Lord, I thank you so much for what we just take for granted, our ability and opportunity to speak about these matters without fear of reprisal or.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: revenge or violence against us are having a knock at her door with someone taking us away, I am grateful for that I am grateful for again our multicultural Sunday school class in an AMA church man oh man that's just powerful really, really, really powerful and I think.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Our leader who so masterfully prepares each and every class with the notes and the slides and the discussion.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the opportunity for us to really ponder about these issues, I thank you so much for brother Carl and his beloved partner sister Susan.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And all who are attending this class today sister Marie who has gone on to take care of coffee our to brother jack melvin who was here from Honduras police Navi dad.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To system marrow Lieberman, happy hanukkah in a belated happy hanukkah and obviously happy holidays and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Happy New Year to sister Hannah brooks we shared her truth today about her father her powerful Father her roots in Ohio and the love that she has for the Lord we say thank you so much for brother bill Hughes who's not on his bike today and not walking but stationary hallelujah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And for his family, we say thank you so much for brother James Williams co VID free hallelujah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Running his CPA firm and just doing so many wonderful things with gbi co chair beverly Williams, his wife, we say thank you so much for brother marks your main who was.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Here working steadfastly with his beautiful wife and daughter i'm sure still so many connections with Haiti his homeland and we just say thank you so much for that family, we say thank you so much for sister Gloria.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sadler and you know what is probably a mixed blessing Christmas, for her with her beloved son now passed away, but yet she moves on any way, thank you, Lord for my family.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For what you've done for me for my brother and sister in law for my daughter's children's sons in law, etc, and we just hope that you will be the reason for our season, as we share our love and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Do it safely in a protective manner throughout the holiday season, thank you, Lord for helping us to remember to reflect and to know our Jewish roots this we ask in your precious name I think i've gotten everybody, I hope I have amen.

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James Williams: amen amen.

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Susan Racine: amen amen.

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Bill Hughes: Before anybody goes just one quick.

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Bill Hughes: Whatever I type in our website i'm reminded be the lame.

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Bill Hughes: that's what Bethel am he spells he the lame so as you meditate on that going into this season remembering the least sending.

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Bill Hughes: empathize.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: hey man, this is everybody see you next Sunday.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Take care.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye bye.