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Iran, Israel, the Millennium



AMIR: Shalom and good afternoon from the Jezreel Valley from CONNECT here in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and welcome to one more *Q&A* session with Pastor Barry Stagner, and moderated by Pastor Mike Golay. Gentlemen, Shalom and

good morning to you on the other side of the globe.

MIKE: Shalom.

BARRY: Shalom, good morning or evening?

AMIR: Yeah, it's evening over here, I mean late afternoon and a lot of things are happening here in our little neighborhood, but also on your end. But hey, we're going to talk about *MidEast and Beyond* this coming Wednesday. Thank you for watching, for the views, for sharing, for helping us to spread the news. Today we want to answer more questions. However, this is a very unique one. We're not collecting live questions as we speak, but we are fulfilling our promise to the attendees of our conference in Perth, Australia. We couldn't really answer their questions during the conference. We had limited time, and we preferred to spend the time that was left after the teachings to meet and greet, and take photos with people, shake their hands, thank them personally, sign their books and all of that. So this one, we have already the questions. You will love them and I hope that you will also be very attentive to the answers themselves as they are super important

as well. Pastor Barry, would you do us the honor and start with a prayer before we let Pastor Mike kick off this *Q&A*?

BARRY: Absolutely, and Father, we are so grateful that we can look to You for answers to all the questions of life. Thank You that You've given us all things pertaining to life and godliness. And Lord, we pray that You would direct our conversation, inspire the answers that are given, and equip the saints for the work of ministry through our time together today. And we ask this in Jesus ' name, amen.

MIKE: Amen.

AMIR: Pastor Mike.

MIKE: Amen. Yep, let's jump straight in. Let's put the first question. Now, since these were questions that were generally pulled in from Perth, Australia, we don't have first names. And normally our practice is that when we're live and we do live questions that we have the name, but this is not live questions. This is Perth. And so Amir, here is a question for you. "Do you think Israel will get back involved in the war against Iran and try to destroy their nuclear program? Will Israel ever get total victory over its enemies, Iran and all those proxies prior to the Ezekiel 38 and 39 war?"

AMIR: Well, I'm very glad that they added the last portion to that question because it actually answers the question. Since the Ezekiel War indicates, or at least the Ezekiel account indicates, that Persia is part of the coalition against Israel, obviously, a total victory in the shape of the collapse of the regime, the replacing of the regime, a pro-Israel regime installed in Iran, that will not happen. Now, of course, there is a good chance that the nuclear program will be dismantled. There's also a good chance that the Strait of Hormuz is going to be somehow not fully controlled

by Iran. But remember, the Ezekiel account is explicitly mentioning countries like Russia, Turkey, and Iran, Libya, and Sudan. And that tells me that no matter what is going to happen at the end of this war, somebody will wait for the revenge in the next round, not alone, but coming as a part of an attacking coalition.

MIKE: Revenge.

AMIR: Correct. So now you're going to have to ask yourself, okay, define total victory. If total victory is just eliminating the nuclear program, maybe. If total victory is weakening the regime, maybe. But if total victory means the changing of the regime with a friendly one to Israel, friendly one to America, that's, I believe, not going to happen. We can already see that even the US administration admits that this—what they say for a few months already—this is a new regime. Remember, the president said this is not the old one, although it is the old one. Let's face it, all heads of branches are still the same people. The head of the judicial branch, the head of the parliament, and the president, they're all still in power. The only person that is gone that is really, truly a remarkable departure is the spiritual supreme leader. And then now they're saying his son is instead of him. So that's the only big change in Iran. So the Iranians now, I'm not talking about the people, but the regime, it's weak, it's bleeding, and it's seeking for revenge. And by the way, revenge for them is far more important than the well-being of their own people. We've seen that before”...

MIKE: ... Yeah, the cult takes over their policy and people suffer. That's so sad. So sad, Amir, so sad.

AMIR: Remember, and that's why, by the way, they will not just try to hurt America and Israel, but they want to hurt the president, his wife, his daughter, his son. I mean, if you read my Telegram

today, you could see that official, Iranian television put a bounty of \$10 million on Barron Trump. I mean, that's what they say on their official television.

MIKE: That's hitting below the belt.

AMIR: Correct. And we already know that there was a plot to kill Ivanka. We know that they have attempted several times to take the president's life. And by the way, they never hid that. They never said "no" about that. I mean, I heard at least twice from a podium that the IRGC leaders explicitly mentioned the need and the duty to remove Trump and by doing so, to avenge General Qassem Suleimani. They're still holding that against him. That happened in 2020, in January of 2020. So you can imagine it's been six years, six-and-a-half years, that they have the urge to get rid of President Trump and especially now, in light of the situation right now, even more so they want to do it. So if it's all about the nuclear program, there's a good chance that, yes, it is... I would say, probably diffused or I wouldn't say totally dismantled, but neutralized. Okay? But again, if total victory is changing the regime, no. Unfortunately, the Ezekiel account is telling us exactly the opposite.

MIKE: I mean, you got to admit that they were, in a sense, smart how they originally engineered this government in the '70s. Kind of like the genius of our government, how we have the three branches and they've done a much more diabolical way of entrenching in the country with the cult mentality. So, yeah, it's very, very sad. Pastor Barry, this is a question related. And I know how you like the tough ones so here we go. Pastor Barry, let's throw this up on the screen there, CONNECT team: "Our current government does a lot of things that are against Christian values. For example, abortions, Israel, pro-Palestine. Is it wrong to feel really angry about this?" And I

want to add something very critical. Amir just talked about Iran and their cult-like mentality. Over here you have the Socialist Democrats that are diametrically opposed to what this regime is doing in terms of their policy of morality. And yet they are united in this bizarre front. It's like they feed off of each other. How are we to feel about this? How as believers do we relate to two-headed beasts that fight each other until there is some unifying factor? Can you unpack all of this for us?

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, it is a very confusing time that we live in, to be sure. You've got so many people on both sides of the aisle that talk out of both sides of their mouth. And again, as you mentioned, the circumstance dictates the position or policy to a degree. And when we see these things, and especially with the Iranian issue, I think all of us have some righteous indignation within us as we even look at our own country and the things you just mentioned. I think there's a place for that. I think if we look at Jesus when He came to His Father's house and had been made into a den of thieves, He was mad. And He took action. There's no question about it. But He took action to restore what God had ordained, and it wasn't this just knee-jerk kind of thing that was a temper tantrum. So I think if we look at the instruction in the Word regarding interpersonal relationships, specifically that of the marriage, be angry but do not sin. And I think absolutely the people of Australia should be angry with what their government is doing. I think many governments around the world are following suit with their anti-Semitism. And our country with its just bizarre morphing into something that is almost unrecognizable as the three branches, which were meant to be protective of not allowing the overstepping of any of the three to come into a situation like you see in Iran. But yeah, I think if we can sit by and not emotionally become attached to this, we've become kind of robotic. And we were just talking off-air about the fact that there are

so many things that something should be done about, that nothing is done about and that's very aggravating. And I think all of us have a place for that.

But if your anger in regard to the things you're mentioning, especially with political policies of those in charge, if it doesn't get you off your backside into the polls on election day, then you're just angry at nothing. You're not willing to step up and do anything about it. And we've got a set of mid-terms coming up that everybody is concerned about. And I think the Democrats, especially the Democratic Socialists, are worried about gaining power. And the right that is in somewhat control right now, is worried about losing power. And you know what? Nobody cares about the people anymore and I think that's really what's most aggravating. They establish policies that are against the vast majority of people, and that's what's happening in Iran. That's what's happening in Lebanon and I think the people should be angry about these things, and the Bible, like I said, calls it righteous indignation. It's not just becoming vigilante-like, but it's angry enough to *do* something about it, in the sense, especially in Democratic societies, getting to the polls of voting these people out.

AMIR: You know, Mike, there's a guy called Elijah who was very angry with this system, just so you know. He saw a system that is corrupt. He saw a system that is globalist. A system that has no regards to the Word of God and even calling... [Mike interjects/garbled] Yeah, but once you erase the uniqueness of God and His Word, and you bring in, you invite in everything else, and then it's going to take only the courageous people to stand up. As we know, sometimes believers might feel that they're all alone about that. But God had to remind Elijah more than once that he's not alone, that He left...

BARRY: ... there's 7,000 more of you.

AMIR: Exactly. Now, obviously, it's still 7,000 out of almost a million-and-a-half or two million people is still not many. But don't ever think you're alone in this. Don't ever think that it's only you. And remember, God always leaves a remnant. But I also think that because the remnant is so small, we will see a reaction to this but it's not going to necessarily be godly. So I think there is... What Pastor Barry talked about, righteous anger, is the righteous anger of the believer. And I think because we are believers, the only way for us to fight it is prayer and go to vote. Yes, I mean... But I sadly will say that at least when it comes to America and Europe, I'm not sure about Australia, but I think people will take it to a different level beyond prayer and voting because people also don't trust that their vote matters anymore. And so they're going to say... [MIKE: Bingo.] Yeah. And they're going to say... Yeah. So once people tell you go to vote and you go to vote and you see that in the middle of the night, they turn off everything. And then once they turn it on, boom, the other guy that was way behind is now leading. When you know that they're cheating in the elections, in the counting of the vote and all of that, then as a believer, you're going to pray. As a believer, at least you know you did the right thing: You voted. That's why it's important to vote. [MIKE: That's true.] But non-believers who are driven by their emotions, by their anger, it's not a righteous anger anymore. And unfortunately, we will see levels of violence that the world has not seen in the last couple, maybe in the last 80 years or so. And I often say, and I also teach that, I don't know much about the US and how it's going to end up there but I believe that the rise of the Antichrist in Western Europe will be expedited by the anger of so many Europeans from what is going on in their continent with the Islamic invasion and the lunacy of progressive-liberal mindset because they see how everything is collapsing. And so, what I'm trying to say is that, can

you imagine if the Antichrist is a product of that, that's not exactly good news, but it's predictable. It is inevitable. And so I will say to whoever asked that question, as a believer, yes, it's okay to have righteous anger. But unfortunately, we're going to see a lot of anger that is not so righteous, and the response will be accordingly.

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, [the book of] James says that the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God and I think this is something that, like Amir said, that we see out on the horizon. And back to the first question a little bit regarding what's going to happen with the nation of Israel and Iran and all that, we're first of all told to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. That puts the responsibility of Jerusalem's peace in God's hands. And He's going to bring about an end to all that. And the same what David said in Psalm 119, **"It is time for You to act, O LORD, for they have regarded Your law as void."** [Psalm 119:126] And I think we're very, very close to that time where God is going to act. And He's going to act on behalf of a Christ-rejecting world and we're going to transition into the 70th week of Daniel, or the world is, I should say. I shouldn't say "we." I have no intention of being here during the 70th week of Daniel, so. But I think it's at the door.

MIKE: Yeah, yeah. Well, let's jump straight over to... Since you guys have raised this, let's continue and the next question is related to all of this. Justice... "Why..." Amir, I'm asking you this question. "Why is Satan bound for a thousand years and then released again only to deceive the nations once more? What is God's purpose in allowing this to happen?" But we've answered this question in the past. So I want to focus on a specific angle to this: Satan's bound. The demons are bound. There's justice for 1,000 years. It's relief, Amir. It's relief. What is going on in the hearts

of human beings, from the beginning of the millennium to the end, what happens to human hearts without the devil or demons to tempt them where they would want to go back after he is released?

AMIR: Well, the wickedness of the heart is not necessarily only because of Satan. And so we have to... I mean, the presence of Satan is not... And we see, in fact, the millennial kingdom... But the millennial kingdom is the way for God to prove it. And not only that... Remember, Mike, yeah, but remember what comes right after the millennial kingdom: The ultimate end of the great white throne judgment, exactly. And that judgment is the final judgment. And before the final judgment of all humanity, from the dawn of history, before that happens, I think God is making it clear to the world that even when 1,000 years... Because I asked the same question, by the way. I was a little bit uncomfortable with the fact that I'm taken to be up there and living in a mansion that He worked on for the last 2,000 years. Who wants to come back to this earth after spending seven years in heaven during the Tribulation? After we are already the bride that got married, and after we went through the Bema seat of Christ, and received according to our faithfulness, crowns and rewards all of that... Why would I ever want to come back to this world? Why wouldn't I want to wait until God will make... [MIKE: Why would you?] Well, and that's exactly it. God wants to demonstrate to us as much as He wants to demonstrate to the whole world that when He reaches the point of the final judgment, it's after the world had a whole thousand-year chance to live in a world that is free of Satan, free of demons with... Can you imagine? Jesus Christ is not just something you pray in the name of, He is *physically* there, sitting on His throne. People will come to Jerusalem every year to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. Planet Earth will reach the best form of it, as close as possible to Eden-like. Everything will be perfect, and yet the Bible says that the minute Satan is released, there will be probably the largest rebellion in the history of Planet Earth

against God, and against God's people. And that's to teach you that when the judgment comes right after, it's a righteous, fair judgment that we should have no doubt that is due.

MIKE: That makes sense.

AMIR: And I think that our hearts will also break. I think that if you really think about it, the only time He will wipe our tears, and there will be no more tears, and no more pain, is not when we are taken. It's not the Rapture. It's when we actually enter the New Jerusalem, because only then there is no more sin, and there is no more death, and there is no more sorrow and pain. Up until then sin exists, it will abound, and it's going to be ugly. For us, can you imagine? You lived for a thousand years, you saw probably a believer surviving the Tribulation, entering into the millennial kingdom, having his son born, having his grandson born, and before you know it, five generations after, they're all non-believers. Think about that. All of them will turn against God one day. Yes, but it happens now, but Christ is not physically reigning right now on Earth. So think about that. Right now, people could say, "Yeah, Satan is the prince of the air. He is the prince of this world." A lot of that [rhetoric]. You won't have that one excuse anymore. And *yet* people will sin, and *yet* the moment he is released, he will deceive, and they will gladly join him. That's to tell us that it doesn't matter if it's a war zone, His peace surpasses all understanding. And it doesn't matter if it's a perfect world or a flawed world, if you are a true believer born-again-Spirit-filled, you belong to Him, and you will not wait for Satan to be released to instantly switch sides. And that's for us comforting, but at the same time, it'll break our hearts to see how many will turn against the Lord and against us. It's against the city of the beloved. So I'm thinking the fact that the Great White Throne Judgment is coming right after is the key to why Satan will be permitted to do all of this.

MIKE: Wow, wow. Very well put. Very well put. So the statement in the Bible that says, “The heart of a man is desperately wicked. Who can know it?” is really revealed and highlighted during that time is what I...

AMIR: ... And the verse does not include “... because of Satan.” He could have included that. He could have included that, but it’s not because “As long as Satan is free, the heart is wicked.” No.

MIKE: Yeah, on the condition of.

BARRY: Yeah, hey, Mike, let me jump in here real quick. I think it’s interesting, I’ve always kind of looked at the millennium as the final effort of God to reach mankind. And if you think about the things that are going to happen during the millennium, He left man on his own with no law from Adam to Noah, then gave a covenant to Abraham, and then a law to the Jews, and then sent His own Son into the world; a period of grace like the world has never experienced. And then finally, we’ve got a time of wrath in the 70th week of Daniel. And this is followed by a time where everything that people complain about is eliminated. Because Jesus is going to be the judge of all the earth. He’s not... There will be no injustice. A child will die at 100 years old. There’s going to be extended life spans, again, I believe, during the millennium. There’ll be no famine. There’ll be no hunger. There’ll be no poverty. There’ll be none of those things. Everything that people complain about is going to be eliminated during the millennial kingdom. And I think it’s well fitting to describe the world as kind of like a pre-flood world or even a Garden of Eden-type situation where everything is flourishing; plant life is great; there’s no droughts; there’s no cataclysmic events on the earth. And at the end of all that, people turn on God *instantly* and Amir said. It will be the biggest disaster the world has ever experienced. And that’s why when God

finally closes the loop on His efforts to reach man, man will still side with Satan immediately upon his release and the Great White Throne Judgment is the only solution.

MIKE: I am so glad that I'm a believer. I am so glad that I...

BARRY: Amen to that.

MIKE: Wow, gentlemen. All right. Well, that was heavy. Thank you for delving deeper into that question that we get asked a lot. Let's go on. I'm going to throw this one at you, Pastor Barry. This is also a very interesting one and very controversial. So CONNECT team, you can throw this one up there.

BARRY: Thank you for that. [Laughter]

MIKE: "Is there Scriptural basis that indicates believers who are "backslidden" will not be raptured and will be susceptible to great deception and cannot be saved during the Tribulation?" Because, and I know why the person asked this question, you go to social media and you see people that were walking with the Lord that have now transitioned in their gender, or are now anti-God, even may do public debates against God? What is going on? If somebody is saved, will they be saved forever? Or maybe they weren't saved to begin with? All of these things drive us nuts. And if you go to more of the Pentecostal churches, they say you can lose your salvation. So who's right? What's going on? And then you got the Calvinists saying, once saved, always saved. And the perseverance of the saints. Look, even people in my church, Pastor Barry, as I'm sure you have in your church, that were so-called walking with God, led worship, had volunteer heart and were discipling people. I had a guy transition, and he sees a disaster right now. So how do you unpack *this*, especially in regards to what we know is going to happen in the future prophetic visions that

God gave us very clearly? [All: Laughter] Sorry to throw that at you in such a... It's an emotional thing because we know people like this.

BARRY: I don't even know where to start, Mike. Yeah, I think it's very in vogue right now to walk away and say, "I'm no longer a Christian." Well, the Bible makes it very clear, if you walk away, you never were a Christian. John the beloved said, "They went out from us because they were not of us." And remember when Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount, there's a group that He addresses, the false teachers, who said, "Hey, we did many things in Your name." And He says, "Depart from Me, I never knew you." Not "I once knew you and then forgot about you or rejected you." He said, "I *never* knew you. Depart from Me you who practiced lawlessness." So John makes it very clear under the inspiration of the Spirit that those who depart never were part of the body. And I think we can understand this through the lens of Ephesians 1, verse 13, where God gives us His Holy Spirit as a guarantee of a future inheritance. And there's nowhere in Scripture that we see the removal of that guarantee. The Christian enjoys what is specific to the church age, and that is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And if God gives you His Spirit, that guarantees that you have a future inheritance awaiting you. Now, the other side of that coin is we have to recognize that when God puts His Holy Spirit in you, and you do things that are against God's Word, it's going to grieve the Holy Spirit in you and cause you to repent. Godly sorrow produces repentance. So it's not like you're given the Holy Spirit, and then you can live like hell and still expect to go to heaven. That's not what the Bible teaches at all. And I think the initial question we have to understand comes from 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, where Paul is saying that those who did not or would not—that's choice—would not receive the love of the truth, God is

going to send them strong delusion. As far as them missing the Rapture, I think we can well say they were never going in the first place. It's not that they were on the list and now they're not. They were never going in the first place because they would not receive the love of God's truth and therefore, they will experience a strong delusion. Now, there are those who take this to the place where they say, if you heard the gospel prior to the Rapture and rejected it, then you can't be saved after the Rapture if you miss it during the Tribulation period. I don't believe that at all, because the Bible clearly teaches that there is one who sows, another waters, and then another reaps. So there's a progression in most people's salvation. Most people don't come to the Lord the first time they hear the gospel. So the reason I think this is important is because we have to establish the fact that if it's true for this particular group, it has to have always been true. And people hear the gospel and "I don't know. Yeah, that's too much. I don't know if I believe it." Then somebody comes along and waters it. It says something by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And they say, "Wow, I wasn't expecting that." And then finally somebody comes along and reaps that harvest. So you've got a biblical progression of hearing the gospel. And there are people who hear it and immediately respond to it but they are by far the minority. Most people have what I call layering: they hear something from one person, and they hear it from another person and from another person. Then they wind up sitting in church and hear an evangelist's preach. Then they wind up raising their hand, walking down an aisle or going down on a field. So I don't think that we can make the case for if you heard the gospel and did not respond to it prior to the Rapture of the church, so you can't get saved during the Tribulation. I believe if you made your final decision, if you would not receive the love of the truth, then that indicates that you've already decided you want nothing to do with

God. And you have to remember, Mike, during the Tribulation period, people are going to hate the Jews and Christians. And they're going to want to see them slaughtered. And they're going to be complicit in the death of millions and millions of believers who have the testimony of Jesus and the Word of God. A numberless multitude will be slain during the Tribulation period. And I think those who've said, and there's many, many of them in our world today who said, "You know what? I don't want anything to do this God thing." And if you go back to Romans 1, it says, "Although they *knew* God, they did not glorify Him as God." They want nothing to do with Him at all. So I think it's pretty clear that that indicates there is a final, conscious rejection of Christ that is in view. They want nothing to do with Him, and therefore they will experience the delusion of God. So I personally believe that probably the most significant group contributing to that numberless multitude will be people who were playing church, people who never made a true and honest commitment to the Lord, and they'll recognize they missed the Rapture of the church and come to know Christ. After all, that's the very thing that's going to lead the Jews to salvation, is the Tribulation period.

MIKE: Yeah. Yeah, Amir...

AMIR: If it's okay, I just want to say that if you want the ultimate stamp of when is it that somebody is completely unable to get saved, is when he receives the mark of the beast. I think that's the point where this is it, they have already made up their mind, as Pastor Barry just alluded to. That's it. That's their final... and during the Tribulation, that's the thing. And so I'm saying if you're looking for a specific physical sign for someone who is, that's it, is no longer able to get saved, that's the one.

MIKE: Mark of the beast. Yeah. Look, you guys are... Like what I heard you say, Pastor Barry, is that a believer can be deceived as well and can sin. We know that. And the story's not over. So whoever asked this question, just when you think that the person is backslidden, and let's say they were a believer or are a believer, the story's not over yet. I have many examples, Amir, in my life where as a believer I got off track, and even for several weeks to months, and then I was revealed by the Spirit of God to change my mind about certain things, about life, about my relationships, about even finances, all the practical things that the Bible speaks about. It's like... And so my point is to those watching is you don't know the final story, and so don't assume something is true when it might not be. Just pray for that person. Pray for that person and ask God to put an overwhelming weight of repentance on them, because you can't do that yourself. So that's my two cents worth. Yeah, because we don't... It's disturbing. The biggest thing about the Rapture for me is that I know I'm going to be raptured, but I don't know who around me is going to be raptured. That's the thing that haunts me. So whatever state, the spiritually that they're in.

Let me go then to the next question. Any final comments on that, gentlemen? Since there are no comments, let's go to this question, CONNECT team, number 10. I'm going to put this one on you, Amir, because the last one was with Barry. All right, this is one of those high emotional ones, perhaps. "Can you please explain about all the different Jews? Why do some wear boxes on their arms and heads? Why do they rock when pray? And some Jews do not do these things." Is Judaism a uniform system or does it have various factions? If so, how do you explain that? What does it mean to be Jewish? Why do they do these things and some not?

AMIR: You know, the story of the Israeli that went to China, and he got into a restaurant and he asked the waiter, “Are there any Chinese Jews?” And he went to the kitchen and came back and said, “No, there’s only orange juice and grapefruit juice.” And so... [Laughter]

MIKE: Orange juice. [All laughing]

AMIR: No, look, Jewish people are... It is the only case, as far as I know, that is a race and a religious affiliation at the same time. And when it comes to a race, you can be born a Jew. You have Jewish DNA, Jewish blood, and still you can either be secular or maybe even you went to India and now you have these Buddhist ideas or the Hindu ideas. I’ve seen enough of those, trust me. And then you can have Jewish people that follow Orthodox Judaism, which evolved from the Pharisaic movement after the Second Temple Period. And there are the ultra-Orthodox that are the strictest of those who evolved from the Pharisaic movement. And then you have in other countries, some new branches of what we call conservative and reform Jews that are more progressive in their ideas and most of them live outside of Israel and not in Israel. In Israel, the majority of anyone who calls himself a religious Jew will be the Orthodox or the ultra-Orthodox. So there are so many of them. Any Orthodox Jew, whether he’s wearing a Yarmulke, but just regular clothes and serves in the military and has a job and all of that, or an ultra-Orthodox Jew which is the black-wearing people that are, for the most part, studying the Torah all day long, all of them will use the phylactery which is to put in their morning prayer the box on their forehead and on their arm fulfilling that you shall love your God, all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, *and* you shall have the Word of God on your arm and between your eyes. That’s how, that’s the physical fulfillment of it.

So there are so many different types of the way Jewish people see the way they should fulfill their Jewish identity. Now remember, you have to understand, Jews who believed in Yeshua

2,000 years ago were not considered non-Jews, never. They were not some people that others agreed with, obviously because of their view of who the Messiah is or what Messiah is all about, but at no point they were not Jews because you cannot un-Jew a Jew. You understand that? There is nowhere in the Bible where a Jew lost his “Jewishness” because he is no longer following the Orthodox way or something like that. And at the same way, by the way, there is no Gentile that overnight became a Jew. Now, of course, spiritually, anyone that believes is now a son of Abraham, is now a son of faith, all of that, that’s fine. But as a race, as a blood and all of that, a Jew is a Jew by birth, period. Now, what way is it that he is choosing to live his life according to, it’s a different story. And you have to... and that’s by the way, a lot of people are asking me, “So if the Antichrist will be embraced as Messiah and he will allow the temple to be built and there will be the mark of the beast and all of that... What Jews are going to accept him?” And I always say it’s the same Jewish people that have no problem rejecting God now and saying that they’re globalists, that they’re liberal, progressive globalists. Yes. And so, the central part of Israel, the Tel Aviv region, is full of them. And what we see post-October 7, and by the way, we hear that from survivors of a Nova festival, we hear that from hostages that were released, thankfully, we hear that from many people that they finally understood that one of the reasons, the main reason they were butchered, killed, I mean, others were butchered and killed, and they went through these horrors, it’s because they’re Jews. It’s not because they were... I mean, it wasn’t... the enemy never checked their political views, the level of their practicing Judaism. I mean, most of the people who lived in the kibbutzes around Gaza, they were secular Jews. You know, they were not religious Jews, they were not Orthodox Jews. Okay? But they realized it wasn’t the way I practice Judaism; it’s the blood that runs in my veins that caused the enemy to already determine that I need to be

killed. And that's what caused so many Jewish people in Israel and outside caused them to leave the secular, hedonist, materialistic lifestyle and to run back to their Jewish identity. And everyone has his own way of how to express that. But at least they know God is there, we are a nation created and guided by God, and we are being preserved by God. Because if you understand what was planned and how October 7th is actually a thing that saved us from the original vicious grand plan of the ayatollahs, you would know that God had to be in the picture.

And so, my point is that some Jews practice this way, some Jews practice that way but all of them are still Jews. And in the eyes of the enemy, all of them must be killed. And in the eyes of God, all of them are Jews, all of them are the people of Israel. And so, when we talk about all Israel will be saved after the Tribulation, I don't think God is going to check if they wrap themselves with phylactery, prayer shawls, or said this prayer that prayer. I think that it's when they look at Him whom they pierced and they acknowledge that He is their Savior, and they acknowledge that by His death, they are healed and they are saved, that's how they are going to be saved. And so, again, there are different ways of how to "materialize" your Jewish identity right now maybe, but at the end of the story, the end of the book, I don't think that rabbinical Judaism, traditions, and all of these things can ever save anyone. And I think that by the end of the Tribulation, they will already know that. And it's not going to be any of their rabbis, any of their traditions, any of their religious practices that will save them. It will be their eyes fixed on their Messiah. And it's... Look, I'm not even quoting the New Testament, I'm quoting the Old Testament. Yes, Paul is the one who talked about all Israel will be saved in Romans 11. But it's Zechariah the prophet that mentions the fact that the Messiah will come back, His feet will stand on Mount of Olives, and they will look at Him whom they pierced, and that's the One that they will recognize. And then they will mourn and

cry. There will be true and great repentance. And isn't it interesting that that will be the fulfillment of Trumpets, Atonement, and then Tabernacles? The Jewish people will go through a fulfillment of what they always considered as part of their tradition, part of their religion. But they will *then* understand it was always the shadow; now we understand the substance. And I think it's beautiful.

MIKE: The obvious question is, in your opinion, what does it mean to be Jewish? This is why people argue... it's a fierce debate.

AMIR: I don't think God asked us if we want to be Jews or not. We were born to this nation, and we will have to bear the consequences of being part of that nation, for good and for bad. Look, I love the fact that believers love the Jewish people. I love it. But I also have to admit that I don't like the fact that most of the world hates the Jews. Okay? So we can enjoy that from the people of God, but we have to accept that the other thing is coming from those who hate God, and those who are against God. And these are the two things that every Jew finds himself in the last three years living with. Love and support from a small remnant, which is, for the most part, born-again, Spirit-filled Christians, and hatred to the level of wanting to exterminate us from the rest of the world. And we see it, we experience it, we live it. So what is it to be a Jew? You're born as a Jew. Now, to be born as a Jew... By the way, to be born as a Jew is not enough, Mike. To be born as a Muslim or as a Catholic or as an Orthodox or as a Hindu or as a Buddhist, that's how you're born. But to be born again, that's the key. And the difference, though, between Israel and the rest of the world is that Israel is the only nation on Planet Earth that has a promise of a *national* salvation, whereas the rest of the world, the individuals come to faith. It's not the nation that comes to faith. Do you understand the difference?

MIKE: Yeah, it's fascinating.

AMIR: It is fascinating. So I have to accept the fact that being a Jew is being part of a nation that is hated by the world, but it's part of a nation that is loved by God, has a future and a hope from God. And yes, pay the penalty of disbelief, but if you survive to the end, you will also enjoy the amazing, amazing future and hope in the promises of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life. And so, as 2 Corinthians chapter 3 says, when a Jew turns to the Messiah, that veil is taken away, and he can instantly understand everything. But as a nation, it's not going to happen until the end of the times of the Gentiles. It's not going to happen until the end of the Tribulation when as a nation we will experience a national salvation. So look, I never chose to be born a Jew, but now that I have been born a Jew, I have to embrace it, I have to thank God for it, and I have to ask, "What is it that You want from me as a Jew in my journey as a Jew in this world?"

MIKE: Yeah, I just wish that, we talked about this last week on last week's Q&A, all of you can go watch that question, but [Mike: deep sigh] so many Jews will die in the Tribulation period. I just wish what happened to you, Amir, what happened to everyone in your nation, of course, I'm optimistic. I mean, forget that. Look at the Gentiles. It's even worse. I mean, they're grasping onto evil without any identity of... it's just so... the devil really understands how to work people and deceive people. Pastor Barry, you're about to mention something?

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, I think what Amir said is so important because what we have to recognize is that this is spiritual at the core. And we know that because it doesn't matter what party the prime minister is from, doesn't matter the leanings of the Knesset, whoever is in control is completely irrelevant politically, because the world is still going to hate the Jews. And this is a huge revelation, I think, regarding the nature of this hatred. It is demonic, and therefore when anyone feels these anti-Semitic feelings and a hatred for the Jews, you have to know that that's of the devil, and that's

who that person is submitting to. So this is crucial. And the lesson learned by those in the kibbutzim and all the other places around Israel is that it is just a demonic hatred of a national people group because God called them children.

AMIR: Yeah, Mike, I want to remind people we have two-and-a-half weeks until the launch of my new book, and it's so important. I mean, half of the things we talked about today are related to this. So this is *The Elijah Mandate*, and it's coming out September 8th. We would love you to help us to reach the number that will get the attention of the big bookstores. Go online, and if you can, please pre-order this book. It can be through Amazon, Christianbook, maybe even Barnes and Noble also. But do us a favor if you're planning on getting it, get it now, because this is the two-and-a-half weeks that determine if the big stores will have it or not. And so, many times people think, "Oh, I'll get it after it's out." Yeah, but what if you can actually get it and help us to get the attention of so many others at the same time? So help us if you can.

Also, these Q&As, in the first batch of the Q&As that we did in the first few years during COVID, we came up with *Bible Prophecy The Essentials*. We accumulated all the question and answers on topics such as Israel, the church, the Rapture, Tribulation, Millennium, Great White Throne Judgment, and heaven. And the 70 most common questions were given an answer by Pastor Barry and myself in that book. And that's *Bible Prophecy The Essentials*. And we just talked about the fact that we have so many new questions, so many new things in light of so many things that have happened over the last years since this book came out, and we're planning on having another one soon. Pastor Barry wrote an excellent book called *The Time of the Signs*, and we also want to get your attention to this book. It's an excellent book that puts together all the things that are

surrounding us as they point to the soon return of the Lord. And so that will also help Pastor Barry a lot. And if you want, scan this QR code and you can order it as well.

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BARRY: Shalom.

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