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AMIR: A couple of days ago, we were in Adelaide at a church called Navigate. It's a Navigate Baptist Church. We had a phenomenal event there. I mean, honestly, one of my favorites. But there were so many people that came, and the line for the meet-

and-greet was so long that we actually prefer, just like with Melbourne, we just prefer to just see the people, thank them personally, and then do this *Q&A* online. So, we already have the questions that were submitted then, a couple days ago, and we want to answer them right now. All right, Pastor Barry, the mic is yours.

BARRY: All right. The first question I think is one that is pressing and important no matter where you go, and that is "How do we stand against anti-Semitism, and better support the nation of Israel?" I think this is pivotal for such a time as this because Israel is the hub of last days Bible prophecy. And if you don't get it right about Israel, you're going to wind up a mess like people like Tucker Carlson and others who are clueless about where we are prophetically.

AMIR: Yeah. Well, first of all, you just kind of answered the question within the question as you said Tucker Carlson and the others. And that's exactly the beginning of the answer. First of all, do not go there, to those places. Do not go there. Do not entertain yourself with these people. Do not allow that poison in because it causes brain rot. When the people came to Balaam and offered him money to come and curse Israel, the Lord came to him and said, "Do not go with them." And then He said, "You shall not curse Israel, for they are blessed." God said that. It wasn't a prophet. It

wasn't some messenger, it wasn't a king, it wasn't a... It was God Himself who appeared before Balaam, speaking about a nation that was already rich with unfaithfulness. And yet God said the first thing, first of all, "Who are these people that are with you?" God didn't like the fact that we are entertaining ourselves with this type of... and then He says, "Do not go with them." So, the first thing is what not to do is "Don't listen to all of these things." And the second thing is "Educate yourself," first, from the Word of God. I think this is why we do *The Israel Decree* conferences. This is why we have also books written on these things. But of course, all of our books and all of our conferences are directing people to the Word of God. Unless you're deeply rooted and well-grounded in the Word of God, you will have a hard time answering, because although there's no doubt that everybody's lying and deceiving people with stuff, but again, I think that for the people of God, we have to remember that we have a different level of way to answer ourselves first before we answer others. And that is, of course, being in the Word. So, I think if you don't know what God is, the nature of God that is unchanging, the nature of the fact that God's promises are final, the fact that He has never rejected Israel. Paul is very clear about that. When you understand basic truths, then it's easier for you to later on say, "Okay, if that's the truth, then I'm going to fight the lies by finding facts. If there are historical facts." It's very easy, by the way, because all what the enemy is doing is based on a false narrative. There is no famine. There is no genocide. There is no colonialism. All of that is just a lie from the pits of hell. But remember, the Bible talks about let no one cheat you with philosophies and the traditions of this world. And what we are watching today is not facts and not truth, but it's the traditions of men of this world, and is, obviously, as far from God as the East from the West. So, educate yourself with the Word, educate yourself with facts, and stay away from all the other things that are poisoning you and your souls, and then, of course, causing you doubts and causing you to... Listen, you don't doubt Israel; you doubt the

Word of God; you doubt the character of God, the nature of God. And when that happens, you're going to have a problem with so many other things. And I always tell people, look at this strange coalition of socialists, Islamists, and progressive liberals. All of them, they don't only have a problem with Israel, they have a problem with the unborn, they have a problem with gender, with family, with borders, with security. They have a problem with a whole array of things. So, without knowing before you know it, if you join their camp, you'll start compromising all the other things. Israel is just a litmus test for so many other things. And so that's my answer.

BARRY: Yeah Amir, it's interesting that Paul told the church at Corinth that a natural man cannot discern the things of God because they're spiritual nor can he know them. And for any Christian to use a secular resource as information regarding the nation of Israel is just going to lead them astray. They don't get it. And the only ones that do get it are people that have the Holy Spirit and know the Word of God. There's no other place to look for information about what's going to be going on in the last days. And the fact that Israel is central to the whole of the last day scenario regarding the end of the church age. We talked about the fact that [the book of] Amos says when there are Gentiles who know God, the Jews are going to come back into the land and prosper. And if you don't know the Bible, you're not going to understand this information and you're going to be battered about by every motion, every wind of doctrine, [and] anyone who comes down the pike that says something that touches the emotional aspect of the issue is just going to lead people astray. We have the Word of God, and it never returns void.

And our second question, Amir, is kind of interesting and I think a lot of people wonder about this. And this question has come up throughout the end of church history, so to speak, and that is, "If we are so close to the rapture, is it worth investing and planning for the future?" And I think that's kind of an easy one in a sense that Jesus said, do business till I come, or occupy till I

come. Now, obviously, that incorporates our going to the world and preaching the gospel. But, it's kind of almost a dichotomy that we are to live as though He could come today and also live as though we need to plan for tomorrow because we don't know exactly when He's going to come. All the evidence seems to say, clearly, could be at any moment. But it could be a year from now, it could be three minutes from now. Who knows? [AMIR: Correct.] What I do know is that we have the responsibility to care for our family and that's what Paul told both the church in Thessalonica and elsewhere, he mentioned the importance of caring for your family. And that requires planning and investing, and however you choose to do that, to plan for the future. But I don't think we need to move to some remote place and buy guns and water and sit on the mountain and wait for the rapture. I think that's exactly contrary to what Scripture tells us.

AMIR: You're right. I believe that throughout history, especially from the 80s and on, we could see a lot of time setters and those time setters caused many people to sell everything and go and isolate themselves. And then, eventually what they did, they caused a great damage to the interest of people in Bible prophecy. And so, I truly believe that the mere fact that we are spiritually ready, but we're still doing business as usual and we are still responsible people when it comes to how we handle ourselves. I think that's the testimony. The testimony is... obviously there is... once you're a believer, you have a different set of priorities, of course. But that has nothing to do with the closeness to the rapture. That has to do with you as a believer. Now you have, you give to the Lord. You're more interested also in spreading the Word. You give your time to do things that you never cared about before. But the nearness of the Lord has nothing to do with our finances; it has to do with our spiritual readiness. And if you're not spiritually ready, you can sell everything and get on the rooftop, whatever, it's not going to help you. And by the way, the description of "two are grinding in the field, one is taken, one is left" tells you that business was as usual. The rapture

takes us in the middle... [BARRY: They are at work...] ... Yeah, yeah, people are at work. And so, I believe with all of my heart that when He talked about as in the days before the flood, you could see that it's the spiritual thing. People cared about the things of the world, but it wasn't that they never went to work, or they never provided for their family. And so that's, as you said, that's the difference. It's the spiritual readiness at all times that at the same time, you are not a weirdo, you're not doing things that will cause people to be turned off from all of this but you're actually showing people that you know your Redeemer lives; you know He's coming to take you. You're ready for that spiritually, but you're still here and until He comes, you do business.

BARRY: Yeah, Amir, next question is a biggie. I think many people wonder about this and how it fits because of some of the language that's incorporated there about the Ezekiel War: "Does it have to start sometime before the tribulation in order for the weapons to be burned for the duration of the tribulation?" Now, I think that's kind of a perception that many have. But what's that all about? What's this "seven years to burn the weapons"?

AMIR: I think that the main problem of this perception is the fact that people don't understand the tribulation has nothing to do with wars; it has to do with peace, actually. The tribulation has to do with the rise of the Antichrist that introduces peace, not war. So, if we're going to have to talk about when will the Ezekiel War happen, we have to ask ourselves, when could a peace that includes a temple be ever possible? Because that's the peace that the Antichrist is going to introduce. And that leads *me* to believe that the tribulation can only happen after the Ezekiel War, when the war will already be rid of radical Islam, when there was messianic aspiration among the Jewish people, when there was readiness after the defeat of all these empires, there will be readiness to accept the Jewish temple now on the Temple Mount. All of that, I believe, this is what we... I always say to people, every time you hear about peace, that doesn't mean it's the Antichrist.

There're so many peace treaties, so many peace accords; everybody wants peace in the Middle East. I mean, apart from the ayatollahs and their proxies, people in the Middle East actually want peace. The thing is that the difference between the peace offers and deals and accords that we hear about today and the peace that the Antichrist will introduce is the temple. That's the component that you always have to remember that changes everything. And you and I believe that we're not here to see the rise of the Antichrist. We are the restraining power, we have the Holy Spirit in us and only once we're out, he will show his true face; he will then appear. So, I don't believe we are, you and I—any born-again Spirit-filled believer—I don't think we are to see the third temple. But I think it's the third temple as a main component in a peace deal to Israel and Middle East that will become the beginning of the seven-years tribulation. And that, my friend, can only happen after the Ezekiel War, not before that. So, I'm not even talking about the rapture now. All we talk about now is Ezekiel War versus the tribulation. And that cannot be together. I think that Ezekiel War *may* have at the very end of it this whole wrath that might be part of the tribulation. But the tribulation cannot start before the war. That's my point.

BARRY: Yeah, it can at least be post-rapture. I think sometimes people forget that there's very, very likely and even necessary a time between the rapture of the church and the beginning of the tribulation. It's going to be absolute chaos all over the earth. And this guy's going to rise to power and ride onto the world scene, as Revelation 6:2 says, with that covenant in hand and offer that peace agreement. So that's going to take some time. But Amir, I know this question comes up a lot because of the mention of seven years. And I think when we come to something like this, where the Bible is a bit cryptic in its description, the question is often posed that, since we won't be cutting down trees and all of that for energy sources, that we recognize that in modern mechanized warfare, there are no walnut stocked rifles and guns and all that that would be used for fuel. So,

it's very possible that this has a figurative meaning, that all the energies that were used to create the weapons of warfare will be focused more on supplying the cities with energy and things like that. There could be something along those lines that is the actual meaning of that phrase. But I think, once again, if we start imposing necessities for this or that, in order for something to happen that is clearly got some type of figurative implication, and we could kind of hit the pause button on that and realize, well, we actually don't completely know exactly what that means.

Now, our next question, Amir, I thought was based on the message I gave. I thought it was kind of interesting that this question was asked. I thought we kind of landed on, "Yeah", on answering this question but "Are we living in the generation that will not pass away?"

AMIR: Absolutely. I believe that when the description in Matthew 24 was given by Jesus in that Olivet Discourse, He talked about the return of the Jewish people back to their land, the revival of national Israel. And I believe that all of us live through that time. We are the generation that can see the return of Israel back to the land, the revival of national Israel in their land. Yeah, it's the end of the era of compulsive diaspora. Now Jews can choose not to come, but they don't have to. They have a place to return to. There is a Jewish state. There is the state of Israel. And I believe that anti-Semitism around the world will force more and more and more of them to return. And you and I also teach in Ezekiel 36 that actually wants the Jews to return. It's almost an offense that once they're back in the land, some still choose not to return. I mean, the Gentiles were laughing at the Jews when they saw them in the diaspora. They said, "Aren't you God's people? Why are you not in the land that He gave you?" And that's why God said it's for My name's sake that I'm going to bring you back. It's not like Israel turned into a godly nation overnight and that's why God returns them back. No. You see, the notion that we have to be perfect in order to return is man-made. Throughout history, Israel was never perfect. God, a second before He kicked them

out in Jeremiah 29, before He kicked them out to the 70-years diaspora, He told them, “Listen, I have a good word for you that I’m going to fulfill, and that good word is once the 70 years that you’re going to spend out [of the land] will be over, I’m bringing you back because I know the plans that I have for you, and that’s to restore you, and that’s to give you future and hope.” So, God has a plan for Israel, and it has never been performance-based. And eventually it will be Israel that will be saved through their own acknowledgement of Yeshua as the Messiah when He comes back. But my point is that we definitely are the generation that can see that. We are the generation, from 1948 and on, that is watching something that is remarkable, something that never happened in the history of any nation, something that is unbelievable. And so, I do believe that we are the generation, and I believe that I don’t know the exact length, is it 80, 90, 100 years, but I know God knows. It’s a lifespan of people, and we are within that group of people that enjoy seeing that in our lifetime.

BARRY: Yeah, we can ask ourselves the questions: Is lawlessness abounding? Are people betraying one another? Are there issues that are dividing families? Has the love of many grown cold? All these things are within the content of the Olivet Discourse, and they’re all present with us now. And you add to that, Amir, the wars and rumors of wars, the ethnic tensions, the pestilence, the plagues and famines and all the other things that we know, the seismic activity, the atmospheric events that are taking place today are happening on an unprecedented level, both in frequency and intensity. So, we can check all the boxes and besides the fact that it’s quite clear that the fig tree budding *is* pointing to the regathering of the Jews from around the world.

Next question is kind of interesting because it opens the door to talk about a lot of other things and it asks the question, “Do the days of Noah include transhumanism, or a meshing of the angelic realm with the human realm, as many see the days before the flood? Or is it the business-

as-usual attitude of Noah's day?" And I think it's quite clear from my perspective that the days of Noah, as far as the content of the Olivet Discourse, buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage just kind of indifferent to the fact that there was a guy building a boat on dry land for 120 years on a planet where it had never rained. I'd say that's a pretty significant sign that something's coming. And yet people were just going about their business, life as usual, as though nothing was going to happen. I think that's pretty solid as far as an interpretation.

AMIR: I think you're right, but I actually think that in our case, it's even worse than those days. Because if you really think about it, here we are promised that Christ will come and take us, which is our deliverance from the flood. Yes, He's coming to take us. And yet more than 90% of those who call themselves Christians don't believe in it. You see, I don't expect the world to believe in it. And so, the people in the time of Noah, those who were not part of his family and those who were not part of his close—I mean, of course, they ridiculed him. They laughed at him. But what if I told you that in our case it's if Noah's own family did not believe it? That's the sad part. I think that's the heartbreaking part. You quoted during your message an astonishing number. Would you mind repeating that of how many people among those who call themselves Christians believe in the rapture? And if I'm not mistaken, it's less than 7%.

BARRY: Yeah, exactly. For those who gather statistics, and I'm not saying it was the Pew Research Group, but it was a group like them that records that there are 2.42 billion people who are identified as Christians on the planet today, and that would include those in countries where your religious affiliation is put on your birth certificate, that doesn't mean you're actually a born-again Christian, but there are 2.42 billion. And out of that 2.42 billion, 6.6% or 159 million people actually believe in the rapture, which is exactly what Jesus said in Matthew 24:44. I'm coming when people don't think I am. And for me, that's one of the greatest evidences that we need to be

looking up because our redemption is nigh. Nobody or *few* of those called Christians are expecting the rapture of the church.

AMIR: Yeah, exactly. Look, that's why we travel. This is why we teach. That's why we write books. That's why we do things online. People need to understand to be saved from the "flood" or from the wrath of God is not to stay here. It's to be taken out of here. People need to understand Jesus... that's His main promise: "I'm not going to leave you as orphans. I'm sending now the Holy Spirit, and then I will come and receive you unto Myself. So, where I am, you will also be." It was a huge comfort and a huge promise. And guess what? If we don't hold on to that promise, what other promise should we hold on to? I mean, I don't understand that. Why would He even promise that if it was figurative, if it was symbolic, if it was not, if it was theoretic, if it was... Look, Jesus was very practical, He said, "I'm going to a place." Did He go? Yes. They saw Him physically ascending. It wasn't like He figuratively disappeared. He *physically* ascended. And Stephen saw Him, physically saw Him standing at the right hand of the Father, physically. So, we know that He physically ascended. We know where physically He is. And we know that He said, "I'm going to prepare a place for you. And I will come and receive you unto Myself," which is take you away from something and take you— "so where I am,..." which is up there, "... you will be also." Now, "I'm like, what is so hard to understand?"

BARRY: Yeah, exactly.

AMIR: By the way, that's one of the most important promises that we have in Scriptures. That's the blessed hope that we have as believers. So, yeah.

BARRY: Yeah. Amir, one of the things that we both enjoyed so much at Adelaide was the number of young people that were there. And I think probably the cherry on top or the icing on the cake, so to speak, was a bunch of them were seated in the front two rows. And they wanted to know the

truth; they wanted to hear of what the Bible has to say about the days in which we live. And our next question is, “What one thing would you give as advice to young Christians today?” And I would say this, stand up and don’t be silent. We have the truth on our side, but we also have the facts on our side. And we’ve got bullies like Richard Dawkins out there making fun of us and mocking us, but the evidence is on our side. The evidence is not on the side of evolution. The evidence is on our side. And if we, as Bible-believing Christians, would recognize some of the things that have been shoved down our throats that simply aren’t true, things like the fossil record. Listen, fossils don’t form over time. They form through a catastrophic event that buries them in the muck and the mire. Because if you see an animal that dies out in the Outback, since we’re here in Australia, it’s not going to lay there and become a fossil. It’s going to rot and turn into dust. But when something catastrophic happens, like a global flood, it’s going to leave seashells on mountain peaks. It’s going to bury things under the sand. It’s going to cause woolly mammoths to still have hair on them and for T-Rex’s red blood cells to be recovered because they were catastrophically ended by something that happened in a short span of time. The evidence is on our side. So be bold. Don’t sit there and let some professor bully you with his lies and things that are contrary to science. Science is not on the side of evolution. Science is on the side of “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” So, stand up, young Christians. Let the truth be said and don’t let them intimidate you and bully you into silence through their garbage. Because it is exactly that, it is nothing but garbage being spewed by the enemies of the cross to make Christians stay quiet.

AMIR: Yeah. And I will add also, be grounded in the Word, and also stay away from the attempt to fit in, and to listen to all the others, and to want to belong to a cool movement that is based on lies, deception, hatred, and pure anti-God principles. So, I’m just saying again, be grounded in the Word. Study the Word. Okay, we get it. You’re done with smokes and skinny-jeans pastors. You’re

done with all of the nightclub-style churches. You want to see religion. That's what causes a lot of young people now to flood and to move to some liturgical. Yeah, but the thing is, if you don't get the Word of God there, then you're making just another mistake. You won't find your answers there as well. You might find self-righteousness because now you're religious. You do this, this, this, this, so you can earn your salvation. But that's contrary to the gospel. You cannot earn your salvation. It's not based on performance. It's not based on what you do. So, the point is, instead of looking for other, shopping for religious experiences and liturgical experiences, study the Word of God. This is, by the way, one of the first things when I started writing books, one of the first things I did was to make sure that every book is also having a study guide that takes you deeper in the Bible to understand what the book is all about. Because it's not the book we're trying to promote, it's the Bible we're trying to promote. And the book should only be a vehicle for you to want to study the Bible more. The Bible is the Word of truth, the Word of hope, the Word of life. And you won't find life and hope and truth in religion. There is no religion that can ever quench that. And so, my advice is be courageous, as you said, stand out. We were never, ever called to be blending in. Also, remember to not try to fit in because everybody else is, and know your Bible. Look, we're Christians. We should know better. We followers of Christ should know His Word, should know His promises, should also know that He never destroyed the Old Testament. He actually used the Old Testament to prove Himself to be the Messiah. He never came to abolish it, but to fulfill it. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. And it's the same Jesus that lamented the rejection of Him by Israel. He's the same Jesus who will return back to Israel. And it's the same Jesus who will have His feet standing on Mount of Olives and He's the same one that will save them once they say *Baruch Habah B'Shem Adonai* as He returns. So, He's not different. It's not a different God that you worship now. It's the same God of the Old Testament. God cannot change. He will

not change. His promises are forever. And remember those things. Don't throw half of the Bible away just because you're now Christians and we are in to New Testament. No, the full counsel, the whole Bible from Genesis all the way to Revelation, *that's* the Bible. Study it, learn it, and be a student of it. And show yourself approved. It's an amazing thing. God is looking. God is watching. And again, you don't need affirmation from the world. If the world likes you, you're in trouble, actually. So just we need to stand before the Lord, and He's watching. These are the days, I believe, of separation.

BARRY: Well, we're told to come out from among them and be separate, Amir. And I know it's kind of interesting, there are many things that are said about the Mosaic Law: don't mix these fabrics; don't eat this; don't do that. All those things. And I think what often gets overlooked is that these were meant to separate the Jewish people from the rest of the world. They were to create a point of identity that made them distinct from everybody else. And we have that same mandate within the church to live a life that isn't consumed with the things and cares of this world, and to live in a manner that identifies us as the people of God, the priest that we've been called to be. And I want to skip down to the question about Matthew 24:14, Amir, if you can pop that one up in the lower third. It talks about the gospel being preached to the whole world and then the end will come and the question was, "How can we expect the rapture if there are still people who haven't heard the gospel?" And I think we can clear this up for the one who asked this question, and that is the rapture is not the end.

AMIR: Absolutely.

BARRY: It's not talking about the rapture. There's much more to happen after the rapture. There are going to be people saved during the tribulation, there are going to be people saved during the millennium because it will be natural people who enter into the millennial reign of Christ. I think

the thing to remember is that this is fulfilled, I believe, during the tribulation. I believe the end at the second coming is the end that's referred there. And it's in Revelation chapter 14, where there's an angel who flies in the midheaven or the high point of the sky, preaching the everlasting gospel to the whole world. That's when it's fulfilled. It's not fulfilled by the church. It's not fulfilled by the 144,000. It's filled by an angel flying where the sun is at noon, preaching the gospel to the whole world, telling them, "Fear God and give Him glory for the hour of his judgment has come." That's when that is fulfilled, not before the rapture can happen or any of those other things.

AMIR: Yeah. The only thing that the rapture is an end to something, it's the end of the *church* on earth and that is only for a seven-years period because we return back with Him. But that's not the end of everything. And then-the real, final end, if anything, is when He makes new heavens and new earth, and there's a New Jerusalem. That's completely... and then that's the end of time, as we know, and then we enter into eternity. So, there's no doubt, you're right that the rapture is not the end of all things. And therefore, yeah, this is it. All right, next one...

BARRY: The next question is heavy.

AMIR: Yeah? Yeah. "Why did the Lord allow the Holocaust?"

BARRY: I don't think we could skip that.

AMIR: No.

BARRY: Yeah, and Amir, I think there's some great insight that God has given you regarding this issue. So why don't you clear it up?

AMIR: We can ask the same thing at the end of the tribulation. Why did God allow the tribulation? In fact, the tribulation will actually make the Holocaust a kid's game, I mean, the tribulation will be... And then we're going to ask the same question. And the answer that you and I know about the tribulation is it's for Israel's salvation. Remember that. And so, God is not punishing, He is

actually exposing. The Holocaust just exposed a few things. It exposed the need of the Jewish people to return to their God, the need of the Jewish people to return to their land, and also, the fact that evil is always showing itself in the shape and the form of hating God by hating God's people. And things like that happened before, things like that happened not long ago with the Holocaust, and things like that happened on October 7th, and things like that will happen in the future. And God is going to judge every nation that will come against His people and divide His land. This is a given, Joel chapter 3, Matthew 25 [repeat] that as well and we know in Zechariah 12, that He's speaking about judging all the nations that will come against Jerusalem. So, there's no doubt about the fact that the nature of the God-hating and God-rebelling, the rebellious people against God, will always manifest itself with their hatred towards Israel. And God allowed that to happen because obviously, evil is not from God, evil is the absence of God. Evil is not that God... God actually always told people, "Here I put before you, life and death, evil and good, choose life" He says. You have choices to make, choose life. So, if it was up to God, obviously, Israel wouldn't even be needed because Adam would not have sinned if it was up to God. So, if you have to go all the way back there, obviously— But Adam did choose, unfortunately, and Adam and Eve. And then, of course, there was a need for a flagship nation. And there was a way for salvation that came through them to the whole world. And now we can clearly see that God has *used* the evil of man in order to expedite His plan to bring back the people to their land, and to establish them back in their land in an independent state. Now, I don't think that Israel is direct... it's indirectly part of what happened after the Holocaust. But the attempt of the Jews to come back to the land, the birth of Zionism was way before the Holocaust. But after the Holocaust, the world was left without excuses anymore. And that served as a catalyst to what had already begun 50 years earlier in Europe, and in the Ottoman Empire. So, some things happen, these are the fruits of the attempt of

Satan to annihilate us and people that are gladly serving him. God is always leaving a remnant, always, always. And it's always coming to a point where His plans are going to be eventually fulfilled and executed.

Now, look, I'm a son of a mom that her parents survived the Holocaust. Okay? I am a grandson of Holocaust survivors; almost every other Israeli is. And I do have a lot of questions. Okay? But I know one thing. I know that, at least in my mother's case, her parents would have never moved to Israel if it was not for the Holocaust. Okay? And I know that my mother's brother died or was killed in the War of Attrition in 1967. So not only that we pay the price in order for the idea of Israel to finally come to pass, but also, we pay the price to protect and still have the country. All the more I say, if Malachi 3:6 is anything, it actually shows that the survival of Israel is the ultimate proof that God is the same God and He's not changing. "I am God, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." But yes, we lost many, but we are still around. We lost many on October 7, we're still around. We will lose many, *two-thirds* of Israel will perish, as Zechariah 13 suggests. And yet the last third He will bring through the fire, and He will save them. So, there's always been that thing that we see. And we just have to pray that God will help us to reach out to the people of Israel and tell them the good news. See if we can draw them onto faith in the Messiah and have those scales fall off. Because the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3, I think, that once a Jew turned to Christ, then that veil is no longer there...

BARRY: ...is removed.

AMIR: It's removed. Absolutely. So...

BARRY: ... Yeah, Amir, I think our next question is vitally important and timely. And the question is, "How do you discern between someone who's a false prophet and someone who just has errant interpretations?" And, the question is kind of interesting because false prophets have

errant interpretations. But is there some kind of line between, maybe somebody, and I think the Calvinist, Arminius position is one of those areas where people can believe that it's through Christ you're saved, that it's by grace through faith, not of works, and yet have a different or various interpretation of how you come to Him, either He draws you or you come with your own free will and those kind of things. And I think those would probably fall under various interpretations. But one of the things I think that's important for us to remember is that we live in an age, the first answer Jesus gave to Peter, Andrew, James, and John about the signs of His coming, He said, "Do not be deceived." Well, that means that the first sign is it will be an age of deception. And we are living in a time of spiritual deception. I think this is validated to what Paul told Timothy, 2 Timothy 4, a time will come when sound doctrine will not be put up with, but people will heap-up teachers because they have itching ears. They want to hear spiritual stuff, but they don't want to hear accurate stuff. They want to hear stuff that makes them more comfortable where they're at. So, I think, just when you have something that is clearly unbiblical or anti-biblical, against Scripture, then that's something that Ephesians 5:11 says, don't have fellowship with these unfruitful works, but rather expose them. And when somebody says, I think the rapture is mid-trib, I think it's post-trib, I don't think it is, or I think it's pre-wrath—I don't think that's something to break fellowship over because if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and believe that God raised Him from the dead, the Bible says you're saved. And you might have some mistakes, but I think we need to be careful about the proverbial throwing the baby out with the bathwater because somebody has an interpretation that is a little different.

AMIR: But I think that there are some foundational things. I mean, for example, if you preach that God has forgotten Israel or canceled, rejected them, and in fact, God hates them, God cursed

them, and all of that thing, I doubt it if you have the Spirit of the God of Israel in you. I seriously doubt it.

BARRY: Well, that's not unbiblical, that's anti-biblical. [AMIR: Exactly. Exactly.] That is against what the Bible teaches; and you're absolutely right, that's a line to draw.

AMIR: But I will also say that we have to also remind ourselves that Scripture says that John the Baptist was the last known prophet. We also need to know that God has given people in the church the gift of prophecy, but they're not the prophets, of the same line of the prophets of the Old Testament. And I believe that we have to remember that the church was built upon the prophets and the apostles. In other words, they were the foundations, they're no longer there. There are no new apostles or new prophets. Now, there are people with prophetic anointing and with the gift of prophecy, and it's mostly for the, obviously, to tell people about their lives, about a specific church maybe and their direction. But there is no prophet that can tell you of anything about world...

BARRY: ... "Thus says the Lord!"

AMIR: Exactly, No, no, they can say that, maybe God spoke to them about somebody's life. But I'm just saying, I don't think that someone can stand there and contradict the Word of God and the Prophets when it comes to world events that they clearly indicated will happen. And that's why I'm saying if the Word of God is full of future plans for Israel and someone says, "That's not Israel." I believe that's a false prophet. I believe that that has to be exposed and people have to stay away from. And that's why you and I teach that replacement theology is not something easy that, "Okay, he might change..." —that's very dangerous. It's very dangerous. And so, yeah, I will say you might have the gift of prophecy, and you might have an apostolic calling, but no one can say today that he is one of the prophets or one of the apostles that heard directly from Jesus. So, we have to be careful also not to mix those. And because once you say that you are an apostle

in the same level of John, in the same level of Peter and Paul and all of that, then basically you are making the Word of God without effect because we know what the criteria was to be one of them. And you don't qualify. Yeah.

BARRY: And they had to be with Him since the beginning.

AMIR: Absolutely. And the only one, the only apostle that was not there with Him, but yet spent three years with Him and He was his tutor, that was, of course, Paul himself. So, yeah. Anyway, I guess we need to move.

BARRY: Well, Amir, I think this is important, as you mentioned a moment ago, in Matthew, Jesus Himself said the prophets prophesied *until* John. John was the last. John the Baptist was the last. Hebrews opens with "God in times past spoke to our fathers through the prophets. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son." As you mentioned a moment ago, the gift of prophecy is distinct from the office of the prophet. There is no voice for the whole church today to say, "Thus says the Lord, this is going to happen next Thursday," those kind of things. We have the Word of God. And as far as apostles go, and I get emails from apostles all the time, we have to remember that there are 12 apostles, and we know there's only 12 because their names are written on the foundations of the New Jerusalem. Just like the 12 tribes, the heads of the tribes are written on the gates of the city. So, there's only 12 apostles, and that is a closed group, and there are no more. So, we need to be careful about someone who identifies themselves...

AMIR: That's why the New Apostolic Reformation, NAR, is super-dangerous, because they suggest that they are at the same level.

BARRY: And Amir, let's wind up our time with the last question. I think you've got some insight on this. And I think everybody thinks this way and wonders and hopes that it's true: "Does anybody have Netanyahu's ear who is a born-again, Bible-believing, as the term goes, Messianic Jew? Is

he getting any counsel from someone who has the Holy Spirit?” And I know you have some connections over there.

AMIR: Well, I think that Netanyahu surrounded himself with God-fearing Jewish people. Most of his cabinet as well as most of his advisors are all Yarmulke-wearing, God-fearing Jews. But the best of my knowledge, the only messianic/Christian advice he might ever get is from the evangelical people that are standing behind him and supporting him, but I don’t think they are advising him spiritually. Netanyahu acknowledges God and that the Bible is the most important book. He will say that all the time, but there’s a difference in that and acknowledging the need for the Messiah and all of that. And I think that he’s not there yet. He’s not there. What we need to do instead of advising him is pray for him. He might not have... And by the way, the same thing I say about President Trump. Look, there is a whole Christian advisory board for Trump, and yet Trump is every other day saying things that are so not aligned with the Word. Just like saying, “Without me Israel wouldn’t exist,” that that doesn’t stand...

BARRY: ... Not even close.

AMIR: Not even close. But I’m just saying Trump has a board of believers, born-again believers. I’m not sure how much they get to his ear. In Netanyahu’s case, I don’t know of a messianic Jew based in Israel that is actually advising him. But again, we’re called to pray for him. We’re all called to pray for our leaders, by the way. Netanyahu is not an exception. We must pray for our leaders. And it has to be clear to all Israelis and to all the Jews around the world and to all people around the world, pray for your leaders. And for Christians, pray for your pastors, they’re your spiritual leaders. These people in leadership positions are exposed to so much vile attacks and fiery darts, and we have to pray for them.

BARRY: ... the cameras acting up on question-and-answer programs, all kinds of stuff. [Laughter]

AMIR: Exactly. Stuff like that. Exactly. I want to remind you all that Pastor Barry had written a wonderful book, which, by the way, I wrote a forward to, and that's, of course, is....

BARRY: ... *The Time of The Signs*. ”



AMIR: *The Time of the Signs*, and you can order that by scanning this QR code, a wonderful book. And then I want to remind you, a month from today, we are launching my new book, and that is *The Elijah Mandate*, my next book. And unfortunately, I wouldn't say unfortunately, but we only hit so far half of our target for pre-sales. We have a whole month; we need your help. Go and pre-order, let's make this book known, and let's have it on the shelves of Hobby Lobby, Target,



Walmart, and all those big stores where many non-believers will walk, see it, grab it, read it, and their lives might change. And I also want to remind you folks that Pastor Barry and I will hold The Israel Decree Conference, both in Lee's Summit,

Missouri, and in Fort Worth, Texas. So, scan this QR code. There are still available spots. Pastor Barry, we talked about this morning, we said, as Hebrews 10:25 talks about, let's not forsake the coming together and even more so as we see the day approaching. And so, we're closer than ever. The world is so deceived about Israel. The church is deceived about Israel. We want to equip you with the knowledge, and the Bible, the tools that you need to know, and the assurance that you

need to have. And so come, please come. Scan this QR code and we would love to see you there, of course.

Well, my friend, our time is up. And, we did have some technical problems in the

beginning, but God showed up as always. And as I said, we are not into all the technicalities. We love the Lord. We love the Word. We want to teach. We want to answer questions. And the rest is in His hands. And He fixed your camera.

BARRY: But, Amir, just for everybody that's watching, we were on before the program ever started and everything worked fine.

AMIR: Everything. The moment we went live, you disappeared. Correct. You disappeared. Yeah, but God is good. And here we are, we answered 90% of the questions. And we love the people of Adelaide. We love the church, Navigate Church. And I hope that we answered. We actually... I think we answered more questions than we would have had time to answer if we were there. So, it's a good thing to do. We might do the same thing, by the way. Tomorrow we're going to teach the Daniel conference here in Perth and if we're going to run out of time, we would prefer again to do the meet-and-greet and then do a special Q&A for Perth. And so, this is a good practice, I think, that we can...

BARRY: ...Yeah, I agree.

AMIR: Yeah. Anyway, guys, thank you for watching. Thank you. Please do the simple, simple work of clicking the button, commenting, liking, sharing, and subscribing. This will increase the visibility of this video, and the algorithm will cause it to pop on the screens of many, and they can hear questions that they may have, and thankfully also have an answer to it from Scriptures. Thank



you for standing with us. Thank you for praying for us. For me, tomorrow is the end of a seven-week-long journey covering four continents, and multiple countries and cities. I need to go home, my body needs to get back, and my family needs to see me as well. So, thank you for standing with us. Thank you for praying for us. In 30 minutes, we're going to meet with the leadership of the church that is hosting us tomorrow, and we're going to sit and break bread and get to know them, and fellowship with them in anticipation for a wonderful conference tomorrow here in Perth. Thank you. God bless you. And Shalom.

BARRY: Shalom.

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