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**Gaza Peace Deal and War**

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**AMIR:** Hey, Shalom and good evening from CONNECT in Galilee, Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and this is not one of our usual Q&A sessions. This is a very special and important one. We are going to give you a short update on the war, the status of the war, the peace deal, the 20-points deal with Trump and the aftermath thereof, including of course, all that has to do with the hostages release, both the living ones and the dead ones. And then we're going to take your questions and only questions that are related to this topic. Again, this is not a regular Q&A. I would like to invite Pastor Mike Golay and Pastor Barry Stagner. Mike is with me in CONNECT. Behind Mike, you can see the lights of CONNECT, which is right over there next to me, and Pastor Barry Stagner from Southern California. Shalom, gentlemen. How are you?

**AMIR:** Yes.

**BARRY:** Shalom, Amir, good to see you.

**AMIR:** Very good. It's good to see you guys. As you can see, I'm a little tanned. Got back from—it was a very grueling speaking tour in the US, but then I managed to have a few days of vacation with my family, thinking that it all is going to be so nice and relaxing and everything over there in one of the islands in Southeast Asia. And what



happened is basically the whole deal, and the return of the hostages, the visit of President Trump, the signing of the agreement in Sharm el Sheikh, and all of that. And you can imagine that it wasn't as relaxing as I had hoped. But anyway, we're very glad for everything that happened. Pastor Barry, would you do us the honor and start with a prayer and then Pastor Mike take the lead and we can start.

**BARRY:** Absolutely. Father, we are so grateful to be alive at this time and to know You, and Lord especially to have Your word and to watch things unfold that millions of Christians down through the ages wondered about and pondered when they would happen. And now here we are with a front row seat to Bible prophecy, and especially as it pertains to the nation of Israel. We pray God, that you have blessed this time, that it would be informative and encouraging and maybe even enlightening for some. We pray these things, and we thank You that we can come to You in prayer. And we pray them through Yeshua, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**AMIR:** Amen.

**MIKE:** Amen. Amen. Gentlemen, we didn't just parachute into this deal. There were architects involved, there were players involved. Amir, who were the players that put this whole deal together? What were these meetings about? How did they engineer this? How did we get to this deal that led to these 20 points; can you unpack that for us?

**AMIR:** Yes, I will. So, first of all, let me inform everyone that are watching us right now how this whole thing came about because when President Trump took office in January of this year, the first thing he said is, after the release of some of the hostages upon his election, he promised Hamas that all hell will break loose. If you remember, he actually gave Israel carte blanche, go and destroy Hamas. He wanted this war to be over, and his main goal was the destruction and the elimination of Hamas. That's it. And you have to remember that, because when it comes to the

hostages, they were not the first thing that was in the mind of the president at that time. But the prime minister of Israel told President Trump that it's not going to work. We won't be able to destroy Hamas before we secure the release of our hostages, because it's different here. We want our sons and daughters back. These are our sons and daughters. We sent them, or we kind of had a major, major disastrous neglect on that day, and we feel responsible to bring them back. And I'm not saying if it's something that I agree with or not; I'm just telling you that's what the prime minister said to the president. And the president realized weeks later that it's not going to work. Israel won't destroy Hamas as long as 20 living hostages are underneath the city of Gaza, the central camps, and the city of Khan Yunus, and Rafah. And therefore, the whole dynamic changed.

But the problem was the deal that was on the table was a deal that only half of the living hostages will be released. Six months of ceasefire will be offered. Hamas will be rehabilitating itself. And again, Hamas' demands from day one [were to] clear Gaza, clear every square inch of Gaza, pull your soldiers out, and bring enough humanitarian aid; and we want to see Gaza rehabilitated, and reconstructed before we even talk about anything else. And Israel, of course, never agreed to that because for us, one of the three major goals of the war is (1) the disarming of Hamas; (2) the demilitarization of Gaza; (3) and return of the hostages. These are the three things. We will not stop this war until we get there.

And so, then came the Iran war. The 12 days war in June, and the astounding victory of Israel. And, of course, America with the last strike on the nuclear sites that ended the war, basically. And Trump thought, "Okay, now it's the right time." But Hamas immediately pulled this whole starvation stunt and the whole world bought that. And then you could clearly see that Qatar is becoming the spoiler of any agreement. And then came the September 9th Qatar-Doha strike. We realized that in order to get the Hamas to agree to sit and talk about a comprehensive deal, we need

to rattle the cage, Mike. And we called President Trump before we conducted this strike just to make it very clear. I don't know what you heard in the news from Kushner and from Witkoff on 60 Minutes; we (Israel) called the White House. And then of course the strike. We left them alive on purpose, apparently. I did not know that in the beginning. I thought we missed. Apparently we needed to talk to them, but we needed to rattle the cage. Qatar was humiliated, offended, but mostly scared. Qatar realized that they cannot play this double game anymore. They have to take a stand. And President Trump told them, "If you don't want the Israeli strikes to repeat themselves, then you need to press Hamas now. You have to release all the hostages and agree to a deal that I'm going to put on the table." And the rage that Qatar had and the anger and the fear was channeled by the Americans to a deal. And very skillfully, President Trump and his team gathered all the Muslim and the Arab world behind him to draft the 20-points plan.

And Israel had a lot of frogs to swallow here. Don't think that it was an easy thing for us. And if you don't mind, I want to show on the screen for everyone. A lot of people talk about these points. Many of them never read them and don't even know what it's all about. The first (1) is Gaza will be de-radicalized, a terror-free zone that does not pose a threat to its neighbors. (2) Gaza will be redeveloped for the benefit of the people of Gaza who have suffered more than enough. (3) If both sides agree to this proposal, the war will immediately end. Israeli forces will withdraw to the agreed upon line to prepare for a hostage release. During this time, all military operations, including aerial and artillery bombardment will be suspended and battle lines will remain frozen until conditions are met for the complete staged withdrawal. (4) Now listen to this: Within 72 hours of Israel publicly accepting this agreement, all hostages alive and deceased will be returned. I don't know if you understand that. That's the first already point that has been violated by Hamas. (5) Once all hostages are released, Israel will release 250 life sentenced prisoners plus 1,700 Gazans

who were detained after October 7th. Let's move to (6) Once all hostages are returned, Hamas's members who commit to peaceful co-existence and to then decommission their weapons will be given amnesty. Members of Hamas who wish to leave Gaza will be provided safe passage to receiving countries. Again, make no mistake, Hamas says we will not be disarmed and we are not looking for a peaceful coexistence. (7) Upon acceptance of this agreement—listen to this—full aid will be immediately sent into the Gaza Strip. At a minimum, aid quantities will be consistent with what was included in the January 19, 2025, agreement which Trump was looking after regarding humanitarian aid. Blah blah blah. (8) Entry of distribution and aid in the Gaza Strip will proceed without interference from two parties through the United Nations and its agencies and the Red Crescent. In addition to other international institutions—I'll move on all the way—it says (9) Gaza will be governed under the temporary transitional government of a technocratic apolitical Palestinian committee responsible for delivering the day to day running... In other words, Israel is not going to have a military rule. The Palestinians will rule themselves, but it's not going to be the Palestinian Authority because the Palestinian Authority needs to go through deep reform, and they need to stop teaching about Israel not having the right. They need to stop paying pay-for-slay for families of terrorists. There's so much that they need to do and they will never stop doing that. So the Palestinian Authority is basically out of the picture. (10) A Trump economic development plan to rebuild and energize Gaza will be created. All of that of course is Utopia. (11) A special economic zone will be established. (12) No one will be forced to leave Gaza, and those who wish to leave will be free to do so. (13) Hamas and other factions agree to not have any role in government of Gaza. Of course, good luck with that. They already said they don't agree. (14) A guarantee will be provided by regional partners to ensure that Hamas and the factions comply with their obligations and that new Gaza possess no threat to its neighbors. Of course that's one of the

targets of the war for Israel, but Hamas is not agreeing to that. (15) The United States will work with Arab international partners to develop a temporary international stabilization force, ISF, to immediately deploy in Gaza. And that's of course a force compiled out of Arab or Muslim countries such as Jordan and Egypt and Qatar and also Turkey and others (16) Now this is a big blow to Israel, (16) Israel will not occupy or annex Gaza as the ISF establishes control and stability. The Israeli Defense Forces will withdraw based on standards, milestones, and time frame. In other words, if we see that Hamas is disarmed, Gaza is demilitarized, and the people are de-radicalized, then we start withdrawing from the rest of the Gaza Strip. All of that is of course never going to happen. Narnia is a real country; the chances for it to be true are bigger than this one to work. (17) In the event Hamas delays or rejects this proposal, the above, including the scaled-up aid operation, will proceed in the terror-free areas handed over from the IDF to the ISF. In other words, it's not going to happen, basically. Hamas will rule over ruins and others will rule over established areas. (18) An interfaith dialogue process will be established. (19) While Gaza re-development advances, when the PA reform program is faithfully carried out—In other words, it's not going to happen. They will never stop what they're doing. (20) The United States will establish a dialogue between Israel and Palestinians to agree on a political horizon for peaceful and prosperous co-existence. The word Palestinian state is not in this agreement. Now, some can interpret that as a Palestinian state.

Basically what happened is this. We get all the hostages; we remain in 50% of Gaza. We are not leaving until they comply. And the Palestinian Authority has no role until they do their own reforms everywhere else. And again, it's in a way kind of a good agreement. But the big blow for Israel is that the dream of the Gazans leaving, and Israel taking over, and annexing and having Israeli settlements there, this dream was shattered to pieces by this agreement.

And that's where we are right now. And of course, Israel said "yes" for one reason. We wanted our hostages back and we knew that the Hamas will never comply with the rest of it. So first, now we have all of our hostages back, and now we're still there and we're still occupying 53% of the Gaza Strip. This is where we are now. President Trump, exactly a week ago, on the day of the release of the hostages, President Trump made an historic visit to the Knesset, to Jerusalem. He landed in Tel Aviv at Ben Gurion Airport, was received as a prime minister and the president of Israel. Later on, in a convoy on an empty road, all people in Israel were glued to the TV. President Trump made it all the way to the Knesset where he gave a celebratory speech, probably one of the best speeches a US President ever gave, and received with great honors. And from there he took off all the way to Sharm El Sheikh to meet with the snakes, all these snakes



behind him. Look at them, all of them. Everyone hates each other. And this is where they signed a deal where Israel is not signed on it, nor Hamas is signed on it. It's funny how they all sign things between

themselves over there related to *us* and *our* future! But this is it, that was last week, Mike. That was last Monday. Since then, 20 living hostages are returned, and as far as I know, 12 dead hostages are back in our hands.

**MIKE:** So, Amir, it sounds like, well, it's pretty clear that Hamas could never fulfill this deal. And somehow, miraculously, Trump and Israel were able to figure out a way to get the hostages back. Pastor Barry, if you were Trump, based on what you know and your observations, what is driving him? What did he anticipate with this 20-point deal? What is your opinion on that? Because

if I look at this and the way you presented it, Amir, it looks like it cornered Hamas with the events leading up to it to force them to cough out the hostages. And a quick predictor of the immediate future is there's no ability for them to stop their evil. What do you think Trump is doing behind the scenes, Pastor Barry?

**BARRY:** Well, I think probably the most important phrase in what you asked, Mike, is behind the scenes. Because Trump, I think, has a different perspective than previous administrations. He mantras himself as the peace president, but I think he recognizes the reality of the Middle East better than any who have gone before him. There just seems to have been a blindness with world leaders as to what Islam brings about in the minds and hearts of the people, especially toward Israel and these particular nations involved. There is a hatred of the Jews that is demonic in origin. And I think to a degree he understands that. But he's also, I think, smart enough not to show his cards and his real intention behind the scenes in the public forum. As Amir mentioned, he had kind of the mentality of, you got to break a few eggs to make an omelet regarding the hostages. And then he had that corrected for him. And I think Israel again showed their value for human life by saying, that's not a situation that we're willing to agree to. But personally, I think, and again, as you worded this, Mike, my opinion is he knows Hamas will never agree to this. He put on a good package for the world to see and to get other nations to jump on board and force Hamas' hand to a degree, as much as it could be forced. But I believe his intent behind all this is still the destruction of Hamas.

**MIKE:** Well, it's been effective, Amir.

**AMIR:** Yeah, you know, Mike, I agree with Pastor Barry. It's a genius move on behalf of President Trump, and it's exactly what he did in 2020 with the first Abraham Accords. He basically presented to the Palestinian Authority a plan for two states, which they rejected. So he knew they're

about to reject it. He knew they're not going to change their ways, but he *presented* it so it will give the other countries a chance to say, "Okay. Well, this is a two-state solution thing. Israel said yes to it. I think it's good enough for us. We'll hop on this peace deal." And ever since we have peace with the UAE and with Bahrain, with Morocco and others, a very good one, by the way. Something that is so strong that throughout these two years of war still stayed solid, even more solid than the Egyptian and the Jordanian one. And I will tell you that in the mind of President Trump is that "I threw some breadcrumbs in this whole thing that some might interpret as a Palestinian State," which is, you know, point (20), "horizon," he said. And "I also gave Hamas a chance to comply, and Gaza to be rehabilitated." And that should be enough for countries like Saudi Arabia and Indonesia and other countries to join the cycle of the Abraham Accords. And I think it is going to.... I think they're working on it right now as we speak.

So again, it's the same tactic. And by the way, the genius thing, take a look at this map (see next page). Israel is still controlling 53% of the Gaza Strip. This is where we were at the eve of this agreement. All the purple one was within our hands. This is how we withdrew to the yellow line. We didn't have to pull back too much. We're still controlling everything around. And by the way, this [see zoomed in view of map] is where we blew up a tunnel where hostages were kept until a week ago. And because of the violation of Hamas yesterday, we decided that we should destroy it. In fact, the defense minister of Israel said that everything within the area of the yellow line is area that Israel is going to make sure is free of Hamas. So we're going to dismantle

everything. And remember, there are also a few places where there is resistance within the Palestinians to Hamas. There's the popular army in northern Gaza. There is the Doghmush clan, which is the one that Hamas was butchering and executing a few days ago. And there is in Shujaiya,



there's Popular Defense Forces. Not many, but again, it started in different parts of the Gaza Strip. And we can clearly see that there are in some places hundreds, some places less, but they are not willing to let Hamas rule Gaza anymore. So we believe that with the right pressure, maybe change will come from within, and we don't even have to work too much. But again, Israel is putting a lot of pressure.



Hamas is already violating the agreement by not giving us all the hostages basically. They're trading, they're dragging their feet with the dead ones. The dead ones. Look, we've got 16 of them left still in the hands of Hamas. These are the 16 of them. They just said that today, maybe in an hour or so, they're going to deliver another one. So it'll be reduced to 15, but they're not going to give us all of them. They will come up with stories after stories. "We can't find them. We can't find them. We can't reach them. We can't this..." We know that at least 10 of the 15 are within reach. We actually can give them the location. But they're playing games because they need to buy time to strengthen their positions and to establish a firm control over the area. So Israel is—

We're up for an interesting ride in the near future. But remember, everything that was before offered to us was, "We'll give you the hostages if you clear the Gaza Strip." And we got all of the living hostages, half of the dead ones, and we control more than half of the Gaza Strip. That's a big blow for Hamas. And this is the genius element of the 20-points Peace Plan of President Trump. Let me make it very clear. It's a "ceasefire" that is being violated every day. And I will not call it peace. I will call it still war, but in a much lower profile than it was before.

**MIKE:** So they're very predictable. I mean, the advantage that Israel and the United States has is that they're so predictable. The disadvantage is, is that they have a lot of power to influence minds through their social media campaigns. There's been a lot of victory over the last week of receiving the hostages back and bodies. However, there have been violations. Pastor Barry, real quick, what do you think the United States is prepared to do for violations of this peace plan that was put together by Trump and Netanyahu, signed by them? What do you think the consequences will be? Do you think the United States will do anything?

**BARRY:** I don't know that we'll personally be militarily involved in the Gaza Strip. But I think what Amir mentioned that happened with Doha, I think that there'll be a phone call to the White House. "They violated this again. They've already been over the yellow line. They've already killed Israeli troops." And I think if there is a need for more serious action that a call will be made, and a green light will be given. And I think they, as I said before, I think they fully understand Trump and his administration, or most of them fully understand what they are getting into when they're dealing with Hamas. And I think all of them are quite aware that as the saying goes, the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. And they're doing that once again. And Mike, I have to be honest with you, I had many, many people ask me over the past couple of weeks, "What about this deal? What about the hostages? Do you think they'll release the hostages?"

And my immediate answer was no; no way will they do that. That's their ace in the hole, so to speak. And so I was quite surprised that they released all the living hostages. And then I started to kind of think that through and realized, this would pull resources or assets from Hamas, they are boots-on-the-ground kind of people who could be otherwise engaged. And so the release of the living hostages freed up others to engage militarily or at least get out from under the tunnels, and get out there and do the things that we've been watching online, like shooting civilians and the other things we've seen them participating in. So I think if the US is going to do anything, it's going to tell Bibi, "Go for it, get this done."

**MIKE:** Yeah, yeah. Before I ask Amir the next question here, I want you all to consider, share, subscribe and like this video. If Hamas is good at the social media war, why not do your part to counter that right now in helping us get the truth out? Amir?

**AMIR:** Yeah.

**MIKE:** There have been several violations of this deal.

**AMIR:** Yes, there were three of them, major ones. One, of course, is we didn't get all of the hostages within 72 hours. It's been a week, and we still have 16 dead hostages in the hands of Hamas. So that's the first violation. If anyone thought that Hamas will hand over all of them, now we understand it's never going to happen. The second one, take a look at this video of the terrorists trying to infiltrate into the yellow line. This is from yesterday. [Video plays] Look at them. Armed Hamas terrorists, literally in daylight trying to infiltrate into Israeli military encampments beyond the yellow line. They are in violation of the agreement and of course that's why we eliminated them. And the third one, not only that they're trying to infiltrate, they actually initiate terror attacks. They shot, they fired an anti-tank missile towards an Israeli vehicle yesterday, they killed an officer

and a soldier. So, they are not only walking into where we are, but they are actually shooting at our own soldiers which were where we- were supposed to be.

So these violations are out there. And therefore Israel decided to strike back. And yesterday, 183 tons of munition was dropped on tunnels and concentration of terrorists. We killed actually quite a few senior officers in the Hamas terrorist organization. Look at this. [Video plays] And that was just within an hour yesterday when we realized there's a chance to kill some of those big ones. And so again, I think Hamas is going to find out when they violate the ceasefire, they are going to see that we are retaliating. This is how things will have to be in the near future, unfortunately. But again, the good thing is we are now able to strike without any fear that we might kill one of our hostages. That's it. That fear is gone. And again, remember, the 53% of Gaza Strip that is in our hands are free for us to dismantle every possible terrorist infrastructure above and below the ground. So, we're going to be busy dismantling [the] terrorist infrastructure there. And whenever they violate it, we're going to dismantle terrorist infrastructure in their area as well. In reality, everybody talks about a two-state solution. Here you go. Gaza is becoming a two-state solution: area controlled by Hamas, area controlled by the IDF, and that's it. And again, the good thing is, Mike, we don't have to worry anymore about killing our own hostages. Now, everything we do with Hezbollah and the Houthis and Iran, we can do in Gaza as well because our soldiers, our boys, our hostages are back home. Most of them are back home, released from the hospitals, and that's all we care at this point.

**MIKE:** So Hamas is cornered, the hostages are back, many of the bodies are back. You have a tactical advantage in the Gaza Strip. Pastor Barry, what do you think Trump's vision is for the future of this area? And then I want to hear from you, Amir, what you predict will be the future of this area. Who are the players? What are they going to do? How are they going to rebuild this strip

of land? What is the vision, from your perspective, Pastor Barry, for the future of this piece of land from a US Government perspective?

**BARRY:** Yeah, I think Trump kind of tipped his hand as to what he would like to see ultimately. I mean, you've got this amazing piece of real estate on the Mediterranean Sea, resort city, all the things that go along with that, vacation sites and all these other components of making this area what it ought to be and where it was headed initially before the handover in 2005. I think this would be his ultimate goal, but I think he also... he's a realist and he realizes this is never going to happen as far as the whole of the Gaza Strip. So as Amir said, this two-state solution, I think what we'll see is the portion controlled by Israel made into something that looks more like Israel and the infrastructure and all the things necessary, as well as the resort type community along the coast, could become a reality. And hopefully this would create within the desire of the people on the other side of the border, so to speak, to have what they see that is within their own reach on the IDF side or the Israeli side of the Gaza Strip. So, I think his goal is, as is often true, the US has had a tactical pattern of trying to initiate some type of rebellion within the people themselves. And we've seen this in Iran; we've seen this in other countries to where they try and get the people to stand up and drive out other oppressive regimes. So, I think this is probably floating in the back of his mind. But again, as he describes himself as the peace president and he has said very clearly, I want to see people no longer dying in these regions around the world at the hands of others. So, I think that most likely that 53% Amir mentioned is going to be a lot better than the other side of the wall, so to speak.

**AMIR:** Yeah. And remember, Mike, it's important that you understand that the Saudis and the Emiratis already said we will not give a dime to reconstruct Gaza as long as Hamas is still armed and is active. So I mean, you have two options. Leave Hamas governing a place that is ruined and

we're going to strike them as many times as we want whenever they violate it. Or disarm Hamas, demilitarize Gaza, and then have an international force there to run the Palestinians' life and keep the order there; and that's basically it. So, my point is, in both cases, Israel is winning because our hostages are back; Hamas will be disarmed; Gaza will be demilitarized. These are the main three objectives of the war, remember that. And if we achieved them, that's it. Now look, we already won the war. We already know that. Hamas lost tens of thousands of people. Most of its weapons are gone. All of its hostages that are the leverage that they had are back. That's it. I mean, and 85% of Gaza is uninhabitable, destroyed. It'll take 10 to 20 years to reconstruct Gaza; in other words, there's nothing left. And I think that when we say that they will not be forced to leave, they want to leave. Just open the gate into Egypt and they will flood the Rafah crossing. All of them want to leave. Would you want to live in a place that is completely a pile of ruins? No! No sewage, no water, no electricity, no roads, no schools, nothing. Every school... by the way, even the schools and the hospitals that are still there, standing in Gaza are now being used as detention and interrogation camps of Hamas to torture anyone they suspect of collaborating with Israel. And they say that it's not us. They admit that they're using hospitals to interrogate and execute people there, which, by the way, we already knew that. I mean, hospitals—Gaza is the place with the most... There are more hospitals per square kilometer in Gaza than any other place on planet Earth. Why? Because hospitals were not hospitals, but hospitals must be called hospitals in order to receive budget, money, aid... But then they were used as terror bases. Schools were used as terror bases, kindergarten, clinics, mosques, all of those. And you know, we realized that in so many places in Gaza, for example, in Rafah, when we entered Rafah... Remember, all eyes on Rafah. Remember, most of the Rafah residents left within 48 hours. You know why they left? Hamas told them to leave. You know why? They booby trapped all the buildings. They booby trapped their own

buildings. When we detonate it, it's gone. Every other building in Gaza Strip has a tunnel shaft, a pile of rockets, or it was booby trapped. There's no Gaza left *because* of Hamas. So who wants to stay there and live there? So, in a way, all this Trump peace deal, [Amir rips in half] all of these points that you see? It's stupid because it's good for us to receive our hostages back. Hamas will not comply even with one point. Nothing.

**MIKE:** They're incapable.

**AMIR:** This [peace deal on paper] was a good thing for us. Let me just complete it. [Rips even smaller] This was a good thing for us to receive our hostages, and to show the rest of the world we're ready for peace. Let's join more countries to the Abraham Accords and that's it. Hamas is not going to comply with *any* of this. They said that and they also show it on the ground. They send terrorists to infiltrate into us. They shoot rockets, they don't release bodies. Everything that they can do, they will do. They are monsters. They are jihadists. They are demon possessed. They are not for peace. The Bible says when I am for peace, they are for war. That's what the Bible says. That's what we have to deal with.

**MIKE:** Yeah. Are you guys ready to take some questions? Because there's a series of questions. Barry, you were about to say something just now. I want to make sure we capture what your thought is before we enter into the Q&A.

**BARRY:** Speed of gears turning, huh, Mike? No, you know what, I was just thinking about Amir's comment about the hospitals and how all of this has been used to promote the propaganda that Hamas wants to get out into the world. You know, it's a war crime to bomb a hospital. And how many times have we heard that Israel is bombing hospitals and yet they're not hospitals at all. And this has been used to create the anti-Israeli sentiment around the world as though they're violating, they're committing war crimes and therefore they need to be before the International

Criminal Court and all these other things. And it's just been a whole mechanism of deceit. And it's really pretty bizarre, Mike, how so many in the world have just bought into all this hook, line and sinker. The ability today to rationally think through a situation seems to have basically diminished to the point of it's almost nonexistent. Thinking about this starvation campaign that we've been hearing about and the fact that there is a well-fed boy in the background of a picture and a heavyset mom holding up an emaciated looking child who has a debilitating disease and using this as propaganda, nobody seems to see anything except for what Hamas wants them to see to some degree. So it's been really a bizarre thing to watch globally. People just buying into this regardless of the realities and the facts of what Amir just shared with us. So that's what was stirring in my head.

**AMIR:** Yeah. And all of them are not saying anything when they see the execution in broad daylight that Hamas is committing. Executions! Like ISIS, they line them up and shoot them in front of everyone. Did you hear any protest from anyone?

**BARRY:** Not a one.

**AMIR:** Did you hear any signs of relief and happiness from the Free Palestine Movement for the ceasefire, for the peace agreement? Of course not. I mean, they don't want peace. They want piece by piece; they want everything that is ours. And so they realize, "Whoa, we're not getting that from the river to the sea. We're not getting anything." Well, all you can get is from the yellow line to the sea right now. And even that might be taken from you as long as you continue to violate it.

**MIKE:** Yeah. Gentlemen, series of questions. This is a classic case where you have people that hate you, Amir, and all you're trying to do is stop them from hating you and block their killing mechanisms. Tamara is asking this question. I want to put this up on the screen. And you alluded to this earlier: "Can you explain why Hamas was willing to return the hostages and what did they

expect to gain from releasing the hostages?" A ceasefire. I mean, Barry said that he was surprised that they released the hostages. It took them a few waves to do it, but they did it. It's almost like, surreal. What were they thinking?

**AMIR:** Yeah. I'll tell you what they were thinking. Well, after the Qatar the Doha attack, the Qataris and the rest of the countries realized that Hamas is a liability right now more than an asset. And they also realized that the major thing that is occupying Israel's mind right now is the hostages. If they give the living hostages back, Israel will not insist on everything else. That's what they thought. Qatar guaranteed to Hamas, release the living hostages, and we'll make sure you stay in power. And then came Saudi Arabia and the UAE and others and they said after the agreement, and they said, "Uh uh, we're not going to give a dime, nor are we going to agree." And by the way, if you notice, in the Sharm El-Sheikh summit last Monday, Saudi Arabia did not send its leader. The UAE did not send its leader. The leaders of these two countries were not there. The rest of the leaders were there. The leaders of these two countries were not there because they realized that Qatar is playing games here. And so I think that once Hamas realized that nobody is going to support it, and even Qatar is telling them to release the living hostages, that's it. They have no more support, neither from Turkey, nor from Egypt, or from Qatar, the three main sponsors of Hamas. And so Hamas had no other choice because Israel was about to completely obliterate Hamas in its stronghold in the Gaza City. So they were promised by Qatar, release the living hostages, and somehow we'll make sure you're going to stay in power. Well, it's not going to happen. It's not going to happen. Netanyahu said, "We will not leave Hamas in power." In fact, an hour ago, from the podium in the Knesset plenary, he said, "Hamas will be destroyed." A lot of people didn't think that Netanyahu will somehow make it until now and get all the living hostages out, but he did. And so everybody's taking his words much more seriously right now. And if he

says that Hamas will be destroyed, Hamas better listen, because we're not going to give up on any of our war objectives and goals. And so I think Hamas had no choice but to give up the hostages. And I think that Hamas is going to find out that if they are not going to disarm, and if Gaza will not be demilitarized, all they will have to be left with is ruins. That's it. Nothing's going to move. And Israel is controlling 53% of the Gaza Strip. Can you imagine the end of the war? End of the war, we got our hostages, we control 53% of Gaza, and Hamas is destroyed. That's victory, Mike.

**MIKE:** Well, the chickens came home to roost, we say, and everything that they hoped for squeezed out of their fingers. And now they are the biggest losers ever. The next question is for you, Pastor Barry, from Kathy. "Do you think Trump will actually do something if Hamas doesn't disarm?" I mean, you alluded that you don't think that they'll be putting boots on the ground. But the Americans have proved to be experts in the psychological and philosophical war in the architecture of this deal. What other forms of manipulation tactics against the evil one embodying himself through this group called Hamas? What do you think is up the sleeves on President Trump's next chapter in this whole saga?

**BARRY:** Yeah, Mike, as I said, I think Trump well understands the might of the IDF and the IAF and understands very well the strength of their resolve. And again, I don't see the US getting involved militarily. I think what we'll see is a continuation of supplying hardware and munitions to Israel to make sure they can carry out the task. And as far as international support, one of the main weapons of the US is economic pressures. I mean, we certainly carry a big stick out there in the international community economically. So whatever pressures with surrounding nations that the US can apply, I think Trump would play that card, as he's shown quite well that he is still a businessman. He still understands how things operate and how not just economies operate, but how necessary they are to the benefit of both governments and citizenry. So again, I think his

support will be there for the nation of Israel if things continue down the path that we know they are going to continue down. And he's going to make sure that Israel has what it needs militarily to get the job done. But I don't personally, I don't think Israel needs any help based on the qualifications and capabilities of their own military. What they need is a supply of munitions and weaponry to get the job done. And I think he'll be there for that.

**AMIR:** In fact, Trump said yesterday aboard Air Force One, he said, if we need to go and disarm Hamas, it will be done, but not by us, by a force that is much closer, he said. Listen carefully to the things he says and to the things he's not saying. He's not showing his cards. He never does. But when he says something, it carries a lot of weight. And I don't think he's playing games. I don't think he's playing games. And I think the Iranians learned that the hard way. I think that the rest of the world is watching him being very decisive, and I think that this is a personal thing for him right now. He put everything within him on this deal. This is not a deal over the last few days or weeks. Mike, they've been working on it already when they designed the first Abraham Accords. Make no mistake. One of the reasons that things are moving so fast right now is because things are now back to the very track they were originally on when he designed the Abraham Accords originally. And if it wasn't for the stealing of the elections in 2020, we would have already had peace with Saudi Arabia and with Indonesia and others. And I don't think October 7th would have happened. But water under the bridge. I mean, we're not going to look at that right now. But all I'm saying is it's a very structured plan that the president has. And I believe that in the near future, you're going to hear some more and more and more amazing things from our region. And remember the big picture, the context of all of this is the region has to be prosperous and peaceful prior to the Ezekiel War. Remember that. It's not going to be peaceful forever. He is not the Antichrist. This is not the temple. This is not the Daniel 9:27. This is not—This is the calm before

the storm of Ezekiel. This is not tribulation here. And for Ezekiel, if you read Ezekiel 38, it starts with a reality of Israel, safe and secure and prosperous. And to get to that point, and by the way, Israel is the 10th strongest country in the world. Our GDP already surpassed most of Western Europe, just so you know. I mean, it's quite amazing. And our economy is super strong. Our stock market is rallying. Our currency is the strongest currency in the Western Hemisphere. And we're two years into a war on seven fronts. And all of that to say that we're on the path for interesting prosperity and peace, but I'm not sure we're there yet. I think we need to land some more blows on Iran and Hezbollah, the Houthis and Hamas before we reach that point. I think that you're going to see another round. I think Netanyahu hinted that today in his speech in the parliament. He said that the dangers are not over. We need to stay united and strong because we are going to face some challenges, but we are going to eventually lead the area towards a larger peace agreement. So he understands that. I think the president understands that. If you ask me, President Trump already gave Netanyahu the green light to do what we need to do in Iran, should we go back there for a second round. But the ultimate goal is eventually for the rest of the countries to see that they better align with us and with the United States than with Russia and China. That's the bottom line right now.

**MIKE:** Yeah. It seems very clear that Trump and Netanyahu understand that these are religiously driven cultists, death cultists. They will go as far as death. They don't care how much they lose. They actually view it as a trial that they can overcome and succeed later. And so Netanyahu, Trump understand that these guys have to be obliterated. Pastor Barry, what are your thoughts on, outside of Israel, United States operations, maybe in concert with Israel? What do you see happening in the next, I'd say, half year?

**BARRY:** Well, I think with some of the things that we've seen in recent history, we've seen a willingness on this administration's part to do what previous administrations rather would not do with some of the strikes we've seen as we kind of finish things off in Iran, and of course, there's been activity in Iraq. And we've got a different administration, to be sure. Trump, as Amir mentioned, this I think, is one of the most beneficial parts to us nationally is Trump doesn't do what previous administrations have done, and that is open their mouths and blab what our intentions are going to be or what our targets are going to be. And he even uses a bit of the deception tactics to send the enemy off in the wrong direction or to give them a sense of calmness or peace or just some form of distraction. So, what our involvement will be—we've got some issues, obviously. The Taiwan thing is always floating around out there. North Korea has been pretty quiet lately, but they're surely going to stand up once again and rattle their sabers a bit. We've got the whole Ukraine thing. He's made things pretty clear to Putin that this needs to come to an end. So I think he's going to continue this big-stick approach to some of these international issues that we do have a stake in. And I think he's just going to keep being Trump and he will threaten, he'll wag his finger at you, he'll talk smack on you. He'll do all those things to try and get a response and push you into making a wise decision. I don't think he's afraid to push the military button. I think he would do that when necessary when Israel is being threatened or our own interest abroad. So we've got a great president for such a time as this. I'm thankful he's sitting on Pennsylvania Avenue right now. So it's a good thing.

**MIKE:** Well, people certainly have a problem with Netanyahu and Trump. Folks, we are going to land the plane, so to speak, here. But before we do, pay close attention on the screen. I want to put the QR code up there. Pastor Barry and Amir have written many devotions specifically with the theme of Bible prophecy. Okay. And *Until He Comes* is... Nope, that's the strategic vision.

[wrong slide] We'll talk about that in a minute. *Until He Comes* is the new book that we want to throw the QR code up there. There it is. It's the only devotional book that has a prophecy theme.



And we are now doing pre-sales and it's on Amazon. You're definitely going to want to check this out because when you buy a pre-sale, I don't care how many copies that you have already, every copy that you buy in pre-sale is pushing the data to

these bestseller lists which trigger companies, non-believing companies, non-believing bookstores to purchase the book and make it available to the non-believing public. And if that's not enough, non-believing publishers and translators around the world, they're watching these lists as well and they put the book on their shelves. And so this is one of the most inexpensive missionary donations you can possibly make for 15 bucks, whatever. It's on Amazon right now. The prices fluctuate. That's a way for you to be involved and not to mention the book itself and the value of devotions. Really folks.

Now there's one point in closing before I turn it back over to Amir. We announced a few weeks ago a new initiative that we are going to be launching here in Behold Israel. It's called the



Young Adults, Young People's Initiative, Strategic Vision for the Future. As we talked about the propaganda war that Hamas is so good at, we've had enough of it. We are going to now move towards the

battlefield. We are going to disarm the lies, we're going to use social media, we are going to bring young adults to Israel. We are going to have campaigns of information and content disseminated through our systems—often which will be new—and our partner ministries. If you're interested in

this, this is the QR code for you to scan to read more about it. And we are also taking donations to build the infrastructure for this. This is a very exciting initiative and we're asking you to pray about it.

**AMIR:** Almost every family can feel that one of their members is falling victim, prey to this war of information. And I think that pastors can tell you also they see that people write me that, even adults. But Generation Z, Gen Z is the main, I guess target of the propaganda that is being disseminated by China and Qatar and Russia and of course Hamas. And so we are *determined* to fight it. It's not only in the left, it's not only the jihadists, it's in the right and the conservative movement as well. The anti-Israel sentiment, the total sheer misunderstanding of Israel's role in Bible prophecy and in the life of every believer. We are not going to be ashamed of Zion, of what being a Zionist all about, of what God says about Zion. We are going to tackle that, and we need your help. We're going to go to campuses; we're going to team up with Turning Point USA. We're going to publish material, curriculums, we're going to bring them to Israel, as many as we can. We're going to publish a lot of stuff and we're going to go on TikTok wherever they are, we're going to meet them there, and we're going to give them the truth. We need your help, we need your prayers, we need your support. So help us in that. It's super important.

Hey, thank you Pastor Barry. Thank you Pastor Mike. Thank you everyone. Please share with as many as you can. This Wednesday it's my birthday. I will take a day off for the first time in a long time and so we're not going to have MidEast and Beyond. We try to give you as much information today as we can. Next week we're going to do a Roundtable on Monday with Jan Markell as well and Pastor Barry and Mike and myself. And we're going to also do a MidEast and Beyond as well. So until then, thank you everyone for watching. God bless you and shalom from Galilee, Israel, and from Southern California. Thank you and God bless.

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