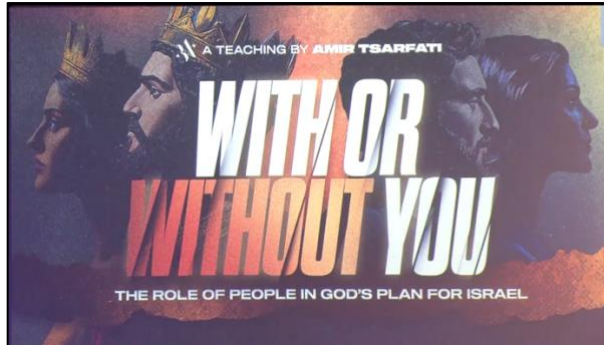




**Amir Tsarfati**  
**With or Without You**

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The title of the message this morning is “With or Without You” and I’m not going to sing here any song. This is the title of the message. And you know, there has been an amazing change in power in Washington, DC. Wait, please wait [with applause]. But there has to be a change in the hearts of the people. Because I will tell you this. I might just tell you once, there are a lot of people right now that are power drunk that are pretending to be Christians. And now they are on a massive, I guess, assault on everything that is going on in the name of Jesus, calling Him “Christ is King,” and they are vile anti-Semites. The church has been so polluted. And it is a horrific thing to see that they are not being called out, but they are actually being applauded. And so I’m telling you, God is going to protect Israel “With or Without You.” [Audience applause] It better be with.

Father, we thank You for Your Word. We thank You for Your promises. We thank You for who You are. And we thank You for Your promises, Your faithfulness, Your character, Your lovingkindness, and the fact that You’re not done with Your nation. And the fact that it is such an amazing thing for us to see that Israel indeed is a picture of Your faithfulness to all of us. So we thank You this morning. And we praise You. And we ask all of this in the matchless name of the Holy One of Israel, in the name of Yeshua. Amen. Amen.

So, the prophet **Ezekiel**, in **37: [11–15]**, was brought to a valley full of dry bones. And he said, **“<sup>11</sup> Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, “Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!”’”** Ezekiel was

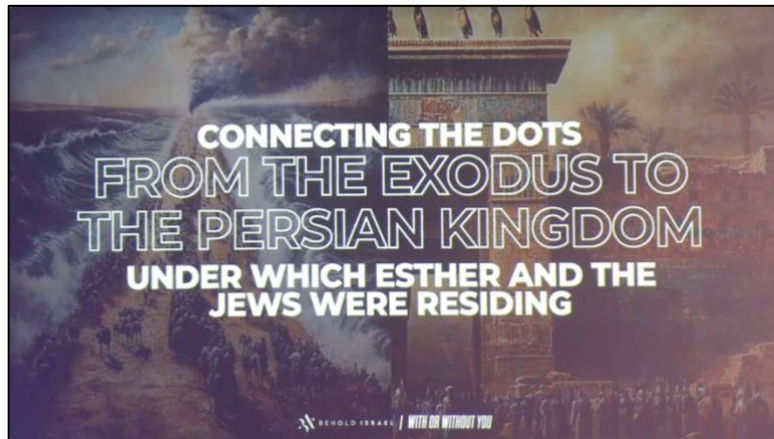
brought to a valley full of *dry*, not *dead*, dry bones. And Ezekiel was told, “This is the nation of Israel.” And that’s a prophecy. This is future. Ezekiel was told, in the future, there is going to be an event so catastrophic, it will happen outside of the land of Israel, that will cause the nation of Israel to think that God is done with them, and that there is no more hope, and that they have been cut off. And God is telling Ezekiel, <sup>12</sup> **‘Therefore prophesy and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD:...”’**” It’s not even open for discussion, interpretation. These are the direct words of the living God saying, <sup>12</sup> **“... ‘Behold, O My people,...’”**” calling to Israel still in the future, “My people,” <sup>12</sup> **“... ‘I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.’”**” In other words, that catastrophe, that event happened outside, and God is going to gather the remnant that think that they were lost and cut off and have no hope, and God miraculously will bring them back to the land of Israel. And He says, <sup>13</sup> **“... ‘Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. <sup>14</sup> I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.’”**” He just described what He’s going to do. “Then,...” Say “then,” <sup>14</sup> **“... ‘Then you shall know that I, the LORD,’ ...”**” It’s not, “You need to know first, and then I will do it.” It’s, “I will do it because I’m God and <sup>14</sup> **“... ‘Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the Lord.”**”

So many people get that wrong, thinking that Israel has to be *perfect* first, in order for God to finally bless them, and fulfill His plans for them. Israel was left in a state of hopelessness after the events of October 7, 2023. And though we’re almost 80 years removed from the Holocaust of World War II, more than 80 years now, we, in October of ’23, were living through a modern Holocaust when we woke up that morning. Our emotions in the weeks and months that followed were very similar to the way Ezekiel described when he said about no hope, and thinking that we

have been cut off. A lot of Israelis were asking themselves, “Did God abandon us as a nation? How can something this grotesque be our reality? Is there any reason to hope?” The aftermath of October 7th was worse in some ways than the Holocaust because in the Holocaust, the world rallied to help the Jews. A [single] day after October 7th, the world rallied against the Jews. We have never seen anything like that. So you can imagine a nation that has been brutally attacked, dozens of heads were cut off, dozens of human male genitalia were spread in a field, women were raped and then shot to death, babies were burned alive, families were tortured in a sickening game as they were sitting around a table with their hands tied behind their backs and their limbs chopped off every hour more and more until they bled to death. Words cannot describe what we went through within less than 24 hours, within less than 12 hours. And yet the whole world was moving to protest against the victim of that modern-day Holocaust.

What was established as a result of the Holocaust, the state of Israel, became the reason for the second. It wasn’t until Purim of 2024, the festival of Purim, when we celebrate what happened with the Jewish people that were saved from another Holocaust—or from an earlier one to be in Persia, if you remember, when I read throughout the book of Esther—and I saw another reminder that no matter how bad things get, God will preserve His people. And this has always been the case throughout biblical history and it’s no less true even today. And all that said as Christians, I think there is one question that remains as the elephant in the room when these horrific things take place, especially when it pertains to the nation of Israel, and that question is, as Christians: How am I personally supposed to respond? Or what am I supposed to do right now? You can’t hide behind, “I don’t know exactly what happened, so I better not ...” No. You can’t hide behind, “I don’t know exactly what happened, so I better not voice my opinion.” Those days are over. Hamas willingly broadcasted live everything [it] did.

And before we can go forward and dive into the answer to all of this, let's try and have a historical recap, which is extremely important. Let's connect the dots from Exodus to the Persian



kingdom under which Esther and the Jews were residing. And you can clearly see that long before the people of Israel were driven from their land to Assyria and Babylon, Moses already warned them of this

pending date. And if Moses was the one who warned them, that tells you that it dates back to before they even came *into* the land from their time in the wilderness. **Deuteronomy 4:25–31**, “<sup>25</sup> ‘When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, <sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. <sup>27</sup> And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. <sup>28</sup> And there you will serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. <sup>29</sup> But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup> When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice <sup>31</sup> (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He

**swore to them.”** What a beautiful, amazing thing. There’s a warning here, but it concludes with that hope and future no matter what.

And it’s amazing because you can clearly see that the entire calendar of God begins with a moment that He turned that scattered people into a nation, and led them through the desert out of Egypt. The exodus from Egypt marked Israel’s onset as a nation with a God, with a covenant, on their way to their land. This is it. That’s the beginning. From here on we have a calendar. There was no calendar before the exodus. There were no festivals before the exodus. It all began at the point where God’s relationship with Israel as a nation started. That’s how He views His calendar.

**Exodus 12:1–2, “<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup> ‘This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.’”**

You’re about to leave. That’s when we start counting. This is it. We’re going to have a calendar together. And every time in the future you will celebrate those things, you will celebrate the things that I did with you, for you, and to you from the day I brought you out of Egypt. And He delivered them. There was deliverance from Egypt to the wilderness. **Exodus 14:30-31: “<sup>30</sup> So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.”**

And then came an amazing act of restoration from the wilderness to the promised land in **Joshua 3:14-17: “<sup>14</sup> So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup> and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), <sup>16</sup> that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far**

away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea,..." Look, I know the Hebrew, but in the English you confuse the enemy.

**"<sup>16</sup>...and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan."**

You know, the water of the river Jordan was flowing. God stopped it and instead of flowing down, it went up like a pillar of water. And there was dry ground in the rest of the dry creek bed or riverbed. And they could just—Can you imagine? You're just crossing the river and you're looking to the right; the water reaches the sky almost. God is in the business of miracles. And the people of Israel have seen it when they left Egypt with the Red Sea and when they entered into the land of Israel with the River Jordan.

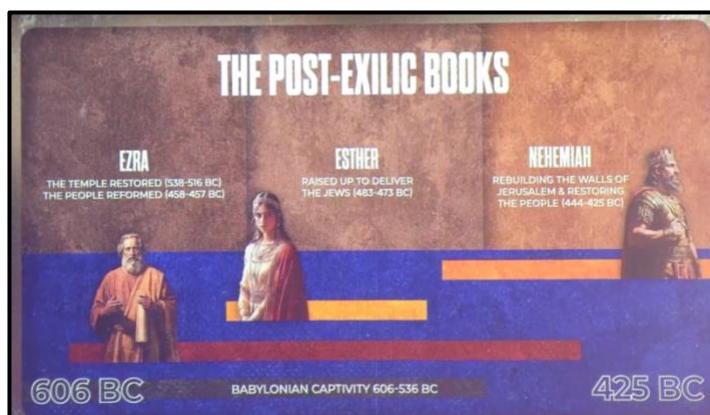
And then you have to understand the prophets knew the words of the Lord. So they knew exactly the predicament they were in. They knew exactly what's going to happen. And they knew exactly how long the exile is going to be. The reality of the coming exile from the land was not surprising or at least it shouldn't have been a surprise. As we just read, Moses told the nation that it would one day become ensnared in idolatry, disregarding the law of God. And moreover, not only does the Old Testament tell us why they would go into the exile, but it also tells us for how long, 70 years as mentioned by the prophet **Jeremiah [25:8-11]:** **"<sup>8</sup> 'Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: "Because you have not heard My words, <sup>9</sup> behold, I will send and take all the families of the north," says the LORD, "and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations. <sup>10</sup> Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of**

gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. <sup>11</sup> And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.”” And when God says 70, guess how long it’s going to last? Thank you. And don’t forget that it was because of Jeremiah that Daniel knew exactly the captivity was for 70 years. Jeremiah foretold it, Daniel was living through it. A prophet found comfort in the words of another prophet. I always find it amazing. Daniel, while in exile, read already the book of Jeremiah. I guess you’re not that excited about that.

[Audience: Laughter]

Now you may be wondering if the exile lasted only 70 years and the vast majority of the Jewish population eventually returned to the land of Israel. What were Esther and a massive population of the Jews doing in the Medo-Persian Kingdom? I mean, they should have been already back. The answer is a population of Jews did not return to Israel. That’s it. While a great multitude returned to the land, which included prominent people like Ezra, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel and more, a large population did not return. And they brought about more descendants in the Medo-Persian Empire. I mean, obviously they had children and grandchildren, and Jewish people remained. And that, of course, brings us to the life of Esther.

And so, to put it in the right perspective of the post-exilic books, where was exactly Esther?

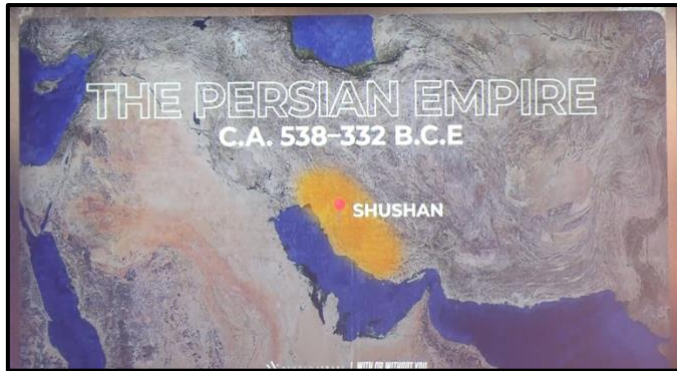


This is it. You can clearly see that she was right there in between Ezra and Nehemiah, still in the Babylon or in the Babylon captivity, but in Persia of that time. Right before Nehemiah went to fulfill the words that later on Daniel is



going to get from the angel, regarding the moment we should start counting the 70 weeks of Daniel. Amazing.

So, as you can see, the Persian Empire was there. Shushan was the capital of that time, and



we have an amazing book, the book of Esther, one of the most intriguing and curious books in the Bible. The story takes place over 100 years after the Babylonian exile of the Israelites, which means many

already returned back. While some Jews returned to Jerusalem as detailed by Ezra and Nehemiah, of course, many remained in foreign lands. And the narrative focuses on a Jewish community living in Shushan, the capital of the ancient Persian Empire. Key characters, of course, are two Jews, Mordecai and his niece Esther, as well as the Persian king, and Haman also, a cunning Persian official and the story's villain. And how many new Hamans we have today?

Esther and Mordecai, amazing. I find so many amazing parallels from that time and on, even to today. The story begins with the King of Persia hosting those two extravagant banquets. You all know the story. Have you read the book of Esther? Thank you. I don't need to tell you what the book is all about. But I will tell you that Esther was hiding her identity in the very beginning. She was afraid to expose it. You know how many Israelis today are traveling around the world hiding their Jewish identity, hiding their Star of David, hiding their Behold Israel logo? **Esther 2:10: “<sup>10</sup> Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal it.”** She received clear instructions at the point where you are right now. Don't reveal anything because God is going to bring you to a place, at a point in time where you need to be



there. And if you need to be there, the smartest thing right now is not to talk about it until you make it to that point.

So some things really never change. She disguised herself to be just a Persian. And of course, just like that people do today. And then comes an amazing thing. She made it to the point where she could ask, where she could really be an instrument of God in saving her own nation. **Esther 4:13–14, “<sup>13</sup> And Mordecai told them to answer Esther:...”** He couldn’t even talk to her directly. **“<sup>13</sup> ... ‘Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews.’”** Listen to me, you’re Jewish. And if they all come against the Jews, you’re one of them. They will not spare your life. So just remember, now is the time. Now you need to open your mouth. Now you need to speak out. And he said to her, **“<sup>14</sup> ‘For if you remain completely silent at this time,...’”** at the appointed time, **“... ‘relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place,...’”** What did he just tell her? “Esther, this is your time. For such a time as this, you came. This is it. But Esther, if you’re going to chicken out, if you’re going to not do what you need to do, you might pay the price privately. But the nation of Israel will not be destroyed.” Because... **“<sup>14</sup> ... ‘relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place,...’”** In other words, God is searching every day since He chose that nation until the very—When is it that the nation of Israel was no longer a nation before God? Do you know? When the stars and the sun and the moon will no longer be there. Which means as long as you wake up—that’s a good start—and you see that there are still stars and there’s still the moon and there’s still the sun, as long as the world exists before the new [heaven and earth] will be made, Israel is a nation before God. [Audience: Applause] And so Mordecai, a Jew, is telling Esther, a Jew, that if she’s not going to fulfill her calling upon her life at this point, God is going to find someone else. But as for her, she’ll be miserable, and she will end up maybe even dead. Because at the moment,

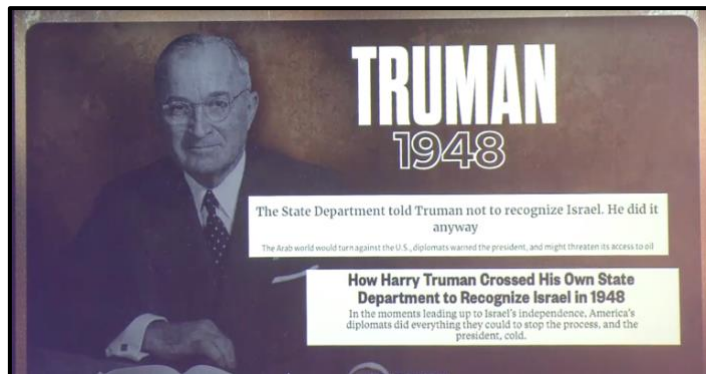
she wouldn't do what is needed to do. There will be Jews killed, and she will be one of them. She can't escape it. We can already see that despite the horrific predicament that Esther and the nation found themselves in, relief was assured for Israel.

And in order for that relief to manifest itself one day, the nation not only had to be preserved, but also restored to its land. It's very interesting to notice how Mordecai was smart enough to recognize the full picture. Esther was in a position where she needed to hear what Mordecai had to say in order for her to fulfill her role. And every Christian needs to hear what they need to do. Because Christians have the Holy Spirit—true Christians—and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Lord God of Israel. And there is no way that the Lord God of Israel will be in a person and yet that person will hate Israel. There's no such thing. Unless that person thinks he has the Holy Spirit, calls himself a Christian, tweets "Christ is King," and spews so much hatred and anti-Semitism. So Mordecai, he mentioned relief for Israel was not contingent on Esther's response, but on God's predetermined plan. And God can either use someone from within Israel or outside of the nation to accomplish His purposes. In **Daniel 4:17** it says, <sup>17</sup> "... **"This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men."** God is in the business of what's going on down here. And He's looking, He's searching every day who's going to stand in the gap for His nation. Who is a courageous, spirit-filled Christian that says: "It's not going to happen in my household. It's not going to happen in my social media account. It's not going to happen in my church. And if it happens, I either straighten up that teacher or I leave. And it's not going to happen in my town and in my country."

The reality that He will use whoever He needs in order to preserve His people is seen in that He'll raise up even the world superpower of the given time in history. Pagan, righteous, it

makes no difference. After all, Esther's very story is dealing with a king who was unrighteous to the uttermost. **Ezra 1:1** says, **"<sup>1</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled,..."** Look what one says about the other. Look, in order for the words of Jeremiah to be fulfilled, **"<sup>1</sup> ... the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom,..."** God speaks to leaders. And America is a nation that was chosen for such a time as this. No, because I see that unfortunately, it's not exactly staying like that.

Now watch this, 1948, May 14, President Truman is being threatened by his own secretary of state. Threatened, "Do not even think about recognizing the state of Israel." The State



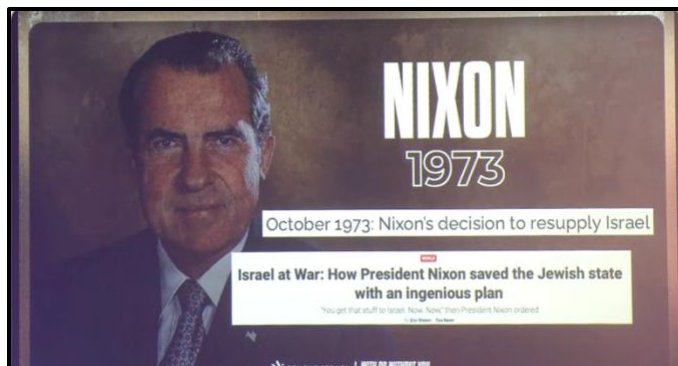
Department threatened the US president that the world is going to fall apart, if that's going to happen. The State Department told Truman not to recognize Israel, and he did it anyway.

And I'm going to tell you something folks, in 1948, eight minutes after Ben Gurion declared statehood, the first country on planet Earth that recognized Israel was the United States of America. And what Truman wrote a telegram with—not my Telegram [app], the real telegram—when Truman wrote that, he didn't even know what the name of the country is going to be. So he wrote the State of the Jews, recognizing the biblical right of the Jews over the land. And then a minute before he sent it, he crossed it [out] and [said] the State of Israel, because he just heard there was a name. Amazing. Most Americans don't know that. They don't have a clue. And yet this is the foundation. This is why, if you ask yourself how come America is still a superpower? Because God is sovereign, and God works. Despite the entire State Department forbidding President

Truman to recognize the State of Israel, largely due to the fear of the Arab nations, Truman did it anyway. His decision was influenced by another key person, a special presidential counsel, Clark Clifford.

A couple of interesting things to note: One, nothing has changed with the US State Department today. It's the same anti-Israel, anti-Semitic branch of the US government. Make no mistake, you can change the secretary, but it won't change the spirit of the State Department. Second, there seems too often to be one person that God is raising up to have a voice in the midst of, what? Of a storm of opposition. Truman was also influenced by his close Jewish friend and former business partner, Eddie Jacobson, who suggested that Truman meet with the president of the Zionist organization, then Chaim Weizmann, who later became the first president of the newly born State of Israel.

And that's not the end of the story. Because years into the existence of the State of Israel,

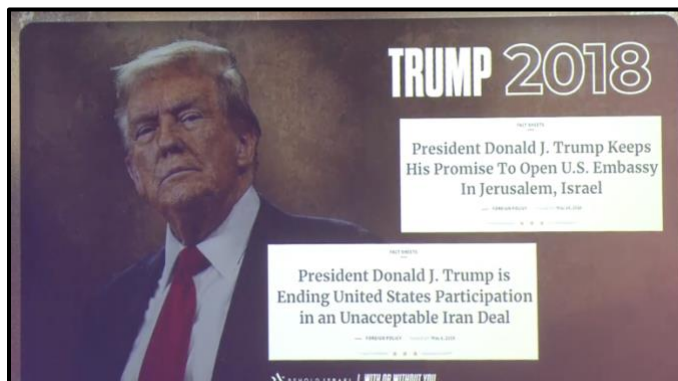


Israel was on the verge of annihilation. And President Richard Nixon received a phone call from Golda Meir, begging America to intervene because Israel might not be able to withstand the unprecedented

attack from both Egypt, from the south, and Syria, from the northeast. She picked up the phone, she called the president, and it was in the middle of the night. And you know, he told her this: "I could almost hear my mother's voice. She would tell me stories and read to me from the Old Testament, the heroes of the Bible. And one afternoon she said, 'Richard, someday you're going to be in a position where you can help save the Jewish people. And when that day comes, you must do everything in your power.'" And he remembered that story and he said, "Golda, I think that this

is why I became the president of the United States of America.” And when he hung up the phone with Golda Meir, he picked up the phone, he called his government branches. And the largest airlift of armaments since World War II was conducted in the next 72 hours. And it tipped everything, and Israel was still standing on its feet, and America was the main reason for it. Used by God, using the Word of God that had already been spoken to that president when he was young. You see, don’t ever underestimate telling people about the Lord, telling people about the Word of God. Because one day it might save the whole nation. One day they might be in a position where that is going to change everything.

And then in 2016, another person was elected, a person unlike any other former politicians. And within the first two years, once he realized how things go, he began a series of decisions that

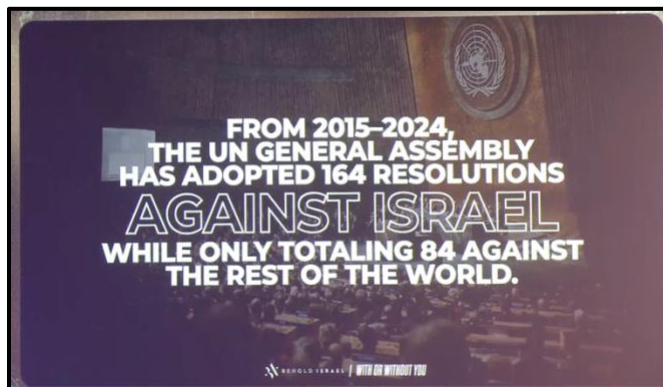


changed everything for the already 70-year-old State of Israel. First, he withdrew from the fake Iran nuclear deal. Why? Because he knew that they are bluffing the whole world, and behind the scenes,

they’re already preparing a nuclear program for military purposes. Yesterday, if you follow me on Telegram and shame on you if you don’t! [Audience: Laughter] That was a joke! But yesterday, if you follow me, you saw that the foreign minister of Iran said, admitted: “We have everything we need for a nuclear bomb. We just did not receive the decision.” So how come you have everything you need for a nuclear bomb when you told the whole world that you’re not after a nuclear bomb? I mean, because they lied! Exactly. And we proved it to President Trump at that time, when we stole the nuclear archive from Tehran, and brought the whole thing to him. And if that’s not enough, he recognized the Golan Heights as part of the state of Israel. He recognized all the Jewish

settlement in Judea and Samaria as legal. This is our ancestral homeland. All the stories of our forefathers happened in Judea and Samaria. We're not occupiers. We're the indigenous people there. And so he said, "That's their land." And the last thing he did recognized Jerusalem as our capital and moved the embassy of the United States of America to Jerusalem. [Audience: Applause] Three US presidents in three different time periods along the last 100 years. And you can see that God is on the throne.

In Israel in the world today, there are some interesting similarities between the hatred towards the Jews throughout biblical history and the multi-front bias against the Jews today all over the world. When it comes to the nations from 2015 to 2024, the UN, which stands for United



Nothing or UNnecessary, the UN General Assembly had adopted 164 resolutions against Israel while only totaling 84 against the rest of the world! It's an obsession. It's diabolic. It's satanic. It cannot even be explained in real terms. There is no common

sense here even. It is spiritual.

And what about the media-nites? Well, I tell you, all over the world, it doesn't matter. They handpick the most arrogant, stupid and evil people. It has to be the three. They asked them, "Are you arrogant, stupid and evil?" If they check the boxes, "You're hired." And they spread a war of propaganda like has never been seen anywhere, not based on facts. And we always debunk the media's anti-Israel narrative, and they always go back to say the same things after it has already been debunked, because they don't care about facts. It's ideological, deeply rooted in the media,



that bias against Israel. You cannot change it. Up until today, the BBC will not call Hamas terrorists. That's their policy.

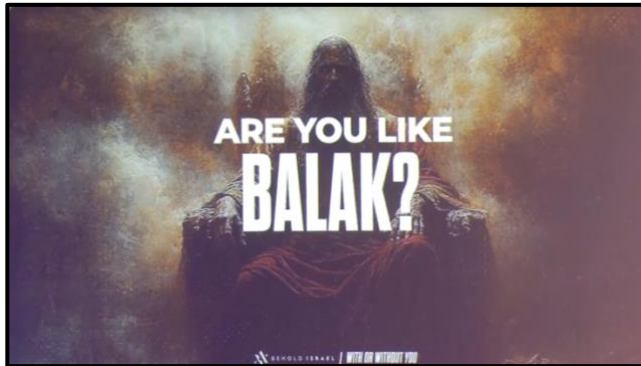
Then there is the education system. Your universities. *Anti-Israel activism on US campuses in 2023 to 2024* [Report headline] You see, it says here, "Activism on US campuses tallied 2,087 anti-Israel incidents of assault, vandalism, harassment, protests, actions and divestment resolutions between June 1st, 2023, and May 31st, 2024,..." Actually, it's even more now. "...a staggering 477% increase in these categories compared to the same period, 2022 to 2023. This marks the highest number ever documented by the ADL." [Anti-Defamation League] "These incidents included both blatant acts of anti-Semitism as well as anti-Israel activity, which is not always anti-Semitic. Incidents encompassed efforts to co-opt campus institutions in support of boycott, divestment, and sanctions..." BDS campaigns "... anti-Israel protests that disrupted campus operations, and the dissemination of rhetoric, or adoption of policies that marginalize, demonize or exclude Jews, Zionists or Israelis from campus life." [Headlines:] *US colleges failed to hold students accountable for anti-Semitic harassment. The alarming surge of anti-Semitism on college campuses. Unpacking the truth of anti-Semitism...* We're talking about more and more and more and more; unbelievable. *UN teachers called to murder Jews. Hamas' Indoctrination of Children to Jihad, Martyrdom and Hatred of Jews*" is celebrated. *The roots of Hamas' terror attack can be found in Gaza's schools.* That's where it starts. One of the abductees just said yesterday, Emily Damari, she's a UK citizen also, she said, "I was held as a captive in a UN facility."

And what about the church? Churches all around the world reject the idea that Zionism—which means that Zion is the place for the Jewish people, Israel—they reject that idea. [Headline] *American Churches Launch Initiative to End Israel's Apartheid.* That's how they call it. When in reality, Arabs in Israel are safer in Jewish towns than Jews in Arab towns. Now you would think

that those who know the Bible would have a much greater sensitivity to this issue. I don't expect much from those who disregard God and His Word. But more than any other entity, the church is without excuse when it comes to an anti-Israel narrative. Whether we're looking at the church or the world, we have to remember that.

How can anyone curse that which God blessed? Remember, Balak and Balaam, remember the story of a foreign king who was hiring a magician to pronounce a curse over the nation of Israel while they were still wandering in the desert. Because he realized in the physical realm, they're always beating us, maybe we need to move to the spiritual realm and pronounce a curse upon them; maybe that will work. **Numbers 23:7–12** “<sup>7</sup> ... **‘Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east. “Come, curse Jacob for me,...”’**” Isn't that interesting? Even today, all that they are doing, the Palestinians, is that they're telling the whole world, “Curse Jacob for us—denounce Israel!” And then he said, “<sup>8</sup> **‘How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced? <sup>9</sup> For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; There! A people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations. <sup>10</sup> Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number one-fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his!’ <sup>11</sup> Then Balak...**” Look, he just got money, and put in his pocket. And he was about to curse, and then he ended up blessing. And then he turned to the one who gave him the money. Look, Balak—he said to him, “<sup>11</sup> **Then Balak said to Balaam, ‘What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed them bountifully!’ <sup>12</sup> So he answered and said, ‘Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?’**” In other words, I'll keep the money, but I do what I need to do. You see, Balak, the king of Moab was smart enough to identify the spiritual battle, but he was foolish enough to stand against the God of Israel.

And that's exactly what happened today. How many times did the Arabs try to destroy us? And how many times have they been defeated? You would think that by now they will give up.



No, because it's a spiritual thing. It makes no sense. So, are you like Balak, identifying it's spiritual, but then coming against the God of Israel, rather than being on His side? Smart enough to identify that Israel is a spiritual

topic, but foolish enough to choose the wrong side? Remember, there was a plot against the Jews in Esther's time. **Esther 3:8, 10-11** **"<sup>8</sup>Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, 'There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.'**" Look, isn't that amazing? "They're different, I don't think they should live." That's what people say today. Amazing. **"<sup>10</sup>So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews."** The enemy of the Jews. That's the title you never want to have. **"<sup>11</sup>And the king said to Haman, 'The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you.'"**

Amazing. You see, God disapproves apathy when it's time to act. **James 4:17, "<sup>17</sup>Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."** And this was the very crossroads Esther was facing in her new position due to the king's decision. And this was the essence of what Mordecai was bringing to her attention, when he reminded her that God will deliver Israel by one means or another. But don't look past the fact that Mordecai also issued her a warning of her own fate. He said, "Of hers and her families, should she ignore the opportunity

to intervene for Israel, then why?" He said... And Mordecai said to her, **Esther 4:14b**, "<sup>14</sup> ... **'you and your father's house will perish.'**" If you don't do what you need to do, if you're not going to stand up for the occasion and be that person [who] arrived for such a time as this, relief will come from another place. But look at the consequences when it comes to you and your family. "<sup>14</sup> ... **'you and your father's house will perish.'**" And it's Mordecai, her uncle, and he's saying to her, "No one is exempt." All of us need to stand before God and answer to whether we were faithful with a calling that we have or not. Faithfulness is what we're going to be asked about in the Bema seat of Christ, by the way.

It's also worth noting that Esther is not the first Hebrew that God entrusted with keeping watch over His chosen people. If you recall the commission He put on Ezekiel's life to be a watchman for the nation. To whom much is given, much will be required. **Ezekiel 33:7-8** said, "<sup>7</sup> **'So you, son of man:...**'" That's what God is speaking to him, "**... 'I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.'**"

There's a great responsibility that we have. God's plans for Israel will be executed with or without you. **Jeremiah 29:11**, we just spoke about it, "<sup>11</sup> **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,...**" He's saying that to the nation of Israel. And He said to them, "<sup>11</sup> ... **thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you...**" What? God is not done with Israel. God is saying to the prophet in one of the lowest points in Israel's history, I will "<sup>11</sup> ... **to give you a future and a hope.**" These are the two things that if you remember in the valley of that dry bones, they thought they don't have. No hope and no future. It's possible that this very passage in the most misused

passage of the Bible, you know, everybody takes it to their own thing, forgetting to whom originally it was said. Yet it reveals God's faithful character. It reveals His love for His people. But let's also not forget this promise was penned by a prophet of Israel during some of the nation's darkest hours. In other words, it's not like God is saying, "Okay, I'm done with them. They're so bad. Let's move on to the next one." In the midst of their lowest point, He knows the future. He says, "They still have a future and a hope, and I will be there." **Jeremiah 31:35-36** <sup>35</sup> **Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name):** <sup>36</sup> **'If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD,...'** [Amir: Say "then". Audience: "Then," say "then..."] **...then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.'** And I tell all the Ayatollahs, you're investing so much in new weapons. Every day they make new weapons. I always tell them, "Guys, if you want to get rid of us, work hard on a weapon that will remove the sun, the moon and the stars." Because that's the only time Israel will no longer exist. **Romans 8:31-35**, <sup>31</sup> **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?** <sup>32</sup> **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** <sup>33</sup> **Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.** <sup>34</sup> **Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.** <sup>35</sup> **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"** In other words, God is not in the business of changing His mind. Because <sup>29</sup> **For the gifts and the calling of God are..."** What? **"irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)**

So, if you can confidently cling to the promises mentioned by Paul in Romans 8 regarding the church, then you have to be ready to accept the promises mentioned by Paul in Romans 11 regarding Israel. And spoiler alert, they agree with what Jeremiah said, by the way. **Romans 11:28-32: “<sup>28</sup> Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.”**

Do you understand what I just read? God is speaking about the future of Israel. And He says, “God is not done with them.” Just as He wasn’t done with you when you were not yet saved, He is not done with them as they are now in the state of disbelief. And by the way, make no mistake, no Jew will ever enter heaven unless it’s through faith in Yeshua, the Messiah. There is no other way. There is no other truth. There is no other life. We’re not offering here an alternative for the Jew. There is no dual-covenant theology that is biblical. It’s only one way. But God is saying they will come to that point. Because when the Lord will come back with His feet on the Mount of Olives, and we come back with Him, then what is it that the Bible says is going to happen? Then all Israel will be saved. Salvation.

God is not asking if you like something or if you think something is fair. **Isaiah 55:8-9, “<sup>8</sup> ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’”** And while the world has a very earthly perspective as believers, our perspective needs to be eternal, heavenly in focus. And when it is that way, we’re brought back



to the reality that the way of God does things is far beyond our comprehension. **Psalm 92:5-6**, “<sup>5</sup>  
**O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. <sup>6</sup> A senseless man does  
not know, nor does a fool understand this.**”

So when it comes to the life of Esther, God’s desire and intention were to use her to bring His plan to fruition. And think about it, God wanted to use her in His plans, but He didn’t have to. He doesn’t need us. But He wants us. And He wanted her to be an instrument. God wants to use you in His plans. The question is, are you willing to be used? And God is expecting us to



understand the times and the seasons. Studying Bible prophecy is not some cult. It’s not like all the wackos gather in one roof to talk about wacky things. No, God is interested that His children will know the

times and the seasons so they will be ready. **Isaiah 46:9-10**, “<sup>9</sup> ‘Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,...”’” In **1 Chronicles 12:32**, it says, “<sup>32</sup> of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do,...” God revealed, sometimes in Israel, He revealed it more to a certain tribe. But for us, for us, as Paul said, there is no need for me to tell you because you perfectly know. **1Thessalonians 5:1-2a**, “<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly...” How can you know perfectly if your church doesn’t teach it? How can you know perfectly if no one is telling you about it? The truth about God and His relationship with Israel has been completely, completely revealed in the scope of the Bible.

Like Paul wrote to the church in Thessaloniki, there is no need for us to be reminded of this if we are students of the Bible.

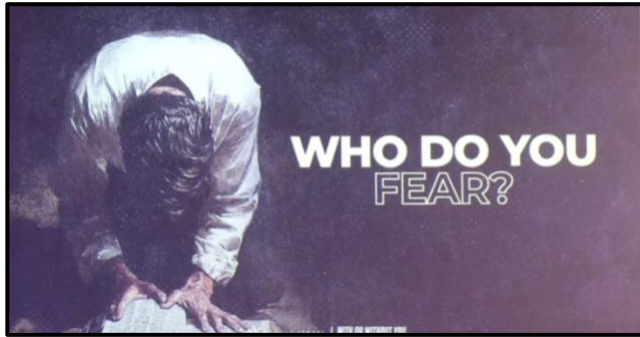
Mordecai understood the times and therefore he was able to discern the circumstances that the Jews in Persia were about to experience. And Esther had to make the decision to heed his words. Because your stance on Israel matters! Don't let anyone tell you that it's a minor thing, the most important thing is Christ is King. Christ is King, but He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Christ is King, He is the Holy One of Israel. Christ is King, He is the Hope of Israel. The criteria for how God is going to one day judge the nations is based on how they treat the nation of Israel during the tribulation. In other words, it's a big deal! **Joel 3:1–2** says, <sup>“1</sup> **‘For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land.’”** Wow! This is how God is going to judge the nations.

And in **Matthew 25:31-38, 41-45** speaking about the sheep and the goats. <sup>“31</sup> **‘When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” ...<sup>41</sup> ‘Then He will also**

say to those on the left hand, **“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.”** And then they asked Him, “When did this all happen?” And He said, **“<sup>45</sup> ... ‘inasmuch as you did not to one of the least of these,...’”** My brethren, **“... ‘you did not do it to Me.’”** The Jewish people are the litmus test. If you come against them, if you hate them, you’re not good with God. It’s a big thing. It’s not a minor thing.

As reflected in the wisdom of President Nixon’s mother, she understood this. As believing Gentiles, it’s our duty, or yours because I’m a Jew, [Audience: Laughter] I can sense the presence of Gentiles. And it’s okay. But this is why she urged her son to look after the Jewish people whenever he had the opportunity. Now if God expects the nations to stand with Israel, how much more does He expect from you and me? Standing by Israel isn’t an option or recommendation. Standing for Israel is an act of standing on the right side with God and His plans. Christians do not have other options. I hope you understand that. And if God gives you an opportunity to stand for Israel, and ever since October 7th, you have so many opportunities to stand for Israel, if you haven’t done so far, you need to do it. Esther came to understand that God had a specific role for her, and she acted on it. She understood that God didn’t need her, but that didn’t negate the necessity for her obedience. Let’s get something straight. It’s we who are blessed when we’re used of God. You understand that? **Esther 8:3, “<sup>3</sup> Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews.”** As you can see. Esther’s obedience led her to getting to experience God’s deliverance of the Jews firsthand. She acted on her fear for the Lord, not for men.

So, you have to ask yourself today, who do you fear? You see, as believers, who do we



fear? Who do you personally fear? Who do you aim to please? Let me remind you that as believers, we're called to a higher standard of living. But that's not where it ends, by the way. It should matter to you also how you

leave this world. If it's a fear of men who drives you, your fear will cripple you. If it's the fear of the Lord that motivates you, your fear will enable you. These are the differences. **Zechariah 2:8**, **"<sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.'"** **Matthew 10:28**, He says, **"<sup>28</sup> 'And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'"** Fear God, don't fear men.

Who are you willing to offend? You know, something extremely profound about the book of Esther is that God is not mentioned even once throughout the entire account. Does this not seem very strange? In every other book of the Bible, when Israel is in a position of desperation like this, the narrative strongly credits God's activity and His name. So why is it so different in the book of Esther? I tell you why, the lack of direct mention of God invites readers to look closely for His activity throughout the story. And they can see what's happening and without mentioning His name, they know it's a divine intervention. And that leads them to explore more about that nation and why they're so different. And it leads them to the God of Israel, of course. While there is probably a variety of reasons for God's name being absent from that book, you can see His intervention throughout the entire story.

So all of us, we need to learn from the past in order to stand for Israel now and in the future. Just like Esther, you can use your platform. And everyone today has a platform. Once we used to take our phone or not a phone, real cameras, and we used to take pictures of other people. [Audience: Laughter] Now, this is how Apple designed the phone that the camera facing other people will be far better with more pixels. Now they're switching. The number one enhancement of the camera is on the one facing you. Because everyone takes picture of themselves all day long. Because we're all having our own platform. We're all having our own thing. We all admire ourselves every day, all day long. I mean, it's like, it's unbelievable.

Listen, the silence of the church in the past, and in many cases compliance, has led to a wide range of atrocities being committed against the Jewish people around the world. Especially in the time of the Holocaust. Confront people with the truth when you hear something that is false. And it's okay to challenge people to think critically, especially the people in your own circles.

And I will conclude with this: leaders and pastors, teach your flock about God's plans for Israel from Genesis to Revelation. Like Mordecai, you can discern the times and equip your people. Because you never know who is sitting here that one day might be in that position where he will be used by God to save His people. Throughout the full counsel of the Bible, God's plans for Israel are established, communicated and fulfilled. Helping your audience of believers to see God's promises to Israel materialize not only in the Bible, but in the world today, that will give people a much deeper appreciation for the living reality of the Word of God. This will also enable your people, if you're a leader, to understand the times and act accordingly just like Mordecai.

And that's as far as the pastors and teachers, but what about parents and teachers? Educate your children about the nation of Israel, and how the land and the people are the fulfillment of God's promises today. Help them to come out of that *hell* of demonic assault on their hearts and

spirits. Just as God commissioned the people of Israel to teach their children about all that God has done so that they might teach their children, so should you. The Passover Seder, that's what it's all about; we sit around the table, and we tell our children so they can tell their children, and they will tell their children. And since the time we left Egypt, over 3,000 years ago, we've been telling our children every year about the day that marked the first day of the calendar between God and His people. **1 Corinthians 4:1-2, “<sup>1</sup> Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”** So we have to be faithful in how we disseminate the truth, how we share the truth. Because I'm telling you, your children are now the biggest target of the enemy, and he's destroying them through TikTok, through Instagram, through social media and all. But more so in their schools, in their universities, in their colleges. You bring them [your children] up in faith, you send them in, and you get [them] back radical, brainless and filled with hatred. And it has to do with us. There is no way we have no responsibility. So God is going to take care of Israel with or without you.

Father, we thank You for Your Word. We thank You for Your promises. We thank You for Your faithfulness towards Your nation, Israel. And we thank You, Father, that You have commissioned each and every one of us to speak the truth, to not fear what men will say, to not even fear to offend men that spew some satanic and diabolic things. And may we all, just like Esther, be very, very, very blessed to know that for such a time as this—especially after October 7<sup>th</sup>—for such a time as this, You called Your people to comfort Your people. “Comfort, O, comfort My people!,” You said. So Father, we ask that You will give us the wisdom to understand and the strength and the courage to fulfill that which You have ordained us to do. We ask all of this in the matchless name of the Holy One of Israel, who is the only hope of Israel, who is the only source



of peace for Israel, who is the only source of joy and who is the only One who can give them a future. In the name of Yeshua, our Messiah, who is our salvation, we pray. Amen.

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