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AMIR: Shalom, everyone! This is Amir Tsarfati. Today with me is Pastor Barry Stagner, Jan Markell, and Mike Golay. Shalom! I am extremely sorry for those of you who wanted to watch us on YouTube. It's just not working; I'm not sure why. But we will do it the old-fashioned way of doing it on Facebook Live and then we will just post it later on YouTube, so you'll have to forgive us. Pastor Mike, would you mind starting this with a prayer? And then we'll dive into our very, very relevant topic.

MIKE: It would be an honor. Lord, we pray that everything we talk about today would be useful, helpful, for the edifying of the saints, for the building up, for the knowledge that equips the saint for good works in such a time as this. Allow us to see clearly, allow us to have wisdom. And I pray that You would anoint our discussion panel today to do just that for the rest of us with the gifts that you have put in them. Lord, we commit this hour to You now for Your glory. In Jesus's name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen. Shalom, everyone again. This Roundtable today is all about, "Is America coming to the end of its role as a world leader?" I believe it is a very relevant one, especially in light of the news that we woke up this morning to, at least here in Israel, news that "White House declines to say whether Israel is an important ally." In fact, is Israel is an ally at all?! The question that was being asked in a White House media briefing was about Saudi Arabia and Israel, and Jen Psaki [White House Press Secretary] really failed to even say that we are important allies. It's quite amazing. And so, I think that in light of that and in light of everything else that we see, for example, President Biden hasn't even called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—it's unprecedented, it's almost a month in office and yet not even a single phone call to your most important ally in the Middle East—that is a very, very big message to us, the Israelis, and I think to the whole world that there is a new sheriff in town and the priorities there are quite different.



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So, I am going to start with you, Jan, is it possible that the America that you and I and all of us here have known is no longer in existence?

JAN: Well, that would be true. What we've known for so many decades, for that matter, centuries, that America has been around, I believe is history. And as I say that, that kind of an ominous statement, but things changed dramatically here in the last several months. The believers prayed and prayed and fasted and did anything we could to get the vote out. We, obviously, had some unfortunate issues on election day, but I do believe that America that we knew is probably gone, and I'm going to say it, it is gone forever. I do think the Lord wants us, the believers, to let go of this world. Our citizenship isn't here; our citizenship is in heaven. Perhaps things will get so dark that more and more people will start longing for that eternal home.

AMIR: Wow, it's quite staggering to hear that you believe that it is gone forever! It's not even a temporary thing. Not even two years from now when there are midterm elections and all of that? You really think this is...

JAN: The damage is so staggering what is happening with three, three and a half weeks, the damage is... Pastor Barry would understand, because we are all watching it day by day. We're all watching executive orders. These executive orders are so destructive. It is unbelievable, things that I never thought I'd see in my lifetime and I think the verse that has jumped out at me in the last three weeks is Jeremiah 17:9, "**The heart is deceitful...and desperately wicked...**" I'm seeing such wickedness in Washington. Even as we speak, they are trying to impeach a president who is no longer president! This is insanity!



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AMIR: Yes, it is definitely insanity. Pastor Barry, since we are basically a roundtable on Bible prophecy, where do you see America in Bible prophecy? Because, let's face it, kingdoms came up and fell down. Throughout history, a lot of things happened. But currently it is America that was, at least until recently, the number one superpower in the world, the world leader. An American president was always known as the leader of the free world. Where do you see America in the Bible?

PASTOR BARRY: Well, I think the important thing is where you started, Amir. This has been one of the big questions for those who study prophecy—that is Zechariah 12:3 that says all the nations of the Earth will be gathered against Jerusalem. Jerusalem will become “**a burdensome stone**” [KJV] to all nations. Now, our hope has always been that the timing of America's joining with the rest of the world against Israel would be post rapture, but it seems as though—with what you announced that came out of the White House and the Press Secretary's inability to basically answer the question as to the alliance that continues between Israel and the United States—it gives us an indication that we are pre-rapture moving toward that position which may be finalized after the rapture of the church.

But we're moving in that direction, and I think that also reminds us that we need to remember what Jesus said and what Paul reiterated to the Church of Thessaloniki is that things are going to progress in a birth pang-like progression. This means that as they get closer to the end, things are going to happen more *rapidly*, they will be more *intense* than they were before, and finally give birth to the tribulation period where everything reaches its ultimate fulfillment. You know, we don't really see, and I don't think you can make a case for there being a presence of the United States in the last-day scenario—not the last of the last days.



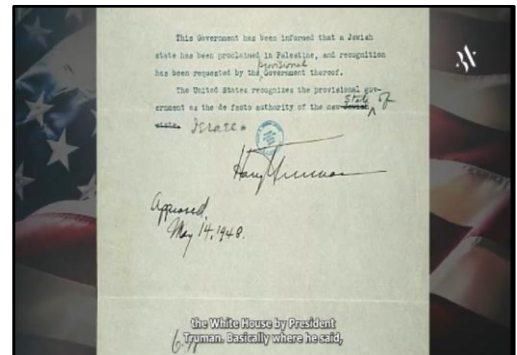
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You know, Amir, it has been reported by those who study such things, who look back over history, including the Roman Empire at its zenith, the Pax Romana, that superpowers usually last about three centuries, and then they fizzle out. Some are conquered from without; some, like Rome, implode from within. I think that's actually the path where we're headed—as an implosion, a breakdown of the things that actually took down the Roman Empire and caused it to lose its global influence. And we're headed that way too.

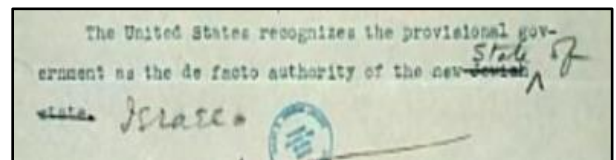
AMIR: Look, I've always said that. I think, Jan, I taught at one of your conferences about where America is in Bible prophecy. [Jan: Yes.] I think we have to remember that most countries around the world are

mentioned in the Bible in relation to Israel. I want to remind all of you how amazingly this whole thing began in 1948. Let me show you. This is the authentic paper that was released by the White House by President Truman. Basically, he said, “This



Government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the Government, thereof. The United States recognizes the provisional government as the de facto authority of the...”—Then, take a look! Then they heard that Ben Gurion called it the “State of Israel.”

So, they crossed out “the Jewish state” and they put the “State of Israel.” Harry Truman is signed there. It is May



14, 1948. This is the beginning of the United States, I believe, becoming a world superpower for such a time as this. I believe that from that moment on—personally, I believe—America was given a mandate.

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Not just to spread the gospel around the world and to, you know, be a safe haven for Christians who fled the religious persecution in Europe, but from the moment Israel was born, America was there to help Israel.

Jan, you know, we've seen presidents before Biden and, of course, Trump, in the attempt to help Israel. I'm not sure how much they did. Look at these pictures. So, what I'm trying to say here is that we are watching, basically, some international agreements that were



forced on Israel. Those—anything from the Madrid conference where you see Benjamin Netanyahu, the young man sitting behind Yitzhak Shamir, from the early 1990s, all the way to the Oslo Accords and also later on the others; these Oslo Accords and then

Olmert with Abbas, as you can see—these were all *horrific* deals that did not bring anything to Israel at all. Then of course, the pressure was there to give up land and to give up Jerusalem and all of that. Jan, what happened when this guy (Donald Trump) showed up in Jerusalem as president?



JAN: Well, I mean from Day One let's just contrast. Barack Obama's first foreign policy effort in 2009 was to go to Cairo University and tell the Arab world, "Look, we got it. America has got to deal more kindly with Islam." From there came the Arab Spring back in 2009, 2010. Contrast Donald Trump: Early on, he goes to Israel with that wonderful picture you showed. This man had a heart for Israel. He still does.

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You know, we may not have seen the last of President Trump. He may run again in the future, 2024. It's hard to say. I am so touched by the heart he has for Israel, for the Jewish people, and for his good friend Bibi Netanyahu, but that didn't allow him to win this election because God had other plans.



I believe God is speeding up the end-time “time clock” here. Just look at Ezekiel 38 with a Gog-Magog invasion. There are no nations that come to Israel's defense. If President Trump were in office, he would come to Israel's defense in Gog-Magog. President Biden will not. We're seeing the stage, again, being set rapidly for the “final” final days. That's the good news!

AMIR: Well, it's interesting that you said that. Look at this slide. America basically has to do with almost every country that is involved with the Ezekiel War or with the neighbors of Israel. The way America is going to treat each and every one of



these countries will determine how they're going to behave in the very near future. We are already seeing how getting closer to Iran, and abandoning Saudi Arabia, and pushing the Turks to the wall, and making the Russians angry, these are, you know... Three weeks only, and the Middle East from a place that just produced four peace deals is now closer to war than ever!

JAN: Exactly. And we're closer back to that Iran deal, Amir, which has to be the worst foreign policy—a piece of paper—in the history of humanity is coming back.



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AMIR: Yeah, it's quite amazing. Pastor Barry, we already saw that, overall, America was a superpower that tried to maneuver and take care of the whole world or be the “policeman” of the whole world. But there were some very God-given moments when presidents were in the White House and they couldn’t care less about what their own State Department was saying and what the rest of the world was saying. Harry Truman wrote that piece of paper *against* his own State Department! Let's face it, Donald Trump, when he went to visit the Western Wall, it was *against* the advice of the State Department. At that time, it was not Mike Pompeo as the Secretary of State. So, we've seen, you know, Truman and we've seen, of course, Nixon helping Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Now we're seeing again another president. It's very interesting. I'm looking at the presidents and how they were attacked. You know, look at what they did to Nixon. Nixon, nowadays, will be considered a saint compared to what politicians are doing today. Look at how they just come against them. It's just such a horrible spirit.

But Barry, when it comes to President Trump, what are the things that you believe God allowed *him* to do that are kind of irreversible, and they are pretty amazing when it comes to Israel?

PASTOR BARRY: Well, I think for us as a country, it drew some—I don't want to say much or most but some—of the church’s attention back to the prophetic scenario to see the movement of the embassy to Jerusalem. It put Jerusalem in the news, in the headlines of the church, so to speak, and focus on the importance of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel, not just in the mainstream media, but also in the church's mind. Everybody was talking about it. It drew world attention, church attention, which sadly, I would say the majority of the church holds to Replacement Theology and doesn't see a place for Israel in

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the last days. But for the believing remnant, it reminded us of the closeness of the unfolding of all the events that we're going to see happen in quick succession.

Also, I think, taking our minds back to some of the other developments: the recognition of Judea and Samaria and the recognition of the Golan as rightful Israeli territory took us back to study the events of history—Jewish history—so we can have a greater understanding of exactly what God has done in the past when He gave an everlasting promise and established a covenant not just with the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, but also with the *land* that His



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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Donald Trump hold up the signed proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights as Netanyahu leaves the White House in Washington, Monday, March 25, 2019. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

descendants would inhabit. So again, Trump's efforts took our attention back to what is important and, in a way, drew the church's attention—or at least those who see the validity of Bible prophecy—to focus on the fact that Israel is the hub of last days' events.

You know, I've always found it interesting that here we have this rather small country—the United States—we account for a very minute percentage, five percent of the total world population, yet here we are having an influence all around the world. But there's an even *smaller* nation and even *smaller* geographic area, 8,800 square miles, that is the focus of world's attention in the last days. So, you know, we're having our attention drawn back to the native homeland of the Jews. Our minds have to go to Ezekiel 37. Our minds have to go to Zechariah 12 to 14. We have to be considering

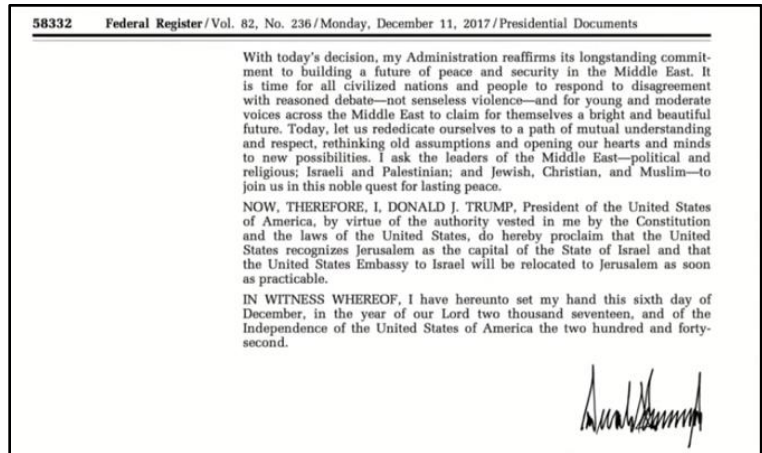


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all these things. I think President Trump's role drew the church's attention back to the actual real estate that is the hub of the prophetic scenario of the last days.

AMIR: Allow me to show our audience this paper. That's the release from the White House with President Trump's signature. This is the second page. Look at the very, very end. The two paragraphs: "NOW, THEREFORE, I DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America,



by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and that the United States Embassy to Israel will be relocated to Jerusalem as soon as practicable.” And then it says, “IN WITNESS WHEREOF...” You understand, this is an historic paper because the leader of the free world and the leader of the world's superpower...

People should not underestimate the role of superpowers throughout history. It was the superpower of those days that allowed Nehemiah to go back and rebuild the temple. It was the superpower of those days that allowed Joseph to reign and to basically bring remedy to his nation and his brothers and sisters. I mean, superpowers in history were used by God, and I believe America, at least in the last four years, America has been used. Also, let's face it, Sheba and Dedan, I mean, we're looking at the Abraham Accords. And look what it says, “Arab nations are lining up to normalize relations with Israel.” After these

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two [Bahrain and UAE] came Morocco and Sudan and others, but we're looking into something that is quite amazing biblically. And yet that window—as you just said, Jan—the window has been closed. Now we're going back. Jan, you said earlier we're going back to what we had before but on steroids, haven't we?

JAN: I'm afraid so. We languished through the Obama years, the Biden/Obama years. I do think this is kind of Obama 2.0. This is a repeat, but worse, that's coming up. I think we've made reference to the passage in Zechariah. *All* nations are going to abandon Israel. The Bible doesn't say all nations except a great power to the west, and the flag is red, white, and blue. I mean, *all* nations are going to abandon that country for a last day's scene. And I just think that's what's lining up now. America's right in line with all of this. But again, this is a herald of His coming. That's what we have to be remindful of: the herald of the fact that Jesus is coming—any minute! Maybe today!

AMIR: Amen. I need to ask both of you. Look, there's quite a lot of people that are literally in disbelief that President Biden is now president, and they are being fed by some people with some information as if in any minute there will be a messianic or political shifting that will bring back President Trump to the White House. You know, the damage of such a thing is that you then get hit by reality twice as hard. There was nothing wrong with praying for him to win, but there is everything wrong in denying that the situation



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has changed. As you guys said, it even fits the Bible! It's not like we should be super surprised. We're disappointed. I am disappointed when I'm watching what's going on right now in Congress. I'm disappointed. It almost feels like a nation is committing suicide live on TV.

JAN: Live on TV. Very well said.

AMIR: I mean, look, to us non-Americans all around the world, that's what it looks like, and everybody knows he's going to be acquitted. Everybody knows there's nothing there, but to waste the time and the money and the effort to do stuff like that, it's a spirit. It's beyond... And to see all of that while the country is struggling with so many other problems, it's just so sad. But at the same time, we're watching a spiritual battle here.

Pastor Barry, where do you see America in two years, three years from now? I mean, we already established that it is stepping down from being the world leader. But what are the options for America right now?

PASTOR BARRY: Well, Amir, let me say something about what you said really quick, and then I'll answer your question. I want to point everybody's mind to **Deuteronomy 18:22** which says, **“When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”** Or listen to him. And this is what we've been plagued with in recent days. These prophets coming out, supposed prophets coming out, and speaking, saying God told them. So, you know, we see people who speak errantly, continue to speak, and continue to have a following which is part of the problem that we're seeing happening in America. There's been a *huge* loss of discernment within the



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church because of the defection from truth and an unwillingness to endure or put up with sound doctrine but instead heap up teachers who will tickle the ear and say things that are fanciful and fable-based like, “Trump is going to come back in the office this week. Hang on. This week, it's going to happen.” Listen, when he didn't win, that's the end of that prophecy, and it wasn't from the Lord. So, it doesn't matter whether it was by hook or crook; it didn't happen. So, we need a little bit more spiritual discernment and maturity within the church.

As far as long term, Amir, as we were talking earlier, I think America is headed is for a major implosion. One of the things that we have to remember about history is that when nations fought one another, God wasn't judging them for fighting against each other. But when they came against the nation of Israel, that's when their own demise began even though it may have taken dozens of years or perhaps even a century or more. What we are seeing here is the abandonment of Israel that was established under President Trump.

You know, a non-answer is an answer in the question you brought up at the beginning. But I always find it interesting to go back and compare America with the Roman Empire: we being a superpower, they being a superpower. Edward Gibbon wrote in the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire the five factors that brought down the Roman Empire from within. And that was [paraphrasing], number one, “the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.” America has done that. “Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread, welfare, and circuses for the populace.” America has done that. “The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming more and more exciting, more brutal, more amoral.” America has participated in that. “The building of great armaments



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when the real enemy is from within, which is,”—listen to this—“the decay of personal responsibility.” This administration is advancing that as well—debt forgiveness and things of that nature. And then, lastly, Gibbon said the Roman Empire came down from within because of “the decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.”

Listen, when you abandon the Word of God, you have no direction for life. And because much of the church is basically anti-Semitic—which is what Replacement Theology is, it's against Israel—then you have no discernment. You have no course to be guided on because the Lord orders the steps of man, the good man, the person who follows and seeks to follow after Him. And I'm with Jan. I think we've come to the place and crossed the point of no return. And in a sense, it's catastrophic emotionally and mentally for us, but it's exciting prophetically because Jesus is coming for us soon.

JAN: Yes.

AMIR: I must say that you guys are spot on when it comes to...I mean, politically, we see this administration is just as far as the east is from the west from what the former administration was when it comes to Israel. But I also must confess that I have been watching in the last few months a rising wave of anti-Semitism *within* the church. You know, I came against it a few times, and I was attacked for even saying that.

But let's not hide it. A lot of people will take a certain thing that is being said by one person, and they will present it as if Israel is like that. For example, there's a member of Parliament—I don't even think he's a member of Parliament at this point—but he said, “Look, if America is abandoning us, why don't we just go and form a coalition with Russia or China? Because we need to survive here in this.” So,



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somebody just posted, “Just after Israel received aid from America, it is going to collaborate with China and Russia.” He says “Israel.” He didn't mention the fact that it was *one* person that said that. “Now it’s the official Israeli...” But then you see, I saw somebody wearing a shirt that says, “It's not a big deal. This virus is just the Jew flu.” You know, the “Jew flu” on his t-shirt, which is a horrible thing.

But also, we have been watching throughout the presidency of Obama, and now this one, how the Replacement Theology camp is advancing the Palestinian cause and is literally afraid of the fact that Jerusalem will be Israel's, that the settlements in the West Bank are legal, and that the Golan Heights belongs to us. It's amazing. They are afraid of the things that the *Bible* says that belong to us. They're afraid of that. So, I see that, and I'm saying to myself, “You know what? Maybe the church should be shaken a little bit to its core to understand what it really needs to hold on to.”

Jan, how is it to be an American tight now? You're Jewish, but you're also American. You live in a state [Minnesota] that is not exactly Christian, per se. How do you feel right now?

JAN: I long for my heavenly home. Now, having said that, you know, we're to occupy until He comes. So, I mean, we're not to be so heavenly minded that we detach here from the world. I think, Amir—I hope the audience will resonate with me as I say this—I think I have a greater burden for the lost because I see how late the hour is. I see everything is winding down; I see America is slipping now into, well, a new role in the world which will not be helpful to the world. America has been there for the world. America sent missionaries. America has sent aid when there are catastrophes. America has been there for Israel. A lot of this is going to vanish now. But I think we need to focus on winning souls while there is time because time is running out.



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But here's the other thing. Who's going to be in the crosshairs now? Starting immediately with the church. The Christian is going to be in the cross hairs. Can I dare say this? They are coming for us. That's a very heavy, serious statement. They're coming for us, and we need to be prepared. Can I *please* encourage the listeners? Get prepared for persecution! Now we don't face the persecution of the Tribulation, the fires of the Tribulation. We were promised that we don't go through that, but we're going to have some rough days here. If the Lord doesn't come today, we've got some rough days coming here in the next few weeks and months.

AMIR: Pastor Mike Golay.

PASTOR MIKE: Yes.

AMIR: You've been sitting there quietly, and you are also a fellow Minnesotan. What do you say? I mean, you told me earlier that you kind of died to this whole thing that America will remain a superpower and a world leader. Share with us. What do you think?

PASTOR MIKE: Look, we know that the Bible called this a long time ago. We know that the focus is on the revival of the fig tree, which is Israel. We know that's the epicenter of God's prophetic plan. Even though the United States has been called a light to the nations, it could never, ever replace Israel. What we're seeing now is kind of a global phenomenon. I mean, we know from the Scriptures that in the end times there will be an acceleration of departure from truth, exchanging the truth for the lie. And we're seeing that America is melding into the equation.

You all know that I also serve in the military part time. I vowed to defend this country and I love it. I still love my country, but it's taken a very sharp turn, Amir. I had to die to the right that we would



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have the old America. For those of you who remember, there was an author by the name of Larry Burkett. Back in the nineties, he was a financial guy. He was the one of the financial guys that assisted the church and believers and budgeting. He wrote a book What Ever Happened to the American Dream. Amir, everything that we're seeing right now, especially the financial debt, he predicted that because he knew that the Spirit of God and the spirit of the devil would be increasingly at odds in the end and that America would choose in the end, just like other countries, the easy lifestyle, the globalist lifestyle, a lifestyle of debt. And here we are. I'm shocked. If you go back and read that book, which was released in 1993, you'd think he wrote it today. It's amazing. But I died to that right, Amir, because scripturally we know that we had a great run in the United States. We did. We had a great run, and now it's time for even more exciting times. I want to encourage you that the prophecies unfold, and we get a front row seat.

AMIR: All four of us need to smile right now because we may see harsh things happening, but we know the end of the story.

JAN: Amen.

AMIR: We know the end and the Lord told the end from the beginning. We also know who wins. And we also know that things will be rough. But our citizenship as, Jan, as you said, our citizenship is indeed in heaven.

So, Mike, it's move to the Q & A section. Yes?

JAN: May I just read? I got an email this morning. It's very short, and it ties in with what we're saying; it's from Australia. I'm leaving her name off because I don't have permission. But it's from a gal in Australia, and I hope it resonates with the audience. She's expressing her heart here beautifully. She says,



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“I’ve been watching for the return of the Lord for almost 40 years, but I sat and cried this morning when I realized that I have, without knowing it, been inwardly resisting the march towards the end of the church age. I want everything to stay free and safe for Christians in the West, and so that motivated my prayers. However, God’s plans for the world are going ahead, whether I want them to or not. So, I can either realign myself with God’s agenda or break my mental and spiritual health. I decided to realign myself with God, and the tears flowed, and the peace came. Now it’s time to get serious with God and redeem the time by being about His work.” And that’s my encouragement to the audience—redeem the time. This gal got peace when she gave up, and now it’s just time to redeem the time and be a part of kingdom work.

AMIR: Amen. Thank you for sharing.

PASTOR MIKE: Very well put. Are you guys ready for some questions?

AMIR: Look, Barry is jobless! Look at him. He’s unemployed. Let’s go for it!

AMIR, BARRY, MIKE, JAN: [Laughter]



PASTOR MIKE: Well, Barry, let’s throw the first one that you then. It’s from Rebecca. Thank you for this question, Rebecca. Pastor Barry, can you explain what the phrase “as in the days of Noah” means? I know you know the answer to that.

PASTOR BARRY: Well, it simply means...it’s kind of interesting, “the days of Noah.” Here, we’ve got a time period of almost two millennia, probably between 1,600 and 1,900 years, and we’re given very little information about that time period. But the information we do have is that it’s negative. Several things we



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know. One, the earth was filled with violence; the thoughts and intents of man's heart were only evil continually, and mankind was the inventor of evil things. This is what we're seeing happening in our day, and that's why Jesus made that parallel. The other attribute of the time of Noah is that the righteous were relatively few.

So, if we run down that as a checklist of the last days' scenario, then we would look for the world being exceedingly violent, the thoughts and intents of man's heart being only evil continually—anti-God, if you will, paralleling what Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:1-5—and, also, the righteous being relatively few in number. If we throw Noah into the mix as a preacher of righteousness, we'll know that there'll be an indifference to clear signs of impending judgment. Noah, you know, built an ark for over 100 years. He was clearly preaching that judgment was coming. And yet when judgment came, even though the ark, and I think Ken Ham has done some wonderful calculations about the ark—its dimensions and its capacity for people to join, even two of every kind of animal species that joined him on the ark—there could have been *thousands* of people that got on the ark. Even 10,000 people, potentially, but there were eight people that got on the boat. So, there was a *major* indifference to the signs of impending judgment. There was a world filled with violence. There was a world that was in love with things that were anti-God. Man's sinfulness had come up before God, and it was a time period of global wrath, just like we're about to encounter now. Not we, the church, but the world itself.

PASTOR MIKE: That was a pretty thorough answer. Amir or Jan, do you have anything to add?

AMIR: No, I think I was perfect.



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PASTOR MIKE: Then I got one for you, Jan. Julie, thank you for this question. “Jan, will we be here only until the New World Order or will we be here until the Antichrist comes on the scene?” I think Julie is trying to place the Rapture.

JAN: Okay, well, let's start with the New World Order. We're seeing that form. We've talked about the World Economic Forum here and the Great Reset, we did that a couple of months ago. By the way, we had tremendous response to that program just because people are so interested in this Great Reset that's coming. So, I think the church is going to see stage-setting for the New World Order. Obviously, the ultimate New World Order is the Tribulation, so we don't see that. But look at the stage-setting we're seeing now. Go to the weforum.org—World Economic Forum—and see they've outlined the Tribulation. That's what they've outlined there. So again, the reset for the Christian is the Rapture. I think God is allowing us to take some insight and a sort of a peek into the New World Order that's on the horizon just over a cliff over there, and it's going to make its presence known, I think, any day. Ultimately, the church has to go. Again folks, we're talking about how late it is. It's so late.

PASTOR MIKE: Yeah. Amir or Barry, do you have anything to add on that? That is a very relevant question for so many people.

AMIR: Yeah, I believe that you cannot place the Rapture anything at the moment of the rise of the Antichrist or later, because the Antichrist cannot be revealed physically, spiritually, or mentally—he cannot be revealed—until the Restraint is *taken* out of the way, and *then* he will be revealed.

BARRY: Right.



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AMIR: So, obviously the rise of the Antichrist has to happen after the Rapture of the church. New World Order—Mike, take out a dollar bill from your pocket, and you can see that they already planned and talked about that when they designed that one. It's there in the motion, and we're watching it. By the way, just like Jan said, if in the past they used to not mention it, today they're proud of it and they actually say the words “New World Order.” I mean, we want... so, President Bush, the father, said that in the State of the Union. Others say that. You know, we definitely *see* the world moving towards New World Order, but we will not be here to see the rise of the Antichrist. Yes, Barry?

PASTOR BARRY: Did you see me thinking? Is that it? [Laughter]

AMIR: Yes, I could see the wheels, I could hear the wheels turning! [Laughter]

PASTOR BARRY: [Laughter] I saw a comment earlier, and I wanted to comment on the comment. Someone had mentioned that we're waiting for the last person to get saved, and that's when the Rapture is going to happen. No, we're not waiting for the last person to get saved for the Rapture because there's going to be a numberless multitude that are saved *after* the Rapture in the Great Tribulation who have the testimony of Jesus and the Word of God.

What we're waiting for is a tick of the clock, and that's why Jesus made it quite clear that there's a day and an hour unknown to any human being that the Rapture is going to occur, and the Tribulation is going to happen. Whether there's a gap between the Rapture and Tribulation, I don't know. But we do know that, as you pointed out, Amir, that the first necessity for the rise of lawless one—to get back to the original question—is the removal of the hindering force of the church via the power of the Holy Spirit.



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And therefore, lawlessness can abound, and the lawless one can rule the world with his devilish authority and the power Satan grants to him.

So, we don't need to get busy to get that last person saved. We need to get busy because *all men* need to be saved, and we need to continue reaching out in these last days. So, we're watching the clock. God's not counting heads. He's watching the clock, and He'll keep saving after we're gone.

AMIR: We have to also be very careful. People think that all those who call themselves Christians will be raptured, and that's wrong. That's not true. That's not true. It's not how *you* call yourself or define yourself. It's how *you live*, and how *God* is seeing you. And this is exactly why I always look at Matthew 25—the 10 virgins—as a picture of how only if you've got the Holy Spirit, only if you've got that wisdom to live and to be born again, spirit filled, then you will be taken. The fact that you go to church and call yourself a Christian does not really impress anyone if you don't have a personal relationship. That's what Jan was trying to say. This is it! It's the last. We're at the very end! It's a late hour. What we need to do is make sure that we are not *pretending* to be the church, but that we are the faithful church—the Church of Philadelphia.

PASTOR BARRY: That's what Jesus said at the end of the Olivet Discourse [paraphrasing], that “many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn't we have a lot of religious activity that we did in Your name?’” And He'll say, “You know what? I never knew you.” He didn't say in Matthew 7:21-23, “I used to know you, but I forgot about you.” He said, “I *never* knew in the midst of all that religious activity that you did in My name—which is where the power was—I never knew you.” And then He gave the one



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identifier of Him not knowing them, and that is “you who practice lawlessness.” They simply lived according to their own standards and moral code.

And that's what we see happening in our world today. You know, Amir, we are such a label-oriented culture today, and this has basically infiltrated the church. We have all types of categories of Christians: Charismatics, Pentecostals, Evangelicals.... Jesus said there's one kind of Christian, and it's a born-again Christian.

AMIR: Amen!

PASTOR BARRY: He told Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel, “You must be born again because if you're not born again, you're not going to have eternal life.” Church attendance can't save you. Your religious activities can't save you. Good moral behavior can't save you. Only Jesus can save you, and only through Him can one be born again. He said you must be born again!

AMIR: And He said that to the Jews. He said it to a Jewish leader. In other words, Israel doesn't have another way. There is no covenant that will give them a bypass of that.

PASTOR MIKE: This is a perfect segue, if I can interject. Kim is asking—her question was to me originally, but I think this is critical that all of us at least address this. “Pastor Mike, how should we be preparing for how bumpy things could get in America?” All I'm going to say is, “Absolutely!” Now I'm going to throw it to Jan, and then I'm going to ask Pastor Barry and Amir what they think. In America, as we progress more towards globalism and are comfortable with evil, Jan, what does the church need to be doing right now? What is the message you have for all the leaders of the church to prepare for the bumpy



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road ahead? You know, when you go on a roller coaster and there's those bumpy spots, you do some things to prepare for that. What could the church do to prepare, Jan? Give it to us straight.

JAN: Oh, my goodness! That's kind of heavy question.

PASTOR MIKE: Within 30 seconds. [Laughter]

JAN: Yeah, with 10 points here in 30 seconds, huh? [Laughter] Well, honestly, Mike, the church needs to be preaching and telling the truth. I mean, I'm afraid the church is, dare I say, putting an awful lot of people to sleep because it's not dealing with things that are relevant. That's one of the most frequent emails I get. So, I think the church needs to be equipping the saints. Now, there are some ministries, and there are wonderful ministries; Behold Israel is one of them, I hope Olive Tree Ministries, and obviously some churches like Pastor Barry that are trying to equip the saints. But so many are not. They're making their people feel good. That's not...hey, that's not going to get us through the rough days ahead. I'm sorry. It's not going work. I think pastors need to come to terms with our times. I hope they listen to a presentation like this, turn around, get enthused in their pulpit about equipping their saints for what's coming. Again, I'm going to say it a second time, what's coming is persecution for the Christian and the church. They're coming for us. We need to be prepared for it. If you want to do some prepping, go ahead! But times ahead...*rough road!*

PASTOR MIKE: Well, yeah. Pastor Barry.

AMIR: [Interjects before Pastor Barry] I just want to remind people; this program is going to be heavily censored by Facebook. If you can, right now, please share it right now because you may not even be able to find it later. I mean, on YouTube, it's a different story, but on Facebook please click the share button



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right now so many people will be able to see it because I'm telling you, watching the content of this one, I already know what they're going to do. I've been going through that for the last few months, so please share it. Please, Pastor Mike.

PASTOR MIKE: Pastor Barry, the bumpy road ahead. What do we need to be doing as a church?

PASTOR BARRY: You know, Mike, as you were framing the question, I was thinking about an old country preacher named Vance Havner. Actually, Billy Graham did his eulogy. Vance had a huge impact on so many preachers in the country. He made a statement that's always stuck in my mind. He said, "You know, the church has become the Old Adam Improvement Society." What he meant by that is that we're trying to enhance *this* life experience instead of grabbing people and taking them and moving them towards what can get them into the *eternal* life experience. Much of the church is just telling people, "Hey, you can have your best life now. You can be prosperous. You can have guaranteed health. You can access all that by faith and all these other things." Really, I think that's leaving the church—much of the quote-unquote church—unprepared for the bumpy road ahead. This is something Paul prophesied that I mentioned earlier. Take a read through 2 Timothy 3:1-5, and you'll see what exactly we are experiencing today; it's like a checklist of character flaws that are not just *manifested* today, they are *dominant* today.

JAN: Right. Dominant.

PASTOR BARRY: Many of them in the church. And Paul said, there's even a "form." That word in the Greek term is *morphosis*, which means to basically manufacture out of something that previously existed. In other words, there's going to be something that grows out of the church that is "a form of godliness," but it denies the power of God, which is the gospel according to Romans 1:16. So we're seeing an



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unprepared church age because of the absence of preaching the Word. And that's what Paul's remedy was. Even when the time comes when they will not endure sound doctrine, preach the Word in and out of season. It's the only way to combat the fables and ear-tickling stories that are trying to improve the status and life experience of the old Adam, our old nature.

PASTOR MIKE: Yeah, there you heard it, folks. This is a pastor speaking here. Pastor Barry runs a church down there [in California, Calvary Chapel Tustin]. He's pastoring a church. He isn't speaking from the peanut gallery saying this to the pastors. That's pastor to pastor.

Amir, here's one for you. This is from Michelle. "When do you think Netanyahu will no longer be in power?"

AMIR: Look, we fell in love with elections. We're going to our fourth circle of elections next month, I think. *Still*, we're at the point where nothing is being promised that we're going to have a stable government. Unfortunately, I'm saying that. Look, most of the Israelis prefer Netanyahu as prime minister when they look at the other options. And so, at the moment, after everything that we went through with COVID as well, Netanyahu seems to be the only leader that can withstand other world leaders such as the current US President. Of course, we're talking about other forces that are coming against us. But also, he's proved himself to be a very respected world leader amongst the rest of the nations around us. The Israelis...look, sometimes you may not be the best, but it's enough to be better than the rest. That's what we have right now.

But in Israel, unlike America, you have to win at least 61 votes in a parliament that has 120 members in order to be able to form a government. And that's the problem. We're always short two or



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three. We get to 57, 59, and even 60 won't help you. So, you know, we hope that finally we'll get a 61 majority, and we'll just have a stable government. I don't see, at the moment, *anyone*, and I'm looking at everyone that is running against him. They all hate him more than they are able to do something better. They just don't know how to do anything better. They've never held any position that they can just run the country like that. Again, much like what the former president of the United States had to deal with [is what] Netanyahu is dealing with right now.

JAN: Exactly.

AMIR: With an exception that here in Israel, he still leads by far over all the others. But again, will March 24th finally bring us a stable government? I hope, and I pray. If not, there's always another elections.

AMIR, PASTOR BARRY, JAN: [Laughter]

PASTOR MIKE: Thank you. Thank you for that. I'm fighting against the time here. Can you believe we only have three minutes left? I want to address this question and really shoehorn it in. It's from Murray. Murray asks a very, very relevant question: "Can God's timeline be slowed down or sped up?" I think that Murray saw, with this whole last election, a lot of people praying for Trump's policies, and Trump, therefore, to get into office. That didn't happen. There's just a lot of confusion, and believers right now [are asking], "What does this mean?" A lot of questions. I'm going to throw this at you, Jan. Just give us your thoughts, and we only have two minutes left, but I think we're going to go over just a little bit here, if that's okay. This is a very important question.

JAN: Mike, ultimately...repeat...just fine tune the question.



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PASTOR MIKE: Yeah. Can God's timeline be slowed down or sped up in any way, shape, or form? Do we have any impact on the speed of which prophecies are fulfilled? That's what he's really asking.

JAN: It's a good question. I mean, obviously, we've seen the acceleration. I would say in the last 10 to 20 years, again like a tachometer, it's just revving up and revving up. God has in mind when the end of the end will be. It's a good question. We just don't know the mind of God, nor do we know the things that He still wants the church to see. Obviously, the church is going to be gone for so much of the trauma that's ahead. We're watching the stage-setting for the New World Order, so I think we're going to be around to see a lot of stage-setting. I already said that. I'd like Barry to take that because it's a provoking question.

PASTOR MIKE: Yeah, Pastor Barry, just really quick. You know, there is the principle of inevitability because it was written in scripture, but then you've got things like Josiah's reforms, and God puts it on the people in their decisions. I mean, how do you, in one minute, unpack all of that for us?

PASTOR BARRY: Well, I think first of all, we have to remember what prophecy is. Prophecy is the stating of the future, the same way you can look back and see history. It's God sitting from His throne on high, looking over the whole timeline of humanity, and telling us what's going to happen in the future and what He's going to do in response to man's actions.

So, yeah, I think the question is answered by what we talked about earlier and the birth pangs. Can birth pangs slow down and speed up? Well, of course, they can. I don't know that we are necessarily slowing or advancing God's timeline or His prophetic scenario, but I do think humanity, at the end, is going to see a significant escalation towards globalism and the New World Order. It's going to reach that point that we mentioned earlier where there is no point of return where things are going to...there won't



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be another four-year respite. There won't be another pro-Israel president. There won't be another pro-life president. There won't be another pro-church president—at least here in the United States—and things are going to advance to their final stage.

We have to remember that God gave us the prophetic timeline as He, even as we see back in the days of Noah, looked down on humanity and saw what was going on on the earth, and the divine response was global wrath. And He's going to do exactly the same thing when man has departed from all of His ways, the perilous times will come. People hate God, love themselves, have denied basically every ordinance and precept that He has established in His Word. Therefore, He is going to come down and do what He did in the days of Noah! He's going to pour out His wrath on a world that has rejected His Son as the only means of salvation.

So, you know, prophecy is history stated in advance. We're watching things unfold. Yes, it will slow down. It will speed up. But eventually, there's going to come a point where, in the opening verse of Revelation, we're told that John was shown things that will happen shortly. That word “shortly” means to “happen in quick succession once they begin.” I think we're on the cusp of things advancing to the place that the church will be removed, the whole scenario will play out in a seven-year time span, and then the Millennium—the reign of Christ—will happen and this place and will be run like it should have been run all along.

JAN: Amen. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE: Amir, I'm going to just turn it over to you. We're already two minutes over. I'd love to hear your thoughts on this, and then perhaps we could close.



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AMIR: I gave a message called “God's Appointed Times.” I believe that God has appointed times, you know. The Bible even says He appointed a time to judge the world. He has an appointed time. At the appointed time, Mary gave birth to Jesus. I mean, there's...sometimes I do understand that, from a *human* perspective, we see things going either faster or slower, but from *His* perspective there are already set times, and we just don't know them.

Especially, by the way, Mike, we don't know the moment of the Rapture because we were never told. We were told that we should not know. We were even given the reason why: because we need to be ready. We need to be prepared at all times. So, I do believe that, from time to time, God is definitely showing us His mercy and grace by allowing judgment to be postponed when things happen differently. But God has appointed times, and we are unable to change them by what we do. Remember, if we believe, we're no longer condemned. If we do not believe, we are condemned already. The only thing you can change is by putting your trust in Jesus and move from the camp of the “condemned” to the camp of the “not condemned.” Originally, naturally, physically, spiritually, we are born condemned. We are already dead. We have this... Look, we stink like dead bodies, basically. We become a good aroma to the Lord only when we transform into what Jesus makes us, and then that's when our fragrance goes up to the Lord and goes out to, of course, everybody around us.

PASTOR MIKE: How does one do that? I mean, we probably have some people watching this who don't even know where they stand before God.

AMIR: You know, I believe that if you don't even know a day in your life where you were born again, there's a good chance that you've never been born again. There has to be a complete transformation. It



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doesn't mean that you are a perfect person, that you'll never stumble or fall, or whatever. But it means that from now on, you are a new creation. You will hate sin, and you will love righteousness. You will be zealous for good works, not bad works. If you were murdering people in your past, you will no longer take pleasure in murdering people anymore. You will see it now as sin. If you used to rob banks, you will no longer take pleasure in doing those things because you're changed—a new creation. That means a new spirit, new heart, new life. The only thing that hasn't changed yet, unfortunately, is that we're still in this tent and this old body. That's the last thing that's going to happen. We're going to be, of course, changed at the last moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and then transformed. Look, people are not being changed physically without first having been changed spiritually.

PASTER MIKE: Ooh, good point!

AMIR: And then, don't bank on the Rapture if you haven't had already your spiritual regeneration. You know what I mean?

PASTOR MIKE: Yeah, wow! Good point.

AMIR: Mike. I think we're out of time.

PASTOR MIKE: Yes, we're out of time. Sorry, guys.

AMIR: Jan and Barry, thank you so much for being with us today. Two weeks from now, we're going to deal with another topic. We're not sure yet what it is. There are so many of them that we need just to choose one, and we'll let everybody know. As always, it was a pleasure to have you with us today. Let me show you how you can get ahold of Jan at Olive Tree Ministries. Then, of course, you've got Barry Stagner.



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You can take a look at the social media. And if you want to follow us—I am no longer on Twitter—you can follow me on Telegram. I've got a channel there, and you just have to join.

[See end of text for information.]

PASTOR MIKE: I'm not sure everybody heard that. Amir, the sound cut out. And you're saying that we're no longer on Twitter, and we're on Telegram. Can you say that again?

AMIR: Yeah. If you can, download Telegram, find Amir Tsarfati, and you can follow it. There's a channel there. I report every day, both audio messages and written messages, videos, and all of that. So, I want to thank you all. We're going to say goodbye, and God bless you. Pastor Barry, do you want to end with a prayer?

PASTOR BARRY: Love to. Lord, we are so grateful to know You. And we thank You that You have given us a guarantee of our future inheritance in the person of the Holy Spirit. And so, thank You. We need not wonder and wander through life not knowing if we've been born again. But You've told us that we can be, and not just be born as a human being, but be born of the Spirit, as well. We pray for any who may not know You. We pray that through this time, or teaching that they see online, or in person at church, that they would come to know You as Savior and live their lives with You as their Lord with the great expectation before them of the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. So, Lord, we're thankful for the information and Your Word You provided for us. We are not ignorant of the enemy's devices, nor are we without information that will tell us things are wrapping up. So, we're grateful for Your Word. Thank You for Your Spirit. Lord, give us a great passion for those who are lost and perishing around us. May we do as directed in **Proverbs 24:11-12** and “**hold back those stumbling to the**



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slaughter” and “deliver those who are drawn towards death.” Help us in that, we pray. We give You glory and honor in Jesus’ name. Amen. Amen.

AMIR: Amen.



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