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## **Prophecy Roundtable: Antisemitism in the Church**

**Jan Markell, Barry Stagner, and Mike Golay**

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**AMIR:** Shalom everyone and good evening from CONNECT, from Galilee, from Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati. And this is our first *Roundtable* live from CONNECT. We're very excited about that. We have a very loaded and important topic

to cover today. And as you may know, probably five minutes ago, the 9th of the month of Av—the most tragic date on the Hebrew calendar where we commemorate the destruction of both the first and the second temple—is now being commemorated in synagogues. Jewish people are lamenting, fasting, and sitting on the floor, and reading from the book of Lamentations the eyewitness account of the prophet, Jeremiah, of the destruction of the first temple, at least in his time. And while we go through all of that, [there is] a most unprecedented deployment of U.S. military forces by the sea, in the air, and on the ground all around the Middle East with an anticipation for a massive strike from Iran and Hezbollah, and maybe the Houthis, and the pro-Iranian militias in Iraq and Syria. And [there is] also a growing concern in Israel for another October-7<sup>th</sup>-like event coming not from Gaza, but this time from the West Bank. I want to give you a quote from the book of Lamentations in light of not only Tisha B'Av, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, but also in light of the help that quite a few Israelis think that we are about to get from other nations in order to survive this coming, pending attack. **Lamentations 4:17**, we know that Jeremiah said, “**17 Still our eyes failed us, watching vainly for our help; in our watching we watched for a nation that could not save us.**” And I want you to know that although America is here and although

other countries may try to help us, unless God is going to help us, all the other help is, of course, not going to be much of a difference, unless the Lord protects the city, the guards, those guards guarded in vain. (Psalm 127).

And so, I hope that this 9<sup>th</sup> of Av is not only going to be fasting and lamenting over the destruction, but also getting closer, and asking God to intervene. We know the end of the story. We know that Israel is, of course, going to survive this. We know the enemies are going to get hit, but we are going to go through something. And definitely the Israelis are anticipating that.

Together with me today is Jan Markell, Pastor Barry Stagner and Pastor Mike Golay, all from the United States. So let me say Shalom to all of you guys. Shalom, Jan, Barry and Mike. Good to see you.

**EVERYONE:** Shalom.

**AMIR:** Good to see you guys.

**BARRY:** Shalom, Amir.

**AMIR:** Shalom. You know, we've had our share of health issues

recently. I think all of us, but Pastor Mike, this is your first appearance on camera since you had that injury, accident. And thankfully you survived, you're good, you're well. You're with us and you're healing. So, it's good to see you back, Mike.

**MIKE:** Thank you. Yeah, it's great to be back. Yeah, it was a motorcycle accident and I'm healing well. Let's just say that.


**AMIR:** Good. Well, Pastor Barry, if you do us an honor and pray and we will start with this very loaded event. And by the way, just to tell the audience back home, there is a chance that this program will not be finished as planned due to events that might happen during this time. So just



I'm begging your understanding that if there is an air-raid siren that will go on, all of us here in CONNECT will have to run to the nearest bomb shelter. Something that many of you may not be able to relate to, but this is our life in the last 10 months; but mostly in the last few weeks, maybe in the last two weeks. So please, Pastor Barry, start with a prayer and let's dive into antisemitism in the church.

**BARRY:** Father, first of all, we thank You for your promises. Lord, as we watch the nation of Israel gathered together, Lord, as You've drawn them back into their national homeland, we pray Your protection over them, the peace of Jerusalem. And Lord, for those who do know You there in Israel, we pray that You would give them a voice in this hour of difficulty, Lord, and to offer the hope that we all have found through Jesus Christ. So, we pray also for the blessing over our time together... [audio signal interference] to see that Mike is back and strong and healing. And we just ask You this opportunity today to speak the truth. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

**AMIR:** Amen, Amen.



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# ANTISEMITISM

According to Yad Vashem - The Official Holocaust Memorial - Antisemitism is defined as "Hatred of Jews as a people or of 'the Jew' as a concept."

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Antisemitism started when the Jews began fulfilling their destiny, which God promised through Abraham - to be a chosen and separated nation. Whether Israel is out of the land or back in the land, the Jews always face opposition to their very existence. During the Exodus, even though the Israelites didn't fully understand their calling and destiny, God made it clear to the them and their enemies.

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Before we start with antisemitism in the church, I thought that it'll be good if we actually ask ourselves, what is antisemitism to begin with? And I pulled the definition from Yad Vashem, the official Holocaust Memorial. And their definition is basically: "Hatred of Jews as a people or of 'the Jew' as a concept. The term 'antisemitism' was first coined in the late 1870s, subsequently it is used with reference to all types of Jew-hatred—both historical and contemporary. The word itself comes from the idea that Hebrew belongs to the Semitic-language family, and thus Jews must be 'Semites.' Many other languages also belong to the Semitic-language family, such as Arabic and Amharic, and therefore other cultures could also be called 'Semites.' However, there is no such thing as 'Semitism' and no other groups have ever been included in the hatred and prejudice denoted by antisemitism. Geographically, Shem's descendants settled in the region of Israel, extending all the way down through the Arabian Peninsula." And the last thing is: "Antisemitism started when the Jews actually began fulfilling their destiny." And we're going to talk about that also between us. So, guys, Jan, let's start with you. I mean, you're also Jewish. And I'm sure that the term antisemitism is very known to you. But when do you think antisemitism really started, I mean, when you look at world history?

**JAN:** That's a good question. I think it probably, I mean, obviously this is why Israel was formed, and the hatred had to precede 1948. Jews around the world had to know that they were perceived differently than everybody else and therefore, they needed a place of safety. And therefore, Theodor Herzl began looking, quite frankly, initially, that he was told because of the trouble in the region, "Don't go to ancient Israel, go to Uganda." Well, obviously, he silenced those voices, and he created the part of Israel that we know. But this is why. So, it had to go back that far. But, you know, technically, Amir, it goes back to a scary beginning that I think the listeners would more identify with, not that they're around during Augustine, but it goes all the way back to Augustine,

Justin Martyr, and then we come up to more, quite frankly, we come up to the Reformation. And the Reformation, just furthered the disaster.

**AMIR:** Yeah, but if you can take us back to even beyond the Church Age, back to where you think it started generally. Do you think, where do you think it really started? I'm not even talking about the church age. I'm talking about even earlier than that.

**JAN:** Well, again, I think it would probably start in early Augustine, that would be back to 200, 300 and 400 A.D. It had to have started that early because Augustine was writing about it that early. And the problem is he was writing about it in such a way that he furthered this catastrophe.

**AMIR:** Pastor Barry, what do you think is the origin of this hatred towards Jewish people, and the concept of the Jews as far as you can see in the Bible?

**BARRY:** I think we could go all the way back to Egypt and recognizing that there was animosity towards a group that were known as God's chosen people. Which is going to create some angst in other nations for a group to make such a claim, that God has chosen them from among all the nations and set His love on them not because they were more numerous than other people, because He chose to love them. And I think you can find in Scripture that antisemitism, at least a framework for it, began at the time of Joshua in earnest when the people were going in and taking over the land that God had given them. And of course, there was a lot of animosity. You have situations like Jericho, where the walls fell down and there's this conquest that was clearly miraculous that began, I think, that this mentality that these Jews are something that's distinct from the rest of the world. And that's obviously, even as we see today, going to create that type of mindset.

And then as Jan was talking about, you move up in the New Testament age, you look at what was happening with Paul in the book of Acts, the Jews chasing him from city to city, and then they began to develop that name or association as being Christ-killers, and all these other

things that we see. So, I think it goes back a long, long way, all the way back to the time where there was fear in the minds of the Egyptians, especially when the tenth plague hit, and the death angel passed over and the firstborn of all—humans and livestock—were killed who did not place the blood on the doorposts and lintels of their home.

**AMIR:** Yeah. Mike, you gave a message on Balaam. How do you tie Balaam and what he did with antisemitism?

**MIKE:** Well, in the case of Balak and Balaam, Balaam loved money, he loved himself, he loved the world. Balak saw Israel as a direct threat to their existence. And little did he know, if he would have loved Israel, he would have been a blessed king, and his people would have been blessed. But that didn't end up like that. And so, Balaam goes to try to curse Israel four times. And he is dedicated. And each of the times God spoils his so-called quest to gain financial access. And the only way that he could cause Israel to stumble, and he was one of the most antisemitic people there was—he could care less, he wanted these people gone so he could have his own little niche in life—the only way he was able to cause them to stumble was through sexual immorality. We know that from the New Testament. And so, this diabolic, demonic hatred reigns supreme even in people in the ancient world that professed prophecy as a gift.

**AMIR:** I think it's very interesting that Balak realized that there's something bigger that is protecting the Jews. And if he wants to defeat them, he needs to go to the spiritual realm rather than the physical one, and that's why he wanted a curse. And the same goes with how Rahab saw Israel. She realized, "Your God is much greater than the gods of all the others and that's why we're all afraid of you guys." So, I mean, she realized there's something much bigger than just people. And that's why I'm so sad. And I'm so—sometimes I'm angry because I'm Israeli. But mostly I'm sad because—And now we get into the church and, you know, Jan, wouldn't we expect more



from the church? I mean, I get it, people who were pagans didn't get it. But what about the church? Wouldn't you expect more?

**JAN:** Amir, I would. I just have to go back to Jesus' words for a minute because Jesus said in Matthew 24, and he was talking to Jews in Matthew 24, and He said, You will be hated by all people (nations) for My name's sake (Matthew 24:9). And I think that can be applied to Jews and Christians. But He was addressing Jews on the Mount of Olives and I think that was a prediction of really serious, serious antisemitism that He could see, obviously He could foretell it.

Amir, absolutely we should be expecting more today. But, you know, it's a privilege and a challenge to be born for such a time as this. And the challenge is that we have evil around us continually, and it's manifesting more and more and more. And one of the primary ways it's manifesting is to hate those who God loves. And God loves—I know this makes the replacement-theology people; it drives them nuts—but God loves the Jewish people. So, I mean, we're just standing by the Bible today and saying, we stand by Genesis 12:3 that God will bless you if you'll bless Israel. But He will curse you if you're going to take the position we're talking about today.

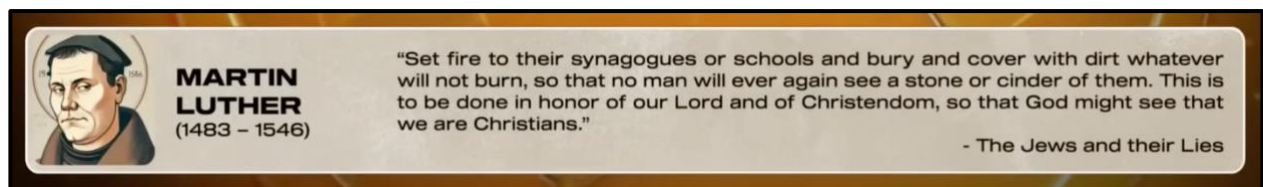
**AMIR:** Yeah, I cannot imagine. Look, I think that technology today brings that hatred to almost every household, [JAN: Yes, exactly.] whereas before it was a bit more contained. But it's quite interesting to see people [who] are actually so confused that they actually think that they're doing a good thing, a godly thing, a service to God by spewing antisemitic things and blaming the Jewish people for every problem on planet Earth. And it's interesting that they always end up their spew of antisemitism with "Christ is King." And they don't know Him. They don't know. If they only knew Him, they would never—

But I want to quote something that I think everyone should understand because we're expecting a lot from the church. Because the church, of all people, not only know the Old

Testament, but they have the New Testament; and they understand what it means to hate and what it means to love. And they understand that the Holy Spirit that now is no longer upon, but it should be in [us]. There's no way God is going to cause anyone to hate that which He loves. But I wanted to read to you something that a Polish writer wrote. He's an 88-year-old man, and he wrote this: "Is it happening again? No, it is worse." And look what he said, "Antisemites of the 1930s weren't always aware of the consequences of what they were saying, while our contemporaries know and understand all too well. In the 1930s, no one chanted 'Gas the Jews!' And now they do." And I think this is speaking about modern society, this is speaking about even mostly secular people; how much more when we talk about the church? And you know, I've got a few quotes that I can show you in the lower part of the screen. It starts from the first century. Ignatius of Antioch (50AD – 117AD), who taught that those who partake in the celebration of the Passover are partakers with those who killed Jesus. In other words, they are the killers of Jesus—Don't even partake a meal with them. Irenaeus from 130 to 200, he wrote, "They who boast themselves as being the house of Jacob and the people of Israel are disinherited from the grace of God." And then Tertullian (115AD – 230AD) wrote, "He blamed the Jews for the death of Jesus and argues that they had been rejected by God." Isn't that interesting? None of them, I think, read the book of Romans. Origen (184AD – 254AD) wrote, "And we say with confidence that they will never be restored to their former condition. And the invitation of happiness offered them by God to pass to others—the Christians." Eusebius, (275AD - 339AD) the bishop of Caesarea, wrote in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, he taught that the promises of Scripture were meant for the Gentiles and the curses were meant for the Jewish people. The Council of Elvira in 305AD, "They prohibited Christians from sharing a meal with the Jew, marrying a Jew, blessing a Jew, or observing the Sabbath." The Council of Nicaea, look what he said, "He changed the celebration of the resurrection from the Jewish feast of the First Fruit to



Easter in an attempt to disassociate it from Jewish festivals.” And it goes to St. John of Chrysostom. He preached a series of sermons against the Jews in which he stated, “The synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater; it also is a den of robbers and a lodging place for wild beasts.” We have more quotes from the 4<sup>th</sup> century by Augustine. We have Martin Luther also that said in the 16<sup>th</sup>



century, “Set fire to their synagogues or schools and bury and cover with dirt whatever will [not] burn them.” John Calvin (1509- 1564) said, “Augustine is so wholly within me, that if I wished to write a confession of my faith, I could do so with all fullness and satisfaction to myself out of his writings.” He’s speaking about the horrific things that Augustine wrote about the Jews. So, Calvin endorsed him. Calvin also said, “Their rotten and unbending stiff-neckedness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure...”

John Stott (1921 - 2011) in the 20<sup>th</sup> century said, “The paradox of our position in this: True Jews today are Christians. May I say it again? The true Jews today are Christians. Or if you don’t like that expression, try this one: ‘The followers of the Messiah are more truly the people of Israel...’” In other words, he’s inventing a new thing. He’s basically replacing and saying, “The church is new Israel,” which is, by the way, nowhere to be found in the Bible. And of course, even John Piper (1946 - present) wrote that “The promises made to Abraham, including the promise of the Land, will be inherited as an everlasting gift only by true, spiritual Israel, not disobedient, unbelieving Israel. By faith in Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, Gentiles become heirs of the promise of Abraham, including the promise of the Land.” This is what he wrote in 2004. So, we

see a vast array all the way from the 1<sup>st</sup> century to the 21<sup>st</sup> century of prominent leaders that are seeing Israel in a very wrong way. Pastor Barry, what do you have to say about that?

**BARRY:** I think the first thing, Amir, that if any of those things that they are saying are true, then there are portions of Scripture that are unnecessary and nullified. And who makes that decision? What do we do with Ezekiel 36 all the way up to chapters 38 and 39? What do we do with Revelation 7? What do we do with Revelation 14? Why would the Bible talk about 12,000 from each tribe that are marked out during the tribulation for service to God? And what about that same group that's talked about again in Revelation chapter 14? What about the things in Ezekiel 36 about God saying, "I'm bringing the Jews back into their national homeland for my name's sake," in Ezekiel 36:21–22 [paraphrased]?

What do we do with all these passages if God [forgot about] the nation of Jews? And we have to, the nation of Israel, we have to, as you mentioned, to Romans 11, where Paul posed the question, "Has God cast off His people?" And his answer was, "Certainly not, definitely not!" And Amir, I think one of the things that we need to highlight comes from John 14, when Jesus was telling His disciples, "Listen, I'm going to go away, but I'm going to send you another Helper, one of the same kind, the Holy Spirit who comes from the Father." And what Jesus said the Holy Spirit was going to do, primarily, first He's going to convict the world of sin. But Jesus also said, "He will teach you all things and call to remembrance the things that I've said to you." Now, I think the problem with all of this, this replacement theology and antisemitism in the church, is that it's something that the Holy Spirit is never going to teach any born-again Christian. It is not from the Lord. It is anti-God. It's anti-Bible. And it just nullifies huge portions of Scripture and makes them unnecessary. And I think that's probably one of the most valid arguments against replacement theology.

**AMIR:** Yeah, Mike, what is the most significant fruit of this antisemitism in the church, as far as you're concerned?

**MIKE:** Well, we covered the replacement theology and the very delicate theologies that go through people's minds and how they view Jews as they live their lives. So, if I believe that the church replaces Israel, and that Israel failed, and that God moved His covenants from them, and all of those outstanding prophecies that have not been fulfilled yet pertaining to their reallocation of the land and their kingdom, I am setting myself up for a huge error and I'm missing out on a ton of biblical plans that God has, not just for the Jews, but for me. And if God turns His back on the Jews and moves to a different people, why wouldn't He do the same to me? My insurance policy, Amir, as a Gentile, are my Jewish friends and how God is going to fulfill the covenant. If God does not mean what He says and says what He means, then that's true for all of us. And that puts us all in a great jeopardy in my view.

**AMIR:** Yeah, I agree. Jan, we talked about it earlier. When do you think the antisemitism in the church really took full throttle, like the biggest leap forward?

**JAN:** Well, I mean, again, I do believe the Reformation furthered the disaster of the Catholic Church and those that you referenced a moment ago, Amir. And thankfully, you cited some accurate quotes there, Martin Luther and John Calvin. Again, Luther wrote *On the Jews and Their Lies*. I mean, my goodness, this is giving permission for lots of people, and I'm not targeting a denomination, but the followers of Martin Luther have been given permission by him. Many of them reject this, thankfully, to believe that the Jews had nothing but lies. And again, John Calvin said that "Their rotten and unbending stiff-neckedness."

**AMIR:** Adolf Hitler said that Martin Luther...

**JAN:** And Hitler tagged onto all of this and then look at the catastrophe.

**AMIR:** Yes. But Jan, do you see any modern-day big antisemites in the church? I mean, there's a lot of antisemites online. There's a lot of antisemites in politics, antisemites in the entertainment. What about the church? Who are the most prominent, I guess, pastors that you have in mind as the biggest antisemites?

**JAN:** I think the two that are most well-known, and perhaps they're well known because of the outrageous things they do and say, would be Stephen Anderson, Faithful Word Baptist out of Arizona. This, probably Mike Adams, and I don't believe he's a pastor, but he's speaking like a pastor, and he's saying the most outrageous things. And then we have those who perhaps they aren't pastors, but they're trying to sound like a pastor. Chuck Baldwin, frankly, who is a pastor in, I believe it's Montana, and the things he's saying, it would shock everyone. He's just saying that the Jews are a part of the antichrist system in the world today, and almost every message he preaches is to put down the truth that we give and to lift up these terrible, terrible lies. I would say Baldwin and Anderson would be two of the worst.

Stew Peters, not a pastor, but portraying himself as a Christian, is coming out with a film in about a month. It's called *Occupied*, and the purpose of the film is to suggest that everybody in the current White House—and it doesn't matter the administration or the party—but everybody he's saying in the White House today is occupying it for nefarious purposes because they're Jews, and then he names them, and then he features them. For instance, Janet Yellen, I mean, that's just one example. But the lies, people like this are spreading most often in the name of Jesus, okay? In the name of Jesus, they're saying, writing, and producing films like this. Well, how is that for a confusion factor, not just in the world, but specifically in the church today? I mean, it's off the chart horrendous.

**AMIR:** Yea, terrible. Before we move to the question-and-answer section, I want to remind everybody that on August 21<sup>st</sup>, which is just a few days from now, we're going to air only on our Telegram channel a special video, *October 7th Unfiltered. October 7th Unfiltered*. And guys, the only reason why I do it on Telegram and not on any other platform is because no other social media platform will even dare to show this. It's 20-minutes-long, unfiltered, raw footage from the CCCV and from the body cameras of the terrorists themselves. We have assembled—based on the maps and the locations—everything that happened on October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will shock you, and it might even help you understand who we're dealing with and what we're up against. And again, make no mistake, these evil terrorists were the biggest antisemites, and they were fed by antisemites, such as Adolf Hitler. And we found *Mein Kampf* in so many places in the Gaza Strip. And they hate the Jews for just being there as humans. And so, I want to encourage everybody that you know, please download Telegram, tune in *The October 7th Unfiltered* will be on August 21st, 8 p.m. Israel time, 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. It will be live, premiered on my Telegram channel. And again, you see the Telegram channel, you see the QR code on the top of the screen on the right. And it won't be aired anywhere on social media. They will just close my channels on social media if I do that. And later on, we're going to find a place on a server somewhere where you can maybe have access to it. Okay, this is it, folks. Let's move to the Q&A section. So, let's do it right now.

**AMIR:** All right, let's see. Mike, do you want to take it from here?

**MIKE:** Yeah, by all means. And here are the guidelines for this last 30 minutes: Ask any question related to antisemitism, replacement theology. And just a disclaimer, we can't answer every single question. But do that in your chat room with whatever platform that you're on, whether YouTube or Facebook or whatever.

**AMIR:** Mike, I forgot to mention that much of what we're trying to teach about Israel and the church is in my book, *Israel and the Church*. And this is why this book was written to explain what the church is, what Israel is. And just so people will be able to see the difference. And so not only we have a book, we have a guidebook, also a study guide. So, you can also have some sort of a meeting in a group style and study together. It really will change your understanding of Israel and the church. And it will take antisemitism away from anything you have in your mind because you will finally understand the role of the two. All right, Mike, let's start.

**MIKE:** Yeah, okay, so this is probably the big-elephant question in the room, okay? so I would love to hear what each of you have to say about this. This one comes from June, "Can people that believe in replacement theology go to heaven?" Okay, now, Amir, I want to start with you on this one because I don't know, several months ago you had posted something, and some people got concerned. And what do you have to say to this question?

**AMIR:** No, I think that you're probably mixing two things. I didn't talk about replacement theology. I talked about antisemitism. I said that I don't believe that the Holy Spirit can be in someone and not convict him that he's doing something wrong when it comes to hating the Jews. Now, look, none of us is perfect. And the Holy Spirit in us is convicting us of sin, which means we are not going to promote sin. We might fall in sin and then repent, but we're not, definitely not going to promote it. Definitely we're not going to teach it. Definitely we're not going to herald it. But when you are not only an avid antisemite, but you're also proud of it, and you're teaching it, I don't think you have the Holy Spirit. I don't think you're saved. That's my personal opinion because God is the same God of the Old and the New Testament. It's the same God. He cannot change. That's what He said in Malachi [3:6]. He said, "I am God [the LORD]. I do not change; Therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." Which means I believe that there is no way

someone possesses the Holy Spirit in him, he's the temple of the Holy Spirit, and at the same time spew things that are against the Word of God, against the heart of God, and against the plan of God.

And so, you know, replacement theology might be an error in the church and people might not agree with it or might be mistaught. But if you're a *hater* of the Jews, if you *hate* Jews, if you're an antisemite, that's Mike, when I believe that there is a serious doubt if you even know Jesus. You may know of Him. I don't think you know Him. It's the same Jesus. This Jesus not only loved the Jews, but He also said on the cross, "Father, forgive them. They do not know what they're doing." And it's the same Paul who said later on in the last chapter of the book of Acts, "It is for the hope of Israel that I'm in this chain." Jesus is the hope of Israel. If Jesus is no longer the hope of Israel, why would Paul say that? Why would Jesus forgive them? And why would Jesus come back to Jerusalem, reign from the temple, and tell the nations that if they don't celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, blessings will not be upon them if everything is gone and Israel is no longer important and that's it, God is done with them. So that's what I said. That's what I said, I'm not talking about—I didn't talk about replacement theology. I talked about antisemitic people.

**MIKE:** Yeah, thank you for that clarification. Pastor Barry is this one of those non-negotiables within Christian theology? Or as many would say, this is a, you know, a peripheral issue? So, believers should feel free to believe what they want, and we can still have fellowship. What do you have to say to somebody that says, "Hey, replacement theology is valid"?

**BARRY:** Well, Mike, I think one of the things that we can summarize what Amir was sharing is "How can you say you love the King of the Jews and hate the Jews of the King?" And, you know, I think we have to recognize that to say that the church has replaced Israel is basically to diminish what God has said about these people that He chose, and the name for Himself. And again, you



know, recognizing things like Psalm 138:2 [paraphrased], which says, the Lord has esteemed His word even above all His name. And I think people often get hung up in arguments, certain debates around issues such as this, is anytime we talk about something that may be understood as a requirement...

**AMIR:** ... We'll move to Jan with the next question because we think you have a problem with your audio.

**JAN:** If I could just comment and say, this is not a peripheral issue to us. It's not a peripheral issue to those of us who are certainly looking to the future. Because you and I, all of us present know Israel is the key to everything we talk about as far as the King is coming, et cetera. It's all circling around Israel. It's not peripheral. To many, many denominations it is. And there are innocent people sitting in the pews who haven't been told what we're talking about. And some of them tune in and they finally catch on. So, we just need to keep doing what we're doing and to educate those folks.

**MIKE:** So, Jan, Cat is asking this question, and I'm just going to come right off of what you're saying there is: "If one attends a church that downplays Israel,..." and I assume, Cat, that you mean that they're teaching replacement theology and whatever, "...should they leave that church?" I mean, what do you have to say about that?

**JAN:** I'm going to be really blunt, Mike. I believe that first of all, God is not going to bless that church. And why would you want to stick around and be a part of a church that's going to crash and burn, if I can be blunt? Because God can't bless that particular church. So, I think they should leave. But, you know, you gentlemen, weigh in.

**MIKE:** Okay. Barry, did you get your mic refreshed? I'd love to hear what you have to say about that. Should a person leave a church if there is a replacement theology?

**AMIR:** Go ahead, Barry.

**BARRY:** I agree with Jan. I think, you know, because of this particular issue, if someone downplays Israel, basically what that's a revelation of is an ignorance of Scripture. And therefore, there are so many things in the Bible that are going to require a personal interpretation, or of being allegorized that are meant to be taken literally. And then you've just got a whole array of things that are seen through a wrongful lens and things—lessons are brought from particular texts that have nothing to do with the actual meaning and are departures from the context. And this requires eisegesis—forcing one's own interpretation into a particular passage. So, I think it is an indication that it's probably better to find somewhere else to attend church and be in fellowship because the teaching is going to be under suspicion, I believe, *especially* when it comes to Bible prophecy.

**MIKE:** These are very strong comments, Amir. Anything to add?

**AMIR:** I mean, when I was 25 years old and I began to travel and teach, the Lord was very clear telling me that go and teach about Israel, and if they're wrong about Israel, they'll probably be wrong about almost everything else. So, I mean, if you go to a church that is teaching the wrong things about Israel, trust me, they will be wrong about eschatology and every other aspect of their theology. So, I'm just saying better to find a better place.

**MIKE:** Well, we have another big question here and I'm going to throw this one out from Christine. She's asking, "Isn't the ultimate hatred and attempt to destroy Israel, Satan's attempt to prevent Jesus' return?" Okay, so I already heard you weigh in on that. Jan says, "Yes." Jan let's push it to you then; can you expand on why you said yes?

**JAN:** Well, again, I think that everyone today has been born—and I'm going to be blunt again—for such a time as this. God has put us on assignment, and I think there are lots of them, but some of the primary assignments, I believe, are to be telling the truth, and let's narrow it to our discussion,

to be telling the truth about what's happening as we speak in the Middle East, *as we speak* in the Middle—Are the churches talking about this? No. I think we are here to be advocates for the Jewish people. And most of all, we're to be advocates for the hour is getting perilously late, people. And again, what is the center of that message? Israel and the Jews. So that's why we are here. That's why a lot of the people who are listening are here is to be emissaries for the Lord to tell people time's running out. Look at the Jews, that'll tell you how much time you have left. And that'll be a marker for you to better understand the times and contend for the faith.

**MIKE:** Pastor Barry, do you see eye to eye on that? Does God's program for the Jewish nation coincide with the last days and the theology of the last days, and if we don't have that right, we can't get to the theology of the last days?

**BARRY:** Absolutely. Yeah, I think if we look back over the history of the nation of Israel and go even further back all the way to Genesis 3:15, I think Satan well understood the gospel message that was presented there, about there coming a male child who would come to the woman that would crush his head. And his attempts to eliminate this male child began during the time of Moses when he was trying to destroy all the male children under the guise of, let's say, lest they become too numerous for us and overtake us. And then he tried it again with Herod at the birth of Jesus. He was after the individual that was going to crush his head. And because he was unsuccessful at that, he has now been attempting to destroy the people who are the covenant people of promise and eliminate them, which would basically nullify God's promises to them through the Word of God. So, I think he well understands that he would rather have Jerusalem be called Al-Quds than Jerusalem because that's where Jesus is coming back to. So yeah, I think his attempts are basically targeting the Jews as a national people group to basically break the promises of God, if you will, which would include Jesus coming back to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

**MIKE:** Yeah, this is a question...

**AMIR:** ...Mike, before you, I just want to update everyone that there is the growing assessment that a strike in Israel will happen in any given moment. And the IDF spokesman just spoke to the public and says, “We will let you know if you need to change the way you handle things, but we will not do it in a way that will sabotage our operational plans.” Which means that the interpretation of what he said is basically, “If we’re going to attack, we will not let the Israelis know about it ahead of time because that will, of course, sabotage things.” So, the Israelis are basically being warned that there might be a preemptive strike in the very, very immediate future. This is coming right now. And again, if this part of the screen, this one, is gone, it’s because I’m gone. I had to run to a bomb shelter that we have in the building. Okay, let’s move to the next one.

**MIKE:** Yeah, okay. So, the next one is from Gabe. Amir, really, I want to pose this to you, especially since you put up all of the quotes from the church historians or the church fathers. Gabe is asking, “What Scripture do replacement theologians use to support their argument?” I mean, where— We just discussed that this is diabolical. We just discussed that this is demonic. But here you are. You’ve got all these church leaders that you just quoted. Where are they getting this from? I mean...

**AMIR:** For example, I’ll explain to you. For example, when Paul is speaking to the Jewish people and he’s referring to the inner dispute between the Jewish believers and the nonbelievers, he is talking to the Jewish believers as spiritual-Israel and the nonbelieving Jews as the not-spiritual, they need to be born again, of course. But he’s speaking to the Jews. There is not a single place in the entire Bible where Gentiles were called Jews or Jews were called Gentiles. I mean, at no point God swapped things or changed or replaced things. And by the way, I have a whole podcast that I did on this very topic with Dr. Golan Broshi, *Israel: Replaced or Embraced?* And I mean, I want

to encourage all of you, if you're still having questions about Scriptures that are the flagship Scriptures of all those antisemites, we actually touched [on] them one by one, explaining them all. So again, Israel, it was a podcast, our CONNECT podcast. We named our podcast, *The Anchor*. And then the topic was, *Israel: Replaced or Embraced?* And it's a really good one that—we covered all of those, all of those Scriptures. So, I want them to go and be able to listen to it.

**MIKE:** Yeah, absolutely. Jan and Barry, what about this question? Where is this coming from outside of diabolic, demonic activity? I mean, are there verses that they're using that are out of context? If so, what do those look like? I'm going to start with you, Jan. What about the sociopolitical side of this whole question? Are people impacted by culture this much that they're willing to actually alter theology?

**JAN:** Apparently. Now, as far as some of these online people, the online, I mean, online thinking and online theology and all is influencing literally millions of people. It's very scary. It really is. If you do a deep dive into how many names are out there talking exactly about what we're trying to warn against, it's more than a handful. I mean, it's legions and legions of websites, of ministries that are denouncing the Jewish people.

And Mike, I just want to make a quick reference here. Who is the Antichrist targeting when he comes into power? Is he targeting Lutherans? Is he targeting Baptists? No. In his sights are almost exclusively Jews. And again, the hatred that's demonic and out of the pit of hell, it's being prepared for the Antichrist. It's being kind of a warm-up act now. But when the Antichrist comes on the scene, what we're talking about now, other than what Hitler did, but other than that, it's child's play compared to what the Antichrist has in store targeting the Jewish people. So, this is a setup for that. And I believe that's one of the reasons, again, being repetitious, why we're here is to warn of this.

**MIKE:** Yeah, this is a big deal, Pastor Barry. You know, when people talk about the Bible says that we're the new Israel, where are they conjuring this up from? What response should we have that's not aggressive or shut down? How should we respond to our fellow believers that are adamant that the church is the new Israel? How would you respond?

**BARRY:** Well, Mike, you know, looking at what Scripture tells us, I think a lot of people stall out. And this is where some of this is birthed, is some of the Scriptures all the way back in Deuteronomy God warns the nation about their idolatry and things that are going to cost them and cause them eventually to be driven from the land. But they fail to look at the balance of what God has promised to the nation, beginning with their return to their national homeland that is an act of God. And recognizing that the Lord has an unconditional covenant, not just with the children of Israel, but also with the land of Israel. And He mentions the land that He has given them. And so, it has to be, you know, prophetically fulfilled exactly as written that they would be back inside the land. So, you know, I think again, studying the whole counsel of God is one of the most important things for us to recognize. And when you move away from these things and you find yourself again in the land of personal interpretation, and that's where you get a lot of these things that are being forced into the text.

But Mike, you know, I think again, just watching what's happening today—and I love what Jan said a moment ago—I think it is crucially important that we recognize that the way is being prepared for the man of sin, the son of perdition, the lawless one, to rise to power. And what he's going to need when he comes into power is a world that is willing to be complicit in the deaths of millions of people because they refuse the mark. And this obviously starts with the Jewish people and now you've got people all over the world who in ignorance are chanting, "From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free." It shows a complete ignorance of history, a complete ignorance

of the Bible, and a complete ignorance of even modern events and what the mission of Gaza and Hamas and Hezbollah are, which is the destruction of the Jews. So, Mike, again, I think we need to be educators and tell people exactly what the realities are regarding this from a biblical perspective, and also from a historical perspective as well. The Jews have every right to that land because God gave it to them, and they're not the occupiers if you really want to get down to it.

**AMIR:** Mike, before we move on, I wanted to remind people that Jan just came up with a new book. Is it out yet, Jan, by the way?

**JAN:** No, it'll be out late October, November.

**AMIR:** Let's see what it looks like.

**JAN:** Thank you. Amir has written the forward to it, and Pastor Barry and others, Mark Hitchcock and a lot of people...

**AMIR:** ...So it's called, what's the name?

**JAN:** *When Jesus Returns: Living in Expectation of the End Times*, it is a compilation of some of the best messages given at my fall conference outside of Minneapolis here, about 20 events, and it's a compilation of some of the best. Everybody, I think, that your listeners are following, they're going to be in this book. And if you want to preorder on Amazon, all that does is signals to the various outlets, retail outlets, that we want to invest in this, and we want to get this Christian message out in the secular world. So please preorder on Amazon.



**AMIR:** Can you put the book right in front of your face? There you go. Now we see the whole



cover. There you go. Now everybody can see. All right, Mike, let's move to, I think we have time for one last question.

**MIKE:** Yeah, we do. This one is one of those loaded questions, again, that we get a lot of, Amir, so, I want to throw it at you first. Israel is worded in the Old Testament as God is the husband of Israel, and the church is the bride of Christ. There's room for some confusion in this whole thing. Can you map that all for us? This is an anonymous question that somebody threw out there, but I think it's well worth pursuing.

**AMIR:** And by the way, this is a whole chapter in *Israel And The Church* about Israel, the wife of the Father, and the church as the bride of the Son. I mean, it's a whole chapter in the [book] but the typology is amazing. You can clearly see, by the way, how God speaks in a very beautiful and lyrical way when it comes to Israel and speaks of a relationship that started in the betrothal time. It started as a great relationship and then there was a betrayal, and then there was a divorce, and then there was a return back after there was repentance. And there was, you know, in a way, an understanding of the wrongdoing. And it's amazing because, I mean, there's a whole message there about that. And you can clearly see that.

Now it's very interesting because the church is described as the bride. And it's not described as the wife already because the wedding is going to take place in heaven. And that's the beauty of it, Mike, because eventually when it comes to Israel and when it comes to the church, these are the two groups that God is using. And both cannot, eventually get to their destiny at the very end unless they are saved and unless they are repenting. And so, with Israel, you have a past

history of the relationship with God. But even then it will culminate and be truly, beautifully fulfilled when they will see Him whom they pierced. And they will mourn, and they will cry, and they will repent. And this is when all Israel will be saved, as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 11.

And when it comes to the church, with the church, we see how they respond to the message. They obviously repent. They get saved. And now they live as the bride-to-be and they're going to be taken for the wedding to be taken place in heaven. And so, when the church comes back to earth and then the Jewish believers that will come to faith at the very end of the tribulation, both will live together in the millennial kingdom, and both will be the residents of the New Jerusalem. And that's the culmination of everything.

But, Mike, no matter what, no one, and I'm saying again, no one is born born-again. Whether he's a Jew or a Gentile, you know, Jesus told that to the Jews, "One must be born-again in order to enter the kingdom of God." In other words—So regardless, there has to be an understanding of your sinful nature, there has to be a repentance, and there has to be an acceptance of that which God already did for us to be able to now be with Him again. So, but again, Mike, it's beautiful. It's beautiful because God is the same God, the God of the Old Testament who looked at Israel that way and is the God of the New Testament who looks at the church that way. And neither replace the other. This is why, you know, it was so important for me to sit and invest so much time in writing that book. Because it [the book title page] says, *Israel and the Church, An Israeli Examines God's Unfolding Plans for His Chosen Peoples*, and that's how I described it. So yeah, this is what I have to say, Mike. Maybe we'll wrap it up with Barry and Jan for last remarks.

**JAN:** If I could, Mike, the Bible focuses really on two distinct groups of people, as Amir has just said, Israel and the church. That's who's in God's mind. And a lot of churches today are focusing only on one because they put Israel and the church together. And it goes back to the trouble with

the churches today. But my word of final thought I think would be: If you're in a church that's teaching that Israel and the church are one and the same—no difference—then you are being led astray and anybody you love is being led astray. And I think you need to find believers who believe, as we are trying to emphasize today, the key to everything is not the church. The key to everything in the last days is Israel. And as we speak, it's about to be, how interesting, it could be the staging ground for World War III.

**MIKE:** Any final thoughts, Pastor Barry?

**BARRY:** Yeah, you know, it's interesting if we look at these through the lens of being earthly identities and recognize something Amir pointed out a few times in the past. You know, Jeremiah 31 talks about if the sun doesn't come up in the morning, and I'm paraphrasing here, and the sea does not obey its boundaries as ordained by God at initial creation, then you'll know I'll cast off My people Israel, which of course He is not. But then you move to the New Jerusalem. There is no sea. There is no sun because the Lamb is its light. And so, these earthly identities are going to be done away with because it doesn't matter what your ethnicity is here on earth. The only way to gain entrance into heaven is through the blood of Jesus Christ. And we will all be one in Christ. The middle wall of separation is already down. And so, one day we are all going to be rejoicing in the fact that we are in the New Jerusalem forever because of what Jesus has done for us, whether you're a Jew or a Gentile, male or female, slave or free.

**AMIR:** Well, guys, thank you so much. I'm looking forward to our next *Roundtable*, which will take place in about four weeks or so. We'll let everybody know on social media the next topic. I prefer not to be here. I prefer that the rapture will take place before. But if we're still here, then we'll see you.

Guys, thank you very much for being with us, Jan, Barry and Mike. I appreciate all of you. And this is it for today. Tomorrow I'll give you a Mideast update if nothing happens in between, if something will happen, I will definitely come live from the basement of my house. I built a small little studio there and I will keep you posted with what's going on.

Again, the most tense 24 hours in Israel's history since 1948 are taking place right now. And we need your prayers. But look, we know the end of the book; Israel will survive. Israel is going to be victorious in order for Ezekiel 38 to take place. Iran needs to join bigger countries than itself in order to attack. So, Iran must lose this round in order to then understand that it needs to be part of something bigger. And therefore, I want to urge you to continue to pray. Pray for the Jewish people around the world that are being attacked. And pray for Israel as it's going through this very difficult time, during a time when hundreds of thousands of Jews are lamenting now for the destruction of the temples. And they're sitting on the floor and reading from the book of Lamentations, and they're fasting. And if you remember, I don't know, Arabs always love to attack us when we are making known important dates on our calendar. October 7<sup>th</sup> took place on the last day and the happiest day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. Yom Kippur War took place on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. And today, of course, is another important day on the Hebrew calendar. So, keep praying for us.

Thank you, Pastor Mike. Thank you, Pastor Barry. Thank you, Jan. Guys, I appreciate you. And until next time, continue to pray. Thank you. God bless you. And Shalom from Galilee.

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