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AMIR: Shalom and good evening everyone. I'm Amir Tsarfati and I'm live from CONNECT here in Galilee. And this is our biweekly program of Q&A together with Pastor Barry Stagner and Pastor Mike Golay. We're going to try and answer not only current events related questions, but also obviously Bible and Bible prophecy related questions. We want to connect the dots for you. And if you haven't done so, please subscribe to our YouTube channel right now. We discovered that when people are not subscribed and they are not engaged, the algorithm is literally suppressing and the truth that we tried to disseminate from here is not really going out the way it can and should. Take 20 seconds, like, comment, subscribe, and share, and it makes all the difference in the world. I would like to invite Pastor Barry Stagner and Pastor Mike Golay. And gentlemen, Shalom, how are you?

BARRY: Shalom, Amir, how are you?

AMIR: Good, yeah, I'm doing well. I'm back from London where I just finished recording the audio version for *The Israel Decree*. It was very emotional for me, I must say, because this book was birthed, and you know, Mike, exactly the day it was birthed in my mind because both of us were in that meeting here near CONNECT when I realized the need for it. And then, of course, to be able to record it and to—I mean, I accused myself for hours and days: Why didn't I write it before? Why didn't I do it before? Honestly, it wasn't easy for me, but then the Lord was clearly speaking saying, "It's because it is for now, and it wouldn't have been taken as important and

seriously if it was before.” Pastor Barry, please, if you can start with a prayer and then we’ll let Pastor Mike run the show and throw those questions at us if you can.

MIKE: All right. Father, I’m so grateful for this time together today. And Lord, we thank You that in these very confusing times, there are answers for us. And thank You that You told us all about our future and what awaits us because of Your Son our Savior, Yeshua, Jesus the Christ. So, Lord, we pray that You would anoint this time that You touch the ears of the hearer and the answers that come from Your Word. And we ask this now in Jesus’ name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen, Amen. So, Pastor Mike, before you take the reins, I just want to remind everyone that Pastor Barry and myself have been answering your questions for quite a few years now. And we took those 70 most frequently asked questions, and we combined them in a book that is called *Bible Prophecy, the Essentials*. I think the Billy Graham Association just had it as the Book of the Month for March. And if you want to get it, it’s everything from the birth of Israel to the new heaven, new earth and the new Jerusalem in different categories. So we’ve worked hard on that one and we’re glad to see that God has blessed it. But if you want it, you know how to get it. Pastor Mike, take the reins.

MIKE: Thank you. Yes, indeed, the Billy Graham Association is using that. And it was birthed a lot from these Q&As with Amir and Pastor Barry. And we’re going to continue to attempt to answer all of your questions. We can’t guarantee every question will be answered. But if you have a Bible prophecy question, if you have a general Bible question, and of course, if you have questions related to the time, specifically Israel, the wars, the geopolitical, all of those things, we just ask that you put your name so we can address you and keep it personal. We’re going to jump straight into Benton’s question. And this one is for you, Pastor Barry. “Was Jesus crucified on Thursday, thus confirming an actual three days and three nights in the earth, as Jesus said, it would

be the sign based on Jonah being three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish.” I think his question is...

AMIR: ...No, he was asking was, not when.

MIKE: Was Jesus— Was Jesus crucified on Thursday? Because of the need to have an entire day, morning and evening. Whereas if it was Friday, traditionally, there seems to be a discrepancy in the time of fulfilling the morning and evening of each day, Pastor Barry. It’s a common question. What are some of your thoughts on that?

BARRY: Well, I think the first thing to recognize is when we would say, “Yeah, I’m going on vacation in three days.” That doesn’t mean you’re going in 72 hours. That means that three days from that point in time on the calendar that you’re going to be headed out.

The other thing I think we need to recognize is that the Jewish day is different than our day, the Anglo-Saxon day, so to speak. And that is it’s the evening in the morning and the day begins at sundown. It doesn’t begin at sunup like it does on our calendar. So, if you were to say that Jesus was crucified on Thursday, trying to squeeze that 72-hour window into the box, Thursday would be Friday. Thursday afternoon or evening for us would be Friday, according to the Hebrew calendar. So, again, I think too many times people try and force something into it that’s not actually there. If Jesus was crucified Friday afternoon and wound up in the tomb Friday evening, Saturday came early in the morning on the first day of the week, up from the grave alive forevermore, then it still constitutes three days and just to come and speak of any time period. So, I don’t think we need to try and make it be 72 total hours in order to be accurate or consistent with Scripture.

MIKE: So, you’re saying that our Western perspective is incompatible with the Hebraic perspective in that we demand a full 24 literal hours versus what they would consider a day is what you’re saying. Is that correct?

BARRY: Well, yeah, I mean, that's the only place where people try and apply that because like I said, you know, if you say, you know, the weekend, three days from now I got to go back to work or two days from now, I have to go back to work; that just means, hey, it's Friday. Saturday, and Sunday, and then Monday rolls around, that doesn't have to be exactly the number of hours constituting a morning and evening or an evening and a morning, two sets of 12, you know? Just three days later. So, again, I don't think it's necessary that we challenge the Scripture with the belief that Jesus died on Friday. And, again, He was crucified on Passover, so we do know that was a feast day. So, it was a Friday on the Hebrew calendar, Thursday afternoon, possibly on our calendar.

MIKE: Yeah, well, Amir, you're the one with the Hebraic mind. So, what are some of your thoughts on this?

AMIR: You won't like it. [Barry laughs]

MIKE: Okay. Try it, try it.

AMIR: My opinion is that it doesn't really matter.

MIKE: Oh, okay.

AMIR: My opinion is anything the Bible writes is what matters. I mean, if it's not there, it doesn't matter. It doesn't really matter. What matters is the crucifixion and the resurrection. What matters is that they came early Sunday morning, and He wasn't there. *That's* what matters. I mean, as far as I'm concerned, I'm not going to sit and even waste a second of my life arguing whether it's Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. It makes absolutely no...

MIKE: ...You know, the calculations and all of the engineering.

AMIR: I'm so tired of that because it's really nonsense in my mind because will that make a huge difference with your faith if it was Thursday or Friday? I don't understand it. Now, I'm reading in the...

MIKE: ...He rose from the dead.

AMIR: Yeah, 100%. And I'm reading in the body of the question the need to fulfill a prophecy spoken by Jesus about how it should be like Jonah in the fish. And so that's it. That's what settles it. I don't need to go and calculate the minute and the day. And as far as I'm concerned, He was there for three days and three nights. He rose early Sunday morning. It settles it. I don't want, I don't need, I don't think it's even useful to go about the details that the Bible doesn't specify because it's probably not for us to deal with.

And you know, Mike, again, if it was whether he was resurrected or not, or whether he was crucified or not, I would then fight for it. But everything else, it doesn't really matter. And again, like Pastor Barry said, whatever is considered Thursday evening, it's already Friday as far as we're concerned, and even if He was crucified before sunset on Friday, you know, it's still one day.

BARRY: ... Right!

AMIR: And then you have, you know, it changes to Saturday already Friday evening, and it changes to Sunday, Saturday evening. So you're hitting three days even then. So again, I'm not going to put so much effort in trying to prove something. And it's important that as the Bible said, He died for our sins and He rose up from the dead, period.

MIKE: Uh huh, well, thanks for centering us on that point.

BARRY: Hey, Mike...

MIKE: ... Yeah, Pastor Barry.

BARRY: Let me just maybe break it down a little bit. You know, if let's just say on our clock, Jesus died at 11 p.m. on Friday, and then He rose at 6 a.m. on Sunday. You could still say that was three days because it was Friday, it was Saturday, it was Sunday. Any portion of any day constitutes a day. You know, I mean, we do that all the time. And so why do you have to force that on the text? I just think, yeah, like Amir said, not worthy of our time.

MIKE: Yeah, well, thanks for the question, Benton. We did have some consideration here and some discussion. Now let's move to Liam. Amir, his question is the war in Israel. "Are the roots primarily Jew-Muslim [conflict]?..." Religious is what I hear you saying, Liam. "Is it a Jew-Muslim conflict or is it an Israeli-Arab conflict," which would be maybe ethnic, religious versus ethnic or both? What is it? What's going on? What's driving it?

AMIR: It's neither. It's neither. We have peace with Arab countries. So obviously, it's not an Israel-Arab necessarily. We have peace with Muslim countries. So it's not exactly all, not all Muslims want to see me dead, and not all Arabs want to see me dead. But all those that are bought into the *satanic*, *satanic*, and this is it. It's all about that. It's God and Satan. It's satanic anti-Semitism that I can find in Islam, I can find in Christianity, I can find in so many other places, especially in secularism and in all the woke, progressive, liberal movements. Mike, it has nothing to do with... The easiest thing is to say it's Arabs; Arabs hate you. Or Muslims, Muslims hate you. There are Muslims that hate me. There are Arabs that hate me. But there are people that attend churches on Sunday that hate me. And there are people that don't even believe in God that hate me.

And so people hated Israel from the moment they left Egypt, they hated Israel. And from the moment they wandered in the desert, they hated Israel. And as they entered the land, they hated Israel. Islam was born way after. I'm not going to dump it on a single religion when the people in

the Roman Empire hated us, and even in the Greek Empire hated us, and all the way throughout history.

So, it is a diabolic, satanic thing that started with Genesis 3 when we're talking about the seed of the woman that had to come out of a nation. And that nation was already then marked as the nation that Satan wants to get rid of and will do whatever it takes. He will use any religion, any people groups, any time he can to brainwash people, to hate that which God loves and love that which God hates. It's always been like that. And so currently we do fight extreme Islam, yes, but online, trust me, I've seen a lot of anti-Semitism among people who call themselves Christians and they are nothing but Nazis. Okay?

And so all I'm saying is that currently, yes, in Gaza, we fight Islamic Jihad and Hamas. We fight Hezbollah. We fight with the Syrian Islamists there, and in Iran. But you know, it's the modern version of something much older. And it is, let's not just say this is it because it's much older and much bigger than that.

MIKE: Okay, anything to add on that, Pastor Barry?

BARRY: Well, yeah, I think like Amir was saying, you go back to Egypt, there was no Islam when Pharaoh was trying to execute the One who would crush the serpent head. Same thing with Herod. When Herod tried to kill the One born king as a Jew, king of the Jews. And I think, looking at this progression, Satan realized with Jesus early in the morning on the first day of the week, rose from the grave and then 40 days later ascended into heaven that his plan didn't work. So, he turned his attention to the annihilation of the Jews because all of this is an effort to discredit God's Word and exalt himself above the throne of God—Satan, that is. So it's satanic in nature, always has been and always will be. And finally, you know, we know what's going to happen during the tribulation and the hatred for Jews and Christians that will be manifested in mass executions all

over the world for those who refused to take the mark during that time. And it's spot on. It is the devil that is the source of all this.

MIKE: Yeah.

AMIR: And Mike, remember, one of the things that characterizes Satan more than anything is that he's named "he who weakens the nations" or "he that deceives the nations." And remember, when he was thrown into the bottomless pit, if you remember, it says "So he will deceive the nations no more." Okay? Because that's his thing. The deception, much of the deception of the nations is regarding Israel.

And so I do believe that one of the ways for Satan to try to weaken Israel is to deceive the nations. And one of the ways of Satan to try to weaken Israel is to have that hatred from all the nations and in a way to cause Israel to stop being Israel and assimilate and be like all the others. Just like we did since we got into the land, the Promised Land. We wanted to be like the other nations, if you remember. We wanted a king like them. It's all part of... and remember, Mike, the moment the nation of Israel wanted to be like all the other nations, is the moment they wanted to forsake God. And God said to Samuel, God said to Samuel, "Samuel, it's not about you. It's Me whom they are abandoning." Okay, so remember one thing, Mike. He will cause everyone to hate us as long as we are Jews. He will accept us as long as we're no longer embracing who we really are. And that's the key. And if you remember, when the king of Aram paid for Balak, if you— Balak, the king of Aram paid for...

MIKE: ...Balaam.

AMIR: ...Balaam, when he paid Balaam to curse Israel, and Balaam ended up blessing Israel. And what did he say in his blessing? He said, "Here I see a nation not reckoning itself among the other nations, standing alone." The strength of Israel is when it's not leaning on other nations, but

leaning on God. And it's not assimilating to other nations, but it is totally fulfilling its purpose to be not just God-chosen people, but a source of blessing to others to show the character of God. And every time we tried to run away from that destiny, calamities came upon us. Okay, so as far as I'm concerned, it's satanic, it's diabolic—the hatred for Israel—and the world and Satan will accept us as long as we deny who we really are and what our destiny really is. And this is it.

MIKE: That's a hard pill for many people to swallow, but if you're deluded and drunk on deception, you don't know that you're deluded or drunk on deception, which is always traced back to the devil, folks. Make no mistake, it's diabolical, this anti-Semitism.

AMIR: But it's the same thing with born-again Christians, Mike. I mean, when you're a born-again, Spirit-filled, and at some point you want to be like the world, it's exactly what Satan wants. He wants you to be like the world, whereas God intends you to not be like the world, to be in the world, but not of the world. It's always that tension, and anything that God takes for Himself, anything that is of God, with God, for God, by God, Satan hates.

MIKE: Great question, great explanations. Now for you, Pastor Barry, and I'd love to get Amir's thoughts on this too. Daniel's asking, "Why does Islam consider Jerusalem a holy city?" We know Mecca and Medina holy cities, and we know why those are, but where did Jerusalem come from in the equation?

BARRY: Well, Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Qur'an even once. It's 830 times in our Bible. And basically their interest in Jerusalem was peaked when the Jews started returning there, making Aliyah's all the way back in 1890. So, there is absolutely... there's a mention in the Qur'an of a place called a faraway mosque, but any Muslim scholar will tell you that that's also in Saudi Arabia, just like Mecca and Medina. It has nothing to do with Jerusalem. As a matter of fact, the Qur'an says that Jerusalem, where the Holy Land is given to the people of Moses. And sadly, there's a lot

of Muslims who are like a lot of Christians, they're ignorant of what their own book says. But the Qur'an very definitely mentions Moses. As a matter of fact, it even talks about the fact that the Jews are showing weakness if they're outside of their land that God has given them. So again, Jerusalem has absolutely zero place in the Qur'an or Islam, except for the fact that many of the radical-extremist Muslims want to annihilate the Jews.

MIKE: So, this is a modern phenomenon, this Jerusalem holy city thing, Amir?

AMIR: Absolutely. Look, you have to understand, the Muslims did come, and eventually the Dome of the Rock was built. But remember, first of all, let's talk about the structure. The Dome of the Rock is an octagonal structure. Never, ever, nowhere Muslim structures were octagonal until that point. It was, what we believe it was a preparation for a Jewish temple that was supposed to be standing there, that later on they converted and turned it into something that Muslims were worshiping. But remember, Mike, remember, and it's important that you understand that Jerusalem and especially the Temple Mount were called in Arabic up until the 1920's, they were called Bayt al-Maqdis. Bayt al-Maqdis, Bayt HaMiqdash, the Holy Temple. Even in brochures of the Muslim Council in Jerusalem from the late 1920's, in *their own brochures*, they said that the Dome of the Rock is built on the site where the Solomon's Temple was.

MIKE: Ha! How about that.

AMIR: They wrote it. And also, and the last thing I would say, and a lot of people don't know that; there was a problem between the two Muslim leaders, the one in Damascus and the other one, the one in Mecca. The one in Mecca—and I'm talking about over a thousand years ago—the one in Mecca prohibited the people of Damascus to come for a Hajj in Mecca because the people of Damascus were known as people who are drunk, who are immoral, and oftentimes, their women are immoral, they go out to war, and women are— There's a lot of bad things. They had a bad

reputation. And so, the leader of Mecca said, “We’re not allowing the people of Damascus to come all the way to Mecca” And the leader of Damascus had to find a solution. Where do I send them to a Hajj? Which holy sites can I— And that’s how Jerusalem became an option simply because of the “holiness” that city already had in the eyes of Muslims because of the Solomonic Temple. You understand that? And this is exactly why we had Jerusalem suddenly appearing as a holy site, because it was a solution for those in Damascus that couldn’t, or better to say, were prohibited from going all the way to Mecca for a Hajj.

And as Pastor Barry said, you know, I can find you numerous people in Saudi Arabia that will tell you that Al-Aqsa Mosque was just the name of the further, or the far mosque because Medina, in Medina, there were two mosques, one that was closer to the city and one that was further away. And so that’s why the name was given. Mohammed was never in Jerusalem, not according to the Quran. And later on, in order to somehow reinstate Jerusalem into the Muslim culture and the Muslim traditions, they added more and more things to the Quran, in the Hadith, and they added suddenly this night journey to Jerusalem and all of that. But it’s not in the Quran.

As Pastor Barry said, Jerusalem is not even mentioned one single time. And even in their own language, they talked about Jerusalem, and they talked about Bayt al-Makdas, which is Beit HaMikdash in Hebrew. And so it wasn’t until, you know, there was a need to fight the return of the Jews back to the land and certainly back to Jerusalem. When the Arabs realized that the Jews are serious about having their own state and Jerusalem as its capital, this is when they made the move to erase all traces of them admitting it’s the temple site. And then, of course, the rest is history. Mike, you cannot find in Jerusalem remnants of anything from the time of Mohammed. It’s all “further away.”

MIKE: So a modern phenomenon based on a solution for second-class Muslims being looked at as “less than” is kind of ironic. Part of the delusion perhaps.

AMIR: Yeah, and holding on to the holiness, remember, even until the 1920’s, holding on to the holiness of the city because of the temple that was there, the temple of God. That’s important. I mean, why would you continue to call it Bayt al-Makdas unless that’s the whole deal of the place. It was the place of the holy temple in Jerusalem. So, Mike, again, one day when the third temple is going to stand, I think that when it will be after radical Islam is gone and the moderate Muslims will say, “Yeah, well, after all, there was no— you know, it was not a holy site for Islam anyway.” And things will have no problem then for the Jewish temple to be standing once again there. You’ll see.

MIKE: Debunking the hoax, guys. Thank you for that. Yeah, we’ll see won’t we? Um, personal question from Oprah, Pastor Barry. And this is something that a lot of people are struggling with because I’ve heard this one many times. “I know in my heart God’s promises are true, but how can we believe that heaven will remain pure for all of eternity when God said His creation was good and that only lasted until the third chapter of Genesis?” So, maybe I can phrase the question like this.

BARRY: No, I got it. I got it.

MIKE: You got it. It’s such a contrast between imperfectness to perfectness, and we all feel imperfect, dirty and disgusting even as believers sometimes. So...

BARRY: In the New Jerusalem, nothing will ever enter in a causes an abomination or a lie. Satan will have never stepped foot in the New Jerusalem. He will be in his domain then forever and ever at that point in time, which is the lake of fire. It will be a city where the temptation has never been present. Everyone there is perfect. 1 John 3:2 [paraphrased] says, “When we see Jesus, we will be

like Him, for we will see Him as He is.” No one is ever going to sin in the New Jerusalem. No one is ever going to be tempted in the New Jerusalem. Satan will never, ever, ever, like he had in Job, have access to the New Jerusalem to tempt anybody, to deceive anybody. It will be absolute perfection, which means it will not be possible for it to become like the earth.

MIKE: It’s a beautiful, beautiful, good news. It’s hard to imagine, but it’s great news. Amir, any thoughts?

AMIR: Yeah, I mean, up until the time of Jesus, there was no solution for sin, and I get it. But from the moment the solution for sin has been provided, and faith in Him alone would already immediately upon faith—we know that in Ephesians—whenever immediately when we believe we’re sealed with the Holy Spirit. That’s it, Mike. Once your name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, that’s the only criteria by which you can make it into the New Jerusalem. You understand that?

MIKE: Yeah, and how does one get their name written in the Book of Life?

AMIR: Faith alone in the finished work of the Messiah, His sinless life, His death, His resurrection, and of course, faith in what He did and living a spiritual life. Which means once the Spirit of God is in you, you’re led by the Spirit. And Mike, the Bible says that we’re still, and Paul himself still acknowledged that, while still in the flesh, we’re still in that state of sinful flesh. I mean, that’s why we aim to have a new body, and only then that’s the redemption that Romans 8 is talking about. That we will be then redeemed. But we have a new heart, we have a new spirit, we are already considered a new creation in Christ. And all that we are awaiting right now is our new body that will then allow us to be in the physical presence of God, and then return with Him, and then reign with Him, and rule with Him, and then be with Him forever and ever in the New Jerusalem. There’s a big difference between this fallen world, and as long as people are in this

fallen world, and they are not believers yet, and they do not have their glorified body yet, they will be tempted, and they will sin. I mean, there's no doubt about that. The only person [who] ever lived in this world as is, and even without having been resurrected yet, was still sinless, was Jesus. That's it.

MIKE: Wow.

AMIR: And so for us, you understand, we are awaiting our resurrected body, the new one, of course. We're waiting for our new body. We want to turn from tent into a building, and only then, of course, will qualify... the act of redemption will be completed. You understand? And so we make that distinction. The distinction is she—Oprah—is looking at this world, and she doesn't look up. But the new heaven and new earth are not based on anything that this world has. It's completely new. And the only people that are allowed in to begin with, are those that have already been given new body. They are believers. Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and that's it.

MIKE: Wow. Yeah. Look, I feel compelled just to say a prayer right now. If any of you are watching this and you're wondering where you would go if you died, and you're questioning that, pray with me this right now. Reach out to God. Lord, I want to just ask Your forgiveness for sins. Be the Lord of my life. I receive Your salvation through Jesus right now. And it's in His name we pray. Amen. Amen.

BARRY: Amen.

MIKE: So, Pastor Barry, you were about to utter one last comment on that for Oprah, and I kind of cut you off with that prayer.

BARRY: No, no, not at all, Mike. I was just going to **Revelation 22:14–15** said, “¹⁴ **Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may**

enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside...” And that word *outside* means away from there, “¹⁵ ..are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.” So this picture is the eternal separation from temptation, from the influence of people who would try to drag us down. And it’s just a place of absolute perfection. And we have to remember that when we are in the presence of the Lord, there’s only fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore, Psalm 16:11 reminds us. And that means that all the things that cause sorrow, all the things, all the fake pleasures are not going to exist there. And we will live in sinless perfection forever and ever and ever with the Lord.

MIKE: Just beautiful. Such good news, everybody, which leads to the next question, Pastor Barry. Paul is asking, you know, you just mentioned the law. This is kind of a coincidence maybe that this just comes up now. Or divine appointment. “What does it mean that Jesus ‘fulfilled’ the law? Aren’t we supposed to follow the Ten Commandments?” And what, like you just quoted now, what role do the commandments play in our life now?

BARRY: Well, Mike, we know that the wages of sin is death, and that demands that sin be defined. And it cannot be something that’s subjective or distinct from one generation to another, one culture to another. There has to be a universal standard of morality that all are called to live by in order for us to understand our need for a Savior. So, you know, Jesus fulfilled the Mosaic law. He lived according to the law as prescribed. He fulfilled even the Ten Commandments. But I think just rationally thinking, we have to recognize that in order for us to realize that God disciplines those whom He loves. And that’s not just arbitrary. He disciplines us when we stray and brings us back into line. But again, this requires that there be a standard by which we live. And, you know, I’m glad for this question because we have to address something that I think is rampant in our world today and growing. And that is what’s called the hyper-grace movement that grace just saved us,

so God doesn't care how you live. As long as you believe in Jesus, you can live like hell and still go to heaven. And that's exactly contrary to the Scripture. If you're called to be holy for He's holy. Holiness, which means moral purity, has to be defined. And again, it cannot be subjective person to person, culture to culture, or season of history to season of history. The Bible demands a universal moral standard which can be found in the Ten Commandments or the Decalogue. The other thing about that, Mike, is, you know, I like to picture this in people's minds. Could you imagine our world if just one of the Ten Commandments was obeyed? If everybody obeyed it, nobody ever broke, just pick one. What if nobody ever lied? Would our world be better? What if nobody ever coveted? Would our world be a better place? What if nobody ever committed adultery? Would our world be a better place? So, you know, it's not about God wanting to restrict our pleasures or fun. It's about living holy and morally pure and a more satisfying and enjoyable life. So what we just read, Revelation 22:14, there are blessings to doing His commandments. We're not missing out on the fun. We're living a life that is pleasing to God and better for us.

MIKE: Yeah, that's what I'm smiling because that's a 10% improvement on civilization if everybody obeyed one of the Ten Commandments. Amir, any thoughts on that before we go to the next question?

AMIR: We just have to remember, again, the Ten Commandments are still the Ten Commandments. And I was told the other day of a church in a specific European country where predominantly it's attended by gypsies. And when the pastor started teaching about not stealing, they left the church. I mean— It's okay, not murdering and not doing this... but don't touch our livelihood. And so if you really think about it, in some cultures, one of those Ten Commandments might hit harder than in other cultures. It doesn't negate the fact that all the Ten Commandments are important. And we cannot stop preaching that. And we cannot start preaching a different gospel

where this thing is okay, and that thing is okay because of cultural things. I mean, we're teaching *Revealing Revelation* around the world. And one of the things that certain churches were accused of are compromises based on specific social and religious and commercial affiliation or restrictions at that time. And we also learned about others that did not compromise and had to pay with their life for their uncompromising life.

So Jesus rebuked churches that compromised on these very things. And so not only that the Ten Commandments are the moral code of the world, and not only that it cannot be interpreted as time progresses, the church can never allow any compromise when it comes to anything that is the Word of God. And judgment even upon the church will come if it does such things. Read Revelation 2 and 3 and read all the letters to the seven churches. These are love letters. He loves them, but He wants to rebuke and correct them. And one of the ways to correct them is to tell them where they're wrong and He definitely did not hold any punches. He did not hold any, but He really told them right there what their wrongdoings are all about. And again, for the most part, it was breaking the Ten Commandments, Mike. So we have to remember that and take it seriously.

MIKE: I heard you say earlier that Jesus is the only man [who] never sinned, and He lived the law perfectly in His life. So if He lives in us with the power of His Spirit, the Ten Commandments are fulfilled if we walk with Him. Is that a...

AMIR: ...Well, you know, first of all, He was the only one that fulfilled the law because no one else can. No one can. Show me one person on planet Earth that can fulfill the law. The law was never given to begin with—The law was never given for people to fulfill it and be holy and spotless and perfect. It's the opposite. The law was given to show you how much you cannot fulfill it and how much you are in need of holiness. But you need the One that came to fulfill it, and you need to trust in Him, believe in Him and in the price that has been paid for the fact that you are unable

to fulfill it. Look, this is a Mosaic law, Mike. It wasn't there at the time of Abraham, and it will not be there in the time of the millennial kingdom. You know, the Mosaic law specifically—I mean, when you read in Jeremiah 31 that the Lord will give a new covenant, new testament to Israel. Not like the one that He gave them when He took them out of Egypt, and they broke it. In other words, there is a next chapter for Israel, and that chapter is that which we already live through and live in now from the moment we put our trust in the Messiah. And so we have to remember that. But even the Mosaic law that was so hard to fulfill, and if you broke one of the 613 commandments as if that's it, you broke everything, even *that* Jesus fulfilled. So He's the only one that could, and He's the only one that did.

MIKE: Wow, so we have to go to Him to simplify it. Jesus is the only way. Yeah. All right. I want to hear what you have to say on this, Amir, and then I've got one for you right after this. So, Sue is asking—and Pastor Barry, please weigh in on this as well—people groups living in these regions, “I always thought Judea and Samaria were part of Israel, but in all the news of the last many months, it sounds like only others live in that land. Can you help me with this confusion, please?” Who lives where and thinks what, Amir? Judea, Samaria, West Bank, Gaza, who's who? What's going on? Who's in charge? What is this?

AMIR: Mike, it doesn't matter who lives where. It matters to whom that place was given, and that settles it. If we were kicked out of our land and we're coming back to the land, and that's it. Now you have to remember something, Mike, and this is very important. It's not only biblical rights that Israel has over the land, and Judea and Samaria are the *ancestral* homeland. All the stories of our forefathers from Genesis are all concentrated in that range of mountains from Beersheba in the south, which is the end of Judea, all the way to the Jezreel Valley in the north, which is the end of Samaria. That central range of mountains has what we call the way of the

patriarchs right there. I mean, as they walk from Hebron and to Bethlehem, to Shechem and to all of that, it's all part of who we are.

Now you have to remember, Mike, that the *international* law, forget about the biblical rights we have, *international* law gave the rights for the Jews to return and have their Jewish national homeland in what was then called Palestine. That was given in the Balfour Declaration in 1917. It was adopted by the League of Nations in the San Remo Conference in 1920. And it was adopted later on when the United Nations was formed in Article 80, which is known as the Palestine Clause, which takes everything that has already been confirmed before and makes it now the new thing. And these things were challenged a few times and it's proven that it is our place.

Now this whole thing of it's not ours, when do you think it started? It only started when the hoax of this Palestinian nation started in the 1960's. Because let's make it very clear, Mike, when Jordan controlled the West Bank of River Jordan between 1948 and 1967, it was then also considered occupied territory. And no one talked for a second about the Palestinian state. Okay? So, occupied from whom? And you have to understand, Mike, this whole thing is a hoax. Jewish people have been living in Judea and Samaria for generations. In the 1920's, Jews were already massacred in Hebron by Muslims in Hebron, 1929. They massacred already then, there, not in Tel Aviv or in Haifa or... in Hebron, which is in the heart of Judea and Samaria. Okay? We've lived there. We are living there. We will continue to live there. These are the mountains of Israel that the prophets are talking about. So not just biblically we're talking about. And by the way, that's part of the book that I have, *The Israel Decree* that I just wrote. *The Israel Decree*, if you want to get it, israeldecree.com. The reason is the Israel decree is the promise that was given to Abraham. And remember, Mike, part of the promise is the land. And where do you think Abraham was? Where do you think Abraham was? In Shechem, in Hebron, in all of that area, that territory, Mount

Moriah. You know where Mount Moriah is, Mike? This is where the Temple Mount is today. Do you know that they—the world—is saying it's not ours? That's where Abraham was!

My point is, Mike, that I don't care what the world says now when the world knew exactly in the 1920's to whom that land belongs. And when the world knew all along and throughout all those years, Mike, since we were kicked out of our land, there has always been a remnant that stayed in the land, always. And when we started coming back, we were actually welcomed by the Arabs because we brought great wealth, and we brought great prosperity. And many of them *then* [Amir emphasizes "then"] poured into the land from Syria and from Lebanon and from Egypt. And that's the Palestinians; those Arabs that came to enjoy and take part of the prosperity that the Jewish people brought when they came back. And it's amazing how the world is being brainwashed and bought into that lie of "Palestinian nation" and "Palestinian history" when there is none. There is no such thing.

MIKE: And we all know who the father of lies is, right? Trace back that.

AMIR: So Judean Samaria is the correct biblical, real name. And thankfully, this new administration in America took a decision, received a decision to not anymore use the term West Bank, which is a term that started while the Jordanians took over because the Jordanians were in the eastern banks of the River Jordan, remember? And now they're controlling parts of the western banks of the River Jordan. And that's it. It's a new term. It's all political. It has nothing to do with history. It has nothing to do with culture. It has nothing to do with real life. It's a political thing that they've been using and pushing down the throat of so many to the point that today, some imbeciles around the world are shouting, "Free Palestine!" not knowing anything about which river and which sea. And they don't even know what Palestine is all about. They don't even know that Palestine has never been mentioned in the Quran even once. It's not a place. It's a Roman

name named after the Philistines, which were Greek. And look, this whole thing is a hoax. And Judea and Samaria it's Jewish, It's God-given land to the Jewish people, it is part of the promised land for the Jewish people, and it's time that people will understand that. And we are growing and growing and growing in presence there. There's nearly 600,000 Jews already living in that area right now. It's phenomenal. It's beautiful. That's our ancestral homeland. And I salute any Israeli that moves to live there, because he's surrounded by hostile people, but he knows exactly why he's there.

MIKE: Yeah, Pastor Barry, according to the original covenant with Abraham, the land far exceeded today's land. And they've never, Israelis, Jews, have never seized that land. I mean, there was more land promised. What is that? Nobody ever talks about that. All of that additional land that's mentioned in the Bible is as far back as Genesis. When will they realize that, yeah?

BARRY: The question, you know, who's living there and all that? Well, if you really want to break it down, Egypt all the way up to Turkey and Jordan, these are all areas that are part of Israel. And Amir was talking about the West Bank, so to speak, for Judea and Samaria is Israeli territory. Well, so is Gaza. I mean, all of these things, I think one of the most important things is what the Bible says. I wouldn't say one of the most. That is the most. And yes, the international community has granted this land to the Jewish people as a national homeland. And they fought and won back the eastern portion of Jerusalem as a united capital for—eternal capital for the nation of Israel. But according to God's boundaries, Israel is much bigger than what we see today. And it's often mentioned that Israel is so small; you look in comparison to all the Arab countries that surround it, the massive amount of land, yet Israel, this 8,800 square miles is so small you have to write the name of the country out in the Mediterranean. And yet everybody wants to push them out into the

sea and take back what God has given them. And someday, Israel is going to be a lot bigger than it is now.

MIKE: Yeah.

AMIR: Yeah, Mike, I wanted to also give people a nice announcement today before we wrap it up. We've got only a few minutes left. Tomorrow is a big day for Pastor Barry and me. We're looking forward to it. And if you were wondering why, please watch the following video:

[Video plays]

[AMIR] Yes, Shalom, everyone. I'm Amir Tsarfati and this is a MidEast Update. [BARRY] Well, hi, everyone. [AMIR] And welcome to the Mideast Update. [BOTH, looking at each other] Hey, what are you doing here? [BARRY] I'm doing *The Lineup*. What are you doing? [AMIR] Oh, come on. This is *MidEast Update* from CONNECT in Galilee. [BARRY] No, this is *The Lineup* from Southern California. This happens every week. Well, now what are we going to do? [AMIR] I guess we're stuck together, and I guess we're going to have to do it together. So, we're excited to tell you that starting from this Tuesday at 6 p.m. California time, this will be the new format of *MidEast and Beyond*. [BARRY] Every single week and joining forces together, looking forward to covering the events that we talk about separately and now talking about them together beginning in Israel, then moving out into the world. And we're going to even answer some of your questions at the tail end of each program. So tune in. You can watch on Amir's YouTube channel or mine, and we'll be with you every single Tuesday, 6 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time. [AMIR] Thank you. God bless you and Shalom. [BARRY] Shalom.

[Video ends]

AMIR: All right. Okay— Okay, thank you. So I wish we saw it all the way to the end. But never mind. Good news and big news, tomorrow, it's our first *MidEast and Beyond*. And I want to remind

people not only that we will be live from Galilee and from California, but we will also do it in a completely different time, which is 6 p.m. California time Tuesday, which means it's the next day for the rest of the world, or for most of the world. And I'm talking about Middle East, Europe and Asia and Australia, New Zealand. So, remember, for the Californians and the Hawaiians, it is still on...

BARRY: ...Tuesday.

AMIR: Tuesday, but for anything from Japan all the way towards Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, all the way to Asia, Israel, Middle East, Europe and all, it's going to be already Wednesday morning. We are excited to do it together. And we're looking forward to join forces and give you the best program possible on news in the Middle East and beyond.

So again, remember, I might have killed the time now to answer a question or two, but we will add a question ... Q&A section at the end of every *MidEast Update*. So there are more chances for people to have their questions answered even tomorrow.

So again, please, one thing I ask, and it's important that I make it clear to everyone. And we've checked throughout all the things at our disposal, we realize that the progressive, woke, left or the jihadists or both combined, the reason why they have such a huge audience is because they are engaged whenever they are uploading stuff. When there is a progressive, liberal, left, woke video, all of them are liking it, subscribing to it, engaging with comments and shares. Conservatives, however, they love watching things, but they don't want to subscribe. They don't want to comment. They don't want to like. They don't want to share. They just want to "watch". That's why the content of conservatives is suppressed. The algorithm is such that it will actually push more content that has engagement. So what we are asking all of you to do is subscribe to our YouTube channels, like, comment and share. These are the four things that will— it takes 20

seconds. It will *challenge* the algorithm, break the numbers, and cause the message, the answers to these questions as well as the real news, unbiased news, unfiltered news to go out to the world. So I'm challenging you now, not just to watch, but comment, like, share, and subscribe to our channels. It's important because look, you're the soldiers in this war. We give you weapons. Use it. It's very easy. We can be way more powerful than we are if we use it, if we just do those four simple things in 20–30 seconds, and we can beat the algorithm and spread the good news.

I want to thank Pastor Barry for being with me today. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for leading the whole operation here. I want to thank the people that we have here in the back in the control room and the people all the way in America that are helping us also with the questions and answers. Thank you all for being with us. Thank you for watching it. And I want to remind all of you tomorrow at 6 p.m. California time, it is *Mideast and Beyond*. And until then, thank you all and God bless you from Galilee, from America and from all over the world. Thank you, God bless you and Shalom.

* Scripture is taken from the New King James Version unless noted otherwise.

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