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**Antisemitism and the Church of the Last Days
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Jerusalem, the city of the three most important monotheistic religions in this world: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. There is no city like that anywhere else around the world, but somehow the system of multi-religions works here. Religious wars are no longer something big here. There is no city like that; it seems like everyone knows his place. Is it because no more does one religion want to take over the rest of the world, *or* are we witnessing a silent takeover of a specific emerging global religion? It has to happen before the Second Coming of Jesus.



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**THE RISE OF THE
ONE WORLD RELIGION**

Shalom, everyone! This is Amir Tsarfati, and I am live from our office here in Galilee. Before we start our Prophecy Roundtable with Pastor Barry and Jan Markell, I would like to begin with an unusual, out-of-the-order special update on the events of the last 48 hours here in Israel. It was probably the most severe civilian disaster that the country has known in probably almost 70 years as 45 people found their death in a stampede tragedy in Northern Israel while they celebrated a religious festivity that we will talk about in a few seconds. Before we do that, allow me to start with a prayer.

Father, we thank You that You are in control of everything. We do not understand sometimes why things happen, but we know that You're in full control. Father, this is a time, with all the criticism that we may have for what they were celebrating and how they were celebrating, this is a time for us to weep with those who weep as **Ecclesiastes 3** says there is a time for everything under the sun; there is a time to weep and there's a time to mourn. We weep and we mourn with the rest of the nation of Israel today as most of the victims have been already brought to their burial, and many will also be going through that this evening. Father, we pray that You will bring comfort and that somehow through all of this people will ask themselves the big question: *Is that really the way, the truth, and the life?* Father, we ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Shalom, everybody! It's Amir Tsarfati. This will be a short Middle East Update to explain what happened 48 hours ago as Jewish people were in the middle of a celebration at roughly 1:00 a.m. on April 30th. It was the beginning of the day on Mount Meron in Northern Israel in what appears to be an accident that turned into a stampede tragedy and took the lives of 45 people. Now, a lot of people are asking me, "What is it that all these hundreds of thousands of people were celebrating?" Well, allow me to tell you that they were *definitely not* celebrating a *biblical* festival that we know from Leviticus 23.

Let's go over the festivals from Leviticus 23, and there are seven of them. I'll try to explain where on those seven we can find ourselves. There is the (1) Passover, which is the first one to celebrate, then the (2) Unleavened Bread, and (3) the First Fruits. The Bible says, **"You shall count seven weeks for yourself," (Deuteronomy 16:9a)** from the First Fruits to (4) the Feast of Weeks, seven weeks, 49 days. On the 50th day, you celebrate the Feast of Shavuot or Feast of Pentecost, Feast of Weeks. These four have been already fulfilled at the time of Christ as He was, of course, the Passover—His body was sinless, the unleavened bread. He became

1. Passover (Pessah)
2. Unleavened Bread (Hag Matzot)
3. First Fruits (Resheet Bikurim)
"...You shall count seven weeks for yourself" (Omer)
4. Weeks (Sh'vuot)

5. Trumpets (Yom Truah)
6. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
7. Tabernacles (Sukkot)

the First Fruit from among those who fell asleep—His resurrection. He was 40 days with the disciples, and then He told them, “Wait a little bit more to receive the One that I’m going to send to you.” That is, of course, on Pentecost, “Ten more days you have to wait.”

Let’s now try and understand. We go to **Leviticus 23** and read those verses that describe [the counting of the days]. It says, “¹⁵ **And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering.**”—*sheaf* of the wave offering in Hebrew is “omer,” O-M-E-R—“**seven Sabbaths shall be completed.** ¹⁶ **Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.**” The counting of the omer is the counting of those 49...50 days, basically.

Now, in the book of Deuteronomy, we have the same exact thing: “⁹ **You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain.**” (**Deuteronomy 16:9**) There’s a lot of extra meanings to it in the spiritual realm, which I don’t have time to go into right now. But what I do want you to understand, biblically, is that all we needed to do is count 49 days.

Now, what is Lag B’aOmer? Lag B’aOmer is the celebration. Lag is the Hebrew for two letters, “lamed” and “gimmel,” which are the letters for the number 33, which means on the 33rd day from the 49 days that they count, there was an urge for them to go and celebrate a festival. Now, these festivities, we don’t find them more than 1,000 years. In other words, Lag B’aOmer was not celebrated at the time of Jesus. It was not a biblical festival. You can’t find it in the Old nor in the New Testament, but it became more traditional because of a *specific person*. And that is what the celebration was about. I’m talking about the Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Shimon Bar Yochai was a rabbi who lived in the second century AD. He lived at the time when there was no more temple, a time when there was the oral law that the Jews were following more. So, it was a time that rabbis started adding more and more and more commentaries as

there was no more service in the temple. Later on, people think that the 13 years that Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai hid himself in a cave is when Elijah the prophet appeared to him, Moses appeared to him, and he wrote the book of *Zohar*—“radiance” [in English].

The book of *Zohar* is a medieval—now watch this—only in the 13th century did this book emerge from somewhere in Spain, but the person who brought it forth basically said that it was originally written by Rabbi Shimon. Look, it's a “compendium of Jewish esoteric and mystical teaching, and the basis of the kabbalistic faith. It is, however, a notoriously difficult text in Aramaic and ancient Hebrew, full of hidden codes, concealed meanings, obscure symbols, and ecstatic expression.” So, the *Zohar* is “radiance.” They take it from both Daniel 12 and Ezekiel 8—the word *Zohar*, “radiance”—but I want you to know, folks, that the entire premise of the whole Kabbalah is that a man can know God more *intimately* as he elevates himself more intellectually and also as he has more revelation.

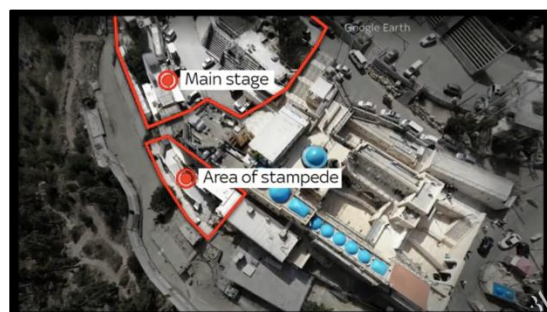


Now, you have to understand—and you *must* understand—that it is basically on the premise that man can know God intimately, and that stands *extremely* opposite to what **Isaiah 59:1-2** says. I'm talking about the famous verses, **“¹ Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”** There has been a separation between man and God when sin entered the world. You cannot know in any intimate way the Lord God without first having Him deal with the issue of sin in your life, which means before you believe in Jesus Himself as the ultimate sacrifice, the atonement for your sin. Of course, when you don't believe in that, then your whole understanding of God can never be any more than someone that you are detached from. The fact that the notion that there is a way to know God in an intimate way and that way is esoteric, and with special codes, and with an intellectual level that is up above and beyond you, this is...[not biblical].

Now, I want you to see the hundreds of thousands of people that gathered on Mount Meron. This is a small picture of something much bigger. They all came for one reason—they came to the place where Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is buried on the day that he died because they want to have an intimate relationship with God! They come to the man, or to the burial site of the man, who they think revealed the secrets of how to get intimate with God. It's sad. On one hand, it warms my heart to see how many of them want to be intimate with God. But it's sad to see that they don't know the way.



What happened is that they went to that big compound. Take a look at this picture of the compound. You can see it's a huge thing. There was a main stage, there was a lot of performances, they were dancing, and they were happy, but then they were on their way to the area of lighting the fire within the compound. You see the area of the stampede. Basically, there was a ramp where some of them slipped and fell, and the rest of them were just walking on them because there were so many of them. In fact, let me show you what it looked like. That's the



narrows passage where they were all walking. When the first people stumbled and fell, all the rest of them kept going, and they just stampeded. Look at all the bodies there. We've got a video. Let me see if I can show it to you.



Captions under video: [WARNING: Video has several body bags and a stampede that resulted in many deaths. Tens of thousands attended a religious festival in Israel. As people left the area a group

slipped down this ramp. Many were caught in the stampede that followed. People tried to escape by climbing out.]

So, you understand—a tragic, tragic, tragic thing. The tragedy is *double*. First, that there's so many of them that really want to know God in an intimate way, and they just don't know how. The second tragic thing is also that they came from all over the world. There were Americans, Canadians, Africans, and, of course, Israelis of all ages. Those victims were from nine years old—12, 14, 16—all the way to 40, 50, and 60 years old. All of them want to know God in a more intimate way, but the sad thing is that they have been brainwashed to think that there is a secret code, a secret, esoteric way, to become more intimate with God. And that is completely detached from the scriptures.

The Kabbalah that came out of this whole thing did not exist in the time of Paul. The teachings of the rabbis that were all based on the oral law and not on the written Word of God were already there. And that brings me to the heart that Paul had for his people. In Romans, chapter 9, you see something...you need to understand that Paul was kicked out of synagogues, he was brutally attacked by Jewish people when he was in some places—in Thessaloniki, and also in other cities in Greece, and in Asia Minor. Paul suffered a lot from that religious theory, but Paul had a *heart* for his people. When you have the love of Jesus in you, then you not only love the church, you don't only love your brothers and sisters in faith, but you love your nation. You love your people, the unbelievers, those who are in the dark.

Look what Paul wrote in the ninth chapter to the Romans. He wrote the following thing. He says, **“¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came,**

who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.” (Romans 9:1-5) Paul said, “If I could save them even by me being accursed from Christ, I would.” But we cannot believe for someone else. You can pray for him, but you cannot believe for him, and you cannot be saved for him. Paul had a broken heart for his nation. He kept praying for them until the very end. In the last chapter of the book of Acts, he said, “[It is] **for the hope of Israel that I'm bound in this chain.**” (Acts 28:20b)

And the last verse, before we move on, that I wanted to share with you in is **Philippians 3:7-11**. He says, “⁷ **But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.** ⁸ **Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish,...**” He said, “All the knowledge they have, all the Levitical knowledge, all the oral laws, traditions, I count it all as rubbish.” Let's continue. He said, “**...that I may gain Christ** ⁹ **and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;** ¹⁰ **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.**” Do you want to be intimate with God? This is it—Jesus. “**...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,** ¹¹ **if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**” Why do we pray for the salvation of the Jews? We don't want them to go...well, we don't want many to have to go through the tribulation because if they won't make it to the tribulations that leads to the salvation...unfortunately, two thirds of Israel will not be able to survive that. So, you need to have that heart for Israel.

I think it's time to move now to our discussion. I want to invite Pastor Stagner and Jan Markell.

AMIR: Shalom, Pastor Barry! Shalom, Jan! How are you guys?

PASTOR BARRY: Shalom. Doing great, thank you.

JAN: Thank you for having us.

AMIR: Well, I think that there could have not been a better way to start a Roundtable regarding “Antisemitism and the Church in These Last Days.” We



all experience that in different shapes and forms. Unfortunately, as a Jew—and I know Jan as a Jew also—it sometimes hurts a little bit more, but I can tell you that I see it on so many different levels: the spiritual, the political, the social, the mental. I mean, it's unbelievable! Jan, where do you see antisemitism in the church nowadays?

JAN: Well, I see it in some theologies that we can reference. I mean we almost need to do a program on these theologies. The theology of amillennialism is going to be emphasizing replacement theology: the church is the new Israel. The theology of dominionism is going to be emphasizing replacement theology Preterism. Getting into what all these theologies are right now may not be practical. But I think when it really entered the church, it entered through Augustine, which then infected the Catholic Church—and that's centuries ago—and then in the 1500s through Martin Luther. The things Martin Luther said about the Jews—if we had time, I'd read a paragraph—is just shocking!

I'm doing a radio program this weekend with Dave Reagan on these very issues. David writes about the things Martin Luther said about the Jews. I mean, he literally incited people back in the 1500s to round up the Jews, put them in synagogues, and light the synagogue afire. That's Martin Luther in his later years, which is just hard to wrap our brains around. So, I think the theologies are important to understand that anything other than what we believe which is *dispensationalism*—which loves the Jew and sees the end time role for the Jew—the other theologies are going to be problematic.

So, I think the first thing is to consider the theology, and then we have some events we can talk about if we have time, [such as] Christ at the Checkpoint, which is supposedly put on by Christians. I'd like to say a word about that later. Hope for the Holy Land—I was at that activity 10 years ago. [It was] put on by Christians, so-called “Christian Palestinianism.” So, these are things that have *infected* the church and *really* are causing *huge* antisemitic sentiment in the *church*, which I think is our emphasis.

AMIR: Yes. Yeah, Barry, where do you find antisemitism in our church nowadays?

PASTOR BARRY: Well, Amir, if I could comment about the videos that you just showed. The first thing I noticed was how many Orthodox were present. This, as you said, was a Kabbalist type of event. What this points me back to is the importance of what Jan was saying and that is the interpretation of scripture—it matters what we believe about the written Word of God.

When you've got a group who bind the Word of God on their head and on their hand and their little leather boxes, their phylacteries, which is basically a misunderstanding of the Shema in Deuteronomy 6, that's a figurative statement that God wants His Word to govern our thoughts, His Word to direct our hands, our going out and our coming in, our laying down and our rising up. When you start with something that's defective in your interpretation, you're going to wind up a long way away from what God actually intended.

That's what all of this antisemitism we see today is the manifestation of. It's a mishandling of scripture, and I think it's important to break this down into two basic categories: (1) you have ethnic antisemitism, a hatred of a racial group, and (2) then you have spiritual antisemitism, which are some of the things Jan was pointing out. All the reformed theology teachers that hold to replacement theology, even though they call it something different. They say they're not *replacement* theologians; they say that they are *fulfillment* theologians: “God's *finished* with the Jews. He didn't kick them to the curb, so to speak, but rather He *finished* what He was going to do through them.” Again, this becomes problematic! The

problem is it leaves *major* portions of the Old Testament written about the modern-day State of Israel unfulfilled, and, therefore, that classifies the Bible as errant instead of inerrant. If that's true, then we're all in big trouble.

So, this is a major issue. Remember “anti” means “against” *or* “instead of.” That's what the Antichrist is; he's “against Christ,” or he's “instead of Christ.” So, here we've got the church *instead of* the Jews, and here we've got another group that is *against* the Jews ethnically. We're seeing these manifestations, sadly, within the church today under both of those banners. Some don't see Israel as an ethnic people group having any right to the land that they were given by God as an *everlasting* covenant with the land *and* the people, and then others see them as having spiritually violated what God ordained them to do, so they practice spiritual antisemitism through these things we mentioned a moment ago.

AMIR: Yeah. I must say, and I know that what I'm about to say is a little unorthodox, but I must say that one of the main reasons there are antisemitic notions in the church is the lack of balance of Christians to understand the place of Israel in the scriptures to the point that either you *hate* them because you think that God is done with them, *or* you can even suggest that they have a separate covenant with God that they don't really need Jesus. “[Jews] walk on water, and everything is perfect, and nothing that they can ever do will be wrong.”

JAN: Yes. Right.

AMIR: Now watch this, Barry and Jan. I've seen enough pastors that are falling on that “worship of Israel” trap. That is another problem because when a Christian can see that somebody suggests that Israel doesn't need Christ, then... Wait a minute! I thought Christ is the only way, the truth, and the life. How come for me, I need Him and for them, they don't need Him?

And not only that, but I also see in many ways, Christians who are kind of buying into the old conspiracy theories of a Jewish *plot* to take over the *entire world*. Unfortunately, I must say I was exposed

to that while I was watching some YouTube channels that supposedly bring news from Israel, but they don't bring news from Israel! They bring conspiracy theories that are not based on biblical truth; they're sensationalist and they are conspiratorial. The sad thing is that they claim to be news from Israel.

JAN: Yes.

AMIR: I saw *horrible* things. They blame Israel for the coronavirus. Now they blame Israel for the vaccine. They blame Israel for *every problem* that is there on Planet Earth. “The Jews want the virus to go all over; the Jews want to take over the world through that.” All of that I see also in some QAnon followers, and it's very, very sad to see that because these people profess to be Christians. They always bring some verses, and then when they talk about Israel. [They say], “Oh, these are not the real Israel. Those are the Khazarian Mafia.” Come on! Tell that to my grandparents! Hitler didn't think that they are the Khazarian Mafia. He killed [millions of Jews]!

All of that is the excuse to feel exclusive and that others are below you. It is exactly the same problem that Israel has when the Jewish people think that they are above the rest, and they put down others because of their faith. You would expect a Christian who knows better to not do that because his eyes were opened. He knows the truth; he knows that they are blind; he knows that his eyes were opened from that [deception]. Why do you now hold the exact same “I am better” and “It's about me” attitude? So, my point is very clear. We have to stick, like you guys said, to the scriptures and be very careful *not* to fall into sensationalism, into a conspiratory attitude, and hatred of the Jews. I strongly believe that if you *hate* the Jews—if you are a Jew hater—I don't see how you can be saved. Unfortunately, this is how it is. How can you love that which God hates and hate that which God loves? The Bible says in **1 John 4:20** the following thing: **“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”** Guys, antisemites need Jesus; they don't know Him. If you know Jesus, you *cannot hate* Israel. You just cannot!

You will *weep* for them, you will *mourn* for them, you will have continual *grief* in your heart as Paul expressed in Romans 9, but you *will not* hate them.

JAN: Amir, in some cases, and I'm thinking now of, for instance, this Rick Wiles, who has come against me a lot. When President Trump was going through so much attack, he called that a "Jew coup." But a man like that would say he's not coming so much against Jews as he's coming against Zionists and the whole Zionist movements and things like that. So, I think we need to clarify that sometimes these people really hate the whole move of the *re-creation* of the nation of Israel and what that entails in scripture. Maybe it's more than they hate the Jews.

AMIR: They hate the fig tree coming back to life... Barry, you just mentioned that as the most important sign of the end times, haven't you?

PASTOR BARRY: That is right, absolutely. Amir, let me say something about what you shared a moment ago and do a little doctrinal housekeeping. For those who are watching out there, Amir is not saying that you need to add a love of Israel to the blood of Jesus in order to be saved. What he's saying is that a love for Israel is going to be *a part* of the new creation that you become once you're born again *exclusively* through the blood of Jesus Christ and have the Holy Spirit in you.

AMIR: Absolutely!

PASTOR BARRY: Jesus said in **John 14**, that when the Spirit comes, He's going to call to remembrance the things that Jesus said. He is going to be our helper; He's going to teach us all things. What we need to realize is that because the Holy Spirit is the author of the *whole* Bible, according to **2 Timothy 3:16**, and He is a member of the triune Godhead, the words of Jesus and the words of the Holy Spirit are equal in authority. Therefore, if the Holy Spirit said something in the Old Testament, it's just as powerful and authoritative as the words of Jesus that were spoken in the New Testament.

The Holy Spirit wrote throughout the whole of the Old Testament that God has an everlasting covenant that He has established with the children of Israel *and* with the land that He apportioned to them. [He] gave them very specific geographic markers as to where they would dwell on the surface of the earth. Besides the fact, come on, where's Jesus coming back to? Where are His feet going to step down when He comes back the second time? On the Mount of Olives! He's coming back to reign in *Jerusalem*. I mean, if He's done with Israel, then why is He coming back to Israel the second time when they look upon Him **“whom they pierced”** and **“mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son”**? (**Zechariah 12:10**) Loving Israel is like getting out of bed when you're a born-again believer because we have the Holy Spirit of God and I would be very, very careful.

And what you mentioned earlier, let me just clarify it: It's called dual-covenant theology. It is spiritual antisemitism to say that the Jews can go to Heaven apart from a personal relationship with Jesus. It is basically condemning them to Hell by teaching them to believe that because you cannot go to Heaven apart from Jesus: He is the way, the truth, and the life. (**John 14:6**) **“No one—no Jew, no Greek— comes to the Father except through [Jesus].** This is an act of *violence* against the Jews to say you can be saved without a personal relationship.

AMIR: Absolutely. You know, Barry, a pastor who is teaching that, when he comes to Israel, he ignores the local believers here. Because, actually, they are annoying him. Why? Because he wants to tell all the Jewish people here that it's okay, they really don't need Jesus, while *we*, the body of Christ in Israel, are trying to reach out to the Jews by saying there is no other way but Jesus. Then elegantly, we are being ignored by him.

I want to make it very, very clear. You know, Barry and Jan, I started doing ministry when I was 25 years old. My son was born. He was three months old when I did my first ministry tour and that was to the Philippines. That's the tour where I nearly got killed in a horrific car accident that left injuries in my

lower back and a traumatic experience that I suffer from up until today. And you guys know that it's hard for me to sit in the passenger seat in the front because I always think that there's an accident coming. I remember that when I traveled, the Lord spoke to me and He said, "Wherever you go, you will know by the way they teach on Israel if they are okay with the rest of their biblical interpretations. Because the minute you are wrong about Israel...can you imagine how wrong you are on so many other issues? Israel is such a central part in the scriptures, and if you got that one wrong, how much more you get everything else [wrong]? Then you get the whole end time scenario wrong too, *or* you just completely ignore it, and that is, of course, very, very, very sad. Now, let's face it, the most important prophetic sign of the end times is the resurrection of the Jewish nation back to their land.

PASTOR BARRY: That's right.

Amir: It's very interesting because the word "Zionist" is *Zion*—Zion is the name of Israel. A Zionist is someone who believes in the right of the Jews over the land.

PASTOR BARRY: Yes.

Amir: Every Christian who believes in the right of Israel over their land is a Zionist. Why do you think they hate Zionism so much? Because Zionism is the right of the Jewish people over the land. The minute you label it as something bad, you invite all the others to claim ownership over the land. You actually make the claim of the Jews over the land as a crime by itself. I'm a proud Zionist. I believe every Christian should be a very proud Zionist, not because of anything but the Word of God!

JAN: Yes.

Amir: God is the One who said, "I will bring them back to their land. I, the Lord, has promised it and I performed it." God says, "Look, no one is going to help you. From the ashes of the Holocaust, *I* will bring you. *I* will heal the land. *I* will prosper the land. I will physically bring them *back* to their land, and I will, first of all, restore them *physically*, and *then* I will restore them *spiritually*." And if you have a problem

with that, you've got a problem with the Bible, not a problem with Zionism or Zionists or all of that. You need to get saved. You need to know the Lord. You need to know the scriptures. You need to know the Word of God, the plan of God, and the Son of God because Jesus said, “You will not see me, Jerusalem, again, until *you* say, ‘Baruch haba beshem adonai.’” (**Matthew 23:39**) He didn't say you will welcome Me in *Arabic* because I'm one of your prophets. He didn't say you will welcome Me in *Latin* because I am the head of the Catholic Church. He said, “Baruch haba beshem Adonai.” That's what you need to say: **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”** And that is what the Jewish people will say when He will return and establish His throne in Jerusalem.

Guys, I think that we covered quite a lot. It's time to bring Pastor Mike Golay to our Roundtable. Mike, you have a lot of questions in the forum already, so go ahead and take over, please.

MIKE: Yes, so here are the parameters for all of you who are just joining us. We take any question related to antisemitism, and we will be asking the panel those questions that are going to be sent to me from the forum. So that's where you need to post your questions, and then we



will ask. The first question I have here is for you, Jan, and that is, “As an American Jew, how do you feel about the events happening in Israel with this whole tragedy, as an American Jew?”

JAN: Well, it breaks my heart, and I appreciated Amir's kind of spin on it, and the explanation, and the videos are all very, very helpful. My hunch is most viewers don't even know what this holiday is, which again, I appreciated Amir's explanation of it, *but* I think the thing that stands out to me, and Amir brought it out too, is how much these particular Jews want to be close to God. And, of course, how far away they are because they don't know Jesus Christ! That gets back to the responsibility of the church and of the Christian to be sharing our faith, wherever it's possible, with the Jewish people. Again, we talked about

dual-covenant theology, and that says they don't need to be saved—because they're God's chosen people they automatically go to Heaven. To me, that's a terrible form of antisemitism, the dual-covenant theology.

But then I'm going back, because I raised it a few minutes ago, I'm going back to Christians gathering together. For instance, every other year, they get together in Bethlehem. It's called Christ at the Checkpoint, and you've got Christian leaders [there]. You've got Lynne Hybels there, you've got Hank Hanegraaff there, you've got Gary Burge there. You've got a number of other so-called evangelicals—and that word, I think is misused, at least in this case—you've got Mae Cannon there who used to be with World Vision, [but she] now she has her own ministry, and many, many more from the evangelical world coming together and slamming and propagandizing *against* the Jewish people and the nation of Israel *in the name of Jesus*. They all get together. I've watched it online, and it's stunning. They were to meet in June of 2021, I think in Israel; they would call it in Bethlehem, Palestine—they would say—is where they are going to meet, but it was canceled now because of COVID.

Then I was present at Hope for the Holy Land at Bethel College, where again, Lynne Hybels, Mae Cannon, Sami Awad all gathered. And the Bethel students and the president of Bethel University all got together for an hour and a half of propagandizing against the Jewish people: “They don't deserve the Promised Land. It doesn't belong [to them]. It belongs to the Palestinians.” Again, this *all* in the *name of evangelical Christianity*. So, we are sliding down a slippery slope that is dangerous because, ultimately, this is why Hitler came to power—because the Christians of Hitler's day bought into the things we're talking about.

MIKE: Wow! That's very concerning, Jan. Did I hear you say Bethel University of St. Paul, Minnesota?

JAN: I graduated from there when it was stable, but *today* it's pro-Palestinian.

MIKE: Wow! That's very disturbing. Pastor Barry, as an American as well, some of these questions are coming in for you Americans here. "Why are American leaders so tolerant of antisemitism when you consider we were right there with the Jews in WWII?" What's going on in our politics, Pastor?

PASTOR BARRY: I think the underlying cause is globalism. And looking at the shift that's taken in mainstream thinking in recent years, the pressures of what the *world* wants are really driving the bus, so to speak, politically, in the alleged deep thinkers of our day. When you've got a country that's moved away from God, you're going to find this manifested in your interpretation of political matters, in your geopolitical stance in the rest of the world. Certainly, your understanding of the nation of Israel and their role in, really, the last days scenario. All that contributes to where we are today; it's heartbreaking.

The main thing that really troubles me is that all this is based on *ignorance*, and it's a *willful ignorance* because it's a lack of investigation into what the facts really are. If you go to any Muslim imam, who actually is a *true student* of what it is that they believe, they'll be the first to tell you that the Palestinians are nothing less than Syrian Arabs. There's no such people group as Palestinians, as they have no right to, or association with, the land of the Jews. The *Quran* says that the land of Moses belongs to the Jewish people! It doesn't belong to the Palestinians. It doesn't belong to the Arab peoples. Yet you've got this massive ignorance in the United Nations (UN) and other groups around the world that have a collective voice, like the EU. They're all fighting antisemitism within their own borders. But it's just a *massive ignorance of facts* that's manifesting itself in literally every aspect of life: where the world is headed, Israel's role, how close we are to the rapture of the church, the following tribulation, and the Second Coming of Jesus, *because* the fig tree has budded.

All of these things leave us with a world that is basically being directed by ignorant people. Sadly, there's a lot of smart people who are really ignorant. I'm not calling these people stupid. I'm calling them ignorant because that's what they are. They're *unaware* of what the actual facts are. Here we've got all

these gender issues and things that deny science and biology, and also the spiritual things we're seeing today. It's a tragic time in the world, *but* we ought to be looking for that blessed hope, that glorious appearing of our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

AMIR: Amen! Mike, can I say something?

MIKE: Yes, please.

AMIR: I want to address the fact that, unfortunately, in America there's so much deception going on that they call good evil and evil good. What do I mean? The 45th president was accused of being an antisemite although his son-in-law is Jewish, and his daughter is Jewish now. And not only that, but he did more for Israel's security, safety, and wellbeing than any other president in the history of United States. So there stands a president that did so much for Israel, and he was accused of being an antisemite. *Then* there are those that are claiming that it's a "Jew coup" that basically plotted against him.

Then the problem, Mike, is when you take people such as the Rothschilds and others, and you emphasize their *Jewish* roots, *then* it's manipulative and deceptive. Why? Because they don't count themselves like that. They are globalists who are looking at things from a completely different perspective. They couldn't care less about this religion or that religion. For them, religion is just a tool to be able to control people. You need to understand that the globalist cabal is much bigger than just this Jewish family or that one. It's bigger than that. And there are more *non-Jewish* families there than the Jewish families there, just so you know. But my point is this, when you start emphasizing only the Jewish people, then you create a false narrative as if it's a Jewish plot. Okay? And then what do you do? You go to the American political system now, and you see some of the leaders of the Democratic party that are Jewish, and you say, "See? Look what they do." Okay? But at the same time, you ignore the fact, there is a *huge portion* in that party now that is super antisemitic and is very *jihadist* also. Let's face it, we all know what

I'm talking about. So, my point is this: If there was someone who was pro-Israel, pro-Jewish, and did things the right way, it was the 45th president.

JAN: Yes.

AMIR: And I will forever be grateful for what has been done for us. Unfortunately, things did not end up the way I wished they would, but God is in *full* control. And even what is happening now is Bible prophecy being fulfilled. So, I'm not concerned a bit, but what I'm trying to say is deception, deception, deception. The only way you can understand what the truth is, is not if you watch TV, not if you watch YouTube, not if you're all day on Facebook, but if you are more in the Bible. If you are in the scriptures, you understand the future of Israel. If you're in the scriptures, you understand the *heart of God* for Israel. If you're in the scriptures, you understand the *heart of Jesus* for Israel. If you're in the scriptures, you understand that God is not done with Israel. And if you are in the scriptures, you know that Israel will one day come to faith in Him and *will be saved* as Romans 11 says. You must be in the scriptures to get the right picture and *stay away* from those channels and those propagandas and sensationalists that are telling you all the other things because that's the problem: People are illiterate when it comes to the Bible, but they know everything about everything. They're all medical professors and doctors. They know everything about everything because they watch YouTube. Let's be a little bit more humble.

MIKE: Yeah, exactly.

JAN: That's a good summary.

MIKE: Amir, I got an email from somebody that had a list of quotes from the Talmud and the Zohar—just as you referred to the Zohar earlier—saying that Jews should kill Christians. I looked these up and not a single one was true. Somebody had cooked it from the social media world, just to your point, very sad. It then just increases antisemitism as if the Jews hate Christians.

Now Jan, Annalise asks this very good question. People in the forum generally really don't want to be antisemites. They're looking for some guidance. I'm going to ask you, Jan. Annalise asks, "How can we, as Christians, make people see that loving the Jewish people is loving God the Father?" They're looking for practical advice, do you have anything that comes to your mind?

JAN: Was Jesus Jewish or not? Hello?

AMIR, MIKE, PASTOR BARRY: [Laughter]

JAN: Do we need to go any further than that? We serve a Jewish Messiah who came to being in Israel, and who is going to rule and reign out of Jerusalem—not Oslo, Norway, and not Chicago, Illinois, but Jerusalem. Everything about Jesus and everything about the Bible is Jerusalem and is Jewish centric. To me, that's all that needs to be said. The millennial reign is going to be focused on Jerusalem and Israel and the whole Middle East. All that territory that was originally promised to Israel is going to be granted in the Millennial Kingdom. It's a Jewish Bible! How odd of God to choose the Jews, but not so odd as those who choose the Jewish God but *spurn* the Jews. And I think that's what we're talking about. God chose them. It's Christians, *some*, not those participating today, but *some* so-called Christians who come along and *spurn* the Jews, and it's *unthinkable*! It's *unthinkable* when you really put your mind to it!

MIKE: Very well put, Jan! Pastor Barry, here's a tough one. Samantha brings this to the table, and I know that you and Amir were commenting on antisemitism and having no room for that in a believer's heart. She says, "These so-called evangelical Christians who are antisemitic and anti-Zionist as well, are they apostate, and will this increase in the last days if they are?"

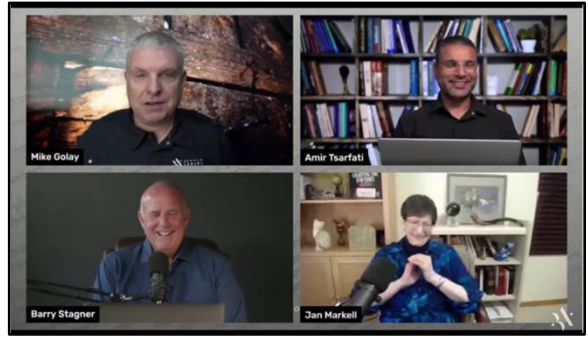
AMIR: (Jokingly) We want to know. We really want to know, please, Barry.

MIKE: Barry, the pressure is on you!

PASTOR BARRY: (Laughing) Did you say that's for Amir? Is that question for Amir?

MIKE: I would love to hear your thoughts on this as well, Amir. And Jan too! I mean this is a big question.

AMIR: (Smiling) Barry, would you elaborate on it, please?



PASTOR BARRY: Sure. It goes back to what we talked earlier about the Holy Spirit. There are certain things that the Spirit of God is *not* going to teach us, and He is going to teach us things that are consistent with His Word. This is the danger of the ignorance I was talking about before that Amir alluded to: If you don't know the Book, you're not going to know what's going on in the world and why certain people are acting in certain ways in these last days. And yes, *absolutely*, this is part of the defection from truth.

As Jan pointed out, this is a *Jewish* Bible and the authors were *Jews*, save Luke (except Luke), the whole of the Old Testament, all the history of Israel, the future of Israel, all the things that we study are centered on, [as] Arnold Fruchtenbaum wrote [in his] book called *ISRAELOLOGY: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology*, really everything, especially regarding the last days, rotates around the nation of Israel. As far as...I think the question then becomes “Was somebody being saved or not?” First of all, that's not up to us, we don't make that determination, and there are people who love God who make mistakes, who have wrong interpretations. But to say, “This is what the Bible teaches,” there I think you've crossed the line because the Bible does *not* teach that God has cast off His people forever.

As we talked about earlier, and as Jan just mentioned, the Millennium is going to be headquartered in *Jerusalem*. Jesus is returning, not to Mount Baldy in Southern California or Mount Kilimanjaro, He's returning to the Mount of Olives in *Israel*. Everything is central to the nation of Israel as it pertains to

eschatology. Again, there are certain things that the Holy Spirit is not going to teach us. And any of those things certainly would fall under the heading of conflicting with the written Word of God.

So, that's not for me to make a determination. That's not for any other human being to say what's going on in the heart of a person, but we also know that we're called to fruit inspect, and I don't think antisemitism is a *fruit* in the life of a born-again believer.

JAN: That's a good way of putting it.

AMIR: Amen! Amen!

JAN: Mike, could I just add that I think what made an impact a number of years ago? It would have been about 2004 or 2005 [when] Yasser Arafat tapped into all of this. He was lowered down I believe to the roof of the Church of the Nativity. I think that was supposed to be the Second Coming. He said that Jesus is a Palestinian, not a Jew. He influenced, he had charisma—sadly, demonic charisma—and he influenced a lot of denominations heavily, the liberal denominations, perhaps reformed theology, which is not kind to end times or Israel. But I remember when he did that. He was lowered from a helicopter onto the roof—the Second Coming apparently—and his message was “Jesus was a Palestinian, not a Jew.” And people bought into it! You talk about end time delusion! Good people bought into that, and deceived people bought into that.

AMIR: You know Reverend Jeremiah Wright? In a rally in Washington, DC, he said the same thing. He said Jesus was a Palestinian. You know, I've read the Bible quite a few times, and [sarcastically] I *really* searched hard to find the Palestinian background of Jesus, and I couldn't find it. Not only that He was circumcised on the eighth day, and that He was brought to the temple, and He was held by a priest there in the temple of the Jewish people, not only that he is of the tribe of Judah—He is the *Lion* of the Tribe of Judah—not only that... By the way, Mike, make no mistake, when the angel told Joseph and Mary to come back from Egypt, the angel said, “Take the kid and go back to the land of *Israel*.” That's what the

Greek and, of course, the Hebrew translations are: “Go back to the land of Israel.” The name Palestine only came to the world in the second century by Hadrian, the Caesar. It wasn't there in the first century.

PASTOR BARRY: It's not in the Bible...

AMIR: Exactly! There is the land of the Philistines, all of that, but Palestinians and Palestine does not exist in the time of the Bible, and it's not in the scriptures. No! Because a lot of people say, “Well, in the Old Testament it's Israel. In the New Testament, Jesus...oh it's Palestine.” No, it's not! The fact that some people in the back of your Bible wrote, “Palestine in the time of Jesus” on one of the maps is because this is an ancient map. The map goes back to before 1948 when the land was still called Palestine because that's how we called it for 1,800 years, but that doesn't change the fact that the biblical name was, is, and will remain *Israel*.

Remember in Psalm 83 when all of those nations came up against us to utterly destroy us in 1948. It was that the name of Israel would be remembered no more. They had a problem with David Ben-Gurion's proclamation of the name “Israel” back to the land. That was revolutionary! If David Ben-Gurion would have called it Palestine or some Timbuktu, they would have not done anything! That really angered the Enemy. The Enemy didn't like the fact that the name of Israel was being remembered again.

So much evil is going on around and so much satanic diabolical deception. Unfortunately, Christians, *of all people*, who should know the scriptures because not only that they have both the Old and the New Testament, but they've got to Holy Spirit! Look, without the Holy Spirit, you can have the Bible, you can have 10 volumes of the Bible, you can have 50 copies of the Bible, but without the Holy Spirit, you will never *understand* what God wants! Christians, of all people, have the Holy Spirit! And when you have the Holy Spirit, and you've got the Word of God, how can *you*, of all people, not see the heart of God, the Word of God, the promises of God, how can you be so *ignorant* and then separate modern-day Israel from biblical promises that were given to Israel in the times of the prophets and also by Jesus

Himself? So, you know, it's very sad, but we know the work of the Enemy and we know that He who is in us is greater than he, who is in this world. And we know that the end times are not going to be characterized with truth prevailing...

JAN: No. Deception.

AMIR: (Nodding) So, when you see all this deception, you are even *more* convinced how much you are at the very end.

MIKE: Yeah. Wow! This is a boatload of information, and I'm processing all of what everybody is saying here. I do want to recognize what Sherry says in the comments section: "Why do you think God gave us such genealogies in the Bible and history for the Jewish people? He knew what would happen in such a time as this, that the record had to be set straight of where the covenant line came through." I appreciate that, Sherry. That's kind of more of a comment than a question.

But let me jump back to Jan on this one. Donna is asking for clarity, okay? "My Jewish friend says they have a separate and more special relationship to God." Now, you're from a Jewish background, Jan, and a special understanding—of what non-Jews cannot understand—because you are Jewish. They don't eat pork; they observe other laws. "Is it true to say they have a more special relationship and are okay to follow Mosaic Law?" Being a Jew, Jan, does that give you any special connection to God? Now, Amir, you already covered a little bit about this in the intro when we talked about the tragedy. I want to hear from you, Jan, and so does Donna. Do you have a special *connection* because you're Jewish?

JAN: No.

MIKE: Well, you answered that pretty quick!

JAN: Everybody has the same connection, and it goes through Jesus Christ no matter what your heritage is. I don't think it matters. I think that I have a greater burden for the issues we're talking about and for the issues related to Israel, the Jewish people, eschatology, and end times not only because of my heritage,

but I've been to Israel six or seven times. If that *alone* doesn't put the love of Israel into your heart, *nothing* will. As Amir knows, it's all the pilgrims he's taken over there, their lives are changed! Why? Because they're in the land of the Bible. They're in the land of Jesus. They're in the land of the prophets. They're in the land of the apostles. They're in the land of the Bible. And for *any Christian*, I don't care what their background is, they're going to connect to all the things we're talking about, particularly if they could get to the land! And if I could encourage one thing in our time that's running out, please take that trip to Israel and your life will be transformed. I promise you. I don't care what your heritage is. Even if you're a *pagan*, I think you'll be affected by it!

MIKE: That's why we call ourselves, Behold Israel. We want people to see the prophetic significance of what God is doing in that country. Amir?

AMIR: **Malachi 3:6** is crucial: **“For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.”** You see, the fact that Israel is still here and the fact that they have survived all these attempts to destroy them and all these annihilations and the Holocaust, all of that, is because God is still on the throne, and He is the Lord. He does not change. He cannot change. You know, even if we are *faithless*, He is *faithful* because He cannot deny Himself the Bible says. So, you can clearly see that Israel's existence is sort of like the insurance policy for every Christian to know that God is the same God yesterday, today, and forever. He's a God that is keeping His covenant. I mean, if He somehow changed His mind about Israel, how much more He can change His mind about you? I mean, are you *that great* and *that perfect*? No, the one thing that made you perfect is Christ, the blood of Jesus. He can make *any* person in the world perfect.

I am working now on a message called “The Mystery of The Messiah,” the mystery that was kept hidden for ages, for generations, from Israel also, not just from the rest of the world—from Israel! And that mystery is that God is opening the doors for all the nations from all over the world to come. Israel

were the forerunners, through them He brought the belief in one God, through them He brought the Word of God, and through them He brought the Son of God. And now that the Son of God came, now the door is open for all people to come and accept Him. In Christ, there's no Jew, no Greek! In Christ. Unfortunately, there are some Jewish believers that believe that they know better because they are Jews. I don't think it's biblical. I think biblically, *in Christ*, there is no Jew nor Gentile, but *apart* from Christ the Jews are still special for what *God* did, is doing, and will be doing with them, not for anything else.

MIKE: For the covenant.

AMIR: Absolutely!! We just read Romans 9, and we understand how God is viewing them. But the minute you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, I am no different than you or Barry. You're not better than me, I'm not better than you. *In Christ*, there is no Jew and there is no Greek. And by the way, to the Jew first, maybe the blessings, *but also* if you read chapter two of Romans, also to the Jew first came the curses and afflictions.

MIKE: You get it all.

AMIR: That's a good thing. So, let's keep that.

JAN: But the replacement theology people do not want to take the curses. They only want the blessings—only wants the blessings! They pay no attention to the curses!

MIKE: Wow, Jan, that's a very powerful point.

AMIR: Let me, before we finish, Mike, if you put the slides that I kind of missed. Tomorrow, Israel will be marking a day of mourning. It doesn't happen that often; Israel will lower all our flags to half-mast to remember the 45 victims of the stampede tragedy, tomorrow.

Look at this! Arab towns offered food and drinks to the survivors and hundreds, if not, thousands of people were donating blood in Israel. Even our own Prime Minister who came to the scene to be briefed went to



the hospital, as you can see, and he donated blood for the people. Ladies and gentlemen, it was a tragedy that happened less than 48 hours ago. We will remember all of them tomorrow.



But please pray for the salvation of Israel. Pray for them to understand that in order to be intimate with God you need to solve first the sin problems in your life, and that is only through the finished work and the perfect shed blood of Jesus, nothing else. That's what Paul understood. Paul who persecuted the church, who spread havoc, and did horrible things, he understood, "Everything I thought I knew, every tradition, every Rabbinic sage, I count it as rubbish now." And so may we all understand that we need to pray for Israel. We cannot hate them; we cannot cancel them. God is still going to do great things in them, for them, and through them, but at the same time, there is no other way but through Jesus in order to come to the Lord. We need to pray for their eyes to be opened and for the salvation of Israel.

Mike, thank you very much. Thank you, guys, for a wonderful Roundtable. Jan, if you would honor us with a prayer as we conclude.

JAN: Okay. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the reminder that if You could forget Your people, Israel, You could forget the believer as well. But You're a covenant-making God and a covenant-keeping God. You keep Your covenant with Your two special people, the Jew and the Christian. Thank You for grafting the church in. We just pray You open their eyes to be lovers of Israel and not haters of Israel. And we thank You for the fact that many, many listening today and that will hear these words in the coming days

and weeks, do love Israel. We just pray their numbers increase. We pray a blessing on them for being a friend of the Jewish people and these ministries represented here. We ask these things in Yeshua's name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen, Amen. Folks, you can find Jan Markell on OliveTreeViews.org. Am I right?

JAN: OliveTreeViews.org. We're leaving Twitter, by the way. We're leaving Twitter, but we're on Gab. Find us on Gab and Facebook right now and Instagram, but we're leaving Twitter.

AMIR: Pastor Barry, where can we find you?

PASTOR BARRY: CCTustin.org is the church website, and you can find me on Instagram or Facebook, just under my name. YouTube as well.

JAN: Yes, and YouTube as well.

AMIR: BeholdIsrael.org is our website where you can also sign up for our newsletter every week, but also go to Behold Israel on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram as well. We're on Telegram *every day* for news, news, news, and updates. Telegram. Thank you *so much* for joining us today. Please share this to as many people as you can. Super important Roundtable today. Thank you, guys, for being with us. Until then, Shalom, and God bless from the Galilee from Israel.

JAN: Shalom.

PASTOR BARRY: Shalom.

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