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Q&A: SHOCKING Iran Deal, Major Prophecy Questions

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AMIR: Shalom and good evening from CONNECT in Galilee, in the Jezreel Valley in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati. Just got back from the Red Sea from the southernmost part of Israel where I visited my mom and made it right on time for this

very important Q&A. Lots of stuff to talk about. We are hours after the shocking declaration that the war in Iran is officially over and a deal was signed already. Apparently I just found out that it was signed electronically, and it will be signed manually in Geneva this Friday. Together with me is Pastor Barry Stagner and Pastor Mike Golay will moderate this Q&A. Shalom, Pastor Mike and Pastor Barry. How are you gentlemen?

BARRY: Shalom, Amir, doing well.

MIKE: Excellent.

AMIR: Good to see you. Good to see you both. We have a lot to talk about. I think, I'm not sure how to even approach this whole thing. I will be honest with you, none of us is surprised because of our dealing with Bible prophecy but at the same time, all of us are extremely disappointed and extremely alarmed by what we see. And this is it. It is what it is. You can't run away from reality. That's what we have, and we have to deal



with it. So, Pastor Barry, would you do us the honor and start with a prayer? And then we're going to dive right into this Q&A.

BARRY: Father, we are so grateful that You've told us the end from the beginning. As much as we feel the sorrow of this move made here in our country, we are thankful that You told us this was coming, and that all nations of the world would someday stand against Israel. But we thank You that the One who watches over Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. So, we thank You that we live in the times that we do, and know the things that we know, and that these things don't dash our hopes because our hope is in You. We pray that this time is an encouragement and instructive today. And we ask for Your anointing in Jesus' name. Amen.

MIKE: Amen. Amen.

AMIR: Amen. So, Pastor Mike, take the reins. And if you want to lay down the ground rules, then we can move on.

MIKE: Yeah, the ground rules are these: we'd love to hear your first name so we can address you and keep it personal. Secondly, this is a Q&A dedicated to Bible, Bible prophecy, the events of the Middle East. And surrounding all of these topics, we cannot answer 100% of the questions, but we'll do the best to keep the flow going. So, all questions, just write them down in the chat and then we have our team, which is grabbing them and then we can put them up on the screen. So the first one is Kathy. And let's just address what we say in English, "The elephant in the room," there's a few of these kinds of questions. Amir, I'm going to throw this one at you. "What does this 'agreement' mean for the poor people of Iran?" So that's part of this that a lot of people don't talk about like: What's their opinion? How do they feel about it? What are their hopes and dreams in this whole scenario? Can you speak to that?

AMIR: [Deep sigh] Yeah. Yes, I can. I just need to carefully choose my words.

MIKE: Fair enough.

AMIR: I think—I mean, I know a lot of Iranians. A lot of them write me. I’m talking about Iranians that live in Iran, Mike, not just Iranians that live elsewhere. And they feel betrayed. That’s the word. They are beyond shocked. At first they thought it’s just a strategy of the president to eventually cause the IRGC to make mistakes, and then go all the way and hit them hard and then maybe even topple, oust them, or at least bring them all the way down on their knees and to accept all of his terms. And it appears as if it’s exactly the opposite. *He* agreed to all of their terms. And it is *shocking* that every single one of the things that he insisted on in the very beginning, the Qataris somehow managed to change his mind in order to reach a deal for the optics, for his 80th birthday. And then everything, everything, *every single thing* was done not according to what he said. So first... and I’m telling you what they’re telling me. I’m not even telling you my opinion. My opinion doesn’t even matter.

MIKE: Tell us what they’re saying. I mean, that’s what we want to know.

AMIR: Yeah, that’s my point. They’re saying this. It started with him telling them, “Help is on the way.” Then him telling them, “Go and take over your institutions.” Then him telling them, “It’s your time. Now it’s the time. I’m not like the others. I’m there to help you.” It continues with, “Stay home. We’re bombing right now. Stay home. When the time comes, we’re going to let you go out and take over.” And then it moved on to, “There’s going to be a ceasefire. And I will make sure that I’m strangling them, the IRGC, financially, so they will agree to all of my terms.” And they’re sending me, all of those Iranians, are sending me screenshots of the President’s tweets. And the one they just sent me a few minutes ago. “There will be no deal with Iran except unconditional surrender.” This is from March 6th. “Unconditional surrender, after that and the selection of a great and acceptable leader, we and many of our wonderful and very brave allies and

partners will work tirelessly to bring Iran back from the brink of destruction, making it economically bigger, and make Iran great again. Thank you for your attention.” So they’re sending me more, way more than that. They feel betrayed.

MIKE: So do they feel like a sense of betrayal then? Or what would you say?

AMIR: Mike, 40,000 to 50,000 people believed his words that help is on the way, so they went out. They were emboldened by him to go out.

MIKE: Because they thought he had their back...

AMIR: ...And then they were slaughtered by the thousands. And then they thought maybe it was worth it because now he’s going to bomb, and now he’s going to topple or at least cripple that regime to the point that they will completely surrender. None of that happened. In fact, the opposite happened. And they’re sending me things and they’re saying, “The IRGC is much stronger now. The IRGC is more emboldened and in fact, it’s like a wounded animal, it’s even more trying to avenge all that happened.” And they’re telling me also that Iran never had control over the Strait of Hormuz and now it does. Iran never had all the U.S. soldiers withdrawing from the area and now it will. Iran never had sanctions lifted for the past, I don’t know, 20-30 and now it will. They’re telling me that at the end, this deal is eventually causing a much stronger IRGC than they had before. And that’s why they’re so confused. They’re so hurt. They’re so angry. They’re so shocked. And again, I as a Bible teacher, I’m not surprised with what I see. We’ve been teaching about it forever. I’m talking about them and how they feel and what they write me. And it’s very, very sad.

MIKE: Yeah, well, then I say to the whole community watching and even those that are watching this after the live, take a moment right now and pray for the Iranian people. I’ll do that just for a few seconds. Lord, we pray for the Iranian people, lead and guide them, give them the courage, give them the wisdom to know how to handle the situation on the ground. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Next question, Pastor Barry, this is one of those question— that sanctified imagination that you're going to need; Steve's question—because it's kind of hypothetical—let's throw Steve's question up: "How can the exit..." Oh, sorry. No, it's not Steve. Rather, it is Julie. Julie's question: "With everything lining up so precisely regarding end-times prophecy,..." which Amir, you just alluded to, feeling, going through the feelings of this is very different from knowing it, "...what scenarios/God's interventions can you envision that could halt the continued progression towards imminent fulfillment?" In other words, is there anything that could slow down the inevitability? You know, like I think of Hezekiah's reforms, I think of Josiah's reforms, is there anything that comes to your mind that... I mean, how do you answer this question? Because we have the absolute will of God on one side, and then we have human will on the other side, and how the two move together. I mean, there will be an inevitability of prophecy, but is there something that could impact the progress? I don't know. I mean, what are your thoughts on that?

BARRY: Yeah, I don't think so, Mike. And I think that we have two places to stand in Scripture that tell us that things are in their final progression stage. And one is to mention in the preamble to the Olivet Discourse: "These are the beginning of sorrows." The word 'sorrows' could be translated as birth pangs. And I think most of us understand that when labor begins in earnest, there's no reversing it. It's going to come to its end, the natural course of things. And also, we have the rebirth of the nation of Israel, represented by the fig tree in the Olivet Discourse. And we're told that all the things contained in the Olivet Discourse then will happen within a generation when the branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, which pictures the rebirth and regathering of the Jewish people from around the world. Now, if you were to add to that something I just taught yesterday from 1 Timothy 4, verse 1, [paraphrased], "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times there'll be a defection from truth, people will fall away from the truth." And if you

consider the phrasing that's used there the latter times, it's different than what Hebrews 1:1 says that in the last days, God has spoken to us in His Son. There're different Greek words used between the last days and the latter days. And so what that implies is that in the latter part of the last days, there'll be this mass defection from truth in the church. People will turn aside and turn to doctrines of demons. And the other things we see happening today.

So here we've got Israel is aging. We've got the birth-pang-like progression of things that are happening around the world, the natural course of life things, earthquakes, pestilence, famines, distress of nations, wars and rumors of wars are getting more and more frequent and intense, just like birth pangs. And then you've got this mass defection from the truth in the church, the truth being replaced with doctrines of demons. Mike, there has to come a point at some time in church history where we've reached or breached the point of no return. And I believe that we have reached that place where these things are now irreversible, they're too far advanced.

Back in 1991 with the Gulf War and Saddam Hussein and all that, it was kind of interesting because, because something was happening in the Middle East, churches were packed. Our church, there were people seated down the aisles, it's a big sanctuary, but people were on the floor throughout the front of the sanctuary, up the aisles and all that. And I remember thinking back then that if this doesn't continue to advance, there's going to be a reversal, and people are going to kind of have a ho-hum attitude towards anything that happens that is prophecy related. And we're seeing that today, people are buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage, just like Noah's days. And there's an indifference to the impending signs of judgment that are all around us.

So no, I don't think there's any scenario that's going to slow down what God has spoken. And I think, again, we have to remember that God in His sovereignty, this is not a prediction that human involvement can reverse. It's the sovereign will of God, its history stated in advance. And

when God said it's going to happen, nothing can stop it. And I think we've reached that irreversible place. And just the other day, I told the church yesterday, because of the things that went on here in California regarding the elections, paired with the things happening with this agreement with Iran, I had just a feeling in my heart, "Lord, come get us." And man, my spirit just leapt in my heart. And I felt very strongly, soon and very soon, we're going to see the King.

MIKE: Yeah, things are getting out of control. Things are being encouraged to be out of control. Sheer lawlessness, which is, of course, one of the markers. Let's go to the next question. Again, part of the elephant in the room, I chose this question, Danny, because I think a lot of people that are watching this didn't get the update on Telegram or didn't see Amir's video from yesterday. So Danny is asking, "Can you clarify your role in the Telegram channel? It was our most reliable and trusted source." which we're really happy to hear that, Danny. Thank you. "...Will you be posting but not as often, or only major updates?"

AMIR: First of all, I addressed on Telegram the whole new direction that I want to take this channel to.

MIKE: And it is pinned, so you can read that, Danny.

AMIR: Correct. And I also gave a whole update yesterday about the reasons for it. Look, Mike, I've been doing this for almost six years. I started this Telegram channel when X, what used to be Twitter...

MIKE: Yeah, I remember those days.

AMIR: Yeah, you were with me right after January 6. I got to California January 7 or 8 of 2021. And I realized that all the conservative accounts on Twitter were slaughtered by their algorithm. And I just left, and I started the Telegram channel because Telegram is not being censored. And that's the idea. I started posting news. It grew bigger and bigger and by the time we got to October

7th, that's when it really exploded. And throughout the campaigns, ever since October 7th, campaigns in Gaza, in Lebanon, in Syria, and in Iran, it got bigger and bigger and bigger. And events were like literally happening every minute, not even every hour. And throughout the whole process, I found myself investing more time in this than in any other thing. And you have to understand, as much as I want to report news, that's not my life calling only. I mean, I want to teach the Word. I want to advocate for Israel. I want to teach people the Bible and Israel in the Bible and Bible prophecy. And that's what we write books about. That's where Barry and I are traveling and teaching all around the world. We don't travel and teach news. We travel and teach Bible. And that's the primary calling that I have on my life. And I realize that this whole thing is literally becoming almost like a fire that consumes me. And then I also saw that it exhausts me emotionally. Because when I report, I also see things happening, and I'm like, I'm obviously having my emotions involved in the way I report things. And it had gotten to the point, and that was to the best of my knowledge, that was Thursday, when I realized that this whole [President Trump] "I'm going to bomb Iran tomorrow. And if not, then I'll bomb them the day after tomorrow. And we're going to take over the island of Kharg." And all of that was just a smoke screen for just closing the deal behind the back of everybody. The Qataris were working extra hours to deceive everybody, pay off everybody. And then I realized, it got to the point when I realized I am *so* disgusted, angry, and bitter that I saw—and the Lord really convicted me—I saw that the bitterness is like an infection that causes others to be infected by also, not intentionally, but by me. Unintentionally, the way I report, and the way I write, and the way I see things eventually causes anxiety and anger and bitterness in hundreds of thousands of people. And this is where I had to make this—This is where I had to say, "No more." [Hand gesture: Like an ax drawing down] I had to draw the line. So first I felt like, "You know what..." And I've been praying about it. You know

I've been praying about it for more than a year and I told you guys, this is eating me. I don't sleep well. I have my phone on me when I sleep. I have my phone on me when I'm in the shower. I have my phone on me when I travel.

MIKE: Yeah, it wasn't healthy.

AMIR: It wasn't healthy. And I was looking for help. I couldn't find someone because it takes someone that is very, very much into knowing the sources, knowing what to post, how to post, when to post, verifying things, understanding the culture, living here, understanding who says what and why, and all of that. You can't find that just like that. [Gesture: Finger snap] So we even interviewed a few, and we couldn't find them.

So bottom line is I knew that I have to make a decision. I needed to take some time. But I didn't need more than a few hours to know that this is it. This is the point where I have to say goodbye, and move to a much more balanced way of reporting news for me and for everyone else. And that's our weekly program with Pastor Barry when we do *MidEast and Beyond*, sometimes breaking news and throughout our newsletter. And the Telegram channel will stay. And if there are major things, I'm definitely going to write them. I'm not boycotting it. This is my channel. But at the same time, you will no longer see there are 24/7 updates because this is it. I can tell you I've received two types of responses. One type is those people who think that I work for them. It's funny. It's a free Telegram channel. There's no subscription. They don't pay for the news. And yet they were angry as if I owe them something, and I walk away from something that they signed up for. And so they wrote *nasty* things. But to be honest, most of the comments were actually very positive. And some of them confirmed what I had in my heart. They confirmed that many times the way they felt when they read the news was also they had anxiety and fear and they felt bitterness. And I guess it's, unintentionally, I imparted my feelings onto them. And this is what I wanted to

avoid. Mike, I love my country. I want to tell people. I advocate for this country. We will give them news, but it won't be the way it was because you won't see me for too long. I had to make that decision. That choice was not easy. And the decision has been made. And we're moving forward.

MIKE: I like it because the Telegram is expanding to more of a ministry and more of a teaching and more of a resource channel. News will continue, but not in the *frequency* that it was. And this guards all of our emotions. It's balanced. It was generated by God. And newsletter, Middle East and Beyond updates, breaking news... I think it's a win-win. Danny, that's the reason why. And I would say this—thank you for being so candid and honest, Amir—if you love the channel and you love Amir or even us, pray for the balance and the wisdom for good ministry when we have to make hard decisions of where to spend an amount of time here, or spend time there. We are human beings. We can only do so much. And this is true of anybody out there doing the same thing. So thank you for that answer, Amir. Let's move to Alice's question, Pastor Barry.

BARRY: Hey, Mike, can I jump in really quick?

MIKE: Yes, please do.

BARRY: Yeah, you know, I think these recent turn of events kind of underscores the point because one, when you look to the news, you're looking to the reporting done by questionable sources and things will shift, things will change, lies will be told, deceptions will be made. And you get everybody in a huff over something that was said or done and then find out later that there was actually something else that was going on behind the scenes, much like we have seen now. But that's never true of the Bible. When you focus on the Word of God, every word of God is pure, it's true, it's steadfast in the heavens and therefore that is the most reliable source of current events that we can find. And so, Amir has made a sound, and I believe inspired decision to change

direction in the sense of not being over focused on this and taking his time and wearing him out. He's got enough things on his plate. So again, I just think it's a very, very wise decision, and nobody should be wagging their finger as though they've been robbed. This is, I believe, from the Lord. We've had conversations, Amir and I, as I know you have too, Mike, with the amount of effort it takes to keep that channel fed around the clock. And the answer is too much for one person. No question about it.

MIKE: Yeah. Well, folks, you're going to love the upgrade in Telegram. And I might say if you, I challenge anybody to join that channel and look over the last 48 hours, Amir is actually putting more linkage with the events and Bible prophecy. So again, we talk about the absolutes and Pastor Barry addressed the inevitability of Scripture, but a lot of people are unaware of what the Bible says about the times. And so that's one of our primary tasks to get that to you. So are you ready for the next question, Pastor Barry? Alice.

BARRY: Bring it on.

MIKE: Thank you, Alice, for this question. "Is there any way that this 'deal'..." or MOU really is what it is, a memorandum of understanding, "...is a setup for an invasion of Iran and takeover of Hezbollah, and free Lebanon and Gaza?" What is your take on the immediate aftermath of the MOU regionally, Pastor Barry, from your perspective?

BARRY: Well, this has been one of the mysteries about this whole thing. And the conversations early on when the US got involved and Israel was already defending herself against the Iranian attacks, and all the other things that were happening in Gaza was what if there is a regime change? What's going to happen then? We do know Ezekiel makes it very clear that Persia, Iran, is going to be involved in the drawing down by God from the north to invade Israel. And we know that no nation is going to be involved in the realm of protecting Israel, even though there will be some

protests from the Arab Gulf states. And so the question was: “What in the world is going to happen? How will this play out?” Because God’s Word, as I said, stands fast in the heavens and it’s going to happen. So I really don’t think that this deal is any kind of setup. I think it’s a grievous error. I think it’s more in line with what the Bible says is going to happen in Zechariah 12:3 that all the nations of the earth are going to find Jerusalem, the Jewish people, and Israel, to be a burdensome stone. And the whole world is going to be gathered against it. And so we’ve had this shift, even with whether Netanyahu and Trump agree on everything, they don’t have to. But Trump, like they making this decision that he’s made, he may on the surface say, you know, we’re still behind Israel and all that. But this decision is that one of the biggest mysteries about this whole thing is that Israel didn’t even have a seat at the table when their nation was being negotiated for. So that’s really, I think, a great tragedy in this whole thing. But I don’t see this being any type of misdirect that opens the door for a boots on the ground invasion of Iran, Lebanon, and Gaza by the US or anybody else for that matter.

AMIR: And also, Mike, one of the things that I find... I would love to do more is encourage people to read the Bible, but also to read books that direct them to the Bible. And in my upcoming book, *The Elijah Mandate*, one of the chapters, I’m talking about how King Ahab was supposed to fight the king of Aram, King Ben Hadad II, and how he eventually spared his life and became his buddy. And that king turned around and tried to kill Ahab. And the reason why I’m saying that is this is where a prophet of God, this is where—and again, *The Elijah Mandate*, if you have, guys, I really encourage you to get that book. This book is so relevant for today. And ever since I got back from London recording the audio book, I can’t let it out of my mind. Because I see everyday things happening in the news that are so relevant to this book. I mean, think about the IRGC are, instead of being smacked and destroyed, they’re being now honored and given a lifeline. And you

know they want to destroy America. You know this is the wrong thing to do. And by the way, Elijah rebuked Ahab for doing that. He rebuked him. And so here we are. We're seeing things like that. And you know that there's a lot of it has to do with ego, a lot of it has to do with false understanding of reality. And a lot of it—And yet you have the clear, bold, very, very courageous thing to do that God is saying that's what has to be done. And I think that in days and era of so much confusion, deception, weakness, and people want only the optics of things, but they don't care about the details. They don't care about the—I don't know if you know that, a lot of people don't know that, but I'll tell you something now that it might shock you. The IRGC hates America so much and hates Trump so much that they waited until it was already after midnight in Iran to approve the deal so it will not be on Trump's birthday. And it worked fine for him (Trump) because in America it was still his birthday. So he could announce it. But for them, God forbid it will be a present for him, a birthday present for him and he will announce it... That's how much they hate America. That even was so important for them. And again, I see so much of what we had before in the past, in the biblical times and how God was very clear. God is very clear about those things. And we see leaders behave the same exact way even nowadays. So again, if you guys want to help us get this book out, *The Elijah Mandate*, please pre-order it. Not only for yourself, for your family, friends. This is, wow, it'll really give you an amazing perspective and a calling for a courageous stand in this era of so much weakness and deception.

MIKE: Yeah, thank you. Thank you for that, Amir. Let's talk really quick about Kay's question. This whole China component. I want to hear both of you on this one. We'll start with you, Pastor Barry. I want to hear what Amir has to say because you've been posting a lot about this and talking a lot about it. "I feel like China had a big role in this deal. Where is China in Bible prophecy?" Pastor Barry, and then Amir, I wanted to hear what you have to say too.

BARRY: Well, there is no mention of China directly in Bible prophecy. There's no mention of the United States. We find nations mentioned in relation to their aggression or activities in relation to the nation of Israel. But I think China definitely had an influence in this. You saw a major turn in the attitude of the president after his visit with Xi and watching things begin to kind of reverse themselves. And I'm sure that there was some pretty strong language, and Trump had an agenda in his journey there. His hope was to come away with some money in the pocket, some good trade deals. And China had a few weapons in their own pocket. And the threat of invading Taiwan and things of that nature, and a wider global conflict were probably held over the head of the president. And he has, without question, got to have the future in mind of the Republican Party and its involvement, not only in Pennsylvania Avenue, but in administrations throughout the whole of the 50 states, and wanting to kind of reverse the impact that has been had already via the gas prices. These kind of things, I don't think everybody recognizes, except at the store when the final total comes up, the impact that high gas prices has because it involves transportation and goods to market and all these things. So, when you've got a bad economy, you've got a president and a party that's most likely on their way out, so I think that China had that influence without question over the president. And we see the response that he has made upon the end of the visit and his return home. But as far as being named in Bible prophecy, there's no mention of China. And as I said, there's no mention of most countries except regarding their relation with the nation of Israel.

MIKE: Oh, okay. So, Amir, so China's not in Bible prophecy. What evidence have you found that point to what they talked about in that China visit? And how is it going to impact?

AMIR: You know, and Pastor Barry knows, that I've been talking about how changed and different Trump was since he came back from China.

MIKE: Since that meeting, yeah.

AMIR: I told you that and I sensed that and I knew that something was said to him there. And I want to read to you the analysis that I posted today, which is extremely important, I think. It says the following thing. It says, “Trump arrived in China after not meeting President Xi for nine years. Over the previous year, he had reshaped the global economic landscape through tariffs, supply chains, and trade routes in an effort to reduce China’s dominance, and push it into a corner. He had even postponed the visit for a month because of the operation against Iran. However, Trump arrived in Beijing in a weaker position than he had planned. He had hoped to come as the victor over Iran and force China to accept new trade oversight mechanisms, agreements on rare earth minerals, and AI cooperation that would secure American leadership of the global economy. But the Chinese did not cooperate. Instead, they threatened escalation and even the possibility of a wider global conflict, particularly through pressure on Taiwan. They were also deeply concerned about the loss of cheap Iranian oil supplies that the United States had disrupted. As is often the case between great powers, the talks did not collapse. Some significant deals were reached—most notably Boeing’s sale of 200 aircraft to China. But the joint statement was remarkably brief, containing only one key sentence: “The Strait of Hormuz must remain open to free navigation, and Iran must not possess nuclear weapons.” Those are precisely the same principles that now define the agreement with Iran. Trump is persistent and determined to continue building what he sees as a new global order under American economic leadership. After encountering Chinese resistance to broader agreements, he may have settled for a simpler bargain: oil in exchange for a non-nuclear Iran. Like a businessman honoring a deal, he returned determined to fulfill his part of the bargain. From that perspective, everything became acceptable: pressuring Israel to lower its profile, allowing Qataris, Pakistanis, and Saudis to serve as mediators, and bringing in J.D. Vance—whom the Iranians and Pakistanis reportedly trust more than Rubio or Witkoff. The overriding objective

was simply to secure signatures and an agreement. So, if this theory is correct—and if Trump did not simply turn against Israel in favor of Qatar and Pakistan—then Iran itself is not his primary concern, despite the fact that it allegedly tried to assassinate him only two years ago.” Anyway, basically, the Chinese threatened to invade Taiwan. And I believe that he got back determined at all costs—and we saw it. We saw it. He didn’t care. At all costs, no matter what, against his own advice in his own book, *The Art of the Deal*, which he wrote in 1987, which in his own book says, “Never, ever show that you are so eager to close a deal. Don’t ever do that.” Well, that’s what he did. That’s what he did.

BARRY: Hey, Mike, let me throw some notes in really quick, because we often have the question about the kings of the east in Revelation chapter 16, where Euphrates River dried up and people believe that that’s speaking about China. But one of the things we have to remember is, one, we don’t need rivers to dry up in this age of mechanized warfare and drone warfare and all the other things we see. So obviously, this is part of what goes on late in the tribulation period, where it’d be more of a foot soldier type of thing that is in view there when the kings of the east invade Israel after the Euphrates River is dried up. But the thing I think we have to remember is that the kings of the earth, kings of the east, is most likely a reference to the ancient enemies of Israel who dwell in places like Mesopotamia, which is the other side of the Euphrates River, because the Euphrates River is 3,500 miles from China. It doesn’t make any sense for the Bible to be talking about a 3,500-mile march to cross the dried-up Euphrates River. And that would take ages to march that kind of distance, even for the Roman army, which was known to march on its legs of iron. So I don’t think the kings of the east is a reference to China at all. I think it’s a reference to the ancient enemies of Israel who have long harassed her and will do so in the end.

MIKE: Yeah, well, even in English we call it the Far East and biblically they normally looked at locale. So I support that answer. Thank you for that clarification. Let me move back to Amir with Shannon's question, and then I want to hear from you, Pastor Barry, on this one as well. "How should American believers who support Israel handle the trajectory of our government's attitude towards Israel? I'm concerned about God's judgment on America and how to support Israel practically." Look Shannon, these are good... so you sense the biblical tension, and you're humble enough to come forward and ask our advice, how you should integrate all of this information, Bible truth, the US government, injustice in the Middle East. Amir, I mean you made the hard decision to transform the Telegram channel, so inside your heart you're being shaped and molded by God. What advice would you give to everyone of the rest of us, really, how we should view this? You're on this journey, share what you believe to be the non-negotiables, and how we should view our governments from the lens of Scripture.

AMIR: Look, I did post about that today. I posted that there are two truths that we have to remember. One, Persia is going to come against Israel. It will join the coalition. Two, America will not be there for Israel. America will not be there for Israel. No one is going to be there for Israel. So when you take those two as it has to happen, you understand that basically what we see today makes sense. [MIKE: "Sure does."] So now, look, we may not know exactly... we don't know exactly... Okay, so when the Bible gives us things, it gives us dots or anchors. I call them anchors. Now, what is it exactly between? We don't know exactly. Well there's a war in Ukraine. There's a war in Korea. There's a war here. We don't know what's going to happen, but we know one thing: We know that this will happen, and this will happen, for this to happen. So obviously, America will no longer stand by Israel. Obviously, America may not even be a superpower that can help Israel. And obviously, the evil regime in Iran will still stay there in power in order to

come against Israel in the near future. And by the way, Lord, I mean, Winston Churchill wrote in, I think it was either August or September of 1938, he wrote to his good friend, Lord Moyne, that “I have a bleak suspicion that we’re about to have to choose between shame and war. And I believe I think we’re going to choose shame and then war will be thrown at our doorposts in much more adverse terms.” And I think America chose shame because it’s a shameful thing to deal with the IRGC. And war will come in a much more adverse terms. And that’s the Ezekiel War. So, the agreement with the IRGC is worth nothing. Iran will come against Israel. Iran may not be able to do it alone. That’s why it will join a coalition. But it’s clear.

MIKE: Those are your dots.

AMIR: Now, now, now, put those things aside. Wait a minute. Put those things aside and ask yourself now the whole thing about judgment. Okay? God is going to judge any nation that will come against Israel, especially in the tribulation. But you can tell that hurting the people of Israel and dividing the land of Israel is something God does not allow nations to do. Okay? So all nations will have to be brought down and be judged for that. America is not exempt from it. I think that as long as America was standing with Israel, America saw the good hand of God. I think that the rise of America to a superpower status is because of that. That’s my opinion. You may not agree. But I think that ever since the British turned their back to the Jewish people, they went down. And ever since America tied its destiny with the people of Israel, it went up. And it’s obvious to me that this connection is spiritual in nature, is biblical in nature, and when you cut it, there’re always consequences. And as believers, we have to always pray for our leaders. As believers, we have to pray for our nation. And as believers, we want, at least we want to do the right thing. And do not grow weary in doing good for in due time you will reap. (Galatians 6:9) And so the Bible is clearly telling us...Yeah. So we have to do the right thing ourselves. We have to pray for our leaders to do

the right thing. And we have to pray for our nation to stay on course. And so the Holy Spirit must have told Shannon that this is something that is important to pray for and pray about and to intercede.

MIKE: Yeah, Shannon, I think you raise a question that all of us should be asking for ourselves. Pastor Barry, how would you answer Shannon's question?

BARRY: Well, the first thing that came to mind was Genesis chapter 18, when God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham said: "Would not the judge of all the earth do right? Would you destroy the righteous with the wicked?" And I think if we pair that with the fact that Lot was removed from God's wrath, and he's called righteous Lot, which is a bit of a surprise, I think. And also we know that Noah was lifted above God's global wrath, which I think is a picture of the rapture of the church. And one of the things I think we need to recognize, what Amir pointed out, is that the judgment of God on the whole of the world, at least in the cataclysmic wrath sense, is going to happen after the church is removed. So as we're seeing the US turned in the direction that it is, we have to remember that God is just and He doesn't destroy the righteous with the wicked. He allows us to go through tribulation. And in this life we will have tribulation, but the church, those made righteous in Christ, will never encounter the wrath of Almighty God. That has been paid for on the cross of Christ when Christ died for the sins of the whole world. And as many as received Him, they were given the right to become the sons and daughters of God.

And so I think we ought to be living in expectation and anticipation of the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. And I think this expectation should lead to a sense of desperation for those who are without Christ around us and that we should be telling people about the way of escape through the person of Christ, to not just escape the tribulation, but to escape eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. I think ought to burden our hearts for

those who are perishing around us, and give us the motivation to go out and tell people about Jesus. We're not going to see the wrath of God. That just doesn't float. We have biblical precedent in the Old Testament age of God establishing that pattern to remove the righteous or lift them up above His wrath. And we can't, or the world won't see the lawless one revealed until the hindering force of the Holy Spirit through the church is taken out of the way. And that can only be through one vehicle, and that's the rapture of the church. So it is late in the game, so to speak. And I believe with all my heart that we should expect the Lord to come get us at any moment.

MIKE: Well, speaking of that last question, Amir. Dan's, Dan's, let's throw up Dan's question. "How confident are you all that the rapture will happen in your lifetime?" Really our lifetime, how confident are you?

AMIR: Confidence wise, 100%.

MIKE: Oh.

AMIR: No, I'm not a, I'm not a prophet. I come from a nonprofit organization, as you know.

[ALL: Smiling at joke]

MIKE: Fair enough.

AMIR: We teach Bible prophecy, but every single one of the things that are to be indicators to the lateness of the hour is here. Not only that, I can feel it. I can sense it. We have the Holy Spirit in us. Now, is it going to be tomorrow, in two hours, in two months, in 10 years? I cannot tell you that. I can't tell you that. But I'm asking you, I'm asking you, how long do you think the situation in the Middle East can last like this? How long do you think before America is going to step down from world dominance, and Russia and Turkey...? And I mean, you see how the Turkish president is speaking now already. You see the IRGC now. You see the Russians now. You see America is falling apart from within right now. You see everything that we see in regards to a major event

such as the Ezekiel War is already there. And we know exactly that at some point, either right before or throughout that war, we're out of here. And God is going to have a major victory. And the Antichrist will then step into the platform of our world and introduce that peace, that pseudo-peace with the temple in Jerusalem, all of the whole thing. So I'm just saying, as we all see Christmas lights in mid-November, we know that....

BARRY: ...Thanksgiving is near.

AMIR: Amen.

MIKE: Christmas is on—So, birth pangs. Pastor Barry, is that going to happen in our lifetime? Sorry, Amir, sorry. [Talking over Amir]

BARRY: Yeah, I think the likelihood is there. I think Mike, what Amir said, the evidence is overwhelming. And that would include the indifference to the impending signs of judgment I mentioned a moment ago. Because the truth of the matter is in the world today, there are—some of this is just put on the birth certificate—there's 2.42 billion Christians. And according to, I believe it was Pew Research who put out that statistics, 6.6% of the 2.42 billion Christians believe in the rapture of the church. And I think this is important because Jesus said in Matthew 24:44 that He's coming at an hour that you do not expect. And the Greek word translated "expect" can mean "think." In other words, Jesus said, I'm coming when people don't think I am. And that number 6.6% of 2.42 billion translates to 159 million.

MIKE: You've done the calculations.

BARRY: So, out of 2.42 billion Christians, 159 million believe in the rapture of the church. So I would say we are living in a time of low expectation of His return to meet the church in the air forever be with the Lord. So I think coupled with all the other things that Amir shared and we

talked about earlier, I think we absolutely should at some point in time in the near future, meet the Lord in the air with the dead in Christ and forever be with the Lord.

AMIR: Amen.

MIKE: Wow. Wow. That's all we have time for, gentlemen.

AMIR: Yeah, let's remind people there's still room for people to join us for the teaching of the book of Ezekiel on board our Norwegian Fjords cruise. Pastor Barry and I will teach from *Exploring Ezekiel*. Just like we do with Revelation and Daniel, it's going to be the first *Exploring Ezekiel* conference on board Holland America cruise in the Norwegian Fjords. So a few spots are left, please, if you want to join us. And again, subscribe to our newsletter if you haven't done so. This is extremely important if you want to stay up to date with both ministry and news. It's a good way to do that. And if you want to support our ministry, again, you can follow us on, of course, YouTube, both Barry's channel and our channel. But guys, if you want to support the ministry Behold Israel, then go ahead and go to our website, BeholdIsrael.org, or just scan this QR code.

Thank you for watching this Q&A please share it with as many people as you can. We love you. Please pray for Israel, pray for America, pray for our leaders, and pray that many people will be drawn to believe as they see the days approaching and the lateness of the hour. And in the meantime we need to redeem the time for the days are indeed evil. Thank you Pastor Barry, thank you Pastor Mike, and thank you everyone for watching. God bless you and Shalom from Galilee

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