



Amir Tsarfati

Q&A: Pastors Barry Stagner & Mike Golay

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AMIR: Shalom and good evening from CONNECT in Galilee in the Jezreel Valley in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and this is one more *Q&A* with Pastor Barry Stagner on the other side of the globe, and Pastor Mike Golay who joined us here at

CONNECT. In fact, CONNECT is right behind you Mike, you're just in another room in our studios. Shalom.

MIKE: That's right. I'm just in the conference room and you're behind me off to my right.

AMIR: I think people can see there's a light over there. Yes. Pastor Barry, Shalom. How are you my friend?

BARRY: Shalom to you. I'm doing well, thank you. Good to see you.

AMIR: I hope you had a good Thanksgiving weekend. You look pretty satisfied.

BARRY: I'm well fed. No question about it. Had a great time. It's always good to have your family in your home.

AMIR: It is. Well, tomorrow is a big day for you and I. Tomorrow we have the launch day of our very highly anticipated—You see that book right behind me? A 365-day devotional book *Until He Comes*. We are praying and hoping for a successful launch week, a week that starts tomorrow and ends Friday, midnight eastern time. And that week will determine if all in all the pre-



orders made it to the level where the big stores are going to have it in their brick-and-mortar store shelves. So do you have anything to say, Barry?

BARRY: Yeah Amir, it's kind of interesting to follow how this book has been doing and both of us have written numerous books, and usually it's a pretty intense time of preparation and just putting a book together. But this one took seven years. And then after that when we presented the idea to the publisher all of these devotions had to be reduced down to 330 words to make it an easy read for every day. But the reception thus far has just been phenomenal for a devotion. So we really would appreciate everybody helping us push this over the top because this thing needs to be sitting on the shelf at Target and Walmart and Barnes and Noble because this is kind of a unique devotional in that it's 365 devotions based on the nation of Israel and Bible prophecy which needs to be heard today.

AMIR: Yeah. So, we are extremely excited about tomorrow and in prayer that again for us what we want to see is people holding it, reading it, and being blessed by it. And again our heart is also for many non-believers to be able to see it, grab it, and take a look. And that's, I mean these people will not walk into Christian bookstores to begin with. So that's why we fight so hard on a good performance of pre-sales. So those big stores will see that this book has a lot of interest, and they will have it in their store. So yeah.

Pastor Mike Golay. How are you, my friend? It's also a very interesting time for our ministry. We are also having our sign up for the Alaska cruise this next July, which will be very



unique and phenomenal. The biggest ship, the newest ship of Celebrity Cruises where we're going to not only have four speakers on free topics on Bible prophecy, surrounding the soon return of the

Lord, but also we're going to have time of good worship, and Q&A, and Pastor Barry and I will give a live MidEast & Beyond update from the stage of the theater of that ship. So a lot of stuff. So if people want to of course sign up, this is the right time. It's also a year-end. Mike, am I right?

MIKE: It is. It's the only time where we really ask people for donations. We're not a ministry that is constantly asking, but at the year-end we ask after you've given to your local church, consider, prayerfully consider, a gift to Behold Israel. And you can see there the QR code. There are many fake sites, beholdisrael.org which is this QR code which will bring you to beholdisrael.org, is the only authentic place to give. And so we have a lot of initiatives Amir, next year, more aggressive speaking. We do not ask anyone or require anyone to give an honorarium. We travel to places that the Lord leads and we assume when we go, just like the Apostle Paul, that He will take care of all of our needs. And all of those needs that are generally met are from generous souls of wonderful, beautiful people like you watching this. And so you can expect many of you probably have heard from me, that's a legit email that I sent each one of you or a letter with my own signature that those are legit in some of the communications that we're sending out. So Amir. Yeah, this is the year-end and we're pushing to try to fund a large part or even all of next year.

AMIR: Well, thank you. I think it's time for us to start. Pastor Barry, would you do us the honor and start with a prayer, and then we'll jump straight into questions regarding current events and Bible prophecy.

BARRY: Absolutely. And Lord, we are so grateful again for Your Word as we pray every time and we thank You that it's not just a book of information, but it's a book of answers. And we thank You when we go there, we can find a present help in time of need, we can be equipped for the work of ministry. And Lord, I pray that You give each of us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying.

And that which is spoken would be of You and from Your Word. And so we ask now Your help in this time. In Jesus' name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen. Amen. All right, Michael, what do we have today? There's a lot going on.

MIKE: There's a lot going on. There's a lot of different kinds of questions that are already submitted. It works best, folks, if you give us your first name and then the question, the ones that we're actually filtering, the ones that have to do with Bible prophecy, general Bible questions, and questions surrounding the geopolitical situation of Israel. And we certainly have plenty of those coming in. So, gentlemen, are you ready?

Let's put Danny's question up there. And I'm going to start with you, Pastor Barry, on this one. We get a lot of questions about the timing of the rapture, second coming, and so on. And so, Danny is asking: "Are we running out of time for the rapture to happen? Isn't the second coming supposed to happen 2,000 years after his death in 32 AD, and the rapture seven years before that?" Okay, so Danny mentioned some metrics here Pastor Barry, can you guide us through the timeline here?

BARRY: Well, there's a series of questions there. Let me answer the first one. First, are we running out of time for the rapture? Absolutely. Every day that passes, we're closer to it than we were the day before. And I believe we are at the season where Israel is back in the land. Things are as they were in the days of Noah. And so we should live expectantly for the rapture of the church, more so each and every day when it passes.

Now, the question about isn't it supposed to be 2,000 years after the death of Christ in 32 AD? And that's a misunderstanding of what Peter wrote about to the Lord, a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years a day. That's not giving you an equation. What that is saying is that God dwells outside of time. Time is irrelevant to Him, and it's going to be irrelevant to us once

we arrive in the New Jerusalem, because there's no night there. There's no night-day cycle. The Lamb is the light of the New Jerusalem, and that we'll forever be with the Lord. So the Lord wasn't trying to give us a way to figure out when the rapture is through Peter, when that statement was made. But that's a common—I think many people have that from Adam to Noah was 2,000 years. Actually, it was closer to 1,500, 1,600. And then 2,000 years from Noah to Jesus and then 2,000 years from Jesus' death to the rapture. We don't find that supported in Scripture anywhere. And again, it's the misappropriation of what Peter talked about, about how God dwells outside of time. So I think we should absolutely expect the rapture every single day, because every day is a possibility for it.

MIKE: Well, that's well said. Thank you for the clarity. Amir, anything to add on that?

AMIR: No, I think no one knows the day and the hour, which means no one knows the day and the hour. So we cannot calculate. We cannot take 2,000, add 32 and minus 7, all of that. This is not going to work. Nowhere in the Bible it talks about exactly 2,000 years, add seven, subtract five, add this, do that, 32 plus minus five, all of that. This is just speculations. We should live as if it can happen in a second, and at the same time plan, pray, and live life as if it can also happen 20 years from now. We should be ready at any given time. That's the difference, by the way, between people who believe in pre-tribulation [rapture] and those who believe in mid or post [rapture]. For us, it can happen tomorrow. So we need to be ready today. We don't have to—we don't have that “Oh, we still have to go through the seven years or the three and a half years.” So we have some wiggle room here and all of those things. No, no, no, no, no. We have to be ready at all times. Today is the day of salvation. And so it's great to—we are escapists. Yeah. We don't stay here, but at least we want to always be ready. Always be ready.

MIKE: Well, appreciate that answer. Which leads me to Patty's question. And we talk a lot about trumpets, and not all trumpets are the same, Patty.

AMIR: Correct.

MIKE: So, "When the trumpet sounds for the rapture, will non-believers hear it as well as believers? If we die before the rapture, do we go to heaven in spirit?" So, Amir, why don't you begin by addressing Patty's question.

AMIR: Well, first of all, I have a whole message on that. And it's about God's trumpets, basically. And I do believe with all of my heart, that when the Bible speaks of the rapture, it speaks of the trumpet of God, not the trumpet of men. You don't need people to blow the trumpet in synagogues for God to take us out of here. So it's important that we understand that when it comes to the trumpet of God and when there is a sign for the Lord to go and get us, this is in the heavenlies, and it's between us and Him, and it's a private event. And He's going to come *in* the clouds, not *on* or *with*. And we're going to go and be with Him, and it's a private event. We'll just disappear. So obviously people will not hear the trumpets. It's the trumpet of God basically declaring in the heavenly realm the arrival of us into heaven. That's what it's all about.

Whereas there are the trumpets of the tribulation judgment, and there's also the Feast of Trumpets. And these are completely different things from the trumpet of God that is described both, by the way, in 1 Corinthians 15, it speaks about that. And also it's very interesting because when John was called up in Revelation chapter 4, the Bible says that a voice like a trumpet, He heard a voice like a trumpet, and that's when he came up, which is an amazing picture. "Come up here." Exactly. So again, come up here. That means that's where the trumpet is, that's where the voice is. And it has nothing to do with dwellers of the earth. It has to do with us on our way to be heaven dwellers.

And that's the second thing that I see that the question is, "If we die before the rapture, do we go to heaven in spirit?" Absolutely because the body is still here. The body is still here, and the body one day will have to become a new one. Remember the Bible... But again, this is another, 1 Corinthians chapter 15. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom, and it cannot go to heaven. And in order—whether we are alive or we are dead already, we have to get new body in order to go up there. And the Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 4, that the dead in Christ will rise first and those that are alive—So the dead will receive new body and go up. Now, but again, remember, if the dead rises first with a new body, but his spirit is already up there, that explains to you why Christ is bringing all the people that are with Him from the four corners of the world *with* Him, so He brings their souls to unite with their new body that is coming now, and then they go to be with Him, with us also. So, yes...

MIKE: ...The dead believers get new bodies first, and then those who are alive get new bodies and their soul goes from the old body or their old body transforms into a new body.

AMIR: Yes. And so no matter what. Yes. If we die before the rapture, we go to heaven in spirit. Yes, absolutely.

BARRY: 2 Corinthians 5:8.

MIKE: Well, here is one, but I think this is an important one for both the United States and Israel. Pastor Barry, we'll start with you. Although the question is framed for Israel, we have this exact same issue going on. And it's Peter asking this question, "How is it possible for a free nation like Israel..." or the United States, Peter, let's be honest, "...to be held hostage by their own judicial branch?" Putting power in the judicial branch to get what the people want because the elected officials aren't doing the will of some of the people. How is that possible? And what's at stake, Pastor Barry, if we play around with these governmental lines?

BARRY: Well, Mike, that's a great question, because one of the things I think we need to keep in mind, when Paul was talking about the last days, perilous times coming, he mentioned there at the tail-end of the list, a very detailed list of human character flaws, that there would be people who are traitors, who would be betrayers of whatever each other in their own country. And this is one of the things I think that we need to recognize that here in the United States, I can certainly speak for our history. Initially when the Supreme Court was assembled, it was right next to the Senate, and that was speaking basically that they were under the guidance and direction and oversight of the Senate. Now they've somehow been elevated to what the Constitution did not declare, to where they're like the final word. Now, one of the things I think that's important for us here in the States to point out is that what we hear when the news reports on a decision that comes out of the Supreme Court, that it is an *opinion*, it isn't law. They're the Supreme Court. They don't write law. Congress writes law. But every decision that comes out of the Supreme Court according to our Constitution, can be approved of or disapproved by the Senate. And we basically abandoned that and looked at the Supreme Court like they're the end-all of every decision that comes down the pike. No, they are the ones that hold up every decision against the Constitution and say yay or nay as to their opinion on the matter. And then Congress can, and the Senate can choose to accept it or reject it. So things have just gotten out of line from how they were initially instituted by the founding fathers here in the United States. And yes, Amir has mentioned many times judicial reform was a huge issue prior to October 7, 2023, and continues to be to this day. So, Amir, you can talk about Israel.

MIKE: Yeah, Peter's specific question, Amir, is the Israeli judicial branch. Let's take a look at that.

AMIR: Well, again, the problem is that the deep state in Israel is holding powerhouses such as the Supreme Court, secret services, which by the way, that one fell because now we have finally a conservative running it. But they also have the media, they have the academia, and they have entertainment and all of that. But the last thing, the last stronghold they will not give up on is the judicial branch. Why? Because they know that a country that's supposed to appear as a country that is abiding by the law, a democratic country, must adhere to the rulings of the courts, basically. So, what they do, they don't care about what the parliament says or rules; they rule according to what they think is reasonable. There is no place in the world where a judge can decide: "That sounds reasonable to me." And no one asks you if it's reasonable to you. You have your political agenda. So what sounds reasonable to me obviously will not sound reasonable to you. But since you're in power, you're going to make sure that anything that is not your opinion is not reasonable. And therefore you will rule that under that clause, you can abolish, dismiss, and reject laws or change them, or reinterpret them. Israel is sick when it comes to that. There's no more balance of powers. And the funny thing is everybody can see it right now. What happened to the military advocate general exposed the fact that the judicial branch not only took over the country, but even the military. And within the military, they are now setting precedents, new rules, new laws. And by the way, we could have won this war far better and faster if we didn't have this progressive, liberal judicial branch within the military.

So, what we have now is the last stronghold. And everybody understands this has to fall at some point. And obviously no one is calling for any violent action or anything. But it seems like everything is exposed, one thing after another: the lies, the deception, the collaboration, the covering up for one another. And I think the Israeli public lost trust in the supreme court. The approval rate of the supreme court tanked from 50 to, I think, 20%. It's crazy. And the reason is

we can all see this is not justice. All of it is—you're speaking from your own position; you are trying to preserve power. And I think that eventually, Mike, it'll take some time, but eventually they will bring the downfall of their own system because of all that. There's a point where you can't lie anymore without being caught. The corruption is too obvious. And so I think we're getting there. We are at that point. Every Israeli can see, and you can—In Israel, the chief justice of the supreme court is a criminal who had a criminal... Not a criminal in a sense of—But he built parts of his house without a license. Now, if I did that, I would sit in jail. He became the supreme court chief justice. But these things are being—These things are being exposed, one thing after another. And everybody can see that there's so much corruption, there's so much hypocrisy, and they don't even care that everybody can see it now. We have a term in Hebrew. "They pee from the springboard." In other words, when you don't want people—[Laughter] Excuse me, but when you don't want people to see that you pee, you do it in the pool, in the water. When you pee from the springboard, you don't even care that people can see. I mean, it's that obvious. And that's what they do. But their end is coming. We're getting there. It might take a little longer, but more than half of the Jewish population in Israel is fed up with all of this system. And it's going to come down. And I think they will bring it down by their own schemes and lies and deception.

BARRY: Mike, one other thing I wanted to mention. Here in the United States, there's a symbol, excuse me, in a statue that represents the Supreme Court. And she's called Lady Justice. And she holds in her hand a set of scales, but she's also wearing a blindfold. And this is where I think we've really departed from. The purpose of the Supreme Court is that justice is no longer blind. Justice is along party lines, and that's catastrophic to any democracy to start voting strictly according to your party instead of the Constitution. That's why we are where we are today.

MIKE: Yeah, it's true also of many other countries, not just Israel or the United States, but many European countries. And consider this, that these countries that I just mentioned are among countries that are less corrupt than many other countries, which I don't really want to mention because it's a waste of time. Which leads me to the next question. Pastor Barry, the person didn't write their name on this, but I think this is worth pursuing because we're talking about countries and peoples all over the world: "Will some of the end-time 144,000 preached throughout the world, in the US as well or only in the Middle East?" I mean, what's your take on the span, the impact of 144,000? Of course, we'll probably have similar technology that we have today. So can you paint that picture for us, what it might look like?

BARRY: Well, I think their primary mission will be to reach the nation of Israel. After all, it is the 70th week of Daniel. God's focus is on the nation of Israel. And the one-third of the Jews who are going to come to saving faith and look upon the One whom they pierced at the return of Christ are going to have to have heard the gospel from somewhere. So I think the primary goal and calling of this particular group will be to reach the Jewish people. Now also, Mike, I think you've made a good point; much like the whole world is going to watch the death of the two witnesses and the ascension of the two witnesses simultaneously, so too will the preaching of these people be, I believe, reported all over the world as well. And the impact will be great. One of the things I think we have to remember is that Revelation talks about the souls under the altar. It talks about those who came out of the great tribulation and washed themselves and made their other garments white in the blood of the Lamb. They're from every tribe, tongue, nation and people. So I think the *implication* there could possibly include reaching of the 144,000 reaching the whole of the world.

MIKE: Amir, anything to add on that?

AMIR: No. I think that we are at our point in technology where anything that happens in one part of the world is broadcasted immediately to the rest of the world. And it's a non-issue. Everybody will see it and everybody and remember that this whole—The tribulation is a global event, it's not a local thing. And whatever happens in one point is affecting the whole world, seen by the whole world, and being responded to by the whole world. So yeah, I have no doubt that everybody will see everything that is happening during that time all across the world.

But remember, there will also be a lot of deception, deep fake, a lot of I'm warning people, that's it. We cross the threshold of believing everything we see. That's it. You can't anymore. I mean, I'm watching videos of me saying things I never said. So you're talking about—You're talking about a lot of deception that is coming up, and they're getting better and better by the second. So we need to be very careful. By the way, that prompted me also to write today, this morning, a post about the importance of staying grounded in the Word and in prayer and studying the Word of God, because that's the only truth that will stay eventually—Everything else is going to—People will deceive you all around in so many different ways, shapes, and forms.

MIKE: Luanne is asking this question, and this is something that a lot of people have been wondering: "Why is Israel adamant not to annex Gaza?" Wasn't this land promised to them by God? I mean, after all, it is their land. It is your land. Why not just add it to the mainland and exile whoever doesn't want? What's the issue here?

AMIR: The issue is basically the international community right now. I wish we were alone on this globe, but we're not. We have to remember that we have an ally. We have a country that is standing by us in the UN Security Council, a country that is helping us in so many different ways, and we can't just do whatever we want. If it was up to us, we would have been in Gaza building our own cities and villages yesterday. But at this point, we have to give Trump's 20-point plan a

chance. There is no doubt in my mind that Israel eventually will have to go all the way in and destroy Hamas, because Hamas is not disarming itself voluntarily. And there is no country that wants to do it except us. No one can actually do it also because no one ever fought above and under the ground the way we did in the last two years. And so I do think that Israel is right now controlling over 50% of Gaza. But at this point, we don't see it. I wish we could. We have to wait a little bit. We have to wait. But remember, at the same time, in Judea and Samaria, we keep building and building and building and building. And we may have not declared sovereignty there, but in reality, we are declaring sovereignty by expanding and building and settling. And another thing people need to remember, Israel is at the cusp of a *huge* wave of anti-Semitism that is about to come from America, Europe, and all over the world. And I think millions of Jewish people will have to move to Israel. And we need homes for them. We need land and homes for them. And the other day—and we're going to report that on Wednesday also—but the other day, the Israeli Ministry of Aliyah, of Immigration and Absorption, held an exercise of basically dealing with a massive wave of immigrants at once. We are now in the last major phase of bringing the sons of Menashe, Jewish people of the lost tribe of Menashe from India. We are at that phase of bringing them to the land of Israel. It's amazing. We have the Mossad. One of the main targets and missions of Israel's Secret Service, Mossad, is to actually locate and assist the moving of the Jewish people from wherever they are back to Israel. And that's what we do. Most countries want to get rid of people. We actually call the Jewish people to come. That's your land. That's your ancestral homeland. You should have been here already. But since you didn't do it, I think circumstances will actually cause you to do it. And when that happens, we're ready with open arms to receive you. And that's important.

MIKE: Yeah, It's a biblical prophecy, and here we're seeing it come true with our very own eyes. And it's beautiful. And there's plenty of space here in Israel, even though it's the size of New Jersey, there's space for all of these people. Correct, Amir?

AMIR: Yeah. And maybe that will cause us to take chunks of Gaza Strip, because after all, a lot of people don't know, but there was a thriving Jewish community in Gaza before most of the Palestinians moved there. The Palestinians were never originally from Gaza. You have to understand, there was a Christian and Jewish community in Gaza in the 1800s. Nobody heard about them. Nobody knows that because nobody wants to tell you about that. But Palestinians for the most part in the Gaza Strip came from Egypt. And for the most part in Judea and Samaria they came from Lebanon and Syria and some from Iraq, also in other places. They were seeking for jobs; they were seeking for a better life. They moved from there wherever they were.

Half of the people in Gaza are called Al Masri. Masri means the Egyptians. Yasser Arafat was born in Cairo, Egypt. People don't know that. Gaza was not only part of the tribe of Judah, but also was inhabited by Jewish people up to the mid-1800s. And so I don't see a problem going back there and resettle it if the climate—political and military climate—will allow us to do that. And sometimes politics can say one thing, but reality can say another. And the reality of millions of Jewish people returning to the land of Israel, and Gaza is anyway in ruins. And most of the Palestinians are leaving because it is in ruins, and nobody wants to rebuild it because Hamas is not allowing anyone to disarm it. I don't think Israel will think twice and resettle the 50% that is under our control.

MIKE: Stay tuned for what will happen after this Trump proposal. Pastor Barry, Charles is asking this question: "When will great deception take place? Before, after, or during the rapture? It makes the most sense to me to take place before the rapture." Great deception, Charles says. How much

of the concentration of great deception within each of the time periods of the end times would you, in your opinion, want to address?

BARRY: Well, I think the answer is yes, it will take place before, and it will continue and then ultimately lead to believing the lie of the Antichrist when he makes the declaration that he is God. And Revelation 13 says all the earth dwellers are going to worship the dragon, and worship the first beast. So, Mike, I think it's in full swing right now. And a lot of what we're seeing now, and we have to remember that I think most of us look at this defection from truth, the *apostasia* that Paul talked about as being strictly spiritual. But I think now we can look around and see no, it's a defection from all kinds of truth. Gender truth, biological truth all the other things that have long been held by societies around the world for the history of mankind, and now they've all been defected from, or many of them have been defected from. We defected from marriage. We defected from two genders. Much of the church has defected from sound doctrine, and has replaced the hearing of sound doctrine with things that tickle the ears, fabrications made up by men. And so I think the defection is already underway, but ultimately what it leads to in its final fulfillment will be believing the lie of the Antichrist and going after him during the tribulation period. So will it take place before the rapture? Yes, after the rapture. Yes, absolutely. I think it's already underway and will again finally reach that place where people are so deceived. It's just amazing the things that people believe and will defend today. I mean, think about children inside their mother's womb. Five-year-old seeing a pregnant woman is going to say, "Oh, well, is your baby a boy or a girl?" And they're going to say, "Hey, what's with the fetal tissue inside of you?" Or this clump of cells or any of the ridiculous things people say today. So, yeah, it's already underway, Mike, and it is to reach its zenith during the tribulation. So my answer is yes.

MIKE: So, Amir, do you have anything to add on that? It seems like it just keeps getting layered, layer after layer, so. Well, then we'll move to Wendy's question. Let's throw Wendy's question up on the screen: "Is it true that only those who have not heard the gospel will be saved during the tribulation? Those who knew but decided to live in sin, can't be saved?" And Wendy's question is one of salvation. Who gets saved, when do they get saved? How would you answer that, Amir?

AMIR: I think that there's a good chance people rejected the truth now, and then they'll understand they were wrong, and then they'll change their mind when they see the rapture taking place. I think the only thing, Mike, that I will say once you do that—no way you can be saved—is if you receive the mark of the beast during the tribulation.

MIKE: Because it says it.

AMIR: Exactly, exactly. So I don't think that only those who heard the gospel for the first time are going to—How long did it take you to respond to the gospel? Sometimes it takes people years, sometimes takes people days, or sometimes takes people minutes. I don't put a timestamp on things like that. But I will say if you were left behind, and you got to the point where you not just believed the lie, but you actually took upon you that mark, which makes you not only rejecting the love of the truth that can save you, but also accepting the "deity" so to speak, of the Antichrist, worshipping Satan, knowing that you could have worshipped God, and you chose not to because for you, this one should be worshiped. That's, I think, is the point of no return. And so I will not get into—If you heard it once, if you heard it twice, if you didn't hear it, this is irrelevant for me. Any person that eventually understands that he needs a savior, that he needs to repent, that he needs to invite the Lord into his life, the Spirit of God is around there waiting, and I don't think He will say no to anyone. But if you not only rejected Him but sealed... or basically sealed your fate with that mark on your forehead and your arm, that's it. You are now the enemy's property

big time. And you have rejected the only thing that can ever save you. And for that, I think there is no way back.

MIKE: Yeah, nobody likes to talk about these lines of once you cross the line of no return. But even the Bible says the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, when you credit the work of God as being satanic, and move on as far as your life. There's nothing more that can be... Pastor Barry, can you add anything to this? These lines, these—I think if I'm really honest, I would ask a question like this for my loved one. I might know I'm saved, but my loved ones, I want to know if they're going to get saved. How many chances do they get? I preached the gospel to them many times, Pastor Barry, and I would like to see them get saved. If not now, then in the tribulation. It's that wishful thinking of... We want God to save our loved ones, Pastor Barry.

BARRY: Yeah, Mike. The question, I think, stems from 2 Corinthians, chapter 2, verse 10 where not receiving the love of the truth that they might be saved. And there are those who say and teach that if that happened prior to the rapture, after the rapture, there's no opportunity for them to come to faith in Christ. But, Mike, I think the important thing to remember is that what's true during the tribulation has to be true before it, because God doesn't change. As Amir pointed out, the layering of the gospel is what often leads us to Christ. Not many people accept the Lord the first time they hear truth. And that's why we have the picture painted for us in Scripture, that one plants, another waters, and God obviously gives the increase, but another will harvest that seed. So there's a progression there in the sharing of the gospel. So, we have to remember, I think, as Amir was pointing out, with taking the mark of the beast, that in Revelation, chapter 6, we're told near the end of the chapter that there are people who are crying out to the rocks and the mountains to hide them from the wrath of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. So they know what's going on. They made a *conscious* rejection of the King of kings and Lord of lords and their

final decision is basically revealed by their acceptance of the mark. They're saying, "That's it. We don't want anything to do with a God who would do these kind of things to the earth." So we can't all of a sudden have God invade our free will when He's given it to us throughout the course of human history. So when you come to that place where it's like the fool says, and I think this is interesting, in Psalm 14:1, it doesn't say, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." What the text actually reads is, the fool has said in his heart is, "No, God, no, I don't want you. I'm rejecting you. Fully, completely." And that's the conscious action of those in Revelation, chapter 6. They know it's God. They know it's His wrath, and yet they would not repent of their sins of murderers, sorceries, and the other things that are listed elsewhere in the book. So, no, I think there's going to be a great awakening after the rapture in the course of human history.

AMIR: Exactly.

MIKE: So there are lines humans can cross beyond—I mean, there are lines. It's a very sobering thought, gentlemen.

AMIR: By the way. Well, we can see it today. We can see it today, Mike. I mean, you see it in so many other issues. People can see how destructive what the offer is, and yet they still hold on to it as if this is it. They'll die on that hill, and that's it. You can't... I mean what can you do? If that's what he wants, that's what he gets eventually. You can't... If somebody wants to hurt himself, eventually he will do it. And if somebody thinks it's a noble thing to do, it's even worse. Think about that. As Pastor Barry said, I mean, they know that what they're doing is definitely not aligning with God, which means they acknowledge there is God, and yet they do it. And we read in Revelation 16 that everything that came upon them, they know it's from God, and yet they will not repent and give Him glory, and that's it. So they know that He has the power to stop it. It is from Him, and yet they will not repent. So that's strong delusion. What can you do? This is it.

MIKE: That is strong delusion. We should all be in prayer for discernment and our sensitive hearts to never be corrupted by this spirit of hardness, evil, and the spirit of inevitability. If you stay within that framework, that you will go to hell and suffer eternal damnation. So we are now at Sue's question. Okay, so this one I'm going to throw at you, Amir: "For those already dead and have been cremated or lost at sea..." Okay, this is one of those questions we get asked every now and then in conferences. "...is there Scripture that confirms their bodies will be put back together at the rapture?" I mean, you have all of these atomic materials that are now floating around the four corners of the earth; for Sue's question, how does that get reassembled?

AMIR: Well, when we read about the Great White Throne, the Bible talks about how even the sea will give up its dead, which means if the sea can give its dead for the final judgment, obviously it is possible for the sea to give its dead, also for the person to receive a new body and be raptured as well. So I don't think that for the God who made us out of dirt, it's a problem to gather all the particles and put us back together. Exactly. He'd done that before. I don't think people should worry about that one. I will say, though, that for Jewish people, we don't cremate and we don't throw ashes in the sea, all of that. We just don't. In the mind of the Jew: *me afar bata*, from the dirt you came, and *le afar tashuv*, you shall return to dirt. So the burial customs in Judaism are super-sacred, and we have to bury the dead immediately. I mean, sometimes you can wake up at 5am, eat with a family member, that family member at 10am died or got hit by a car, and by 8pm you're burying him the same day. I mean, we cannot leave the dead outside of the grave, and we bring him back to where he originally came from, from dirt. So even in that ritual, the idea is that we came from dirt, we will return to be dirt. And for God, it's not a problem when the time comes to bring all those parts together so you can either attend the presence of the Lord or the judgment.

MIKE: Well, isn't it true that eventually, even if you bury somebody and you don't cremate them or they're not destroyed, that they disintegrate over time? Either way, it's a wash of the particles. And so the Bible knew that. And that's part of the miraculous nature of the rapture, is it not, Pastor Barry?

BARRY: Yeah it's funny because Pastor Chuck used to get this question all the time. I've had it multiple times. And Pastor Chuck used to say, "You know what? Ashes to ashes and cremation just speeds up the process." So they both reach the same destination, which is a return to the earth in an ash form or the dust form. So I don't think God has any problem with reconstituting bodies. After all, that's where He started, and that's where humanity came from in the first place. So it's not a problem at all for Him.

MIKE: I don't know if you all can hear this, but we have an F16 flying over. Whether it's coming from my microphone or ears, just a sobering reminder...

AMIR: We're in the same office, so it's flying right above us both.

MIKE: Okay, you guys ready? Pastor Barry, I'm going to throw this one at you, and we'll see how far we can go with the time here, because we're already nine till the hour. Angie is asking. And you answer this question a lot on a lot of broadcasts and conferences. So let's see how this one goes with Angie's framing of the question. "Will the church still be on earth during the Ezekiel 38 War, given the view that the United States may be unable to help Israel because believers from the US will have been raptured?" Angie, you must have been listening to one of the past Q&A's, because Amir addressed this, and now you're honing in on a specific. Pastor Barry, what would you say to this?

BARRY: Well, I think Amir and I have both taught multiple times that it seems as though the likely progression or a series of events is the destruction of Damascus, which is the catalyst to

ignite these five invading nations to come up against Israel. Now, we don't have any kind of time indicator or timestamp as to when the destruction of Damascus is going to take place. Could happen tomorrow. And it's very possible that the Ezekiel War scenario could develop not too long after that, and then the end of the war happening somewhere after the rapture of the church. And I think part of the answer, Mike, needs to include the fact that the rapture does not indicate the start of the tribulation. There could be a span of time, even a number of years. I've heard some people say it could be 50 years. I don't think that's probable, but I think it could very well be a couple of years before the tribulation actually starts. So I don't know that we can say definitively that it starts after the church is gone. But I do believe, and my hope and my prayer is that the absence of the United States in Bible prophecy is because of the rapture of the church. So, I can't say "this verse says, or this is when it starts," but I think we can just logically conclude that there has to be. Either that or we have such a radical change in administration *again*, that they've joined the Zechariah 12:3 crowd and they find Jerusalem to be a burdensome stone.

AMIR: Speaking of America and Israel, I want to encourage people to watch my eight-minute-long video that I just published yesterday about Israel first or America first. And it's a very, very informative video that you can find it on X, on Instagram, Telegram, YouTube and you can use that information; because the reason why I mentioned that is there's a very amazing, alarmingly growing number of Americans that belong to the conservative camp that believe that America should abandon Israel. And Israel—if you stand by Israel, you're not America first, you're Israel first. So I actually break it down to points proving basically that helping Israel is actually not what you think. But again, the bottom line is we want God first. That's what we want. And I have to remind everybody that the Ezekiel War will be won not because of America, it's because of God, and not because of Israel also, but because of God. It will be won. God is going to intervene. And

whether America is with us or not is irrelevant because it won't be there for us, and God will be there for us. And so a super important video. I want to encourage everyone. "America First or Israel First?" Go and watch it on—It's an eight-minute thing and it will educate not only you, but forward it to so many people that still are confused about that. And that should help you. Mike, anything else?

MIKE: Yeah, I want to mention something about the young adults. Okay? Since the passing of Charlie Kirk, we've had multiple meetings with a strategic initiative. You're going to see a lot of information come out, especially right after Christmas about this. Right now we're asking you to consider praying. And we're also taking dedicated designated gifts for this. And again, it's the same protocol. You go to our website, and you'll see a selection there. We recognize we're in an ideological and spiritual war for the minds of the young adults of the world. We're going to address



that in our way. We can also see that anti-Semitism has infected their minds and hearts. We're going to confront that as well through social media and through actual in-person visits, teachings. And we're going

to be equipping small groups, church groups, youth groups. So much more to come on that, Amir, it's very exciting. And now is the time to start praying about that and fueling the infrastructure of donations so that we can really move forward in all of the objectives that we've set forth.

AMIR: Yes, exactly. It's important. We are really working hard on that. And yeah, I believe that it's going to make a big difference. So, yeah, I think we're getting ready to finish. Again, I want to encourage all of you to forward, share, subscribe, and like this video on our YouTube channels,

both Pastor Barry's and Behold Israel. We want to win this war of information. We provide a lot of important information in this era of an information war. And so much deception and so much conspiracy theories that are floating all around, and big names that are dropping some horrific lies and deception and without any problem, just so they can get clickbait and all that. That's phenomenal. Please stand with us as we fight this war because we need to stick together.

And yeah, anyway, I want to again remind everybody that tomorrow is the launch day of *Until He Comes*. It's a book that I wish every believer will have. You can get it on Amazon or on Christian book. And it's super important that we get those numbers high so big stores, secular stores will also have them on their shelves. Yeah, it's super important. Having said that, again, reminder to everybody, the Alaska cruise, we still have seats there and it's the nicest ship, the biggest, the newest. And we're going to have so much to do there together, studying the Word, worshiping together, answering your questions, and also even giving you a live MidEast & Beyond update.

So, Pastor Mike, thank you for being in that room next to me over there. Pastor Barry, thank you very much for being with us today and thank you everyone for watching. Shalom and God bless you from Galilee, from California, and we love you, and see you next time. And don't forget, Wednesday, MidEast & Beyond at 8pm Israel time, 10am Pacific Standard Time. Thank you and God bless.

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