



## Q&A with Amir Tsarfati/Pastor Stagner/Pastor Golay

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*Amir Tsarfati*

**AMIR:** Shalom, everyone, this is Amir Tsarfati, and I am excited to be once again back with you. I'm live from Galilee, from Israel. And I want to say hello to all of you from the different parts of this planet, people all the way from Australia, New Zealand, from Denmark and the UK, from Sweden and all across the United States, people from the Philippines, people from India, and so many other places.

And I would like to welcome with me today to our weekly Q&A session Pastor Mike Golay and Pastor Barry Stagner. Gentlemen, let me add you right now with me to the screen. Shalom, both of you. How are you doing guys?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Shalom to you.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Shalom, Shalom Aleichem.

**AMIR:** Well, this is once again a great opportunity to be able to share from Galilee and from the U.S., from the West Coast and from almost the East Coast to all over the world literally. People are now; I can see from the comments on the side, they're all across the U.S.

But they're all across the globe, and we're thankful for that because this is not just the Middle East update or special update. This is a Q&A session where you can see those who really want to study deeper the Word of God and have questions, and I want them to be answered.

I'm gonna ask Pastor Barry if you can start it with a prayer, and then Pastor Mike, you'll take the lead and moderate this whole thing.

**PASTOR BARRY:** Awesome! Lord, we're so thankful for this opportunity and we thank You for the many people we've been hearing about who've been coming to faith in Christ through mediums like this around the world. And we thank you, Lord, that You yet remain unwilling that any should perish even to this day,

So Lord, I pray that this time not only equip the saints, but Lord, we pray that You would rescue any who are still in need of knowing Your Son as their savior. So bless this time, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Amen.

**AMIR:** Good; so I'm gonna let Pastor Mike, our Director of Operations of Behold Israel to take the lead now. You're from Minnesota.

**PASTOR MIKE:** You are correct, sitting here in Minnesota.

**AMIR:** Yes, the chosen frozen or frozen chosen.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Chosen frozen; warming up right now, which is nice.

**AMIR:** That's wonderful. So Mike, you're gonna take the lead and give us the questions that people are asking and just run the show for us.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yep. So here's how this will work, folks. You guys are so good at asking your questions. We have our administrative assistant picking some of the most relevant questions that are asked over and over again in different words. And where we do best in our questions are Bible questions or prophecy questions or questions related to the Middle East.

Any of those kinds of questions is where we do the best at, but we will be choosing the questions. We can't answer all of them, but we'll do the best we can to treat everyone with as much thoroughness as possible.



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So the first one is from Sandy, and she writes, "How much will we remember after the rapture?" How much will we remember after the rapture, Amir?

**AMIR:** I want to tell you something: When the rapture happens and you're in the presence of God and your body's translated into your glorified body, I don't think that you are going to even think about the things you've left behind you and the house you used to live and the school you attended. I think that when we are in the presence of God, we're just at awe.

We're in awe, we're just... like I'm thinking about [Isaiah 6](#). And how when Isaiah was brought to the presence of the Lord, he couldn't... the light was too bright. It was the Holiness there was... Isaiah didn't talk much about his childhood. He didn't talk much about his parents, not about his neighbors. It was a holy moment.

So honestly, I'm not sure we will forget things. I think we'll be in a completely different realm where these things will no longer be of any major portion in the way we think and do things.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Pastor Barry, any supporting thoughts from your side?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Yeah, it's a great question. And you know I heard a sermon, or actually, I read a sermon by a pastor from generation ago. His name was John Rice and he did a message called, "[There will Be Tears in Heaven.](#)" He was basing it on the fact that God is gonna wipe away the tears. He basically stated that our memory from things past is going to be wiped away because of the gloriousness of God's presence and literally for us, old things will have passed away.

And there are those who make the argument that how could heaven be heaven if we know that there are people we love who didn't go there? So again, I don't think the Bible gives us clear statement that hey, you're gonna forget everything once you get here.

But as Amir said, we have to remember where we're gonna be and the majesty of that city and seeing the presence of the Lord. And even as Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, he was just overwhelmed by the moment. And I think we will be too, and I think that overwhelmed state is gonna last for quite a while.

**AMIR:** Yeah, I also think that because when we are in heaven, we gonna stand before the Lord for the [Bema Seat judgment](#), we will be reminded of things that we did and the motives we had behind them because that's when we're gonna get our rewards for, or not get any reward for, so that aspect has to be there. But the day-to-day cares and problems and issues of leaky pipes there and broken exhaust pipe in your car and stuff like that, I don't think we'll have to deal with that.

**PASTOR MIKE:** And that's probably good, isn't it? It's a relief that we can be separated from all the pain of this world and the headaches. Next up;

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**PASTOR BARRY:** We are going to maintain our identity in heaven. And I know that question comes up a lot. We will be known even as we are known. And I don't know if that was a portion of the question, but we are going to continue to be the people that we are as we enter into the heavenly realm. I think we can recognize that in one place through [Hebrews 11](#), where we have the saints of old all being identified by the names that they possessed while they were here on earth. So that was part of the question that we can say with definity.



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**PASTOR MIKE:** Guys, I have to say I cannot wait to get my new body. No headache, no ingrown toenails, no skin disorders, no symmetry of my face issues. You know wouldn't it be nice to have a perfect body, which is also something to look forward to as well.

**PASTOR BARRY:** And hair.

**AMIR:** Amen.

(Laughter)

**PASTOR MIKE:** So here is actually a very good question from Joan, okay? I'll give you guys a chance to process this one. "How does the remnant of Jews who will flee to the desert during the tribulation, how do they avoid the mark of the beast in the first place?"

**AMIR:** Okay, well, first of all, the mark of the beast is not something that you've got two hours to get it or else you're dead. I believe just like now everybody's speaking about vaccinations and everybody is talking about that it's a process. It's going to happen. It will be talked about. It will be promoted. It will be pushed through the media and through other things, through celebrities, and through world power and through the false prophet, everything.

So they will have a chance, I believe, to understand what it is and also to go. And we have to remember, and it's a bit hard to say that as a Jew, as an Israeli, but I still have to say that not all the Jewish people, not all of Israel at the time of Tribulation will avoid the mark.

I mean, unfortunately, I must say there are two indicators that there will be some that will take it. And one indicator is in [Zechariah 13](#). Only 1/3 of Israel is going to be taken through the fire and be refined and will be saved. And also in [Daniel Chapter 12](#) when he speaks of that terrible time that is going to come upon Israel, probably the worst since they became a nation, he said.

He said, ["But they shall be delivered from it."](#) And then he says, ["Those that their name is written in the book."](#) And it's important that we notice that. He could have avoided that phrase, but we know which book he is talking about. The Lamb's Book of Life because that's the only book that anybody who has his name there will live forever. Will avoid judgment, will escape God's wrath.

So my point is: Those that will understand these are bad news, that's not what we voted for, they'll flee. And I'm almost convinced that nobody's gonna take them seriously. Because where are they going to flee; let's face it, where? The desert?

Now who in his right mind in the 21st century is running to the desert to find a better place unless you're a hippie or something? My point is, and remember, if it wasn't the fact that God prepared a place for them there, they would have perished there.

But God had prepared a place for them to be there for 1260 days. So they will know what's coming, they will make a move, nobody will probably take them seriously. But then when it is going to be evident that they are not taking the mark, God will protect them there for 1260 days, the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation.

So you know God is there to protect those that are going to stick to Him and not to the one who wants to be like Him.

**PASTOR MARK:** I see; Pastor Barry anything you want to add?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Yeah, I think we have to remember that the 70th week of Daniel is when the enemy or Satan tries to mockingly mimic what God has done through the sending of



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His son. There'll be a false prophet who is a John the Baptist-type character. There'll be a false messiah who is kind of the Jesus character of that unholy trinity. And therefore the world is going to be divided just like it is now into the "for" and "against."

Only it won't be the "for" and "against" Jesus, it'll be the "for" and "against" the Antichrist. And the decision to take the mark is just that: You have a choice. You can take it and do commerce and buy and sell. Or you could refuse it and pay with your life and have your head lopped off.

So you know there's a choice now: To follow Christ or not. And there's a choice Then to worship the Antichrist, which [Revelation 13](#) says it is an identification of an object of worship. And that being the satanically-empowered false Messiah. So it's a decision, and that decision will be on each person's head. And when you take the mark, you basically condemned yourself for all of eternity.

**PASTOR MARK:** You know a second part to this question is about the 10-nation confederacy. When does 10-nation confederacy come about? Is that before the Tribulation or is that after the Tribulation begins?

**AMIR:** Obviously, the Antichrist will come out of them. So if the Antichrist's rise will mark the beginning of the Tribulation, they have to be there shortly before to allow him to come out of them. So that's according to Daniel's vision of the beast with the 10 horns. And, of course, three out of the 10 were plucked out. And then came that little one that speaks pompous words and all of that.

So we are definitely in a need to have them before, for him to rise from them. I'm not sure how long before but you know I'm not a prophet. But in order for him to rise, he needs them to be already in place.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Barry, I have a very interesting one for you. "Are there apostles today?" Deb asks, "Are there apostles today, and if so, what do these apostles do?"

**AMIR:** Barry loves those questions.

**PASTOR BARRY:** Well, yes and no. I mean they're apostles with a lower case A which the word just means someone who is sent or a sent one. And yes, we are all sent to the world to go and preach the gospel. But in the sense of an apostolic office like Peter, James, John, and others what in the scripture would be a capital A apostle, meaning one who is a representative of the Lord in the sense of having received revelation from God, having been authorized to pen the words of Scripture and write epistles to the body of Christ around the world.

You know we have to recognize that there is a progression of things that God has ordained, where He first sent us apostles, prophets to speak by divine inspiration into the lives of those who are seeking after God. And the Apostolic office ended with the Apostolic Age.

And therefore, we don't have any information about this alleged seven-mountains mandate, these other things that are being pitched by the group known as the New Apostolic Reformation who are claiming to be apostles today in the sense that Peter, James, John, and the others were.

And Paul gave us a very important piece of information about apostolic authority and apostolic qualification when he acknowledged that he was one that was born out of due time. In other words, he wasn't one of the original group who had to be an eyewitness of Jesus in



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resurrected form and be part of the ministry from the very beginning. He cited his own qualification as that one last element of having seen Jesus in his resurrected state or post-resurrection.

So you know for anyone today to make that claim, they're claiming to have seen in Jesus in his resurrected form and state. And therefore, they've either made a trip to heaven or Jesus made a trip to Earth to visit them in physical form, not as a vision, not as a dream, but in physical form, and the Bible doesn't support that. Nor does the Bible support a group of last-days apostles that is going to come on the scene and usher in a world that is ready for the return of Christ. That's just simply not biblical.

But we want to be careful about saying there's no such thing as an apostle today because there are those who are sent out, in and around the world. But they are not the apostles in the classic sense of the word.

**AMIR:** Oh, we lost Barry.

**PASTOR MIKE:** We may have lost Barry, but we'll work on getting him back in. But Amir, what if somebody came to you and said I am an "apostle" with a big A, and I have a word from the Lord for you? I mean, how do you respond to somebody like that, that makes such claims?

**AMIR:** Well, obviously, it's not from God because the apostles with the capital A were appointed not by anyone, but the Holy Spirit. And the apostles wrote the Bible. And the Apostles -- let me add Barry also -- and okay, Barry. The resurrected Barry is here with us.

**PASTOR BARRY:** If you didn't like my answer, you could have just told me. (Laughter)

**AMIR:** We're not sure what happened there, but anyway... so as I said, if somebody claims to be one of these apostles, I would say he is not following the biblical protocol of what an apostle of the first century is. And definitely I would not trust everything else that he says.

Because to begin with, if he's acknowledging himself as equal to the apostles, and remember the Bible says that the church was built on the foundations of the apostles and the prophets, and Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. So you cannot put the foundation on top; it has to be underneath. And if you claim to be part of the foundation and now you want to be at the end, first of all, you preach something that is unbiblical.

Second of all, you are saying that the Spirit is telling you something that is contradicting to what the Spirit said to the writers of Scriptures. So obviously what you said is wrong because nobody is allowed to add or take away anything from the Scripture.

So my point is there's no doubt all those that are claiming to be the new apostles that are here with the same mandate of the first-century apostles and they are here to usher the world for the return of Jesus, they are wrong. In fact, their entire theology is wrong. We're not preparing this world for Jesus to come back to. He's preparing a place for us to go and be with Him. They got it all wrong.

So I would say I would be very, very, very careful using that term, the same way, by the way, with a term "Prophet." You know we mentioned the Apostles, but the same with prophets. There is a gift of prophecy, but no one can stand today and say, "I'm a prophet. And the Lord told me that the Antichrist eventually will not rise. Or the Lord told me that Ezekiel's war will eventually not take place."





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You see those prophets heard from God. They said nothing of their own private interpretation, as [2 Peter 1:20-21](#). So therefore they, everything, and Jesus himself, by the way, quoted them to even say, "Look, I am who I am, and I came to fulfill all that was written by those prophets."

And if Jesus condemned the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was that they did not believe that which the prophets have said. So the prophets of the Old Testament were the people through which God revealed all the way until today His plans.

Now the gift of prophecy today is a different thing. It's more of a local thing, it's more of a personal thing. It's more of God reveals to you something regarding your church or regarding your family or regarding something that is around you. But it is not in the realm of the plan of God for Israel, for the Church, and for the world; that's for sure.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, wow, very well said. Yeah, we have to be careful especially if somebody teaches against what the Word of God already says. Yet, you know it's amazing; people follow such so-called prophets and apostles. Gentlemen, here's a question from Kathy. Pastor Barry, did God choose the nation of Israel or just the man Jacob?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Yes, He chose the man Jacob from whom Israel would come, and He chose the people. He set His love on them and He said not because they were more numerous than other people. But because He chose to set His love on them. He chose a people group through which to bring the Messiah, through which also to teach the world His standards and His laws.

And through which, as you know, Paul was asked what the advantage was of being a Jew. And he said, ["There's an advantage in every way for to us have been committed the oracles of God."](#) So through the Jews He brought us the Old Testament. And you know we have to remember that save Luke, the authors of the New Testament were all Jews.

So God didn't just choose an individual. But He does choose individuals through which to do things including give birth to a nation through which the Messiah would come, the Word of God would be penned, inspired by the Holy Spirit. It's holy men of God of old were moved by the Spirit to write down the things for us.

As Paul said, the things that were written before the Old Testament, [Romans 15:4](#), were written for our learning. So God has chosen the Jews without question as a national people group to show us of His commitment and love. Even to a people who had periods of rebellion against Him, He did not cast them off.

He brought them back into the land where He made a promise to them to be an inheritance forever, and He has remained faithful to them. And the existence of Israel today is proof of God's love and faithfulness even when people rebel against Him nationally.

**AMIR:** Amen. I will also liken Israel to be the piece of the puzzle that once you put that one, all the lights turn on all around. When it's not there, the lights are turned off. When it's there, now everything works. And this is why the return of Israel back to their land was inevitable. It had to have happened in order for everything else to come to pass and for things to fall in the right place. And this explains the enormous opposition that was there from all sides.

First, the Jews have the land that they need to.

Second, to have the authority to even declare a state through.



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Third, to accept the new name, the new "old name" Israel to replace the horrific one that Adrian the Caesar gave Palestine after the Philistines.

And the most important thing is, of course, there was no way for Jerusalem to be back in our hands and for eventually the temple to be built for the Jewish people unless the Jews are back in their land.

And this is why I believe, guys, we're living in the most blessed generation since the time of Jesus Christ. Because on our watch, Israel is back, Jerusalem is back, and we're watching the formation of a coalition that is soon going to come against Israel. We're watching Apostasy, we're watching the Spirit of lawlessness, we're watching everything.

But the piece -- because lawlessness was always there -- and apostasy started already, unfortunately already 2000 years ago. But Israel was the piece that was missing. The nation standing as a sovereign nation back in their land, Jerusalem standing as an undivided capital back in their hand; this was missing.

You know we take it too lightly. We really think that it's nothing too impressive. Guys, this is the piece that without which nothing else can happen in this world. And for the longest time, the enemy tried to keep us away from our land and from our language and from our capital and from everything.

And against all odds, God rescued us according -- first of all, He healed the land according to [Ezekiel 36:8](#). Then He rescued us from the remnant, from the ashes of the Holocaust, according to [Ezekiel 37](#). And now we're safe, secure, and prosperous. And now we're on the verge of [Ezekiel 38](#) and [39](#).

So you know how can you think for a second that they're not chosen by God, if that's the way He preserved them and paved their steps all the way to this point?

**PASTOR MIKE:** You know since we're on that point, it feeds into Ira's question, Amir, as you're painting that picture. Ira has a dad that lives in California and his question is, "Will he somehow be brought back to the land of Israel after the rapture, is it necessary?" There's Jews returning to the land, and this has been going on for over 100 years. Is that something he should be encouraging his dad to do? Or how do you explain, what counsel you could give Ira?

**AMIR:** Wait a minute, I didn't understand, Ira's Father is Jewish?

**PASTOR MIKE:** His father is a Jew living in California and will he somehow be brought back to Israel? Or after the rapture?

**AMIR:** Is he a believer?

**PASTOR MIKE:** What?

**AMIR:** Is he a believer?

**PASTOR MIKE:** It doesn't say.

**AMIR:** Then it doesn't matter. Because if he's a believer, if she's asking about the rapture, obviously he's a believer. When you're a believer, heaven is our home anyway.

**PASTOR MIKE:** That's a good point.

**AMIR:** And we'll come back to rule and reign with Him, and maybe the Jews will have the privilege of staying in Jerusalem while we'll send Barry back to Southern California.

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**AMIR:** You never know. But my point is: If you're a believer, you don't have to worry about this things. Honestly, I always like to see the Jews back in their land. This is the only Jewish state on the entire planet, that's it. This is the only place where we have the right to call it a Jewish state, where it was founded by our forefathers as a Jewish state.

But I know it's not easy for someone who has been away from this land for generations to suddenly leave everything and come back here. I understand that. It's easy for me to say; I was born here. But I know that it wasn't too easy for the generations before to leave everything and move to this land.

But I can tell you after the rapture, we'll be in a much better place. And when we come back here in our glorified bodies, the earth will be a different place. I mean Jesus Christ will reign from Jerusalem and we'll reign with Him, and part of the fallen world will be partially restored, not to perfection.

It's not the New Jerusalem and new heaven and new earth, but still we'll have a better life. And Jerusalem will have a beautiful river in its midst and animals won't be poisonous anymore and stuff like that.

But my point is again, if he wants to move to Israel, now it's even better. You know why? Because when we pray in Israel, it's a local call. And when were raptured, it's much faster to get to heaven from Israel.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, and Ira's dad is a nonbeliever, he said in the forum there. So we encourage people to look for the person of Jesus rather than the place. That the person of Jesus and the witness that you have, Ira, to your dad is critical at this stage. Pastor Barry, anything to add on that?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Well, there's those, I think J. Vernon McGee held the position that all the Jews had to be back within the geographic boundaries of Israel for that be the fulfillment. Now those who still make that argument today.

But again, the Bible tells us, ["That there are those who say they are Jews and are not."](#) They're, you know, ["Not all Israel is of Israel,"](#) and Paul made that distinction. And you know so I don't think it's a necessity that every ethnic Jew return to the Land of Israel in order for things to move forward prophetically.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, thank you for that clarification. Moving into a very controversial, yet fun topic. And that is since we're talking about some of these events and elections in Israel, what is the balance between free will and the sovereignty of God? In fact, the actual question is, "How do free will and predestination go hand in hand, Amir?"

**AMIR:** Oh, it's very, very easy; God knows everything. In his full knowledge, He knows who is going to accept Him and who is not. But he allows us to decide, He gives us the free will, or else we would never be able to love God with all our heart or our soul, all our mind. There is no love if there is no free will. And therefore, it's a necessary thing to have free will.

But of course we're dealing with God that is omnipresent, omniscient, and all-knowing; He knows everything. So in His full knowledge, He can tell you now what you going to do tomorrow. But you don't know what you're gonna do tomorrow, and your tomorrow is based on your decision today. So if you decide to go now and jump of a cliff, then tomorrow you'll be buried. But God could tell you today, you know, don't do that.





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But my point is: It's your choice. And free will is the most essential thing in order to have love. I would never want my family to love me on an automatic mode, without meaning, without having the free will to choose because then it's not love. You know it's not love, and God wants us to love Him with all our hearts, all our soul, all our mind, and to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. And when you're "designed to" and "programmed to," it's not Spirit and truth.

You don't need the Spirit of God and you don't need any truth to be programmed and designed. You need a good programmer. But when you are given the free will and you choose to follow God, now these are the people that God wants.

So you know these are the two things will never be able to understand because we live in one realm, and God is everywhere all the time. The sense of time and space is completely different. But nevertheless, we are still here, and in the entire book of the Bible, He's dealing with choices of people and their consequences thereof, and not on any pre-programmed nations or people.

**PASTOR MIKE:** I've always been amazed, Amir, that people blame God for human choices of evil, and they want it both ways. They want a perfect world that saves them from all of their bad choices, but to take away choice then alleviates the ability to love genuinely. And so it's kind of crazy. Pastor Barry, predestination and free will: What do you say to that topic?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Well, I think Spurgeon put it well. He was just that same question, and they said, "How do you reconcile predestination and free will?" And he said, "You don't have to reconcile friends." They're not mutually exclusive terms. They're both biblical concepts. And if we look at what Paul actually said in [Romans 8:29](#), the predestination aspect was to the conformity of the image of Christ and those who come to the Lord by their own free will and make their choice to serve Him, as John would say, "Choose this day whom you will serve." They have a predestined eternal destiny that includes a glorified state, as [Philippians 3](#) tells us. That these lowly bodies are going to be conformed into the glorious image of the body of Christ.

So you know as Amir said, we look all the way back to the garden. And people often ask the question, "Why would God create man knowing that he was going to fall and all the consequences of that original sin that we have all born?"

Because as Amir said, there's no such thing as love if it's robotic obedience. There has to be the choice, there has to be a free will in order for love to even exist. And therefore, we could see that within the plan and purposes of God as well. His foreknowledge, as Amir said, has given Him a wisdom that allows Him to draw people to Himself.

And I think a lot of these questions get so mixed up in the thinking of people because they're like -- I've often told the church -- Listen, you don't have to be a Calvinist or and Arminius, you don't have to be one or the other. It's not what determines your salvation. Belief on Christ is what determines your salvation.

So you don't have to choose a camp. I've often said I'm a staunch "committee-sit." I believe there's portions of each camp that are right and portions that are wrong. And as far as God pre-selecting some for eternal death and pre-selecting others without a matter of choice, I do not hold to that position and don't believe that is so.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, well Dave asks this question, "When we pray, do we pray to the Father, do we pray to Jesus? Do we pray to the Father in Jesus' name? What happens if we



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pray to Jesus and not the Father? What if we pray and not pray in Jesus' name? Is there a correct formula for prayer to make our prayers count, Amir, any kind of comments?

**AMIR:** Yeah, any answer I'll give you now, I'm gonna hear from someone, I know. First of all, Jesus taught us how to pray to begin with. And so it's not like there is no place in the Bible where we can learn how to pray. Second, I believe that if we become too religious about it, then we're losing also here. I don't believe that all of -- it's almost like is it Jesus or Yeshua? When you call him Jesus, is he really listening to you or only when you call him Yeshua?

That's becoming a little religious here because obviously if your language calls Him Jesus, and by the way, in the Greek, they called Him *Jesús*, which means that's how they called Him then in other circles in the Greek language. Then obviously, we all know that it's Him and He knows that it's Him. And I believe that when you pray, although Jesus did teach us how to pray, to pray to the Father in His name.

It's also, by the way, a little bit redundant to pray to Jesus in the name of Jesus. It's a little, you know, even grammatically a little bit off. I believe that the best way is to address the Father and to ask it in Jesus' name. ["Everything you ask from your Father, ask in My name."](#) He said. So we need to do that.

Now If somebody, God forbid, prays to Jesus, do you think God is going to say, "Nope, wrong person. I don't think I'm gonna listen to you right now; change your language and get back to Me." This is not God; God looks at the heart. And yes, maybe we don't know, so we address it maybe in a different way. But I don't like this religious spirit of thinking that unless it's this way, that's it.

Now to tell you that you can pray to Mary, that's where I draw the line. Because Mary is not part of the Godhead, she's not part of the Trinity, and I wouldn't address it that way.

But if somebody somehow addresses, and by the way, I had that discussion with German friends when I was 25 years old already. Because it was really it bothered me that the German, Herr Jesu, and then they start talking to Jesus. And as a Jew, it bothered me because it didn't even sound correct in my ear because all we know is we always prayed to God the Father.

And finally, now I know in what name I can pray and I should pray and I better pray for Him to be able to even answer. But over the course of the years, I've learned that it's not all black and white. I've grown to understand that there is this issue of the heart and the intention of the heart. And I know that's what's God is all about. You know God hates religion and God hates religious spirit.

So I if people ask me how would you suggest that I pray? Pray to God the Father and always ask it in Jesus' name. But if, God forbid, somebody prayed to Jesus, I'm not going to say God never heard you. This is absolutely wrong.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Right, right; thank you for that. Pastor Barry, anything to add?

**PASTOR BARRY:** [John 14:14](#) Jesus said, ["If you ask any in my name, I will do it."](#) And so therefore, we have that particularly element introduced to us. But we have to remember that Jesus was dealing with His disciples who were coming out of the rituals of Judaism where prayer is often vain repetitions.

And Jesus warned against, and they noticed that he prayed differently than they do. So they asked Him, ["Teach us how to pray."](#) And you know the interesting thing about the word



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"prayer," it's a huge, long Greek word of proseuchomai, and it means "to motion toward." Pros; that's the same prefix that you would find in the word worship, and it means "to one's wishes." So prayer is basically us ascending to God's wishes or ascending to know His will or moving toward what He has for us. And for us to know and understand how we can best serve Him in any given situation or application. So again, recognizing the purpose of prayer will allow us to understand better than method of prayer. We're not just repeating the Lord's Prayer over and over in a repetition form that Jesus himself said it's vain repetition and won't be heard. But again, I think if we note that the fact that access to the Father has been given to us through Jesus, that as Amir said, God the Father, the Son, the Triune nature of God, they're all one. So if someone in their unawareness doesn't pray in Jesus' name, it's not like the Lord said, "Well you didn't put a stamp on your letter, I didn't hear you." So the Lord is going hear, and we're told to do this, so we should do it. But it doesn't exclude someone who is unaware of that particular aspect from having their prayers heard.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, thank you, gentlemen, when it comes to the issue of Damascus, let's see. Sandra is asking, "How can we be sure that the destruction of Damascus is a future event? Amir, you can go up to the Golan, you can see the whole place of Syria and Damascus, we have pictures. I mean, how do we know that's a future event, the destruction of Damascus?"

**AMIR:** I have two answers, or my answer is gonna be divided into two parts. First is throughout the course of the history of Damascus, it has never been completely destroyed, never. It has been partially destroyed like many other places. But it has kept it's -- unlike many other places such as Babylon that is completely destroyed, Damascus actually was the seat of all the Roman governors and later on also Muslim sultans and others. And so definitely, definitely Damascus was a very important place and it continues to be so. And the Bible indicates in Isaiah 17 that it will be uninhabitable after it's going to be destroyed in, I believe, in the near future. So if Damascus is still standing, obviously, it has not been completely destroyed to the point of being uninhabitable. And we also know that in the history as we know, it never happened before. So look the same with Rome, look at Rome today. Rome has never been completely destroyed to the point of being uninhabitable. It's been there for the longest time and it's still there, it's different, but it's still standing. So is Damascus. But the point is going to come where it will be a heap of ruins, uninhabitable, that's it. And so there is no doubt in my mind that Isaiah 17 falls under what Isaiah 46 says. "That I am God; there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done." So that falls into that specific realm of things that are not yet done. Isaiah 17 spoke of things that are not yet done.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, it's a great point. And if you if you go to Syria, there's several cities and even the smaller ones, some of them have been completely disbanded and uninhabitable and some outright abandoned and moved. And so there's precedent for that already. Pastor Barry, anything to add?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Well, yeah, I think we need to recognize if we're gonna look at one particular piece of geographic area that's making the news these days, second to Israel, it would be Syria. And here you got the major players from the Ezekiel war scenario with Russia and Turkey and Libya and other nations, and of course, Iranians, the Persians that are named there, now they've got a presence there on the northern border of Israel in Syria. And Mike, you made a good point about other cities being destroyed because there's a possibility that Damascus is representative of the nation just like someone would talk about Jerusalem but



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they're referring to Israel. And just like someone would say DC and the referring to the whole United States. But without question, it's going to include the actual City of Damascus in the destruction. But it could be broader than that as well. So I think that's important to recognize as far as trying to figure out where are we in the whole prophetic scenario, and with both Israel being in the news, back in the land, just celebrating their 72nd birthday, and now the forces of Ezekiel on the northern border of Israel and Syrian territory, boy, we're getting close.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, absolutely. Donna asks the question, "There is some confusion over the next temple. Is Ezekiel's temple the third or fourth Temple, Amir.

**AMIR:** It is the fourth temple and it's very, very obvious. A) By the fact that Ezekiel is speaking of the millennial kingdom, that portion of the last chapters of the book. He's speaking of the complete re-division of the land between the 12 tribes. He's speaking of the godly reigning from the temple over the whole world. And remember the third temple is the temple that the Antichrist will allow Israel to build. And then he will enter in and declare himself as God, right there as 2 Thessalonians says in Chapter 2.

So my point is the third temple will not have shelf life longer than seven years. If you really think about it, from the moment they start building to the moment they inaugurate, then he goes in and then Jesus comes back seven years later after they may have started it and everything is destroyed through the earthquake that Jesus brings with Him when His feet stand on the Mount of Olive and everything splits. So of all the temples, the four, two were and two are about to come, the third one will have the shortest shelf life of a maximum, I don't know, seven years. But even that's not because it takes time to build it. And then once inaugurated and once it's being declared as the place where the Antichrist wants to rule from, that's it, you know, that's when he flips on the Jewish people. This is when he breaks the covenant and we're entering now into the second half of the seven-year Tribulation. So you know the third temple is the worst yet; it is the shortest living one. And Ezekiel is definitely speaking on the fourth one.

**PASTOR MIKE:** You know, Kelly asked the question, Pastor Barry, adding to this discussion about sacrifices. "Will there be sacrifices in the third and the fourth temple of his Ezekiel's temple? And if so, why would there be sacrifices when Jesus is the sacrifice for all sins?" Is that something you could enlighten us?

**PASTOR BARRY:** Sure; the third temple will absolutely have sacrifices because the Antichrist is going to bring them to an end. So we know that implies the fact that there will be restoration of the Jewish sacrifices during that time period. You know, that's a big question about the Ezekiel or rather the fourth temple and the sacrifices that we know will be made, restored. And you know I think the only valid argument is none of us know the reason for them outside of the fact that they're done in memoriam rather than point to the death of Christ. And throughout the millennium, there's going to be unbelievers on the surface of the Earth. There's going to be people who need to understand the magnitude of the penalty that Christ paid for our sins. And the visual aspect of the animal sacrifice that was pointing forward to Jesus is now for those in the millennium going to point back to Jesus and make the same declaration. Innocent blood paid the sin death that you had accumulated. So that's a very common question, a good question about the fourth temple and sacrifices. And another question if I could just for second ad, that people ask about the fourth temple. Is Jesus just going occupy the third temple and cleanse it and occupy the seat of the Antichrist, so to speak? And Ezekiel gives so many



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specifics. I think there's a separate and forth temple, like Amir was saying and not simply just a cleansing of the third and an occupation of it by Jesus during the millennium.

**AMIR:** Yeah, the dimensions that Ezekiel gave are far bigger and different than the ones we know of in the first, second, and the third. They won't even match Mount Mariah as it is today. Obviously, the earthquake will shift the points there and form a different place, probably north of where the Dome is today. And that is, of course, why a lot of people are excited because the garden tomb today is actually situated on the highest point north of the Temple Mount but of the same range, and that's interesting that around this place is where Jesus gave His life to the world, there He will also sit and reign from.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, that's a case for that being the site. Of course, the dimensions, folks, you can you actually build a scaled model of the Ezekiel Temple. If that's one big metaphor, why did he go into such detail, as Amir says? Just food for thought. We're gonna move to the next question here. And we have about 10 minutes left so we're gonna try to do the best that we can. Amir tweeted even just today, and you answered the question, Amir, today. Will we, this generation, be alive to actually -- is the Antichrist alive right now, is the question. Is the Antichrist alive right now somewhere in the earth, Amir?

**AMIR:** Well, I tweeted I said -- **PASTOR MARK:** You tweeted and you said, "Yes."

**AMIR:** I said that I believe that he is alive. And the reason why I believe that is not because I have wishful thinking. **PASTOR MARK:** Right.

**AMIR:** It's because I see the reality of today. I see the coming coalition against Israel. I see that Jerusalem is back in our hand. I see the growing globalist and One World Order and the New World Order and one-world government movement. And they're gaining more and more strength. And I also see the mystery of lawlessness at work, the spirit of the Antichrist everywhere. I mean, look, I based it on what I see that is according to the words of Jesus describing the very end. So that gives me the understanding that he is around. We don't have to worry about it because we don't have to know him. You know, he will only be revealed when we're out of here. So we will not see the Antichrist because we will be with Jesus Christ. So we have to remember that. But I absolutely tweeted three things, by the way. One of them, by the way, finished my -- if I ever wanted to run for office in Israel, that killed it. The first one I tweeted was that I believe that the Antichrist is alive. The second one I tweeted is I believe that the rapture will take place in my lifetime. And by the way, I'm not the only one; Paul thought that as well. And the third thing that I tweeted is that people ask me if the state of Israel as-is has an expiration date. And I said absolutely. You know we're having a democracy now, Antichrist will be a autocracy, and then Jesus Christ will be a theocracy. And we will only be part of the theocracy. I think we lost Barry again. We will be the theocracy and we won't be part of the autocracy. The minute we're out, he is in to establish this tyranny and all of that.

So my point is: as much as I love my country and I do, and as much as I love democracy and I do, it will not last forever because the Antichrist will literally take over this place, literally. Look, if Israel is running to the desert across the Jordan River into some suggests what Petra is today, obviously, there is no more sovereign state of Israel. Obviously, there's no more parliament, government, military, and all that it has to do. And the next thing is now autocracy or tyranny. And of course when Christ comes back, it's theocracy, God is ruling, and we are definitely gonna rule with Him and reign with him. **PASTOR MARK:** Yeah, we'll work on getting Barry back. That is a great, very comprehensive answer to the question. Amir, as we approach





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near the end of our time here, as a Jewish person, here's a question. Let me tell you who wrote this so I can give credit. Werner asks, "Should we as Gentiles celebrate the Jewish feasts in the Bible? Is there value in doing that like Passover and Trumpets and Tabernacles and Day of Atonement, all of that?" I mean as a Jewish believer, what would you say to Werner?

**AMIR:** I would say this: These are the Feasts of the Lord. The Lord gave it to Israel because Israel was the one to bring the Word of God and the oracles and the commandments and all of that. But I believe that now, especially in light of Jesus fulfilling, in light of -- here, Barry is back with us. Especially in light of Jesus fulfilling the first four, I mean three, and then the Holy Spirit came on the fourth, we can even celebrate those in greater joy in and satisfaction. So I'm not dogmatic; I'm not religious. I don't want to tell you that if you don't celebrate these festivals, you're not a good believer. But I say, you know, if the Bible gave us festivals like that to celebrate and remember Christ, why not? And by the way, so is with Christmas and Easter. I find tons of pagan roots to both. However, if the whole world is celebrating them, we can use that as a platform to show them who really Jesus is, who really the tree of life, who really the morning star is, who really the life bringer is. Look, I'm always saying Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate with the Jewish people the Feast of Light, which is not biblical. The Hanukkah was not biblical at that time, and yet they celebrated it. It was traditional and Jesus went to Jerusalem. Why? Because that was the chance to speak about the light of the world. **PASTOR MARK:** So I'm not sinning if as a Gentile, I don't celebrate these. But if I choose to out of my own free will, there is benefit because it really ties me to God's prophetic plan and my understanding of Jesus fulfilling of those holidays, is what I'm hearing you say, Amir.

**AMIR:** Absolutely; I believe that -- forget about religious spirit. You want to celebrate something that has to do with Jesus. And you want to do that in the way that you make mention of Jesus and you use it as a way to tell the world about us, that's all. I mean honestly, I'll never forget the day I read Isaiah Chapter 1. And I almost I lost my breath when I read that chapter. I said, "That cannot be the words of the prophet Isaiah." In Isaiah 1, he says, "Your festivals, your new moons, your Sabbath and your holiday I hate, my soul hates." And I'm like, what? You hate the festivals that you told us to celebrate? and then, "No, I hate what you turned them into. You just do all these things on automatic mode because you have to. But you don't even know what it's all about, and you don't mean what it means. First of all, come clean your hands and clean yourself. And now when you're clean, now let's reason together." And

So my point is: Now we're clean; we have been forgiven. Our sins have been washed away. We're now white as snow, although it was red as crimson.

So my point is: Now even more so we can come before God with all of these holidays and celebrate them in Spirit and truth. But again, Mike, if you come from a religious standpoint, you missed the whole point to begin with. And if you're going to come and say you have to do it this way and you have to do it this way, and you have to wear this and eat this and show this and do this, you missed the whole point.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, dead, religious, ritualistic living is not life-giving.

**AMIR:** I want people to go back and read Isaiah Chapter 1 over and over again and again to understand that God hates religion. He loves relationship, and through Christ, our sins used to be red as crimson and are being washed white as snow. And now we can come before Him, "Now let's reason together," He says. **PASTOR MARK:** Yeah, yeah, it's important.



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**AMIR:** Barry, your second resurrection on this on this Q&A. Barry, you're --

**PASTOR BARRY:** Back from the dead. You know, Amir, I like what you just said because it reminded me of Isaiah 58. Where in verse 5, the Lord says, "Is this a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul, to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sack cloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, an acceptable day to the Lord?" And then He says, "Is this not the fast I have chosen, to loose the bonds of wickedness, to under the heavy burden, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke and share your bread with the hungry, bring to your house the poor who are cast out, see the naked and cover him and not hide yourself from your own flesh?" That's the ministry of Jesus. All these fast days and rituals and festivals were all meant to point to Jesus. And I think that is such a crucial point that you brought out to recognize because if you're doing them in the ritualistic sense, that's all the value you have in them. You're simply performing a ritual or recognizing a ritual, when they're all about Jesus, every single one of them. The feast days, the seven feast days are pointing to Jesus.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yeah, yeah, thank you for bringing balance to that. We get that question a lot, and there's so many people eager to jump into dead religion and miss out on the powerful relationship with the Lord Jesus.

**AMIR:** And unfortunately, there's a lot of Jewdiasers, that they're going out there to confuse the sheep and tell them that they must do this or must do that or else they don't understand the Word of God, and it's just baloney. **PASTOR MARK:** Sad, yeah, very sad. And we see that it was even in the New Testament as well. I see we lost the camera feed for Amir; he's gonna join back in. But folks, we are already out of time. And so we did a full hour; we're actually a minute over. And so what I'm gonna do is pray us out. And then hopefully Amir will come back in so that we can get any final thoughts and some announcements. So please join me as we close in prayer. Thank you, Lord, for our time together today. Thank you for all these precious souls that were able to join us today in this forum and ask these questions. Thank you for Pastor Barry and his willingness to join today and take time to be with us here. We pray that we would keep our eyes on Jesus especially in these times and allow us all to really pursue that relationship and throw out all those things that so easily entangles us and distract us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**AMIR:** Amen, Amen. I don't know if you can see me, Mike.

**PASTOR MIKE:** Yep, I can see you, and we're still live. So we just lost Barry.

**AMIR:** We lost Barry; you know these things happen. But I'm thankful for the technology that is still allowing us to do all of these things. And you know if you don't press on and do things, you'll never have problems. But we're okay with that. And Mike, I want to remind everyone to follow us on social media here right now. You can subscribe to our newsletter to get real-time, personally written by me events, and also ministry updates. We also want you to follow us on the Behold Israel on Instagram, on Facebook, on Twitter, and on YouTube. And we're about to release a very exciting video on "The Timeless Days of Elijah." The Timeless Days of Elijah; my son Ariel and myself, we filmed that not long ago. And we just posted the teaser, the promo, and you will love it. I want to thank Barry, I want to thank Mike, I want to thank all of you for being with us.

Thank you guys, Shalom, and God bless you from Galilee.