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Special Q&A: War with Iran
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AMIR: Shalom and good morning to the people of California, and good day for the people of the United States. Good evening, good night to those in the Middle East, Europe and in Asia. I'm Amir Tsarfati and this is a Q&A that will focus mostly,

predominantly on the war with Iran. With me, Pastor Barry Stagner, as always, and he's in the comfort of his home, while others have to deal with the discomfort of mobile devices. [Laughing] And with us, also suffering from the discomfort of the mobile devices, and therefore not having the proper lighting is Pastor Mike Golay, who is a couple of floors below my room. So, Shalom, gentlemen, how are you?

BARRY: Shalom, Amir, very good.

MIKE: Very good.

AMIR: I'm sorry, I had three cups of very strong coffee this morning. And so my humor might be a little bit over the top today. Three things before we start, I want to remind people this evening, 7 PM, I'll be teaching at Calvary Chapel of Chino Hills, a brand-new message called, "The Unchanging God." I'm inviting you to join or watch online. Also, this coming Saturday, we're going to have Proximity [Conference] to all the people that need the weapons and the ammunition regarding how to explain the stand of the church with Israel, the biblical aspect of the relationship between God and Israel, and why is it important for Christians to stand with Israel. We're going

to give you everything, all the weapons you need, all the ammunition you need. Show up to Proximity. The location is Calvary Chapel East Anaheim, but it's actually the annual prophecy conference of Calvary Central OC, the Calvary Chapel of Tustin. And that's Barry Stagner's church. We still have about 200 seats open; 1,000 people registered already. So we still have some openings, please make it to Calvary Chapel East Anaheim this Saturday. I promise you, you will not regret it.

And the last thing I want to say, this is the last week before the launch day, next week of the last day, *The Next War*. And I want to encourage you, if you haven't done so, pre-order that. That probably will be the best thriller you've ever read, but not only that. It will really bring you the reality of the coming war of Ezekiel as if you are there. And I'm telling you, it's worth it and get one for yourself, friends, family. And we could use your help before the launch. So once the launch day comes, the big retailers will also order it for their own shelves.

Thank you, guys. Pastor Barry, would you start with a prayer and then Pastor Mike, take the reins.

BARRY: Absolutely. And Lord, we are so grateful that Your Word has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness. And Lord, we know to a degree that which should be expected on the prophetic horizon. And we do thank You that we know the outcome of all that is happening in our world today as well. So we ask for clarity, we ask for discernment, and we ask most of all for Your Spirit to guide the questions and the answers today for Your glory. And we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen.

MIKE: Okay. Just a few guidelines, everybody. The whole reason why we do these Q&As is to make sense out of the connection between the events going on in the Middle East around Israel

and Bible prophecy; linking into the news world, of course, of course, of course, and what the connection is between all of these inter-workings. And so that's why we do this. So it helps to write your question out clearly. I'll be taking them from the chat. And for the first question, and I will mention your name if your name is mentioned on the actual post, but let's go to the first question. This is [from] a no name. Amir: "Why..." The name isn't a personal name, but ... why... and other people are asking the same question. "Why so many rockets against the UAE specifically?" Even in the video, there was the Burj al Khalifa. [AMIR: "Yes. Yeah"] Why is Iran attacking a fellow-Muslim state? And then the second part of this question, which I'm seeing in the forum here is, "Does the United Arab Emirates play any role in the Ezekiel War that comes later?"

AMIR: Yeah. Okay, so first of all, there are three major reasons why the UAE is part of this equation. First of all, it's a prime partner in the Abraham Accords and that is one reason. I mean, they want to punish them for siding with Israel and partnering with Israel on so many levels, partnership on economic, military, intelligence, and they know exactly that Israel is helping the UAE even militarily. We did send an Iron Dome to the UAE, and we did send our own troops to operate it on the soil of UAE. They know that; everybody knows that. They also want to punish the UAE for being the symbol of Western civilization which they perceive as exactly opposite to the Islamic values of the Islamic Republic. They look at it and they see how they thrive, how everybody wants to go there. And they don't like it to a certain degree; they probably are jealous also. But the third thing has to be very clear and we must all know that. There is a spiritual aspect to this whole conflict. And as far as the Shia are concerned, the idea of chaos is important to enhance the return of the—to urge the return of their hidden Mahdi, their version of Messiah. And in their mind, either the world is ready, which means everybody is Shia Muslims and then he'll

come. Or the world will have to be in complete chaos for him to come and bring about order. And so obviously, most of the world is not Shia. Obviously, Iran is isolated. So they go with this chaos option, and they want to sow chaos everywhere all around. And yes, the UAE is suffering, but you might be surprised to know the UAE had encountered or had actually absorbed twice the number of rockets and drones than Israel during this war. And yet, no major damage was done to it because it is very successfully dealing with it. And that also frustrates the Iranians.

The UAE yesterday for the first time pulled out of OPEC, which is the cartel of the oil countries, oil-rich countries. And it's a big cartel that sets the number of barrels and the prices of the oil barrels. And so now the UAE is saying, "We're not going to be part of all of this. We will not let other countries that are not even sharing our values, we will not let them take our share in this whole thing." The UAE is number four, it's a list of 15 countries and number four, that's the fourth largest oil exporter. And they're pulling out and probably later on some others might even pull out.

So you can clearly see that in the overall picture, and that brings me to the second question, the UAE is taking a stand, clearly a stand by Israel and against the Arab world and the Islamic Republic. And now when it comes to the Ezekiel War, I believe the UAE is part of Sheba and Dedan's protest of this operation. And by the way, my first book, thriller, fiction book was *Operation Joktan*. It is dealing with the UAE; that's the first book. And so it is dealing with the UAE, dealing with how Israel already operated in that area before the Abraham Accords. And it is dealing with how Israel helped the UAE thwarting a drone attack on Burj Khalifa. Can you imagine? What you just saw is a fulfillment of what we anticipated six years ago when we wrote the first book. Unbelievable. That's why I'm telling people these books are beyond... they're prophetic in a sense, because they're based on Bible prophecy and they're based on current events.

And once you connect prophecy with current events, you will always be right because prophecy is something that has happened, but we haven't seen it yet. And God saw it, God reported it. So it has to be right, it has to be accurate, because it has already happened as far as God is concerned. We haven't yet experienced it yet. God is outside of time; He saw it happening. He told the prophets, the prophets wrote it and we read it and we need to understand it is something you could take to the bank.

MIKE: Yeah, okay, Pastor Barry, you ready for this next one? This is from Mike and this is a polemic; this is a training opportunity for you Pastor Barry to train us all on this question. "What is the best way to address a skeptic about Israel committing genocide?" What resources, what arguments, what are some talking points that prove that they are not committing genocide as they talk to their loved ones and their colleagues? What are some of the things that come to your mind? And Amir, I think you should weigh in on this one, too, because this is a huge lie that has managed to gain serious ground all over the world, Pastor Barry and Amir. Let's spend a few minutes on this, Pastor Barry.

BARRY: Step one: stay away from the liberal media, stay off of CNN and all these other basically political devices that are trying to advance a narrative that is really playing into the devil's hands. This hatred that the Bible predicts is going to be a global for the nation of Israel is basically being promoted by many of these liberal media outlets. I think (1) we need to be historically aware of how Israel has experienced genocide in the past so we can therefore get a definition of what genocide actually looks like. But one, I think we need to be cognizant of what actually is happening there and not allow Hamas itself and its health registry, so to speak, to give the statistics on what's actually happening in the country. We talked about this at the "Israel Decree (Conference)" last weekend that the combatant to civilian casualty rate is the lowest in the history of modern warfare.

Normally there's one combatant to seven civilians and it's just a hair over one to one in that particular ratio. So again, I think because we live in an age, Mike, where fabrications are hugely popular and people hear it by someone who they deem to be credible, they treat it as fact regardless of how far it is from the truth. So I think the primary thing is we have to watch who we're listening to and stay away from those who have an agenda to spread propaganda that is anti-Israel.

MIKE: Yeah, debunking the false claims. Yeah, Amir.

AMIR: Yeah, the fact is and the problem is that nobody cares to even find what genocide is all about as far as the definition of the word. Once you read what—and by the way, genocide as a word was formed after the Holocaust, because of the Holocaust. If any group of people went through a genocide, it's the Jewish people. And in 1948, when it was defined in international law in the United Nations Convention on the Prevention of Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, this was formed because of the Holocaust. And just so you know, we're almost 90 years later, we have not yet reached the number of Jews that lived before. *That's* a genocide, okay? When Jews were marked, transferred to concentration camps, and gassed to death or shot to death just because of being Jews.

Now what happens in Gaza is different. It's urban warfare that actually follows a genocide that was done by Hamas. What did Hamas do on that Saturday morning? Hamas entered houses and killed people just because they're Jews—they did nothing to them—and massacred, and beheaded, and burned them alive, and chopped their organs, chopped their limbs, and raped women, burned children. All of these things happened without a battle—unilaterally and a genocidal thing. And that then caused a war to start, and in urban warfare where the enemy is using women and children as a human shield, that's what you get. And even then we showed probably the most moral results of any military combat in modern history than any other country. I mean,

we, again, as Pastor Barry said, it's almost the same number of civilian non-combatants and its combatants that were killed in that thing. And it's interesting because the same people who are so easily parroting words of Hamas, the same organization that committed the genocide on October 7th, they're the people that will not even believe physical-video evidence of what happened in two days in Iran where over 45,000 people were massacred overnight. These are the same people.

So they want to believe the lie, and they reject the truth because they formed in their mind a different definition. Genocide for them is whenever children and women of the Palestinian people are killed in a war, it's a genocide. No, that's not a genocide. That's war. A genocide of the group is going like that. It's an *intentional* and systematic destruction of a national ethnic, racial or religious group. It involves acts carried out with aim of eliminating that group either in whole or in part. [MIKE: "Oh, I see"] All I see is trucks loaded with Nutella and Diet Coke flowing into Gaza Strip. All I see is that we actually want them to leave areas of combat to areas that are safe. We are preparing safe zones for them. That's in order for them not to get killed. All I see is that it's Egypt that is not allowing them out. All I see is that each Egypt that is charging \$10,000 per head if they want to move through the Rafah crossing. All I see is that the international community is trying to tie the hands of Israel from fighting Hamas. And by doing so, they are prolonging this war and thus more and more innocent people die in urban warfare. That's what I see.

If genocide would have been committed, this war would not have lasted more than 48 hours. It's so easy to wipe out Gaza within an hour if we wanted. What about the West Bank? Don't they have in Judea and Samaria Palestinians? Are they being killed? So is it a genocide only against Palestinians residing in Gaza or what? All we kill are terrorists or unfortunately, the people the terrorists are using in order to shield them. And I'm telling you, Israel has the most moral army in the world. We drop leaflets, we send text messages, we call them, we announce on social media,

and we even send empty shells to scare them to leave in order not to kill innocent people. No other military does that. We have a whole unit in Israel sending text messages, phone calls, emails, social media announcements, knock on the roof with those empty shells that are falling. What else can you do?

And when you have 500 miles of underground tunnels, you could have actually protected all of the Gazans. But the 500 miles, according to Hamas leaders, are not for the civilians, they are for the militants. They are for them. The Hamas said, “The people above, they’re the problem of the world. This tunnel is for us.” So [audio disrupted] need to tell you that you need to shake hands with reality and stop using empty words you don’t even know what their meaning is. Go to the Gaza border right now and see how many trucks go into Gaza every day with food, with food that most people around the world don’t get to have. I mean, I’m asking you, how many Indonesians are getting Nutella? How many Filipinos are getting Nutella? How many Japanese are getting Nutella? Come on, these are the single most spoiled group of people on planet Earth and all of that is not because people love them. Everybody cares not about them. Nobody cares about them. Everybody cares about how to destroy Israel and the Jewish people. And we’ll do whatever it takes. Because when we were away from Israel, we were to be blamed. When we were in Israel, we were to be blamed. When we had no military, they killed us. When we have military, they hate us for protecting ourselves. There’s always a hatred that is built in and the Palestinians are only pawns that they’re using in order to come against us.

And by the way, the Palestinians admit that. Their own terrorists are saying that on newspaper interviews that the whole Palestinian identity is just a way to somehow counterbalance the Zionist movement that brought the Jewish people back to their land. That’s all. But there is no

Palestinian identity because these are all Arabs coming from other countries all around trying to enjoy the ingenuity and the great flourish of the area once the Jews return. It's all documented.

So people choose not to believe the truth. They choose to change the past. All of Wikipedia is now being rewritten by pro-Palestinian people. And that's why I'm telling you, we live in the days of a great delusion and great deception. And people must be very careful how they consume their information. But the facts of the matter are that there is no such thing as genocide, certainly not in our area. And if there is anything that could be answering the definition of genocide are the 10 hours on that Saturday morning of October 2023.

MIKE: Yeah, Pastor Barry, so given this fact that if the Hamas was not stopped that day, they would have completely killed as much... if they had no restraint, they would have killed the whole country, right? Given that reality, how do we go from fact to fiction and a diversion of lie, truth, truth, lie; what is behind these fake accusations of genocide? That the IDF is inhumane? How do we get there? Is there an ominous spirit behind, kind of a puppeteer operating the puppets? Is that too extreme to say that? Can you put a period on this? What is the source of antisemitism and the lies and the inversion of truth? How would you articulate that to somebody like myself who's asking you, where is this coming from? If I believe the facts, how can somebody with the facts still conclude in the face of truth that they deny it and choose to live in a fantasy world supporting a rhetoric? Who is the author of that?

BARRY: Well, Mike, I think if we watch some of the things happening in our world today, some of the things that are issues and events that make us scratch our heads a bit, that are beyond understanding, one of the most significant in my thinking is how the world so quickly turned against the victim. Now we've had this victim mentality being sewn into cultures around the world, and this manifested itself in a way and degree that I think is unprecedented, where Israel is

attacked, people are slain, slaughtered, mercilessly treated, and in *hours* the world began to turn against the nation of Israel. There's only one explanation, and that is the devil is behind it. And that is a delusional mindset that is happening in our world that precedes, what will ultimately take place during the tribulation period, that God will send to the world a strong delusion that they would believe the lie.

Now this I think has application ultimately that is specific to the lie of the Antichrist and his claim to be God. But again, we're watching all of these things develop naturally in the minds of many people who do not have the discernment that's necessary to live in times such as these. And 1 Corinthians 2:14 says the natural man cannot discern the things of God because they are spiritual. And this is spiritual in nature, Mike, and I think that's such a great question that the world is experiencing just irrational belief. We've got the Isaiah 5:20 manifestation happening today that good is called evil and evil is called good, darkness and light, meaning truth and lies have actually exchanged definitions. And I think that is the explanation for one of the most bizarre things, probably paralleled only by the Holocaust itself, that has ever happened in the course of human history, not simply the history of Israel. It's got to be the enemy; there's no other explanation for it.

MIKE: So, you're saying Satan is in fact in his demonic forces behind this kind of thinking of fantasy land, denial of reality for a false narrative, you're saying that that is a demonic manifestation in today's culture. [AMIR: "Yeah."]

BARRY: Oh, without question, I mean, if you look at what Jesus said in John 10:10, that He came to give us life and to give it to us super-abundantly. But in contrast, the thief does not come, which is a title for the enemy, Satan, except to steal, to kill and destroy. And that is exactly what the motive is of Hamas and Iran and others like them, that is the destruction of Israel. So when you

have that as your mode of operation, your primary goal in life, there's only one source that comes from. And that is from the devil himself and that's the words of Jesus that give us that insight. So no question, Mike.

MIKE: Yeah, and of course, you've been targeted as an extremist by saying something like that, but nothing else makes sense. Amir, what do you have to add to that?

AMIR: I just wanted to say that's exactly why we have the "Israel Decree Conference." It's exactly why that book was written to begin with, because we understand that the enemy is obviously behind it. This is a spiritual thing and the best way to tackle a spiritual thing is with the Word of God, not with some... I can give you from now until tomorrow excuses or explanations from international law and from politics and from history, but down... the bottom line of what you see here, especially when you see Christians are being affected by all of that, that this is a spiritual attack. This is a spiritual, a satanic, diabolic, demonic spirit that has invaded into the hearts of so many Christians and a lot of it is because they don't know the Bible. A lot of it is because many of them are just religious people. They don't have a personal relationship with the Lord. Therefore, they don't sit and listen to the Holy Spirit even. And the thing is we aim to equip people not just with history, which is important, but also with the biblical weapon, with the Word of God. What is God saying about all of this? What is the decree that God had with Israel? And once you understand that—the heart of God, the plan of God, the ways of God, the character of God—once you understand that, you realize, "I've been fooled." This whole thing is to make me look at Israel differently and thus also cancel half of the Word of God. And that's not going to happen if you're a true believer. And so we really urge people either to come in person to the conference or to at least watch it online because you will glean so much from it. And even tonight, the message, "The Unchanging God" is also going to, I guess, address that issue. But I want you to understand as a

ministry, we understand that as much as it's important to bring facts and history and politics, without the spiritual component, we will never be able to tackle this thing because this is a demonic spirit. It's a demonic spirit and you act against that with the weapons that we have from God and not by... because we fight against powers and principalities. This is not just flesh and blood that we see here. We need to use all of the weapons that the biblical account is giving us. And so again, I want to encourage people to either get the book, or watch the conference, or come in person if you are in Southern California.

BARRY: Do both!

AMIR: Yeah, or do both, yes. Maybe, Shane, you can put, yeah, this is the QR code. We still have about 200, 250 seats open. You're more than welcome. Calvary Chapel East Anaheim, that's the location this Saturday. And it's in the morning, show up and we'll let you in. And we're looking forward to sharing with you what the Word of God is saying about this whole thing. It's super important. As believers, we have to remember the highest authority is not words of presidents, prime ministers. It's not politics. Our highest authority is the Word of God. And we should never get to the point where the Word of God is put aside because we want to believe YouTubers and influencers and some other people because "They make more sense." They'll never make more sense than the Bible. And so just I invite you, come, we would love to see you.

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, before we move on, I thought it'd be good to encourage people. If you can't make it, if you're not in the area or have other reasons that you can't come in person, you can go to our church's website, calvarycoc.org and stream the conference and watch it live. So again, that's calvarycoc.org. It starts at 9 a.m. Pacific time and we'll go up till 4-ish with the Q&A. And then we'll have some meet and greet time at the church as well. So 9 a.m. Pacific time, that's California time, this Saturday, May the 2nd.

MIKE: Yeah, thank you. Well, then let's move on to the next question with Rose. This is again a consolidated question because a lot of people are wondering about the role of Russia right now with this war with Iran. The role of Russia, Pastor Barry, right now, you can even add China to that. What are some of the geopolitical and spiritual things going on behind the scenes in Russia, Putin? How does he view this war? What's his involvement going to be? And what are the platforms of what's going on now that will springboard into the Ezekiel War where we know that Russia, not necessarily Putin, but Russia, will be the leader of invading Israel. That's kind of a loaded question to consolidate.

BARRY: We've got the direct mention of Russia and Ezekiel 38 and 39 war scenario. China kind of falls in the category of the United States, unmentioned in this particular war scenario. However, they are directly involved through economic participation. We've seen efforts to bypass the choke point of the Strait of Hormuz and move over land by rail oil into China, which again makes them a financier of the war effort in Iran. You've got Russia very clearly, heavily involved in the Ezekiel invasion. One of the things I think that's important to recognize about the motivation behind the Ezekiel War, it's economic. I've always found that interesting up until the last few months, Russia has always been kind of an oddity to me because the other four nations that are going to invade Israel have a common ideological association. You've got Turkey, Iran, Libya and Sudan: four radical-Muslim nations. Now there are Muslims in Russia, but they are not by any stretch of the imagination a radical-Islamic country. However, the motivation behind the invasion is economic. Now when you've got a country like Russia who relies heavily on their energy related products to finance their own war, as well as their own economy to the tune of some 60% of their gross domestic product being energy related products, you've got Iran now struggling economically because of this inability to get their oil to market, so to speak. And you've got Russia's

involvement and relationship with Sudan to build a seaport on the Red Sea. They're already present and active in Libya. So, all of them are participants, but now we've kind of moved and I think it really started and began to focus my attention more heavily on the economic factor and the Russia involvement started to make a lot more sense when the US took control of Venezuelan oil. And I think Trump made a rather interesting statement when he was asked by someone in the media, "What are you going to do with all that oil?" And he said, "Well, we're going to keep it." He said, "We don't need it ourselves. We've got plenty. But we do need to control who gets it." And really, I think this is a key factor in what we're watching unfold right now.

MIKE: Amir, any comments on that?

AMIR: Well, while you were talking, I just read the news that Trump just finished a conversation with Putin that lasted 90 minutes. And then at the very end, he said, "The war between Russia and Ukraine will soon be over." Of course, when you talk to Putin, what are you expecting to hear? But overall, again we have to remember there's world events and there's Bible prophecy. World events can give you one picture. Bible prophecy sometimes can give you a different picture. Circumstances, not always reveal the whole picture, and because you never know what's going to happen the next day whereas Bible prophecy is already telling you what's going to happen the next day. You don't have to be that smart. So if the Bible is telling me that Russia is going to lead a coalition against Israel, I don't have to wonder whether Russia will survive or not. I don't have to wonder whether Russia is going to take [the] initiative or not. I know they will. I know that this whole war with Ukraine will end with the fact that Russia will have an even bigger hunger. And Russia will definitely... And remember, the Bible is clearly talking about spoils of war and not about a political or a religious stance. As far as Russia is concerned, Shia, Sunni, Palestinians, Israelis, they could care less about all of that. What is it that Israel has that we need? That's what

we want to talk about. Okay? And so this is why I believe that what we're watching now is the installment. I mean, these are the hardest hours for us as believers because nothing major moves forward. Everything seems like it's stale, you say?

MIKE: Stalemate.

BARRY: Yeah, stalemate.

AMIR: Yeah, stalemate. It's just stagnant, it's staying there in the same place. The war, the Ukraine, the war with Iran, the war in Lebanon, the war in Gaza. But all it takes is for one thing sometimes to happen and it all starts moving fast. And so it's hard for us to draw a lot of encouragement from world events. My encouragement is not coming from what I see on the ground. My encouragement is coming from what I see written in the Word of God. And by the way, I'm not encouraged with the words about the war. I'm encouraged with the words about the outcome of the war and who's going to win eventually and how. That's my encouragement where it's coming from. So, we are right now in a situation where the enemy loves, because when nothing is moving, this is the time to start accusing everybody that, "It's bad. It's not moving. It's not going well. It was a mistake." The enemy loves to weaken and he loves to prey on those type of things. But when things start moving fast, then the enemy has to take a step back because he can't argue with reality. So we have to have a lot of patience, self-control. We have to remember that as for us, the believers we know already the outcome.

And so my greatest anticipation in these days is not anything but looking up, knowing that my redemption is drawing near. Israel eventually will come out of this current war stronger, wealthier, more secure. There's no doubt about it. We are already stronger. We are already wealthier. But the time will come when things will calm down and our enemies will have to take some time to regroup and recalculate and then the next war will come. And that will come and that

will come without America. Guys, right now I'm in Southern California and I know that this country, I don't know how soon, will be out of the equation. How? God knows. There're so many different ways for it. But one thing for sure, biblically, no one is standing by Israel and helping Israel when the Russian-led coalition is coming. That's it. I believe that more than I believe the newspapers of this morning.

MIKE: Yeah, that's the kind of faith that we invite every one of you viewers to take on. That kind of faith where the Bible is the absolute source and foundation of your life. To get there requires humility and surrender and asking the Lord Jesus to reveal to you, give you confidence for that relationship so that you can continue down that same path that Amir just articulated.

Now, Pastor Barry, we're going to change subjects just a little bit. We're going to knock out a few more questions. This one kind of makes me smile, Pastor Barry. Roxanne formed it this way. And of course, you can expand on this as needed. Roxanne says, "There have been a lot of assassination attempts against President Trump." Think about all the plans behind the scenes that no one knows about. Okay, forget the ones that we've seen, the overt examples. "Do you believe that if ever successful, if they would get him, to assassinate him, would that be the end of America?" I mean, it's a question—thank you for the question, Roxanne—that's an extreme conclusion as if everything hangs on Trump. But the implication, Pastor Barry, is that he is fighting for American values and making great progress. What happens if you take that guy out? What happens next? And can you connect that in any way with the future war of why the United States might not be mentioned? I'm just asking the question. Roxanne is asking the question.

BARRY: Yeah... [Cough; clears his throat] Excuse me. I don't think that the nation would fall apart with the assassination of one man. We've got too many failsafe's in place and there's kind of a descending order of those who would ascend to the position, you know, if J.D. Vance would

become president, if something happened to him, Speaker of the House and so on and so on. So what I think we probably enter into, should this be successful, is a time of national mourning on the part of many. Others would certainly, much like Charlie Kirk, rather, very disgustingly applaud the assassination of the president. And we would see, I think, a further dividing of our country. I personally don't think that the reason that the United States is absent in Bible prophecy is because of an implosion, even though we are showing the same manifestations of what brought down the Roman Empire, according to Edward Gibbon and his book, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. The reasons he gave that Rome imploded, basically, was free bread for the masses, sports becoming more and more violent, the disrespect for the family, the breakdown of the home, the loss of traditional values and a disrespect for religion. We're seeing all these things happen here in the United States, but I think governmentally, we are going to, at the rapture of the church, probably experience a greater dysfunction in the aftermath than in the other country. And basically, if you look at what the rapture of the church is going to do in the United States, some countries will be unaffected or little affected, but in our country, the only people that would be left would be those who are against God. And one of the things I think to recognize, I've always found it curious that of the personal character flaws of the last days that Paul said, will make the times perilous in 2 Timothy chapter 3, is that there will be traitors. And I think we're seeing that happen in our country today at just an unprecedented level. So many people who are traitors of the American value system and the governmental system that was employed by our founding fathers. So, we are living in an age of traitors, but as far as the whole system, there would have to be a breakdown in the whole system in order for the U.S. to implode. It could be that the Democrats would do an end around and somehow put their person in, which probably is likely in the next election. But no, I don't see the assassination of the president bringing it into the United States,

even though it would have a catastrophic effect. I remember my mom falling to the ground and weeping at the announcement in [1963] of the assassination of President Kennedy. I remember that; I have that picture of my mind from yesterday. I remember, as though it was yesterday, I remember what that felt like. I was a little kid, some six years old, but I remember it very vividly and very clearly. So it would be catastrophic for our nation to be sure, but I don't think it would end as a country.

MIKE: Okay, Amir, Byron is asking this. This is also a great question that comes up. "Why won't Israel and the United States bring about regime change by force in Iran?" In the Iranian regime, you seem to get from within knowing what happened to the protesters over the decades. Okay, can you break that down, please?

AMIR: Yeah, first of all, a regime that had entrenched itself for the last 47 years deep in a country the size of Western Europe cannot be removed overnight. It's certainly not within 40 days or less than that. That's a given. From the very get-go of this war, neither Netanyahu nor Trump listed the regime change as the objective of the war, simply because they knew it's an unrealistic objective, and therefore they will never reach it by means of war. It was always said that the best America and Israel can do from the air is to prepare the conditions on the ground for the people of Iran to go out. Now, let me also tell you that it is the president of the United States of America that told the Iranian people not to go out yet, not to do it yet, because the job is not done yet. Now, the president over the last few weeks has been always mentioning that the people that he's been talking to are the new leadership and therefore it is a regime change. But he's saying that in a very, I think it's a very smart way to bring a division between the IRGC and the political sector in Iran right now. And that is why none of the representatives that are talking to America right now have any power to make any decision. Therefore, they cannot bring anything to the table of negotiations.

What I believe has to happen is that the people of Iran must go out and do that. But why wouldn't they do it right now? Because obviously they're not powerful enough to do that. And the regime is not weak enough for them to do that as long as the regime is the one with the AK-47s and the heavy machine guns. You don't need, by the way, ballistic missiles or nuclear weapon in order to save power when it comes to people. All you need is AK-47s, anyone that comes out of the street, you just kill them. That's what they did. That's what they did on January 8 and 9. Not only that they killed people in the streets, but most of the people were killed in hospitals. They entered the hospitals, all the IV lines, and all the patches that were on people were pulled and then they were shot in the head. Obviously, the people's death was from the shot in the head. So why would there be an IV line or in the patches? Because these patches and IV lines were installed before. And then of course, the people and anyone that helped saving lives of those protesters was also executed as far as doctors and nurses. And some of those nurses were raped and then executed. We have testimonies of that. So the regime is now executing its utmost brutal power to suppress any attempt of the people to go out and protest and maybe topple it.

Now America armed the Kurds in order for the Kurds to arm the people of Iran, but the Kurds decided to keep the weapons for themselves. They also understand that the day after might bring an end to their existence. So there's a lot of pieces to the puzzle, but as much as I want the regime change, and I believe only a regime change can ever bring peace to the Middle East. There's no doubt that is the main cornerstone here upon which all terrorism in the Middle East is built. And once you move that cornerstone, Hezbollah, Hamas, the Houthis, all of them are collapsing. Now the thing is this, biblically, now comes the Bible.... So, we always have to deal with current events and Bible prophecy, and sometimes current events say one thing, Bible prophecy says another thing because prophecy is what has already happened when events are not yet knowing

what tomorrow will be. And I believe, Mike, for Iran to join the attack on Israel, Iran probably will not have a friendly regime there. Maybe there's a good chance that this whole war in Iran will end within a few weeks, with America hitting one more time and then saying, "That's it, we won the war. War is over." Yeah, war is over, but the regime is still intact and it's a wounded animal and it's way more angry. And so, the only time I believe a real regime change will happen in Iran is following the Ezekiel War and not before that. And I'm saying that with—my heart breaks for the Iranian people. I had a taxi driver that took me from the hotel near LA to the airport in LAX when we flew to Reno. And I asked him, "So what do you think the ratio is between supporters of the regime and those that are opposed to the regime?" He told me 90% of the people in Iran oppose the regime, but 90% still leaves 10%, which is almost 10 million people. And then he said to me, "But the 10 million people are only doing that because they get benefits from the government." That's why once the government will no longer has anything to give them, even they will not stand there. So Trump's idea is to cripple them economically, so even the last 10% will fall. But again, this regime... And then that taxi driver told me something even more amazing. He said to me that before the war in January, in one of the Friday sermons, the IRGC cleric said that if they feel like they're about to lose, they don't have a problem bombing their own country, so it will take at least 100 years to rebuild it. That's how crazy...

MIKE: ...That's demonic...

AMIR: Exactly. So now put yourself in the shoes of President Trump. He knows what he's dealing with. He cares about the Iranian people. If he's going to bomb the energy sector and the oil sector, he's going to hurt the Iranian people. He doesn't want to do that. He wants to reach a deal, or he wants to cripple them from within. So he's not stalling because he's afraid of them. It's because he cares about the people. He says, "If I can reach a deal before I destroy everything, I'd

rather do that.” But we’re going to have to see what’s going to happen because I don’t think Trump wants to destroy everything in Iran. And the threats are in order for the IRGC to be afraid, but we’re not dealing with people that are afraid of these type of threats. These are lunatics. These are maniacs and they don’t mind. You know, in Hebrew, we have a term, a “Shiite suicide bomber.” Why Shiite? Because any other suicide bomber, you may persuade him not to do it. Shiite? Forget about it. They’ll do it. So [Hebrew words] we say in Hebrew. So that’s it. In their perspective, chaos, destruction only serves their purpose. And it will make them martyrs of a higher degree. So that’s what we deal with. And the president is tiptoeing between victory that he wants to achieve and caring for the 90% of the population of Iran that doesn’t want to lose everything overnight. It’s not an easy job.

MIKE: I respect him for that because he’s not a warmonger.

AMIR: I’m telling you, everybody tried to portray him as a warmonger, as someone who wants... This is the president that takes care of people around the world more than any other president in history. I can tell you that, but it’s exactly the same way they are portraying the IDF as genociders and all of that. But in reality, the actions on the ground are the Palestinian population is growing, not shrinking. And they’re well-fed. Not a single person died from malnutrition. On the ground, it’s the opposite of what is being portrayed in media. But the media echoes lies and propaganda. And that’s what we have to deal with, the “medianites”, remember.

MIKE: Yeah, we are now five minutes to the hour. Pastor Barry, can you add some final thoughts before we close out today, our Q&A?

BARRY: You know, Mike, I wasn’t distracted. I was trying to find in Scripture that is in the King James. I just want to backtrack just for a second about Russia’s involvement in the Ezekiel War and the outcome. And as Amir said, we already know what’s going to happen. But it’s curious that

the King James Version gives one little detail that you don't find in other translations. And I wanted to make sure when I said it that I had the address of the verse. It's actually Ezekiel 39:2. But in the King James, it says that the Lord is going to leave one-sixth of the invading forces. In other words, God is going to destroy five-sixths of the invading forces. And there are some commentators who believe that includes their homelands. So God is going to wipe out five-sixths of the armies of Russia, Turkey, Iran, Libya, and Sudan. And He's going to use His weaponry to do so, flooding rain, fire and brimstone and things of that nature. So again, what's going to happen with Russia? They're going to get wiped out. Their military is going to be absolutely decimated as are the other invading forces that come against Israel.

And Mike, I think one of the things that we need to highlight as a takeaway is just the issue we've been talking about: the integrity and the accuracy and the inspiration of God's Word. And when we can look at things now that have been a mystery to generations of church history, and we've had nearly two millennia of a world without a nation of Israel. And now here we are watching the Bible come alive, prove itself to be true and therefore, the balance of the Scripture needs to be treated with that same level of respect. And Mike, we are told over and over and over about what to look for when the end is near. We're told to be cautious about making definitive predictions regarding a day and hour. Nobody knows. But Jesus said right after He said, "No one knows the day or the hour." The next word was, "But as it was in the days of Noah, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be." In other words, we can look back in Genesis and expect to see a world filled with violence, a world where the thoughts and intents of man's heart was only evil continually, and an entire world that is largely corrupt before God. And Jesus gave us these indicators that that generation that sees those character flaws and attributes of humanity is the generation that is living closest to His coming for His church and later with His church back to the

earth. So I would encourage anybody out there who's undecided, make sure you have a personal ongoing relationship with the Lord through being born again. And I would say to the wanderer out there, whether that be morally or emotionally, or maybe you got sucked into a lot of the things that are being said out there, make sure that you're walking in tune with the Scripture and not living contrary to the Scripture because actually with this whole attitude that is all the sudden surfaced to a degree that we've not seen historically against the nation of Israel, I think the Lord takes a pretty dim view on that since He is the Holy One of Israel, the Savior of the world. So, I would just close...

MIKE: Amen.

AMIR: Perfect. Well, thank you, Pastor Barry. Great, great, great answers today. Thank you, Pastor Mike. I want to remind you tonight I'm speaking at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, "The Unchanging God" 7 p.m. And this Saturday at the "Proximity Conference", if you haven't signed up, if you want to come, we still have about 200 seats open, over 1,000 people registered already. Go ahead, scan this QR code and sign up. We would love to see you there. We will equip you with a weapon and the ammunition you need to understand the times and the seasons when all that it comes to Israel so you can have answers to family members and friends as they're influenced by this corrupt world. Also, I want to encourage you folks, if you want, we still have a few seats, maybe 40 or 42 left on our Alaska cruise. So go to our website, BeholdIsrael.org and you will find it and you can sign up. We will have an amazing time in God's creation, giving timely... Michelle Bachman will join us also for a special Mideast panel that Pastor Barry and myself will have and much more. Pastor Bob Pearl, Pastor Bob Kopney and Pastor Barry and myself will teach. We'll have a Q&A session, good time of fellowship and worship. We would love to see you in person there. And again, if you haven't pre-ordered *The Next War*, this is the last week before the launch

of the book, and we need your help to get to our goal. So the big retailers will carry that on their shelves, and a lot of non-believers will be exposed to it. So, *The Next War* book, TheNextWarBook.com is how you can get it. Thank you guys. Thank you everyone for watching. Share it with as many as you can. God bless you and Shalom. This time all three of us are in Southern California. Shalom.

BARRY: Shalom.

MIKE: Shalom.

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