



Amir Tsarfati
Q&A with Pastors Barry Stagner and Mike Golay
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AMIR: Hey, Shalom, and good evening from CONNECT in Galilee. I'm Amir Tsarfati and I'm so glad to be back here and after almost two months to bring back Pastor Barry Stagner and Mike Golay for another session of Q&A. Pastor Barry, Pastor

Mike Golay, Shalom, gentlemen, how are you doing?

BARRY: Shalom, Amir. Shalom, Mike.

AMIR: Mike? [No audio from Mike]

MIKE: Yes. Shalom, can you hear me? Yes.

AMIR: Oh, okay. Now we can hear you. Yes. Yeah, well, it's good to see you guys. All of the three of us, we were just, I don't know, a week ago somewhere else. We were in Canada. And for you and [me], Pastor Barry, that it's been a very long month and a half, starting from the state of Washington all the way to the Alaska cruise, and California, somewhere else. And then we met again in Canada. With you, Mike, I was also before that in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for two events. And for the most part, we were together until you left us while we were in Canada to be home for a little bit. So, I'm still not over the jet lag, believe it or not. I'm still fighting my way through the night. But here we are, ready to answer questions. And Pastor Barry, would you do us the honor and start with a prayer?

BARRY: I would love to. Lord, again, we're so thankful for answers to our questions, God. And You have given us all things pertaining to life and how to live it for Your glory and the godliness

that we should employ on a daily basis. And Lord, I pray that our time together today would be fruitful and productive. Enlighten us, God, from Your Word. And we ask for Your anointing on the answers that are given that come from Your Book. And we thank You that we do have it, knowing that the entirety of it is true. So, we pray that truth would make people free where necessary today and instruct and enlighten all of us together. And we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

AMIR: Amen. Amen. So again, Shalom everyone. And while we are running with a Q&A, on



the far-left side or far right side of the screen up there [points to upper right of screen], you're going to see QR codes for my Telegram channel for news 24/7 from the Middle East and the

world, as well as QR codes for our brand-new books, *Exploring Ezekiel* and *Until He Comes*, which we will talk about later on throughout this program. So, Pastor Mike Golay, the stage is yours. Please take the control and lead us through these Q&As.

MIKE: Yeah, absolutely. Thank you. The guidelines for these Q&As, just to remind all of you, maybe there are some new people coming in here. It really helps when you give us your first name before your question, because we're trying to create a sense of community here as well. Next is, there's, this is general Q&A, okay? So, Bible prophecy is something that these guys are experts in, and Middle East, anything pertaining to Israel, world events, and the geopolitical, religious, spiritual, emotional, everything going on in the United States and Israel as well. So, we already have two questions, and this one I'm going to throw at you, Amir. It's from Mary. Everybody's

kind of wondering where Iran stands with their resources right now. And she says, “Iran has vowed to supply weapons to Hezbollah as they fight to maintain control in Lebanon. How will they get the weapons to them? Is Iran even able to do this in their current state?”

AMIR: Yeah, first of all, Iran is right now fighting some very, very great challenges. We’re talking about shortage of water and shortage of electricity. And we’re talking about a point where the Iranian authorities are considering no longer having running water in homes of people. It’s that bad. I mean, all the reservoirs... the reservoirs around Tehran are below 20%. And the summer is hot, and it’s very, very grueling right now. There’re also power outages all across Iraq as we speak right now. So, my point is the Iranians are in a great problem right now.

However, Mike, one of the reasons they’re in trouble is their priorities. The ayatollah regime has always prioritized the destruction of Israel over the welfare of their own people. It’s been like that for many, many years. And so having said that, even though they may not have running water in their taps, and even though they may not have electricity in their homes, you can rest assured that they will find the hundreds of millions to somehow send to Hezbollah, and the Houthis, as well as some other proxies in Iraq.

Now Hezbollah is suffering because the route through which they used to smuggle weapons into Lebanon was Syria. And Syria is now controlled by jihadists that are against Iran and against Hezbollah. They are Sunnis, whereas Iran and Hezbollah are Shiites. So, they’re trying to smuggle weapons now through cargo planes that are landing in Beirut airport. And the new government is trying to stop that one. And they’re also trying to smuggle weapons through the sea. And that one, I think, Israel is also trying to help as well. There’s always attempts, there’s always attempts to smuggle weapons to the Houthis in Yemen. And we’ll talk about that in the Middle East and Beyond in two days. And there’s also attempts to smuggle weapons to the Hezbollah. Hezbollah

is in a big problem right now, politically. It's being squeezed to the wall right now, as well as militarily. And almost every single day, Israel is hitting their operatives and their weapon cages. And they've never been in a worse condition as they are right now.

So, the attempts do not stop. The money is somehow found. The intention is there. But the ability to do things the way they did before is not there. And again, Iran is fighting much greater challenges right now at home. And if you ask me, this is the right time to finish the job. If there's anything that is not done yet all the way, this is the time to do it. I know that the Israeli government doesn't need my advice. And I'm sure that the military in Israel is well aware of what's going on there. And I think that things will be done when they need to be done.

MIKE: So, Amir, you said that they prefer to hate and destroy Israel than to take care of their own people and build infrastructure with the money and the taxes and the gifts they get.

AMIR: Yeah, that's the typical jihadis. It's a typical jihadi thing; it's not only the Iranian thing. I mean, look at Hamas, what they did with the billions that they have.

MIKE: Okay, Hamas, yeah.

AMIR: Exactly. So, when you're a jihadist, your mindset is all about fulfilling your duty and trying to usher end-times scenarios rather than taking care of your day-to-day life thing. I mean, they see that as a secondary thing. And so, they want to ensure their space in heaven, and to go to Paradise. And these are greater things than taking care of the things here down here. So, yeah, that's their version of, "Seek those things which are above."

MIKE: Yeah, so they view it as a sacrifice for an eternal purpose in Israel, United States, and then when they conquer the world or go to heaven, they feel like that's their end goal. And what a cult. What a cult. All the signs of a cult, it's quite a big cult actually, if you think about it. Very, very sad.

AMIR: It's a death cult. It's a death cult.

MIKE: Yeah, a death cult. Pastor Barry, all right, Sherry wants your opinion on this. "In the light of all the anti-Semitism all over the world, should we be praying that God will move the hearts of Jewish people to make Aliyah and move to Israel?" So, you're a Gentile living outside the state of Israel, okay? What's your opinion on that as a pastor and as a prophecy teacher and somebody that's very aware of what's going on in the Middle East? It's a tough question. I know you can't advise people what to do personally, but is there a theological or biblical guideline in regard to her question?

BARRY: Yeah, you know, Mike, there's a couple of different interpretations on the issue of the Jews returning to their national homeland. Some believe that the whole end-time scenario, I think J. Vernon McGee, believed that all the Jews, or most of them, had to return to their national homeland in order for the narrative to advance. I don't think that's necessarily true, and especially here in the United States, I think what we see is a different mindset in most of the Jews here, most are Democrats, most are very liberal. And, you know, we do have our Orthodox Jews here in the U.S. But what I do believe we ought to be doing is what the Bible tells us to do, and that is to preach Christ and Him crucified and to share the gospel with everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. We are mandated in Scripture to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. And, you know, that would include for them to come to know the Prince of Peace. So, I don't know that we have necessarily a motivation for them to return to the land for things to advance. I think things are advancing quite nicely, if you will, right now! And the Jews are back in their national homeland. God is supernaturally protecting them, and we are advancing in the prophetic narrative, I believe like never before.

And if I could throw my hat in on the last question a little bit, one of the things I think we need to remember is that when basic necessities become scarce, people begin to do things they would have never done before. And this could very well cause an uprising of the people, the masses in Iran, against the Iranian regime, which could cause the Iranian regime to say, “Hey, we better get something done before these people kick us out,” and therefore they move against Israel with Turkey and Russia, Libya and Sudan. So, I fully believe we are living in a time where we could get up one morning and Damascus is gone, and the Ezekiel War is on the horizon. The hour is late. So, we ought to have that sense of doing what we’ve been told to do, and that is tell people about Jesus, whether they’re Jews or Gentiles. But I don’t know that we necessarily need to be praying, “Well, they need to get back so things can move forward.” I don’t think we can make that determination based on Scripture.

MIKE: Yeah, Amir, you’ve said in the past that if there’s any time to move to Israel, if you’re Jewish, it’s a good time, it’s the only safe place, especially with the anti-Semitism and the unpredictability. I know that we don’t advise people what to do personally, but what is your opinion on this? This is a very good question that it’s a very good point that Sherry asked.

AMIR: Yeah, so I do agree with Pastor Barry that we don’t need them to return in order for the rest of the plan of God to take place. But I do think that the heart of God is that His people will come back to the land that He prepared for them. And it’s being very well communicated through the 36th chapter of Ezekiel, when the Lord says that “They profane My name wherever they went by way of not being where they should be.” I mean, the nations are asking, “Aren’t you God’s people? Why are you here? Why are you not in your land?” That’s the thing.

It’s very interesting how God takes offense with the fact that the Jews are not back in the land. Satan takes offense with the fact that the Jews are back in the land. It’s exactly the opposite.

And so, people need to understand that anti-Semitism is born not because we're back in the land, but it was there way before. But now their main anchor for whatever diabolic thing they believe in is the fact that we are in a land that is not ours, that we don't belong to this land. And so when we were away, they kicked us out, they say you don't belong there. When we're back in our ancestral homeland, they said, "Go back to where you came from." So, you see, the enemy will never be satisfied wherever the Jew is.

But you have to ask yourself, "What is God saying?" Not what is the enemy saying. And according to the Word of God, what God takes offense with and what hurts Him is the fact that now that He's bringing them back to their land, now that they have finished paying for their transgressions by being away from the land, many of them are still not here.

I mean, again, Pastor Barry was right. You don't need them back in order to have things happening. But I think if you ask me, I'll tell every Jew, "Go and read Ezekiel 36 and tell me what you think God says about where you need to be." It's not easy when you're born in a different country, and you have your family and business and past there for the last few hundreds of years. And I understand that. But nevertheless, Israel could only be born as a nation back in the land when people realize that they must go back to where God intends them to be. And this is it. And that's why I like also what Ezekiel 37 says, that when He took us out of the European graveyard and brought us back to the land, He said, "I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it." It's God that promised to bring us back. And it's God that performed that amazing restoration to the land. So, when Jewish people return back to the land, it's a godly thing. When they are leaving their land, it's not a godly thing.

MIKE: A practical question: how much space is left?

AMIR: It might be a punishment from God, but it's not godly. It's not great. It's not the way the intense things should be.

MIKE: So, there's a lot of Jews still all around the world. How much space is left in Israel to accommodate, let's say, if there's a massive migration?

AMIR: We have enough.

MIKE: Yeah.

AMIR: Mike, more than half of the Jews are in Israel.

BARRY: There are six million Jews in the US. Yeah.

AMIR: Yeah. But more than half of the Jewish people are in Israel. We do have enough land for the other half. And I also want to encourage people to go to be where they belong. Jews belong to Judea. Arabs belong to Arabia. That's it. I mean, it's very simple. If we live where we need to live, there is room for everyone.

MIKE: Yeah. Very well put, gentlemen. Thanks for that. So, I'm going to throw this one also at you, Barry. Janice, you've had this kind of question a lot... and you do answer this in a very well-thought-out, chronological way. "How far are we in Ezekiel's prophecy?" Pastor Barry? And then Janice is specifically asking about with the Dead Sea having life. Okay, so she's familiar with Ezekiel's prophecy, obviously. Do you want to walk us through the timeline of what we can expect and where we're—What your opinion is of where we are.

AMIR: Hello? [Amir holds up *Exploring Ezekiel*.] [All laughing]

BARRY: Well, let's explore Ezekiel for a moment. And, you know, the question is interesting because I think there's an implication there that the Ezekiel War precedes the second coming of Jesus when the Mount of Olives is split in two and freshwater runs down to the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean, remembering at that point in time, all sea life is dead, and life is brought back to

them from the living water flowing from Zion. But I think the Ezekiel War is at the other end of the tribulation, actually. I think what we would expect to see chronologically most likely is the destruction of Damascus, ceasing from being a city and becoming a ruinous heap, which could very well be the catalyst that emboldens the nations that are going to invade Israel from the north. And then we see the start of the Ezekiel War. Could be before the rapture, could be after the rapture; but it is early in the tribulation.

One of the reasons I think we need to recognize that the battle at the end of the tribulation has a different outcome than the battle that is recorded in Ezekiel. There's a different timeframe, different combatants, different battle theater. Everything's different between the battle of the great day of the Almighty, or as we call it, the Battle of Armageddon, and the Battle of Ezekiel. So, I think that that war is potentially on the very near horizon. But I do believe that those two things are separate events. The Dead Sea having life once again comes at a different timeframe than the end of the Ezekiel War.

MIKE: This is amazing. Yeah, go ahead, Amir.

AMIR: I mean, the whole Dead Sea thing obviously is going to happen. You know, there's a story about a group of Christians that came to the local municipality of the Dead Sea. And they wanted to purchase fishing permits. And the locals burst off in laughter and they're like, "What?" And he says, "Yeah, yeah, we want to buy fishing permits." And they said, "We're not selling fishing permits. I mean, there's no fish here. Why would you want fishing permits?" So, the Christians took the book of Ezekiel, and they opened, if I'm not mistaken, with Chapter 47. And they showed the Jewish head of the regional council of the Dead Sea, the prophecy that says that water will come out of the Temple Mount, half of the water will go down to the sea, the Bible calls it the Eastern Sea, the Sea in the East, which is the Dead Sea. And the other one will go to the

former sea, the former sea, which is in front of you. So, we're talking about the Mediterranean, the Great Sea. We're talking about the former sea. And we're talking about two seas that will have water that flows from the top of the Temple Mount. I mean, the spring that will burst out will become a river that goes both ways. And then Zechariah also describes that in Chapter 14. And then you'll have, for the first time, the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea connected with the river. And thus, fish will be able to come and swim at the Dead Sea and multiply. And the Bible says the same fish of the Mediterranean will now be found in the Dead Sea. All of that can only happen when Jesus comes, and Mount of Olives is going to split. And we're talking about the Temple Mount of today will, of course, disappear. And so, the second physical coming of Jesus, and that's the one that He comes with us, will be the time that that river of life is going to flow and revive the Dead Sea. So unfortunately...

MIKE: ...I would have loved the reaction of those people down in the Dead Sea because it's so absurd, this kind of statement, unless you believe in God's plan, and it is a miracle. But the Israelis down there, I'm sure they thought that maybe these Christians were, I mean, it's from their own Bible.... So, I would love to see the reaction to that.

AMIR: Yeah, but I love the fact that so many Christians know the Old Testament better than the average Israeli. Because then they don't have to go and show him John 3:16 and try to convince him that's for him. They show him an Old Testament prophet that every Israeli has in his house. They don't even have to show him their Bible. Go and check *your* Bible. Go to Ezekiel. Your Bible has Ezekiel. Check and see for yourself what *your* Bible says about that sea. And that's phenomenal. Now the Dead Sea is not yet alive. It's still, I mean, we're talking about... with 30%, 33% salt, it's still not a place where fish can live or swim. But the day will come when water will come from the Temple Mount. That's the river of life that will bring life to that sea.

MIKE: Yeah, it's a great question. Thank you for that. And thank you for your answers. Amir, I'm going to throw this one at you, Betty's question. Everybody still wonders about the passage.

AMIR: Is it the same Betty that is asking that, we have a lot of questions from Betty? Is that... Sorry, I might be mistaken.

MIKE: No, there was a Sherry here.

AMIR: There was Sherry and before that, never mind. Never mind, go ahead. [Laughter]

MIKE: Okay, all right. "Does the IDF have any clue, any clue, where the hostages are? Do we know anything about anything going on in there?" And I would even add, what do you think the plan is in the next few weeks? I mean, what is your opinion?

AMIR: Well, the fact that 65% of Gaza is controlled by the IDF tells you that the hostages are in the remaining 35%. Otherwise, they would have been already in our hands. And so, we know more or less where they are. And there's only two parts in Gaza where the hostages could be held. One is in the center of the city of Gaza, the Gaza City. And one is in the central camps, which is Deir al-Balah, Al-Nuseirat, Bureij. And then, of course, there's the area where everyone from Khan Yunis evacuated towards the beach. And that's known as Al-Mawasi. These are the areas. There's nothing else left. We've turned the ground upside down. There're no buildings standing in any other place. That's the two remaining strongholds of Hamas. So, we know that they have to be in that area. To some degree, I would say that we know the exact location in some specific cases. The problem, Mike, is that we also know that Hamas is having a pointed gun at their heads. That if there is going to be any attempt to rescue them, it will fail. So, you know...

MIKE: ...You say that's the only leverage they have. And so, they're going to hold on to them as long as possible to stay alive, really.

AMIR: You know, it's hard for me to say that let's finish the war immediately regardless of what [state] the hostages are and what's going to happen to them. But in reality, the only reason why we could easily defeat Hezbollah—which is 10 times stronger than Hamas, or Iran, which is 100 times stronger than Hamas—the only reason is the hostages. Netanyahu is committed to bring as many as possible that are still alive back home. And I think, to be honest with you, Mike, most of the Israelis are expecting that from him.

Israel, as a country, was kidnapped that day. It wasn't just the hostages. Our common sense was kidnapped. Our moral compass was kidnapped. We're now at a point where we're literally allowing more soldiers to be killed in the effort to bring about a deal than hostages that are still there to be rescued. So obviously, common sense is not there. Obviously, moral compass is not there. And the idea that only by releasing the hostages you will be doing the right thing is exactly what Hamas is playing with. And to be honest with you, Mike, if I were Hezbollah or Iran, I wouldn't invest hundreds of millions in any weapon. It's stupid. Israel destroyed all of those weapons. The only thing I would do is kidnap Israelis. Because that's the only thing that the Israelis are still unable to get over. For them, this is a point where it's a mental blockage that the enemy is well aware of and is playing with.

MIKE: Yeah, this is a deal, like you said. And this is their only leverage. And they will continue to hold them as long as possible to stay relevant. Pastor Barry, what's your opinion on this? I mean, what are your thoughts in terms of, do you think the United States should get involved? How should Christians handle this? Is it only prayer? I mean, give us some of your advice on this from your perspective.

BARRY: Well, the first thing that comes to mind, Mike, is a comment that was made on our last *Middle East and Beyond* and that was someone said that we are supporting genocide and because

of our support of Israel, we're going to hell. Well, that's the first thing I think that needs to be straightened out is the fact that, as Amir pointed out, Ezekiel 36 says very clearly, "For the Lord's namesake, He's going to bring the Jews back into *their* land." And we need to begin at that particular point and recognize that the Jewish people are back because God brought them back. He gave them a land with eternal, unconditional, covenantal promises. And He said He's going to scatter them. And then He said He's going to bring them back for the sake of His own glory. We need to make sure we're on the right side, first of all, and not buying in to all the rhetoric that we're hearing out of the "media-nites" and all the other liberal outlets that are basically accusing the Jews and Israel of genocide. And we have to make sure that we're on God's side on this whole thing because, obviously, the Lord said, in Jeremiah 31, "The seas no longer obey their boundaries, and you don't see the sun out in the day and the moon at night. Then you'll know that I cast off Israel forever for their sins." And we see the sun's up, the seas are obeying their boundaries, the moon's out governing the night sky, and therefore God is not done with the nation of Israel. So, I think that's where this whole thing starts.

And, of course, I can't even imagine being Benjamin Netanyahu or those in the Knesset or any form of the government and the Defense Forces that has to make a decision based on the lives of the hostages to move forward, to seek to rescue them, knowing full-well that the demonically driven people on the other side, Hamas, are going to basically execute them, and many of them, as the pictures we've seen of late, are dying of slow death already, and they're being starved to death. And Amir, some of the pictures you popped up on our last *Middle East and Beyond* were likened unto the Holocaust, just basically starving these hostages to death. So, I think really we're late in the game, and it's down to that push comes to shove point in time to where there's going to have

to be something that happens. And sadly, it may cost the lives of more of the hostages, but they're going to kill them anyway, I think is their final desire, as it is with all the Jews. Tough spot.

MIKE: It's ironic when you look at that situation.

AMIR: And you know, Mike, some of the hostages lost more than half of their weight. They are at a point where doctors that examined the footage, they said that they don't have more than weeks to live. That's it. And the reason why Hamas is releasing this footage is to tell you if you don't surrender within a few weeks, ...

MIKE: ...they die.

AMIR: ...you lost your hostages. Exactly. So, it's psychological warfare, and I know that some, you know, one question that came is, "Who is making the leadership decisions for Hamas, having most of the leaders been eliminated?" I'm going to say something now that is very unpopular right now. I think Qatar is making the decisions. I don't think Hamas is making any more of the decisions. I think the Qataris and the Egyptians are both enjoying the fact that there is an element that is exhausting Israel. And they need to preserve it. It's a doctrine, Mike. It's a doctrine. It's a doctrine to exhaust... [Pauses; talking over each other] Yeah, it's a doctrine of those countries to have something that will always keep Israel busy and exhaust Israel. So, God forbid Israel will not be bigger and stronger and then threaten us. I believe that the whole starvation campaign is a Qatari thing. I believe that the whole pushing now for Palestinian statehood is a Qatari thing. I believe that when you find out how much Qatar has leveraged in the UK and in France and in other European countries, it's scary to see that. I don't think there's enough—I think that the Qataris are telling the few Hamas leaders that are still there alive, "That's what you need to demand. That's what you need to ask for." And then they are acting as if they're the mediators. You know, it's like it's so bizarre to call them mediators. But with the Egyptians, it's the same thing. So, at the same

time, Egypt strikes a deal of natural gas with Israel for \$35 billion because they need our natural gas.

And so, you see, Mike, this is the story that we are dealing with. And unless Israel will finally make the final move fast, decisively, strong, and unapologetically, we will never be able to win this war. And again, it might cost the lives of some of the hostages. I'm well aware of that. But as you know, Hamas is going to kill them. And so, the option right now is to let them die for us to lose, or to go in win the war and try to at least get some of them still alive. It's a terrible decision.

MIKE: You're losing soldiers. What do you prefer? A soldier or a hostage? I mean, people have to die in war, and everyone agrees—well, not everyone agrees, but we agree here—that you must destroy this evil infestation, infection, cancer of Hamas.

AMIR: Absolutely.

MIKE: Pastor Barry, you were about to mention something.

BARRY: No, I'm just agreeing.

MIKE: Okay. Well, so let me let me just—I just I can't help but to say the irony of this, of what Hamas is accusing Israel of: genocide, hate, occupation, all of these things—it's ironic that they are the ones actually committing these things. They are in a land that's not their own. We heard you guys say that with the covenant of God. They are the ones committing genocide to the Israelis. If there was up to them, they would kill women and children as they have been doing. Yet their population has increased. The Israelis are supplying food, which is being stolen and resold by Hamas. We have the forensic proof and been providing that forever. And if Israel's firepower would, as far as I'm concerned, if they're committing genocide, if the Israelis are committing genocide, failure, absolute failure. Absolute failure, with the firepower they've had they could

have leveled the whole place. Gentlemen, why, why, why? I just want to stop and ask both of you this. Why is that not *obvious* to the world? Any rational thinking person that sees what's actually going on there...

AMIR: I tell you why, Mike. I tell you why. Because the progressive-liberal mindset is always convincing itself that they're good people. They're good people. Yeah, but if we're good people, "If we're good people,..." that's what they say. "We're good people, and we were always pro-Palestinian, then the Jews cannot be allowed to be victims." That's why they tear down the all the hostage photos everywhere. They cannot—That's why they flipped this genocide thing on us. They flipped the starvation thing on us because if they admit that Hamas committed genocide, Hamas is starving the hostages, that there are hostages that are—then they admit that they support monsters, and they're not good people. For them to feel good with themselves, they must always [portray] Israel as the aggressor and the underdog as the victim. Okay? And that's it.

So, October 7th was a shocker for a lot of liberals. And they had to choose between, "I think I was wrong the whole time" or "I think it's the Israelis that did that. I think that it was an excuse for the Israelis to do this and this..." And they immediately cast it back on us, so they feel good with themselves. Because after all, remember, they, they convinced themselves they're good people. And so, it's the hypocrisy. It's the delusional thinking. And speaking of delusional thinking, when the Bible talks about strong delusions, this is it. You're watching it—live—before your very eyes. The real people that are being starved, no one talks about. And the fake starvation that has nothing, I mean... all these photos are, not a single photo of a starving person. It was all genetically... the genetic diseases and stuff like that. Not even one! If people starve to death, how can you not even come up with *one* photo? Because there is no starvation. But why do you have to take photos from Yemen and photos from Somalia and Ethiopia? Why? Why do you have to,

why do you have to generate AI photos? Why? If there are so many people that are [starving]? Because it's a lie.

But again, people *prefer* to believe the lie. Because if you don't believe the lie, you have to believe the truth. And the truth is that God brought Israel back. And if God brought Israel back, you need to believe in God. You need to believe in His authority, in His sovereignty. You need to—there is a God. Okay?

So, Mike, we're living in the days of strong delusions. And everything that has to do with this war, everything that doesn't make sense *unless* you understand it's a spiritual thing. Unless you see the spiritual thing. [BARRY: That's the key] Because for gays to support Palestinianism or Hamas, God forbid, its chickens supporting KFC, obviously. For women, for women to support an oppressive religion, for young children to think that this is—For Europeans to think that Islam is a good thing... All of that doesn't make sense. For them to want socialism, and nothing makes sense. Europe of all continents should know better why socialism is a disaster. But when you see all of this happening, you can tell its strong delusions, and it's a spiritual thing. And it's because they rejected the truth that they might be saved by it. Remember, when you reject that there is a God, that God is sovereign, that God is in control, that God is the one behind Israel's rebirth, when you reject all of that, then you're left with, "Okay, how do I explain the rest? Oh, Israel is strong because Israel is a colonizer and oppressor and this and..." I mean, you have to come up with something. And then all of these lies, and they don't even, they are unable to make sense.

MIKE: Yeah. Yeah.

AMIR: You know, all of these things.

MIKE: I mean, we should all know this. I should know this. I mean, in Romans, as far back as 2,000 years ago, it says that people that are living in sin exchanged the truth for the lie and on it

goes. Tech team, I want you to get Jill's question ready because this is a good one. But Barry, I heard you kind of itching to say something there alongside when Amir was answering and giving us a clear picture of what's going on behind the scenes. So, I don't want to miss anything that you were about to say before we put Jill's question up.

BARRY: Mike, he hit the nail on the head. It is spiritual at its core. And this is just a continuation of what the devil's been trying to do, fully understanding that in Genesis 3:15, his demise was prophesied by the Lord that his head would be crushed. And it would be through the Seed of a woman, a supernaturally conceived male Child, specifically that would come into the world through the Jews. So, all the way back to the Egyptian slavery or enslavement period, he's been trying to slaughter the male children. He thought he had Jesus on the cross and early in the morning on the first day of the week because the grave had no right to Him. *Meshyach ben David* [Messiah Son of David] came up from the grave, the Messiah of Israel. So ever since then, he's been trying to eliminate the Jews as a whole.

And listen, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," is the devil's mantra. It is his plan to destroy the Jewish people and thwart the plan of God. Everything he's tried thus far hasn't worked. He's not going to eliminate the Jewish people. He's not going to uproot them from their land. Because Amos the prophet said once they come back, they will not be uprooted ever again.

And so, Mike, this whole thing is spiritual. And I think this is the warning that Christians need to heed today: "Don't be on the devil's side, don't listen to the doctrine of demons." You know, the truth of the matter is, and I think that, Mike, it's overly simplistic, but it needs to be said and I don't think there's enough Christians who realize that the word "Palestine" is a Latinized form of the word Philistine. The Philistines were from Crete. They were Greek. Modern-day Palestinians are Arabs. They have nothing to do with any association with the land in any way,

shape, or form outside from 1967 on, when Yasser Arafat tried to make an association with the land that predated the Israeli presence there. So, Mike, we need to make sure we're on the right team because there's only two according to Jesus. You're either for Him or against Him. And if you are against Israel, you're not for Him. Because He is still the King of the Jews, and He's coming back to the Mount of Olives. The heavenly city is called the New Jerusalem. God is not done with the Jewish people. He's still going to save a third of them, and two-thirds sadly are going to die during the tribulation. But one-third of the Jews on the Earth right now are going to look upon the One whom they pierced and mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son. So, we need to be very, very careful about our decisions regarding the nation of Israel here in these last days, and not choose the devil's side on the matter.

MIKE: Well, I love the passion and the clarity both of you are giving to Israel being a fulfillment of prophecy, coming back to its homeland. We see it so obvious in our face, and those who are looking at the facts and the truth can see clearly through these delusions and these hoaxes.

Let me put Jill's question back up here, because this is the kind of example of the BI follower. This is what we call a watchman; somebody that's a Berean. And I handpicked this one, Jill, because I'm also glad that you're reading the material and you're looking into what the Bible says with Daniel. "I read Discovering Daniel, loved it," I'm glad you did, "and re-watched your teaching on the millennial kingdom. And I have a prophecy question. You said the Old Testament saints are resurrected at the beginning of the millennium. Why is that different for them?" Okay, this is a good point she's making here, gentlemen, and I want you both to weigh in. There're different resurrections, different purposes. Aren't all believers who have died currently present with the Lord? Amir, I'm going to throw this at you. You've mapped this out several times before

in your teachings. That's what she's referring to. Who's resurrected? When? How? Why? And Pastor Barry, I want you to follow up with this.

AMIR: Yeah, well, first of all, there's a big difference between the saints of the Old Testament, the saints of the tribulation, and the saints of the millennial kingdom versus the church. The church stands as a group by itself. Now eventually, Mike, everyone is going to rule and reign with Christ and enter into the New Jerusalem and live there if they're believers.

But you have to understand it's the *church* that He's marrying, and it's the church that is the bride. And for that, there is that resurrection that we know of as part of the rapture of the church. Remember, the rapture is for the church. It's those who died in Christ before the day of the rapture that will rise first, and those that are still alive at the time of the rapture. Now, it doesn't make the Old Testament saints less important or less valued in the eyes of God. But God has an order in which He does things. *All* of the saints that I just mentioned are still resurrected in what we call the first resurrection. You understand that there are two resurrections. There are two births, two lives, two deaths. Everybody knows. And the Bible talks about the fact that this "Blessed is the one who has part in the first resurrection because over him the second death has no power."

MIKE: You talked about the first in Revelation, right? That's the path?

AMIR: Correct. That's because the second death is for the non-believers. It's the final, complete being cut off from God forever and ever. Therefore, it leaves you with those that are in eternal fellowship with God. Okay? And they are part of the first resurrection that—The first resurrection began with the resurrection of Jesus and we're talking about the resurrection of the saints, of us, the church, in the rapture of the church. And it will continue also with the other resurrection of the saints. But you have to understand, the church is the one that Christ marries. And for that, they

have to be resurrected first. You understand that? This is for a purpose. And people must understand that it doesn't make the other saints less saints. Is that clear?

MIKE: Okay. So, the church is resurrected and then the Old Testament saints as well as the tribulation saints that have died, they're resurrected, just at a different time. But it's a resurrection.

AMIR: Yeah because they're not the bride. They're not the bride. They don't have to be there as the bride. They have to be there reigning and ruling. They have to be there with us throughout the millennial kingdom and then, of course, forever and ever in the New Jerusalem. But the marriage supper, it's the church. Remember that, the church is the bride and that is a unique status. It's a unique thing, and I think it's amazing. And I think it's phenomenal. And remember another thing that is differentiating us from the Old Testament saints, the Old Testament saints did not have the Holy Spirit in them as a temple of the Holy Spirit. Remember that, Mike. The Holy Spirit could leave them. Whereas the church is, the believer is the temple of the Holy Spirit. So that already, boom, was a down payment for that which will happen and for that wedding that is going to take place. So, I'm just saying there is a difference. There is a purpose. There is an order. And God is not the author of confusion, but He has a time and a season for everything under the sun.

MIKE: Wow, it's amazing. I mean, the Bible has such surgical clarity, and we need both parties, the church, Israel, different plans, purpose. Ultimately, it's to worship Him. It's a proof of His faithfulness, of His covenant. It shows us visually where we're at in the barometer of end-times. God has done us a lot of favors, Pastor Barry. What are your thoughts on this? Jill brings up a very, very good thing. It implies a lot. It implies Israel has to be here. It implies that prophecy will be fulfilled. It's just the clarity that she's looking for.

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, I think the first thing we need to recognize is that the first resurrection is a *category* of people. It's not an event. The second resurrection is a category of people *and* an event. And they are all resurrected simultaneously to stand before the Great White Throne judgement.

The other thing I think we need to recognize that maybe we'll help Jill with some clarity is that is 2 Corinthians 5:8 tells us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. And that indicates that while the body is in the grave, the spirit is present with the Lord. And Jesus therefore had to be the firstborn among many brethren in order for that verse to be written. That couldn't be in the Old Testament. He had to be the first to die. He had to be the first to conquer death and stay alive and ascend to the Father in order for those from that point on to ascend into heaven. The place known as Abraham's Bosom, the place of comforts is now empty, and those spirits are in heaven. Revelation tells us that those who die during the tribulation, they're recorded as souls under the altar, they are too, waiting to reunification with the body at that point in time. So, to be absent from the body, ever since Jesus resurrected and ascended, is to be present with the Lord. But there is yet a future reunification with the body that will happen for the dead in Christ at the rapture of the church. It will happen for Old Testament saints, according to Daniel 12, that many will rise to a great and eternal reward. And that's going to happen at the end of the tribulation and after the dividing of the sheep and goats and all that.

But they're all part of the first resurrection. It's the reunification of the soul and the body that we need to keep in mind because we do know that there are souls during the millennium who are already in the presence of the Lord. And this brings up the question of the doctrine of the intermediate state, exactly what status do they have physically? Is there any physicality to those who are with the Lord at that point in time? But that's a question for another time. But the reality is, they are present with the Lord.

MIKE: What do you mean by intermediate state?

BARRY: What is the physical condition of those who are present with the Lord? If our bodies are still in the grave for those who died in Christ, if they were beheaded during the tribulation for the testimony of Jesus and the Word of God, and their souls are under the altar, what is the physicality of the Old Testament saints who have now been released from Abraham's wisdom? That's what the doctrine of the intermediate state is. It's really a question mark more than anything. But there is an implication that there is some type of form, physical form, that is taken on by those in the presence of the Lord. And someday we are going to receive that glorified body talked about in Philippians 3:20 and 21. So again, I think just recognizing, one, the first resurrection is a category of people. It is Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, tribulation saints, millennial saints. They are the first resurrection. And they are all going to, at different points in time, be reunified with their dead bodies and receive a glorified body that is like that of Jesus in resurrected form. So, I think if we understand that lens, it isn't quite so complicated.

MIKE: Wow,

AMIR: Well, I think, yeah, we are running out of time. Wow, time was running so fast. I want to remind you guys, Hamas tried to put October 7th as a stain of shame, dishonor and pain for the Jewish people. I decided that my coming book, *Exploring Ezekiel* will be actually launched on



October 7th as a token of nothing can stop the fulfillment of God's prophecy and His prophetic plan. And so, I want to encourage you now to pre-order it, so all the retailers will see that there's great

interest and order it to their bookstores. And so non-believers, those who need this the most, will be able to connect the dots and come to faith. I also want to remind everyone that in December, Pastor Barry and I took all the devotionals that we've been sending every week, and we assembled



them into one beautiful 365 days of devotionals that are all based on Bible prophecy and on Israel. And it's one of a kind, one of a kind. And you can also pre-order that now on that QR code. I want to remind you,

up on the screen, there's the Telegram channel for 24/7 news from the Middle East and all around the world, reliable news unfiltered and that's what you need to get.

I want to thank you, gentlemen, for a great time of questions and answering questions. I mean, I'm always amazed at the amazing questions that we're being asked. And I want everyone I want to encourage you to take this video right now, share it. Share it with people. If you can, please subscribe to our channels on YouTube. If you can, please also comment, share and also subscribe. It's important for the algorithm to be able to get it to as many people as possible. These are things of life and death. Faith. Salvation. You know, that's what matters.

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Pastor Mike, thank you for moderating this Q&A. Pastor Barry, as always, thank you for helping us in answering it. I want to thank everyone for watching. Shalom. And God bless you from Galilee, from California, from Minnesota. Goodbye.

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