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Q&A with Pastor Barry Stagner, Pastor Mike Golay
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AMIR: Shalom and good evening from CONNECT here in Galilee, in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and I am here with you for one more *Questions and Answers*, Q&A, with Pastor Barry Stagner, and Mike Golay is going to obviously

moderate this whole thing. So, Shalom, gentlemen, how are you guys doing?

BARRY and MIKE: Shalom, Amir.

MIKE: Excellent...

BARRY: ...Doing well.

AMIR: Wonderful. So, we're still waiting, you know, this is the waiting period of: "What is it that the United States President is going to do or when will he decide to do something?" Because



obviously his decision is affecting our lives here. And a lot of people are wondering, "Is it going to be tonight? Is it tomorrow? Is it tomorrow night? Is it this weekend?" And you know, I decided that I just need to live my life as if I don't have to plan anything according to that one. But it's very interesting how we try to maneuver as the things are so unclear. It's obvious that the president doesn't want to attack; it's obvious that the Iranians know that [and] that's why they are toughening their positions. And it's obvious that nobody wants to move ahead in full force because everybody

can lose from that one. The biggest losers from this situation are the Iranian people. And also, to the best of my knowledge, Israel suffers from it because our hands are tied behind our back in Lebanon and in Gaza because we do not want to harm the chance for a deal with Iran. So we were asked gently by the US president not to go full throttle in Lebanon against Hezbollah. And so again, there is no ceasefire, yet it is a ceasefire in Lebanon. There is no ceasefire, yet there is a ceasefire in Gaza. And there is no ceasefire, yet there is a ceasefire in the Persian Gulf. Yesterday both a nuclear reactor in the UAE and also some oil installations in Saudi Arabia were attacked by drones coming all the way from Iraq. So obviously, the IRGC is using its proxies. So it will stay under the radar. All of that is just to say that the whole region is far from being peaceful at this point. And everybody is growing impatient, I guess.

Pastor Mike, you have the questions. But before we start with the questions and the answers, which I hope... [AMIR: speaks quickly to a staff (in Hebrew)] which will be about current events in Bible prophecy, may I ask you, Pastor Barry, to start with a prayer?

BARRY: Absolutely. Lord, we are thankful for this time in which we now live where we can examine Your Word and make comparisons to what's happening in the world and see all the evidence we have surrounding us that Your Word is true and that You're coming for us. And it apparently looks like it will be soon. And so we pray, God, that You would equip the saints for the work of ministry through our time, and that we would be about the Father's business and occupy until He comes. Use this time to enhance those things we pray. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

AMIR: Amen. Amen.

MIKE: Amen. All right.

AMIR: Anyway, yeah, before we do that, Mike, allow me just to say that I would prefer if people not only ask questions on current events or only on—let's mix those two. A lot of people have

questions on what's going on, but a lot of people have general questions about Bible things. And the idea of this Q&A is to try and attend to both. So let's have a nice mix of both.

MIKE: Yeah, absolutely. And it's always helpful if you state your first name so we can address you more personally. And if you haven't subscribed to this channel already, you definitely want to do that. And feel free to share this so we can get information, all the answers to these questions out into the public eye for your toolkit and for others as well. Share, share, and share. Don't just keep it to yourself.

First one up is from Hille. Hille is asking this question, Amir. Now that Israelis have been at war in Gaza for some time, her question is, "What does Israel want to happen to the people still in Gaza,..." and I'm just reading it as the question is stated, "... who do not support Hamas? Where should they live? Stay in Gaza or be sent to other countries?" It's a good question. It's a dilemma for people, however, a small percentage, mind you. What about all these people that don't like Hamas and would love to live somewhere else? What is the situation there, Amir, in terms of the community of Gaza?

AMIR: Yeah, well, unfortunately, I must say up until not too long ago, the majority of the Gazans supported Hamas. And so Gaza was Hamas, Hamas was Gaza. And up until now, when we eliminate a key terrorist and you look at the funerals and you listen to how they talk, they haven't changed their minds. I mean, they still want to annihilate us. They still want to—They don't care. You know, they don't care.

But apparently, in recent weeks, we hear new voices. People are tired and we also know that there is an activity of militias that are operating in different places against Hamas. So actually, we hear almost every other day, incidents where Palestinians were killing Palestinians, and militias were killing Hamas and vice versa. So you can already see that now they're no longer controlling

the entire Gaza Strip. They're controlling only less than 40%, 36, 37%. And it's still the same number of population. I mean, 72,000 people died, but more than that were born. So my point is we're talking about over two million people that are living right now in an area that has shrunk significantly. And much of where they live right now is rubble. So they can see that Hamas brought upon them a huge disaster. They can see that Hamas eventually will have to disarm. And Israel upped its game against Hamas in the last few days. We killed the leader of the military wing of Hamas. The last of the masterminds of October 7 was eliminated. And almost every other day, maybe sometimes a few times a day, we eliminate those terrorists. So I would say they reap what they sow. I mean, right now, we encourage them, we encourage them, by the way, to immigrate elsewhere and for the Gaza Strip to be rehabilitated by powers such as America or others. Because this place right now is uninhabitable. At least the 60-something percent that we control, all of that had been demolished because it was terror infrastructures. I mean, we're talking about shafts and tunnels and weapon depots and all of that. It's gone. There's nothing to come back to.

So I think that if you ask them, they would love to leave. And that's what we need to encourage them to do. And then whenever, if ever, Gaza will be restored and rehabilitated, fine, come back. But if you ever come back, make sure you don't come back with the intention to kill us again, because it won't end well. They see that. Look, Mike, we never wanted to kill them. We never wanted to level their homes. We never wanted to even be there. The IDF is there. We actually were there and we pulled out of there. But we will also never allow anyone to do what they did. And if there is one thing that October 7th changed in the Israeli mindset it is we're no longer playing games. If you want to kill me, you'll die first. If you want to destroy my house, your house will be destroyed first. This is it. We're not playing games anymore. We believe their threats. We take them seriously and we act many, many times right now preemptively. And so it's all—by the

way, last thing I will say before October 7th, the situation in Gaza was far better than most of the places around the world. Just so you know.

MIKE: Just because of money flowing in and all of the they had everything.

AMIR: They had good life. They had good life. And you know, there are worse places in Asia, in India, there are worse places in South America. People wish they live at the level that the Palestinians in Gaza lived prior to October 7th. They brought this upon themselves. Nobody asked them to come and massacre Israelis within a few hours 12–1,300 people. Nobody. When you do stuff like that, there's a price you have to pay. There're consequences that are with it. And that's what we see right now. And all the Israelis, including myself, we've changed. We believe our enemies. We don't downplay it anymore. And America better believe that if there's an enemy that says, "We're after you," they better believe they will be after them. Those terrorists are not playing games. All they do, all they live for, all they eat and breathe and drink, hatred and death. That's what they do.

MIKE: Like a death cult. It's a death cult, no?

AMIR: Yes, and before they do it, we need to take care of business because after that, it's too late.

MIKE: Yeah, I'd even add "rabid death cult" at this stage. Pastor Barry, this is a theological question, and it actually fascinates me. I've never heard somebody frame a question like this and it's from Danny. By the way, thank you for that response, Amir. Listen to this closely. "Was the thief on the cross saved during the New or Old Covenant? And if Old, why do people use him as an example for not needing to be baptized to be saved, as Jesus said in Mark 16:15-16?" And I'll quote it for you, Pastor Barry. This is **Mark 16:15-16**. And he said to them, "¹⁵ ... **'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be**

saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” I’m more interested in, a lot of people say, “Okay, baptism. If I’m not baptized and I die, what happens then?” This guy was clearly not baptized, on the cross, the criminal. Can you shed some light on that? We know that faith was the same in Old and New Testament and you could be saved just like in the vein of Abraham and his faith. So at least for my perspective, that’s very...

AMIR: ... Barry is expert on baptism, just so you know. [All laugh]

MIKE: Yeah, so to the point, let’s throw it to you, Pastor Barry. Do I need to be baptized if I’m a criminal on the cross? Did he miss out on heaven because he just wasn’t baptized on the cross?

BARRY: Well, the first part of the question about whether he was saved under the Old or New Covenant, we have to remember the Last Supper had already taken place. Jesus has already said, “This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood.” So, understanding that all the things that were going to be accomplished that would allow Paul to later write, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, were being fulfilled throughout all the events surrounding the false arrest, mock trial, execution, burial, and ascension, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. I think when you read from Mark 16, it says, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” But then it further clarifies where it says, “... he who does not believe”, it drops the baptism part and will not be saved. So, one of the important things I think to remember, especially when you consider the baptism of John versus the baptism of Jesus, the baptism of Jesus is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The word *baptizo* is the same word for water baptism as it is for being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Now Jesus told the disciples, “You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So, I think we’d be hard pressed to force the interpretation into full-immersion baptism in relation to what saves us. If you consider this in the light of Ephesians 2:8-10, which tells us, “by grace you have been saved through faith, it’s not of works, lest anyone should boast.” If we have

to make the personal decision to be dunked in the water by a person of spiritual authority, that would then fall into the banner of a work. And it would add to or diminish really the saving power of the blood of Jesus Christ. So I don't think that—should we be baptized? Of course we should. Should we go to church? Of course we should. But going to church and being baptized doesn't save you. What saves us is the grace of God that is manifested through our faith in Him. So no, I don't think we need to be baptized to be saved. I do believe we *should* be baptized because the Lord said to. There were two ordinances left for church, and they are both pointing to His death and resurrection. The taking of communion is remembering His body and blood that was shed for the sins of the whole world, and baptism symbolically represents our death and denial of self and our resurrection to newness of life in Him coming up out of the water. So, of course we have to do those things, but they don't save us. What can, as the old hymn says, “What can wash away our sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

AMIR: Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

MIKE: Yeah, I mean even Jesus Himself said straight to the face of the criminal right there while He was hanging, “You will see Me today in Paradise.” We don't want to diminish baptism, but we don't want to overdo it like some Christian denominations are saying: “You can't be saved unless you're baptized.” I think, wow, this one passage proves that so—Nanette... Amir, Nanette is asking this question. “What are your thoughts regarding the June 2026 Pride Land Festival,” which you've talked about before on Telegram, “and the location? I've heard it will be in the area of Sodom and Gomorrah near the Dead Sea”. What is the talk about that? What is your opinion about that? Can you share?

AMIR: Yeah, there is no talk about that here. These type of events are... it doesn't matter where they happen. They happen every year. They happened for the last, I don't know, almost 30 years,

30, 40 years. So it's not anything out of the ordinary in a secular, liberal society as Israel today. And by the way, it's unfortunately the portion of most of the world nowadays. So, I don't see that more or worse than anything that happened in the year before or may happen the year after. And remember, this is something that happens in every city in America and every city in Europe. In most cities in the world, big parts of Asia have that as well. Australia and New Zealand have it. So this is not something that—South America and Brazil they have it and other countries as well. So I don't have a specific, special concern about that more than any other thing that like that elsewhere. It's the same thing.

And again, I think that many people think that “because it's Israel and because it's the Jews, we expect better from them.” They don't understand that we're not better. We're not better. Now, yes, God is having a special way that He handles us for His own sake. But it's not because we are better. And it has never been because we are better. Now, is God going to honor this? No. Are people going to—Eventually, it brings about your self-destruction when you're doing all of that, when you're part of all of that. So this is not, when it's in Israel, by the Dead Sea or in Tel Aviv, it's not different than Detroit or than Chicago or even Minneapolis. It's the same thing. It's the same spirit and it's the same thing. The Jews are not different. They are not better. And in fact, I don't think that God looks at that in a more severe way than He looks at the same exact event in New York City, for example. I mean, I think it's the same. We have to stop expecting for more from a society that is not yet living according to the standards of God. We have to...The fact that.. Now, will that be the portion of the ultra-Orthodox Jews or the Orthodox Jews? No. Just like it's not the portion of believers in America, or even Muslims in Muslim countries. But in a vast majority of liberal, secular societies, these things are now part of the norm. And when God is going to judge the world, and when we will see the undiluted wrath of God falling upon this world

throughout the tribulation, I guess the world earned it. And that's one of them. Yeah. So again, we are not different. I wish we were, but we're not. That's it.

MIKE: Why do you think that they don't do these kinds of things in Muslim countries?

AMIR: Well, obviously, ...

MIKE: ...not as much.

AMIR: ...not as much, not at all. It's not as much, it's not at all. But that doesn't mean that in Islam you don't have other problems. That, you know, if you can marry a nine-year-old, I don't know...

MIKE: One is pointing east, one is pointing west, nobody is pointing north.

AMIR: That's what I'm saying. I'm saying so in some cultures, this is not accepted, but other things are accepted. In other cultures, this is not accepted but—I'm just saying God will judge the world not only for this or for that. I mean, there's enough things.

MIKE: Yeah, that was my point of the question is that everybody's got their hand in sin. Nobody escapes from it.

AMIR: Correct.

MIKE: And the Bible said that. So yeah, well, thank you for that answer. Let's go to this question. Finally, this is something that I've been putting my mind to and just really wondering about that. I'm going to expand this question from Kathy. Let's throw Kathy's question up there, Pastor Barry.

AMIR: But before I said, excuse me, Mike, can I say one last thing? I'm sorry. Moscow forbids those marches. In Russia, they're not allowed. And yet God said to Gog, to Rosh, the head of Rosh, Gog, says, "I'm against you." In other words, you don't have to have this in order for God to come against a specific nation. You understand? And here is an example of a country that forbids those marches and forbids that type of thing.

MIKE: It seems like they are more moral than the rest of us.

AMIR: Exactly! Exactly, but—So my point is this. Even in places where you don't see that, there's so much other things that we can clearly see that God is against. Let's not make one sin more than another and feel great about this and—And it's just like a pharisaic mindset.

MIKE: Absolutely. Yeah. Wow. Thanks for adding that.

AMIR: We all need to come to the saving knowledge of the Messiah and be born again, spirit-filled, and become new creation and have the renewal of the mind. Then everything else is coming with it. But you cannot expect that from people who—You know, yesterday in our home Bible study, we studied in 2 Corinthians chapter 4. In chapter 4 it says, the following thing, it says, “the god of this world,” in verse 4, it says, “**4 ...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**” So, verse 3 basically starts by saying, “**3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,...**” (2 Cor 4:3-4) And then he moved on, “**...whose minds...**” is... So, what you described is definitely the God of this age and the god of this world that is manifesting his things. And again, only the gospel is the hope for this, only. I don't see there's no other thing.

MIKE: Shouldn't we all be asking ourselves what our blind spots are, Pastor Barry?

AMIR: Yeah.

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

BARRY: You know, when Amir was sharing, I think we do need to be careful about isolating one sin as the identifier of somebody that's headed south after this life, so to speak. But I also think we need to recognize what Romans 1 talks about, because there's a very clear digression that is given there that starts with denying God as Creator. And one of the manifestations of that denial

is men and women exchanging the use of one another from what is natural, to that which is unnatural. So there's no doubt that we're seeing this rampant rise here in the States, the numbers for the longest time of homosexual people in the country were between like 1 to 1.4%. And now the new numbers, it's like 10%. And this has been an exponential increase in a relatively short period of time, which is absolutely consistent with the digression that's presented there in Romans.

But the other thing about this, Mike, I think that is so vitally important for us as Christians, we don't see these huge backlash things regarding the liars and the thieves, and all the other things identified as sin. And so what we need to do for the homosexual community is pray for them and pray that God would open their eyes and treat them as any other sin group, so to speak, of people who need the Lord. Because they've been given this delusional thinking, this demonic mindset, that which God has ordained can be violated without consequence. So, we need to have hearts like the Lord has for them and not just wag their finger and then say, "That's it! There's no hope for you."

MIKE: Yeah, that's why I chose this question because the prophecy, the so-called prophecy community, which includes a lot of you watching this right now, my friend, it's very easy to become judgmental, know it all, have secret knowledge, all of these kinds of really evil whispers. Anytime we set ourselves on a higher moral plane, we've just graduated to the Pharisaism, and we don't want to do that. So let's move to the next question.

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, you just brought something else up. Sorry to interrupt again. But you know, we hear a lot about "judge not lest you be judged." We have to remember that that word judgment means "to render a final verdict." And that's exactly what you just said. Many people are rendering a final verdict on that community, instead of praying for their salvation and asking God's Spirit to move in that community. We have no place in rendering final verdicts about anybody, even though

we do have the responsibility to preach the gospel to every creature, which in a sense is making a judgment to someone is unsaved. But where we get into trouble is if we begin to think and act like they can't be saved.

MIKE: Yeah, well, and we know that this is part of the end times. And so that's another reason why I chose it. In the latter days there will be an acceleration and you've clearly outlined that there has been in that community. But look at all the other sins and the acceleration there as well to both of your points.

Now, my dear, no, Kathy, dear Kathy. And I want to tether Trump to this too, because gentlemen, I don't think a lot of people are seeing what she brings up. And I've talked to both of you offline about this. It's kind of like unknown. It says, "Wondering what you believe might happen with the election in Israel this year." And of course, I want to hear from your perspective as well, Amir. "Will or can Netanyahu be reelected? Will conservatives win?" And Pastor Barry, as you watch also the political theater in the United States, if there are new governments in both countries that are more liberal, Iran in a sense benefits. I mean, after hearing Amir's opening words of how strong Trump is, what if you get a leader that goes back to the Obama era? That's a lot of that a lot of people don't really see here that that could change. Pastor Barry, what do you think about that? And then Amir, I would love to hear about the Israeli side.

BARRY: Well, there is something interesting going on here in California. And like you mentioned, Mike, we have talked off air about this subject. Can a Republican win in California? And we are seeing really the largest numbers of mail-in voting from Republicans in California in 50 years. And the gap between the Democrats and the Republicans for the governorship of California and other offices as well has dwindled down to just a very, very small percentage. And traditionally, Republicans sadly, conservatives sadly, in the state of California have thrown in the towel saying,

“Hey, what’s the point? Why vote? We’re going to lose anyway.” And now we’ve got, I think there’s a group of people raising up in California that are doing much like what we’re seeing in London over the weekend with people saying, “That’s it. We’ve had it.” And that this kind of attitude is now becoming dominant in California where the Republicans and conservatives are saying, “You know what? We’ve had enough of this. We’ve had enough of these liberal policies that are destroying this beautiful state”; this most populous state in all of the United States of some 39+ million people live here in the beautiful state of California. And people, it seems though, are finally waking up. Now, one problem we’re going to have, and if there is a candidate in places like Los Angeles that receives more than 50% of the vote in these primaries, they’re actually going to win the office. So we can’t sit back and say, “You know what? Let’s just wait until the actual election and not vote in the primary.” We have to vote in the primary because California has its own distinct rules of election law. And so we need to make our voices heard. And it’d be great to go back to the Ronnie Reagan days where California had a governor that actually cared about our state and country.

AMIR: Was Reagan the last Republican there?

BARRY: Yes.

MIKE: Well, Schwarzenegger, I believe, might have been.

BARRY: Schwarzenegger actually was.

MIKE: Yeah.

AMIR: Nobody knows.

BARRY: Other than somebody that’s been a governor.

MIKE: So this year’s elections, do you think that that same kind of thing could happen to the country even though it’s been a Republican-driven leadership up till now? Because if things go

south and Trump loses his momentum, and even worse, if he loses... when he has to step down legally, Iran, you know—Again, I want to hear from Amir about the Netanyahu situation in the Israelis, but...

AMIR: Let me explain that in Israel, nothing truly has changed politically. There's the right, there's the left, the left has always been smaller. And there are two groups that everybody depends on, the Arabs and the ultra-Orthodox. These are the two groups. So you have to choose whether you want to sit with it—By the way, it's a horseshoe thing. The ultra-Orthodox Jews and the Arabs are pretty much different, but they are much closer than you think because both are minorities that want to preserve their rights and their benefits. Both Arabs and ultra-Orthodox don't serve in the military. Both of them have extra privileges than others in a sense. Both are very sectarian. They're working for a specific target group. So they don't care if it's a left-wing or right-wing as long as you give them what they need. So, the thing is this, the question now is: Will the left sit with the Arabs or with the Orthodox Jews? Will the right sit with the Arabs or with the Orthodox Jews?

Now it's a known fact that when the right and the ultra-Orthodox are together, they are the majority. And when the left is sitting with the Arabs, they are not the majority yet. All you need, all you need—And it's about 64 to 56, something like that. If the Arabs and the left, the right and the—So Netanyahu has a big chance to win again. However, *however*, Mike, it all depends on where we will be at the eve of the election with Hamas, with Hezbollah, and with Iran. Because if the job is not done, people will say, "Well, maybe someone else can finish the job." You understand? So I'm just saying the situation is fluid only when it comes to that thing. I personally believe that after October 7th, Israel moved to the right, slightly moved to the right. A lot of people that I know that used to be center left, those who were left moved to the center. And many who were in the center moved to the right actually because of everything. The dream of a Palestinian

state shattered in their face. Now they understand they don't really want that state next to you. They want a state instead of you.

And so, what I'm trying to say is that Netanyahu stands a chance, definitely stands a chance if by the time we reached the October elections, we will have a much more decisive results, both in Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran. And Iran is the main thing because our hands are tied because of Iran right now. We can't finish the job in Lebanon or in Gaza because America needs us to stay a little more quiet while it negotiates with Iran. So this is exactly why everybody's waiting for the game changer with Iran. "What are you going to do? Are you going to strike again and get back to the table? Or are you going to strike and topple the regime or are you just going to reach a deal that is less than what you originally asked for?" We'll have to wait and see. And that's it.

MIKE: Yeah, so we know also that the Israelis are becoming less and less dependent on larger countries like the United States for its future. [AMIR: "Correct"] And that Pastor Barry, with the United States and what we heard about California, this is actually news that could apply to the next congressional elections. If that could happen in California, it could also happen in the federal government, especially given Iran's clear...

AMIR: ... The only problem is this... Fraud. You have to remember that if some side will continue without showing IDs and without proving that he lives there, and without proving that he is a *citizen* even, and if you will continue to have so many mail-in ballots that nobody even has control over whether it's real people or not, all of that had happened already. We know that it happened already. Now they're trying to also change the way people vote and the way they count things. So in places where there's about 50/50, the way they change the voting zones will bring about 95% to the Democrats. Exactly. So I'm saying the Democrats are very sneaky when it comes to how to manipulate things. And even though the majority of the people want one thing, in order to preserve

power, the Democrats will do anything, anything. And we already saw that before, a few years ago. And I suspect, Mike, that the Israeli left learned a lot from them.

MIKE: I hope that the left in the United States is learning a lot. Do you think they are, Pastor Barry? And then we'll move to the next question. I know we spent a lot of time on this, but it's very interesting. Because if Iran—the governments, they can just, they're on pause, they can just hit the play button again and get away with it. All the work we've done in there, there could be, in a sense, for naught or for less. Yeah. OK, go ahead.

BARRY: Yeah, I was watching one of the political commentators on the conservative side a few days ago, and he was really pushing the Republicans to get out and vote because what Amir was talking about is absolutely true. It's already been proven to be true, and it will be attempted again. However, there is a point of no return. There is a line where if the percentages exceed that particular mark, it would become impossible then to incorporate fraud into flipping the election because it would be over-obvious. So this is why there's such a push right now for the Republicans to get out there and get off of their rear ends and get out there and cast their ballot, mail their ballot in, or by whatever means they're going to vote. Because if we can exceed that number, it's really going to tie their hands. And all those who are questionable, as to questioning, rather, where there really was fraud, which is lunacy, I believe. It's so obvious. But there comes a point where it just can't be done and the numbers couldn't be adjusted to the point where they actually flipped the election.

AMIR: That happened in November of '24. That was exactly the case in the presidential elections. It was so overwhelming that whatever the Democrats tried, it didn't work.

BARRY: Right. That's what we need again. And one comment, I think, when you're a billionaire, I think there are personal struggles that you're not aware of and the magnitude of them. And one thing that I wish somebody would grab the president's ear, because I don't think he realizes the

impact of these rising gas prices. What you've got, especially here in California, we've got, of course, two bucks a gallon added with taxes for Newsom pushing people to drive electric cars, and now they do, and he loses a huge amount of state revenue. So now he's taxing the gas drivers to make up for that loss in state revenue.

But I think the president needs to understand that what's probably going to influence this election greatly is what happens at the pump. Because when you've got a commuter society, and I think about someone I know that actually switched to a Tesla instead of driving the car they'd had for years, and it saved them \$600 a month. And \$600 a month is a lot of money to anybody. And to save that kind of money is a significant vote influencer. And he needs to release some of our reserves, I believe. And here we are, the largest oil producing country on the planet, and we need to make sure that we are making resources available to drive those prices back down and to a degree, even control the market out there with OPEC and others. So, I think that that's probably going to be one of the heavy influences as to whether or not the houses are flipped in the midterms like traditionally is the pattern.

AMIR: Which is something that is affecting his decision making with Iran, obviously. So it's all connected together, and that's probably why he tries to reach a deal rather than go to the unknown with prolonging the war. And again, the Iranians are well aware of that. Well aware of that. They know exactly the president's situation. They know that he's about to celebrate his 80th birthday. They know that he's about to have FIFA World Cup starting June 11th, and they know there's midterms. These are three things that they know that he would love to arrive to already with that crisis behind him. And this is why there's that ping pong because they know eventually, because they trust that eventually he will capitulate, and land on something that is better than they had before, but still allow them to keep their enrichment facilities, keep their right to enrich uranium.

And actually, their dream is to separate the enrichment from the end of the war and from the opening of the Strait. They want to tell him this: “You need a Strait to open. You need gas prices to come down. So stop talking about enrichment. Stop talking about nuclear. Leave that aside. We can talk about that later. You want the Strait to open because you need oil prices to go down, because you have elections to win, because this and this and this...” And they really hard try to separate this whole enrichment and this whole nuclear from the end of the war. Now that’s classic Iranian negotiation. “Let’s first do this and talk about that one later,” knowing that in two and a half years he’s going to be gone. No president would love to repeat the mistake and go after them again. And that’s it. So they’re very smart. That’s why it was a few hours ago that Lindsey Graham said the following thing. He said, “I have every confidence that President Trump fully understands the situation with Iran, and will not continue to tolerate a refusal to negotiate in good faith along with Iran’s defiant aggression in the Strait of Hormuz and throughout the region. It is abundantly clear to me that Iran has been very weakened militarily and economically. But at the same time, they have become more emboldened and aggressive. A short but forceful response now would reset the conflict in all the right ways. When it comes to Iran, it is imperative that we negotiate from a position of strength and dominance. We must finish what we started. I fear continuing negotiations without a forceful response prolongs the conflict, gives our allies doubt and will further embolden the Iranian terrorist regime.” So, some people understand that in D.C. I believe the president understands that. I trust that he does. And that’s why we’re waiting for the right move. And hopefully he’ll wait with it until I have some things to do over the weekend. And I need to do them. All right. [Chuckles]

MIKE: Yeah, yeah. Yes, we do. Okay, Pastor Barry. And by the way, hey, thank you again for that question, Kathy. We really, hopefully that satisfies your curiosity. So a complete change of

topics here to the millennium and the new heaven and new earth. Violet, Pastor Barry, is asking, “What happens to the believers after the millennium in heaven? Is heaven different than the new Jerusalem?” And what, will we have the same bodies? Will we have similar missions? Can you really expand on that based on what we know?

BARRY: Yes. [Laughter]

MIKE: A lot of its sanctified imagination, but we do have a few of those in the Scriptures.

BARRY: That’s a question I’ll pick up. “Is the new Jerusalem heaven?” Obviously, if it descends to the earth and there’s some debate as to whether it actually sits on the earth, hovers over the earth and we really don’t know. But what we do know is that it has streets of gold, and gates of single pearls and it’s going to be an incredible place. And we’re going to be there for a really, really long time. As to how the believers that came to faith during the millennium received their new glorified, eternally existing, capable bodies, that we don’t really have any information on. We just know it’s going to be a must. We do know after the millennium that there is the Great White Throne judgment. And that the unbelieving world, the dead, not in Christ, will be resurrected and stand before the Lord and be judged for their works. When the books are opened, having given the evidence that their names are not in the Lamb’s Book of Life. But what we do know is that we all share the same eternal inheritance. And the Old Testament believers will be resurrected at their time. The dead in Christ will physically rise first at the rapture of the church. And then we, who are alive and remain, will join them and the Lord in the air. 1 John 3:2 says that when we see Him, we will be like Him as He is. So, we do know that that is the transition point for us that Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians 15 where we shall not all die, but we shall all be changed. So, that tells us that millennial believers are going to have to experience the same change that we experienced, Old Testament believers experienced, in putting on these new bodies as Philipians

3:20 talks about, that these lowly bodies will put on a Christ-like body, a glorified body. And I'm looking forward to that.

MIKE: So, everyone in the new heaven and new earth believer, glorified bodies. Glorified bodies, right? Is there any hierarchy between Israel or the church?

AMIR: Nothing. The only thing is if your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. It doesn't matter. But also in Daniel 12:2 Pastor Barry mentioned the Great White Throne, Daniel 12 talks about it and he says that in that time, your people shall be delivered from, of course, the tribulation. But then he speaks of, and then he says, **"2 'Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.'" (Daniel 12:2)** And so, some suggest that this might be the Great White Throne, which suggests that the non-believers will obviously be in the lake of fire and the believers will have the eternal life, which can only be with a glorified body. Because flesh and blood cannot enter...

BARRY: ...In the new heaven, that's right.

MIKE: Such an impossibly awesome, inconceivable future for all of us. And it's important to keep that in mind within the circumstances in which we live. Do you guys have room for one more question? Maybe two. We'll see. Yeah, go ahead, Pastor Barry. Any final thoughts on that?

BARRY: Oh no, I said sure. We've got time for one more.

MIKE: Well, good. So, this one is from Karry and the way I would love to engineer this is to ask Amir and then to ask Pastor Barry how they do this, how you do this as a Gentile and as a church because I know you do that. "What does it actually mean to 'bless the Jewish people,' according to Genesis 12:3? In what practical ways can one bless Israel?" How does one bless you as Israel or the nation? Does that mean we fund the Temple Project? Does that mean we visit and volunteer? Does that mean that we pray? What does that look like?" A lot of people always ask this question,

and hopefully this one answer will get disseminated to as many people out there as possible because it's a very good question, Amir. Can you make that out briefly?

AMIR: Yeah, I'll start with this. First, don't curse them. [Laughter] Remember, Balaam was very clear. "How can I curse that which is not cursed? And how can I denounce that which God did not denounce?" Remember, Balaam said those words about a nation that sinned so many times by the time they got to that point of standing next to the king of Moab, Balak. So it's not like "There's a perfect nation. Please do not curse them." No, it's a *very flawed* nation and yet, do not curse them. They're not cursed. You cannot curse them. So I would start with avoid and stay away from all those conspiracies and all those people who are Jew-hatred, who would blame the Jews for any bad thing that ever happened in this world. That's the first thing. Stay away.

Now, the second thing is, remember, through their fall, in order to provoke them to jealousy, salvation was given to the Gentiles. That's in Romans, chapter 11, which means believers should provoke Israel to jealousy. To provoke Israel to jealousy is not to kill them, curse them, and extend their bodies with some machines. It's definitely the opposite. Now, third, listen to me, Mike. It's going to be super controversial right now. Okay? I know. Are you ready?

MIKE: I'm ready.

AMIR: Share the Messiah with them.

MIKE: Some people are...

AMIR: ... Listen, when Paul was in Rome before he was executed, Paul—And that's the last chapter of the book of Acts. The book of Acts is one of my favorite books in the whole Bible. But the last chapter of the book of Acts, and Paul summoned all the Jewish people in chapter 28. And look what it says in verse 17, 19–20: **"¹⁷ And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together."** (Acts 28:17) You don't have to be a rocket scientist to

understand who he is talking to. He summoned the leaders of the Jews. And this is after he has been already rejected so many times by them. You would think that by now he would say they have no hope. And take a look at that. And take a look at what he said. So he summoned them together. ¹⁷ **... So when they had come together,**” the leaders of the Jews, ¹⁷ **...he said to them: ‘Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against *our* people...’**” He’s not singling himself out. He says, ¹⁷ **‘...our people or the customs of *our* fathers,...’**” He’s part of them. They’re his nation. ¹⁷ **... ‘yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem...’**” And then he said, after the leaders spoke and appealed to Caesar, not that—he had to go to Rome, ¹⁹ **... ‘not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation.’**” (Acts 28:19) He said. And then he finishes with, and then he said, ²⁰ **‘For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.’**” (Acts 28:20)

The hope of Israel is the Messiah. He invited the Jewish people to hear that. He told them, “I am one of you. You are my nation. The fathers are our fathers. I don’t even blame you. I was one of you. I know exactly that it’s hard for you to understand, to grasp the gospel. But I’m telling you, you see these chains? It’s because of the hope of Israel. It’s worth it.”

So blessing Israel is not—Yes, by the way, financial support in Romans 15 is very—We know that if the Jewish shared with the Gentiles spiritual things, the Gentiles should share with them material things. But I will not mention that first, because no one needs your money if you’re not sharing with them the only hope, and the only way to God, and the only way to have eternal life. So, I would say, first of all, avoid... You want to bless them. Don’t stand against them, and curse them, and be an enemy for them. That’s the first thing. Second, you have to understand that you need to provoke them to jealousy, and you don’t do that with being against them. And third, they have only one hope. It’s the hope that we—a lot of people, were being chained for. But the

hope of Israel is their Messiah. Tell them about the Messiah, lovingly tell them about the Messiah. Tell them about the hope of Israel. Tell them about the fact that He even on the cross said, “Father, forgive them they do not know what they’re doing.” Paul himself could see the blindness. He was blinded as well. He was one of them. He saw it. And that’s why he wrote, “Concerning the gospel, they might be your enemy. But concerning the elections, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the callings of God are irrevocable.” So we have to remember that. And love them, pray for them, tell them about the hope of Israel. Stay away from conspiracy. And once you’ve done all of that, then go to Romans 15 and see that if they shared with you the spiritual things, you ought to share with them material things.

MIKE: Well, very well put. Anything to add on that before we land the plane?

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, I think it’s important to point out, as Amir was talking about, “I will bless those who bless you.” That the back half of that verse says, “I will curse him who curses you.” I always think it’s important to highlight the fact that the word *curse* and the word *curses* are two completely different words. The first word *curse* means exactly what we think, to impose some type of consequence. But the word *curses* doesn’t share the same root at all. It is an entirely different Hebrew word, and it means, “I will curse or impose consequence on him who treats you with contempt, or who thinks little of you.” So this is, I think, what we need to be careful of. And this is why we need to stay away from replacement theology to not buy into this modern Israel is not biblical Israel because that is showing *contempt* to the people that God brought back into the land for His name’s sake and glory. So I think that’s a pretty hefty statement there at the end of that verse.

AMIR: And as always, Pastor Barry says, “If you love the King of the Jews, you cannot hate the Jews of the King.” Pastor Barry is—that’s his signature statement and I love to quote him for that one.

MIKE: Very thought-provoking statement, isn’t it?

AMIR: It is, it is. I would like to remind people that we still have a few spots left on the Alaska cruise where Pastor Barry, myself, with Pastor Bob Kopney and Bob Pearl, will teach aboard this beautiful, beautiful ship. And we’re even going to have Michelle Bachmann there for a panel that Pastor Barry and myself will have for *MidEast and Beyond*. So I encourage you, if you want. I also want you to know that we would always appreciate if you continue to support this ministry, support the different things that we do. The ministry of Behold Israel in general that allows us to teach all over the world. But there’s also the ministry that we specifically do among the young adults and it’s called “Gen Zion.” We would love you to be involved with that by prayers and support. And lastly, this amazing media hub that we have here that allows me to not only do this work while I’m here and be a nice light to the people around us, and to the whole world, CONNECT [studio], also, could enjoy your support. You greatly supported its construction. Now we need to keep it up, and we need to continue having it with some great things. So I would appreciate that as well.

Pastor Barry, anything else you want to mention? Oh, by the way, before I forget, sorry! Guys, *The Next War*, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We asked for help. You showed up. It became a New York Times bestseller, USA Today bestseller, Publisher’s Weekly bestseller. And now it got the attention of the big stores, and a lot of non-believers are going to grab a copy. And I’m telling you, the gospel is everywhere there. So, *thank you* for doing that. We appreciate that so much. Guys, wow, I enjoyed it. Pastor Barry, anything else you want to add?

BARRY: I think, Amir, what you said earlier is so vitally important to us as Christians around the world and that is to express our love for the nation of Israel by telling them about the Holy One of Israel. And you know what you mentioned earlier, I think, also points our brains to the fact that Isaiah identifies Him as your Savior, there's only one Savior. And the Head of the church and the Holy One of Israel are one and the same; they are Yeshua, Jesus Christ the righteous. And we need to have enough love for the Jews to tell them that we believe they are the chosen of God, and that God still has a plan for them, and has redemptive power and purposes, and it comes exclusively through that "guy" that is mentioned there in that forbidden chapter in Isaiah 53. He is the One who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. [AMIR: "Yes"] We need to not detach from the Old Testament; we need to declare it because there's parts of it that are still yet unfulfilled, and they mostly relate to the Jewish people.

AMIR: Yes. Thank you, guys. Thank you, Pastor Mike. Thank you, Pastor Barry. Thank you, everyone, for watching. Please continue to subscribe to our YouTube channels. Also, like, share and comment so we get traffic, and more and more people will be exposed to this message. Share

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