



**Amir Tsarfati**  
**Who Really Controls The Middle East**  
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I am going to ask you a question: Are you feeling blessed to live in 2022? [Audience: "Yes!"] Because so many people around the world, I'm talking about believers, are so afraid. I would say, almost probably not wanting to wake up in the morning because of what's going on around the world. I'm saying to myself; we live in the most amazing times since the first century. The most amazing time! "Yeah, but I don't like COVID." Well, what did you think the last days are going to look like? [Audience: Laughter] Disney-style fairy tale or what? I mean, we live in the last days. I'm so excited. Every time they announce a new variant, I'm so excited—I'm just kidding! [Laughter] Every day I wake up in the morning, I'm thinking to myself: Wow, everything that I've been studying for the last 30 years I see being fulfilled before my very eyes. It's something that no other generation since the first century could say. Every one of you sitting right here this evening, you're more intelligent, knowledgeable in what is going to happen in this world than the most amazing analysts of the most amazing secret service on planet earth. Think about it: 20 years ago, I was teaching that Russia and Iran are going to come to the border with Israel. Nobody bought the tape.



[Audience: Laughter] 20 years ago, not because I'm a prophet, I'm from a "non-prophet" organization. But it's because I believe that which the prophets have said. You understand? Everything that they said, *everything* that they said is happening, and it's amazing. I'm so privileged to live in these days. I don't *care* what is going on around the world, as long as I know

that I have the Prince of Peace in my heart. Because I'm telling you, I'm looking around and I see people that have to go through all of this, and they don't have that peace, and they don't know the Prince of Peace. I'm thinking to myself: This is probably what I was before I got saved, and that's why I wanted to kill myself because I saw no hope in this world. There is no other hope. There cannot be, there will not be, and this hope is available for everyone. Instead of talking about this hope and about the gospel of peace—that we finally have peace with God, that now God is with us, and nobody can stand against us—instead of that, the church nowadays is busy doing everything *but* preaching the gospel of peace. We're very combative. We're very militant in the last two years. We're fighting all the fights we don't need to, and the fight we need to fight, we leave it to others to do.

This evening, I wanted to share with you a message called, *Who Really Controls the Middle East*. Because the Middle East has always been, but is now more than ever, the hottest place on planet earth. I'm not talking about temperatures. I'm talking about what's going on. An hour ago, the air defense systems in the United Emirates were activated because another strike on Abu Dhabi took place. Two hours ago, a strike in Iran; three hours ago, we're talking about a rocket flying from Yemen to Saudi Arabia that killed several people; and for the last two days, there is an ongoing situation with hostages in the city in Syria called Al Hasakah where ISIS took over a prison—I'm not talking about all the ISIS prisoners, I'm talking about the 400 children that are

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It is that they may be destroyed forever."**

PSALM 92:5-7 (NKJV)

trapped in between. And this is just from the last few hours. And you're asking yourself, "Who's controlling the world? What's going on?"

So first, let me make it very clear, the Bible says that

God, in **Psalm 92:5-7**, "<sup>5</sup>**O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.**

**“<sup>6</sup> A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this. <sup>7</sup> When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever.”** We see so much rise of evil all around us and we’re asking ourselves, where’s God in all of this? What’s the story that they are having the upper hand and God says, “Look, in the temporary perspective, they may have the upper hand, but in the eternal perspective, that’s not the case.”

Father, I pray that You will bless Your Word this evening. Bless the hearts to receive and may You encourage us in these dark days, evil days. May You keep reminding us of the price that was paid for our salvation, and may You remind us to walk not only in that victory, but with that joy of that salvation. We thank you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness,  
The world and those who dwell therein,  
For He has founded it upon the seas,  
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PSALM 24:1-2 (NKJV)

**Psalm 24:1-2 says: “<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD’S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. <sup>2</sup> For He has founded it upon the seas, and**

**established it upon the waters.”** The entire earth. God is the God of the whole earth; He created this whole thing. It’s not only Santa Barbara that He created. [Audience: Laughter] He created the Middle East also, although by the way, the term Middle East is a new term, from 1901. Up until then, there was far-East and there was near-East. And somebody decided: “Why don’t we call it Middle East?” And so, we call it Middle East. But even that part, this is actually the cradle of civilization. This is where it all started. Somewhere in Iraq, a guy called Abram is getting that call, to leave the house of his father and mother, to enter a place that he’s not even sure where it is. And God is taking him and He’s leading him. He’s not even giving him any chance to ask if he likes it or not. And He brought him all the way to that land. And then He said: “This is the land that I’m going to give to you and to your descendants.” This is how God started over after all the horrific

things that took place between Genesis 3 and Genesis 11. Terrible, so terrible that God wanted to wipe this whole thing out, and He was sorry that He created everything. But Noah, and then of course, came Abraham.

But it's not just that God is the God of the Middle East. He is the God of the whole world but through that part of the world, He was going to bring forth a message, that is at some point in history, going to change the whole world. Because in **Acts 17:29-31**, when Paul was in the heart of Athens, surrounded by all these very smart people, at least smart in their own eyes, he says to them: **“<sup>29</sup>Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.** <sup>30</sup>Truly, **these times of ignorance God overlooked...**”

All the nonsense that people called God, or people make and then pretend this is it, all that God overlooked. But then look what He says, and this is Paul in Athens on a missionary journey, standing there speaking their language, speaking their culture, speaking everything, and then he says to them, the following thing: **“<sup>30</sup>...but now...”** God, the same God that overlooked this thing, now **“...He commands...”** Let's read together, **“...all men everywhere to repent,”** All men, everywhere, all over planet earth, all people, the first thing they need to do is what? [Audience: “Repent”] There is no message of salvation, no message of redemption, no message of peace with God without first what? Repentance. If someone will sell you the message of the gospel without telling you that you need to repent, it is not the gospel. And He's calling **“...all men everywhere to repent,** <sup>31</sup>**because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness...”** God says, Look, everyone must repent. There is judgment coming over the whole world. It is a righteous judgment and it's going to be by whom? **“...by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”** You see, there is a Messiah, there is a Deliverer, there is a Judge, and His name

is Righteousness, and He's going to judge the *whole* world in righteousness. So, it might have started in the Middle East, but the message is for the whole world, "all men everywhere."



And that part of the world, the Middle East, has always been under the rule of the empires. There's always some empire ruling it. The Bible mostly, of course, is dealing with the Middle East and Israel at the center of it. I mean, I try to find here, verses about Montecito... [Audience: Laughter] But most of the Bible, when it speaks of a geographical location is about the Middle East and Israel in the center. If you decide that you don't want to teach about Israel in the Church, then two thirds of your Bible will not be used. Bible prophecy has nothing to say about the nations as such in their relations between one another but *only* about their relationship with Israel, the people, and the land. You won't find here, the relationship between America and Mexico, or Canada and Russia. No, no, it's not here but if another nation is mentioned, it's probably in relation to Israel. The nation of Israel because they may have taken them out of the land; or the land of Israel because they may have come all the way to that land. That's it. **Deuteronomy 32:8-9**, “<sup>8</sup>When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples...” How? “according to the number of the children of Israel. <sup>9</sup>For the LORD'S portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.” So, there's a great importance in studying about the Middle East because this is what everything else evolves around when it comes to Bible prophecy.

Once Israel entered the land, we can see two things: God is testing Israel, and then God is testing the nations around Israel through Israel. **Judges 2:20-23**: “<sup>20</sup>Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, 'Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which

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**I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice,<sup>21</sup> I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,<sup>22</sup> so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers**

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**kept them, or not.’<sup>23</sup> Therefore, the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.”** So, He told

Joshua to get rid of them, those nations that were kept there and were not touched, God left them, and that was the way for God to test the nation of Israel. God allowed nations and kingdoms to attack Israel. He allowed it. Look, God controls the whole world. He controls everything. If they attacked Israel, that means God had allowed it. However, say, “However;” [Audience: “However”] God always punishes those nations for doing that. “What are you talking about Willis?” [USA TV joke] Well, it’s very simple. They attacked Israel, not because God told them to. They attacked Israel because they wanted [to]. God allowed it, but then He judged them for wanting to attack Israel. You understand that? **Jeremiah 25:12: “<sup>12</sup> Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon....”** He allowed the king of Babylon to come in, take the nation of Israel and after 70 years, look what He says: “<sup>12</sup> ... when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the LORD.” Great deal huh? So, if you ever want to attack the nation of Israel: think twice. [Audience: Laughter] God may allow you to do that but eventually He’s going to come and judge you for it.

God promised to Abraham. **Genesis 15:18-21: “<sup>18</sup> On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—<sup>19</sup> the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the**

**Kadmonites,<sup>20</sup> the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,<sup>21</sup> the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Grgashites, and the Jebusites.”** The Omicron-ites and the Delta-ites. I’m just adding some more [COVID] variants here. [Audience: Laughter] That is the promise that God gave to Abraham. And



then He continued that promise not through Ishmael, but through whom? Isaac. In **Genesis 26:3: “<sup>3</sup> Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you...”** Say that [Audience: “To you”] “<sup>3</sup> ... and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.” And then came the first twins as far as I know. And then who is the one? The promise is now to? Hello? [Audience: “Jacob”] Thank you, it was on the screen. **Genesis 28:13 “<sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: ‘I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac;”** God cannot say here: “I’m the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;” He’s speaking to Jacob. And then He said, “... the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.” So don’t let anyone tell you: “Oh, the land belongs to the Arabs, because they are also the descendants of Abraham.” It was promised to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob particularly.

And then of course, we had the Egyptians, and then the Assyrians, and then the Babylonians, and then the Persians, and the Greeks. The Persians used to be an empire! It was the Persian king who allowed the Jews to go back and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. You say that to the Ayatollahs, and they have a heart attack. After the Greeks came the Romans, and after the Romans came the Byzantines—those who supposedly accepted Christianity, then ruled from Byzantine which is Istanbul of today. Then came the Arabs, the Muslims, then came the Crusaders from Europe and England. Then came another wave of non-Arab Muslims called the Mamalukes—not the “Papa-lukes,” the “Mama-lukes.” [Audience: Laughter] After then came the Turks, called the

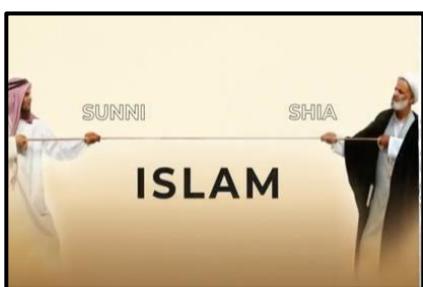
Ottomans, who ruled from 1517 to 1917. Then the French and the British carved the remains of the Ottoman Empire between them in 1916 and 1917; and just before the end of World War I, they divided the Middle East between themselves. Monsieur Picot and Mr. Sykes divided the area between the two of them. And this is already the first time we see official documents that are mentioning the term Middle East. Then for the longest time, this Cold War between the Russians and the Americans, in the 1950s and '60s and '70s. And where are we now?

We are at the last battle that all of us are witnessing right now and this is the battle of "Who is going to rule the Middle East?" That is not a battle between two different empires from two different parts of the world. It's not a battle between different religions. It's not a battle between different mindsets. This is a battle between Sunni Islam and Shia Islam; that's the thing. The Saudi Iranian conflict is exactly what all of us are witnessing right now; when we see the attacks on the



United Arab Emirates, when we see the attacks back on the Houthis in Yemen, when we see what's going on in Syria, and what's going on in Iraq. It's the Shiite-Sunni thing. Iran has all of its arms everywhere. Take a look at all the arms of Iran.

They're very smart, they will not attack you themselves. They'll send their attack dogs. In Lebanon they've got Hezbollah; in Yemen they've got the Houthis; in Syria they've got militias called Fatemiyoun and Zainabiyoun; in Iraq they've got Hashd al Shaabi; in Gaza and the West Bank,



they are fueling Hamas and Islamic Jihad. They've got arms everywhere! They know they cannot stand themselves with all the sanctions and all the stuff that is going on. They are just feeding all their arms all around. And in the base of all that

stands the battle between Shia and Sunni Islam. That's what a Sunni looks like and that's what a Shiite looks like. One looks more Saudi, and one looks more Iranian as you can clearly see. They've got a lot of things in common but also a lot of things that differentiate themselves. I want you to know that all of that started in 632 AD when Muhammad died, and they needed a successor,

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and the Sunnis wanted the most capable person who was his student named Abu Bakr. The Shiites wanted a bloodline of Mohammed who was his

nephew, Ali. So, they were the group of "Ali" or "Shia-Ali," that's why they're called Shiites, and

**2022—THIS IS NOW**

**THE JERUSALEM POST**

Iran-backed Houthis aim to redraw map of Middle East with attack on UAE - analysis

The attack by the Houthis is openly aimed at changing the "equation," the Houthis said Monday.

the others are called Sunnis because "sunnah" is the orthodox way. They're not into bloodlines, they're into whoever is more capable. So, they have the right way, the straight way, these have the group of... and they've

been fighting for over 1,400 years. And everything you're watching now, *that's the heart* of that conflict over there. In fact, 2017 look what it says [Source: *Independent Voices*]: "Saudi Arabia and Iran are jostling for control over the Middle East, and it could turn into..." What? "...an all-out war"—that was 2017. In 2022: [*The Jerusalem Post* headline] "Iran-backed Houthis aim to redraw map of Middle East with attack on UAE."

Last year, I wrote a book, my first ever fiction novel, thriller. In the book, I mentioned several real events but also in my fiction part, I mentioned an Iranian-backed militia that is going to attack Burj Khalifa with drones. If you are following me on Telegram (<https://t.me/beholdisraelchannel>) and you watch the news, you know that. I don't have it on this presentation, but

I want you to know that as of three days ago, the Iranians and the Houthis came out with the



artwork that describes a drone hitting Burj Khalifa. This is their new target. I hope they didn't read my book and get ideas. [Audience: Laughter] All I can tell you is that you don't have to be a prophet to understand what this world is going to and what the Middle East is going to.

But what does all of this say about us and Israel and about you and me as believers? We've been privileged, all of us, to see an amazing transition, that no other generation before us has ever seen, a transition of a country from being on the verge of annihilation to become a super important power. I'm talking about the transition from Psalm 83 to Ezekiel 38. Psalm 83, if you read it, you understand it is a description of all the enemies that surround Israel: The Hagrites, the Ammonites, talking about those in Lebanon from Tyre, talking about the Philistia which are probably the Arabs from within, Egypt also; they are *all* coming against Israel, what for? "**... and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.**" That's **Psalm 83:4**. It is a *perfect* description of the War of Independence in 1948 when Egypt, when Jordan, when Lebanon, when Syria, and even Iraq, all of them, came against Israel because Israel was just declared statehood. That's it! And what made them so angry? Ben Gurion changed the name back to its original: from *Palestina*, Palestine, to what? Israel, the biblical one! And that's why they said, "Let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel will be remembered no more." And God is dealing with them. They were all humbled and they were all defeated, and Israel remained and guess what? Egypt is buying gas from Israel right now. Jordan is buying gas from Israel right now and as of two days ago, Lebanon is buying gas from Egypt that is buying gas from Israel. [Audience: Laughter] They don't want to tell the Lebanese that it is Israeli gas. So, they're telling them it's from Egypt, but we're giving it to Egypt, and Egypt's giving it to Jordan, and Jordan's giving it to Syria, and Syria is giving it to Lebanon. *Amazing*. From a country that was about to be destroyed. We fought in 1948 having five airplanes... maybe. Planes where you hold

a stick in one hand and throw the bomb with the other, [Audience: Laughter] a few armored vehicles, and that's it! But God. [Audience: Applause] God has—look, you cannot change it! [Amir holds up Bible] Psalm 83 ends up with a victory.

You cannot change what God has for Israel. Not all of that was pretty, by the way but God has a plan for Israel, and nobody can destroy it, nobody can deter it, and nobody can stop it, not even a senile president. [Audience: Laughter] No one! Listen, my point is that regardless of who sits anywhere in the White House, in the Kremlin, *anywhere*, God is not going to change anything. I'm always reminded of Psalm 2 and all those kings of the earth; they really think they call the shots in the Middle East. They really think, "I will bring peace to the Middle East. Oh, we'll take the oil from the Middle East. Oh, we will do this, we will do..." God is laughing. They want to cut the cord between God and His anointed One. And we're watching this transition. Israel today is in a completely different place.

So, you can read Psalm 83 and see what is going on all the way. But then I want you to read all the way to Ezekiel 38 and this is a different story. It's a different story because Israel is now safe, secure, and prosperous. We've never been safer. "What do you mean safer, you're being attacked?" No, we're not. Let me tell you something, there's more violence in the streets of LA in one week than in Israel in the whole year. Israel today is a force that the world wants to flock to and be part of. Morocco, Sudan, UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia even has relations with Israel that you shouldn't know of. [Audience: Laughter] So, we are in a completely different position. See, in 1949 we survived the War of Independence. In 1950, we were a country surrounded with enemies that wanted to destroy it again. David Ben Gurion didn't know what to do. He gathered all his commanders and chief executives, and he says, "What are we going to do?" Because in the Middle East, unless you are part of an alliance with other countries, you won't survive. We looked

around. And guess who were the only three countries we could get alliances with? Ladies and



gentlemen, Iran was our strongest ally until 1979. The Mossad had an office in Iran. El-Al, our airline, flew to Tehran every week. The Shah, Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah—Shah means “king,” by the way; his real title

was “the king of kings” but let’s not go there—but I want you to know that he is not Arab. Farsi persons that are not Arabs. He didn’t like the Arab leaders around; he didn’t like what he saw all around him. He found in Israel an ally. Israel supplied Iran with technology. Iran supplied us with whatever we needed from them. Listen, it was the strongest alliance.

And guess who else? Hello? Turkey, until Erdogan came to power. Have you been following me on Telegram, by the way? [Audience: “Yes”] So how many of you heard that



someone, a reporter is about to go to prison right now, because she said: When a bull enters a palace, the bull doesn’t turn into a king; the palace turns into a cow stable. She wrote that about Erdogan. “Oh....” Exactly. Oh! But I

want you to know, Turkey was a very secular Muslim country for many, many years. It is Ataturk who abolished the caliphate, the status of caliphate was in Turkey! [He] abolished it! Not only that, but he also couldn’t even stand the Arab inscription. He changed it to Latin inscription. You see, Turks are writing in Latin letters, not Arabic. And they found in Israel an ally, an alliance up until the 1990s.

Funny, the next one is Ethiopia with Haile Selassie, the Caesar, or whatever you want to call him there... Emperor Haile Selassie. I’m showing you all of this because



look how interesting the path [Gesture: weaving] to survive in the Middle East is: One time these could be your best friends, the next day they are those who want to destroy you. Amazing, isn't it?

And then came the information revolution. Israel is thriving, and within the last decade, Israel transformed into the second most important Silicon Valley in the world leading in cybersecurity, financial technology, medicine, agriculture, water, and much more. There's also at the same time the Muslim invasion of the West which is, by the way, by their political, religious leaders was defined as an invasion. Millions of Muslims are flowing into the Western world and changing its identity. Western European countries are seeing things that they have not seen before: terrorists skyrocketing in so many of those places, and many of those European countries that have never stood by our side, finally now understand what it means to have Islamic radical terrorism because now it's in their own backyard. Then the oil prices started plunging because there was a 45<sup>th</sup> president that—and I'm not entering into politics right now—but what he did, he turned America into the largest exporter of oil. There was no longer the reliance on Arab oil and prices went down. And if you want to understand why the prices are going up right now, use the same thing in reverse. And that's not enough: It was \$140 a barrel, went down to \$70 within 3-4 years.

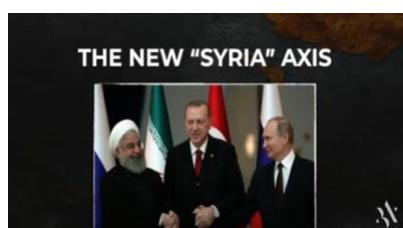
Ladies and gentlemen, the Arab Spring destroyed so many Arab countries. Arab countries are destroyed from within. The Israeli-Palestinian issue drops to the bottom of their list of concerns and priorities. Israel's economic boom in light of the collapse of the Arab world around us turns Israel into a country you actually want to side with. Israel found *trillions* of cubic feet of gas, *trillions!* We developed a much closer relationship with America over the last—well up until a year ago or so [All: Laughter]—so much so that America pulled out of the Iran deal. America moved its embassy to Jerusalem. America imposed the harshest sanctions on Iran. America pulled out of the Human Rights Council for its bias against Israel. America's peace deal was the best deal

to ever be offered to Israel by a US administration, and I'm talking about that which eventually turned into the Abraham Accords. We also developed a closer relationship with Russia. The Russians understand that they need Israel on their side, at least right now [February 2022] at this point. The highest level of delegation comes to Israel. Putin invites Netanyahu. Look, I'm talking about what happened until a year ago, okay? Closer relationship with India: 49% of Israel's military export is to India. I'm talking about \$5 billion. Energy alliance with Greece and Cyprus: After Erdogan rose to power, Israel and Cyprus found gas. We've collaborated on a new gas pipeline and conduct annual joint military exercises. And to defuse the EU and its bias against Israel, Israel is now becoming the best friends of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia, known as the Visegrád Group (also known as Visegrád Four, the V4, or the European Quartet). And this way there is no EU decision that can be taken against Israel because the EU must have a unanimous vote, and we've got these five that will always be on our side.

A strong alliance [is] with African countries like never before: Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia. In November 2017, Netanyahu attended an official lunch where he was joined by leaders of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda, Togo, Botswana, Namibia, and Ethiopia. We've never had anything like that before!

Worldwide evangelical support like never before: 27% of North American evangelicals, 20% of Africa's evangelicals, 18% of Pacific Ocean [countries], and 2.5% of Europe, and these are who call themselves Christians of course. They're evangelicals and unfortunately, 2020 came and everything started changing.

How many of you miss 2020? [Amir laughs] Look what happened in 2020: Iran was put on notice, January 3rd when general Qassim Soleimani was liquidated, eliminated, killed—whatever you call it. By November of that same year, the father of the Iranian nuclear program,



Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, was taken out as well. The Iranians were shocked. A man-made virus was leaked out of an American-funded Chinese lab. We're not talking about that tonight. Abraham Accords between Israel, the UAE and Bahrain followed by Sudan and Morocco. The Abraham Accords: you can see these are things that are still alive; but then, of course, there was the "Syria Axis" that we're watching right now. They are all in Syria, all these three (Iran, Russia, Turkey).

Then came 2021! Do you miss 2021? Because in 2021, things happened. [Audience: Laughter] We have "Build Back Better," and we have a "Government of Change" in Israel. And in 2021, going into 2022, all the mice are coming out of their holes; and Iran and Russia, North Korea and China are doing *whatever* they want, and nobody stands in their way.



So, who really controls the Middle East? Who really controls the Middle East? Ezekiel 38, and I believe we're on the verge of that war, says in **Ezekiel 38:16**; God is speaking against Russia-Rosh, and He says: "**“16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land,”**" God says, "**“I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know...”**" Who? "**“Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”**" Whoever it is going to be, is it Putin or his successor, I'm not sure, God says: "Look, you think you run the show? I am going to bring you over because you want to come anyway, don't you? I'll let you do that, but I want to tell you something. You're coming against My people, and against My land. Guess how it's going to end? I am going to show

the whole world, all the nations, that I am God.” So, guess what’s going to happen? Do your math.

**Ezekiel 38:23:** “<sup>23</sup> **Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.**” See, everybody is talking about the war. Yes, there will be a war, but there is a *purpose* for that war.

Some people are telling me, “Oh, that’s great, so the whole world is going to be saved.” No. There’s a difference between knowing *of* God and knowing God. I want to tell you something, do you think that one victory of one war is going to cause the whole world to be on its knees to accept Jesus? I know it’s not going to happen. Why? You can ask me, “Why?” You don’t have to, but you can, [Audience: Laughter] it’s very simple. The Bible tells us that Jesus will return with us to reign from Jerusalem for how long? [Audience: “1,000 years”]. A thousand years, and the Bible also tells us that until the end of the thousand years—1,000 years, Jesus, *Jesus himself, physically* will sit on His throne of David and He will reign from Jerusalem and every nation will have to come to Jerusalem every year to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. Zechariah 14 tells you about that. There will be probably different new airlines: Air Messiah, Messiah Airlines, Jesus Airways [Audience: Laughter]; they’re all coming. Think about it, every nation must come because the nation that will not be there will not have the blessing from God. God will not pour rain upon that nation. So, they all will come, and they will see Him, and they will know that He is King. The world will be as close as possible to what it was before the curse of the sin came. As close as possible because it’s never going to be that perfect. That’s why God will have to make all things new, eventually. But think about it, perfect, an almost perfect world, *perfect* righteousness coming out of Jerusalem to the whole world. Jesus, all of us, we’ll have our glorified bodies. Yeah, no diets, [Audience: Laughter] you will never be late anywhere. We will reign and judge with Him. You understand that?

You would think that by then the world is convinced but what's going to happen when the thousand years is going to expire? Satan, the Bible says in Revelation 20, will be released from the bottomless pit for a short time. And guess what's going to happen when he is released for a short time? That's what's going to happen. **Revelation 20:7-9** says: “<sup>7</sup>Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup>They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.” The world that witnessed this wonderful righteousness coming out of Jerusalem is going to come and turn against it.

All of this is going to happen whether you like it or not. Through those verses I read from Ezekiel, you can see that who controls the Middle East? God controls the Middle East! It's not Russia, and it's not China, and it's not America, and it's not Iran, and it's certainly not Saudi Arabia. They [those nations] know nothing! That is why **Psalm 2:1-4** ... “<sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,” Eventually what is it, it's against who? “<sup>2</sup>...Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,” What? “<sup>3</sup>‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.’” This is what the world wants: “We don't want to live under God's rules. We don't want to live under God's laws and amazing statutes. We want to do whatever we want to do! We are gods! We want to replace God. I decide if I'm a male or a female. I decide what a family is all about. I decide if I want borders, or I don't want borders. I decide if my children will be male or female regardless of how they were born. I decide, it's me, it's all about [me], I am god!” I mean, the world is changing and it's funny because it used to be individuals, then it became movements, now it becomes government funded. This is it! “<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens shall

**laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.”** [God]: “You think you know something; you know nothing. You don’t control anything. You barely control yourself. You don’t control anything, I’m in full control. I allow you to do all these things. I’m going to judge you for all these things.”

And for the rest of us, why are we so concerned, why? Remember the two disciples going down to Emmaus, remember them? Walking... Jesus rose from the dead, remember? Just a few minutes ago. They’re walking. Have you ever seen a Jew that is angry? He’s using his hands. You tie our hands behind our back, we cannot talk. [Audience: Laughter] And they were talking, and they were talking, and they were talking, and the Bible says that they were talking, and Jesus appears, and they looked at Him and they were talking... Jesus is walking before them, and they were talking and talking, and He says in **Luke 24:17-27: “<sup>17</sup> ... ‘What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?’”** Jesus says. Jesus is resurrected, the Lord is walking by them. They’re talking about the Lord; He’s walking right by them. They look at Him and they continue. And he said: “<sup>18</sup> ... ‘Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things that happened there in these days?’” <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, “**What things?**” I love that answer. “<sup>19</sup> ... ‘The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word... [to verse 21]: <sup>21</sup> ...But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.’” And He’s like, “And?” “<sup>21</sup> ...today is the third day...” “And?” “Yeah, two women from our group, they walked to the tomb, and they found it empty, and they came, and the men ran all the way back there and yet they saw that the women actually were right.” “And?” They told Jesus that Jesus resurrected, and they still didn’t get it. [Audience: Laughter]

You see here we are looking at world events and instead of being so happy, what are we? We’re telling each other of all the bad things that are happening all around us as *if* we did not know

that it's going to happen! And you know what? Jesus did not rebuke the Pharisees or the Sadducees when He was walking on the road to Emmaus. Who did He rebuke? His disciples. And He said: “<sup>25</sup>...O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe...” What? “...in all that the prophets have spoken!” You've been going to the synagogues every Saturday. Every Saturday you hear the words of the prophets read to you about what Messiah is all about, where He's going to come, where He's born, how He's going to be born, the fact that He has to die, the fact that He has to resurrect, the fact that He's coming back ... “<sup>26</sup>Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

Wow! The Bible is really something we need to consider as serious. [Paraphrasing Luke 24] “Oh, can you stay with us and have dinner with us?” “I need to go ...” “Please stay with us!” “All right.” And then He took the bread and blessed it. They must have seen some pierced hands there and their eyes were open and “poof!” He was gone. And they turned around, they did not stay that night in Emmaus. It was so dangerous to walk at night in those days—you would probably be killed by some bandits, or some wild animal, or whatever—they turned around because they couldn't bear the fact that they're so far away from Jerusalem because they ran away from Jerusalem! That was the walk of shame, and walk of guilt, and walk of anger, and walk of confusion and now they know. Now they ran back as victorious. He had to have died. They came all the way to the disciples: “Guess who we've seen?” And the disciples, “Oh really? Just you know, Jesus is here right now.” They thought they were going to break the news.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's all here. [Gesture: pointing to Bible] All that is left for us is to believe. All that is left for us is to walk in the victory, not in the shame, guilt, confusion, and anger that the world is trying to let us go through. We have to remember, and I will say that hopefully

without having some tomatoes thrown at me right now, but I have to say it: I've watched in the last couple of years churches, but besides churches, Christians, individuals, they're fighting the wrong fights. They're holding the wrong banners. They're doing the wrong things, and it makes them angry, and sad, embarrassed, and confused because they do not hold on to the Scriptures as the only authority. They do not understand that in these last days, in these evil days, we must have the belt of what? Truth. We must have the armor of what? Righteousness. It's not our righteousness, it's not our government's righteousness, and it's certainly not our constitution's righteousness. It is the Lord's righteousness. And then we must put on those shoes or sandals, depends which version of the Bible you read, because he was describing a Roman soldier. And they are what? It's the gospel of peace, it's not the gospel of war: "Let's go to war!" I've seen enough Christians, they're mingling with anarchists, they're mingling with pro-abortionists, with pro-LBTQ, with pro-everything just to say that they are pro-freedom. Wow, what company you have! I see Christians that instead of praying for their government, they proudly use slogans that replace the F-word. I see Christians that are now flocking to the new best thing on podcasts that cannot even complete one sentence without five times the F-word and three times the S-word. A new hero of all of us. Where are we? What fight are we fighting? This is it: [Gesture: Bible] it has everything we need! We don't need to come up with new things. We don't need to be seen as "cool" if we listen to this, or do that, or do this. No! We need to be the salt and the light in this world. We are in this world, but not *of* this world.



So, I hope, and I pray that tonight not only that we understand who really controls the Middle East, but we understand that God is in full control of *everything* that is happening all around the world. And that we are the most blessed generation *ever*, ever to live since the first century.

We have more knowledge, more understanding, more comfort, more hope than any living creature that doesn't have Jesus. We must give them hope. We must give them salvation through whom? Through Jesus. America is not going to be the same. Yeah, you can keep convincing yourself. "Oh, I'm going to be back!" No, it's not. But not only America, Israel is not going to be the same. Do you think the Russians, and the Iranians, and the Turks would join together to come up against us if we had a good, reasonable, powerful, strong government? No, it's because we have a *weak* one, confused, progressive, liberal... I'm about to say the word. [Audience: Laughter] That's what we have! I want to tell you something: If you put your trust in government, in military, in constitutions, say goodbye to those things. This world will never be the same. The world is getting more and more and more progressive and liberal by the *second*. That is *exactly why* we're not of this world. That is *exactly why* we were told that our citizenship is in Heaven, not here. If it's so good here, how about being a citizen of earth? No. And more than ever before I hope you polish and shine your heavenly passport because soon, you're going to use it. [Audience: Cheering/Clapping]

If there is anyone here this evening, who doesn't know Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior, I'm telling you, you're in for a very rough ride. This world is going to get worse and worse. I did not even mention yet, and it's not for this message, the rising number of earthquakes—Israel in the last 12 hours had two—of natural disasters, of eruption of volcanoes. There are so many things that this world is going to go through, and I'm not saying that to scare you, I'm quoting the birth pangs that Jesus himself talked about. **John 16:33: “<sup>33</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.”** He said, “**...In the world you will have...”** What? “**tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”** Look, in this world, if the only thing you have is to rely on are the things of this world, it's getting worse and worse and

worse. But the believers, switch those serious long faces with the smiley ones. He [Jesus] says: [Amir taps Bible] “Be of good cheer for I have overcome this world!”

Father, I thank You. I thank You for the wonderful promises that we have in this wonderful Word that You gave us. The Word of truth and the Spirit of truth that You gave us to understand this Word. And Jesus, we know, is the truth. There is no other truth. Everything else is the lies from the pit of Hell by the father of all lies. Father, we thank You that You gave us this Word to encourage us, that in You we will find peace, that through You we will find hope, and that joy. Joy is something we need to have because this is the joy of our salvation. Father, we thank You for the words You gave to Jeremiah, the prophet, that we will be like a tree planted on the water and even in the super-hot season, in the dry season, it will still bear fruit. This is who the believers are. And it is so the world will see and know that You are God. We thank You. We ask that You recalibrate our focus tonight for the things that really matter. And as a church, we need to understand that we have a unique calling upon us. We’re not of this world. We’re just in this world for now. We thank You for the promise that You will soon come and take us out of here. You said that You will receive us unto Yourself so, wherever You are, we will also be. We thank You for the change of address that is soon going to happen. We thank You for the fact that we’re not destined to the wrath of God that is going to come upon this world during those seven terrible years, that the world probably has no clue how bad it’s going to be. Father, we thank You that in the Bema Seat, we will get rewards. We will see you face-to-face in our glorified bodies. We will be the bride standing before the bridegroom, and then we’ll come back with You to reign and rule with You on earth. It’s not the end. You’re going to make a new Heaven and a new Earth after that and the New Jerusalem will come, and we will be the permanent residents of that place forever and ever and ever. This is not the end. It’s merely the beginning for us. So, give us strength to go

through these evil days but the strength can only come through the Word. Father, renew our love for Your Word. Let us dwell more in Your Word than in the world. Let us find time to read our Bibles more than to watch YouTube conspiracy theories. We thank You, Father. We bless Your name. We love You. We glorify You. I can't wait for You to come and take us to the place that You've been preparing for us for the last 2,000 years. We love You. And we ask all of this in the matchless, beautiful name of the Holy One of Israel, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, in the name of Yeshua, who is our salvation. We pray and all of God's people say, "Amen."

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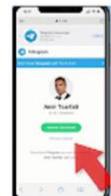
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