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AMIR: Shalom and good evening from CONNECT here in Galilee, in Israel. I'm glad to be back here in beautiful Galilee, in Israel. I'm still getting over the jet lag. You know, it's 10 hours



difference between the West Coast of the United States and Israel, but it's actually better than the 16 hours I had to deal with between Tokyo and Los Angeles. Anyway, we are in a very interesting time when the eyes of the whole world are fixed

on President Trump. And what will his response be to the fact that the Iranians basically rejected his deal?

Together with me today, Pastor Mike Golay, instead of Pastor Barry Stagner, who had some technical issues and could not join us today. Jason Koemans, our Young Adults Ministry Director, is going to moderate the *Q&A*. Shalom, Jason. Shalom, Mike.

MIKE: Shalom.

JASON: Shalom. Thank you.

AMIR: Well, good to see you all. So let me just remind you all that this *Q&A* is a general *Q&A*, not just about the war with Iran, as we did before. But this one will be open to any question about current events and Bible prophecy. And Jason is going to moderate it; he is already getting all the questions into the system and he's going to shoot them either to Pastor Mike or myself. Again, Pastor Barry could not be part of it today due to internet connection problems; there was a power

outage in Southern California. I'm not sure what's going on there, but he'll be with us, of course, this coming Wednesday for *MidEast and Beyond*. Pastor Mike, would you do us the honor, start in a prayer? And then we'll continue.

MIKE: Yeah. Lord, we thank You for the ability to do all of these things. Thank You for BI CONNECT and all of our gracious donors that made it possible. Thank You for every viewer right now and even after-viewers. All of what we're going to be talking about today, we pray for Your blessing. May it be a tool and a confidence builder for the days we live in and most of all, to draw us closer to You, in Jesus' name, Amen.

AMIR: Amen

JASON: Amen.

AMIR: Jason, I see next to you there's a little sign called "Gen Zion." Can you say just a few words about it and then we'll start.



JASON: Yeah, hey, Gen Zion, really, if you've been following Behold Israel for a little while, you may or may not be familiar with it, but Gen Zion is the young adult's wing of our mission of what we do. And the reality is that social media and TikTok

and short, dishonest, viral videos are what feeds the minds of the next generation, specifically Gen Z and those that follow throughout the world today. And so we are, Gen Zion is committed to reaching the next generation with the Word of God to help formulate their understanding of Israel in the world today. So, it's not... well, it is greatly focused inside the church and training up the next generation to have a biblical worldview in regard to Israel, past, present, future, according to the Bible. It's also engaging the unbelieving world with facts, with biblical convictions, with

unshakable truths, and helping them rethink Israel's modern existence today, and having those conversations with young people all over the world.

AMIR: Yeah, and I would like to remind everybody that it all starts with the house of God. I mean, we cannot expect the world to understand the things of God if the people of God don't understand them first. And if you guys want Jason or his team to come to your church, and talk to your young adults and teach them on the role of Israel in the plan of God, in the Word of God, shoot us an email. It's through our website. We'll gladly look into that. And if it's possible, we'll do that. Pastor Mike, are you ready to take some of the questions?

MIKE: Yeah, we are ready.

AMIR: Wonderful. All right, great. Go ahead.

JASON: Yeah, great. We've got a few in the queue. So I'll kick things off with an unknown source asks, "What leads you to believe, Amir, especially in light of something you had put on Telegram in the last few hours, what leads you to believe an American strike in Iran won't take place until Trump returns from his mid-May China trip? Is it just have to do with safety?"

AMIR: Yeah, well, first of all, Trump is going to travel tomorrow, and the meetings are between the 13th and the 15th of May, which means it's basically Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This is a state visit. When America is fully engaged in war, a war like the one in Iran, the president cannot be preoccupied in state visits. He has to be there in the situation room. There has to be decisions that are made by the commander-in-chief. And so that's the first thing. The second thing is President Trump, according to all reports, will try to use China during that visit to press on Iran to make concessions and maybe retreat from its nuclear program idea and fantasy. And so once he's back home and that big important visit is over, his timetable has 30 more days until the FIFA World Cup will start in America. And then the midterms are the next big thing on the table.

So having said that, the Iranian rejection of the US proposal, mostly the rejection for the dismantling of the nuclear sites—which means they want to keep the option of always enriching uranium whenever they want—that will have to wait until he's back when he has a situation room, when he's surrounded by his generals, by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of State, his national security adviser, all of these people. That normally cannot happen when a person... when a leader is traveling to such an important... And by the way, he's not traveling to such a friendly country; he's traveling to one of the sponsors of Iran. So you don't travel to a sponsor of Iran and start again a war in Iran. It doesn't make sense. It's not even good for the president's own security. So, I believe those are enough reasons for him not to do it. And the region is gearing up for a possible US resumption of the strikes this coming Saturday when the president will be back in DC.

JASON: Okay. Okay. So and I guess I think this segues well into our next question, which comes from Scott, basically asking why does it seem as though President Trump is letting them off the hook. And in light of what you just said, I think it has more to do with timing and strategy. And he's asking largely because the president isn't responding to Iran's attacks on US forces in the region and I think based on what you just said, it has more to do with strategy and timing, because he's been anything but silent on his Truth Social Network as well and throwing things out there about what's on the horizon.

AMIR: I mean, once you start, you cannot stop after three, four days. Once you start, it'll take you at least a week, two or three; you cannot start a couple days before a state visit and a state visit that he really wants to have, and a state visit that had already been postponed earlier because of the war. So I believe that if it's only a matter of a few days, a few days that gives you time to get ready and a few days that you continue to strangle the Iranians financially. Every day that goes by they lose hundreds of millions of dollars due to the blockade. So it's not like he's doing nothing.

He is fighting, but on a different level, on the financial, you know, economical level. The war, the kinetic war on the ground will resume most likely this coming Saturday. But again, I'm not a prophet. It's just that the timetable shows that once he's back, that's when he has 30 days until the World Cup. And if he's not doing that then, then he's getting too close to the midterms, and that's not good for him.

JASON: Yeah, yeah. Well, completely shifting topics here, Mike, George is asking the following question regarding the millennial kingdom: "Will the 144,000,..." referring to the Jewish sealed off remnant in the book of Revelation, "...will that 144,000 enter the millennium with their natural or glorified bodies?"

MIKE: It will be natural bodies. They will have bodies just like you and me. They haven't been raptured. They have not been resurrected. These are people that are on the earth and will then...

AMIR: ... No, he's talking about Mike, He's talking about the millennium. Will they enter the millennium?

MIKE: Right. Will the 144,000 enter the millennium with their natural or glorified bodies? They will have...

AMIR: ... Because they have been killed, obviously.

MIKE: Yeah, I was thinking about the tribulation. I apologize. So through the tribulation, then they get glorified bodies, enter into the millennium, and they will be just like our bodies after the rapture. Yes. One of the interesting things about the 144,000, though, is that a lot of people have speculated whether they're from regions, whether they're from different biological tribes. We now have the technology to trace the biological tribe of these people. And so that is a true unforeseen revelation in these latter days due to technology. Until then, theologians have debated over this. And the stipulations and criteria for these people are pretty strict. And they will do their ministry

in the tribulation and be quite effective for a millennial harvest of many believers that will enter into it.

AMIR: And Jason, we also have to remember that any person who will enter into the millennium in his natural body is a person who survived the tribulation. And most likely during the tribulation helped the Jewish people and therefore, God allowed him to enter into the millennial kingdom.

And so that's the only option to enter into the millennial kingdom in your natural body. Because the Church has been already raptured and come back with his glorified body. The dead in Christ that were not raptured, but I mean, in a way, the souls came and reunited during the rapture with their new body will also have the new body. And so during the tribulation, there are also the saints of the tribulation and the 144,000 are with them. You cannot reenter after you die with a natural body. That's the whole point. So, the only ones that enter into the millennial kingdom with a natural body are those who haven't died yet, and they survived the tribulation. And from what we understand in Scriptures, the only people to whom Jesus granted the entrance into that kingdom are those who took care of the least of His brethren during the tribulation. And they must have been people of faith who understood the role of Israel also during that time.

JASON: Thank you. And moving on to the next question from Rex. Rex asks, "Will the Antichrist be revealed before the Ezekiel War?" Which, Amir, I think this would also force the question—I think this question is embedded in the question is we have to understand when on the prophetic timetable is the Ezekiel War? Because I think that answers that question for us.

AMIR: Well, if you're asking me, the Antichrist is revealed when the tribulation begins. The tribulation is a seven-year period. And it's tribulation, I don't believe, can begin before first there's peace. And that peace, or first there is what we—I mean, the idea of him introducing peace is the beginning of the tribulation. So I believe the war has to come to an end in order for the Antichrist

to rise with that false peace treaty. And so I don't believe it will happen before or during. I believe it will happen after.

Now the question is, do you believe the rapture will be before or during? That's a different question and that we don't know. We wish it will happen before or during. And of course, the sooner, the better. But as far as the Antichrist is concerned, his beginning is the very beginning of the seven-years treaty that marks his rise to power and that can happen only once that war is over. You know, I believe that that amazing victory that God is going to have in the Ezekiel War will cause great messianic aspirations among the Jews, great fear among the nations from the God of Israel. And in their limited understanding and limited ability to manage the situation, I believe that they will follow a false messiah. And in the case of the Jewish people, it will be the one that promises them a temple, peace, and prosperity. And that temple again is the fruit of that seven-years treaty of that false, pseudo-peace that will be introduced by the [false] messiah. So obviously that war has to come to an end for that peace to begin, to be introduced, and to begin. This is my opinion. Again, I'm not going to die on that hill because maybe towards the end of that war, there will be already talks about peace and stuff like that. You don't know. But one thing is for sure, the Ezekiel War will end when God will finish the job with the enemies of Israel on the mountains of Israel in a supernatural way. And there is no—and in all the accounts that talk about the Ezekiel War, you don't see any new world leader that is rising during that war. You only see it when it speaks in other accounts. And that is, of course, the latter week of Daniel's 70 weeks that were prophesied in chapter nine.

MIKE: Yeah, Jason, I want to add something to that, [JASON: "Yeah"] if I may, conceivably using some sanctified imagination and a little bit of deduction, since Jesus gave us the criteria for the signs of the latter days, and then we have the Ezekiel War, the return of the Jews to the

homeland, the likelihood of the Antichrist being alive right now is high. It is almost inevitable that he will witness the Ezekiel War—although not revealed necessarily—witness it and even use it as capital to attain his position by being critical of nationalism and religion, that’s not his own, that he brings to the table. And so in my view, just through the standard of deduction with all of these pieces in place, he has a perfect platform of the failure of the Ezekiel War to be skeptical of organized religion, specifically Islam and nationalism as represented by Russia, to gain a passionate following almost instantly. So that when his revealing comes, the official revealing—which we don’t know exactly when—it will be definitely a fire on the fuel to give him a platform for the tribulation.

AMIR: When you say failure, you meant the failure to destroy Israel.

MIKE: Yeah. Yeah, they will fail to destroy Israel.

AMIR: Because it’s a very successful war as far as we’re concerned by the outcome, but you’re right, it is their failure.

MIKE: Yeah, the failure in the eyes of the world and then he will say, “Yay, I can say that nationalism and Islam are failures. I offer a better solution.” And even though he will completely ignore the God component and turn that to the attention of himself, which is... he’s very evil, but he’s not stupid. He is in some sense is a genius and that’s why people will follow him; and it’s a fascinating topic for sure.

JASON: Yeah, thank you. Kind of shifting, keeping on the Israel topic here, but shifting focus a little bit, Walker asks a really relevant question in my world... well, our world as a ministry, but in my world with the young people especially, I’ll say a little bit more on this later; but he asks, “What does it mean when the Bible says Israel is blinded to the truth, or their hearts are hardened by God?” I think Romans 11, when Paul says, “I don’t want you to be ignorant that blindness in

part has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” Are people, and this is kind of a secondary question, are people prevented from accepting God’s gift of salvation? I think when we answer the first part of this question, and I’ll begin with you, Mike, I think when we answer the first part of this question, the second half of the question starts to—the gaps start to fill in on their own. So, what does it mean when the Bible says there’s partial hardening on Israel?

MIKE: Go back to Pharaoh whose heart was already hardened towards Israel. I call it the principle of inevitability in Western readers that go into the Bible and read statements like this, falsely think that God is *forcing* a human heart to be hard for His purposes, which doesn’t seem fair, correct?

JASON: Well, and I like that you’re using Pharaoh because that’s the example Paul uses, so keep going.

MIKE: Yeah, so Pharaoh’s heart was inevitably hard. God knew that. He knew exactly what Pharaoh’s choices would be, just the same as He knows what your choices, my choices, Israel’s choices, the world’s choices, Russia’s choices, we just talked about that, the Antichrist’s choices, He knows the outcome and the future of all things. So, why not use it for His own purposes, if it’s going to happen anyway? That is what I believe it’s saying. So, the hardness of Israel is also contributed by religion, their choice, God knew that that would happen, in peace taking what was going to be inevitable. And He’s using it for His purposes so that He can save the entire nation in His timeline, which He spoke about long ago.

So, the second question then is, it’s easy. Are people prevented from accepting God’s gift of salvation? Absolutely not, because behind the scenes the Holy Spirit is working and leading people to faith, Jew and Gentile right now. And we’re seeing that on very, very favorable scales right now worldwide. Just real fun, a factoid. We were in a chiropractor’s [office] in Los Angeles area a few weeks ago and this chiropractor is part of this movement where they just want to

highlight baptisms all over the world. And people are being baptized in different countries, and they appointed some days where you could watch these baptisms in different countries. It's very exciting, kind of gives you the sense that hey, the gospel is on the move, and people are being saved from Islam, from Judaism, from whatever religion that they are a part of. So, if God is hardening Israel's heart, that's their choice, and He's using it for their purposes. Can they still get saved if they repent? Of course.

AMIR: So, Jason, if we go to, what's his name? Walker. So obviously, **Romans 11:7-8, 11, 28-30-34 (NASB95)** said, **"⁷ What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; ⁸ just as it is written: 'GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.'**" In other words, God is the one who gave them that spirit. But then he moves on and then in verse 11 he says, **"¹¹ I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be!..."** or certainly not, **"¹¹ ...But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous."** In other words, and then at the very end of the chapter, he's basically saying this, **"²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,..."** You have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, **"³¹... so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. ³² For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all."**

Even the blinding of Israel as a nation was used by God for Him to get the glory when they are saved as a nation, because they are going to be saved as a nation. So there was a reason because

of their fall salvation was given to Gentiles to provoke them to jealousy. And now God is saying, now after they became disobedient, mercy will be shown to them as well and it's all because of His beautiful, amazing nature. ³³ **Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!** ³⁴ **For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?**" So you see, it's all about Him and we need to thank Him even for that.

JASON: Yeah, 100%. And this, to dovetail off of this question—which great, great, great question, Walker—something I see more and more these days, whether it's on YouTube or in social media, is this prospect by the reformed community of... "Well, there's no such thing as replacement theology. It's fulfillment theology." And I'm picking up where Walker kind of left off here. "It's not replacement, it's fulfillment." And when you dig to the bottom of it, they're the exact same thing. It's just one sounds nicer than the other. Right? And so what I want to bring to the table right now, something really important before we move any further to the next question is, "Where in the New Testament,..." and I'll ask this generally to both of you, "... is there anything in the book of Romans or in the New Testament, in light of especially what Amir just looked at, that leaves us with a license to redefine what Israel is in the New Testament?" Because what you hear is the church is the fulfillment of what Israel was always supposed to be. Yet, you just read the passage out loud, and it says the exact opposite. It says, no, because by their fall, salvation has come to the Gentiles, but their fall is not final. So where do we find this license to do this?

AMIR: There is nowhere. It's in the insecurity of people thinking that God can either choose this or this, and He cannot work through two groups at the same time. And eventually because once this one was in disobedience, it was drawn to jealousy by this one. And when this one was disobedient, it was drawn to jealousy by this one. And yet at the very end, all Israel will be saved.

And obviously those who survived the tribulation and together, Jews and Gentiles, as the family of God, with their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, they will be in the New Jerusalem. So if people don't understand that they don't understand the heart of God, the Word of God, the plan of God, and the character of God, which was just described by the Apostle Paul at the very last paragraph of chapter 11 of the book of Romans.

And that's why it's so important that he wrote it, because basically Paul tried to make sense of all of this. He says, "No, He never cast them away. No, they're not done forever. Yes, it's a temporary blindness. They will be restored. And the reason they have been blinded is for you to get saved. And now after that, you need to remember that you have not replaced them, because the root cannot be replaced, and the branches cannot carry the root." He explained everything in the book of Romans in chapter 11. But he did that in a way so there will be no mistakes. Salvation is only through faith in the Messiah.

The question is, why are you canceling them already because of their rejection 2,000 years ago and you don't see what He has been doing ever since with them? And besides, if all of Israel was canceled and replaced, why is Paul still insisting that he's a Jew throughout the entire Bible? So obviously, we do have a problem here with those claims that God has replaced Israel. But again, I believe it's not just that it's non-biblical, it's anti-biblical. And I do believe with all of my heart, these people who hold that, they don't understand the severity of what they are saying. And that leads them to what they're doing also. And I think that it's very important that, and Pastor Barry always says, "How can you love the King of the Jews and hate the Jews of the King?" It doesn't work together. And that's its elementary thing. So, you know, again, this is the heart of our ministry to go and teach people. Because once you teach people on the heart of God for Israel, it also brings a lot of wisdom and comfort to the non-Jewish believer that God is faithful even when we fall.

JASON: Yeah, yeah, absolutely. Anything else, Mike?

MIKE: Yes, severity. I'm going to just emphasize, if you've been to the Holocaust Museum, you enter in, and the first thing that you see is the method of how Hitler was able to get his doctrine throughout the country to be believed. And he basically used replacement theology, and that led to anti-Semitism. It is a *severe* consequence. This isn't just a theological view where we can all get together and drink coffee and respect that view. This view is generated out of what I would call a narcissistic, egotistical, Gentile pride that wants to throw the entire olive tree out and replace it with a Gentile olive tree. That is not what the Scriptures say. We're grafted in. And Hitler used that false doctrine to disseminate a disaster. Just as an example.

JASON: Well said. Yeah, well said. Social media has become a massive platform for these very people, and they're very proud of their anti-Jew stance when it comes to the Bible. And it is such an alarming and dangerous thing. And I think something you touched on, both of you touched on, that is super critical, is one, Amir, showing that when Paul's making his case, he's not giving his own opinions. He's going back to everything that was revealed in the Old Testament to make his case to understand Israel now. That's what Paul's doing. And Mike, like you said, sometimes we treat it like it's, "As long as we all agree on the gospel, all is well." Well, no, all is *not* well. This is a very serious issue. You use the word *severity*. It's a very serious issue that needs to be addressed because if we look back, it had very serious, violent outcomes when it was left out.

MIKE: That's just one example. [There're] so many other examples as well throughout history.

JASON: Yeah. Yes. So, moving forward, Peter asks this—and Amir, I'll begin with you: "What is the status of messianic Jews making Aliyah? Do they get turned away or are they now received by the government?" And I would consolidate this question into—I'm going to take some liberty here and say, does the government look at what religion you are as an ethnic Jewish person

according to the law? Do they look at what religion you are to allow you into Israel to make Aliyah? How does this work?

AMIR: Look, we just read the verse from Romans 11, and we have to understand the limited understanding of the gospel by most of the Jewish people leads them to believe that anyone who believes in Yeshua is not a Jew based on the fact that there is another religion that supposedly was born and now belief in that Messiah makes you automatically a member of that religion. And that's, of course, as I said, a limited understanding of that. Now, if as a Jew, you make the case that you are a Jew, you prove that you're a Jew, and you come to Israel, nobody is going to ask you, "Do you believe in Jesus?" It's not one of the questions. There is no questionnaire. There is nothing to fill out whether you believe in Him or not. But—listen to this now—if you parade with a big banner, "I am a messianic Jew. I believe in Yeshua and I'm here to save the Jewish people and I'm here to spread the gospel!" It's a different story. That tells them that you crossed the line into another religion and now you want to come over to make everybody else cross the line into another religion. They don't understand it the way you and I understand it. So I believe that in all the cases where messianic Jews were rejected of the rights to come to Israel, it was mostly because of the fact that they were too out front with their faith rather than not making it an issue. You understand what I'm saying?

JASON: Yeah, there's plenty of Christians that thrive in Israel today.

AMIR: Absolutely. And there's many messianic Jews who made Aliyah as believers, but they didn't make that one a case. That was not the issue. Okay? Now, we have to be very wise. Everywhere we go around the world, we have to be wise. I was advised not to carry a Hebrew Bible when I cross into Jordan or not to wear any Jewish symbols while I'm walking in the streets of Europe. You have to be wise or else you become a target to things that attract problems. So I'm

just all I'm saying is that wisdom is something we always have to exercise. And in the case of Israel, it's obvious to so many... and we just read a whole almost a whole chapter on the blindness towards the gospel and at the very fact that concerning the gospel, they may be your enemies, but concerning the elections, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. So the Bible is not even denying the fact that there is animosity towards the gospel. And if you walk in with that as your shield and still say, "I'm a Jew." In their mind, it's an oxymoron. You understand that? They don't understand it the way you and I understand it. So if you understand that, there is a problem that why do you insist on using that? That I don't understand.

JASON: It's kind of like, it would be the going into any country that Christianity is a blip on the radar and seen as a threat. I mean, Mike, you have a lot of pastoral experience in your past doing missionary work and stuff, when you're trying to bring Bibles into a country that would forbid you bringing Bibles into the country, you don't advertise that you're bringing Bibles into the country [Laughter].

AMIR: Exactly.

MIKE: Yeah, it was all done in secret. 1988. Yeah. Smuggling the Bibles into Eastern Europe... Yeah.

JASON: No, I just I appreciate the transparency because something that bothers me, too, about this narrative is people hold Israel to a different standard with this than they do any other country. So, they like to look at Israel, I mean, I had a conversation with a student on campus a couple of months ago where one of his reasons for being really hesitant about anything Israel; and of course, he was very covenantal and reformed in his theology but: "Well, I know missionaries and they outlaw evangelizing in Israel. They spit on you in Israel, blah, blah, blah." And of course, it's easy to say this when you've never been to Israel. But it's like, OK, so we can reject Israel because

there's some opposition to the gospel when the Bible told you that's exactly how it was going to be. But you're not holding other countries to this standard that would chop your head off for bringing the gospel to the country, whereas Christians in Israel thrive and survive and do very well. So there's just a double standard in that.

AMIR: Yeah. One of the funniest thing was when Tucker Carlson was praising how Qatar is more tolerant for Christians than Israel. And it's funny because in Qatar, all Christians are living in one little quarter and there're no churches built anywhere else around that besides that little place. In Saudi Arabia you cannot build any church buildings. Even in Dubai, by the way, when you go to Dubai, as liberal as they are, you don't have church buildings. You only have churches meeting in hotels and in conference centers, stuff like that.

Now, I'm not trying to attack any country, but in Israel, in every street corner you have a church. The problem of the Jewish people is with the Jewish people, not with the Christians. And it has been a family dispute since day one. Paul had a lot of issues with his own brothers. And much of what he wrote about, whether it's a spiritual Jew or spiritual Israel, spiritual Jew, he spoke about the believers among the Jews and the non-believers among the Jews. But it was always a family dispute that he never meant, never wanted to take out anywhere. It's a family dispute because from the very beginning, from the first century, Jewish people had a problem with the gospel. When you belong to a religion that calls for fulfillment of mitzvahs, of commandments, as the only way to please God, then suddenly you hear that there's nothing you can do to please God and that salvation is a free gift, it's hard for them to understand that, that everything they believed in for the last 3,000 years was actually a misinterpretation of God's plan for them. And so what about Catholics that believe that doing this and this and this and this will save you? What about all those people that believe that you are born already a Christian, there's no need to be born again?

And all of that, there's a great misunderstanding of true, real Christianity in the sense of following Christ is not belonging to a religion.

And so, the Jewish people, like many other religions, have a problem with this free gift; have a problem with this "By grace you have been saved"; have a problem with nothing that you will ever do will cause God to love you more than He already did when He sent only begotten Son. There's a problem because people in their nature want to do something so they can earn their salvation. They want to do something. They want to suffer a little bit. They want to have to do this and to do that and to try and do better and do this and do that. They want to *earn* their salvation. And that's what Paul said that the Jewish people are trying to earn salvation through their own righteousness. And when you are being told that there is not even one righteous, not even one, it's a big blow to theology that believes that you can be righteous by doing A-B-C-D. And it's not only about Jewish people. It's about any other religion that believes that you can be righteous by your own deeds. So, I'm thinking if you expect that from the Jews and you don't expect that from Catholics or from Orthodox or from Muslims or from Buddhists, from others, then you're a hypocrite or a Jew-hater. Choose the one.

JASON: Yeah, I totally agree. There's a complete double standard. And it comes from an exterior motive being brought to the conversation, I think. And completely changing subjects. Maureen asks the following question, and Amir, you put a post out about this on Telegram over the weekend or at the end of last week. But I'd love for both of you to comment on this: "There is a lot of attention being given of late regarding UFOs. Why do you believe it is demonic activity as you posted?"

AMIR: Well, first of all, before God created heavens and earth, there was nothing. The word *bara* in Hebrew, *bara* created, is making something out of nothing. So anything is something that did

not exist before He created everything. In other words, even these types of things are something that could not have existed before.

Now, in our world, we have what we see here on Earth. And then we also have angelic and demonic entities. By the way, every Christian, every believer in the Bible believes that there are angels and there are demons. It's all over the Bible. So if it's not something you see here and it belongs to a different sphere coming from other places, it can either be angelic or demonic. Now, look at what these things are doing and look at what these things in nature are causing. Angels don't come to confuse anyone. They follow the commandments of God to do the will of God. Demons, however, are serving Satan by causing fear, by deception, and just watching at what is being released and what is being done and what we see all around us, the fear, the confusion, the hysteria, the deception, all of these things are a testimony that we're dealing with demonic activity. By the way, I don't deny that there are things like that. I just say it's what I call demonic manifestations. And we're going to see more and more of that because there's more and more manifestation of the work of the enemy as we get to the end. And we know that the end times will be characterized with a lot of deception. And that deception could also be used to explain our disappearing with the rapture. I mean, "They were taken!" or they, you know, all of that. So again, there is nothing positive with these UFOs and all of that. There is nothing of God. There is nothing to further the gospel. There's nothing to further anything besides causing confusion, deception, and fear, and hysteria. And that's the perfect work of Satan.

JASON: Yeah. Mike, anything else?

MIKE: Yeah, Jason, there's going to be an increase in interest of UFOs in these days as there is an increase in self, in occult, in alternative spirituality. The UFO movement, if you look closely, a lot of them are involved in occult. And even just an interesting factoid for you, if you go back

several thousand years ago, even in South America, on the petroglyphs, they had similar pictures of what we would call alien faces with the upside-down egg shape with the wide eyes. A lot of these renditions have survived throughout human history because they were involved in alternate spirituality, occult, worshipping false gods, and the on and on the list goes. But as today's generation, and today we see this even with an influx of interest with ancient religions, you are going to see more and more claims for UFO "sightings." We know Satan is the prince and power of the air. We know he is the author of confusion. And we also know that he loves to create a fascination to lure people in. And people that are involved in these formal UFO cults, look closely at them. Go and check it out, folks. There is an occultic component to it, and it is a porthole for demons, just as Amir said.

Let me clarify one thing. A UFO in the perspective of, let's say, the US Air Force, a military, all that means is that nobody identified what the object is. And if the object has not been forensically identified, it goes into a file of "unsolved." That does not necessarily mean demonic activity on those cases. It just means that we never found what it is. Actual sightings of the sky from people that either take a picture or do a rendition, look at that person's lifestyle, and you can often see that if there is a pattern there, usually it is the same people who are citing these things—it is almost like they want it to happen—if there is a pattern, I bet you that they are involved in occult.

AMIR: Yeah. You know, Jason, not long ago, I got a phone call from a pastor friend of mine, a very dear friend of mine. And he told me that a congressman from Tennessee was invited to a closed hearing or a closed demo that was given to congressmen about UFOs. And he left that meeting shaken to his core to the point that he said, "If people would know what I just saw, they wouldn't sleep at night." And the pastor asked him, "So what is it?" He said, "We actually saw

things, materials that don't even exist on planet Earth.” And then the congressman asked the pastor, “Do you think this is a way of Satan to confuse us and to deceive us?” And the pastor said, “Absolutely so. I believe that.”

So what I'm saying, I'm not denying the fact that these things exist. In fact, I say these things exist as a testimony to the fact that Satan is working overtime nowadays to deceive people all around the world. And it has to be very, very clear that if there was an alternate universe somewhere else with other creatures, besides everything we know about the second heaven and the third heaven, besides everything we know about Ephesians 6 talking about that we don't fight against flesh and blood, but against power and principalities and we're talking about things in the heavenlies also. And beside all of that, God would have told us if we needed to know these things. There is not a shred of evidence besides demonic activity, angelic activity, and us who were created. These are the only three elements that we know that exist in this world. And so to come up with something else is to add to the Bible and it's to, in some cases, even change the Bible. I know that I was told, and I was warned by my Lord not to add or to subtract anything and certainly not to change anything. And so, I believe with all of my heart: everything that is going on in this world has been described and prescribed. And I also believe that what we see—By the way, when you read the book of Revelation, we thankfully are not going to go through the tribulation. But when you have demonic locusts, for example, people are going to see things that they have not seen before. People are going to see creatures that—but the book of Revelation gives us a description of that. There's a lot of activity that we're about to see—not us personally because we won't be here—but the world is going to witness that are completely strange to what we know today. But they're not going to be strange in the future because there will be so much manifestation of such demonic activity.

And I have to make it very clear, everything we need to know is in the Bible. And everything we need to know is for us. And everything that **[is written in the Bible]** is for our benefit, for our education, for our correction, for our edification. We have to remember those things. And so when you see the nature of all the discussion, and when you see how people are fascinated by these things, and how people are creating conspiracy theories and all of that, you can clearly see the satanic footprints or fingerprints, may I say, in this whole story. And I'm not here to hide anything. I'm not here to downplay anything. I'm just here to say, "Be careful. It's demonic. It's satanic. And it's not for us." That's all.

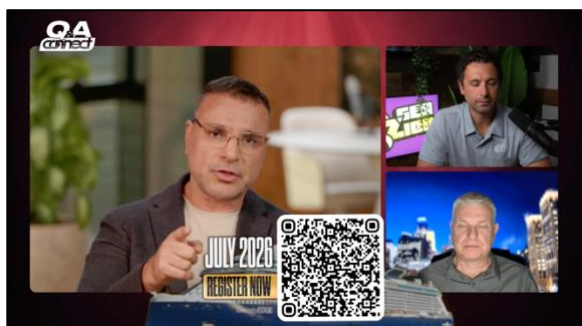
JASON: Yeah. Yeah. And now it looks like we have time for maybe one more question before we wrap things up, maybe two. But I think this is a great one and we'll give a little bit of context to it. But John is asking, looking to the future, "Is 2 Peter 3:11–12, which I'll read here in a moment, at the beginning of the millennium or at the end?" And verses 12 and 13 say, well, **2 Peter 3:12-13** say this, "¹²...**looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?** ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness dwells.**" Mike, I'll begin with you. Is he looking at something that precedes the tribulation or millennium or something that takes place after as we head closer to the eternal state?

MIKE: Well, he's pleading with the believers to hasten the coming of the Lord in verse **[2 Peter 3] 12–13**, "**...looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?** ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness dwells.**" He's looking at a general renovation of the earth as the believer should look for these latter-day events as good news, going away of the old and bringing in of the new.

As far as the timeline is concerned, he's kind of, in my opinion, he's kind of spanning over the tribulation and in the millennium and in the new heavens and the new earth to get the believer to focus on Jesus in the troubles that they were going through, which was one of the issues that in which the context in which he wrote, Peter, so that they would have hope of a complex, beautiful end, even though there is a lot of destruction, and even in the atmosphere as well. So Amir, any thoughts?

AMIR: Yeah, well, first of all, we have two things. He's talking about a major disaster that will almost in a way bring an end to planet Earth, as we know. Now we know the tribulation is going to definitely devastate planet Earth. But we also know that planet Earth will still exist for another thousand years until He will make all things new, new heavens and new earth. So he's talking about the devastation that is going to happen during the tribulation. But he's also talking, as Pastor Mike said, about the fact that at the very end, eventually He will make all things new, new heavens, new earth. And we'll live in the new Jerusalem, which is what we all need to focus on and remember. Now again, remember, we're not destined to the wrath of God and due to the wrath of God, elements are going to melt. So we're not here to see the wrath of God upon this world. And we're also, our hope is that even after the millennial kingdom, when He makes all things new, new heavens and new earth, our hope is in the New Jerusalem that will be our final stop forever and ever.

Jason, I want to remind people that a lot of what we teach here, a lot of what we talk about



here, Bible prophecy, connecting it with end times will be taught also on our upcoming Alaska cruise, which we still have 30, I think 30 or 35 seats open. So if you still want to join us, register now with

that QR code. We have, I don't know, 15, 20 cabins that are still open. Grab it as fast as you can. We will love to see you also in person, shake your hands, take a photo, sign your books, whatever, besides all of the teachings and the great time of fellowship and worship that we're going to have together.

And is there anything else that, you know, I just want to remind everybody, if you wish to help us and support this ministry right up here on that screen, you see the QR code. It will help us in our mission not only to teach and do programs like that, but also to reach out to the younger generation and to take this message all around the world, as well as to broadcast it from CONNECT here to places that we will never be able to reach. So you can support the general work of Behold



Israel. You can also support CONNECT in order to not just... I mean, it's nice to build this beautiful place, but we want to continue and keep it up and do more and more things that will be a great testimony to the world and also to the nation of

Israel itself. And pray for Gen Zion as Jason is leading Gen Zion because we want more doors to open in many churches, universities, campuses, and of course, the curriculum that we are now working on to be distributed to the right places with the right response. This is the battle that we are engaged in and we are determined to win with the help of God, of course, with your help as well. Thank you, Jason. Thank you, Pastor Mike.

JASON: Thank you.

AMIR: We hope that the internet will be fully restored to Southern California by Wednesday. So, we will be able to do with Pastor Barry, *MidEast and Beyond*. There's so much to talk about the

day after tomorrow. We'll talk about where are we with Iran, with Gaza, with Lebanon, with Syria. We're going to talk about so many other things. Tune in at 8 p.m. Israel time, 10 a.m. Pacific time in America to MidEast and Beyond on Wednesday. Until then, thank you guys for everything and God bless you from Galilee, Minnesota, and even Nevada. God bless you.

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