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Israel Is at War! Does God Support It? - Here's What the Bible Says – Jim Staley

- 0:00:18 Let's be clear, my friends. Confusion is not just in the air—it's strategic. The antichrist and anti-Israel spirit the Bible warned us about is rising again, and the world is being primed to stand against the covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But in this hour of chaos, one question must cut through all the noise: What does God actually say? Forget all the opinions, my friends—emotions, political narratives. We're going to the Scriptures, the ancient covenants, the prophets, the words of Yeshua Himself, to find clarity in this time of deception. This isn't just theology. It's prophetic. It matters now more than ever, and we're going to begin right after this.
- 0:01:15 All right, my friends? Welcome back. I'm Jim Staley with Passion For Truth Ministries, and welcome to this week's broadcast. This is going to be a hot topic, without a doubt. And as soon as my voice wakes up—it's been a long week—I'm going to be fired up about this topic because there seems to be so much confusion on both sides of the fence. Christians and people who are following the front of the book, the back of the book, the whole book, seem to find themselves everywhere but the book. And that's exactly what we're going to do today. That's what this ministry is all about.
- 0:01:48 If you like this type of content, if you're looking to get into the basics of Scripture, how to do Bible things in Bible ways, learn the prophetic part of Scripture, and do what God says to do from the front of the book to the back of the book, marrying spirit and truth, then I encourage you to hit [subscribe](#) right now. You're in the right channel because this is a live broadcast. I'm putting aside my normal Saturday Shabbat service broadcast because this is important. There is a war in Israel in the Middle East. It could spiral out of control at any moment, and God's people need to know which side to be on.
- 0:02:24 Are we on the side of the Israelis? Are we on the side of Hamas, the terrorist Middle East? What does this look like? I'm going to suggest right up front: We

need to be on God's side. And that means we need to forget all the political narratives. We need to get past all the opinions, like I said in the opening. We need to get down to what God Himself is saying. What do the prophets say about the end times? That's what we're going to talk about.

0:02:47 We're going to talk about the promises of God. We're going to talk about the war in Israel. What does it look like? Where is it at? Is God in support of it? We're going to talk about the prophetic direction toward fulfilling prophecy. What is this looking like as time goes on? If you're old enough, like I am—over 50 years old—and you've seen this play out in the Middle East multiple times over the last several decades, is this just another one of those times where Israel is fighting back to fend off its enemies and give itself a little bit more life? Or are we in the countdown for the end days? And then, where do we stand on all of this?

0:03:24 There's so much antisemitism in the world today, like I mentioned in the opening. We even have incredibly conservative, prominent voices like Candace Owens coming out and saying things like this. Check this out. This is crazy disappointing, in my opinion. She says, "The most predictable war, plausibly ever. I'm so sick of Israel and those who pretend its actions are normal or even remotely justifiable. This country has a bloodlust like no other. Have an issue with this tweet? I literally do not care. Think defending Israel's demonic actions is going to guarantee you a spot in heaven? Double down your indulgences—I think she's Catholic—and sign your offspring up to die for Netanyahu. Leave the rest of us the hell alone."

0:04:15 Well, you know, that's allegedly right on Candace Owens' official page. And with prominent voices like this, ladies and gentlemen—who so many conservatives follow and so many podcasters on both sides of the fence—where does our audience stand? What does it look like in the Scriptures? That's what we're going to talk about.

0:04:33 So, guys, let's just dive right into this because it is so important in today's narratives that are out there, in all the different angles you can get, and especially with the antisemitism both on university campuses and across the globe. We have tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of people protesting—likely many of them paid protesters—against Israel, against the Jewish people. Are we seeing a rise in antisemitism like we did in the 1930s before Hitler rose and the Holocaust ensued? I'm going to suggest that this is moving closer and closer to the end times, and this is absolutely an important topic.

0:05:26 So, let's just dive right into Revelation. Let's deal with some Scriptures right off the bat and see what God has to say. First of all, it says here in **Revelation**

chapter 2, verse 9: *"I know your works,"* This is one of the scriptures. These are two of the scriptures that are used by anti Semites to say that the Jews are from Satan. We're going to address the origin of Israel. What about the Rothschilds? Is it political? Is it from Satan? Is it a deception, or is it really God's people? Man. This is just hard topics, **Revelation chapter 2, verse 9: *"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty—but you are rich—and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."*** And we go over exactly one chapter later, and it says this: **Revelation 3: *"Indeed, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed, I will make them come and worship before your feet and to know that I have loved you."***

0:06:28 Okay, guys, let's slow down here, uncover the Scriptures one at a time. And we're also going to use some block logic. Okay, so what is 30,000-foot block logic? To Jim Staley, most of us, when we dive into Scriptures—especially those who really like to get into the details and the nuances—you can't walk around in life with a microscope over your eyelids, okay? Over your eyeballs. Everything will be out of proportion if you do. There are times when you need to absolutely zoom in, but the logic—and how I teach my kids to make decisions in life—you start with the 30,000-foot view. If you don't do that, you will likely zoom in so far you will create narratives and a standard and a blueprint from the zoom-in, and it will contradict the overarching 30,000-foot view.

0:07:27 What do I mean by that? Well, you're going to find out in this broadcast. So these are two Scriptures that get used quite often, and I promise you they will continually be used by people who call themselves Christians that are just deceived, those who aren't believers that hate the Jewish people because, you know, they find themselves in every manner of society of power—from politicians to Hollywood.

0:07:50 So let me just—there's so much I want to address in my head right now. Lord, You're going to have to help me on this one for sure. So, first of all, block logic: Just because Jewish people own 40% of the wealth in this world and they're only 2% of the world's population does not make that evil, okay? Just because God is keeping His promise to bless His people who are called by His name—okay? —that He made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that's unconditional, that they're going to be blessed—all right? Just because God is doing that and they don't believe in God or they don't believe in Jesus—big deal. It has nothing to do with their belief system, ladies and gentlemen.

0:08:37 And we're going to really hit that home because it is very frustrating, as an academic, a theologian, pastor, minister, and someone who brings the Word in spirit and truth—at least, hopefully—that this narrative is being pushed inside of Christian circles that just because Jewish people don't believe in Jesus, that

somehow God is not for them, they're on the side of Satan. No. Let me just say what Paul would say today if he was—or, excuse me, John—if he was rewriting the book of Revelation and he was talking about Christians, he would say, "I know your works, tribulation and poverty, and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Christians and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Indeed, I'll make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they're Christians and they're not, but lie—indeed, I'll make them come and worship before you."

0:09:28 You see what I'm saying? Where I'm going with this? This is talking about those who don't follow God. They are in the camp of HaSatan. There's only two camps, ladies and gentlemen. You're either in the camp of the Most High God or you're in the camp of Satan. Period. And God doesn't care if you're Muslim, if you're Buddhist, if you're Baptist, if you're Messianic, or if you're Jewish. He just doesn't care. Are you in covenant with Him or not? And let me just talk about this for a second. And I forget—I apologize for my tone today, but I've seen so many tweets and so much confusion on this issue, we've just got to dial this down. And I'm not saying that I'm the Grand Poobah of all clarity and truth. Some of this will be my perspective, so take it as that and do your own research. But from my perspective, this is how it works in this Revelation verse, okay? He's specifically talking about the Jews—the Jews that are non-believers. And he's saying because they don't believe in Christ, they are in the eternity category. They are in the synagogue of Satan.

0:10:39 But inside the synagogue of Satan—and this is going to be something that's just going to be difficult for many of you to believe because we've been brainwashed, okay? —to only think about salvation when you become a Christian. The only thing people think about is salvation is eternity. And let me tell you, it's important. It is the most important, without a doubt. But ladies and gentlemen, there are a dozen covenants in the Scripture that have nothing to do with eternity.

0:11:04 So we, as Christians, cannot be so narrow-minded as to only focus on that which is salvific—talking about eternity. There are lots of other covenants, and God has to keep them. The ones that He made promises to, He's got to keep. So, this is a statement by the apostle John on the island of Patmos in a revelation that's not talking about eternity. It's talking about—excuse me, it's talking about eternity. It's talking about its connection to Yeshua. So, when someone does not believe in Yeshua, they're on the wrong side of the tracks, and that will affect their eternity. But someone can absolutely be in the synagogue of Satan—like ancient Israel, for example, that was following the Baals. They would denounce the God of Yahweh. They were in the synagogue of Satan. And guess what? God still loved them. God still kept His promise. God said, "I'm going to divorce you, and I'm going to remarry you at the end of time. I'm going to kick you out of your land, but I'm going to bring the remnant back."

- 0:12:06 So, it's really important that you understand that there are two groups inside of this thing called Israel, okay? There is the Israel that is not following God. They are generic. They have a form of godliness. They deny the power of God, just like **James** says in **chapter 5**, I believe. And then there is the remnant. The remnant are the children of God. They're the ones in true covenant. They're the ones—and there were by the tens of thousands in the first century—there were Jewish people who were in covenant with God and held to the testimony of Yeshua. So when Paul or John is talking about the Jewish people in the first century, he's specifically talking about those who are not in covenant with God. They're playing games with God. They're secularists, okay? They're political Zionists, and I'll explain that in just a moment as well. So we have to understand that there are the promises of God, and it doesn't matter what the belief is of that person. They can be an atheist, and God is going to keep His promise. And that must suggest that's exactly what's going on in Israel today.
- 0:13:12 All right, so let's just talk about this. Let's go back to the PowerPoint and ask the question: Does Israel have a right to defend itself? Is it really a bloodlust like Candace says? Well, before we dive into the Scriptures—the actual prophetic Scriptures that talk about this time period and what God is about to do at the very end of time—we need to answer this block logic, 30,000-foot question, which is this: Israel right now is being attacked by Christians and non-Christians alike in protest by the hundreds of thousands, saying that they're wrong. They're destroying the Palestinians now. They're destroying the Iranian children, and they're all of this and all this and all this.
- 0:13:55 Let me ask you a question: For those of you who live in the United States, if Mexico was planning and trying to make an atomic bomb—all right? Or a nuclear weapon would be a better way to put it—and in their own declaration, of their own paperwork, of their own country, their ideology is, "We are going to destroy America, our northern, big satanic brother, and as soon as we get a nuclear weapon, we're going to destroy America. We're going to do it." And they say it over and over and over again: "Death to America. Death to America. We're going to destroy America. As soon as we get a nuclear weapon, we're going to destroy the big Satan, America." Okay.
- 0:14:39 If Mexico—we knew, and our intelligence knew—that they were 30 days out from accomplishing that goal, that they had enriched uranium to such a point that it is way above the levels for a civilian power plant to take care of their civilians, they were on their way to an atomic bomb, and our intel said, "In 30 days, it's going to happen, and on the 31st day, they're going to shoot 15 missiles that have nuclear warheads on them to 15 different cities." Let me ask a question that's just obvious: What should America do? Should we wait until the 31st day, and after we lose 15 cities and 100 million people, should we blow

Mexico off the map? Or should we preemptively strike Mexico because that's the only way to protect 100 million people in the United States? Now, even if we waited—if someone takes the ridiculous side of, "We'll wait to the 31st day, and we'll respond in like kind"—okay, we're willing to sacrifice 100 million people for politics.

0:15:49 Think about this: What if the United States was the size of New Jersey, and 15 ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads would kill every single person in the country, and there would be no one left in the country? What would you do then if you were a podcaster who said that Israel is just bloodlust, and you lived in one of the cities that Mexico had a bead on—that you were the first city? Would you be okay with waiting until the nuclear warhead hit your city and killed you, your children, your grandchildren, every loved one that you had, and that would be the justification for your country to fight back? Or would you want to preemptively prevent this horrible crime from happening?

0:16:39 It is not, ladies and gentlemen—it is so clear. I need to make this clear. It is not Israel making the war chance. It is not Israel that is saying, "I want to kill all Iranians. We're going to destroy all the Palestinians. We are going to rape and pillage and cut open the wombs of nine-month pregnant women in Iraq." They are not. They don't teach their children in kindergarten to take a Palestinian or an Arab and a Jew and teach the Jewish child, "Okay, how to fight and kill all Arabs or Palestinians or Iranians," like they do in Gaza and other countries around the Middle East. They're not the ones doing that. They're the ones—they do not have it written into their constitution that part of our goal as a country is to destroy all other Arab countries. No. That is what Iran says. That's what Hamas has written into their constitution. So it is absolutely, factually, intellectually dishonest to believe—which is so surprising by some of these very, very intelligent—I respect some of these podcasters for their views on a lot of things, but it disappoints me that the intellectual dishonesty, or just deception or misinformation—I don't know. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

0:18:07 I've made a lot of really crazy statements in my lifetime that I wish I could take back. Sometimes, those of us who are on the air say things that we wish we wouldn't have said. You know, even Elon Musk recently took back a tweet and said, "I went too far." People make mistakes. I get that. But a mistake such as accusing and slandering Israel as being the problem in the Middle East when they only want peace, and every one of virtually every one of their Arab neighbors wants to destroy them and is working overtime to do that—they have an entire billion-dollar nuclear program. It's just for destroying Israel, guys. So, they found out that they were within days—of Israel's intel found out that they were within days—of having 15 nuclear warheads. What would you do? We already stated that I believe everyone who has any kind of intellectual honesty

would say Israel was 100% in the right of preemptively protecting its people. Okay?

- 0:19:10 It is, another example would be if someone was—if there was a sniper on the roof trying to kill the Pope or to kill the president of any country, and the protection detail around that president saw someone on a roof with a rifle—I know this actually kind of happened in the United States, and maybe this is a bad analogy because our people didn't do anything—but they're supposed to shoot the sniper before he fires a shot because if he's pointing a gun at a dignitary, his intentions are known, and their protocol is they're supposed to take out the threat first.
- 0:19:52 This is why a police officer, if you pull a gun on a police officer in the United States, they can shoot you first. They don't have to wait for you to shoot. They can shoot you first to eliminate the very clear threat. This is what's going on in the Middle East, ladies and gentlemen. Their neighbors of Israel are pointing guns at their people. A good father would shoot first. Unfortunately, we have people out there who are saying because the father is shooting the perpetrator who is pointing a gun at their children, somehow that's bloodlust. Somehow it's bloodlust because we went from a war from Gaza to a war with Hezbollah, okay? To the Houthis and now straight to Tehran themselves. That's like saying Israel has bloodlust because they're going back into their land that was promised by God, and the people wouldn't let them have it back. So they had to fight the Philistines, and then they had to fight all of the parasites that were in the land, one after another.
- 0:21:01 So if you're going to take the position that Israel is in the wrong here, okay, and Israel is the one that's at fault, then you have to literally throw out the entire Old Testament and literally tell God Himself that He's wrong—that God Himself has bloodlust. And I know there's some people who believe that—they're typically atheist and agnostic. I get it. I respect that position. That's where you're at. That's what you believe.
- 0:21:27 But for a believer in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to believe that it's bloodlust to defend yourself, you must say that God Himself is bloodlust—to God—because He's the one who told them to go in and take the land. Anybody that gives it to you, you don't have to destroy, but if they don't get out from underneath and stop squatting on the land that I gave you just because you were gone on vacation for 400 years in Egypt—which was not much of a vacation—then you have the right to defend yourself. And that's exactly what they did. They came in, the people wouldn't leave, there was a war, God was on the side of Israel every single time, and I can promise you, it was far more brutal than it ever was and ever is today. God, as a matter of fact, told them, "Get rid of every man, woman, and child in some of these cities because I know

who they are. I know what they're going to do, and I know that they're going to—if you leave a single one of them, like the Amalekites—they're going to literally come back on your backside and destroy your children in generations to come."

0:22:26 Israel today is very precise in what they're doing. They are laser-pointing these missiles directly at the leaders of the army and the people who are building these nuclear programs, and it's very precise—as much as you possibly can. Anybody that dies in these—if there's women, children that die, and there has been, and always has been in every single war—it's not because of Israel's fault, unless there's an accident, and those accidents do happen in war. But Israel let them know this was what's going to happen. Evacuate. Get away.

0:23:06 If you're living next to someone who's a general in the Iranian army, and you know he's at his home next door, you might want to just get up and leave for a week because you're now at war. If you choose to stay when you've been told to evacuate, whose fault is that? That's like the meteorologist telling you, "Hey, by the way, there's going to be an earthquake in San Francisco tomorrow. It's going to be a 9.0. Most everybody's going to die. You might want to leave," and they decide to stay. Or the people who literally run after tornadoes, and then they get their car turned over. Who in the world in their right mind would say it's the tornado's fault? Okay? So, at the end of the day, it's really, really, really important that we understand what's going on. Now let's go to the Scriptures. We're going to do the 30,000-foot view. And I know, guys. I know, I know, I know. I don't have time to watch the comments. I know. I'm sure here I'm reading one just right now: "Modern Israel is not biblical Israel. Okay, the two sticks have not joined as one." Let's address that right now.

0:24:15 Okay, let's talk about—first of all, back up—what is biblical Zionism versus political Zionism? This is important because this word is going to be thrown out in the news. It's going to be thrown out amongst podcasters. It's going to be misused. Let's define it right now. Here we go. Biblical Zionism, my friends, is the belief that the Jewish people have a divine, eternal right to the land of Israel based on God's covenant promises in Scripture. It affirms that the restoration of Israel, both physically and spiritually—and that's where some of the confusion gets in—is part of God's redemptive plan for the world and will culminate in the return of the Messiah. Okay? Right? That's biblical Zionism. Period. It's the idea that God Himself says and prophesies that this group of people that I chose to be captains of the team, I'm going to give them a nation again at the end of time, and through that nation, I'm going to begin the process of restoring the world.

0:25:21 That's biblical Zionism. Period. Okay? It doesn't matter how it began. There is political Zionism. Let's show a chart that will give you the difference. Okay, on

the left, we have a column called the features. Then we have political Zionism, and we have religious, biblical Zionism. I want to show you the difference. The foundation of political Zionism is secular nationalism. Okay? Nothing wrong with that necessarily. America is built on secular nationalism. There's a lot of nationalism in every country that you are a part of. Religious Zionism, on the other hand, is biblical covenants in prophecy. That's its foundation, okay? Its entire foundation is biblical and within prophecy. The goal of political Zionism is a safe homeland for the Jews. Again, nothing wrong with that, but that's not religious Zionism. Religious Zionism—its goal is fulfillment of divine promise. Okay? Religious and political Zionism—the feature of leaders, okay? Excuse me, in the category of leaders—political Zionism, it was by Herzl, Ben-Gurion, and secular thinkers. They're the ones who put it all together. Okay? So think of them as King Cyrus, okay? Or Nebuchadnezzar—that God used pagan kings to bring Israel where they needed to be. Okay? So, this is a really important statement I'm about to make, guys, because this is the 30,000-foot view. Some of you out there in TV land and internet land have the idea that just because Israel was formed mostly out of pagan or secular circles, that somehow that makes the entire nation of Israel anti-God, or God anti-Israel? All right, I'm sure there's a better way to say that. But the origin of the national Israel today has nothing to do—the legitimacy of national Israel today has nothing to do with how it began.

0:27:26 Let me say that again because it's just flat-out the truth and biblical: National Israel today has nothing to do—the legitimacy of whether or not Israel is Israel or Jews are Jews today has nothing to do with its origin. It has everything to do with—is God using it? Because God has used every pagan nation in the Scriptures multiple times over—both to chastise Israel, to protect Israel, and to help rebuild Israel—aka the book of Nehemiah. You might want to read it. A very pagan king was literally the origin of Israel again. So, we are seeing how God, in the book of Nehemiah—He used a pagan king, okay? To facilitate Nehemiah to come back to Jerusalem and rebuild it. He funded it. Rothschilds—okay, they were involved. Doesn't make it evil. It means God's bigger than the Rothschilds. He—the king—funded it. He provided all of the security for it, every single thing that was needed to start Jerusalem again. A pagan, secular, probably anti-God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob funded and helped begin and originate it, originated.

0:28:43 It was Nehemiah—the spiritual side—that God was after. It's always been the remnant, ladies and gentlemen. He's not caring. He uses the kings, guys. So just because there's secularism at the top—if Bibi Netanyahu is an atheist, it doesn't matter. God is bigger than the politicians. He's bigger than all of the secularism. He's bigger than political Zionism. He has an agenda, and ladies and gentlemen, uses every single chess piece on the board to do it, and He doesn't care if they believe in Him or even His Son. He's just that big. So, stop

restricting God to be something that is confined to only validate whatever is in your definition of spirituality, because that's not how He's operated. It's never how He's operated. It's only how He's operated in who He taps for eternity—if you're a sheep or a goat. That's when it matters. But everything up to that point, He uses every piece on the board, as we're going to see.

0:29:44 Getting back to our chart here—in the view of Israel, political Zionism: It's political necessity. In the religious, biblical Zionism, it's divine inheritance. The whole thing is about divine inheritance, about fulfilling prophecy. The role of God—God is completely absent in political Zionism, or very, very secondary, or just political nature—"God is on our side," right? But in religious, biblical Zionism, it is central. It's primary. The entire point of Israel proper—land itself. Forget about the people, which, by the way, this is important for you to know as well.

0:30:18 God cares about the land, and there is no debate that this is the land of Israel. So forget about the Jewish people. Forget about whether you like them or not. Forget about whether you even understand the Jewish people and how they fit into end-times theology or eschatology. It doesn't matter. Can you agree with me that God so loves the land that He would do and protect whatever it took just for the land? That's why it's so important to Him—that the reason why the house of Judah, which primarily was made up of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah and the Levites, okay?—were expelled from the land of Israel the first time around in 586 BC was because they didn't keep the land Sabbaths, okay? So because they didn't let the land rest, all right? For 70 years of 70 Sabbaths—guess what God did? Because they didn't let it rest for 70 years, He took them into captivity into Babylon for 70 years exactly to let the land rest because they didn't take care of it. So God does care about His land. So let's just say there is a possibility that God is so much on the side of Israel, and it doesn't even matter if the people love Him or not, if they care about Him or not, or serve Him or not—they could be worshiping the Baals—but God cares about the land. Because, you know why? His Son's feet are going to come back to it on the Mount of Olives. And I think He wants it to be organic. I think He wants it to be clean, and so He's going to protect it.

0:31:55 We're going to get into a lot more of that. Gosh, we have a lot to go through this morning. All right, last but not least—the view of the Messiah in secular Zionism is often symbolic or totally irrelevant. But in biblical Zionism, ladies and gentlemen, it's essential to the final restoration. Israel as a country and nation today is central. I know I'm fired up. My wife is probably like, "Jim, honey, calm down." I can't calm down because we are at a place in time where the time of prophecy is clicking, the ticker is ticking, the hand is moving, and it's moving toward **Zechariah chapter 12**. It's moving toward **Zechariah chapter 14**, where it prophesies that every nation is going to turn their back on Israel. And

how does it happen? How do you boil a frog? One degree at a time. That's what's happening. How did 6 million Jews get killed and annihilated in a Holocaust, and Christianity stood by across the globe and pretended it didn't happen? Because it happens slowly, and it happens through blaming the Jews for everything. This is exactly what Hitler did. It's exactly what the antisemitism, demonic spirit of the world does—is it mixes the truth with a lie.

0:33:13 Yes, the truth is there are very demonic Jews out there who are in Hollywood, who are in every corner of the globe. And you know what? There's a lot of demonic people out there who are Muslims. There's a lot of demonic Buddhists. There's a lot of demonic just atheists and agnostics. There's a lot of even demonic people who call themselves Christians who are from the synagogue of Satan. Just because God—don't confuse God blessing them and allowing them to own most of the wealth in the world, and just because they don't follow a god or respect Him or fear Him at all, doesn't mean that God has abandoned His promises, ladies and gentlemen. God's promises are irrelevant—irrelevant to what we believe.

0:34:01 Let's go to the Scriptures. You don't believe me? Okay, **Romans chapter 11**—we'll start in the New Testament. For those of you who have more respect for the New Testament than the Old Testament, it says in **verse 28 and 29: "28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies."** Ladies and gentlemen, do you hear that? The gospel of Jesus Christ—that's the only enemy that we have. And the word "enemies" in this verse in the Greek just means that they are against the gospel, okay? Period. It doesn't mean that we kill them, all right?

0:34:35 It says, **"Concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes, but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes."** What's He talking about? Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **"29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."** Ladies and gentlemen, do you hear what He's saying? He's saying that it is only from the gospel's sake are they the enemy? But—and that's really a bad word. It's a bad choice of translation, okay? It's really more—they're not on our side on this issue. Okay?

0:35:05 Because I have Jewish friends. I have rabbi friends—going to be in my studio in a couple of months. You can have to meet him. He's amazing, gentlemen. They're not the enemy—enemy. They are just—they don't agree with the gospel. But for election—what is election? He's not talking about salvation, okay? We've got to know our theology to know what Paul is saying in Romans. And by the way, I did an entire—just finished an entire [verse-by-verse on the book of Romans](#) from the original Hebraic perspective of the faith—from a rabbi Paul's perspective. If you want to know more about that, I'll leave the link in the description. You can watch it—16 hours. I think it's 16 episodes. And I'm

getting ready next week to do a one-hour recap of the entire book of Romans and pull out all the most misunderstood Scriptures. And this is one of them.

0:35:52 Okay, He's not talking about salvation when He talks about election. He's saying, "Look, I elected you to be the captains of the team, period, for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I'm choosing captains. I can't un-choose the captains." God says, "So if the captains go rogue, and the rest of the team is doing their job, then I'll deal with the captains on judgment day." Do you guys hear and understand this analogy? Give me a thumbs up if that makes sense. Okay? In God's team, there are captains, but if the captains don't do their job, that doesn't mean He throws the whole team out, okay? It just means He'll deal with the captains when the game's over. Okay? Because they're running around on the field, and the coach says, "Hey, I can't do anything about it. The time is ticking. They're on the field, but when they come off that field—oh boy—like literally, there will be hell to pay." But at the end of the day, that's not our problem, okay? Our problem is to play your part on the team, wear your jersey well, says the Lord. Okay? So Romans 11 says right off the bat: The calling is irrevocable. God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—it's irrevocable. Okay?

0:37:05 Here we go. Let's see it in **Genesis 17**. It says in **verse 7 and 8**: ***"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you."*** God's covenant with Abraham, ladies and gentlemen, is forever. It's not conditional. It's unconditional.

0:37:27 So let me paint a picture for those of you who take the narrative and the idea that the Jews are not the Jews today—it's not legitimate. The nation of Israel is not legitimate. Okay, so let's think about this logic from a 30,000-foot view. There is absolutely no debate in any circle that I have ever been in that the land of Israel is the land of Israel. There's been no debate that the Mount of Olives is the Mount of Olives. There's been no debate that the Messiah is going to come down and He's going to split the Mount of Olives. Very clear, right?

0:38:02 It's also very clear the Bible says that Damascus is going to be destroyed, that the Gog and Magog war is going to be over Israel, that all nations are going to surround Israel in the end days. So, listen carefully. Dot, dot, dot. Pause for effect—I might be going a little overboard here—my passion. So, forgive me. All nations are surrounding Israel in the end days. What nation is there besides the current nation of Israel? What other Jewish people are there outside of the ones that are there now? So, if you take the position that the Jews are not the Jews, then that means there's real Jews somewhere, and they're going to show up and they're going to live in the land—because there's no debate about the land. None. Zero. It's not South Africa, okay? It's not New York. It's certainly not

Texas. So that's a pretty good alternative, in my opinion, but it is the nation in the land of Israel. So, if they're not the real Jews, then the real Jews have to show up before all of this end-time stuff happens. So where are even the remote people out there who can say, "Oh, these are the real Jews"? Because here's what's going to happen: If you find—quote—"the real Jews," they're going to have to come in. They're going to fight the fake Jews that are there now that some people believe. There's going to have to be a war over who's the real Jews, and all of the existing Jews and their entire government are going to have to be overturned. Good luck with that. Okay?

0:39:40 And then the real Jews are going to have to show up, and then the end-time events will happen. Is there anybody out there who's willing to put their 401(k) plan on that? That there really is—that idea is legitimate or even possibly exists in any kind of fantasy world? That doesn't exist. The Jews that are there today are the Jews that are there today. And listen carefully—this is important: God doesn't care where they actually came from. Did you know that, according to Jerusalem Post and historians, that over—some say up to 90%—of the Arabs that are living in Israel proper today are actually Jewish? Do you know why? Because they say that when Muhammad came through and Islam came through in the 600s, they forced many of the peasants and the Jewish farmers who were living there since the time of Christ, okay?—to either die or convert to Islam. So many of them converted to Islam, but they were Jewish. And so generations now—400 years later—you have all of these Arabs, but their descent is actually Jewish. Now, just to give you a quick story: I was in a cab in Israel years ago, and I asked this question to my Palestinian cab driver, okay? Can I—love the—some of the Palestinian people are amazing. Like, there's people everywhere who are amazing. I've been in Egypt and Cairo. I have met amazing, loving people everywhere. Okay?

0:41:14 Unfortunately, we seem to judge and put everybody into boxes based on politics and based on people who seem to speak for the people, but typically, a lot of times I find out when I talk to the people that the politicians really aren't speaking for them. I know that's a shock. So—but where I was going with this is I talked to this Palestinian cab driver and said, "Hey, I heard this crazy theory. Is this true?" And he said, "It's absolutely true." He's like, "Many of us already know that, even though we're Arab, that our forefathers were Jewish." And I was just like—I didn't even know the next question to ask after that because it was just like, so mind-blowing. Okay? That this is a thing. So, God does not care. Here's a statement I want you to remember. Put this on a meme somewhere: God does not care whether the Jewish people, in your opinion, are the Jewish people, or where they came from, or what their origin is, or what the origin of the Arabs are—if they're the real Jewish people.

- 0:42:11 Because the Arabs—the Arabs who are Muslim, who are originally Jews who converted to Muslim, but their grandfathers converted, and now they're the grandchildren, and now they're Muslim and they're on the wrong side—God doesn't care. How do I know that? Because in the Exodus, when Israelites came out of Egypt, what happened? There was a mixed multitude that came out of Egypt—excuse me—and they chose the side of God. And so, Moses goes up to God and says, "God, we've got a problem here. There's Egyptians who are joining our tribes. What's happening?" And God says, "Look, I don't care. All they need to do is be circumcised and keep My commandments and join the covenant. Because if they join the covenant, then I will have one people with one law. Period. I will not have two laws and two people. I will have one people with one God and one law." That's it. That's what He says.
- 0:43:11 You can read it—**Deuteronomy chapter 12**, I believe, is what it says. Or **Exodus 12:49**, I believe. In any case, it's in there somewhere. You can fact-check me on that. But it's there. God says, "I will have one law for the native-born and for the sojourner of Israel." Okay? So God is no respecter of persons. There's no Jew, no Gentile, no male or female in His kingdom. Okay? His kingdom are those who are in covenant with Him—who believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and hold to the testimony of Yeshua.
- 0:43:42 That's a salvation issue. But the covenant that He's holding on to here in national Israel today is the covenant that has nothing to do with the covenant of Yeshua. It's not the new covenant. He's holding on to the covenants of promise that He made. They're eternal—to Abraham. So, God is not—it's not relevant to God. "Where did you—who the Jew?" We get caught in arguments that God just—you know, God invented the palm-to-the-forehead emoji because He does that every day to us. And in one case, Moses—it was on the mountain, and God said, "Mo, get out of My way. I'm going to kill everybody and give everything to you." That's how frustrated God gets. And thank God—thank Him—for not coming down and giving us what we deserve because we get in arguments about things that are not relevant to end times. God doesn't care who is on what side. All He cares about is the land, and He's going to defend the remnant.
- 0:44:37 So, let me drop a giant bomb on those of you who have held to this view, okay? That God doesn't support this war. That God—even though you would support the war if you lived there, you would support it if Mexico was about to destroy and send a ballistic missile to your city. But if you take the position that God doesn't support Israel, that God doesn't support the Jewish people, the Jewish people are evil, the Rothschilds were involved, the origin is horrible—and some of you have taken that same, by the way, philosophy and applied it to the United States of America. So now you're actually agreeing with Islam that says that America is the beast. America is the great Satan. Because there was Masonic individuals—Masonry—that was involved with the origin of the United States.

God doesn't care about the origin of this country or that country. He cares about the remnant.

0:45:30 So here's the bomb that you're going to have to deal with if that's what you believe. And I believe God is putting these emotions inside of me, so you'll have to forgive me for being so passionate. But this is what I believe God is speaking: He cares so much about the believers in Christ who are inside of Israel—the Messianic Jewish believers who are spreading the gospel, who love God. They're following the book—the whole book and nothing but the book. They've dedicated their lives. They don't care if they die. They don't care if they're taken to jail.

0:46:00 Could God protect the entire state of Israel and all the land just for those people—for you and your kin, your brothers in Christ? Well, let's go back to Genesis and discover how God dealt with the worst cities in the world, ladies and gentlemen—Sodom and Gomorrah. There was a conversation. We're not going to go there—I think it's out of **Genesis chapter 18**—just for sake of time because we're just so already over time. But for the sake of time we have—we have Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham begs for the lives of all the people who are in Sodom and Gomorrah. "If you could just find like 40, and 35, and 30, all the way down to like 10 and 5," and God says, "Fine, if you find a very small remnant, I'll not kill everybody." This is the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ—Yeshua the Messiah, Yahweh Sabaoth, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He cares so much about the remnant, He would be willing to overlook all of the sin.

0:47:06 Can we apply that, ladies and gentlemen, today? If you don't like the government of Israel, if you think it's horrible, if you think it's secular and demonic—fine. But what if there's five people in all of Israel who love Him, who are connected with Him, who love Yeshua—would He not protect the entire country just because of the land and because of the five people or the remnant? I believe the answer is yes. I believe it's more than yes. I believe that the answer is so resounding yes that—because we look at the politicians, we look at the Jews who are not very nice, we look at the secularism that's happening, we judge the entire heart of God. While you're looking at the secularism, God sees the heart. You're looking at the whole body of Israel. God sees the remnant. It's the heart of God. It's always been about His heart. It's always been about the remnant. It's never been about Israel as a whole. Never, ever, ever. He's always been upset. Every single time there has been a secular government in Israel, He's been against it, but He's always for the remnant that lives there, so He withholds His judgment on behalf of the remnant.

0:48:29 So let's go through a few more of these Scriptures, and we'll hang it up for the day. The promise is without reproach. **Leviticus chapter 26** says this: "**Yet for**

all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them. I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of all nations. Even when they're in disobedience, ladies and gentlemen, and in exile, God remembers the patriarchs. We have Christians today who would say this: "Israel gets what they deserve. If Iran comes in and takes over Israel and puts them into jail"—some people who are crying out that Messiah is Jesus would literally say, "They get what they deserve." God says, "I will rescue them. I will rescue My remnant, even though they're disobedient."

0:49:16 He says this in **Ezekiel chapter 36**: ***"²² It is not for your sake, O house of Israel"***—it's not for their sake, national Israel today—***"²³ that national Israel that I am about to act, but for the sake of My holy name."*** His name is on the line, ladies and gentlemen. ***"²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you."*** God's faithfulness is for His name's sake. It's not Israel's merit, okay?

0:49:42 **Deuteronomy 9** says this in **verse 4 through 6**: ***"⁵ It is not because of your righteousness, but that He may confirm the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."*** Israel's favor is based on God's oath. It's not about their performance. End-times rewards are based on performance—your performance, as far as your righteous deeds under Christ.

0:50:06 Well, look—your rewards don't even matter in the afterlife—afterlife—unless you are submitted to the high priest. It's no different than ancient Israel. And let's talk about that. Let me give a three-minute diatribe—monologue—on this. In ancient Judaism, my Jewish friends tried to explain this: "Look, you guys believe in the gospel. You just don't know it. You believe in the temple of the gospel, I should say." Because in the Torah, you cannot have your sins forgiven if you do not have faith in the high priest who's going into the Holy of Holies once a year on Yom Kippur and pouring in the blood of the lamb—of the goat—on the Ark of the Covenant. Unless you have faith in the high priest that he's doing that on your behalf, you cannot have your sins forgiven. Period.

0:50:52 This is the gospel. Jesus Christ—Yeshua—is the high priest. He kept the Torah. He is the Torah. He is the beginning, the middle, the end. He is the Aleph, the Lamed, and the Tav all together. He's not against the Torah. He is the Torah. He didn't abolish the Torah. He came to teach us what the spirit of the truth of the Torah looks like. You cannot enter into real covenant with God for eternity unless you agree and believe that the high priest has forgiven your sins through the blood that He put on the Ark of the Covenant. And when Yeshua died, it was His blood that was placed on the Ark of the Covenant in the kingdom realm—the Melchizedek temple. That is the gospel that's always been written into the Torah. You've got to trust the high priest. Amen. Somebody say, "Amen."

- 0:51:49 I'm going to have to have a lot of water after this. That's for sure. All right. **Isaiah 49** says this: *"¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child? Yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palm of My hands."* Israel is permanently, ladies and gentlemen, engraved in God's covenant memory. This has nothing to do with salvation. Period. A man can have two sons. One of them can go astray. He can give up the promise. He can give up the inheritance. This is a parable out of the New Testament, by the way. Okay? He can give up everything. He can denounce the father, but it doesn't take away the fact that the father still loves him, and if the father promised to give him \$10,000 when he gets married, he's going to keep the promise ladies and gentlemen.
- 0:52:42 Do not be confused that God's support of Israel is connected to salvation eternally. It's not. Just like the father who is going to keep His word, He's going to keep His promise, He's going to write the check for \$10,000 to His wayward son because it's His word, it's His promise—He's going to do it. That's what God is doing today. He is supporting the people who live there. It doesn't even matter if they're original Jews, if they're not the real Jews. Get that out of your mind. It's irrelevant to God. God cares about the fact that these are the people who live there. These are the people who are calling God, God. The Muslims aren't. Okay? The people around them aren't. They're trying to drive them into the sea, and God is protecting the land of the remnant. So, look at it that way—it'll be a lot easier. **Psalms 105** says, *"⁸ He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded for a thousand generations, ⁹ the covenant that He made with Abraham."*
- 0:53:37 Let's read it again: *"I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling. I will destroy all the nations that come up against Jerusalem, and they shall look upon Me whom they've pierced."*^a This is a prophetic statement here by the prophet Zechariah at the end of time when every nation is going to turn their back on Israel, and God says, "I'm going to destroy all those nations." So let's just use our 30,000-foot view again—viewfinder—and say this: If you believe that Israel is not national Israel, it's not biblical Israel, the Jews are not biblical Jews—okay, whatever you want to call it—and there's some other Jewish people—ladies and gentlemen, where are they? Because Jerusalem is undebated, and God says every nation that comes up against them, He's going to destroy.
- 0:54:23 So, if you take the position that you're going to curse national Israel, and you're going to do what some of these podcasters are doing—saying that they're just bloodthirsty and they're demonic—you're finding yourself on the wrong side of the tracks. In fact, you're finding yourself listed with the nations that are against Israel that He says He comes up to destroy. Every nation that comes up and puts their voice against Israel will be destroyed. So let's take the position—if anything—a smart, wise man takes a neutral position. Physician says, "You know what? I don't know. I'm going to keep my mouth shut. I'm going to watch

the gunfight and see what happens. At least I'll be alive at the end of the gunfight." It is unwise—the Bible says—for a fool to open their mouth and prove that they're a fool. If you don't know enough Scripture right to make an educated declaration, you should only quote the Word of God. And God's Word says that He doesn't care about how the Jews are acting, whether they believe in His Son, whether they even believe in Him. He flat-out says at the end of time—and I believe we're there—He's going to go against every single nation that goes against Jerusalem. Period.

0:55:44 Why? He wants everyone to see Yeshua, whom they pierced. He's not against Israel. He's for one of His sons. He cannot make the choice for both of His sons. One son chooses to be in covenant and stay in the father's house. One chooses to go and do their own thing. His love for both is beyond measure. It's beyond what we can understand. Who divorces their wife—aka the house of Israel, the northern 10 tribes—who divorces their wife and says in the same statement, "Even though you're in adultery and a harlot, I love you, and I will follow you to the ends of the earth, and I will betroth you back to Myself. I will entreat you. I will bring you close to Me. I will bring you even to the edge of marriage again." Who does that? Only the God of Israel. Only the God of Israel can do that.

0:56:50 So there is a difference. Lastly, we'll end with this: You haven't seen [Identity Crisis](#). I encourage you to watch that video, and I'm working on a new version of that this year as well, Lord willing. But there is a difference between national Israel that has existed since the time of Abraham and Jacob and Isaac and the 12 sons of Jacob, and there's a difference between the Israel that God says are the remnant who are in covenant for salvation. So don't get caught up in Old Covenant, New Covenant, because those are just titles with covenants that are layered underneath them. Okay? So, you've got the Old Covenant that's got the Adamic covenant, the Noahide covenant, the Davidic Covenant, right? All these covenants that are built into it. Then you have the New Covenant. And even the New Covenant doesn't get fully ratified until the Messiah comes and consummates the marriage forever, okay? Through the marriage supper of the Lamb.

0:57:49 All of these covenants are layered over one another, ladies and gentlemen, and God is fulfilling all of them—slowly. Some of them He's been fulfilling. He's faithful even when we are faithless. And it's super critical that all of us fully understand that at the end of the day, God is going to have His way, and He doesn't care how Israel began. He doesn't care if some of their politicians are sketchy or demonic or evil or secular. But what God does care about is: How do you respond to all of this? Where are you in your covenant? Maybe we should stop pointing the finger and more look at—okay, how can I respond to this with the love of Christ? Even if Israel makes a mistake, even if there's children and

families that die because war is horrible—shall we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, or shall we find ourselves against the peace of Jerusalem?

- 0:58:55 Because sometimes peace is only gained by protecting your children before they are attacked. Sometimes peace means that you have to build a wall—to protect a fence—to keep the wolves out. Sometimes peace means that you have to fight a bear with your bare hands. Sometimes peace means you have to take down a giant with a single stone first, before they destroy your entire nation. And sometimes peace means getting on your hands and knees and repenting and turning from our wicked ways and asking God to forgive us of our sins.
- 0:59:40 Ladies and gentlemen, I believe that we—I know that this broadcast has not probably touched half of what we could touch, but if it helps one person get it solidified in their mind that God is on His throne, and He is always on His throne, and He is absolutely going to have His way—I can tell you prophetically: Watch out for this fall. I believe that God is going to move something through the earth realm this fall. But I know where I'm going to stand with my family. I'm standing with Israel. I'm standing with the Jewish people. There are Jews—Jewish people—who love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. They don't see the Messiah yet, but I believe intellectual conversations are coming. I believe that the veil is going to be lifted. And let us not be arrogant to think that we have our own veil. It is not just the Jewish people who don't believe in the Messiah who need the veil lifted. Ladies and gentlemen, we have our own bias and veil that needs to be lifted. We need each other. And maybe, just maybe, we will come to a place where we can shake hands, where we can hug the necks, where we can love the woman at the well like Jesus loved even Judas—who He chose with the foreknowledge of knowing what he was going to do.
- 1:01:07 Love is the fulfillment of the law. Casting hate, calling people bloodlusting and demonic is not the character of Christ. May we examine our own hearts to see: Do we have the wisdom of Solomon that knows how to divide left and right, or do we have man's wisdom that chooses the sides unwisely? Whatever side you choose, make sure it's God's.
- 1:01:41 Thank you, guys, for spending time with us on this Shabbat. Thank you for this broadcast and being with us and supporting us, both in prayer and financially. We appreciate you. We thank you guys for everything. Next week, we'll be broadcasting our one-hour program going through the entire book of Romans. Until then, let's pray for the peace of Israel. Shabbat shalom. I'm Jim Staley with Passion For Truth Ministries, and I'll see you in the next video.

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