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Ari

Shalom, shalom, good to see all of you, can you hear me? Give me a thumbs up. Ok, so good to see all of you. Good to see you, Jeremy, shalom. This has been a challenging Fellowship for me. You know there's a word in Hebrew called Yishuv hadat, like just serenity of the mind. I have not had serenity of the mind in maybe a good week or so. And so just on that front, this Fellowship was very challenging, and I hope that we're able to come together for this Fellowship, and whatever HaShem gives us I will gladly take.

I want to start off, you know of course, it's so good to see all of you. And I want to thank all of you for so many of you for reaching out to me last week. Your prayers, many of you turned to me after the last Fellowship which I missed, it's almost as if you sensed that something wasn't quite right. So after last week, what happened was, our little baby, Mordecai Shimshon, had a really bad cold and cough that just wasn't going away. And it seemed like it was getting worse and worse. And so difficult to even look, it's hard for me to look at him because babies are so fragile. You know they're so tiny. Anyways, we sent a recording to the doctor of his coughs. And the doctor immediately called and said he feared it may be something called whooping cough. And that according to the doctor, that is quite dangerous for babies and he suggested we immediately go to the Emergency Room, which we did. And you know, there's no place that brings forth prayers from the deepest part of your soul, than in the Emergency Room when you're there with your newborn baby. And pray we did. Anyways, that's where we spent the entire day. And that's why I wasn't with you despite the fact that I had some real stuff I was so excited to share with you. But I understand that Jeremy and Tehila really rose to the occasion. Baruch HaShem, it wasn't whooping cough. It's just a bad cough and he's getting better every day. So thank you for your prayers and your love and your support.

Ok, so...

Jeremy

Can I give my opinion on what happened there? At least my perspective or my experience with what happened there. What happened there is that Ari is the most...what's the word? Engaged father that I've ever met and the baby's coughing! Quickly! Run to the Emergency Room. And so...I was not concerned. I'm like, yeah, Ari is dealing with some baby issues, it will be fine. I got six of these guys. They figure it out. And so I was not concerned.

Ari

Ok, thank you for your prayerful concern, Jeremy. The doctor told us to go! It wasn't just me and my paranoia. But that's true, I am a vicarious hypochondriac for my children in specific. And I am now losing my voice. I hope I get through this Fellowship without losing it totally. But, ok, so where are we.

So let's dive in. Now we're in the book of Shemot, the book of Exodus and Parashat Vaera, the second parsha of the book. And we find ourselves really in the thick of slavery. And I have to tell you, that reading this now, at this moment in Jewish history, the slavery that the children of Israel endured in Egypt, it takes on a new perspective. I mean for hundreds of years they were brutally, brutally subjugated and enslaved. Not just to anybody, but to the strongest nation in the world. Eventually they must have struggled with giving up hope altogether and said to themselves, "How in the world are we ever going to get out of here? We're a small people, if we're even a people at all! And here we are enslaved and subjugated to the global superpower that has no interest and no intention of ever letting us go. There's no getting out of this one, there's no getting out of here. This is our fate for the rest of time. I can imagine that a lot of them felt that way. And they would have really been legitimate, because according to the laws of nature, if God hadn't intervened, Egypt was such a powerful, powerful force in the world that they could still be that today if there had not been intervention there.

And so according to the laws of nature, there was no way that they could ever leave. There was no country on the horizon that could even challenge Egypt militarily. Even with the mental gymnastics...all the mental gymnastics in the world, it must have felt impossible to even contrive a way that they could ever get out. In what scenario? In what constellation of events could they ever get out?

And on some level, that's how it feels for us right now in Israel. Tell me if I'm wrong Jeremy, but I was just speaking last night to a dear friend from Ibei HaNachal. I could tell you who it was later, I don't want to say his name now. He was just released from the army where he's been stationed in Gaza for well over two months. I asked him, "How does it feel to be home?" And he said, "It's a journey." He's not quite sure yet how it feels to be home. That's a whole nother world of re-acclimation and you know there's a whole country that needs PTSD and to be dealt with. But I said, "How does it feel?" And he said, "He doesn't see himself as having really been released from the army. Rather he's been given a temporary leave of absence until the real war, as he said, in the north breaks out. He said that there's no way out of it. He said we're going to be fighting for our existence for the rest of our lives.

And that is how so many soldiers, citizens, and Jews in Israel and around the world feel. And it makes sense to feel that way. Let's just say we defeat Chezbollah. Which is much more powerful than Chamas. Then what? What about Syria, and Iran, and Yemen, and if we survive all of those wars, by the time they're done, Chamas will have regenerated and metastasized, and then we'd have to deal with them again. This isn't about one organization or one country

or one grievance, or any grievance at all. This is a war of the global jihad and there is no compromise with it. Their goal is to wipe us off the map. So...we either fight for our lives and the lives of our families and we fight and we fight and we fight. Or we surrender and die.

You know, much like the Jews of Egypt who saw no way out, it's almost equally difficult to see a way out of our perpetual war and death and grief and just constant, constant, constant. And Jews, we don't like the fight, we don't want to fight. We want peace, we want love, we want compassion, we want technology, we want serenity, we want... you know what we want, you know who we are. Then we're stuck in this perpetual fight for our lives.

And you know, so in Egypt, it appeared that we're in this situation where there is no possible salvation. And so today, we look towards our horizons and we channel the words of David haMelech, of King David. From where will our salvation come? How is salvation possible? What are we going to defeat the hundreds of millions of jihadists and their sympathizers around the world? And that's what I want to focus our Fellowship on today and I'm eager to share my heart on it. But before I do, I'm super excited to introduce both Tehila and Jeremy, who are going to absolutely light you up. They're going to light you up. I'm serious. I have a general idea of what they're going to share. And if your experience is anything like mine, you should take a minute and go get your sunglasses. Because the light they're about to shine will be that blinding, really I'm telling you. Tehila does this sometimes, we're always excited. Tehila comes by in the morning on Shabbat, before Synagogue and for a cup of coffee. Or whatever mushroom brewed concoction she drinks instead of coffee. And this Shabbat she shared one of her prophetic downloads with us. And it put me in a really good mood for the rest of Shabbat. It really put my soul at ease and it gave me tremendous encouragement. And so, I'm very excited for you all to experience that as well. So here is Tehila.

Tehila

Hi everyone. So as I'm sure you all know, Israel is currently standing trial in the international court of justice at The Hague on the accusation that the genocide brought forth against us by the country of South Africa. Now if you're a person with any modicum of honesty and integrity, it's obvious what a ridiculous farce that is. Israel is the only democracy, literally surrounded by terrorist organizations as the recognized leadership of the people around us. Flanking us in the east in Judea and Samaria, and the west in Gaza, but not only Chamas, but also Islam Jihad and the PLO which is really just a terrorist organization in suits and in the north we have the Chezbollah, a terrorist organization running south Lebanon in the south, we have the Yemenite Houthi terrorists pirating the entire Red Sea and shooting onto Eilat. And in all that, we continue to be the only real democracy in the region, trying our best to minimize civilian casualties, creating humanitarian corridors and delivering humanitarian aid to our enemies at the expense even of our own soldiers' lives. And all of that in a region of the world where actual real genocide, the Kurds and the Yazidis and between Sunnis and Shiites are actually a day-to-day occurrence. Israel is being brought to trial in the middle of a defensive war on claims

of genocide and not the people who actually tried to commit genocide against us. The farce is so great, at first instinct I just want to say, “Whatever. This is ridiculous. I’m going to change the channel and not even pay attention to this.”

And then something caught my eye. And that’s the kind of evidence being brought forth in this trial. I thought that this trial, we’d hear the same claims that we always hear against Israel. You bombed a hospital, who cares if the hospital wasn’t actually bombed. You bombed a school, doesn’t matter if the school was actually used as a missile launching site. The usual claims that we’re used to hearing made against Israel. But then, I saw on a huge screen, in the international court of justice, they brought this video as a piece of evidence against Israel.



Now this is a video of Israeli soldiers singing and praying, and getting themselves motivated, quoting verses about destroying Amalek. That is being brought as evidence that we are genocidal. Now most Israelis who saw this video after October 7<sup>th</sup>, after seeing actual genocidal people, raping and killing and kidnapping and burning would understand

that destroying Amalek is the symbolic imperative that we have. The imperative that every Jew has to destroy evil. Now these soldiers, who knows who came back and who didn’t, were literally accepting upon themselves with unbelievable courage and self-sacrifice, the mitzvah, the commandment of defending Israel and defending their fellow Jews against modern day Amalek. Because what was Amalek to us? Amalek to us were the ones in the desert who went after the weakest stragglers, the elderly, the infirmed, the babies, and the children. And you have Jews willing to leave their families and their jobs and to go fight for good over evil, for morality over cruelty, even at the expense of their own lives. These aren’t Jews, they are super-Jews. Who could watch that and not be moved by their dedication?

Now imagine the scene of the holy heroes, that I could only wish to be dust at their feet, being portrayed on a massive screen in the international court of justice as these serious face suits from every nation, including nations that unabashedly actually kill and massacre and commit genocide. And they’re sitting there self-righteously passing judgment on the holiest and the most righteous of the Jewish people. And I said to myself, “That does not seem like something that happens in the normal world. This feels like a drama of actual mystical, mythical, biblical proportions. The Jews are standing trial in the eyes of the world for following the Torah. This must be discussed somewhere in the Tanakh.

And in my searching, I came upon Yeshayahu, Isaiah, chapter 43. Now these verses here in chapter 43 are usually understood as a parable, because how could such a scene even be imagined realistically as a literal prophecy a few thousand years ago. And so the translations

are often influenced by that. But really it could only depend here on the Hebrew. So I'm going to try to translate it for you on my own. It says:

כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם נִקְבְּצוּ יַחְדָּו וַיֵּאסְפוּ לְאֻמִּים :  
All of the peoples will  
gather together and the  
nations will assemble.

We're told that there's going to be a time where all of the peoples will gather together and the nations will assemble. That's something that up until a hundred years ago, you couldn't really imagine any kind of an assembly that included all of the nations. But now, in our times, with the United

Nations, that actually is a possible thing for all the nations to be represented. And it says:

מִי בָהֶם יִגִּיד זֹאת וְרָאשֵׁנוֹת יִשְׁמִיעֵנוּ וְיִתְּנוּ  
עֲדֵיהֶם וַיִּצְדְּקוּ וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֱמֶת:  
One of them will speak first and  
will testify - they will bring forth  
their witness and they will justify  
them and hear them and proclaim:  
"true".

We're told that there's going to be some sort of trial situation and one of the countries will step forward and bring witnesses and testimony. And before they've even finished bringing their testimony forth and heard the other side, they're already going to justify them and proclaim them true. What it's describing to us is something like this. All the nations

gathering together and then one of them is going to speak first and they're going to bring witnesses, and everyone is just going to already know the outcome, even before the trial has been completed. It's like a scene of a farce where everyone knows that they're going to hear these testimonies, and already proclaim them to be true without actually having an opportunity for the other side to bring their own evidence in a real way.

And so we're being given this picture of these nations sitting together and knowing the conclusion ahead of time, before there's even a defense. And then, what happens next? In verse 10 it says:

אַתֶּם עֲדֵי נְאֻמֵּי ה' וְעַבְדֵי אֲשֶׁר בְּחַרְתִּי לְמַעַן תִּדְעוּ וְתֵאמְרוּ  
לִי וְתִבְיִנוּ כִּי־אֲנִי הוּא לִפְנֵי לֹא־נִוצַר אֵל וְאַחֲרַי לֹא יִהְיֶה:  
"You are My witnesses," says the Lord,  
"and My servant whom I chose," in order  
that you know and believe Me, and  
understand that I am He; before Me no  
god was formed and after Me none shall  
be.

It says what happens now in this stage of the trial, HaShem says, "You are My witnesses," says the Lord. And My servants whom I chose in order that you know and believe Me and understand that I am He, before Me no God was formed after me no god shall be."

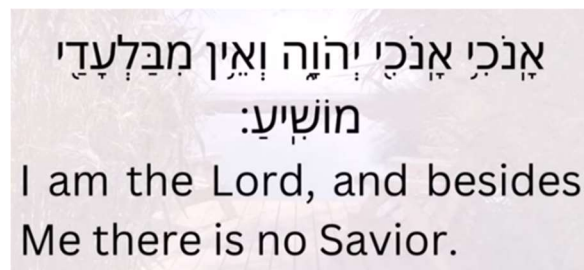
In response to this trial, HaShem says, "You are My witnesses and My servants." What does that mean? If we are the witnesses, well then who is the defendant? Who's standing trial? Who is really standing on trial? HaShem says, "You think you're standing on trial, it's actually Me who is standing on trial. You are the witnesses." Because what does it mean to believe in God? What is the idea of that? It means to believe in goodness, that there's an actual, ultimate standard of true and false, of good and evil that are objectively judged and judgeable. And they're not relative, they're not political, they're not biased, and we have an actual imperative to stand up

for what is true and right in the world. Nothing less than that is on trial right now. And Israel is not on trial. That is not on trial. Israel is the one sent by HaShem as the witnesses, as the representatives and as the proof that that does indeed exist. And when we see the most righteous of Israel on this huge screen, singing and praising to merit, to fight evil...and for that video to be watched under the disapproving eyes of even the most corrupt of nations that have no moral leg to stand on to judge anyone, least of all, Israel. That is HaShem bringing His witnesses as evidence, for all to see this truth. And why? What is the purpose? If we know from verse 9 that no one is going to change their mind if they're already decided, so what is the purpose of that? And HaShem says, "So that you will know and believe Me and understand."

Now this word, understand, tavinu (תָּבִינוּ) in Hebrew, it's pretty rare in the Bible. Because we're often told to believe, we're often told to know something, but to understand it. Understanding is in short supply. And I'm sure I'm not only speaking for myself, but I've said throughout this war, I'll find myself on a roller-coaster of emunah, of faith. I try to strengthen myself and have faith in HaShem, you know HaShem has a plan. But man, I do not have a lot of understanding. I never understand why it's so hard from funeral to shiva we hear these amazing words of strength and faith along with people who say, "We don't understand HaShem's ways."

And I searched high and low in the Bible for the word understanding. And if someone wants to correct me, go right ahead, but I think if I'm not mistaken, this is actually the only promise in the Bible of the Jewish people actually meriting to understand something. And since understanding is so hard to come by, and there's so little that we actually do understand about HaShem and the way He runs the world, if He tells us that there's something that we can understand, it might be worth it...not might...it is worth it to actually pause and listen.

What is HaShem say that we're supposed to understand from watching this entire farce? In verse 11, HaShem says:



אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה וְאֵין מַבְלָעַדִּי  
מוֹשִׁיעַ:  
I am the Lord, and besides  
Me there is no Savior.

What you're supposed to understand is that "I am the Lord and besides Me, there is no Savior." What is all of this drama happening for? The people that hate us are not going to be convinced. The key is that we are going to watch this scene and from watching that happen, we are going to understand that we have no one to

depend on except for HaShem. This is not being done for the UN or for our international standing. This mythical proportion scene is taking place for one reason. That we finally understand the only thing that maybe we can understand in this whole situation. And that's that there's nothing and no one that is going to save us other than HaShem. It's not going to be

our own strength, it's not going to be the US, it's not going to be the UN, and to finally internalize that our success and victory are completely dependent on putting our full faith in the only One we can rely on, on HaShem. That is the purpose of this whole scene.

And I think that that is the message that Yeshayahu is telling us and prophesizing about this scene that we really see unfolding before our eyes. So, for me, to know that there is something for us to learn from this. That this is sent to us by HaShem. That gave me a lot of strength in the face of all of the pain and even humiliation that comes from watching this ridiculous spectacle. And to me it gave a lot of strength and I'm going to work on trying to really internalize that understanding as the true message of this trial. So with that, I wish everybody a good week of strength and emunah and understanding.

Ari

How good was that? How good was that? I mean...so good...so perfect. Why did it put me in a good mood? Because when you hear the prophets describing what's playing out with crystal clear accuracy, you know it just assures us, just on the most simple level that everything is going according to plan. Because that is a truth that we may know in our heads, but it's getting increasingly difficult to internalize that into our hearts. I'll get into more of that later. But let me just hand the baton off to Jeremy. Jeremy, take it from me.

Jeremy

Well yeah, when Tehila taught me that over Shabbat, my mouth dropped. Because almost every English translation of Isaiah chapter 43, because it's such an uncanny...it's an impossible scenario, it's translated, not as this is a prophecy of what will be, but it's like...this is a parable of something. The nations are going to hold you on trial, and they're going to bring their witnesses, and before the witnesses are even done, they're already going to make their decision. And the whole thing is like, what?! And then we're actually watching that one nation...South Africa brought forth their case. And the international court of justice of the United Nations. I mean, imagine the scenario. The Chezbollah, the Chamas, the Jihadi Islami, the Fatah, are terrorist organizations. The IDF is defending Israel from them. And WE'RE being held on trial? You can't make this up. We were singing a song, they actually did genocide, they came into Israel and just killed and raped and took our people that are still being held hostage. The Jews, they sang a song before they went out into battle, we're going to hold them on trial.

And you're like...what is going on? It's such a parody, you can't make this up. And what we're seeing now, what Tehila was pointing to, it's like you don't need to believe. You understand now. You understand that without God, there is no truth. Without God, there is no good. Without God, there is no light. The whole world...these people that are judging us in Europe? They're Vikings, morally, that are wearing a suit. And so, they don't have morals. And they don't have truth. They have either multiple gods or no god at all. And so all that Israel should



do now is do what's right and what's true and to stand alone against all of those nations. Because we stand with God.

And so I was invited last week to speak at the Sovereignty Conference in Jerusalem. And the hall was packed, it was broadcast on Israel National News, on JNS, I think hundreds of thousands have already watched it online. And I had a very clear strategy when I went into this very political conference. I knew that everyone was going to be talking about politics and geopolitics and strategy and security and all of the technicalities that go along with the politics and the war that's happening in Israel. And I want to share with you very much what was inspired by Tehila's insight. But really what's inspired by our Fellowship. This was a clip from that conference. Check this out.

(video)

Just days ago I went down to the south to visit the kibbutzim, to visit the site of the music festival, to see reality with my own eyes, not just on a screen. And you walk around and could you just put the image here.



The image that Ohad talked about, there's a picture of it. And the question has to arise, How could we be so wrong? So wrong? The political establishment was wrong. The military

establishment was wrong. The Shabak, the Mossad, all of the modiin, everyone wasn't just wrong. It's like Peace Now, flying flags to the people that killed them. How could we be so wrong?

So the first thing, people need to go and visit the south as soon as possible. It should be like a March of the Living for the Jews in Israel. Never again in Auschwitz is an important message for the people in Europe and maybe even in America. But never again here is far more urgent, far more relevant. But that begs to ask the question. How did we get it so wrong?

And I think that the answer is...and you can really see it also in the conference. Seventy-five years, the only thing that matters has been absent. It's the littlest word, but it means everything. For 75 years, Israel has been dedicated to building a godless state with Peace Now. God is absent. And without God, there will never be peace, not now and not ever. Did we really think, did our leaders really think a Palestinian state, that we were going to make a move that is



in total contradiction to the Torah? After the Jewish people have returned to this Land, after 2,000 years, and we were going to be successful? Did we really think that we were going to do something that's in total denial of the vision that the prophets gave us? That's absolutely in contradiction with the commands of the Torah, and we were somehow going to bear fruit of success and prosper with such a move? Obviously not. It was the opposite of the truth. It's the exact wrong. Why? Because the fundamental paradigm, that the modern state of Israel sees the world through is warped. They're constantly worried about Peace Now. We don't want Peace Now, we want Peace forever! Can we just show that slide please?



And that will only happen b'emunah shlemah, when we have enough faith to stand alone against the nations, to do what's right, what's moral and what's true. To stand alone because we stand with God. Until we bring God into this conversation, we will never be successful. (end of video)

So that was what I had to say. The whole conference, it was funny, there was one man who is specifically a political diplomat to Christians. And then everyone else were members of Knesset, speakers, thinkers, journalists. It was just me, I was the only one. I wanted so much for Ari to be on the stage. And I'll tell you why. Because Ari would have talked about the Beit HaMikdash. And I missed that. I sent all of my notes to Ari before the conference. But he was so busy doing whatever Ari does that he didn't give me the feedback. But I did my very best to bring in the littlest word that means everything. And that word is God. And until Israel brings God into this conversation, yes, then we will be at perpetual war.

Because what happened on October 7<sup>th</sup>, it's just like our personal lives. Nothing happened to Israel, it happened for Israel. And it happened so we would realign ourselves, wake us up to see reality for what it is, and to reach out to God. To bring Him back into our lives, not just on an individual level, but on a national level. And so, when you see what's happening on an international court, that the whole world is watching Israel as we're on trial, *atem edi* (עִדְיִי אַתֶּם), God says, "Israel, you are MY witnesses." So if we are His witnesses, then we need to bring His testimony, His Name to the game.

And so, I believe that there is an awakening that is happening in Israel. Because I don't want to toot my own horn, but from the stage that I was on, many people received applause. And many people clapped. But as soon as I started talking about HaShem, the auditorium erupted. It was the loudest of all cheers. Not for Jeremy, for HaShem! Everyone right now wants to bring HaShem's Presence into Israel. And so, our Fellowship is just on the cutting edge of that, but *bizrat HaShem*, that voice will get stronger and stronger. And so, we should all merit to bring HaShem as much as possible into our lives, into Israel, and may He win our wars.

Ari

Amen. Jeremy, you...beautiful. You spoke beautifully just now, you spoke beautifully at the conference. I was very proud of you and you faced a lot of challenges. There were a lot of things that were standing in your way for actually delivering your message with clarity and conviction and you did it anyway. And that's ultimately, you know the question. The question is, ok, so we're talking about HaShem, but what does that look like? What does that look like to truly connect that knowledge, without HaShem there's no Savior other than HaShem. That's it. Now take that and infuse that into our essence and into our consciousness and into our very being, through a real leader in Israel, and how would that manifest in Israel's posture to the world? I don't know necessarily the answer to that question. And I think what I'm going to share with you today, it starts answering that question, but I know it doesn't finish it. Because ultimately, a leader has to be willing to put such faith in HaShem that the rest of the world would just...for example, I gave a speech to a group that went down south. And I was so enraged that I said, "You know if I was the leader of Israel, October 8<sup>th</sup>, there are three levels of what I would do. Ok, the first and the least admirable level, the basic level, would be to say, 'Ok, well where's Chamas' headquarters? It's under this school, it's under that hospital, under this school, under that hospital. Bunker buster bombs in every single one of those places. I don't care if it's under a school or a hospital. If there are any innocent civilians in Gaza, which I doubt, their blood is on them.'" That's number 1.

Number 2 – the way Gaza looks now, that it's rubble, that is how Tehran should look. That is what Israel should have done to Tehran. We should have attacked with such ferocity, Iran. They are the head of the snake and if we were to absolutely humble them and bring them to their knees, then Chamas and Chezbollah and their other ancillary tentacles would wither away.

But arguably what we should do is take a D-9 to the Temple Mount, knock down the Dome of the Rock, and build the Beit HaMikdash. And the whole world would be so thrown aback by such a thing. And if we say, "If you want to stand with us and be our brothers and our friends and offer sacrifices in our Temple, we invite you to be our brothers and our friends. And if you want to stand against us, you will feel the wrath of the God of Israel."

And so, maybe it was good that I didn't speak at the conference. But I think that we have to...ok, we heard Jeremy here, we heard Tehila. We understand that what's happening here isn't random. This is leading us in a direction and the chaos, the psychosis, the insanity of the world was foreseen, that it's all part of the plan. And things are happening exactly as they're supposed to be happening. We remember that this isn't just happening to us, like Jeremy said, it's happening for us, guiding us. And if we weren't such a stiff-necked people...sometimes I, on some level I can understand the deep, psychotic, pathological resentments of the world, that on the deepest level that they're not even conscious of, aware of themselves, they must be saying, "Am Yisrael, what is taking you so long! Turn your hearts to HaShem, put your faith in HaShem and do what you need to do!

And so we're not doing it and then we're seeing this nonsense of some morbidly obese Englishman with plastic hair in South Africa saying that we're guilty of genocide and the whole farcical joke of what that is. And so, like Tehila said, that's why it comforted me. The prophet Isaiah said this is happening to us to believe and to understand. To believe and to understand. And to understand, to really bring it into our hearts, our consciousness, our awareness. But how is all of this bringing us closer to that conclusion?

So this is a little...I would say the rest of what I have to share with you is perhaps a commentary on what you've heard Jeremy and Tehila say. So let's get into all of this. Let's open up the Torah portion of the week. Let's always, it always shines a light on our times. In this portion, you know, we see one of the most prevalent patterns in Jewish history. Ma'aseh avot siman la'banim. The acts of the fathers or what happens to the fathers or what the fathers go through is a sign for what the children go through. So let's start by zooming out. There was a famine in Canaan and Abraham has to leave. He goes down to Egypt and he becomes wealthy and ultimately becomes hated and resented and perceived as a threat and he has to leave. And the same thing happens to Isaac who becomes wealthy and successful and ends up being hated for it and he has to leave. And we saw in the last portions, the same pattern with Jacob. So even with a higher resolution, with Ya'acov, he goes to Charan, to Lavan's house with nothing. And he works for Lavan, he's cheated by him again and again and again. But despite it all, he makes Lavan actually very wealthy and you know 100% due to HaShem's blessing and protection, he becomes very wealthy himself, despite Lavan trying to cheat him out of it every step of the way.

And then what happened? The same pattern. Lavan starts looking at Ya'acov differently with different eyes, with eyes of jealousy and suspicion and resentment. And Lavan didn't even have to say anything. Ya'acov felt it, Jacob felt it. And being a man of truth and not of self-delusion, that's what we know about Ya'acov, that he embodied the attribute of truth, he understood that there was no constellation of events in which staying with his father-in-law would be a blessing. And he knew it was time to go before it was too late.

And in this Torah portion, you see the same thing happen to Bnei of Yisrael, the children of Israel. Who is Israel? Jacob, right? Next generation, generation after the same thing happens. Seventy souls descended to Egypt. And their children and their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren multiplied greatly and they flourished. And what happens? Joseph and his brothers passed away. And the Torah tells us that a new Pharaoh arises.

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

-Exodus 1:8

And I don't think that this is just saying that he did not know Joseph personally. It's saying that he didn't know OF Joseph. He didn't recognize or acknowledge that it was the very people who he would soon come to despise and enslave and murder – are Joseph's people. He didn't realize that it was those very people who were the very source of Egypt's wealth and abundance and super-power status.

After all, it was Joseph's advice that catapulted Egypt to being, hands down, the strongest nation in the world. So strong that the Egyptian people, much of the planet, and most importantly Pharaoh himself thought he was God. And this indeed was the source of his very undoing. Right? And what does God do? He humbles the haughty. And there's nothing haughtier than actually being fully convinced that you, yourself are god. And it was this hubris and this legendary epic arrogance, this belief that you know, whatever he wanted to do, that's the ultimate good. And nobody's to say otherwise and no one is to stand in the way. And if he says up is down, then up is down. We see this in the world, so much of the world, they know who's good and who's bad here. But they say, it's not convenient for us. We don't have the courage or the integrity to stand with Israel, so we're just going to say that they're evil and they're bad and who's going to say that we're wrong. If we're all saying it, then that's just the truth. That's just the truth.

And that was the key to Pharaoh's downfall. You almost have to feel bad for Pharaoh, although not at all. Because while he thought that he was the wisest and the most omnipotent one in the world, one thing he didn't know was that the children of Israel were God's chosen people. The first-born of the God of Israel. He didn't know that he who blesses Israel will be blessed and he who curses Israel will be cursed. But he was going to find out soon. He was going to find out soon and that British, plastic-haired, twirly, powdered wig man in South Africa is going to find out soon as well. Along with so many of the other nations that are turning against us. And I believe that that's what we're seeing play out right now with the global super-power of our day. And who's that really still on some level, even though it's definitely a super-power in free-fall? The United States of America. I think that that is the...the United States is the last bastion of national idolatry that the nation of Israel, the people of Israel still have in our hearts. We still have...there's so many idols that are being shattered systematically, but that of America being our people, our friends, our allies, our back, our support. Without them, how could we do it?

It's true, you know, America has been a tremendous blessing for the Jews in so many ways. But it's just as true that so much of the success and prosperity and the super-power status that the U.S. enjoys today is due in disproportionate measure to the Jews. Science and arts and finance and technology and military. I mean, just on one thing, who even knows if the U.S. would have even survived, would have been victorious in WWII without nuclear technology discovered by the Jews. That's just one example. Yes, America has been a blessing to the Jews, there's no question about it. And American Jews by the way are the first to admit it. But perhaps even more than America being a blessing to the Jews, the Jews have been a blessing to America. And I'm not going to spend my time proving that out. You either see it or you don't.

Jeremy

Ari though, can I just say one thing about that? Cause it's really become really clear to me lately because I always saw, like America and Israel were allies. Meaning the greatest loss that

America could really absorb would be if Israel was destroyed. That would be devastating for America's security. That would be devastating for America's morale. That would be devastating from a fundamentalist of what America's existence is all about. It would be horrible. So I always thought like ok, Israel and America, we're sort of allies. But it's not true. And that's become quite clear with the Biden administration. The believers in God in America, those people are our allies. But the Biden administration, the State Department, the American officials, the leadership right now of the United States of America, they are not our allies. They are the ones...

Ari

That's my whole point. That's exactly. What you're saying is right. They're not our allies. You know, and they are on the way down. And you know, who was it that just wrote here...America's coming down due to abortion, that judgment will be coming soon. That's not true. It's not due to abortion. Abortion is one of many, many, many symptoms of the absolute moral decay. You can't arbitrarily choose abortion and not the general mutilation of confused kids that are watching TikTok and that's not bad? That's not the reason. No. America is on a free-fall. And part of that is just you see it, everything that America used to stand for, I actually have some sort of comfort after the elections in Taiwan just happened, Jeremy? That the Biden administration, the old-school Trump would have been like, "Yes! Taiwan, we're with you." But no, no, no. That's not what Biden said. He said, "No, we do not support Taiwan's independence." They're supporting China. Like every bad actor in America, in the world, America is seeking to ingratiate themselves to. And the actual forces of good and truth and values...the values that America was founded upon, they are betraying. Not only internally, but when it comes to on the global stage.

You know, in America it's true that a new Pharaoh has arisen who doesn't remember or recognize or acknowledge the blessings of the Jewish people. Right? Since October 7<sup>th</sup>, we heard a handful of words signaling friendship and goodwill from America. Jeremy, you know our mutual friend that said, "Send us the link to Biden's speech immediately after October 7<sup>th</sup>. Look how passionate, look how wonderful." And I was like, "It's words, it's words. Wait ten minutes." Because over the last weeks and months...

Jeremy

You know, he said that. How beautiful Biden is talking about Israel. There is that famous verse where Esav says that he kissed Jacob. But over the Hebrew, there are six dots written over the word kissed. And that was to teach us that it looks like a kiss, but Esav came to bite his neck. And I heard like very kissy language as he's fueling the Chamas in order to fight the IDF.

Ari

Well let's not look at their words. Let's look at their actions. But some Jews are just so fluffy. They're just like, "Oh, but just take a minute and take it in. Just take it in." And I was just so

disgusted by it, even at that moment, knowing what was in store. And we see over the last weeks and months that those words are being exposed more than ever as empty, vacuous hypocrisy. As lies that are intended to ensnare the Jewish people into horrific self-destruction. Because let's remember. Right after October 7<sup>th</sup>'s surprise attack, genocidal rapists, torturing jihadists, you know that speech that Biden gave...my own family were singing his praises and explaining why it was so good that they voted for him. I'm just so embarrassed on their behalf. And love and solidarity with Israel, and I'm so happy that the grownups are in charge, so many of them kept on saying.

And then, in a move of absolute chutzpah, Israel began our counter-offensive against Chamas in our chutzpah, our chutzpah in our insistence that we survive. And with this tragic predictability, the familiar attacks on the Jewish state started pouring in like a torrential flood. And genocide and ethnic cleansing and cries against humanity, you all know what I'm talking about. You're seeing it. Right before our eyes, in a flash, really we stand alone. The masks are so quickly coming off, it's becoming increasingly clear that not only is America NOT our friend, but they are very much our adversary. And as extreme as a statement as that may sound, it isn't clear who poses a greater existential threat to Israel – Chamas or our old friend, the United States of America. And yes, I do recognize that we're talking about the government, the administration and not necessarily the people. I'm familiar with the polls. But unfortunately, the people that a nation elects, like it or not, is a reflection of the nation itself. And unless they stand up to that leadership, they will share in the responsibility and the consequences of the actions of their elected leaders.

And so, yeah, that's what I said. I asked, who is the greater threat to Israel – Chamas or the current U.S. administration. And before you discount that statement as an over-reaction or an exaggeration, you got to just hear what happened just this past week. Because so much is happening, it's easy that you could have possibly missed it. So it feels like the hundredth time, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, I feel like in my mind the word Blinken has become like a derogatory curse word. Like oh my stomach hurts, I have to Blinken. I don't know. It's just like...like I just can't stand him, I'm so repulsed by him. He made his way to Israel, you know I think it was actually his 4<sup>th</sup> trip since October 7<sup>th</sup>, but it felt like it was his 100<sup>th</sup>. And before his meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu, there was this tremendous optimism by many in Israel that America has to stand with us and support us in our existential war against Chamas. People were still really optimistic about it.

But after witnessing the Press Conference following that meeting, the faces of many of the news anchors reporting on it were just downcast, were downtrodden. I really think that when history looks back at these difficult times for Israel, this Press Conference will be considered a turning point in the U.S./Israel relationship. It will be considered as the moment when the masks came off and it became clear to anyone with the courage to see it that America had turned its back on

Israel like never before when Israel needed America most. לְמַעַן תִּדְרְעוּ (Isaiah 43:10) So we should understand. You know I was actually thinking of playing the entire Press Conference, but it was 28 minutes long and I didn't have the time to pull out the highlights that I wanted to. So I just have the quotes that I'm going to share with you, a few of them, a few of them.

But the Press Conference started with Blinken declaring some empty, stupid platitudes about caring about Israel. And even within those empty platitudes, he managed to compare the suffering of the hostages and their families to the suffering of the jihadi Gazans who have proven a thousand different ways that they are Chamas, that they supported Chamas, they cheered Chamas, they even participated if they could in the October 7<sup>th</sup> Chamas massacre. This is known. But to Anthony Blinken, the suffering of Chamas and their supporters and their sympathizers, and their participants is the same as the suffering of the hostages. It's just such moral blindness and bankruptcy.

But anyways, forget all the fluff, right? When it came to the policies, that America was not recommending, but was demanding of Israel, it became clear that America was insisting that Israel do nothing short of lose. Lose. Lose this war for our very survival, there's really no other way to see it. You know to start with, he demanded that Israel continue to provide food and fuel and supplies to UNRWA, you know the United Nations Relief Works...whatever. It's the United Nations in Gaza. Totally ignoring the overwhelming torrence of unrefuted, undeniable facts. Meaning there's no one that's even refuting this. There's no one that's trying to disprove it. It's just so obvious and clear that the UNRWA is Chamas. Many of them, card carrying members of UNRWA, were terrorists, they were caught as terrorists. It was proven that an UNRWA doctor tortured and starved hostages in his own home. A hostage in his own home. UNRWA is Chamas and everybody knows it.

But none of that mattered according to the United States, they needed to have an UNRWA. And they said that Israel needs to funnel untold tons of food and fuel and supplies to UNRWA as our hostages, may HaShem protect them, are starved and raped by the very people we're providing this life-saving aid to literally as we speak. And that was America's demand. We need to give UNRWA food and fuel and supplies. Who gives their mortal enemy that just holocausted them, fuel and supplies? And as if that demand that we feed and supply Chamas wasn't enough, that we strengthen our mortal enemy, as if that wasn't enough, he went on to say that there should be no...zero civilian casualties, despite the fact that he recognized that Israel is quote:



“Facing an enemy that embeds itself among civilians - who hides in and fires from schools, from hospitals - makes this incredibly challenging. But the daily toll on civilians in Gaza, particularly on children, is far too high.”

We know that the terrorists that raped, tortured, and murdered your fellow Jews are hiding among civilians, yes we realize that, but too bad. They win, we're going to reward that behavior and say, "They're safe. You're not allowed to fight them. And if you do, you're fighting us." That means that those terrorists are safe and that you have to lose. Sorry, Israel, sorry.

And then to seal the deal, he declared:

“The United States unequivocally rejects any proposals advocating for the resettlement of Palestinians outside of Gaza.”

Just take a second and just listen. The United States unequivocally rejects any proposals advocating for the resettlement of Palestinians outside of Gaza. You know, sometimes I watch, what's her name? The speaker of the house make statements. She's like, "And I've clarified a thousand times..." And then she makes another unclear, ambiguous statement. But when it comes to Israel, their statements are super clear. You know, he demanded that the Gazan Hamas sympathizing jihadists must not be allowed to leave Gaza. That's right. The United States makes it clear that these innocent refugees shouldn't be allowed to leave Gaza even if they want to.

And then he went on to say that they should be allowed to go back to northern Gaza and resettle there as soon as possible. I cannot think of one conflict in the world in which refugees are being forbidden the right to flee and resettle elsewhere by those that claim to care for them. Are they doing that in Russia and the Ukraine? No, of course not. They're shipping them wherever they can possibly ship them. But no, not in Gaza. That's perhaps the most sick, twisted and sinister of all the demands. Because why in the world would the U.S. insist that Israel allow these Nazi jihadists that massacred the Jewish people to stay if not that they want Israel to be embroiled in this murderous nightmare indefinitely.

Jeremy

Can I also make a point, Ari? About northern Gaza? Last Fellowship, I did an entire section about one of the most beautiful people that I've ever known. His name was Efraim Jachman. And he was killed in northern Gaza. So northern Gaza is still a war zone. So like let the Hamas go back to the war zone that they're still trying to like get under control? Like it's so obvious that they are trying to not only embroil Israel in a conflict forever by not allowing the refugees to leave. But they want Israel to fall in battle and put stumbling blocks in front of us for winning the battle to begin with.

Ari

I mean imagine that God-forbid, Bibi gives in and acquiesces to these demands. Imagine the parents of Efraim Jachman. Imagine the parents of all the soldiers who have died so bravely and valiantly fighting for Israel. And now it's just giving Gaza back to Chamas? Their children died for nothing! For nothing!

Anyways, so in the south, our dear friend America, is demanding that we strengthen our enemies by providing them with food and fuel, weaken ourselves by tying our hands behind our backs, and they ensure that the war will last as long as it takes for us to lose by refusing to allow our enemies to flee. And for times sake, I'm not going to go into all the details in what's happening in the north. But it's just as bad, if not worse because the stakes are even higher. Because Chezbollah makes Chamas look like a bunch of jokers. And rather than taking measures to distance Chezbollah from Israel's border and allow hundreds of thousands of Jews living in the north to finally return home, no. America demands, not only do they not weaken Chezbollah at all, but it strengthens them by effectively demanding that Israel cedes sovereign territory to the Chezbollah. Not send the Jews back, because what they're saying is, by keeping Chezbollah, they're not trying to decrease their weapons, or their missiles or their troops, nothing at all. But rather they're strengthening Chezbollah in exchange for promises from Chezbollah that mean absolutely nothing. If you want to know the details, go to JNS. JNS, by the way, a very good source of news and read Caroline Glick's article called "Victory is More Important than US Support." Victory is more important than U.S. support. She's the best, Caroline Glick. (<https://www.jns.org/victory-is-more-important-than-us-support/#:~:text=We%20are%20a%20successful%20regional,choice%20is%20an%20easy%20one.>)

Anyways, I'm not going to go too much more into this, but just to put salt into the open wound, to seal the deal just in case there's any ambiguity left regarding America's intent, he went on to call for a Palestinian State:

"As I told the prime minister, every [Arab] partner that I met on this trip said that they're ready to support a lasting solution that ends the long-running cycle of violence and ensures Israel's security. But they underscored that this can only come through a regional approach that includes a pathway to a Palestinian state."

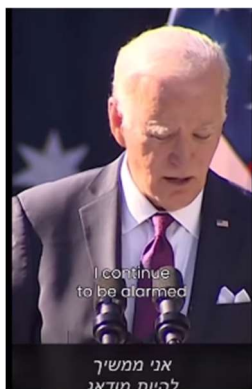
A Palestinian State. Gaza WAS the Palestinian state and look what it looked like. And the Palestinian Authority, which America's insisting takes the mantle of leadership and gets this reward of their own state, is just as bad as Chamas. Up until October 7<sup>th</sup>, they killed more Jews than Chamas has. There's overwhelming video proof that they participated in the October

7<sup>th</sup> massacre. They pay I think it's thirty million dollars a month, subsidized by U.S. taxes of course, to the family of terrorists who successfully murder Jews. Babies in their bed, the families of those terrorists are getting money every single month for their successful murder of Jews. That's the Palestinian Authority that the United States and Blinken wants to give a Palestinian State in the heartland of Israel, along the coast to...I mean, the Biden administration

insisting on having this Palestinian State would result in hundreds of October 7<sup>th</sup>'s. And everyone knows it. And then for good measure, he repeated this vicious blood libel about me and Jeremy and our fellow rabid settlers. He said:

“Extremist settler violence carried out with impunity, settlement expansion, demolitions, evictions all make it harder, not easier, for Israel to achieve lasting peace and security.”

It just doesn't matter that there's been a total of zero settler violence, zero, zero. Actually, I want to share with you, if we have time here, a video, maybe we'll go a little bit over, a video by our dear friend, Ezra Tubi that he made highlighting this.



I continue to be alarmed by extremist settlers attacking Palestinians in the West Bank.



Hello Mr. President. We in Israel hear that you're alarmed by the "extremist" settlers attacking innocent Palestinians leading to your decision to temporarily hold back the shipment of rifles to our country. And we would like to ask you one single question. Could you kindly provide a name, one name of an innocent Palestinian Arab who lost their life in a premeditated attack carried

out by a Jewish settler? I'm not referring to Palestinians killed while attempting to harm Jews, but rather a case where a settler deliberately left his home with the intention of killing a Palestinian. One name. From the beginning of this year. How about in the year 2022? 2021? 2020? 2019? 2018? 2017? Not even one incident, sir. Now let's look at the Jews that were intentionally slaughtered by those you worry about so much.



From the beginning of this year alone, February 26<sup>th</sup>, two Jewish brothers on their way back home were fatally shot point blank in the murderous town of Hawara. Sweets were handed out the next day in the Palestinian streets. April 7<sup>th</sup>, a mother and two of her daughters were shot to death while driving to a vacation. Not one condemnation coming out from the innocent Palestinian society.



May 30<sup>th</sup>, a father of two was shot to death in his car. July 20<sup>th</sup>, four Jews were murdered in a gas station near the ancient Jewish village of Eli. The terrorists' families were subsequently added to the Palestinian authority payroll. August 19<sup>th</sup>, a father and his son were shot to death in the murderous town of Hawara, turning the perpetrators into heroes within their community. August 21, a mother of three was murdered in front of one of her daughters and celebrations followed in the "innocent" Palestinian society. According to the official Israeli government site, in January 2023, there were 187 attacks against Jews in Judea and Samaria alone. A hundred and fifty-seven terror attacks in February, 183 in March, April – 147 terror attacks against REAL innocent civilians. Add to these figures dozens more casualties within the green line up to October 7<sup>th</sup>. And hundreds more beyond, and it's impossible not to see a clear picture. Mr. President, if given the opportunity, the Arabs surrounding the Jewish settlements would slaughter our children, rape our wives, exactly like they did to us in the Gaza border and we don't need another October 7<sup>th</sup> to prove it. With all due respect, Mr. President, but your characterization of the righteous Jews of Judea and Samaria as violent and notorious people is nothing less than another blood libel against the Jewish people and is a very big moral stain.

Ari

It's so clear, so absolutely crystal clear, so true, but none of that matters. Truth doesn't matter, truth doesn't matter at all. You know in the article, Caroline Glick even quotes CNN anchor Jake Tapper who quoted a member of the U.S. administration, that Netanyahu needs to decide between the explicit will of his electorate, the people of Israel who elected a right-wing government with people like Smotrich and Ben-Gvir. That he would have to decide between his coalition and them, or the friendship of the United States of America. Ignore your people Israel, ignore your identity, ignore your very essence of who you are and sell yourselves out for us, the friend...it's so...what does that mean? If it isn't clear by now, our good friend, America is demanding our Prime Minister rejects the will of the nation of Israel. The best interests, the very survival of the nation of Israel in exchange for the friendship and support of America. That my friends is not the behavior of a friend, that is the behavior of an enemy. And it reminds me of a story of this girl...I remember this story. I didn't even know if I should share it with you, but it was just so exact. This girl convinced her boyfriend to commit suicide. Watch this video.

(video)



This young woman, responsible for her boyfriend's suicide. Michelle Carter was accused of sending her boyfriend, Conrad Roy, a series of text messages urging him to take his own life. It's time, Babe. You know that, Carter wrote. You gotta do it, you're ready.

Roy responded, "Ok, I will. No more thinking.

Michelle – Yes, no more thinking. You need to just do it. Just park your car and sit there and it will take like, 20 minutes, it's not a big deal.

Ari

It will take like 20 minutes, it's not a big deal. I couldn't help but to think of that when I think about the absolutely difunctionally, sick and twisted relationship that has developed between America and Israel right now. That's what's going on here. From this Press Conference it became clear that America is coming to the table with one very clear demand. That Israel commits suicide. And just like that, all it took was one errant generation and a new Pharaoh has arisen, a Pharaoh that no long knows Joseph.

And so it would be very easy to feel the victim right now, I mean based on everything I've said, it seems that that is the direction I'm going. It would be so easy to point fingers at Chamas and Chezbollah and Iran and the rest of jihadists. Look at these monsters and look at what they did to us. And it would be easy for us to look at America and the West and point out their double standard and hypocrisy. It's so easy, I pretty much did a whole Fellowship doing exactly that. And you know, in a world that seems to champion and reward the victim, victimhood status, everyone is in a mad race to be the greatest and the biggest intersectional victim in every front. It would be totally understandable for Israel to show the world where we're being victimized. But I think that all of us, that this is happening to us to guide us to the realization that what HaShem wants from us is exactly the opposite. To realize that we're not victims. And not only are we not victims, but we need to own the situation that we're in. We need to recognize that the flaws in our character and in our faith have allowed us to create such a dysfunctional, co-dependent, abusive relationship with America. We got to own that. We have to own that. If we were the true nation of Israel, that would never...that would never go. Right? A relationship with America that is so fundamentally toxic, that doesn't happen on its own. It takes both parties to allow for such a relationship to develop. One party lacks the awareness of their inherent value, and the other senses that insecurity and wields it as a weapon to achieve their selfish desires.

Now back to the Torah portion. We're going to wind this down soon. One could ask the question. Why did there need to be ten plagues? Couldn't there have been one massive,

devastating plague? Why the plagues, and the regret, and the obstinance, and the stubbornness, and Pharaoh, and another plague. What's it all about? And I believe the answer is that each plague was necessary, as we've spoken about in the past years, it's really worth listening to past Fellowships about Va'era. But it was necessary to systematically shatter the idols and the delusions. Not only of the Egyptians, but perhaps even more importantly, for the Israelites. For the Jewish people, themselves.

Each plague brought the Israelites closer to one critical, necessary prerequisite for absolute physical redemption. And what was that? What was the one most important achievement Israel had to accomplish in order to merit full physical redemption? We all know the answer. Redemption of the Spirit. Only when Israel removes the chains of psychological subjugation to the Egyptians. Only when we break free of the spiritual chains that have been binding us to the Egyptians for hundreds of years of slavery. That's not easy to break through. Only then were they primed and ready for physical redemption.

Think about it. The first nine plagues didn't demand anything of the Israelites. They simply watched the God of Israel bring the Egyptian super-power to its knees, unraveling their false beliefs one at a time. With the 10<sup>th</sup> plague, well that demanded a great act of trust and faith in HaShem which would ultimately whether they personally would merit to be a part of the redemption from Egypt. Because we know that many Jews died in the plague of darkness. Many Jews didn't merit to leave Egypt. Because as we've discussed before, it took great faith to slaughter that pascal lamb. The lamb, the god of the Egyptians and put its blood on your doorposts. Because if you did, and that redemption that Moshe promised did not happen, well that would mean that you and your family would face certain death at the hands of the Egyptian taskmasters.

HaShem brought about nine plagues all on His own, but in order to truly merit redemption, the Israelites had to act, we had to act and trust in faith and be a part of that 10<sup>th</sup>. And I believe that here in Israel, we're at the same crossroads right now that we were before the 10<sup>th</sup> plague. As a nation, we need to be willing to shatter our illusion of American friendship. And our psychological dependence on America and their support. And instead of putting our hopes in the hands of Joseph Biden, who can't even construct a sentence, we put them exclusively where they should have been since the very beginning. In the Hands of HaShem, that's what the whole world is waiting for. We in Israel need to do our part to restore our self-respect, our independence, our courage, our faith, our strength, and invite the rest of our allies, America included, to meet us there.

We can only do this by internalizing the truth that our survival is not in their hands. That our survival is in the Hands of the Creator of heaven and earth and in the Creator of heaven and earth, in God alone. God alone. Not, well God put America there for us to be able to be supported by them. No. In HaShem's Hands alone. And it's then that we'll realize that America



and our other teetering allies need us far more than we need them. Israel needs to declare to America that we refuse to accept even one more penny of their foreign aid. Keep it. Keep it, it's been insulting since day one. Their foreign aid has already crippled us by making us reliant on their weapons manufacturing, rather than developing our own. And by telling that, that without Israel as their only reliable ally in the Middle East, America would be locked out of the entire region. I feel like America knows this and there's some sort of bluff where they don't want to recognize it or say it out loud, how absolutely reliant they know that they are on Israel. Because it may just wake Israel up.

But by Israel telling America that the only condition in which we would even consider accepting munitions or other weapons is if America reallocates those weapons away from being considered foreign aid and reclassifies them as a military expenditure. As a military expenditure, due to the recognition that we are the tip of the spear in the battle of the global jihad that is coming for them, and that we're an extension of their own military, and that they're getting out of it cheap. Only then, when they recognize that, but you know for those that say, "Well what about the Iron Dome?" We need to make it very clear, we need to make it very clear. We don't need the Iron Dome. As a matter of fact, we'd rather not be burdened with having it. Because from this point onward, any country that dares fire a missile at Israel will face the wrath of the God of Israel. And will never dare to raise a hand to the nation of Israel again.

That we don't need their precision, guided missiles, we don't need them. That's what we should say to them. You don't want us to have your precision-guided missiles, then we'll just use our non-precision guided missiles. We'll just dump it out. It's on you. If they want to dangle those over our head and say you have to commit national suicide and make a deal with Chezbollah, and have a Palestinian state or we're not gonna give you our precision-guided missiles. Keep em. Keep em. We will make use of what we have. And if we have to use our imprecise missiles, then so be it. Any collateral damage is on them.

You know here was actually Prime Minister Netanyahu's address to the nation of Israel and to the world after that Press Conference.



I want to make a few points absolutely clear. Israel has no intention of permanently occupying Gaza or displacing its civilian population. Israel is fighting Hamas terrorists, not the Palestinian population. And we're doing so in full compliance with international law. The IDF is doing its utmost to minimize civilian casualties, while Hamas is doing its utmost to maximize them by using Palestinian civilians as human shields. The IDF urges Palestinian civilians to leave war zones by disseminating leaflets, making phone calls, providing safe-passage corridors. While Hamas prevents Palestinians from



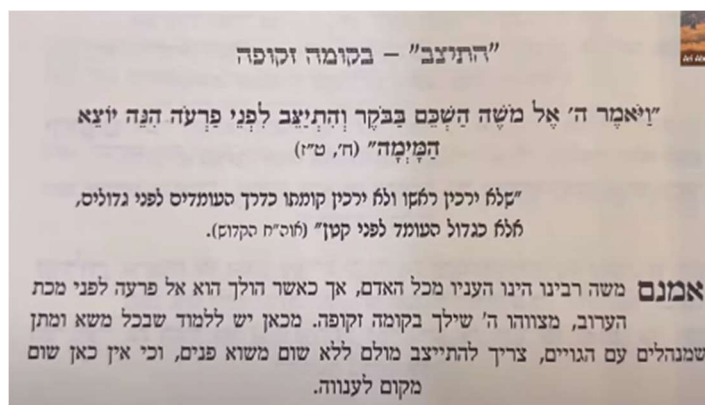
leaving at gun-point. And often with gun fire. Our goal is to rid Gaza of Chamas terrorists and free our hostages. Once this is achieved, Gaza can be demilitarized and deradicalized, thereby creating a possibility for a better future for Israel and Palestinians alike.

Ari

Ok, I mean like what...who is he trying to convince? Who is he talking to? It's so clear that the more we seek to convince the world that we're good, the more we seek to get the world to love us, the more they hate us. They hate us more and more and more the more we seek to get them to love us. Perhaps we just need to stop caring what they think about us and just say, we need to do, as Jeremy said in the beginning, what is right and what is true and what is a direct manifestation and expression of our faith and our trust in the God of Israel. That's what we need to do. Not to do anything good as to prove to the world and to look good in the eyes of the nations. But if we're going to do something good, then it is because it is the good and the right thing to do, not to convince anyone of anything.

And so I look at Benjamin Netanyahu and I'm sure he's a well-intentioned guy, but that's a Jew who is still psychologically subjugated. Those are the words of a leader who I'm sure he's done a lot of good things for Israel. I'm not trying to bash him. But he is not the leader that will reflect the liberation of the spirit that the majority of Jews in Israel are experiencing right now. Every day more and more, and that's what this frustration is about. The whole nation is so frustrated that we're moving and growing exponentially in our faith and our trust and it's simply not being reflected in our leadership. The majority of the nation is there. Our leadership simply is not.

And so I want to share this last little teaching with you before I wind down this Fellowship. It was just such a beautiful teaching. You know I found this teaching from...I couldn't find the source itself, what sefer it was in, but what book it was, but here it is. The teaching quotes chapter 8, verse 15 of the Torah portion, as you see right there on top if you read Hebrew:



What does it say? And HaShem said to Moshe, arise in the morning and stand firm before Pharaoh as he emerges from the water. And so under that, the Orach Chayim, the famous Orach Chayim says that why did he approach Pharaoh where he emerged from the Nile where he clearly went for his morning bathroom stop? He went in the Nile because if he's a god, he

doesn't actually need to do anything like peepee or poopoo. So he would go into the Nile and

do it in there and nobody would see it. So he's on the way out of this whole farce of his very essence, and he's coming up naked from the Nile in a very comprised and vulnerable position.

And so, the Orach Chayim Hakodesh says, "Why did he approach Pharaoh as he emerged from the Nile where he went for his morning bathroom stop? He approached him there in order that he should catch Pharaoh in a compromising position and not, God forbid, as someone stands before royalty or greatness. Rather, Moshe, Moses shall be the royalty and greatness, himself. Standing before smallness and irrelevance, as which Pharaoh is."

And he goes on to say that yes, Moses was more humble than any man. But when he was sent before Pharaoh, HaShem sent him to be strong and upright. And from here we learn that when engaging in negotiations and diplomacy with the goyim, with the nations, we need to stand strong and proud and upright. That in that situation, there's no room for humility. That is simply not the time and the place for it. Even Moses, who was more humble than every man.

Because what is all of this leading us to? All of this, all of the talking and all of the things that are happening in Israel, every single thing as Tehila so beautifully said, this is all leading us to a place to believe, to understand, to infuse in our very essence that HaShem, hu ha'Elohim, is the One and the Only. The One and the Only, we cannot put our trust anywhere else. And I just know that the day is coming soon my friends, where we will not only see a great salvation, but also in the very same moment as that salvation, we will see the redemption. We will understand why we had to go through all of this in an experiential way and HaShem is with us.

And it will become clear, someone wrote about Germany, that they're standing with us. Let's see how things play out. But those who stand with Israel right now, will indeed be blessed in the eyes of HaShem. And the rest of the world, America included, will have judgement to pay. Judgement to pay. That is not saying that Israel, we don't also have judgement to pay for allowing the relationship to go so awry and so dysfunctional because of our lack of faith and our lack of trust in HaShem. We have to work that through also. But that doesn't justify calling the victims of the worst genocide into genocidal terror and calling it the evil that we are seeing so clearly before us, there will be judgement to that.

And all you, my friends, no matter where you find ourselves, where you find yourselves, you are that righteous remnant. You are those sparks of light and goodness and blessing to us. And God will see every single one of you and please, He should protect you and He shall spread His wings of love and protection over you during these difficult days to come. Because if anyone has been a blessing to Israel and the Jewish people and to us personally, it's all of you.

And so may HaShem bless and protect you. May I have the honor of blessing you with the blessing of the High Priest of Israel.

Aaronic blessing (Hebrew)

May HaShem bless and protect you. May He shine His light and His countenance upon you, and may He give you peace. Amen