

Session 87

Pekudei – Preparing for World War 3

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Shalom everybody! Welcome to the Land of Israel Fellowship. It is so good to see all of you. I just love scrolling through all the screens and chatting with everyone and seeing Sri Lanka is here and Cocolalla, Idaho is here and everyone is here. I mean, we got them from everywhere today. I just love that. And you know, it's just, I don't know...does everyone feel like the way I feel? It's been two years dealing with a global pandemic and now we might be spiraling out into WW3. Can we just have like a week of Disneyland? Just like a small break, where we can just sort of breath without going from global disaster to global disaster and earth-shaking realities. Like, can we just have a week where we're just like a Shabbat? Let's call in Shmittah, a year where the whole world just rests. That would be excellent if we could just get the world on board with Shmittah, once every seven years, we deserve a year where we can just relax and breath but clearly that's just not what's meant to be, I guess.

And it's just...I can't tell you how happy I am to see everyone here. It's just like an anchor in my week, it gives me strength and inspiration and to see the new members that have joined our fellowship, just in time. There's just a lot going on, there's like never a dull moment in the world that we live in. And before we start today, so many people have asked, they just want to hear about the farm. They want to hear from the farm, they want to get an update, they just want to be able to taste the magic of the mountains of King David. And so, I just made this short little video this morning, just to somehow transport you away from wherever you might be into the mountains of King David. And just to let you taste what a Judean morning is like here with us. So, just this is a blast into Judea for you.



Good morning. It's Sunday morning, shavua tov, just been out with the sheep for awhile now and it's a really beautiful day. The mountains are green now, finally after the rains and just peaceful and quiet, you can hear the birds chirping, it's like not a problem in the world. On the other hand, I know that Russia has invaded Ukraine and Putin is threatening with nuclear

weapons, tactically, that doesn't sound good. And the whole world is sort of teetering. We just finished a global pandemic...or have we finished it? And now it's like on the verge of WW3 and on the other hand, I blink twice and just in my own little reality here, it's so quiet. It's like on peaceful streams of water, HaShem guides us in this world. And maybe that's the key, that just in our own little worlds, to keep it real, to keep it calm, sort of go on the inside when everything is chaotic on the outside. And maybe that was what King David was talking about. He had all the armies of Israel running after him in these mountains. And maybe this is our chance to sort

of glean from his wisdom and say that a lot of chaos on the outside, but if we have peace on the inside...anyways, I just wanted to give you guys a taste of a Judean morning here in the mountains. And just know that as I'm out here, I'm praying for all of you and just hope that one day that we'll be able to be out here on these mountains together. (end of video)

Ok, anyway, there you go. Just like a quick, the technology, zoom, now we're in Judea, now we're on the Fellowship, connecting to a global community that is growing around the world. It's like, you never know what's going to come up here. But, you know, as I was walking back, I noticed something in the heart of our mountain that I haven't seen for many, many, many, many months. There were no workers working on our Educational Retreat Center. And I looked and it looked like it was finished a few weeks ago, but then the workers kept on coming. There was like stuff that needed to be done that I don't have the eye to even see what needed to be done. So there's constant like work happening. So then on Thursday, they left and then Friday no one works and then Shabbat no one works and today was Sunday. They didn't come back. And I'm like, Wow! Thursday was the last day, I can't help but feel that that was a spice cart, that they completed the outside of our Educational Retreat Center right as we complete the book of Exodus, right as we complete building the Tabernacle this Shabbat. Like, Wow! That wasn't planned, that's just how things unfolded.



So I just took a snapshot of what our center looks like now when it's totally, totally finished. And that's like every stone is set, everything is done, and the outside team is done and I guess soon we're going to start working on the inside with a new team. That's just amazing and you know I was thinking about the dream of this place, you know a center that's going to transform Judea into a global center for spirituality and transcendence and bring people from around the world

to experience Israel in a way that no other place can. A place where people from our fellowship call their home base. You know, one of their spiritual homes in the Land of Israel.

This morning, I read this letter from Natan Sharansky, who wrote about the situation in the Ukraine. And Natan Sharansky, since I was a kid, he was a hero of mine. And he was born in the Ukraine, and at that time, it was a part of the Soviet Union. And he was the most famous Jewish Zionist Refusenik in the world. I mean, he was thrown into the gulag, spent years in prison fighting because he wanted to make Aliyah. He wanted to express himself as a Jew. And he was arrested, he was tortured, he was sent to the gulags, he was put in solitary confinement for months and months at a time where he would play chess against himself in his own mind to sort of keep his sanity. And he went on hunger strikes, he was force fed 35 times, which is also a kind of form of torture.



And his wife, Avital, what a hero. And she led a global campaign for his release and after nine years in prison, Avital, there she is, they eventually released Natan Sharansky. And he made Aliyah to Israel and he wrote one of the best books that I've ever read called "Fear No Evil." It's just absolutely an amazing, inspiring, incredible book. And this is the letter that Natan Sharansky wrote, right now about the situation in

Russia and Ukraine. And it's just really touching. So I'm just going to read it right now.

"When I was growing up in the Ukraine, in Donetsk, there was a lot of nations and nationalities. There were people who had Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian, Kozakhian written on their ID's. It was not so important, there was no big difference. But one thing was important. If it said, "Jew," it was as if you had an illness. We knew nothing about Judaism. There was nothing significant in our Jewish identity other than anti-Semitism and hatred towards us. No one tried to replace the word Russian with the word Ukrainian in his ID card for example to be accepted to a university. It did not matter. But if it said, "Jewish," and you could change it...of course your chances of being accepted were greater. I was reminded of it this week when I saw thousands of people standing at the borders, trying to escape the tragedy in Ukraine. They stand there, day and night and there's only one word that can help them get out of there. Jew. If you are a Jew, there are Jews out there who take care of you. There is someone on the other side of the border who's looking for you. Your chances of leaving are high. The world has turned upside down. When I was a child, Jew was an unusual word for evil. No one envied us. And today, on the Ukrainian border, a Jew is an unusual word for good. It describes people who have a place to go and there's an entire nation which is their family, waiting for them outside." (end of letter)

That's just really beautiful about the connection, just the Jewish people around the world, wherever we are, we're just a family, a faith people that have somehow been scattered and never really lost our connection to each other. And I was looking at this fellowship and thinking about it...people from Sri Lanka and Colorado and Germany and Sweden and Dublin and just like all over the world and it's like our fellowship has created a new opening into the family. It's like an extended family. Like a new network. Like I know, if someone came to a new place and said to someone else in the fellowship, "Hey, I'm a part of the Land of Israel Fellowship, and I'm going to be in your area, can you help me out?" I just know that the doors would open. And that's amazing. Like how much more unity and love we've created in the world, extended this like love that exists. And that's just really beautiful. And who would have imagined that such a thing could have been created as everyone was in isolation and everyone was separated and social distancing and Corona and then out of that, like this amazing unity and togetherness was created in this fellowship that sort of extends beyond what Natan Sharansky was talking about.

And you know, I have friends that have flown to the Ukraine that are there now just helping as many people as they can, setting up field hospitals there and I don't know, there's just something marvelous about people that are connected to the spirit of the Bible. If there's like trouble that's out there, somehow, we feel called to action. And so, with that, this new extended network, I want to just start our fellowship off with a prayer. Because the world needs prayer now big time. And so, maybe just from all around the world we can connect our hearts together, put our minds together, put our prayers together through this Land and direct it upward.

HaShem, Master of the World, here we are again, Your fellowship from around the globe. The world is shaking now. We're looking toward Your Word for guidance, we're looking toward You for guidance. We gather here from across the world, every week. Every week we connect to Your Land, we connect to Your Word, to Your promise and we dedicate this time, our first energies of our week to You. There're so many people suffering now. So much pain now, so much fear around the world now. War is raging on a global scale in a way that we haven't seen for decades. We are praying for peace, we're praying for mercy, we're praying for shalom. Give us our marching orders. What we can do, what we need to prepare for. Connect our learning to our lives. Help us grow into who we need to be when the time comes, that we'll be able to support the people around us. Bless every person in this fellowship. Bless their families, guide us and protect us. May Your Light shine in our lives and may we shine on to everyone around us. Amen.

And so, you know, there were a few moments during this Russian disaster that I felt a few moments of relief, like, "Hey! Finally, the world isn't focused on Israel." It's like a conflict that Israel has no side in. We have no part in it. We have nothing to do with this conflict, it's far away between the borders of Russia and Europe. Finally, Israel can have a break from the headlines. It almost felt uncomfortable. I'm like, "How could Israel not be in the headlines?" Like someone is stealing our thunder here, like what's going on? But it felt sort of good, sort of uncomfortable, but it was like an uncomfortable good. You know, how could there be a global conflict and Israel not be in the middle of. And then Saturday night, I open up my phone and I hear Naftali Bennet, Israel's current Prime Minister, flies to Moscow to meet with Putin for 2 ½ hours. I'm like, "What? How did that happen?" I'm like, oh my goodness, like how did this little country in the Middle East become now the broker of deals between these great nations and powers? It's like Israel can't help itself, but somehow find itself in the middle of it all.

And all the haters of Israel that are within Israel in particular, they're saying for years, "Israel is the pariah, the growing isolationist, Israel is so disassociated from the mainstream in the world." And then you see every major country involved has actually asked Israel to come in the middle of this to mediate. And so the growing isolation narrative is just so false. And it seems more like growing admiration for Israel, not isolation. And you know, I just think that what we have to learn from this is that things can just flip on a dime. It's like, when you're not expecting

it, life can just come and just sideswipe you, flipped upside down. A random Tuesday afternoon, everything comes crashing down. Even if you're not looking for it, you just need to be prepared for it. Because it could happen at any moment. And I feel like in Israel, we feel that a little bit more than most countries. I mean the last time Ari and I were called up to reserve duty, it's like 2014, I remember it. I was drinking a Cappuccino in my office in Jerusalem. And I get a phone call and it says "Tzav Shmoneh." You have an emergency enlistment right now. Drop everything you're doing. You have six hours to get to the emergency pick-up spot. We're going into Gaza.

And I'm like, "Wow, ok!" So I put down my Cappuccino, got home, packed my bags, put my army boots on and then within 24 hours we were suited up, gear on, gun in hand and we were already on our first drill, getting ready to go into Gaza. In that time there were like tunnels that were being dug, we didn't even know what those meant at that time. And you know, it was such a shock to the system because here I am in my air-conditioned office, sipping a Cappuccino and then in no time at all, war breaks out and that's just the way life hits you. And how do you feed 60,000 men that are called up immediately to war? So we have what's kind of like boxed, canned food. You're pretty much eating tuna fish. Tuna fish and beans, that's pretty much what they give you. Tuna fish and beans. So you have tuna fish and beans when you arrive at the base for lunch, and then you have tuna fish and beans for dinner. Then you get some tuna fish and beans for breakfast. The next day you get some more tuna fish and beans and that's what you get for the next dinner and the next breakfast. By day six you actually become a tuna fish! With beans coming out of your ears.

And I was just so spoiled, sipping my Cappuccino in Jerusalem and then all of a sudden...No! You're going to eat tuna fish now for two weeks straight and you're going to be facing the Chamas in a ditch, waiting for them to come out of their tunnels. And it's like, "Wow!" Israel forces us to live with a little bit more flexibility, but the truth is, the comfort of America or the comfort of Europe, things can happen at any moment. And you know, I'm blessed enough to serve in the military and when I did serve, it was with Ari. And he's just obviously such an inspiration. He was kind of like, I don't know what the word is...not the mascot, he wasn't the unit's mascot...everyone just...he made everyone feel happy, excited, inspired, good to be there. Aside from being a sharp-shooter and a good soldier, he was just like the spirit of the unit. Like when Ari was there, everyone was happy. When Ari leaves, everyone's sort of upset that he's not there.

And so, there's always kind of challenges that are ahead, but it's the close relationships that we have – with our families, with our close friends, that that's really the glue that's going to keep us together in these difficult, challenging times. And so, with that, I'm going to introduce the mascot of our unit. I saw his face. He didn't like that. He's like, "I'm a warrior, not a mascot!" And so, anyway, I meant it in the best way possible. Anyway, Ari, I just want to introduce you and hear your perspective on all that's going on.

Ari

I remember being called up and I appreciate you saying, I'm the...what did you say? The mascot of the unit? That's true. But it's also true that I'm a sharp-shooter. But it's not true that I'm that good of a soldier. But I do feel that I made up for it with my love for the nation, for people, for being there. And I feel like we have to get back into that state of mind because you know you could either have fear or desire. And I'm noticing that a lot of people are being crippled in the world by fear. And we need to strengthen our desire and to figure out what that desire is about. And Jeremy, you mentioned that you had a few moments of relief when you were out with the sheep. And relief when you saw that the attention was being distracted from Israel. Well, I had a moment of relief over Shabbat, because I've had a few moments of anxiety. Not a lot of anxiety. War was never something that scared me too much. But for some reason, now that I'm a father, it does scare me more. And when I'm watching these Ukrainian refugees, you know there are Jews that say, they were horrible, the Pogroms, and they're Nazi's and they voluntarily participated in the Holocaust and they're the worst...there's no explanation, no words, no historical context to keep me from crying when I see a mother holding their two-year-old baby, running from Russia. Nothing that can be said can take the pain and the compassion and the empathy away. And so it's difficult to see all of that.

But you know, when I was sitting in synagogue this Shabbat and I was reading this Torah portion, I had a moment of relief. And again, I'm really not...this isn't getting me. It's not like really shaking me too much, but it's a little bit anxiety. There's some anxiety here. Can I see some hands of anyone that feels a little bit more anxious now with what's happening in the world? Ok, so there's a lot of hands going up. A lot of people are feeling it. There's no...you don't need to feel bad about that, because when I was in synagogue yesterday, I found myself reading the portion and you know, we read the Torah portion of Terumah and it details everything that will happen in the building and in the implementation of the Mishkan, of the Tabernacle. And then as we get to Vayakhel and Pekudei, we see that the Tabernacle is actually built. Right? It's completed, exactly as planned.

And there was something that comforted me about that. Because you know, so many people are riddled with this fear and anxiety and despite the fact that the members of this fellowship are among the most faithful people I've ever met in my life, a lot of you have reached out to me and shared your concerns and your anxieties. And many of you have expressed your desire to come here and visit, right? Now that the gates are open. But you're nervous. Some of you said you're nervous about coming here during such an unstable time and others of you are nervous about NOT coming here during these times, which makes a lot of sense to me as well. This feels like the safest place in the world to me. But it seems like nobody really knows what to do. Nobody knows where to go, nobody knows if anywhere is ultimately going to be a shelter of safety in this world that is violently shaking to its foundations.

And so, reading this portion helped me realize the truth that when God speaks, His words do not return empty. Right? His Words do not return void. He has a plan. And regardless if we understand how it will play out, His plan will be fulfilled in fullness and in perfection. And the result of the completion of His plan will be that His Shekinah, His Divine Presence, will rest in the world. That if we think about it, that's what the Tabernacle was. Before the Tabernacle, God bestowed these miracles and gifts and kindnesses upon the nation of Israel, most of which we barely deserved at all. We didn't do much to really deserve it. We were the recipients, whether it was the 10 plagues, the Exodus from Egypt, the manna in the desert. But actually with the Tabernacle...well the Tabernacle was a home that we could build for God. It was something that we were called upon to take part in. Something that we could do for God, so to speak at least.

So, you know, we have these labors and desires and generousities, right? There was generosity. Moshe had to actually come and say, "Enough! You can't give anymore. Hold back your donations." There was such a desire, now that we can actually do something, there was such a desire to give. And we were able to build a dwelling place in the world which God could dwell in. If you think about it, it's like the most massive, unfathomable achievement or ability that we could build a dwelling place in the world that God could dwell in. Because ultimately, that's what we're trying to make the entire world into a Mishkan, into that dwelling place.

And so, we look around and it feels like so much of this is out of our hands. There's Putin and the Ukraine and China and Europe and Syria. And there's so many moving pieces and it doesn't really appear that there's anything that we can do about it. But there is one thing that we can do. We can build the Tabernacle in our own heart. That's something that we can do for God. Right? We can build a dwelling place deep in our hearts which is pure and it's untouched and it's sacred and we can fill that Tabernacle with as much faith as we can muster? Right? In our hearts, we can build this Tabernacle in which the Shekinah can dwell. And if we build this Tabernacle in our hearts, then when the winds within which world history begin to blow with even greater speed and ferocity and we feel it's happening, right? It doesn't feel like this is slowing down at any point, but it is just starting to speed up. And the spirit of war and hatred and inhumanity and godlessness are filling the world...well then we're going to have a Tabernacle in our hearts within which God can dwell and within which we can take refuge.

So I don't know if you feel like this, but it just seems like the world is just a series of smokescreens and distractions, constantly it seems like that. Look over here, there's Corona. And the Canadian truckers and Google and Facebook and Bill Gates and the Russians and Ukraine, and it's like holy cow...like strategic nukes. Could Russia like save those nukes? But what about Corona, weren't we just talking about Corona? That was like everything to us and now, nobody even remembers what Corona even is!

So the mystical writings saw that in the times of Mashiach, the chicken grows as the egg decays, right? The chicken grows as the egg decays and I remember seeing the final hours before Jeremy's adorable little chickens were born. You know, the very chickens that my dog would eventually come to eat for lunch. And before they were born, from the outside, it looked like the shell was thin and tenuous and deteriorating. But the real story is what was happening on the inside, right? A new life was being born. And that's what's happening right now. You know, we're all being distracted. Not just by certain in this world from other things in this world, but being distracted by everything that's happening in this world. From the real story, which is the story of Mashiach and redemption that's being born right now, right? The egg is just starting to shake and something beautiful is being born. We just have to keep that faith and that knowledge that as crazy as things seem to be, we're seeing it from the outside. From the inside, God is bringing redemption and he's bringing salvation.

So I want to bless all of us that we should have Divine help and success to fill ourselves with prayer and with faith and to build that Tabernacle, that holy Tabernacle that we can fill with Shekinah. That will not only be a place in this world that God can dwell in during these times, but that we can take refuge in as well. Because you know, week to week, I don't know the next time that we see each other what the world's going to be like. You know, we don't know what's going to happen. It's like a whole week from now, what's going to be until then? So I want you all to know that Jeremy and I, we're always praying for you. We're praying for you, our families are praying for you, we're with you. Even though we may be across the world, that's only physically. Spiritually we're together. And we are praying for each other and we love each other and HaShem should bless all of you. Shalom, Shalom.

Jeremy

Thank you, Ari. That's really beautiful. I want you all to know that in the back office minds of Ari and Jeremy, not only are we planning eventually this pilgrimage that's going to bring us together in Israel, but we also want to figure out a way to connect all of us on a deeper level here. Some sort of ability to connect everyone, at least those that want to be connected. To be able to communicate. Not just once a week, but to have some sort of platform that's like removed from all the other craziness of this world, but that just brings this fellowship one step closer to a more interwoven reality that will kind of connect Sri Lanka to Cocolalla and kind of bring it all together. And so, I really agree with everything that Ari said. I think that the closer and more tight-knit we are, the better of an example we are of what it is to be in fellowship and what it is to have a faith-base, a community that's here to grow together, to learn together, to pray together. It's just that the more connected we are, the better it will be.

And a lot of the questions that I've gotten...just in the last week, so many people have WhatsApped me and emailed me and it's like, "Jeremy, what do you make of this war? What does the Bible say? What does prophecy say?" I know that some people have actually sent me different ideas of like how they see it written in prophecy. I want to just sort of take a step back

and answer from a biblical perspective how I see things unfolding here. Not necessarily that I know how it's going to go from A to B to C to D, but really how we should relate to the things that are unfolding. Meaning, what does that mean? If we look at the Bible from beginning to end, the first story after the Garden of Eden, is the flood. And then the last story at the very end of the Bible is Gog u'Magog, it's like Armageddon, the War that ends all wars. And so like, that's really important to realize. Those are like the bookends of the Bible. It's like chaos and a flood, chaos and a war. There's going to be something like an upheaval in the beginning and an upheaval in the end and what starts off in Paradise is going to end in a Paradise. But what's going to bring it to us is this upheaval, this chaos. And I really, really want, if there was one lesson that I wanted to teach you in biblical Hebrew, I feel like that's one of the greatest gifts that the Jewish people have to offer the world to people that still haven't yet had the time or the ability to learn biblical Hebrew. Because within the Hebrew language are the secrets of reality.

So the word crisis in Hebrew is mashbar. Can we get that up on the screen?



So mashbar means crisis, but it quite literally in biblical Hebrew, the same word for labor. A woman who's al ha'masbar, she's about to give birth. That's the word mashbar. And the word crisis, something like a World War, a pandemic, someone died, I lost my job. A crisis is a mashbar. It's the same word. Now imagine what that's saying there. It's saying that every single time a crisis hits, know that on the inside, something new is

being born. That was the teaching that Ari was just teaching. That as the chicken grows, the egg decays. That's not just a teaching that the mystics of Israel just said. They're gleaning it from the actual Hebrew. From the language that created reality. So reality is every single crisis is a labor, it's birthing something new.

And so with this pandemic, it birthed something new. I think this fellowship is probably the greatest example in my life of what the pandemic... because without the pandemic, Zoom and all, it just wouldn't have happened. And so, out of that crazy crisis, birthed something new. This global upheaval that's happening now with Ukraine and Russia and what might unfold, be sure it will birth something new. And I'm not saying that the crisis isn't going to be painful and the crisis isn't going to be scary, but after the crisis of the Holocaust, the State of Israel was born, resurrected from the dead. The dry bones and ashes that Ezekiel saw were brought together and then the State of Israel was born. Out of every crisis inherent in the reality of the word that is reality, something is going to be born. Because crisis and labor, mashbar, are literally the same word.

So what does that mean for us about this war? Biblically? Hebrew faith isn't so much about theology. It isn't what you proclaim to believe. It's how you live. Are you being guided in your life? Do you live in a dynamic relationship with God? With yourself? Abraham had no theology. He didn't even know God's name. And I find that really useful. As the father of all nations and the father of all of us spiritually, we don't need to feel like we have it all figured out, that we understand it all. Because there were times in my life that I really felt like I had figured it all out. I had prophecy and eschatology and I realize now...I know just so little. All of us know so little. Isaiah says in chapter 56, my thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways. That's not our game to play. We will never understand it all. We're not supposed to understand it all.

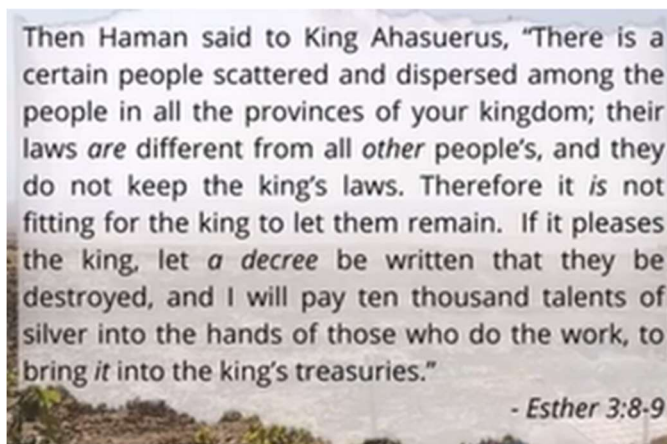
But what we can, we can live in a relationship, we can hear a calling in our lives, we can sense guidance, we can see signs. We can see guidance in our lives. When things happen, how do we see them? Do we see a crisis? Or do we see a labor of something new that's about to be born? Do I know that God is birthing something new here? Because that's what the Hebrew is teaching us. And when reality strikes an unexpected blow, are you able to stay balanced? Are you able to be like Joseph? Are you able to accept reality with hope like Aaron? It's like to believe is to live as if everything that happens is a part of a bigger plan. It's not about what you believe, it's how you live your life. Are you living in a reality when something happens, you know it's all ultimately for the good? It's all happening for the good. There is a plan that's unfolding. And what do we need to do? We need to align ourselves with that plan. Because if you go against that plan, you're probably going to be squashed.

And so, I mean, just an example. All of these Jews are stuck in the Ukraine now. And they're emergency flights that are coming out of the Ukraine, trying to escape the Jews. And I just got a WhatsApp saying that the Ukrainians now, in this crisis, are actually like taking out like all of their vengeance on the Ukrainian Jews that are still there. It's like the anti-Semitism, they can't help themselves, these Ukrainians. It's like the Jews are stuck. But you know, I don't want to say that they made their own bed, but like be aligned with God's will. You should have been in Israel a long time ago. I don't know what you were staying in the Ukraine for. I'm watching these Orthodox Jews with like beards and like hats. I mean, like what are they doing in the Ukraine?

If you want to be like aligned with God's will, that's a good idea, because His plan is going to unfold whether we want it or not. So what we can do in our lives, is do tshuvah, is like realign with like where we need to be and who we need to be and that really is the best strategy to sort of ride the wave because the train has left the station. You want to go and stand in the way on the tracks and try to sort of push the train back, it's not going to work. The sages of Israel teach us, when war strikes, the power of Mashiach is woken up. Every time a war hits the world, it's actually one step closer. It's one step closer to the awakening. And that's what...don't get too lost in the politics. I mean, that's what Ari was saying, there's like smoke

screens everywhere. It's like, I know that Ben Shapiro and Jordan Peterson and other pundits put out content about their political take on the Russia/Ukraine war. And they put out their takes on big pharma and big tech and the global pandemic and what's happening here and Hunter Biden's business in the Ukraine. And there's all this stuff, but like just to put things out on the table, I didn't listen to any of the political pundits. Right now, for me where I'm at, and this is definitely the voice that I want to put out into the world, is I want my focus to be on the power of Mashiach now.

Like what do I mean by that? We're about to celebrate Purim. And you can see in the Megillah what happens. It teaches us the politics and the corruption behind the system also. And you can see it in chapter 3, verses 7 and 8. Haman comes up with this plan and says, "Let's eradicate the Jews. And let's just get rid of them." And so, this is what he does.



And so, here we see like the back door deals. Haman slips Achashverosh ten thousand silvers to then get his decree passed in congress in order that he's able to do then what he wants to do against the Jews. So we see that side of like the dirty politics behind the scenes. But just with all that's going on, you can just get lost in the kind of the smoke screens of the politics behind it.

And what the Megillah is teaching us is like, "no, no, no." The Megillah goes to tell us, "Listen, yeah there's political corruption, but ultimately, HaShem is pulling all of these strings." Any other thoughts that you think, that like Google has any independent power, Putin has any independent power, Hunter Biden has any independent power, no! They are all just servants of the King. They're all unfolding in the way that's meant for us. It's all happening for us. It's not happening to us, it's happening for us. And what do the people of Israel need to do? They needed to unite. The people of Israel needed to unite, they needed to come together, they needed to fast, they needed to do tshuvah.

So, I don't want to lose focus. You know, while all of this is happening on the Ukraine and Russia and the whole world has like shifted our attention from Corona and now we're all talking about the Ukraine, something else is happening. Something else is happening and it's like take our attention away from actual core of what's happening. And so, you know, if we live in rhythm with the biblical holidays and the Torah portion of the week, if you're living in the rhythm of the Bible, then the holiday that's upon us right now is Purim. So right away, you should take your eyes away from Russia and put them for a minute towards Persia. Because that's actually what's really happening. Towards Iran. Iran is ancient Persia. And low and

behold there's this man, who rose up in Iran and he wants to destroy every Jew in Israel from woman to child in one day. It's literally like a quote out of the Bible. And President Joe Biden has shifted away from Trump's kind of hardline against them and Iran is the world's largest sponsor of terror. And right now, America is considering providing sanctions relief to Iran. That means that President Biden will be releasing 50 billion dollars immediately to Iran. And then another ten billion dollars a year through oil and gas. And all of this while they are producing nuclear warheads. Wow! Ok, there's like some skirmish happening between Russia and the Ukraine, but I just want you to know that Iran, with nuclear bombs is a bigger threat to the free world than what's happening in the Ukraine now. But no one is talking about that now. Our attention has been totally shifted to another topic.

And this Persian leader, with his death wish for Israel, and they chant, "First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people. First Israel, and then America." And what's happening, you're never going to hear this in the Western media and that's why I want to share it with you today on the fellowship. I want to introduce to you Dr. Mordecai Kedar. And he is one of the world's experts in the Arab/Islamic world. He served for 25 years in the IDF military intelligence where he specialized in Islamic groups, political discourse, Arab countries, the Arabic press and mass media. He speaks several dialects of Arabic, English and Hebrew. And he's one of the most respected voices in Israel concerning the Arab world today. I want you to watch what he's saying is happening in Iran right now because Iran, we know so little because none of us speak Farsi, and we don't know really what's happening on that side of the world. The press doesn't really talk about it. But the situation in Iran is not simple. But it seems that the very last holiday of the Bible, where God's name is not mentioned, is somewhat of a blueprint for us to know that when God cannot be seen, keep your eyes back on Persia, because that's where the final redemption may come from. And so, this is just a short video that we got permission to use from Dr. Mordecai Kedar and it's in English so you can understand a little bit more about what might just happen in Iran and it's not all bad. Check this out.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVDuKhhg_8o (Dr. Mordecai Kedar)



Ladies and Gentlemen, people talk about the Iranian people or the Iranian nation. Well, I have news for those. There is no Iranian nation. There is no one group which defines itself as Iranian nation. There are Iranian citizens, definitely, citizens of the state of Iran, but ethnically, there is no Iranian nation. So what is there? There are many ethnic groups which live in Iran. Persians, who are not even half of the population, less than half of the population of Iran. And they are the Hegemonic group of Iran. But there are many others.

There are Balochi people who are not Persians. Iranians yes, but they are not Persians. They live in the southeast of Iran. There are Azeris and more or less the people of Azerbaijan, which was once part of the Soviet Union, but today is an independent country since 30 years. There

are Kurds who are the continuation of the Kurds of Iraq, Syria and Turkey. There are Turkmens who are the continuation of Turkmenistan which also was once part of the Soviet Union, and today it is an independent country. Yet, the Bartels who are under Iranian rule are in Iran, but they are Turkmens. And there are Arabs who live in the Ahwaz district of Iran which is overlooking the Persian Gulf from north and east. And by the way, all the, or most of the oil and the gas, which the Iranians own, are coming from under the feet of those Arabs who live in this district of Ahwaz. And there are many more. Qashqai's and Luri's and Caspian's, and Mazanderani's and Gilaki's and many more groups which I believe, many of you have never heard about.

Recently, people from the minorities of Iran, which actually are more than half all together. All together are more than half of the population. Today they decided to demand freedom. Means they want to depart from the Iranian State. They want independence, just like what happened with the Soviet Union, as you know which was fragmented to 15 countries - Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, ok, all these ethnic states which emerged from the ruins of the Soviet Union. The same thing for Yugoslavia which was also fragmented to some states, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, and so forth. Those minorities in Iran, today want the same thing. That Iran will be divided to ethnic states and each and every one of these minorities wants independence and freedom and to establish its own state within the borders of their district. And this is a new thing and actually the representatives or leaders of these minorities decided to start the rebellion against the country, not against only the regime, the mullah regime. They want to depart from the whole country. They want to start their rebellion in March 16, 2022. Means some 90 something days from today. And now they are organizing their rebellion because they are more than sure or they hope that if all of them will rebel against the State in one day, they will succeed to topple the State and to fragment the Iranian State to ethnic states which will be independent.

Ladies and gentlemen, whoever supports freedom, human rights, because they are oppressed, heavily oppressed by the Persians. They are hung up with cranes in the streets, they are impoverished, they are oppressed heavily by the central regime of the Persians. And they want independence because of the oppression. Whoever supports human rights, political freedoms, should support those ethnic groups in Iran who want to depart from the State and to establish their own ethnic States. Please support them. They need the world's support against the Mullah regime which wants to continue to oppress them as they do for many years. Thank you so much and 16th of March, wait for this date. (end of video)

Jeremy

Ok, so what I want to point out just for those that are paying attention, because Dr. Kedar said this, I don't know, three months ago. The 16th of March is Purim. That is when the holiday falls out. Now he didn't explain, because he had a much longer video in Hebrew that the 16th of March just so happens to be a national holiday in Iran that's roots are in the Zoroastrian

idolatrous religion that worships the fire on that day. And everyone goes out into the street and lights bonfires. As they do in Israel on Lag B'Omer, it's kind of like a national holiday where everyone is in the streets making fires. And so they said, that will be a great day for everyone's firing it up. That's going to be the day that all of these ethnic groups that are the majority of the people in Iran are gonna rise up and try to overthrow the Iranian regime.

Now imagine what's happening here. All of this is happening right now. Russia and the Ukraine...and then slowly but surely there's this Iran deal that doesn't really make the headlines as much, that's literally going to create Iran as the nuclear superpower that will threaten the very existence of Israel. They say it quite clearly. As soon as they have nuclear bombs, they're just going to press the button and try to destroy Israel. Immediately. And if it causes a world war, that's the theology that they believe in. They believe that they were sent to usher in the final war that will bring in their messiah. And so, they're just waiting for this to happen.

And if you're like in Israel's position, you're like, "Whoa, what's happening now?" Our government is not really doing much because Prime Minister Netanyahu is no longer at the helm. The world is obsessed right now with Corona and now with Russia and Ukraine and now Biden is taking away the sanctions from Iran, giving them 50 billion dollars. They're going to have a nuclear bomb soon! And then, who knows, in one moment the world can flip upside down on March 16th. And something that the world doesn't even know about because what's happening on social media in these different Arab dialects, we could never read. If we didn't have Dr. Mordecai Kedar, we would have never even known about it. Now what could really happen here is that in one moment, Russia in Hebrew...the word Russia literally means evil. That's kind of interesting. This communist reality that sort of destroyed millions of people. Many, many more people were killed by Stalin than killed by Hitler. And in two doses, Russia and Iran may just come down at the end of this shaking up that's happening here.

And so, get ready, because the world is going to get interesting. And if you haven't gotten it yet, it's like wake-up call after wake-up call. Don't be asleep. Don't watch Netflix. Don't just get zombified into the next basketball game or football game. Wake up because literally, the egg is cracking, the chicken is being born, something new out of this crisis is being born and what's the take away for us from all of this? I think it's really simple. All of this is of the Bible. Now all of prophecy is left very obscure because there's a lot of free will. There's like a natural dance that's unfolding. How we choose, and what will be and how it will unfold. But to know that this disaster, this crisis is going to birth something new is a part of the process.

And so where does that leave us? For me? I'm going to go home and I'm going to give Tehila a bear hug. That's really my solution. Just a bear hug. I'm going to put all of my kids to bed and kiss them good-night even if they're already asleep. A flood is coming and it's going to shake the world up. And I don't know exactly how it's going to affect us, but Noah walked with God. And he had his family in order. Those are two basic instructions that every single believer has

to get good with. First, walk with God. That means first and foremost, be loving and good, build my base. Our families are our base. The world will never encourage you to strengthen your base. Buy a new TV, get a new car, get a promotion, work hard at your job. Yeah, but it's not easy to break away from the norm. Focus on what really matters. Focus on your base. I think this is a true statement. If you do what is easy, life will be hard. If you do what is hard, life will be easy. And so, your family needs to be your top priority, not only in thought, but in hugs. Like take the time and hug the people that are closest to you. Love them, express it out loud and build the base and walk with God, straighten things up, stay true, distance yourself from lies.

You know, if you run into a jerk in the morning, so you ran into a jerk. If you run into jerks all day long, you might consider that you're being a jerk. Someone said that and I thought that that was really true. It was like, ok, just check yourself. Maybe you're just in a bad mood and everyone's annoying you, but maybe you're the guy that's being that. And so, get good with God, get straight. And then, build your base. Because you don't know what's going to unfold.

But I think with our eyes directed where the Bible guides us, out of this crisis, you can really see that something beautiful is coming. A new era. This could be a war that will end all wars. And it could be that Iran, which is the largest sponsor of terror in the world. And as it looks like they're rising to power right now and the king has given Haman his ring. Joe Biden has literally giving the ring to Iran to do as they please. It could be that on the 16th of March, the day of Purim, everything will be upside down. And we will be so close to world peace, it will be beyond measure.

And so, love your family, love God, love life because it's a gift. And so, keep your eyes toward Zion and focus on our families and know, until then, that you are blessed from Zion. Of course, all of you can write us, email us, prayers, I love hearing from every single one of you. Sometimes people write me like, "Oh Jeremy, I don't mean to bother you." That's impossible. Every WhatsApp is a blessing. Every email is a blessing. It is never a bother. We love, love, love to hear from you. I also wanted you to know that I am still planning for the world to continue to function. I know that Ari is probably dancing around the mountains now blowing the shofar declaring Mashiach is coming! And that might happen. But even if he does come, the world will still function. And so, I'm already planning that we're going to be coming, hopefully my family, we're going to hopefully be coming to the United States, I don't exactly know when. And then after that, we're planning on bringing people here to Israel. We want to just keep our eye on the prize. We have something beautiful in this fellowship and we're going to continue to nurture it and to grow it and to love on it and let it set an example of instead of warring between people, look at how many people we've brought together from different faith walks and different beliefs and different nationalities and different languages. We are blessed to be an example of what it is to be a believer, what it is to be a son and daughter of God. And so

know that in that, you are absolutely blessed from Zion and thank you for joining us. I love seeing your faces.

Aaronic blessing (Hebrew)