

THE PROPHETIC MIND-MELTING CONNECTION BETWEEN ANCIENT JUDGES AND THE CURRENT WAR IN ISRAEL

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This one I've been waiting for, for a very long time, months I've been preparing for this sermon. I've had the honor of preaching and teaching for more than 30 years. And every week I get excited and I'm, I'm very motivated to teach God's word. And then every once in a while it feels like there is an intersection of the word of God and what's going in the world that God rules over. And it's this prophetic timing and this perfect known anointing and this opportunity to open God's word and to unlock what's going on in the world. And I believe this is that day. So I've been praying for you. I'm very excited and honored to be with you. And uh, I've titled this one, the Prophetic Mind Melting Connection between Ancient Judges and the Current War in Israel. And, uh, you can tell me in about an hour or so if we've achieved that objective. But, uh, what I wanna say is this, we're gonna be studying the life of Gideon Judges six, seven, and eight. And you can start to read ahead in your Bible next week. Uh, we'll jump right in and look verse by verse, uh, at his life. But this is gonna be the introduction and overview. As I was studying uh, many months ago, I got down a rabbit trail and came up with a lot of insight that I need to share to sort of set the historical backdrop. So what we're gonna do, we're gonna go from Abraham to Armageddon. That's what we're gonna do. We're gonna go from Genesis to Revelation and give you context for the war behind the wars in the Book of Judges. And for those of you who are new, I've had the honor of preaching and teaching God's word for more than 30 years. And what I find is as I lay out my sermon schedule, God who knows the future, prepares me to preach at the exact time, in the exact place that would be fitting for God's people to understand what's going on. So I put together my preaching schedule about a year in advance. So right now I've got basically all of 2024 outlining. I'm working on 2025 and I never know what the future is gonna hold, but God does. And what I find is, is if you pray and you listen, the Holy Spirit can reveal to you what you need to be preparing for. And then suddenly something happens that shows that the Lord was preparing you for that very moment. Amen. And so what we're dealing with in the Book of Judges, it is a course of 300 years of human history. And it is a series in succession of wars in Israel. I picked this sermon series more than a year ago before there was war in Israel. Didn't know there would be a war in Israel, but God did. It's the first war in Israel in 50 years. Could have not anticipated that. And what happened on October 7th, 2023, a Palestinian terrorist organization called Hamas, uh, backed in, supported by Iran, they invaded Israel. They attacked women, children, and innocent civilians. And it was a demonic act of terrorism and was spiritual warfare. Uh, the, the men who were taking drugs and likely demon possessed, they were shouting Allah Akbar, which means our God is great or it can mean our God is greater. And we know that the Lord of Israel is the Lord Jesus Christ. And this was a demonic declaration of a spiritual war. The media has gotten a little more silent on this war, but there are still people being held captive and there is still war in Israel. And what is curious about this is that the war hit October 7th, 2023 when I was in First and Second Thessalonians, a book in the New Testament. We hit chapters four and five, which is on the second coming of Jesus. And it talks about birth pains. And there it's echoing the language of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that as we near the end of human history and the war of Armageddon where the nations turn against Israel, that ultimately it would be like birth pains, they would increase with frequency and intensity as the coming of Jesus was drawing near. While all of that culminated in, uh, the most popular sermon I've had the honor of preaching in more than 30 years, what I wanna do in this sermon, I wanna go deeper. I wanna go to another level of prophetic insight and I wanna take some of those themes and threads and I want to then pull them through the Book of Judges and then into our modern world. If you think about it, uh, pray for me as we jump into this. In addition, many of you're gonna need to hear this sermon a few times because there's gonna be so much content and

depth. Uh, in addition, I've got two free resources to help you, an ebook war in Israel that explains everything that's going, going on right now in the Middle East. And also a study guide on the book of, uh, judges and particularly on Gideon. And so you can grab those, they're free. I'd be glad to get them to you. And if you're a note taker, uh, you can just listen and that'll help you prepare. That being said, let me, let me pray. And I don't think this is gonna be a normal or typical sermon and if I can do it once, I'm gonna go home and use the video. 'cause I don't think I can do it twice. But there are some things that I wanna share with you that I don't think I've heard anywhere else, but I think I heard them from the spirit of God. So Holy Spirit, we invite you to be Lord over our time together and I ask that you would anoint me as your servant to love and to lead your people. God, for those who give me the honor of being their pastor, uh, may I, may I feed well today? And uh, and Lord for those who join us online, thank you for the opportunity that they give me and us to help them understand God's word. And Lord, we pray against the enemy whose servants their works and effects. We rebuke the Hamas spirit in Jesus name and we ask for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our time together. Amen. So what we're gonna do, we're gonna look at the nation of Israel. We're gonna look at Old Testament Jewish scriptures that emanate from and reveal the future of the nation of Israel. And when it comes to the ancient nation of Israel, uh, it's not a big place today. The nation of Israel is about the size and population of New Jersey. So to think of this being the fulcrum of world history and global events is pretty shocking. And I wanna start, uh, by talking about a spiritual war that is behind the physical wars that have occurred from the beginning to the end of time in the nation of Israel. And I'm gonna start in the book of Genesis and I wanna introduce you to something if you're not familiar with it, uh, that I will call the Hamas spirit. And what we know is that Hamas is both a Palestinian terror organization and a word in the Hebrew scriptures. First, the Hama spirit first appears in the days of Noah. We're going back 4,000 years into history. And here's what Genesis six 11 says. Now, the earth was corrupt in God's sight. If you think of this in comparison, it tells us in judges 21, 25, that everyone did what was right in their own eyes. And here what it says is that you need to do what's right in God's eyes. And so what was happening here was the same thing that we're seeing in judges. Everyone wa was doing what was right in their own eyes. No one was doing what was right in God's eyes. Uh, now the earth was corrupt in God's sight or God's eyes and the earth was filled also an ancient word that can be possessed like demon possessed with violence. The original Hebrew word Hamas. Hamas. So Hamas is a demonic spirit. Hamas in Arabic means zeal. It's a Palestinian anachronism for the Islamic resistance movement here in the Hebrew it means violence. Various English translations of this Hebrew word Hamas, we'll use the word violence, iniquity, wickedness, cruelty, lawlessness, and rodden to the core. It's evil. That word fulfilled or possessed in Genesis six is similar to the word in the New Testament, that someone was filled with a Holy Spirit or possessed by a demon. It means that the whole world, all the systems, everyone and everything, politics, education, entertainment from top to bottom was all filled, controlled by, possessed by a demonic spirit called Hamas. True or false, in the days in which we live, it feels like our world is filled with Hamas and that's possessed by Hamas and that it's governed by this demonic spirit of Hamas. Well, in response, God rose up a man named Noah and his family. Instead of the Hamas spirit, they had the Holy Spirit and Noah preached and no one was saved except for his family. They then go into an arc. God shuts the door, floods the earth, kills everyone who has Hamas. Those with the Hamas spirit all die in judgment. Those with the Holy Spirit live in deliverance. It's a little picture of what Jesus does for us. And I just wanna say this as well, Noah faithfully preached, but the only people that were saved were members of his family. Let me say this ministry needs to start at

home. It is just a day when too many pastors, too many leaders, too many missionaries are trying to save the world and they don't start with their family. If you really wanna make a difference in this world, start with your family, start with your spouse, start with your kids, start with your grandkids. And at the end of the day, Noah didn't see anyone saved except for his family. And what I would tell you is this, you may not save the world, but you don't wanna lose your family. That's right. And so what God does, God delivers and saves this family. Now what's curious is after the flood, everyone with a Hama spirit is dead. Yet it's not long after that the Bible starts speaking of other people, groups that have the Hama spirit. I'll give three examples to you. And all of this is in the study guide. Uh, number one, this includes the Chaldeans and Babylonians and Jeremiah 31 5, the mites in Judges 9 34 and the Egyptians in Joel three 19. We'll look at a few of those scriptures in a little bit. The question is, well, if people are filled or possessed by the demonic, counterfeit Hamas spirit and being filled with Hamas is the counterfeit of being filled with the spirit, then when all of those people die, how come another group of people arises after the flood that has the Hama spirit? It's because people die. But demons don't you And I inhabit a physical body, a demon does not. So a demon can work in and through, um, a person. When that person dies, that spirit doesn't die. That spirit leaves them and waits for another body to occupy. And so what happens is when you start seeing the same behavior in different people, nations and generations know that it is the same spirit that's at work behind the scenes. That being said, the story then moves forward and God has another plan for the people. And that is that he is going to establish something called the Abrahamic covenant. He moves from Noah to Abraham and he calls this man Abraham to leave his mother and father, his father was a pagan to move to a nation he had not been and just trust in faith that God would provide for him. And so God's answer to a fallen curse sinful world is a covenant of love and grace that comes in and through a man named Abraham. So this brings us to the Abrahamic covenant. And the Abrahamic covenant is really, if I had to summarize it, it's three things. It's land, it's lineage, and the Lord land. You're gonna get a piece of real estate. It's called the Promised Land. Thousands of times in the Bible today we know it is the nation of Israel. In addition, on that land would come a lineage, that it would be occupied by Abraham's descendants. And that through them would come the Lord, the Lord Jesus would come from the line of Abraham and he would come from the land of promise. So all of this is 4,000 years ago. And we read of this in Genesis 12 and 15 and 16. And I'll summarize it for you. Genesis 12, God shows up, says, Abraham, you belong to me. Now you're gonna leave your parents and your family, you're gonna take your wife, you're gonna move to another nation. You're gonna trust me. I'm gonna bless you. What happens next in Genesis 15, God establishes the Abrahamic covenant. And what he tells him is, I'm gonna give you land. I'm gonna give you lineage. Though your wife is barren, I'm gonna give you a son. And through your luck, through rather your lineage in this land will come the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God and the son of Abraham. And the blessing, not just to that nation, but all the nations of the earth. You need to know that the center of all of the Bible and prophecy is Jesus Christ. What happens then is in Genesis 16, Abraham and his wife Sarah because she's barren and they're advanced in years and they're unable to conceive, Sarah comes up with a terrible plan. Why don't you take a second wife? Okay ladies, we all agree this is a terrible idea, right? Right. So what she says is, take Hagar the unbelieving Egyptian maid servant, marry her, consummate the covenant, impregnate her, she will give you a son. That son will be the heir. And now we don't need God to do something supernatural. We can do something natural. We don't need God to give us a child. We can make one ourselves through polygamy. And now what we're seeing in our day, I believe it is also, uh, demonic in our day, this push toward polygamy. And and what we're seeing is an

absolute cultural push toward polygamy and against heterosexual monogamous marriages. God intends, well, Abraham, uh, does what he should not do. He marries Hagar, she's Egyptian, not not someone he's supposed to marry. She worships a different God and they have a Sunday Ishmael. Well then by Genesis 21, Sarah, his first wife, God allows her to conceive. She gets pregnant. She has a son names him Isaac, which means laughter. 'cause God always gets the last laugh. So now you've got a very elderly barren woman with a child named laughter. Now the problem is this. Tell me if you can see the problem. You've got one covenant and two sons. You got one covenant and two wives. Both wives are going to be advocating that their son be the promised son who gets the covenant promise. Now Abraham has to choose one and reject the other. This becomes a father wound. And this becomes a demonic root of bitterness that continues to this very day. And so what God instructs him to do is to be loyal to Sarah. And then Sarah determines that she will send Hagar and ultimately, um, Ishmael away. That is the beginning of bitterness that continues every day on planet earth for 4,000 years to our present day. And so then the story moves forward. Uh, the Hama spirit was in the home of Abraham. The Hama spirit was in the home of Abraham. I'll prove it to you. Genesis 16, five. Sarah said to Abram, may the wrong Hamas, may the Hamas done to me beyond you. I gave my servant Hagar to you, to your embrace. And when she saw that she had conceived Ishmael, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me. When Abraham and Sarah brought Hagar into the home, they brought the Hamas spirit with them. You need to know this. When you bring people into your home or your life or your family, sometimes they bring a spirit with them. And what happens is they bring Hagar into the home. And then Sarah says, I can no longer live with that woman. She's brought Hamas into our home. And the son Ishmael, he is one who demonstrates the spirit of Hamas. Genesis 1612. It was set of Ishmael that he would be a wild donkey of a man. His hand against everyone in everyone's hand against him. It was his descendants, the Palestinians who invaded Israel. October 7th, 2023, 4,000 years later, polygamy is still a family feud that is erupted into a geopolitical conflict. In addition, Ishmael goes on to have 12 sons like the 12 tribes of Israel. And those tribes become nations that surround Israel. So when you see in the book of Judges and the rest of the Old Testament all the way up to the final battles of Goggin Mago at the end of time and the battle of Armageddon that usher's in the second coming of Jesus, all of these nations that are surrounding Israel, attacking and invading, they are descendants from this polygamy. In addition, God blesses both, uh, Isaac and Ishmael. He gives them land. He is good to them. They have sons and they have heirs. But ultimately what happens is these two wives and these two sons, there is this now spiritual battle over the Abrahamic covenant who gets the land, right, whose lineage gets the blessing and from which line will come the Lord. And this sets up a geopolitical war that is a spiritual war. And the Bible says that our war is not just against flesh and blood, but powers, principalities and spirits. So as we look at geopolitical conflict and wars in our world, behind it all is a spiritual battle between the Holy Spirit and the Hama spirit. This war will continue until the Lord Jesus Christ returns. So let me make this very practical. Do not bring Hamas into your home. That's what Sarah and Abraham did. And if there's someone that wants to commit adultery or worships another God or just wants you to live and sleep with them, you need to know that that is the beginning of bringing Hamas into your home. And so what Sarah says is we have to cast out that woman and her son in the same way you would cast out a demon. You can't have the Holy Spirit and the Spirit living under the same roof. Fast forward you go from the book of Genesis to the next book of the Bible, the Book of Exodus. And I wanna talk about the Hama spirit in the days of Moses. Now we're going from 4,000 years ago to 3,400 years ago. And how the same thing happens in

the days of Jesus 1,400 years later after the days of Moses. Lemme just say this about God. He's not bigger than you think. He's bigger than you can think. Amen. Not only is he Lord over your life, he's Lord over everything. And everyone that's and over all of human history is a sovereign hand of a good God. And you and I, we tend to think that somehow history as we know it, and the future as we see it, is out of control. It's not. It's controlled by one who has a plan and he happens to be our father. Let me read this to you, Genesis 15, 13 through 16. The Lord said to Abram, what I wanna deal with here, this is a prophecy, a verbal process. A little bit about 20 to 25% of your Bible is prophetic in nature. Meaning that God, the Holy Spirit who knows the future rules the future, revealed the future to prepare his people for the future. Here's what it says. The Lord said to Abram, no for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs. I'm gonna give you the promised land. You're gonna leave the promised land for a little while and will be servants there, literally slaves. And they will be afflicted for 400 years. God tells them, you're going to be in another country of slaves for 400 years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve. And afterwards they shall come out with great possession. I'm going to deliver you and you will plunder them. And when you leave, you'll leave with a lot of spoil of war. They use this to make the golden calf in the desert. By the way, if you've ever wondered how did slaves get enough gold to create a golden calf? It's because they plundered their enemies upon their exit. God promised this, and they shall come back here in the fourth generation. So 400 years. So here's what God promised Abraham. I promise you the land, but not right away. Your family is going to sojourn for 400 years in another land. You are, you're going to be enslaved there. Then I'm going to supernaturally deliver you and you're going to plunder them and bring the wealth back home. Eventually the covenant will be satisfied. You will get the land and it will be for those who are of your lineage. And I am your Lord. This promised and prophesied in advance the entire book of Exodus. God fulfilled all of his covenantal and prophetic promises. And so God's people, they go into Israel, they go from Israel into Egypt because there's a famine in the days of Joseph. They are welcome. And then eventually the political leadership, after a few turnings of Pharaohs, which is their senior leader, turns against God's people. He enslaves and abuses them. It's a demonic counterfeit of the kingdom of God. So God delivers them supernaturally with a succession of miracles that are the greatest of any recorded period in biblical history. God delivers them and then God sets them out into the wilderness where they wander for 40 years. That generation with Moses dies. The next generation with Joshua and Kayla raises up to lead them into the promised land as soon as they get into the promised land. That's the book of judges. They don't yet have a king, so they need leaders. So God raises up temporary leaders called judges. That's where we get the book of judges. That being said, looking back on God's deliverance of his people from slavery and bondage in Egypt, there is commentary later in the prophet Joel. And what we see here is not just the historical events, but the prophetic significance behind the historical events. Here's what God says actually happened many years after the fact in Joel three 19 Egypt. That's where God's children were housed as slaves shall become a desolation and edem a desolate wilderness. That's judgment for the violence. What's the word mean? Hamas. Hamas done to the people of Judah, God's people because they have shed innocent blood in their land. There's two nations mentioned here that God is going to judge. Number one is Egypt. If you'll remember, Hagar was Egyptian and Hamas attacked Jewish baby boys to destroy them before one could raise up to be the deliverer and savior of Israel. The same thing happened October 7th, 2023. Those with Hama spirit invaded and slaughtered not just soldiers but civilians, not just women but children. Children. That's the Hama spirit. The second nation that is judged is edem. The Arabs in our

present day, they descend from Ishmael. So Abraham had two wives, two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. The Jewish people come from Isaac, the Arabs come from Ishmael. The war today between the Jews and the Arabs. It goes all the way back to Abraham having in his home the Hama spirit and the Holy Spirit. I, I just feel inclined to say this, we live in a day when people will say things like, we're consenting adults, we're having sex. We're we, you know, we want an open marriage and we wanna do polygamy. We're living and sleeping together. We're not hurting anybody. That's what Abraham would've said. We're just gonna do a non-traditional lifestyle. What's the harm? My wife's okay with it. We're consenting adults 4,000 years later. We still have geopolitical conflict and war. We have terrorist activity and no sense of peace. See if, if, if you don't think that your life and your decisions have consequences, you're not paying attention to the scriptures. In addition, the Edomites who are here called out by God in Joel three 19, uh, they are descendants of Esau. So Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. Isaac then has two sons, Jacob and Esau, the Edomites that are here condemned in Joel three 19. They're descendants ultimately of Esau. This is just a family feud. This is where many of us who are Western and American, we show up with this conflict and we're like, can't you hug it out? No, this is a family feud that goes all the way back to a Hamas spirit and a Holy Spirit in the home of Abraham. And it's a fight over the Abrahamic covenant. And so what it says is the Egyptians and the MTEs are guilty of what? Hamas. You know that the Hamas spirit is present when soldiers attack children, when men attack babies. It's probably the Hamas spirit that's at work in the culture of abortion in our own day. But what happens is the Hama spirit works through the Edomites and the Egyptians in the days of Moses to kill the baby boys who are Jewish before they can rise up and before one of them becomes the deliverer and Savior. His name is Moses and he's a type or foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. Now here's another level of mind, Mel. 1,400 years later, another king does the same thing as Pharaoh. He hears that there's going to be a Hebrew Jewish savior, deliverer born and it's a boy. So he sends forth a decree for the soldiers to do what slaughter the baby boys to. And under Jesus' family fleas and his life is spared. He's trying to kill Jesus before he can grow up, live without sin and die for the sin of the world and rises the savior of the world. Herod the king 2000 years after Moses is a descendant of Esau. His father Aner is aite. The same people that tried to destroy the Hebrew baby boys in the days of Moses were the same people group possessed by the same Hamas spirit 2000 years later who seek to destroy the Hebrew baby boys and to kill Jesus before he can rise up as the greater Moses. I've been studying the Bible since I got saved at the age of 19. I've been teaching it for 30 years. It's deeper than I even imagined. It has more insight and wisdom than I think, than the human mind can even conceive of. Um, my honor, in recent years in studying the word of God, I I've always loved and believed the word of God. But my awe for the word of God is at a level that I'll be honest with you lately, when I'm studying I sometimes just stop and cry and I feel like I'm in shock. Let me summarize some of this. Let me look at ancient wars between the Holy Spirit and the Hama Spirit. Isaac, father of the Jews conflict with Ishmael, father of the Arabs 3,800 years ago. Genesis 16 through 21 in the days of judges. And we will be in judges six, seven, and eight verse by verse starting next week. This is my introduction 'cause I have too much to share. But in judges, it's the Jewish people versus the surrounding nations. And it is 300 years of war. About 3000 years ago, recorded in the book of judges, many of the nations that they're fighting against. Deborah leads a war. We looked at that. Gideon leads of war, we will look at that. And Samson goes to war all by himself. We'll look at that at the end. But the Arab nations who are at war against Israel, in the book of of judges, they descend from Ishmael, Abraham's son through his second wife, Hagar, the other nations descend from Midian, that's Abraham's son through his third wife Couture. So he married

Sarah and then Hagar, he cast out Hagar, Sarah died. He married Couture, his two sons who are not the covenant promised sons. They become the tribes that become the nations that surround Israel attack and invade it. That's why nine times in the book of judges, it mentions the Midianites. And 22 times it says Midian. For those who are Hebrew, they would've realized that's the other side of the family. And if you've got a broken, dysfunctional, conflicted family, this is a family at war that leads to nations at war. This leads to, um, Gideon and the Jews against the Ishmaelites and the Arabs. You'll see that war in judges six through eight, 3000 years ago. And judges 8 24. When we get to the Battle of Gideon, it says that they were fighting against quote the Ishmaelites from Abraham and his, his second wife Hagar. So let me, you still with me? Okay, it's a lot, right? Lemme go deeper. So I was sitting in my house and I was working on the sermon. This was many months ago. This was actually before the war in Israel. I didn't, I didn't know that the war in judges would be playing out today. This is God's prophetic timing. So I'm working on Gideon and I'll be honest with you, I didn't know a lot about the book of judges. I'll just be honest with you. I still don't know a lot about Leviticus. So they're like, there's still parts I'm working on, right? Still parts I'm working on. So I'm studying Gideon judges six, seven, and eight and I'm working on eight. And I felt the Holy Spirit say, you need to look at chapter nine. I was like, okay, but that's not Gideon dies in chapter eight. I'm preaching on Gideon. Like, well, he dies, you know, holy spirit's like look at chapter nine of judge. So I flipped the chapter nine. Here's what I read. In addition to all of these wars between the Hama spirit and the Holy Spirit, it shows up after Gideon dies. Gideon is filled with the Holy Spirit, goes to war and wins, and then he dies. And then his son gets filled with a Hama spirit and goes to war against God's people. Judges nine, uh, eek versus his brothers judges 9 22 through 24. Eek. That's one of Gideon's sons, I'll explain this in a moment. Ruled over Israel three years. And God sent an evil spirits a demon between Abbe and the leaders of Shechem. And the leaders of Shechem dealt treally with the bialek that the violence, what's the word ha, Hamas done to the 70 sons of Abel. We call him Gideon. His dad called him Abel. So that's, that's his dad's name for him might come and their blood be laid on a bialek, their brother who killed them. And on the men of Shaham who strengthened his hand to kill his brothers. Here's the story. Um, God told them, I'm gonna give you the promised land, but you don't get a king right away. They wanted a king, but they weren't ready for a king until your heart surrenders to Jesus Christ as king of kings. You're not ready for a king 'cause you're gonna, you're gonna come under bad leadership. So God raises up temporary leaders called judges. That's the whole book of judges. And when Gideon wins the war, you're gonna see this when we get into judges six, seven, and eight. Um, he is a national hero and so they wanna make him king. And he says, Nope, I can't be the king. God said, it's not time for the king. Then Gideon in his retirement, he gets a little self-indulgent, takes a number of wives and concubines the problem is always sexual. He has 70 sons. 70 sons, right? Question. Do you think there might be any conflict between the boys? Yeah, there's conflict because now you have sons that don't even know their father and they have a father wound. And just like in the days of Abraham, he's gotta play. He's playing favorites. He's accepting some and rejecting others. And so he decides I wanna be the king. Now what's interesting about a Bim X name now his name means my father is king. Probably not a good name 'cause there wasn't supposed to be a king. What he decides is I'm so far down the chain of command because my father Gideon has so many wives and concubines and I'm, I'm, I'm a son born to a concubine, not even a full wife. And my dad didn't even raise me. He doesn't even know me. So what ab Bialek decided was I'm gonna slaughter all my brothers and then I'll be the king. He murders 68 brothers, one brother runs for his life, he's the only one who survives. And then here in judges nine it tells us how was

Abbi who then ruled for three years able to slaughter 68 brothers and take over the nation? Hamas. Hamas, the same demon at work in the days of Noah, the days of Abraham is still at work in judges and the days of Gideon. And let me, let me go deeper. Um, I wanna talk about something that I'll call a one versus a two state solution. You're gonna hear this in the news a lot right now. And a two-state solution is this, that the promised land of Israel that God guaranteed to the descendants of Abraham through the Abrahamic covenant, through his wife Sarah, namely their son Isaac. That those people, the Jewish people should govern and rule the entirety of the nation of Israel. If any of the Egyptians, the Arabs or the other nations want to be in the nation, they need to be under the governance of the word of God. That is a one state solution. The two state solution is this part of the country is ruled by the Jewish people and they're supposed to be devoted to the God of the Bible. This part of the country will be ruled by other people who worship another God and that Israel will have the Holy Spirit and the Hama spirit. That's the two-state solution. God promised this was going to be a problem and he did so over 3000 years ago. You ready? We went Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, numbers, Deuteronomy also written by Moses. Um, here we read Deuteronomy seven, when the Lord your God, here's God speaking. When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Lemme just give you context here. These people had just been delivered from Pharaoh and slavery and the Hama spirit in Egypt, they're in the wilderness, they're not home yet. They've left their slavery. They've not entered into their promised land. And God says, Hey, you're gonna get there when you get there. Do this, don't do that. God tells them, just like God tells us, when the Lord your God brings you into the land that you're entering to take possession of it and clears away many nations before you, it's gonna be a supernatural victory when the Lord your God gives them over to you and you defeat them, you must devote them to complete what? Destruction. That's not gonna play well on old CNN back in the days of Moses. The woke crowd is not going to favor this policy. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them giving your daughters to their sons or taking, uh, their daughters for your sons, for they would turn away your sons from following me to serve other god's demons. Who your children married determines what your legacy is, then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you and he would destroy you quickly. But thus shall you deal with them. You shall break down their altars. And these are places of sexuality and drunkenness and debauchery. What he's saying is close the abortion clinics get rid of the weed stores. Uh, no more strip clubs and get rid of the adult entertainment industry and all those woke apostate, progressive churches that celebrate these things. Amen. That's what he's saying. Yeah. Um, it, uh, goes on to say, but thus shall you deal with 'em. He she'll break down their altars and dash in pieces, their pillars and chop down their asam. Those are phallic symbols for sexual worship of demon gods. Burn their carved images with fire you shall consume of the peoples that the Lord your God will give over to you. Your eyes shall not pity them. Neither shall you serve their gods or demons for that would be a snare to you. The carved images of their gods. You shall burn with fire. Don't do their holidays. Don't fly their rainbow flag. Don't celebrate their hashtags. Don't do that. Come on. You shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them or take it for yourselves. Let me provide for you. Don't take anything and don't be obligated to them lest you be ensnared by it for it is an abomination to the Lord. And you shall not bring an abom thing into your house. Don't bring Hamas home. You can't have the Holy Spirit and unholy spirits in your house and become devoted to destruction like it you shall utterly detest and ab bore it for it is devoted to destruction. Here's what God says When you show up in Israel, one state solution, anyone or anything that isn't honoring God needs to go. That's right. If someone or something honors God,

then it can stay. The people show up and they realize, well these people who have moved into our land since we've been vacant for 400 years, uh, some of them are very hot so as hell, we'll sleep with 'em. Uh, these people are very wealthy. We can do business with 'em. Uh, their daughters are pretty fun and crazy and our sons are pretty interested. And all of a sudden God's people compromise and, and suddenly it's a two state solution. This part of town is governed by demons. That part of town is supposed to be devoted to the Lord. And lemme just say this, if they would've obeyed God's command in Deuteronomy seven, the 300 years of war in judges would've never happened. In addition, there would be no war in Israel today. Here we are 3000 years later and because of their disobedience, we are reaping what they were sowing. A couple of things I want you to know. Number one, if you tolerate evil, evil will dominate you. Number two, evil must be stopped because evil never stops itself. Number three, because demons don't die, they plan generationally. See, you and I, we think in terms of our lives, politicians think in terms of their terms. Demons think in terms of generations and eons. Number four, people who say they aren't hurting anyone or hurting everyone. Again, all of this started with Abraham and Sarah saying, let's just do an alternative lifestyle and let's bring Hamas home. And today this is the mantra. We're adults, we're consenting, we're not hurting anyone. Thousands of years later, we're paying the price. And lastly, sex, gender and marriage that are compromised in the church lead to collapse in the culture. If the church will compromise on sex, marriage, and gender, then there will be collapse in the culture. That's exactly what's happening. And it's reported in judges 21, 25, which is the theme. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes, seemed good to me, felt good to me. What we're seeing today is the days of the judges. And what we're seeing is even within the church, the same kind of compromise that God was forbidding in Deuteronomy, Jesus uses two analogies for the church. His people. We are to be light and salt. Light because the world is what dark. So we are to bring the light of God's word to the dark world in which we live. In addition, Jesus said, we're supposed to be salt because our world is rotting and salt is a preservative. If the church doesn't bring the light, there's only darkness. If the church doesn't bring the salt, there's only rot. Right? Every once in a while, somebody I get, I get criticized. Um, and like, oh, you're salty. Like that's my job. Like I'm supposed to be the salt of the earth. And here's what you need to know about salt. It's a little salty. Okay? So, um, lemme go another level deeper. You still with me? Take a deep breath. Okay. So this, that was my introduction to judges. So now we're at judges, judges chapter two. Jesus shows up from heaven and he rebukes astute a two state solution, judges two, one through four. This is over 3000 years ago. The angel of the Lord, that's Jesus Christ. IIII explained it in the study guide, but it's Jesus Christ. Angel means messenger. The angel of the Lord is Jesus Christ, the word of God. He said, I brought you up from Egypt. Jesus is the God of Moses. He's the God of the exodus and brought you into a land that I swore to give to your fathers Abrahamic covenant. I said, I will never break my covenant with you. So it is, it is a one-way, unconditional covenant. God says, I'm gonna be faithful, even if you're faithless and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land, you shall break down their altars. But you have not obeyed my voice. He's talking about Deuteronomy seven. Jesus shows up and he's like, you guys remember when you were in the woods, I told you in Deuteronomy seven, don't do this. That's exactly what you're doing. Why did you marry them? Why are you worshiping with them? Why are you sleeping with 'em? Why are you doing business with them? That's not the Holy Spirit. That's the my spirit. I explained to all of this. Jesus is so frustrated. He comes down from heaven before he is born of Mary. He takes care of this one himself. What is this you've done? Now? I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides and they're god's or demons shall be a

snare to you. As soon as the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. People were like, oh my gosh, we didn't obey God and now we're gonna pay a painful price. Jesus said, one state solution, you rule your dominion and land. They said two state solution tolerance, diversity, equity. We, we want, we want people who hate God to also be with the people who love God. What happens is the descendants of those nations are today the neighbors that are surrounding and invading and attacking Israel. So God again raises up judges over 300 years to lead God's people in constant wars against these enemies that they were supposed to displace. Lemme ask you this. Who's in your life causing you a lot of pain that you should have gotten rid of a long time ago? Amen. Come on. Sometimes you're like, man, they're really causing a lot of pain and problems in my life. Right? And God told you years ago, decades ago to remove them and you didn't. That's right. And that's exactly what was happening. Now here's what's really a mind melt. So Grace and I were sitting on a couch late one night, many months ago, I think before the war in Israel, and we are watching something on television and I started seeing a map 'cause I'm a weirdo, okay? I started seeing a map and, and I I, I was done studying for the day. It was late at night, we're ready to go to bed. And I just kept seeing a map and I was like, okay, what's that Lord? So I looked it up. I thought, okay, all these wars and judges, all these invaders attacking Israel. Where exactly did that happen? I'll show it to you. It's in the study guide on the left. That's the ancient map of Israel. You could see, uh, in the north, that's where Deborah was. And then Gideon and down below that is Samson. On the right is today the Gaza Strip. Where the war in Israel is occurring is the exact same place with the descendants of the exact same people of all the wars and judges, especially in the days of Gideon. What we're seeing today is the same fight 3000 years later, the same demons in the same place fighting against the descendants of Abraham through Isaac. Is that, is it just me or, okay, Israel is the size of New Jersey and it's the center of prophetic history. 3000 years later, we're fighting the same fight as Deborah, Gideon, and Samson ready for more. Okay. So as there is this conflict, um, what people are saying is we need a two state solution. I'll show here's here's the United Nations, which didn't consult Deuteronomy about this recommendation. Un chief warns that Israel's rejection of a two-state solution threatens global peace. The entire globe today is pressing the nation of Israel to have a two-state solution. This part run by the Jews, this part run by their enemies. This again, was rejected by God in Deuteronomy. It was rebuked by Jesus in Judges two. This has been settled in the mind of God for thousands of years. And the politicians like, we got an idea. Oh gosh, your idea is as old as Abraham, Sarah and Hagar. Abraham's family was a two-state solution. One wife, one other wife, one Holy Spirit, one Hama spirit. Let's all live under the same roof. It didn't work. Just because you have a bigger roof and you call it a nation doesn't make it a better decision. Amen. Now, it would really benefit the White House if they had a Bible scholar on the cabinet. This is what I'm saying. Amen. Right? And if the Bible scholar was filled with the Holy Spirit, they're like, there's a war in Israel. They're like, Hmm, this I could, this has been going on for a long time. And as soon as some woke progressive lept us, educated beyond their intelligence, raises their hand and says, I think we should have a two state solution. They're like, uh, we tried that many times. And in the days of judges, they had a two-state solution. Those people overtook the border, invaded the nation, rose up as terrorists and destroyed the entire nation. Not only is this happening in Israel, this is happening in the United States of America. See, people are like, don't talk about politics. Okay then I guess we skip everything from Genesis to Revelation. I guess all we could talk about is the, the maps, you know, because what we see in judges is if you don't have a border, your enemies come over it and then they rise up as terrorists and then they destroy

the culture and then they tank the economy. And that's exactly what's happening right now. Not only in Israel, but the United States of America. And I'm just gonna rant a little bit. We are funding nations to defend their borders and we don't defend our own. And, and, and it's just this stupid idea. Well, people are good. Let 'em in. We'll hug it out. God has been talking about this for thousands of years. God knows exactly what we should do. And if we don't obey him, he won't bless us. So lemme go deeper. Um, here are, let me give you a summary. Modern wars. We've looked at ancient wars. And we'll look at modern wars between the Holy Spirit and the Homa spirit. This will be an absolute mind. Mel, for those of you who don't know, 1 38 AD onward, Israel did not exist as a nation. And Jews were scattered. The nation of Israel was conquered in 1 38 AD ceased to exist. Jews scattered all around the world. 1933 to 1945, Hitler's Holocaust sought to eliminate the Jews. And they further scattered May 14th, 1948, miracle Israel becomes a nation for the first time in over 1,800 years under Truman. And this is the major prophetic event in human history. 'cause God says in the end, the nations that were invading in the days of Gideon will again align together. There'll be a battle of Armageddon and the nations will seek to destroy the nation of Israel. Well, for that to happen, there needs to be a nation of Israel. And there wasn't one for over 1,800 years. What that means is God's prophetic timeline began in 1948. I don't know when Jesus is coming, but he couldn't have come before 1948. 1993, the Palestinian two-state solution begins. They started having talks. Why don't we give, uh, the Palestinians, the Arabs, the Muslims a part of Israel, let them have their own country in our country and will live together like Abraham, Sarah, and Agar. 'cause it's their descendants. 2005 President Bush pressures Israel into a land for peace deal in Gaza with the Palestinians. Here's what he says. You know what? If you give them land and their own freedom to rule themselves, it'll be great. There won't be any more war in Israel. This is so ridiculous. This is like you have a family and there's another family for generations that their whole objective is to murder your whole family. And what they tell you is, Hey, if we can live in your casita, we promise to be nice. They're like, oh, well they, they, they said, they they said they'd be nice. Yeah. Here's the keys to the casita. They move into your house backyard. Next thing you know, they're terrorizing your family. They're like, oh my gosh, I'm shocked. Don't be shocked. You're an idiot. Okay, that's a two state solution. So May 14th, in 2018, 70 years to the day that the nation of Israel became a nation president, Trump recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Interesting. Okay. Is so Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible. It's a centerpiece. And Jesus is returning not just to the nation of Israel, but he is also gonna come to Jerusalem. So we need Jerusalem. Prior to that, there was a debate whether or not the nation of Israel had a right to determine where their own capital was. 14 of the 15, uh, nations on the UN Security Council voted against Israel having the right to put their capital in Jerusalem. Only one nation stood with Israel. It was our nation. United States of America is not the center of biblical prophecy. But here's what I do know. Uh, God will bless those who bless Israel and he will curse those who curse Israel. That's right. And at that moment, that was the first time in 2,500 years that a major political leader on the earth declared Jerusalem to be the rightful capital of Israel since King Cyrus from the Persian kingdom 2,500 years earlier. Today we have war in Israel. It's the Jews from Abraham and Sarah against the Hamas Palestinians. They're Arabs from Hagar. Now we are awaiting one final war, the war of Armageddon. And that war will be the last war that ushers in the second coming of Jesus Christ. According to the scripture, we've just gone from Abraham to Armageddon. We've gone from Genesis to Revelation. And what we know is that the nations around Israel will conspire together, invade an attack, try to eradicate the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, and they would succeed, had not. Jesus returned. And then Jesus will return and

he will defeat his enemies and he will deliver his people and he will raise his church from the dead. And his kingdom will last forever and ever. That's what we're waiting for. So in the meantime, what we're dealing with in Israel, I believe is a prophetic event that is foreshadowing the nearing approach of the end. I don't know when the end is. I have no clue when Jesus is returning. What I do know is that the current war in Israel could be the trigger for Armageddon. Let me read the Hamas charter again. Hamas is an Arabic word means zeal is Hebrew word means violence. It's also a terrorist group. And if you haven't examined this. Just read their charter. This is their constitution. This is their document that defines who they are and their purpose for existence. I'll read it to you. Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it. The Islamic resistance movement is a distinguished Palestinian movement whose allegiance is to Allah. That's a demon God and whose way of life is Islam. It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine. Israel, the prophet Allah, bless him, false prophet and grant him salvation. He's having a very bad day, has said The day of judgment will not come about until the Muslims fight. The Jews killing the Jews. Their words, Allah is the target. The prophet is its model. The Quran, its Constitution, jihad, holy War, Hamas. Hamas and Jihad mean the exact same thing. Jihad is Hamas at action. Jihad is the path. And death for the sake of Allah is one of the loftiest wishes. So right now, people are dying in Palestine and the whole world says we need to stop the fight. And those who are behind it say, this is a great honor to die for this cause. They're encouraging it. The Islamic resistance movement believes that the land of Palestine, Israel is consecrated for future Muslim generations until judgment day. I'll explain that. Nationalism from the point of view of the Islamic resistance movement is part of the religious creed. Nothing in nationalism is more significant or deeper. They're saying this is our highest commitment. In the case, when an enemy should tread Muslim land, resisting and quelling the enemy, become the individual duty of every Muslim male and female. This is the one time where they say that women's women can be martyrs and combatants in war. There is no solution. Hear me this. You're gonna hear this in the news. There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad. There will be no peace. This is Hamas' most important ideological document. This is absolutely driven by the demonic. And there is no separation of church and state. This is all to a demon. God named a law. And it's a jihadist path governed by the spirit of amass. Even saying that, probably not on the internet anymore. Anybody who's progressive woke soft woke, they're offended. Many pastors won't even speak about these things 'cause they don't wanna deal with the consequences. I'm just telling you, if we're gonna study the word of God, we're gonna study the whole word of God. And if we're gonna take the word of God and apply it to our life, we're gonna take the word of God and we're gonna apply it to everything. 'cause Jesus isn't just Lord over your heart. He's Lord over the cosmos. He rules over everyone. He rules over everything. He has all dominion, and he has all authority. And his word has the right to speak whatever he wants to say. Come on. That's what we believe. And so ultimately, this is a fight over the Abrahamic covenant. Who gets the land? Who's the lineage and from whom will come? The Lord lemme tell you about Islamic eschatology means the end times, last days, their belief of the end as I near my close. So what Islam teaches is that through Jihad war, slaughtering of Jews and Christians, that ultimately Islam will rule the world. And then there will be peace. Once they have slaughtered their enemies and then their leader, their Messiah will arise and he will rule the earth. He's the antichrist. That's right. I believe that the antichrist is probably going to be Muslim. Yep. And the Bible talks about him as the son of perdition, the man of lawlessness, the antichrist. He is the counterfeit Christ. And the entire vision for the last days in Islam is back to Genesis six, where I started my sermon In the days of

Noah, the whole earth was filled with Hamas. That's the jihadist vision. That the whole earth would be filled, possessed, controlled by the Hamas spirit through jihad and violence. And at that moment, Israel and God's people around the world, those of us who are Christians, and lemme say this too, God loves the Jews. God loves the Arabs. God loves the Jews. God loves the Palestinians. The only hope is they meet Jesus and they come under his kingship and they live together to worship him. So the only hope for anyone is Jesus. But the Islamic jihadist vision is the original vision of the Hama spirit back in the days of Noah, when God flooded the earth. Um, and then at that moment, when the nations rise up to destroy Israel, Jesus will return as the greater Gideon read. Judges six, seven, and eight. That's where we're going next week. Jesus is the greater Gideon. Gideon is a foreshadowing. He's a type. He's a picture pointing to Jesus. He's a judge. Jesus Christ is our judge. In addition, Gideon is going to war for God's glory and God's people. Jesus comes to declare war, to defend God's glory and to deliver God's people. Couple of things in closing, God has always controlled history and rules over sinful people and demons. That should give your heart much hope. As you look out, you're like, it seems like demons and evil doers are winning. Good thing we have a Lord over them. His name is Jesus. Amen. In addition, Jesus is coming and he's bringing heaven with him. Starting in Jerusalem, starting in Israel. We don't worry about the future. We worship the Lord who rules over the future. The good news is, in the end, team Jesus wins. Right? If you're on, if you're like, I don't what's happening, if you're on team Jesus sleep well, Jesus is not returned because there are more people to be saved. Say, well, why are we here? Because apparently there's more people to be saved. So we have, we have, we have a great opportunity. Tell people about Jesus. Invite them to salvation. Help them learn the Bible. That's why we're here. And lastly, we believe that before there can be revival in the streets, there needs to be revival in the church. For there to be revival in the church, there needs to be revival in our hearts. Let me unwind this all the way back. Let me make this as practical as I can. All of these problems, conflicts and wars. It started with one marriage, one marriage. Abraham and Sarah decided that they would have the Holy Spirit and the Hama spirit, a two-state solution in their home. Here's my question to you. This is my question, and I, and I love you, but I really want you to ponder this. Is your life a two-state solution? Is there any area of your life that is not under the lordship of Jesus Christ? Uh, Jesus. Um, sex, uh, you don't get to rule over that money. You don't get to rule over that, um, marriage. You don't get to rule over that how I conduct my business. You don't get to rule over that. My entertainment choices. You don't get to rule over that. See, all of this trouble began when a husband and a wife decided that God would be Lord over parts of their life, but not all of their life. What they thought they could do is create a border or a boundary, and that those corrupt parts of their life wouldn't invade and destroy the rest of their life. Well, the same thing happened in their life that happened in the days of the judges that happened October 7th, 2023. If you tolerate evil, it will dominate you. If you try and have part of your life that belongs to the Lord and part that doesn't, eventually the part that doesn't belong to the Lord, it crosses the boundary or border you've set, it invades and it terrorizes and it destroys. I want you, and we're gonna spend some time in worship and I'll pray for you to just ask yourself, is there anything in my life that is the Holy Spirit and the Hama Spirit? If so, I want you to do the same thing that Sarah did and cast out that which is evil, and invite the Holy Spirit and live your whole life and your whole marriage and your whole family and your whole legacy under the lordship of Jesus Christ alone. Amen. Father, I thank you for your word. I thank you that it's deep and it's rich and it's wonderful and it's complicated because God, it it challenges us. It transforms us. It shocks us. God. You say things that politicians don't have the courage to say. You say things that preachers don't have the

courage to echo. Lord, we accept that your word is true. We come under the authority of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that our entire life is lived under the dominion of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords God. We acknowledge that this world is dark and getting darker. So we ask that our lives would be light and shining brighter. Lord, I pray for all who give me the honor of teaching them the scriptures that they would see. That the word of God is much, much, much richer and deeper and pure and mesmerizing and awe inspiring and life transforming and cosmos explaining than we even fathom. And I pray for your children, God, that they would spend time in your word, that they would hear from your spirit. And if there's any part of their life that is living like a two-state solution, a little bit of Jesus, a little bit of someone or something else, that they would cast it out in Jesus' name and welcome you Holy Spirit, to rule and to reign, to bring revival into their heart, into their life, into their family, into their home, into our church, into our streets, into our nation, so that more people could meet Jesus and that we would be prepared for his coming. And we ask that you would come soon, Lord Jesus, because we miss you and we love you. And we need you. Amen.