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GIG167 – Israel at War, Rally to Her Needs

Hi, and welcome to this podcast. This is a special podcast that I am recording due to the war that is taking place in Israel. I am recording this on the eighteenth of October, which means that we are ten days into the war. We have been working diligently here at Hargrave Ministries to try to put things in order to support Israel to the greatest extent we possibly can, to be raising funds for them. And I am going to talk about all of that as we go into this podcast today.

I wanted to start by reading out of Psalm 91. This is as a result of a cry that I have personally, in my prayer, my time of waiting on the Lord, meditating before God, to really see there be dramatic, divine intervention during this time. You know, if you study the facts and the reality always surrounding Israel, it just seems like Satan is always trying to shove them into a corner that makes it impossible to get out of. And whether that is because of the media or the circumstances of the battle against the Islamic Jihad or Hamas or Hezbollah; the way they fight using human shields and their function just creates an impossible situation for Israel. And because of that, I am driven to see us in our prayers really contend for God to move supernaturally in this situation and that there would be divine intervention in a way that only God can. I think the situation needs that, and I think Israel deserves that.

So I want to begin by reading Psalm 91. I am going to read the whole Psalm because I think so many parts of it dwell with the things that Israel needs right now. And I feel that these points should be part of our prayer.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!" For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you. You will only look on with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. For you have made the LORD, my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent.

For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

"Because He has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation."

I know this psalm is very messianic. And I think that this is a time that we contend for Messiah to come to Israel, to return to the earth in a very real and impactful way, and to manifest the promises and the

prophecies that have been spoken about Messiah where Israel is concerned. We, as Christians, at least at Hargrave Ministries and many that I know, we do not believe in Supersessionism; and we believe that the prophecies and the promises exist for Israel, and they will be fulfilled for Israel. And we know that this has been a very difficult and wicked attack; it is beyond anything that I think the world has seen. And we contend that these provisions of God's presence and covering and protection and victory will be given to Israel during this time.

I want to read out of Isaiah 61:1–3. Again, a messianic prophecy that I believe is set to see fulfillment during this time. And we should pray for this, I believe.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

I release this from my heart as intercession to all those in Israel right now because certainly they are brokenhearted by what has transpired over the last ten days. There is a devastation. And yet, at the same time, there are those who have been taken captive and held hostage; and so this also proclaims liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners. It declares a favorable year of the Lord, as well as the day of vengeance of God. And I think that both of those are appropriate. It is time for God's favor and His divine intervention to rest on Israel, as well as for there to be an avenging of the pure wickedness that has been manifested during these days; and certainly, a comfort to all who mourn, all who mourn in Israel, and all who mourn for Israel during this time. That there be granted to those who mourn in Zion, giving them the garland instead of ashes, the garland of victory instead of the ashes that they are now feeling. The oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of fainting. And we bolster them up now with this anointing, this oil of gladness; it is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that comes, and it prevents the fainting and the weariness that would overtake. And it gives them the strength and the power of God to move forward in all that is needed. They shall be called the oaks of righteousness.

One thing, and I was reading about it even again this morning, when you look at the history of the army of Israel, there has never been historically an army that has the integrity and the carefulness that Israel has, especially with respect to protecting those who are innocent; even though their enemy is hiding within the houses of the innocent and using them as a shield. They shall be the planting of the Lord, that the Lord may be glorified.

I just wanted to read these because I hope they give everyone who is listening help in areas to pray, to take these Scriptures and to read them into the realm of spirit; to be the watchmen on the wall that are reminding the Lord of what we are looking to see in His divine intervention for Israel at this time. I also want to use this podcast to tell you what we at Hargrave Ministries are doing during this time, and I hope very much that you will join with us. We have created two new pages on our website, which I encourage you to go to HargraveMinistries.org and to find these pages. One of them is called *Help Israel Now*. This page is going to be a landing page for all of the fundraising activities that we are going to be doing in social media, on the Internet, asking people to help donate to Israel.

Now if you are familiar with Hargrave Ministries, you know that we always are donating to Israel; we are always in the process of raising funds for Israel. And we are constantly, on a monthly basis, supporting eight not-for-profit organizations within Israel, all of whom are engaged in some type of humanitarian ventures or in other aspects of the state, the culture, and the people of Israel to make Israel a better place to live and see the prophecies about Israel be fulfilled. So I want to encourage you that during this time, during these days of war in Israel, we will continue to send the contributions that we do. Each one of these eight nonprofit organizations receives from us a monthly offering; not just one of them each month, all of them each month receive set funds that we give. If nobody gives to Hargrave Ministries, we still give to these organizations on a monthly basis, and we keep in contact with them. We visit them. We know these people; we know their work, and we stand up for what they are doing. And we want you to feel comfortable in giving to us as well as giving to them, that they really are doing something that is amazingly important, necessary, and with a tremendous amount of righteousness and integrity in their work.

So I am going to name these eight that we donate to monthly. AMI-Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research. This is the organization started by Shlomo Hizak many years ago to bring education to Christians about their Jewish roots and to develop Christian and Jewish relations. Also there is Shilo or Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, which works with the children and also the families that have undergone tremendous impact from the terrorism that takes place in Israel. It works to help these children, as well as their parents and other members of the family, get beyond and deal with and cope with the terrorism and the mental, emotional effects of that terrorism. We support the IDF Widows and Orphans Organization, which obviously stands and helps all of those who had served in the IDF and were lost; they gave their lives in the defense of Israel. This organization helps their families and the children. And remember that in Israel, both men and women serve in the military. So it is not just fathers that are lost; it is mothers, and it impacts the family on every level because it is sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles. This organization does an amazing job at coming alongside those families so that they know they will never be forgotten, and the service of their loved one will never be forgotten. So we support them monthly.

Yad Eliezer is a tremendous organization which helps on so, so many levels with food, with clothing, with assistance in every area of life that people in Israel have that are living near or below the poverty level. We support the ICEJ, which is the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, and we support two programs that they perform. One is the Aliyah program, bringing home Jews back to Israel and also the Haifa Home for the Holocaust Survivors, to house those and care for those who suffered through the Holocaust.

We also support the City of David Foundation, which is constantly continuing the archeological investigation of the original City of David, and is bringing to light some of the greatest understandings and proofs of the scriptural evidence about Israel, the Jewish people, and their foundation and life in the Land of Israel. Lastly, we support the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael fund, which is at this point planting trees. This is what we are a part of, trying to create the Gospel Trail going from the city of Nazareth back to the Sea of Galilee.

So these are all supported. We are going to continue supporting these during the war effort. However, we have added a page to our website entitled *Help Israel Now*. With this page, and with the fundraising campaigns and advertising that we are doing, we are going to be giving extra support to very specific organizations that are going to be on the front line of this war that is transpiring, helping the needs, the humanitarian needs of everyone in Israel. And we have added a new organization to support, at the

encouragement of Rabbi Mordechai Weiss, and that is United Hatzalah. I would like you to read about United Hatzalah. We will have information on the website. They are a totally volunteer organization of EMS individuals that are going to be on the front line helping the wounded, both soldiers and civilians alike, and providing medical care on many, many levels, and providing very much needed materials to the front line of the battle. So during this time, we will be supporting United Hatzalah.

We will also be sending extra support to Yad Eliezer and to Shiloh Israel Children's Fund and the IDF Widows and Orphans Fund, as these organizations will be directly involved in the war effort and the humanitarian care and services that are needed due to the war effort. So that is what we are doing. We have been working for the last two weeks to get these pages up, to start finding a way to raise funds. And we encourage you, please give. If you are not giving through Hargrave Ministries, fine. Find some other way to give to Israel. But we are here, we have vetted these organizations. We have a relationship with these organizations; and so we know that they are a wonderful place to give, and we encourage you to help us help these organizations at this time. So go to our website at HargraveMinistries.org. On the homepage you will find a link to *Help Israel Now*, and you can go and donate from that page; and we will get it as rapidly as we can into the hands of these organizations.

We have also created a second page named *Interviews from Israel*. On this page I am going to be posting interviews that I am going to be doing. I have a scheduled interview tomorrow with Professor Medzini, many of you may know about him. He is going to be giving us firsthand information about what has transpired in Israel over the last ten days. He has tremendous insights into behind the scenes of both Israel as well as the terrorist groups that are being dealt with; and I encourage you to go to the website, find this page. There is a link on our homepage, and you can listen to these interviews. I am also going to be posting links to other information which I believe is the truth and accurate information about what is happening in Israel, in Gaza.

One thing you recognize very quickly, this is also a media war; it is a media war that is spreading across the world. And the lies and the disinformation are absolutely amazing. That is what has driven me to be part of getting a source and finding sources of valid, true, accurate information that we can post. So not only will I be posting interviews that I personally am doing, I will be posting interviews that others do or news sources that I find that are accurate; and we will try to keep you as informed as possible. Much of it, I hope, will be video clips. But there may be documents or letters or other information that we are getting that I feel would be very helpful for you.

One example that just took place yesterday. There was a rocket that went off in the parking lot of the hospital in Gaza. Immediately, the news went out that Israel had bombed the hospital in Gaza, and over 500 people were killed: children, doctors, nurses, all of this. Everybody jumped on it. Senators from the United States started tweeting out against Israel. Newspapers like *The New York Times* are printing articles about how Israel has bombed this hospital. Well, I think it was probably an hour later that we had information coming directly from the IDF that included photographs; it included radar screen shots. Not only that, it literally included a phone call within the Jihadist movements between each other, saying that they were the ones who had shot the missile that landed, again, not on the hospital, in the parking lot. And it did not kill 500 people. But the world is enraged now. Right now in Washington, DC, there are riots that have taken over the Capitol Rotunda protesting Israel and what happened with the hospital. The lies are just amazing. One of the former ambassadors to the United States from Israel, I just was listening to discussion from him; and he said, "You know, lies travel around the world before the truth can get its shoes on." That is so true. And believe me, one of the biggest issues of this situation

is going to be lies versus the truth. And so, be careful what you read. Be careful what you believe. Do your own personal due diligence to confirm the information.

One of the things that I will be posting on this page, I am hoping, is a history of Israel—how Israel became a state, how they received the land from the League of Nations and from the United Nations. The United Nations forgets it is the one that gave them the Land of Israel. There is so much disinformation, lies born out of the hatred. Let's face it: it is demonic. The absolute intention of satan to destroy Israel is amazing to watch unfold. We have to fight and be a part. That is why we as Christians and believers engage. We do not engage militarily in this issue, but believe me, we better be engaging in the spiritual warfare that is taking place because our weapons are mighty through God to the tearing down of strongholds, of principalities, of powers, of demonic forces in the world that are seeking to bring the world against Israel. And next will be against America. Read about it in the book of Revelation. This, I believe, must be stopped, can be stopped by our intercession, our prayer, and our determination. So I bless you. I hope you will visit our website. I hope you will listen to some of these things on interviews from Israel. And we will try to point you in the right direction to things that are very trustworthy.

We bless Israel today. Just in ending this, I would say, let's pray for divine intervention in Israel. We want divine intervention for the hostages. We want divine intervention for the IDF. And we want divine intervention that sees truth prevail over the lies and disinformation of this age.

Thank you very much for being with me on this podcast. I bless you and your family, and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem together.

Amen.