

## Heaven is shaking the Bear – Dr Hollisa Alewine

Shabbat Shalom everybody. We are here. I am sliding into home base and we had a little change of plans in what we were going to do this in this live stream. I had one thing in mind and then as we were watching the events in Iran which the Western media is I am not going to say inexplicably avoiding I would say at this point predictably avoiding keeping the world up to date on the events in Iran. But I am half Persian so of course it is going to be of interest to me. Because of not just that but there is an ancient connection between Persia and Israel and so as I was checking out there's a particular expat Iranian news source that I like to keep up with and he just casually mentioned which day of the revolt they were in and light bulb went on and I went and grabbed my calendar and looked and sure enough. If covid wasn't enough to convince us that things happen according to appointed times, they do. We now have a revolt in Iran that is going to align with the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And part of the I guess my reluctance to do anything with it other than possibly with my Monday and Tuesday classes because I know they've got the background, I know they've got the Torah background to kind of get a grip on some of the prophetic implications of this. But I felt like it was important and we all have to start somewhere. So what I thought I would try to do is present it as simply as possible. There are some things about Iranian Persian history that you are just not going to get the nuances of it unless you've probably read a shelf full of history books. Particularly the more modern history what's happened since say the early 1800s. It is an interesting region and it is full of different kinds of people. However, that was the case in Biblical times as well. And so understanding that there might be some people who are interested in what's happening and not everybody's interested in what's going on, which is a little surprising to me, because we are, the beast kingdoms, they are still here. It is not like, oh, Babylon went away. It didn't. It is clear to see in Revelation. Babylon the great has fallen, fallen. It fell in the past and it will fall again. And this is something that John is seeing forward. Babylon was just the head, it was the golden head of the beast. But then you had the Medo Persian, the silver upper torso. And then you had the bronze abdomen belly of Greece. And then finally, you had the iron legs of Rome. And then what we are standing on now, of course, is the iron and clay of everything mixed together. And even the beast that Daniel sees and that John is aware of the that final manifestation of the beast, it is not as a lion or a bear or a leopard. It is actually a conglomerate. In the end what the beast has done is just continued to morph based on the kingdom that went before. And so the bear swallowed the lion, the leopard swallowed the bear, and then Rome swallowed them all. And not having a background, not just in prophecy, I don't even care if you don't have a background in prophecy. That is actually a good thing probably because there's so much misinformation and

speculation out there as it pertains to prophecy. But my concern is that without a background in the Torah, if you haven't had a really good habit of studying the Torah portions on their cycle and getting down to the seed prophecy that everything else is built on, including the books of Daniel and Revelation, then it is going to be hard to trace it back to its origins. And maybe the upside of it is people don't really care where it started. They are more interested in knowing what prophecy means to them today, right now. I get that. But that is also a good way to be led astray. And there's no shortage of people working hard, not necessarily to lead people stray, they think they know where they are going. But that was a little bit of the hesitation like how do you present this as an update to things we've been studying over years in terms of Torah portions and prophecy. But you know what? We can't worry about that because this really is a circle. As we are talking about the cycle of prophecy, it really is a circle and everybody has to jump in somewhere. There's not really a starting line. And so, as it pertains to your Bible study, what has to happen sometimes is you just jump in and start moving. And if you don't get it on this cycle, you'll get it on the next. And if you don't get it on the next cycle, you'll get on your whole lifetime runs in these Biblical cycles. And so, what you didn't know before, you'll learn if you are just diligent, you will learn.

And I think a lot of times as we are talking about prophecy again, not knowing the Torah portions, not understanding the Biblical calendar, the appointed times of the Feasts, when we don't know those things, it is hard to put, say, Daniel's prophecies or John's prophecies into a proper context. These books aren't written in isolation from everything that came before. And so, if there's not a good foundation in the first five books of the Bible, trying to study the ones that come after can be a little disconnected. And the temptation there is because we don't have the foundation that the Prophets were built on, because if you'll notice all of the prophets are pointing Israel back to the Torah. They are saying go back and do the things that you were called to do by covenant. Then it is hard to make sense of what might happen even in our generation. And I've always seen the difficulty here with replacement theologies and dispensationalism because we are reading about prophecies that if you take people back to the Old Testament, let's say, oh yeah, but that was just for Israel, that was just for the Jews, but we are under a new covenant now. And if that is the case, then I think all that stuff loses its meaning. You don't really have the legs to stand on when it comes to prophecy. And so you are free to invent all sorts of interesting but wrong applications of the prophecies. And so that is always going to be a risk. But it is always encouraging to know that wherever you jump in, wherever you decide to jump in, if you get serious about the Word and knowing how it can transform your life, not just for the sake of seeking out prophecy. Some people have made prophecy an idol. That is all they seek after. They just want to know about prophecy. Prophecy, prophecy, prophecy.

Okay, this is a carnival ride to them. It doesn't change your life. Just to know prophecy does not change one thing about your life. The way of chasing prophecy that most people have, I don't say most people, a lot of people have is they just want to know what happens next. It really is a carnival ride. It is just like being entertained by a movie. But it never requires you to change anything about your life. It is always outside of yourself. **Torah calls you to change your life.** It is a Living Word. **You let His Spirit breathe through it and it changes your life,** so with that, prophecy is kept in a proper perspective. And as you read through the Torah portions, as you get established in that foundation of the Torah, then you come to learn about the Father's calendar. We have the calendars that we make, but He set the calendar on the fourth day of creation.

That is what I love about the Creation Gospel is it exposes you. It introduces you to the concept that there is a calendar and the one that He institutes on this earth is somehow reflecting what's going on in the heavenlies. Now, is time the same in the heavenlies? No. It is spiritual. But what happens in spiritual realms very much exerts authority over natural realms. So our natural way of looking at a calendar is affected by first the spiritual way of looking at the calendar. So as He sets the creation in motion on the fourth day of creation, it says He put the sun, the moon, and the stars in place. It says for the sake of the *moedim* and the *moedim* are seasons. The *moedim* also refers specifically to the seven peace of Israel. And you say, Well, which is it? Yes. you need to know one in order to get the other one right because His seven Feasts very much fall into particular seasons. As we look at those appointed times, we realize that the seed of that was actually the seventh day, the Shabbat, the day of creation. And so the establishment of the seventh day Shabbat as being holy, as being set apart, is reflecting what happened on the fourth day. He said, Okay, there's going to be seasons, and this is even before there's a man created to observe them. Before mankind was created, before a bird or a fish was created, before a beast was created, He put this calendar in motion. And so I am sure all our acrobatics in terms of calendars is amusing to the Most High. But on the other hand there's a lot of time wasted when we fail to understand His calendar and how He does things according to His appointed times. It doesn't make sense that He would teach us His appointed times and then do things completely differently, completely randomly like, oh, I think I'll wake up today and have an earthquake over here. That is not how He does business. He sets things in motion. He teaches us what those things are and then if we miss them, it is not His fault. He told us about it. He put it in His Word.

And so, if you don't have, if you start looking for a calendar and you don't know what I am talking about and you are saying, well, what, where is this calendar? Where can I find it? If you just find a Jewish calendar, you can start from there. It is that simple. Because if you find a Jewish calendar, especially one that is

printed in English, it is going to have both. It is going to have the days according to the Gregorian calendar, so you'll literally know what day it is, but it is also going to have the Hebrew months on there and the Hebrew days. So if we are talking about say Haggai's prophecy of the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> day of a month, you can look back and say, well, okay, in our time, what would that have been? But it is important to reset that time clock. And like I say, if we don't know the Torah portions, then when we look at these prophecies of Haggai, say, which prophecies of Hanukkah. People want to get into a big debate about whether Hanukkah is Biblical. It is absolutely Biblical. It is in the book of Haggai. It is prophesied before it happens hundreds of years in the future something will be set in place in Scripture. And so even to understand the prophecy of Haggai concerning Hanukkah which is considered a Sukkot Sheni. You say what's a Sukkot sheni? It is a second Sukkot. Well, where's the basis for that? Well, you go back to the Torah. Just like you have to go back to the Torah to find out what Sukkot is. If you go back to the Torah to find out what Sukkot is, you find out that there is a sacrifice there of 70 bulls over the course of the week. And those 70 bulls represent the 70 symbolic nations of the earth. So Sukkot is known as the Feast of the Nations. There's also a commandment in there that if you were to miss the Passover because of being unclean, because of a corpse, or because you are on a far journey, then you don't have to miss it. You just do it one month later. You can reinstitute it. Like when you can get back when you can purify yourself, when you can put the things back in place, you don't have to miss the Passover. You basically have a late bus. If it is not like an act of rebellion. It was just impossible for me to do it at this time. The same thing fell into place with Sukkot during the time of the Maccabees. Of course, we know the Greeks set up the abomination that causes desolation. Daniel had prophesied it, and in setting up that abomination and all the things they did, the slaughtering of the pigs and all that, the Temple Mount had to be purified and repaired. And that took months. It didn't take days. We think it, oh, it took eight days. No, it took months to get the Temple repaired once they recaptured the Temple Mount. And so, it wasn't prepared until the month of Kislev. And so in the month of Kislev, they said, well, we missed Sukkot. What are we going to do? We are going to rededicate the Temple because the first time the Temple was dedicated, it was dedicated at the Feast of Sukkot by King Solomon. And so now that they've purified it, they got rid of the abomination that causes desolation, they say, Okay, we are ready now. People think more about the miracle of the oil, but there's way more going on prophetically. The miracle of the oil, there's another story there. But this is prophecy. This is Torah. And so the priests say, what are we going to do now that the Temple's ready, it is prepared. It is into the wintertime. But Torah allows us to hold a second Passover if we miss it due to circumstances beyond our control. Then we can do the same. We can use that template and we can do the same and have

another Sukkot even though it is late in the year. And because the Temple was first dedicated at Sukkot, then we will do this feast, this rededication like a Sukkot. It is not exactly, but it will be like a Sukkot, because we know that Sukkot is an 8-day celebration. There's seven days in the sukkah and then one day out. And so Hanukkah came to be an 8-day celebration in remembrance of not just the victory over the Greeks. That was a historical thing. It was bound to happen because Greece was the progression, the third progression of the beast kingdoms that started with Babylon. It is you are going to have this issue and with every beast kingdom. And so in their generation as they rededicate the Temple, they go back to when the foundations of the Temple were laid. And so it takes it back to, of course, Sukkot. And that is kind of the some of the stuff I put in the Seven Shepherds to help us at least in terms of a calendar to get a handle on why these things are happening when they happen.

So, as we are going to go back into Haggai today and look at his prophecy of the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev or Hanukkah, there's a specific prophecy associated with that date, but you probably won't see much action on that particular date. It is a very quiet date historically. When you will start to see some action is by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. The 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, it is one of the four fast days mentioned in Zacharia. By then what is prophesied is that the nations will be shaken, that kingdoms are going to be shaken, that armies are going to be shaken and that is part of what got my attention. We had this issue with Venezuela and so forth and I had been corresponding with a friend of mine who lives in Aruba just literally within sight of Venezuela and I was like, what's going on down there? She was talking about all the warships and things and helicopters and planes. I thought, well this is kind of the pattern that we saw that with the onset of Hanukkah. He starts to shake up the regimes in heavenly places and then it takes a while as these things are being moved around. It takes a while to see it manifested in the natural world. But we know that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev, this is an appointed time when He shakes nations first in the heavenlies.

Remember, there are principalities and powers that have been appointed to rule over the nations of the earth. Now, are they doing a great job? I'll leave that between them and the One they answer to. But often when there's conflict, it is because the conflict is happening first in heavenly places. Because each of these powers having dominion over a principality, it is there for the sole good of that principality. Remember, angels do one thing at a time. They don't multitask. They have one thing they do, and it depends on what the assignment is, what they are going to be doing. But if He puts in an angel, let's say over Persia, if He puts an angel over Israel, like the prince of Persia is thought to be named Dobiel. the prince of Israel, Michael. They will have a role, but they are very single-minded in performing it. And so these powers over the nations, they are there for the sole benefit of sustaining that nation. And so for that reason in

ancient times when Daniel was praying for an answer concerning what was happening, you saw it says that Gabriel was trying to bring the answer to the prayer, but the prince of Persia withstood him. There was a reason the prince of Persia withstood Gabriel. The message he was carrying was adversarial to Persia. And so if that message arrives and the message gets out, then you might have trouble in the kingdom. He might have trouble taking control because remember his sole job is to perpetuate the kingdom of Persia. And so there's a battle there until Michael comes and Michael means who is like El, there's no one like Him and therefore the authority is coming straight from the throne. And so Doviell you are a created being you have to stand aside. You have to let this message come through. So you have the strength of God now combined with the authority of God, the authority of El and then the message can get through. So the nations have their own powers over those principalities.

And so as those principalities are being shaken, if you start shaking things at the beginning of Hanukkah, they are being shaken in that realm, we can't see first and then in due time and typically or by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, there will have been enough shaking that you will already begin to see it in the natural realm in the actual nation. You can see the results of that. And often what you'll see is that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet or even one of these other four fast days, it'll kind of get a label, you'll figure out what it is, because on that particular day, it'll somehow be official in some place that we can recognize. For instance, the covid thing when we did that, everything was shut down and so what did we do? We go back and we look and say, oh, all right. Well, the World Health Organization declared covid a worldwide pandemic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. Now, did we have clues before that that something was wrong? That something had gotten shaken up somewhere over in China? We did.

I happened to be in Israel doing an archaeological dig when all this really started coming into the narrow part of the funnel and I think we were one of the last flights out of there for a while. The airport was practically deserted when we left. And so when we got back home and started looking at the calendar and things okay World Health Organization made it official the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet and we knew that the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet kicks off the siege of Jerusalem by the king of Babylon way back when, the first beast kingdom. And so when we see that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this event, we say, okay, here is a disease, here is a pandemic, whatever we want to call it, here is a judgment and officially the siege begins on this day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, just as the siege of Jerusalem began on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. Did it only begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet? It couldn't because it takes a lot of planning, a lot of troop movement, equipment movement, and so forth. It could have taken months on end to position the army around Jerusalem. But on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, that is when the siege officially begins. And so when we look at covid we say okay there were signs things were already going on but it

was official on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. So as I was kind of thinking about in the interim before the Iran thing came up that oh wow looks like Venezuela kind of got shaken up during Hanukkah and we are seeing the outworking of that now. I am making no judgments as to what's right and what's wrong. I am just saying this is the pattern.

And so, as I was listening to the news the from Iran, because I was very concerned, that once again the Iranian people would be massacred by the Islamic regime. I saw the date the guy who was narrating, I guess you would call him, I don't know if you call Him a newscaster, but he said it is this day of the uprising. And I thought, wait a minute. Let me count back. And I started counting back and I said, wow, that is going to land us almost directly on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. So, I just went into Google and just said, When did the current Iranian uprising begin? And it said around the 28<sup>th</sup> of December. And so, I took my handy dandy Jewish calendar. They said, around the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, looked again at the date this newscaster is giving, and I realized that if there's an official date, it looks like they are coming up right on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet because the 28<sup>th</sup> would be the 8<sup>th</sup>. The 29<sup>th</sup> of December is the 9<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And in the Jewish calendar, the Hebrew calendar, the Biblical calendar, the day begins the evening before. So the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> and the day of the 10<sup>th</sup> would technically be the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. Now the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet is not a 24-hour fast, not all day, just from sun up to sun down. However, it doesn't mean that the day doesn't start the evening before. And so the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, it looks like it is falling, this official, whenever they are saying it, it really started. It looks like it is falling right on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And this is why we fast.

This is why we remember the four fasts. Now there's the annual fast of Yom HaKippurim but in Zacharia there's four other fasts and the fourth is actually tied to it but the first three have to do with the fall of Jerusalem and the Temple, in ancient times and these are dates that come up over and over. That is why the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, the Temple was destroyed both times on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, you've got the evil report of the 10 spies on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. All these historic events of spiritual significance occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. And you can see them also in the other fast days. But if you don't know that they are important, and one way of knowing they are important is just to do them. Like I say, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet is not a difficult fast, especially at this time of year when the days are so short. It is from sun up to sun down. It is basically a way of remembering a very sad event which is when the siege is laid to Jerusalem the first time which is going to lead to the breach in the walls of Jerusalem, which is another fast that we do and then the fall of the Temple on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. That is a more comprehensive fast that we do and then there's the fast of Gedaliah which is the fourth fast and it does have a spiritual significance and it is linked to some other things, the Prophets are talking about in a time of return. But for us I think it is really important to focus

on the 10<sup>th</sup> because it seems like it is been ratcheted up here in recent years with covid and now with this revolution in Iran and we don't know if it is going to be successful.

The regime has squashed it every time the Iranian people have risen up to try to throw off the yoke. It is yet to be seen how it plays out, but there's literally millions of Iranians in the street setting fire to mosques, setting fire to Islamic seminaries, setting fire to statues and so forth. Clearly trying to throw off the religious aspect. And that is what I want to talk about. I may not get to all of it today, but I did try to straighten it out in a newsletter to some extent this week. But things are happening so fast, to try to keep up and then of course I don't on Shabbat. So who knows what has happened today. But just trying to keep up on a basically an hour-by-hour basis on what is happening and then recognizing more and more and more of the patterns of Scripture that are emerging. I thought it was important to maybe set aside what I had planned to do today and bring this to people's attention. Why is it important? Well was covid important? It probably changed your life for a little while. And for a lot of people, their lives will never be the same. Their lives will never be the normal it was before, for now. You say, well, what does an Iranian revolution have to do with me? That is a good question. But aren't these beast kingdoms appearing again in prophecy in end times? And if they are appearing again, shouldn't we know something about them? Is it just a curiosity for us just a little bit of prophecy play to keep us interested in the Bible? Or is it something that might impact me to the point like, is there something I need to change in my relationship with the Holy One? That is what this is all about. If He is going to move principalities and powers in high places on our behalf or possibly against us, you don't want to be found there either. But if His moving principalities and powers ultimately is for the good of the righteous, it is for the good of the saints. It probably behooves us to find out what He is doing, how He is doing it, if it is already in prophecy.

And so, let's take a look at the newsletter here. And I started off this week with just a reminder that prophecy is not a one-off. It is a cycle that goes back to the *moedim*. You keep the Feast not once in history, you keep Shabbat each week, you keep the annual Feast each year, you keep the *shmittah* every seventh year, you keep the jubilee every 50<sup>th</sup> year. These things are important to the Father. And if they are important to Him, they should be important to us. So when we keep the appointed times of Scripture, when we keep the Shabbat, when we keep the Sabbath, when we keep the annual Feasts, even when we keep these four extra fasts that are prophesied in Zacharia, it is because He is trying to teach us something through it. And we have to recognize that what has happened before is going to happen again. Now, it is not going to be identical, but there will be a template that is in place. And as you look, if you

want to understand the life of Elisha, you look at the life of Elijah. If you want to understand the life of John the Baptist, you look at the lives of Elisha and Elijah. Were their lives identical? No. But there was a template for each one. And so as we look at these cycles of the Feasts, as we look even at the cycle of Shabbat, as we look at the cycle of prophecy, we say, okay, it is not going to be identical to the last time, but it will be the same template. And sometimes what you'll even see is a reversal of events. Sometimes you'll see a smaller event go universal. For instance, covid, 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. Well, what happens on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet? The siege of Jerusalem. What happens on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet in our generation is a worldwide siege. She actually closes the doors of every country and says there's not going to be some movement for a while. So you see there's a template. Even though it is not identical, there's a template. Sometimes what was done on a small scale is done on a much bigger scale.

And so as we watch the news, and I hope you'll take time to find a dependable news source. I know you don't have time to read a shelf full of books on the history of Iran and how they got caught up in 1979 with the Islamic regime that has held them captive ever since, but suffice to say one more time they revolted against this regime in the millions. And the video of course, the regime shut down internet service and landlines, so nobody could use the phone. Theoretically, nobody could upload video so that you could see the regime's police and soldiers massacring the people. But that doesn't stop anything anymore. Elon Musk has turned on Starlink for free. And so they are getting some access. We won't say how, but they are getting access to these Starlink dishes and the videos is still coming out of there. And the big news outlets could do this. They just won't. It doesn't fit their narrative. And so you have to kind of go in a roundabout way sometimes to find real news, but it is worth it. We see Iranians taking over the streets in city after city. And it like I say this has been going on for several days. This is it. Did it start on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet? No. There was already unrest and part of the background is Tehran has run out of clean water. The Islamist regime has poured so much billions into funding terrorism around the world, buying rockets and guns and things, but their people don't even have clean water. It is harder to buy food because if you try to pay the shopkeeper for food this morning, he knows by the time he takes it to the bank this afternoon, it is not going to be worth anything. Kind of reminds you of the conditions after World War I in Europe where you could take a wheelbarrow full of German Marks and the wheelbarrow was worth more than the German Marks. So that is sowing the seeds. Like it is one thing to revolt for an ideal, but when you are hungry and you are thirsty, when there's no infrastructure to even fix these things fast, because all the money has been spent on terror proxies, you can see why they would be a little upset. That they are more worried about killing Jews than about keeping their own people alive.

So, will this revolt be successful? And what would success even look like? I don't know. Will it uproot the Islamists that took power in 1979 with the Ayatollah? I don't know. I am just saying here's the template. And so I don't think it is a coincidence that they are saying that this began around December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> when that is the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And I don't think it is a coincidence that the nation involved in this revolt, is the same geographical location where the first and the second beast kingdoms arose. If you look at Iran geographically, you can see how the empires kind of sprawled out. First you had Babylon and then you had the Medes and then you had the Persians and that entire area there. They are sharing an area with Iraq that would have encompassed those kingdoms.

But the king of Babylon, he did begin his siege against Jerusalem on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And that was the beginning of the end of the first Temple. And remember, Babylon was represented by a lion, as it still is today. The flags that the Islamic regime instituted after 1979, of course, had Islamic verses on it, it was changed, but the flag before that still had the lion and the sword and the sun on it. Those were ancient symbols. Which actually has already been restored on X. They've taken off the national flag of the Islamic regime and they have replaced it with the old flag of Iran, which of course some of that is the people are tearing down these flags and burning them and putting up the flags of the last Shah of the monarchy. And so the king of Babylon of course initiates this siege against Jerusalem on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. And now the people of Iran have begun a siege on their own government, the Islamic government. Babylon was represented by the lion. It was the golden head of the image that Daniel saw. And then remember all these areas are just adjacent to one another. The Medes and the Persians, they were the next kingdom that kind of swallowed that up. And then that gives you the silver upper torso, and you have the bear. It is represented by the bear, the Persian bear. Now, Persia today, it is more of an ethnicity. The name of the nation is Iran, but remember that kingdom would have sprawled out over parts of Turkey, modern Turkey, modern Iraq, and so forth. You'd have to superimpose an old map over a modern one to get the full picture. But Persia succeeded Babylon and swallowed up and enlarged that territory. And so whereas the first king to besiege Jerusalem, well to actually take Jerusalem under siege, the Assyria besieged it but could never take it. That is why they are not included as one of the beast kingdoms. Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon was the first beast kingdom because he was the first to lay siege successfully to Jerusalem. And that was the beginning of the end. Not just of Jerusalem as the Israelites knew it, but it was also the beginning of the end of the first Temple. Because remember it is the seat of religious life in Israel. It is going to be right there in Jerusalem at the Temple. And this is what we've seen over the last several days is the Iranian people have been targeting Islamist seminaries, mosques, institutions, graves. In some cases, it looks like

the beginning of the end. We don't know yet. We'll have to wait and see because remember, we are looking at a template. But we can see the similarities here on the template. It is not just a siege of a government of a nation. It is also a siege against the religious system.

It is also interesting if you remember the last Shah of Iran fled. He was deposed and then later died of cancer. But he had children and those children were educated and grew up here in the west. So they are very well spoken both in Farsi which is the language of Iran as well as English, French, some other languages. Very well educated, very well spoken. The crown prince whose name is Reza Pahlavi, he is actually really good friends with Israelis and he is now a very striking man. He is the son of the exiled king of Iran, the Shah. He has always been very active on behalf of the people of Iran because of the repression that came along with the overthrow.

It didn't take long after the revolution of 1979 for the Iranians to realize what they signed up for and what they got were two separate things. And so now as we are watching the videos and so forth, we are seeing Iranians calling for a return of the monarchy. Now, from what I understand from listening to him speak, the crown prince does not want to be a king. He doesn't want to be a monarch, but he would like to go back to Iran and be a part of setting up a democracy there. And so with the call that we are hearing, which you would have to hear a translation of it from Farsi, but where they are calling for the return of the king, they are ..... now the flag of the old monarchy. And in another twist not only are you seeing this connection here with the king, remember it was the king of Babylon that lay siege to Jerusalem to the religious center of Israel and Judea, now you actually see the crown prince of the king who would be the king now had the '79 revolution not occurred, he is the one who seems to be guiding this siege against the Islamic regime even though from exile. Well, just recently his daughter the princess Iman, she married a Jewish American named Bradley Sherman. When has this ever happened before? When has Persian royalty married a Jew? In exile.

Well, if you'll remember, we are coming up on Purim pretty fast. The Persian queen Esther was actually Hadassa. She was a Jewish exile who married the Persian king Ahasuerus or Achashverosh was his name or Xerxes. And in this marriage we saw that the Jews went through a very difficult time because of wicked Haman, may his name be blotted out. He was trying to kill all the Jews. He says they are a nation within your nation. They are keeping their own laws. They are keeping this Torah. They are not respecting you, king. And so, the king kind of falls for it until Queen Esther reveals that she is Hadassah, that she is Jewish and this Haman is trying to kill her and her people. And so it brings salvation to the Jews, to this Jewish nation within Persia. And so that made it even more interesting because we could see some posting of messages from

the Iranian people. And one of, there was two phrases that stuck out and I wrote them down. I actually had to pause the video to get it written down. One of them was, **the lion and the eagle will rise again together and once again live in peace.** Which we know the lion represented Babylon, which was swallowed by Persia, the bear. But they retain the lion as a symbol. And then of course the eagle represents Israel. And another one I saw was **the lion of Judah and the lion of Persia will rise again.** Now I don't know if these are good things or bad things. I just know they are things that I don't think I can mark them up to coincidence. I think we are seeing a shaking that is according to our pattern. We have what happened to Judah in ancient times, this Babylonian siege against Jerusalem and the seat of Israelite religious life. Now in a strange reversal, it is occurring in Iran, which does encompass the territory of that golden lion of Babylon and the silver bear of Medo Persia. Now, it is the Persian people who are laying siege to the religious centers and strongholds that have been set up in their country, in their kingdom, and they are demanding regime change. And they are tearing down statues of these Islamic terrorist heroes like Sulammani.

And so if repenting means turning back and not wanting to do that anymore, wishing that decision had not been made, that is what's happening here. We have a generation whose grandparents made a choice to invite an Islamic beast cleric to lead their nation. And now they are chanting against that very regime. They are upset because this regime has hated other people so much, specifically the Jews, that they have drained the wealth of Iran, simply to send more weapons and rockets against Israel. All their own people are doing without. They can't even get clean water. Tehran is like a nightmare of pollution.

So just to show you the pattern, like what precipitated this was, did this just spontaneously occur on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, or is there more behind it. Obviously there's more behind it. During Hanukkah I posted the Scripture that is the most solid Biblical foundation, I mean I know Yeshua was in the Temple at Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication in the winter time. I get that. But in terms of Biblically, where does Scripture talk about Hanukkah?

Now, it is not going to call it by name, but it is going to give you the date. And I don't know that prophecy can do much more than that before the event actually happens. But it is prophesied by the prophet Haggai as a feast. Chag is a feast by Haggai is my feast. So it is a very short book, but when he prophesies this and he gives you specifically the starting date of Hanukkah, that is going to happen much, much, much, much later. He can't possibly foresee Greeks being part of this unless it is through prophecy. But we know Hanukkah is tied prophetically to Daniel's prophecies of the abomination that causes desolation. So what does Haggai do? He prophesies that the first day of the event or the feast, which is not a Torah feast, it is not an appointed time, it is not a *moed* but it is a remembrance. Remember of a Sukkot, a Feast of the Nations that could

not be observed because of uncleanness and corpses on the Temple Mount, which was the pattern of the Pesach Sheni, the second Passover. What we do know is that Haggai prophesies a shaking of the nations. And because Hanukkah is based on Sukkot, Sukkot is also known as the Feast of the Nations. So there's a clear connection there. So Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication is not just Haggai's prophecy of something that is going to happen with the Greeks many years in the future. He is describing a power change in his own generation. For that part of it, it is not a future telling, it is a now telling, because this is a characteristic of this particular appointed time. So he writes in Haggai chapter 2 starting with verse 18 he says *From the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month from the day when the Temple of the Lord was founded consider, He gives you a GPS, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the ninth month from the day when the Temple of the Lord was founded, is the seed still in the barn?* What month is he talking about here? Well, it says the ninth month. It is Kislev. It loosely aligns with December. And so from the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month, what happens? Well, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month, the evening before which would be our be like the 24<sup>th</sup> what happens at sundown it becomes the 25<sup>th</sup> which is the beginning of Hanukkah. So he says, *Consider this from the day when the Temple of the Lord was founded.* Well, what do we know about the founding of the Temple? It is aligned with Sukkot, the Feast of the Nations? He says, *Consider, is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree. It has not borne fruit yet. From this day on, I will bless you.* Now, that doesn't sound like a huge nation shaking prophecy. But what is he talking about here? He is giving us more information. He is not going to be able to say. It hasn't happened yet. But he does give us all the template products of Sukkot. He lists the products of first fruits that are brought in at Sukkot, the Feast of the Nations, from the wine vat, the threshing floor, the fruit of the ground, the fruit of the tree. So he lists here the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, the olive tree. It has not borne fruit. He is saying these are Sukkot fruits and they are just not yielding for you. He says, *But there's about to be a change. From this day on, I will bless you.* For Israel has not been bearing fruit, or at least not much. Certainly not commensurately with the work they've been throwing into it. He says, *From this day on, I will bless you.* He said, Okay, now I am about to do something in heavenly places. He goes on and he highlights what's going to happen here in order for these products to yield their fruit for the appointed time so that you can actually celebrate Sukkot. See, if the fruits aren't coming in, then how will you bring your first fruits and your tithes at Sukkot, at the Feast of the Nations? And he says, *Yet from this day on, I will bless you.* And so after Sukkot has passed, which of course is in the 7<sup>th</sup> month, now he is prophesying about the 9<sup>th</sup> month, the first day of Hanukkah. Okay, this is dead of winter. And so he is saying, Look in your barn. Not much there, is there? There's not much there because you didn't have much to bring. But he says, *From this day on, I will bless you.*

Well, it is not going to magically sprout grapes and figs and pomegranates and olives on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Kislev. What is he saying? I will put things in motion. I will start the blessing clock on this day. Then it goes on. And it says, *Then the Word of the Lord came a second time to on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the month, saying, speak to Zerubbabel, government, governor of Judah, saying, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations. And I will overthrow the chariots and their riders and the horses and their riders will go down everyone by the sword of another. On that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will take you Zerubbabel, son of Shael, My servant, declares the Lord, and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the Lord of Hosts.* Well, if you remember, the king of Persia gave Queen Esther the signet ring. Got it back from wicked Haman, may his name be blotted out. What does he do? He gives it to Mordecai and Esther, Queen Esther, and says, write whatever you want to write and use my signet. I can't take back a decree I've already sent out, but I can send another decree that will negate the curses, basically. And so he gives them the signet ring to write for him on his behalf. And so you can see this passing of authority to Zerubbabel on this particular day. He is representing a change, a shaking of principalities and powers. And that is why we know when we look at the first day of Hanukkah that Haggai has prophesied a part of that template is going to be, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I'll overthrow the thrones of kingdoms, destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations, overthrow the chariots and their riders, the horses and their riders will go down everyone by the sword of another. What does that mean? He will set that clock. He will start that clock and begin shaking.

If we read it in Revelation when He is talking about these principalities and powers being shaken out of the way, it says they fell like unripe figs. They fell like unripe figs. Well, remember this is one of the products that Haggai is prophesying about where things have just not been coming to fruition. There's been resistance. There's been conflict within the heavenlies and it is been playing out in the natural realms. So even though we have a prophecy here that is specifically for Israel in a time of return and rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple after exile. It is giving us information we need that there is a timetable that runs in the heavenlies. And when He does things in the heavenlies, it is like hitting a thing on a clock. And we know in time we will begin to see the effects of those changes of that shaking on the earth.

So if we go back to what do we say the 24<sup>th</sup> of Kislev that would have been the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and then the first day of Hanukkah is considered the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December or the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev. So what Haggai is saying is this divine clock it is like He pushes the button, pushes the start button on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev and then what happens? Well, in the natural realm, you will begin to realize,

well, something's going on. Something's going on. But by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, there will probably be something you can point to and say, okay, a clock just started with this kingdom, with this nation. And that is how it operates.

And so even though Haggai is prophesying of a time when Hanukkah will occur in the epoch of the Greek leopard beast, the third beast, he helps us to understand some things about that feast of Hanukkah before it ever happens, before the Jews ever come back and rededicate the Temple after the abomination. They already know from Haggai's prophecy that the overthrow of kingdoms is going to be aligned with this particular date. And so did they choose that for that reason? Don't know. But we know that it was commemorating a missed chag of Sukkot a missed Feast of the Nations. So whereas the Feast of the Nations in the seventh month, Sukkot is generally seen as a time of joy and gladness. This Feast of the Nations, Hanukkah, there's joy and gladness but not before there's a lot of trouble, a lot of abomination, a lot of death, a lot of impure things went on in order to arrive at that date.

But that helps us again knowing that things run in cycles. Every beast kingdom has found a way to put an abomination on the Temple Mount and there's still one on there. Every beast kingdom has found a way to do it. It is just our job to understand that it is not a one-off. That in every generation we can look and say, okay, what's going on in the principalities and powers? Well, we don't know because we can't see it, but we can look at what's going on with the nations on earth and we get a little bit of an idea of what's going on, if there's certain principalities and powers that are being adjusted.

And so we saw that in the time of Haggai, of prophets like Ezra and Nehemiah, there was a shaking in the heavenlies and it shook some obstructions out of the way. Because remember Israel was exiled for 70 years in Babylon, which again is the symbolic number of the nations. And so when they come back from the Babylonian captivity and of course there was much better cooperation with the Medes and the Persians probably due to Daniel's influence. I mean think of the kingdoms Daniel lived through. He was something else. But the shaking of the principalities and powers was affected so that the Jews could return and rebuild Jerusalem, build up Judea, rebuild the Temple Mount.

But you see a similar rotation in the book of Revelation and in the shaking of the principalities and powers in Revelation like you say when these stars start falling which they represent the powers these angelic powers that are going to have to be shaken out of the way. Once they are shaken out of the way and we realize it, now we know what time it is because if they are shaken out of the way it is because they are no longer needed. It was never part of the plan that they rule over the nations. Remember the plan and it actually goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. If you've read Workbook 5, Volume 1, Beresheet, you saw

the prophecies of Israel in the Garden. Like the language is so specific, you can't miss it. Especially if you are reading in Hebrew. But even not knowing that you get it from the book of Revelation. There's 12 gates of Jerusalem. We know that the 12 tribes will rule from those 12 gates. Gates represent judgment. They will be judging the earth with the reigning Messiah Yeshua. They are not ready for that just yet, but they will be. They are preparing right now. They are preparing for there to be seed in the barn. They are preparing for there to be abundant fruits at the Feast of the Nations. That is what they are out here to do, is to proclaim the message of Messiah to the nations and then an exile will end. They were put out in those 70 symbolic nations. You say, well, there's way more than 70. Don't worry about that 70, symbolic number from ancient times in Scripture of the nations. And so once He starts to collect His people, His tribes, and then for those who are capable, He will set them up as judges at these 12 gates of Jerusalem. And from there, as was the plan from the beginning, it was going to be man that ruled over the earth. That is what Adam was created to do. And so there's no plan B. It is just plan A took a really long time.

But they will be able to judge the earth as originally planned without having to rely upon these powers that are temporary. Even the adversary knows his time is short, when he gets cast out of heaven, he is serving a purpose right now. You have to, I mean He is Adonai is just, He instituted courts and you have to have a prosecutor. So as long as we are messing stuff up he'll be there to prosecute us. But there will come a time when that is enough when the people will repent and then they will be able to return from that exile. He won't have a place anymore. But yes, we can definitely see action in the natural world today, that principalities and powers were adjusted at Hanukkah. Nothing changed in the physical world, visible world immediately. If they did, they were just like smaller like, oh, there's a clue, there's a clue, there's a clue, but the shaking had already occurred. The powers of nations shake first in the spiritual domain.

Now Paul tells us in the message to the Corinthians, he says, **The natural is revealed first, then the spiritual**. And he is correct. As human beings, we see it first in the natural realm. What does that do? It drives us to question what has happened in the spirit realm. What has happened in the unseen realm? And it takes a certain maturity to even be able to see what has happened in the spiritual domains.

So we have this appointed time after Hanukkah, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. So like I say this year it fell on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December during the daytime. The day would have become begun the evening before at sundown. And we fasted that day to mourn the beginning of King Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, the beginning of the end of the first Temple. But is it only mourning something that happened long, long, long ago? Or does He ask us to fast so

that we can recognize when it is happening right, right now? And this is right, right now. The covid thing, when we were going through it, it was right, right now. So He didn't leave us without any preparation at all. He left us with fast days to consider what was happening in our world. So you've got the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> month, that commemorates the siege of the Jerusalem beginning. And then the next one is the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz or the fourth month. That is when the walls of Jerusalem were breached. And then the third one is the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, the 5<sup>th</sup> month. That is when the Temple was destroyed and Jerusalem was leveled. And then the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet or the 7<sup>th</sup> month, that is when the last king of Judah was killed. So you say, how can I find out more about this? Just go on our YouTube page and you can pull up just The 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet. There's another one we did called the Fast Prophecies. But these will focus on what are considered minor fast days because they are not in the Torah, but they are in Zacharia 8:19.

And so there's a recognition even by the time of Zacharia that these fasts needed to be observed and remembered because they would be important markers going forward. So he says, *Thus says the Lord of hosts, the fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months will become joy, gladness, and cheerful peace for the house of Judah. So love, truth, and peace.* So the joy that is associated with Sukkot and the Feast of the Nations he says one day these this will be restored. So fasting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet other than just trying to get through the day, I say if you can't fast on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet you probably can't fast at all because it is the easiest one of all.

But it is going to be hard for us to define modern Iran as either Babylon or Persia because even in ancient times when the third beast, Greece, was invaded by Alexander the Great, they infused a lot of western influence into Persia. I guess say the bear swallowed the lion, then the leopard swallowed the bear. So what is the fourth beast? Rome. Well, it is a conglomerate. When Daniel describes Rome, he describes it as this conglomerate beast. Remember, like the old lady that swallowed the fly. Well, okay, the leopard swallowed the bear, swallowed the lion. By the time of Rome, it has a really fierce appearance to it, but it is a composite picture of different beasts. And so are the modern systems of the beast. And by the way, you can also go on our YouTube channel and find A Concise History of the Beast and it will explain why the beast is found in systems. It goes back to the leopard and its spots. Like each kingdom introduces a little bit more understanding about what the beast is. And that is the most concise history I can give you. It is contained right there in that one video. But we've got Rome swallowing all of these kingdoms with their systems. And so **it developed the most effective power tools of each of those kingdoms**, whether it was strong military, religion, politics, government, medicine, athletics,

the arts, philosophy, education, whatever system worked, the Romans took it and **enlarged it and strengthened it in order to control its vast empire**. It found out you could control people through systems and those systems you design them so that they offer something that people want or need. So those beast systems, they always work in three stages. First they invite you. You are baited with something you want or need. What if you don't bite? Next, next they'll apply coercion. And this is going to be an application of pressure. They'll use punishment for non-compliance. And if you still don't comply, there's death. Those are the three stages.

And this is the exact progression that the Islamic regime used to gain control of Iran in 1979. The beast recognized that the Shah was introducing the modern Western technologies and changes way too quickly for a traditionally conservative nation. The example I gave in the newsletter was just think of Marty McFly and Back to the Future when he starts out playing Earth Angel and then he ends up in this heavy metal version of Johnny Be Good in like in under two minutes flat and it just stops the whole prom. Like what are you doing? They weren't ready for that and nobody's ready for that. But it shows you how fast the Shah was modernizing and there were all sorts like I said you'd have to read a shelf of books to understand also how the turn of the century communism was a factor. There were all sorts of little subversions. It's not really necessary that you understand the history of it. There were a lot of historical and political factors. But ultimately the Islamists baited the youth of the nation. Remember the American hostages were taken from a university uprising and so they invited the Ayatollah in. He took power and what they found out it was bait and switch, but by the time they realized it wasn't what they signed up for it was too late. The Shah's wife has written some interesting things, the crown prince's mother, I don't know where to tell you to find them. I am not even sure what book they are in, but she has a really good analysis of what led to the Shah and his family fleeing the country. But when the Islamic regime came in, the compliance squad started rounding up people who objected and they tortured or killed those who objected. If you've never heard of Evin prison, that is worth looking up. Horrible things went on and go on there. That is where they disappear you. The Basij kind of a police squad that imposed this Sharia law that could repress every rebellion, certain special units of the IRGC, but they repressed every rebellion. There's been a growing underground church. You see, sometimes the very oppression we think is bad actually produces the tribulation, produces the refinement. There's a growing underground church in Iran. We know that there's this teeny tiny little Jewish community that didn't escape when the rest of the Jews pretty much had to go. And they are basically imprisoned. Tiny little Jewish community, but every time something comes up, they are forced to speak in support of the regime and talk about how anti-Israel they are. And they are forbidden to visit Israel. They are forbidden to visit their relatives,

communicate with their relatives in Israel. Women have been on the receiving end of this Islamic regime. If they don't wear the hijab, they can be imprisoned, tortured, and some cases, they've been killed. And that is how the beast works. But as of today, that beast is shaking. Will it outlast at this time? Will it resist again? I don't know. A lot of things have taken place since October 7<sup>th</sup> that have weakened the beast from within. I don't know how it plays out, but I do know this, the template is in play. All these things are coming together. And that is why it is so important for us to immerse ourselves in the Word.

Maybe next week we can do something a little bit shorter. Maybe we can talk a little bit more about the abomination that causes desolation and the prince of Persia. By this time next week, maybe we'll know one way or the other how this is going to turn out. But however, it turns out it is another lesson to us that the Father works according to His Word. **When He establishes a timetable, He does things on that timetable. That is not to scare us. That is to change us.** That is to remind us we don't make up our own calendars. He lets us do our own scheduling but on His calendar. And if we insist upon changing His appointed times, then we are going to have a difficult time seeing these sorts of things coming, seeing how He confirms and affirms His Word year after year, after year, after year in Scripture. Faith is a great thing, but how much faith does it take to see how many times He has fulfilled His Word exactly the way He said He would and when He said He would?

So, if this is all new to you, there's four programs I'd start with. It would be the Fast of Tevet because that'll give you a little bit of an overview of the four fasts. And like I say, right now we are seeing that shaking of kingdoms, the thing going on with Venezuela, in the Middle East, in Iran, He has definitely weakened Hezbollah, Hamas, Bashar Assad is out of power. There is an adjustment of principalities and powers taking place. If you are interested in understanding the book of Revelation, it starts with learning His calendar and going back to the first words, figuring out what do I need to do to internalize these first five books that is the foundation of the Prophets and even understanding prophecy. So there's four I would start with if this interests you, but I wouldn't stop there. I would say, okay, let me go back and let me start studying the Torah portions. Let me get on that calendar. and you go through the Torah once a year or once every three years depending on the cycle you are on. But you can study with Israel every week a particular Torah portion. You can literally be on the same page. And if you get the Torah down as a foundation. So much of even if I said something that doesn't make any sense to you or I don't know what you are talking about, there's too many new words here. It is okay. It is all right. We don't have to know everything. But we can get the foundations. And as we go through the cycles year after year, however many years are left, we'll pick up exactly what we need to know. He will teach you exactly what you need to know

if you will cooperate with Him. He will be a teacher if you'll be a student. So many times you are like, Teach me Your ways. Teach me Your ways. But we are not students. So if we are willing to be a student, He is always prepared to be a teacher. So, if you want more information to kind of help you understand like so many places I am pulling out of just to even comment on what's going on in Iran. There's a video called **The Fast of Tevet on YouTube, A Concise History of the Beast, Principalities and Powers Part One and Principalities and Powers Part Two**. And if you've already seen those, it never hurts to review, even if it is just like moving the fast forward button and reviewing the slides on there. That is what I like to do sometimes. Like, let me just slide through here and see is there something I need to remember? Some little detail that is going to help.

Yeah, that was pretty serious subject, but the Father is in charge and that should encourage you. Just it has been long but an hour and a half. This is not one of those teachings or that comments where I wanted to leave you halfway through. I wanted to kind of see from beginning to end why I thought this was important to point out. And so yeah, it was pretty heavy, but there is joy. Remember, He is like, is the seed still in the barn? I am going to bring you joy. I am going to bring you fruitfulness. And so, when we look at troubles like this or we try to understand troubles like this, understand He is aiming us toward the Feast of the Nations. And that is a time of joy. It is the season of our joy. And so, yeah, we have to go through stuff to get to the season of joy, but it is a lot easier when you know what's going on. (Would you agree? Is that a yes? Okay, we are not talking). I like to know what's going on, even if I can't control it, it helps me know how to pray. It helps me know how to pray for people. If Iran, if the Iranian people do throw off this regime, my prayer would be that it wouldn't stop there. That they truly would have not a religious revival, but they would have a spiritual revival. That it wouldn't just be freedom to do whatever I want. It would be freedom to do what the Father wants. And because apart from that, you enter back into another cycle. Israel found that out.

So I love you guys and Be'zrat HaShem will be back next week. We'll see what this coming week holds, whether we'll shift back into our Song of Songs, or maybe try to follow up on this a little bit and talk about the abomination that causes desolation and maybe review a little bit of the principalities and powers. Because ultimately the problem with being out there scattered among those 70 symbolic nations is that they do have assigned powers over those principalities. And to an extent you are going to thrive or suffer according to what's going on in that realm. The good news is Yeshua said, I will never leave you or forsake you. Pray in My name. And we know that His authority supersedes. And so in those times of oppression, we do have someone who can make an appeal for us directly to the throne. He is at the right hand of the Father. You don't get

closer than that. And so there's no reason to be troubled. There's no reason to be afraid because of Yeshua. We are not at the mercy of these powers. It doesn't mean we won't have tribulation. That is part of it. But it does mean that no one can snatch us out of Yeshua's hand no matter what happens. And can we intercede for a good outcome? We should. Should we be interceding for what's going on in Iran right now? I believe we should. Should we be interceding for the conditions in Venezuela right now? I believe we should. Should we be praying for our own nations right now? Because we can't see what's going on up there. We just know it is going. We should remain in prayer and I hope you'll join me in that. We have so much to be thankful for. Really we do. All right. Love you. See you next week.