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Broadcast: The Altar of Pergamon – Part 2

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Dr. James Dobson: You're listening to Family Talk, the radio broadcasting division of the James Dobson Family Institute. I am that James Dobson, and I'm so pleased that you've joined us today.

Roger Marsh: Well, welcome back to Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk, the voice you trust for the family you love. My name is Roger Marsh, and our special guest again today is Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. He has written 10 best-selling books. They're all *New York Times* bestsellers. His 11th book is a slightly different take on his writing style. In the past, he's written non-fiction books. This one comes from more of the storytelling approach, and it's a book that is just now out, as I mentioned. If you like *The Harbinger*, you are going to be absolutely fascinated with this newest book called *The Altar of Pergamon*, where the Apostle John is describing some things that we refer to as the throne of Satan in Revelation 2:13. And this is just an amazing work that we have linked up at drjamesdobson.org. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, welcome back to Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk for part two of this conversation.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Great to be back with you, Roger. And the story involves a man who's a skeptic named Ariel Herzog, and he receives this page from a cryptic book. He can't decipher it. And he needs the help of a woman named Lara, who's actually a believer. And they're kind of opponents, but they're forced together. And the journey takes them across the world to Istanbul and Cuba, Havana, Cuba, to Berlin and Moscow. And at each point, there's kind of a mysterious person who reveals the next mystery and gives them the next page. And at the same time, there's kind of a force. We say an agency linked to the altar that's trying to stop them. So it's like a thriller, but it's revealing. We counted like 200 mysteries. It's totally real. And one of the reasons why I say that is I'm praying, and really my hope is not only that it goes to believers, but that people in your life who are not believers, who are not saved, and then you give it to them because they're going to be drawn into the story. And whoa, okay, it's like Indiana Jones. It's like the Da Vinci Code, but it's God, and it leads to salvation. So that's my hope. That's really my hope with it.

Roger Marsh: I love the meaningfulness of this and the purpose and the intent that you've put into this brand new book, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. We talked in our opening segment, part one of this conversation, which is up now at drjamesdobson.org, about Adolf Hitler, the Third Reich, World War I, World War II, and some of the

connections there. But this mystery does have a connection to Communism, to Karl Marx, Soviet Union. Help us understand that connection as well.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Yeah, for those that didn't hear it, in a quick nutshell, this altar of Pergamon or throne of Satan is taken from Pergamon. It goes to Germany. Everything happens in Germany. World wars come from Germany where, you know, the Holocaust, all these things, Hitler, all that. And now at the end of the war, World War II, Hitler is dead. And so there's nobody there. And so, I mean, nobody owning the altar, but it's going to pass to another hand now to set the stage with Karl Marx. You know, people right now, there's a resurgence in Socialism. And a lot of the young are like, wow, this sounds like a great thing, a great idea. Well, it's not. And the thing is that it begins with Karl Marx. Now, what people don't realize, Karl Marx is part of this. First of all, Karl Marx is born in the land that is going to become Germany. Karl Marx is German. And this is the culture that is going to have, again, the altar. People might think that, you know, Communism, the main part of Communism, it's Russia, Soviet Union. No, Communism came from Germany, the same place that had the altar. OK, so it's not only Nazism, it's Communism.

And the thing is that, that what happens is Karl Marx is raised knowing about Jesus, actually. And when he's 17 years old, he writes a devotion to Jesus, saying how we have to get so closer to Jesus. And, and but when he's 18, they sent him to Berlin, which is basically going to be the place where this throne of Satan is going to be. A change takes place with him that very year. And he starts writing strange verses that it's as if he was taken over. It's as if the devil was speaking right through Karl Marx. He writes things, he says things like a god has taken away from me what I had and I'll have revenge. And he says that, you know, in Isaiah, the devil says, I will exalt my throne.

Well, Karl Marx writes, "I will lift up my throne to the highest." It's like the words of Satan. Just Karl Marx saying, I will bring the world to destruction and I will walk the ruins as a God. And he says, I have this sword. And he says, the prince of darkness has given me this sword, says Karl Marx. And Marx's favorite verse throughout his life was quoting the demon from Faust saying, everything that exists deserves to be destroyed. That's Karl Marx. And that's at the root of Marxism. And Marx, he ends up writing the manifesto. Nobody reads it basically. I mean, and within a short time, he becomes forgotten. And in fact, if it wasn't for something that happened, we would never have heard of Karl Marx. He becomes forgotten. He's living in exile. He's a hermit. There's no movement. And there's nothing. And he doesn't even talk about the manifesto. Nothing.

But then something happens that changes everything. And it happens. It's the altar of Pergamon. At the same moment the altar is brought to Germany, as we talked before, and that's when anti-Semitism comes to the world, there is a resurrection of Marxism in Germany where the altar is resurrected. And there's a number of events that have caused it. We won't have time to go into it, but with the altar. And so at the same moment that the altar comes to Germany,

Marxism is revived in Germany, and the manifesto is re-released. You know, nobody read it pretty much. Now it's re-released in German. And for the first time, it's given the name, *The Communist Manifesto*. And it's going to become the most second read book in the world after the Bible. But it all resurrects at that time.

And at the same moment, one of Marx's books, when the altar comes to Germany, goes to Russia, to Russia. And in Russia, you've got a guy named Vladimir Lenin. And Vladimir Lenin, the key moment is going to be when Lenin becomes a revolutionary and he comes upon the book of Karl Marx when they come together. So the thing is, remember I told you in the last one, when they started piecing together the altar for the first time in Berlin, the throne of Satan. And at that same moment, when it appears, Hitler is born into the world. Same year, same moment. Well, that's 1889. Same year when they put it together, that's when Lenin comes into Marx, comes together with Marx.

Roger Marsh: Interesting.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: And that's going to change the world. And the thing is that, but there's another part of this mystery because there's another child who was born into the world and he's born when they put the shovels into the earth to start unearthing the altar of Pergamon or the throne of Satan, when they do that, this other child is born. So he comes into the world also as the altar. What's his name? His name is Joseph Stalin.

So now you've got Stalin, he comes into the world with the altar. Hitler comes into the world with the altar. And he's going to be part of the mystery as well. So what's going to happen is Nazism being formed a journey, but you have Communism and Marxism also rising. And it's going to, as we know, it's going to take over the Soviet Union. And the Soviet Union is going to become the first communist state. Now, a lot of people think that the communists overthrew the czar. They never did, they never overthrew him, the Russian people overthrew the czar but what happened what Communism did is they overthrew democracy. Lenin came to Russia when they were about to have a democracy, and he overthrew it with Communism or Marxism.

But the secret story is that it wasn't just Lenin coming. What happened was he was sent to Russia, and he was sent by Germany. And the plot, it was a plot to send Lenin and destabilize Russia, who was an enemy of Germany at the time. And so the plot came from Berlin where the throne of Satan was. So even the Soviet Union and the birth is linked to this mystery. And when we last spoke, Roger, we left it off where Hitler had just killed himself, you know, in 1945. And so Hitler's in a bunker, you know, and he kills himself. In another bunker, in Berlin, same city, another bunker, something else is hidden. The Nazis hid the throne of Satan in another bunker.

Roger Marsh: Interesting.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: They're in one bunker, the throne of Satan in another bunker. And what happens is soldiers come upon this bunker, they open up the bunker, and it's the throne of Satan. Who are the soldiers? And they're going to possess, they're going to become the new masters. It's the Red Army. And the Soviet Union is going to become the new owner of the throne of Satan. And so you see literally history changes. A court's going to pass from Nazi Germany to the Soviet Union.

Roger Marsh: That is a fascinating statement. I want you to unpack a little bit more because of the connection it has with the whole world, not just the Eastern part of the world. Whenever the altar changes hands, a new power shows up.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Yeah.

Roger Marsh: So take us to 2026. What power is rising right now? And is there any, I mean, is there a Western connection to this?

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Well, it's going to go, I promise you, it's going to go all the way to where we are right now. In fact, I will tell you, I mean, two things I said last time I said, it's even linked to the internet.

Roger Marsh: Yeah.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: There's also an American leader. I don't know if we should name it. We may not name it.

Roger Marsh: Uh oh. Uh oh.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: There's an American leader who is actually linked to the altar of Pergamon. But let's lead up to it, if it's okay. I'll tell you what happens. So the Soviet Union gets it and they put it on a trade and they bring it to Russia. So now think about it. Russia is now the capital of the throne of Satan, owns the throne of Satan. I mean, and look, what is the capital of evil now in the world? Well, I mean, when you get from, it goes from Nazi Germany to the Soviet Union. Now, the Soviet Union is already linked to the altar. But now when it gets the altar it's almost like it gets empowered. And what happens is now Communism owns the altar of Satan. It becomes empowered. Communism starts spreading right then. It takes over all of Eastern Europe until you have one third of every person on earth is under this evil. And it's under this evil when they possess the throne of Satan.

And notice something. There's a parallel here because every power that gets the gets this object. And now it's kind of sounding like the *Lord of the Rings*, but it's real. What happens is they become the center of a war against Christians. I mean, think about it. Nazi Germany hated Christianity. It was pagan. Hitler wanted it destroyed and hated the Jews. What happens in the Soviet Union? They become the key power against Christianity in the world and against Israel or the Jews. So it follows where that goes.

But there's another part of the mystery, and that is that we say the word devil, and people don't realize that there's a real meaning to that. The word devil comes from the Greek diabolos, and diabolos means the one who divides, who casts through, who divides. So what is going to happen now in the world? You see, if you can divide, you can destroy. If you can divide man from God, you can destroy man. You know, if you divide man and women, you destroy marriage. You know, divide. So now what's going to happen is the whole world is going to be divided. And we call it the Cold War. But it's actually linked to this ancient mystery. Because where does the Cold War begin? In Berlin. Right when they come to the altar. So right where that is, or where the throne was, the line comes, divides it, divides Germany, divides Europe, divides the world. I mean, you have basically, you want to sum up the Cold War. It's two camps, one camp that has the throne of Satan and the other camp that is against it. You know, so that's what many of us grew up with. And so you've got that going on.

And the thing is that in 1958, the Soviet Union decides for political reasons to send the altar back to now East Berlin. Okay, this is still Communism. The Soviet Union is still controlling the altar. Communism still has it, but the location has changed. So amazing thing is as soon as they bring it back to Berlin and all of a sudden, everything explodes over Berlin. The two superpowers come to a head over Berlin. This is called the Berlin crisis. And you could have almost had a nuclear war. I mean, think about, you know, the enemies are destroyed. He wants to destroy the world.

Well, the crisis continues on until Kennedy becomes president. When Kennedy's president, he meets with the Soviet premier Khrushchev. And Khrushchev, again, he wants Berlin. He wants the allies out of Berlin. Well, Kennedy refuses. Khrushchev builds the Berlin Wall. And then there comes a, I don't know if you remember this more, and you may not be old enough to remember, but there's another Berlin crisis at what was called Checkpoint Charlie. And you have Soviet troops armed facing one side of the wall. You got American troops armed facing, it's the only time it ever happened. And both sides are now preparing for nuclear war. Both sides are preparing. The world came that close to destruction over the throne of Satan is right there, the walls right there.

Roger Marsh:

Wow.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn:

And the thing is that now, now let me add another puzzle piece. And that is that you can't destroy the world without the power to destroy the world. So when did that, now we're talking about nuclear, nuclear destruction. When did that come into the world? And could that be linked to this ancient mystery from the Bible? It actually began at the throne of Satan at the altar of Pergamon. It began in Berlin. In Berlin is where they split the atom. Two German scientists under Adolf Hitler in 1938 split the atom, and that started the nuclear age. So Hitler almost got, he wanted, and almost got that power, but he was kept from getting it.

And so it went to America. But it all began, you know, let me just go back to that mystery. Last time we were saying, what kind of altar is it? It's the altar of burnt offerings. And that word in Greek we saw is the word Holocaust. And so what's the power to totally burn something up? It's actually a new fire, a nuclear fire. And the thing is that when we use the word Holocaust today, it's only two ways we use it. One is to refer to the Holocaust of Hitler. And the other is when we say a nuclear Holocaust. And both of, both Holocausts came from Berlin. and from the throne of Satan. So now you've got the power to destroy the world. Okay, so one more thing about this. This is the most dangerous moment in world history, and that is the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Roger Marsh: Yeah.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: What happened is the Soviet Union sends missiles to Cuba. America discovers it. Kennedy quarantines the island. They put American ships in the water there. Soviet ships are coming with more missiles. The whole world is preparing for nuclear war. People are going into bomb shelters. They're putting dog tags on their children. I mean, the whole world, this is the most, if anything went the wrong way, we wouldn't be here today, okay? So this, and this is how real this is. Okay, but we got, we passed, but here's the mystery they won't tell you. Here's the secret behind it all. And it goes back to the Bible. It goes back to this mystery. And here it is.

It didn't start with Cuba, those missiles in Cuba. It started because Khrushchev and the Soviet Union was near the Black Sea, and they pointed out the missiles that America had put there aimed at the Soviet Union right after the Berlin crisis, because that's when that heightened everything. So he says, OK, we're going to put missiles right at the doorstep of America. OK, so it really started with these other missiles. So where are these other missiles, these mystery missiles that really almost brought the world to an end? You know where they are? They were all standing in the land of Pergamon.

Roger Marsh: Interesting.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Almost brought, destroyed the world from Pergamon, from the throne of Satan. They were all standing in the ancient kingdom of Pergamon. And remember, which I said, you know, that altar of Pergamon is linked to the god Zeus.

Roger Marsh: Yes.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: You know, in Rome, it's Jupiter. Jupiter is Zeus. The missiles that almost destroyed the world bore the name of the god Jupiter. They were the Jupiter.

Roger Marsh: Incredible, Incredible. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, this is amazing. And I love the fact that you put this together in such a compelling story, your new book, *The Altar of Pergamon*, which is up at drjamesdobson.org. We have been kind of skirting around the issue of Israel for a moment.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Yeah.

Roger Marsh: Can we wander through that just a little bit? Because obviously, whether it's the Holocaust and Hitler's assault on the Jews or Israel's place in the world and their relationship with the United States and, of course, the bond that we have, talk about the role that Israel plays in all of this because I'm sure there are a lot of people looking at it from October 7th, 2023 on, saying, boy, things are really heating up in that region.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Yeah, well, it's a great question. And I mean, one is, it's certainly the enemy was against the Jewish people and Christians. I mean, those who represent God. So he's been warring for thousands of years. And what happened on October 7th, I mean, totally had the fingerprints of the enemy on it. The world hating Israel. What's the Bible say? The Bible says that Israel has to come back in the world for Messiah to come. You know, Jesus said, you know, Jesus is coming. He's not coming to New Jersey. He's coming to Israel. And so what is it? Think about it. I mean, just what would the enemy want to do? He'd want to destroy. If you can destroy Israel, you can stop the kingdom of God. He can stop his defeat. You know, so he's been trying to destroy it.

And listen, you brought up a great thing because think about all this. When did Hitler come about? Just before Israel was about to come back into the world. You know, why did the enemy go crazy? Well, and actually, by the way, this goes back to a mystery that I probably won't bring up in most interviews, but because you brought this up, and that is this, that the amazing thing and a whole other part of the mystery is that the timing of the altar, this coming back in the world was timed to God bringing Israel back into the world.

God started bringing Israel back in like, say, 1870s. They started, the refugees started coming back. And when you follow every event, I do this in the book at the end, but every event, that's when Satan, that's when the altar of Satan comes back. And think about it. It goes to Germany. So what is Germany? Germany is used by, you know, through the, by the enemy to try to stop it all. If you can destroy the Jews, there's no coming back. And then who gets it next? The Soviet Union. What did they become? They became the enemy of Israel, the arch enemy of Israel in the world. And so whoever has that, that's what happens. So, actually this mystery is actually linked to something very good, that the kingdom of God and the throne of God is coming, so Satan brings back his throne to try to stop it.

I mean, it makes it makes like total sense. It's supernatural, but it's totally, absolutely logical. You know, so we are still in that right now. I mean, we are in that fight in every single way. And this is going to bring it to where if you want to where we are now. OK, if you want, you know, that, that is that, what happens to the altar after this? What happens is in 1989, the Berlin Wall falls.

Roger Marsh: Yes.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Now, remember, the altar. So all of a sudden. Now Communism loses the altar. So what happens to Communism? Well, the Eastern Europe, Communism falls. What happens? The Soviet Union loses possession of the altar. What happens? Soviet Union disappears. I mean, it's like clockwork, you know, right after. But on the other side, whenever the altar changes its sovereignty, it signals also the rising of another power or a new power. What power are we talking about now as we head to the future? And this has to do with end-time prophecy as well.

Roger Marsh: Yeah.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: And that is that, you know, if the enemy could not destroy the world by dividing it, He'll seek to possess the world by bringing it together. And this is end time prophecy. This is one world. And what actually possesses... It's in Germany right now. And by the way, I didn't plan this, but they've been kind of keeping the altar hidden for years. And they're going to reveal it in Berlin at the beginning of next year or next year. But I didn't plan the book around that. I just found out. So we don't know what's going to happen here now. But the thing is that it's not just Berlin, because Germany is under something else. It's under what's called the European Union. So right now, the European Union is ultimately possessing the altar. And so the European Union is an entity that represents nations coming together as one. And, you know, the biblical prophecy, I mean, we're not, you know, there's different dimensions. The biblical prophecy speaks of a one world, some kind of one world...

Roger Marsh: Right.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: One world linked of nations. And many Bible student prophecy see Europe. Now, Europe actually possesses the Toronto State. And the other thing, bringing back to now, what happened to Europe and the West when the altar came there? What's been happening is it's been de-Christianizing. We've been watching this massive de-Christianization with the altar in Europe and even touching America. Because America is part of the West, too. Which brings us to one thing I promised you...

Well, I've got to say something else before that. That is that you have this one world thing. Well, one of the things that's also bringing the world together is the internet or the web. When was the web conceived? The web was conceived at the moment the wall came down in Berlin. The moment it changed to one world, one Berlin or one Germany, that's when the web was conceived. When Germany became a one nation again and possessed it, that's when, and that's 1990, that's when the web was officially born. Now in Hebrew, you know that every letter is a number.

Roger Marsh: Yes.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Well, you know, every time you look on the web, you'll see it says World Wide Web, WWW, WWW. Well, in Hebrew, in the language of the Bible, it's not WWW, it's Vav, Vav, Vav, which is the number six. In other words.

Roger Marsh: Hmm.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Six, six, six on every computer. Just throwing that in. Just throwing that in.

Roger Marsh: Yeah.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: But I will tell you, we won't be able to reveal it except say there is an American leader who's on the stage right now. It's not Trump, but he's on the stage, who was actually linked to the altar of Pergamon and actually went over to Berlin, made a speech calling the world to become one, came back to America, began his rise to world power. And when he was on the stage beginning his rise, they had erected in back of him this massive structure. The structure they erected, I don't think they knew what they were doing. They even realized it was a replica of the altar of Pergamon. The throne of Satan.

Roger Marsh: Oh man.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: This American leader. I'm not going to reveal it. It is in the book. It's not going to reveal it. So, so we are, you know, there's so much, but the thing is that, that I'm just giving a, I know it sounds like I'm trying to go fast, but there's so much to this, but it's all, but it's ultimately a message of hope. I mean, I always go to hope and, and actually the, and the man goes to salvation in the book. That's why I'm hoping that again, people get it for unsaved people as well.

Roger Marsh: Lovely, wonderful resource to have that's entertaining but also very informative for us in the body of Christ, it will no doubt have an impact on unbelievers as well of all different backgrounds. The book, again, is called *The Altar of Pergamon* by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. It's now available in stores everywhere. And of course, we have a link for more information on it at drjamesdobson.org.

Rabbi Cahn, the time always goes by much too quickly. I appreciate your passion and your enthusiasm for these topics. Thank you for investing a little bit of time with us today with our listeners here on Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk. We really appreciate you.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn: Thank you, Roger. It's always a joy.

Roger Marsh: Well, what a fascinating conversation today here on Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk. Our guest has been Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, and he connects the dots between ancient mysteries and today's headlines in a way that really makes people stop and think. His brand-new book is called *The Altar of Pergamon*. It's a novel this time, but boy, is it a page turner. And if you missed any part of this conversation, or if you'd like to hear today's program again, as well as yesterday's program, you can find both online at drjamesdobson.org, or if it's easier, just type in jdfi.org. Those will take you to the exact same homepage.

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