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Broadcast: The Hon. Michele Bachmann: America Stands with Israel AGAIN – Part 2

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Dr. James Dobson: Hello everyone. You're listening to Family Talk, the radio broadcasting ministry of the James Dobson Family Institute. I'm Dr. James Dobson, and thank you for joining us for this program.

Roger Marsh: Well, welcome to Family Talk, the broadcast ministry of the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute. I'm Roger Marsh, and today we're continuing a timely and important conversation about America's relationship with Israel. Behind the mic in the guest host seat once again is our own Gary Bauer, senior vice president of public policy here at the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute, and also the host of the Defending Faith, Family and Freedom Podcast, which is available wherever you get your favorite podcasts. Joining Gary for this powerful conversation is former U.S. congresswoman and current JDFI board member, Michele Bachmann.

Now, throughout history, the connection between these two nations, the United States and Israel, has been foundational to America's strength and prosperity. During our discussion during the next half hour, Michele Bachmann will share powerful observations about recent developments and what they mean for the future of both countries. As someone who has served in Congress and also continues to be a strong voice for faith and freedom, Michele Bachmann offers valuable perspective on how we can support Israel while staying true to our nation's founding principles. On our last broadcast, Michele shared her insights on the dramatic shift in U.S.-Israeli relations under the new administration. Today, she'll examine the troubling rise of antisemitism in America and what can be done to combat it.

So now let's get into part two of this powerful conversation featuring Gary Bauer and Michele Bachmann talking about America standing with Israel once again.

Gary Bauer: Now, a little earlier, Michele, we touched on the growing antisemitism in the United States, which we saw-

Michele Bachmann: Jew hatred is what it is.

Gary Bauer: Yeah, no question.

Michele Bachmann: That's what antisemitism is. It's Jew hatred.

Gary Bauer: It sped up, it exploded after that barbaric attack-

Michele Bachmann: Yes, that's right.

Gary Bauer: ... which made no sense whatsoever. I mean, that's the hand of Satan, right?

Michele Bachmann: It is a push-pull because through history, when Jews are attacked, permission has been given to the general population that, "Oh, well then if they were attacked, they must have deserved it. Something must be wrong with them. We should all hate the Jews." So when October 7th, 2023 happened with the slaughter, you saw a global intifada, a rising up of hatred. It was planned, it was intentional. Remember, it was less than 24 hours and there were all of the supporters of the murderers. They had red paint on their hands and they were putting handprints on the gates of the White House, on the brick gates of the White House. Nothing happened to them. Joe Biden didn't send anybody out to arrest them. Nobody went to jail. And so when you don't punish crime, there's more of it. That's what we saw for four years under the Biden administration, crime wasn't punished internationally or domestically, and so permission was given.

Gary Bauer: So with that anti-Semitism, as you said, they did virtually nothing, the university campuses, which should be a place of great learning and progressive thought, et cetera, in fact, we discovered those were some of the worst places in the country on anti-Semitism.

Michele Bachmann: Columbia, Yale, Harvard.

Gary Bauer: And when the Trump administration came in, they just announced in the last week or so, they're filing civil rights complaints against, I believe, Columbia, Harvard, University of Minnesota, and what...

Michele Bachmann: Yes, yes.

Gary Bauer: So again, a major step being taken by the president.

Michele Bachmann: But they need to do that because again, this isn't free speech. This is inciting revolution, and there is no first amendment coverage for inciting revolution. And remember in World War II with the Nazis, it was on the campuses where a lot of this hatred against the Jews began. You look at movements all across the world, whether it's communism, they start on the college campuses.

Gary Bauer: You've been involved in some of these battles that I think we all have at one point or another, but a number of so-called mainline church denominations that still call themselves Christians, they're not only off the rails when it comes to the biblical idea of what marriage is, the sanctity of life, all sorts of other issues, they're off the rails on this. We see major church denominations passing

resolutions at their conferences and conventions condemning Israel, condemning the Jewish people.

Michele Bachmann: That's true. And it's because they embrace something called replacement theology. And it's a heresy is what it is.

Gary Bauer: It is.

Michele Bachmann: And what it says is that the promises that God made are no longer true. Really, that's up to you? That's up to you to question what God said in the Bible? So there are mainline churches, but take a look at those churches. They're dying on the vine. They're losing population, they're living off of their endowments. They're irrelevant to American society. They're only trying to poison the minds of young people.

What I'm concerned about are evangelical churches and evangelical seminaries that would be embracing this idea of Jew hatred. And to me it's because you have radicals that are coming into the seminaries and they're starting to teach in the seminary and they're perverting Scripture. If you stick with the Scripture, you're fine. But when you pervert the Scripture in the seminaries, that's when the living churches go off the rails.

Gary Bauer: Well, some of these theologians, and I use the word broadly, claim that when the Scripture says Israel, it really means now the church.

Michele Bachmann: Yeah, that's right.

Gary Bauer: That's just ridiculous.

Michele Bachmann: That's replacement theology. It's called supersessionism replacement theology. But it is a heresy and a lie. And if you're a part of a church that teaches that-

Gary Bauer: Get out of there.

Michele Bachmann: ... get out and look for another church. That church won't be blessed because God has no expiration date on His promise that His people will be in the land. It is forever until He comes. In fact, the greatest proof, Gary, that the Bible is real, is that the promises that the prophets foretold came true on May 14th, 1948 when Israel was born in a day and when God has been in gathering the Jewish people from all over the world since 1948. So Israel's about 75 years old now. And we saw another prophet Ezekiel, his prophecy regarding Jerusalem, that the Jerusalem would come back into the Jews, that was fulfilled on June 6th, 1967. So everything that the prophets revealed just down to the most minute details, we're living in the most biblical time that I can imagine this day.

So I was alive in 1967 when that happened, and many of our listeners were alive in 1948 when that prophecy was fulfilled. We are witnessing prophecy fulfilled

day after day after day. And I believe, that's why I mentioned Zephaniah 2:4-7 and Judges 12:14, we may be seeing those prophecies fulfilled now. I'm not saying it is, but we might be with what's happening now, the suggestion that this land is returned to the remnant of Judah.

Gary Bauer: Well, Michele, the Scriptures teach that when Christ returns to set up His kingdom here, that He doesn't come into Washington D.C.

Michele Bachmann: That's right.

Gary Bauer: He doesn't set down in Paris or at the United Nations headquarters. He comes to the holy city of Jerusalem, which is throughout the Bible, and it remains central to the entire story that God is laying out before us.

Michele Bachmann: And He said, "This is the city where I put my glory. This is the city where I have my name. This is the city where I have my throne. This is my eternal city." And then turn to Revelation 22, the last book in the Bible, what ultimately happens after the final judgment? A new Jerusalem descends and God has this new holy-

Gary Bauer: What an image. What an image.

Michele Bachmann: Oh, it's so beautiful. So you're right, when He returns, He's returning to the Mount of Olives and He's going to step on the Mount of Olives and that's in Jerusalem.

And so the people and the land will remain and these demonic lunatics will fail. And so the United States should stop funding the demonic plans of the lunatics that want to destroy Israel. And instead, we need to come into alignment with the Word of God. We need to bless the Jewish people. We need to bless the land of Israel. We should never curse them. And thank God we are out of the four-year nightmare of cursing the Jewish people and the Jewish land. And now it appears we're in a period of blessing.

But remember, Donald Trump is a man. He's a human being, a flawed individual. And so that's why we as the church, it's our job to pray. We're told in Romans we're to pray for leaders and those in authority. So we've been gathering in Washington D.C. to pray, but pray if you live in Poughkeepsie, pray if you live in Peoria, pray wherever you are. Pray for the leaders that are in authority because the world is in a very difficult place right now.

Just because Donald Trump is in 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue doesn't mean all is right in the world. The world is in a world of hurt right now. So let's ask God for miracles because the blessings will come back to us in the United States. We want to be blessed as a nation. So that's why we have to read His word, follow His word, pray, repent, turning away from our sins, forsaking our sins. God hears us when we're in that posture. We're walking in answered prayer right now.

Gary Bauer: The inauguration itself, which had to be brought inside because of the inclement weather here and so forth, all around Donald Trump and those dignitaries, God was the premier guest. I mean, you had the prayer by Franklin Graham, by Dolan, by the Jewish rabbi, et cetera. And each one of them in their own ways were bringing the message of God's hand and His blessing on America as Donald Trump and his family sat there, and all of it was started by the Naval Academy Glee Club marching into the rotunda singing

Michele Bachmann: "Glory, glory hallelujah."

Gary Bauer: The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Michele Bachmann: And that was the rotunda of the Capitol. If you notice the giant murals that are behind-

Gary Bauer: Everywhere.

Michele Bachmann: ... those are pictorials of prayer meetings. When the United States began on a beach, a prayer meeting, or the pilgrims, when they were leaving the Netherlands and they're on the dock, it's a prayer meeting, and Pocahontas being baptized because she gave her life to Jesus Christ, it is one depiction after another.

Gary Bauer: I did a podcast for JDFI exactly about that. And if you stood there, if you were Donald Trump and for some reason or any of those people there and you looked up for second-

Michele Bachmann: George Washington.

Gary Bauer: George Washington's looking down from Heaven.

Michele Bachmann: That's right. That's right. And then that doesn't even include the statues. The statues of so many, even presidents, were Bible study teachers who prayed at the inaugurations. American history is a history of a Judeo-Christian people who love the Lord and love His word and want to follow His word. That's the history of United States. Don't let your school system lie to you or lie to your kids because we're not a secular nation. We were started by Christians. We didn't force anyone to have a state church. We did in the colonial era, but not as a country in the United States. But we are the best of nations. We're not perfect, but the best nations are the nations, as the Bible says, "whose God is the Lord." That's what the Scripture says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." I hope this discussion that we're having right now is stimulating the listeners to love and good works.

Gary Bauer: I do too, yes.

Michele Bachmann: To know the Word and then apply the word as a citizen in your own nation and continue to pray for those in authority because we are literally seeing answers to prayer. All last fall, Gary, across the entire country and the world, people were praying about those elections. We are walking through the answer to the prayers of those saints. Well, we don't give up now. We keep praying in and we will see, I think that truly, remember Donald Trump said he wants this to be America's golden era. He believes it will be. What makes America a golden era is the sacred. When we return back to the Lord, then the Lord's hand of blessing comes on a nation and it is a time of sacredness. And that's what my prayer is for the United States-

Gary Bauer: That's a beautiful prayer.

Michele Bachmann: ... that we'll return our hearts to the Lord and then see the sacredness return to the culture of the United States.

Gary Bauer: And Michele, I know you believe, I certainly believe it, and I believe Donald Trump has said he believes it, those prayers you're referring to were happening all during 2024. And we saw with our own eyes, there were very evil forces unleashed that wanted to kill the President.

Michele Bachmann: Oh, no doubt. And still they do.

Gary Bauer: I think still want to do it today.

Michele Bachmann: And he knows that. He even said in a press conference from the Oval Office, he was asked about Iran, "Well, what if Iran assassinates you?"

Gary Bauer: Yes, the answer was-

Michele Bachmann: And he'd already thought about it. He said, "Look, if they assassinate me, I've already written the order that Iran will be obliterated." So any terrorist that thinks they're going to assassinate Donald Trump, they're going to be taken care of because he has now since Butler, Pennsylvania, and he was almost killed there and then almost killed at Mar-a-Lago on his golf course. And people forget there's a third assassination attempt in California. He was going to speak out there and they interdicted guns in the back of a car there.

Gary Bauer: I believe there's others we haven't heard anything about.

Michele Bachmann: Gary, a hundred percent I absolutely believe with you. That's why we have to continue to pray. But he knows that. And so the best thing that could have happened to Donald Trump is that now God has shown him personally the brevity of life that just like Moses' prayer in Psalms 90 says that we're like grass. We arise in the morning fresh and green and by evening withered and we're done. We are dust. That's what we are. God is magnificent and everlasting, and we are mortal men that return to dust. He recognizes like Ronald Reagan did

that we are but dust. And Ronald Reagan famously said, "Whatever time I have left is His." Donald Trump also gave almost an identical version of that.

Gary Bauer: I know.

Michele Bachmann: "What I have is His." And the very first words out of his mouth at the inauguration this year was God, giving glory to God. And you almost felt like you were in a church service during the inauguration.

Gary Bauer: It was amazing.

Michele Bachmann: It was amazing. And I think that he is bold. He's bolder now in his faith, but he's also, he's not going to waste a minute of his time. And thank God, because we had 12 years of devastation between the eight years under Obama and the four years under Biden. And I'm not saying it because of Democrat, Republican. I lived it. I was a member of Congress during the Obama years. I served eight years in Congress. And under the Biden years, we witnessed this tearing down. The Bible talks about a foolish woman who tears down the walls of her own house. That's what it felt like for the last four years under Biden, that America was being destroyed. And now there's so much repair work to do. This is really, we're in a Nehemiah moment with Donald Trump because we have to have a trowel in one hand to rebuild the nation and a sword in the other to keep us safe. And he isn't wasting any time. And when you look at his executive orders, he's working so fast to help the American people.

Gary Bauer: This is incredible. I've never seen anything-

Michele Bachmann: To make our lives better and build up the economy and keep us safe.

Gary Bauer: Yes. The historians look at American history and they identify, and we all understand this, I hope, that there were a couple of existential moments. One was at the very beginning, the American Revolution. If that hadn't worked, there'd be no America. So-

Michele Bachmann: Without believers in prayer.

Gary Bauer: Exactly.

Michele Bachmann: It was all believers.

Gary Bauer: No question. And so that was over a question of whether we would govern ourselves or not. And we end up establishing a republic built on the idea that liberty comes from God, not from government.

The next existential moment was in the 1850s going into the 1860s when we had a national debate about whether one man could own another man. And thank God we ultimately decided that-

Michele Bachmann: Thank God, thank God.

Gary Bauer: ... As Lincoln said-

Michele Bachmann: That all men are equal.

Gary Bauer: Yeah. The way Lincoln put it was, "No man's born with a saddle on his back and other men born with spurs to ride him." What a wonderful graphic-

Michele Bachmann: What a beautiful way to say that. And for anyone who comes to Washington D.C., if you come with your family in the summer, go to the Lincoln Memorial and read on the sidewall the second inaugural address. You can just feel the pain through Lincoln's heart. And it's all Scripture.

Gary Bauer: References the Bible or God directly or indirectly 12 times in a one-page inaugural.

Michele Bachmann: It was a sermon. It was a sermon that he gave. And Gary, when I had dinner last night with the foreign minister of Israel, she gave a Bible lesson. When she stood up to speak, she just spoke about the Scriptures and what the Scripture said. It was magnificent. She had everybody in the room, because I think we understand right now, we are from the world's perspective. We're at an existential moment. Abraham Lincoln was at an existential moment. There was no guarantee that America was going to survive the Civil War. Most people thought we were going to split apart because most nations do. We have the longest running constitution in world history, our constitution. And Donald Trump is so excited about the 250th anniversary that's coming up to celebrate that. At Regent University, we have the top scholar in American government, and we're going to be celebrating that 250th anniversary. We plan to come up here to the nation's capitol.

Gary Bauer: That's wonderful.

Michele Bachmann: We need to celebrate what is unique in world history, that we have freedom. We don't have it because a document had the right words. We had it because we were founded on the principles of the Bible and Almighty God. And we had the people, personnel, his policy, we had the people who were surrendered to Jesus Christ. So more than anything, we pray that people who seek higher office or public service are people who are surrendered to Jesus Christ.

Gary Bauer: If the rights we have are just words on paper, they're referred to as parchment rights. And a lot of really bad places in the world have wonderful parchment rights.

Michele Bachmann: Russia does.

Gary Bauer: Exactly.

Michele Bachmann: Russia has a beautiful constitution.

Gary Bauer: As we're running out of time here, it reminded me that we say "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance, and that happened because Dwight Eisenhower went to a service at the Church of the Presidents across from Farragut Square and he heard the pastor there preach that the Pledge of Allegiance we had at the time could be said by-

Michele Bachmann: By an atheist.

Gary Bauer: ... the children of any country. And we needed to put something in there that made it clear that God was central to it.

Michele Bachmann: And Dwight Eisenhower had given his life to Jesus Christ as a boy. And because of that, that was put in. And where Donald Trump stood for the inauguration is the statue of Dwight Eisenhower. And the great story of how prayers and people intervened in his life, he never would've been a general, he never would've gone to war. He was supposed to have his leg amputated. He was sick in Kansas. And he told his brother, "I don't care what happens. You're locking that door. Nobody's going to come in," because a doctor was coming over to literally saw his leg off and his brother wouldn't let him in. And it was a shouting match in the house. But Dwight prevailed with his will that he wasn't going to have his leg removed. Ultimately, it was healed. He never would've gotten into the military, there never would've been a D-Day. There never would've been that allied victory.

Gary Bauer: Isn't that amazing?

Michele Bachmann: We can't even imagine. But when we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, we also can't imagine what God uses through yielded servants to His word. And that's why in this biblical moment, in the biblical historical moment that we're in now, a window is open. It's a pivotal time when we need to, as believers all across the world, turn to the Lord now in this moment, study His Word, then live it out. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Do what the Holy Spirit tells you to do. Who knows what miracles are around the corner and what will happen even here in the United States. The possibilities are endless in this moment. It really is the potential for the golden moment.

Gary Bauer: No question about it. What a wonderful way to end our conversation, Michele.

Folks, if you've been listening over the last couple of days, I hope that you heard through what Michele and I were talking about, the role that America's played in God's plan for the world and the relationship between America and the Jewish people, the covenant people of the Bible. One of the messages of Dr. Dobson and the James Dobson Family Institute is not only standing with Israel, which of course is something he feels very strongly about, but in addition to that, we want every day to remind you that as a follower of Jesus Christ and a

free country, you have not only a great opportunity, we believe you have an obligation to be an involved citizen.

Michele Bachmann: Yes, yes.

Gary Bauer: If you're not in the public square, then people with a quite different vision for America will take your place. So we've just seen in an election how important it is of men and women who follow Jesus Christ, of all races and backgrounds, how we must stand up for faith, family, and freedom.

Michele Bachmann: That's right.

Gary Bauer: If we do that, not only I think will we please God, but this good and decent land that God has given us will be around for a long, long time.

Michele Bachmann: Amen. And I hope young people are inspired to give their lives to Jesus Christ, study His Word, and then follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and perhaps choose public service.

Gary Bauer: Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Michele Bachmann: Choose public service and bring your faith to bear in the capitol, in the military, at state legislatures, in city courthouses. We need this next generation to take our places. We're leaving the stage, and we need them to come along and take our place.

Gary Bauer: No question. No question. Well, thank you, Michele, for being with us. Thank you for your partnership with the James Dobson Family Institute, your service on the board and all that you've done in a career in and out of office as a Christian woman standing up for faith, family, and freedom. We love you at JDFI and look forward to working with you in the important months ahead.

Michele Bachmann: I love you too and I love our listeners. God bless you.

Roger Marsh: Powerful conversation featuring Michele Bachmann and Gary Bauer, the senior vice president of public policy here at the Dr. James Dobson Policy Center. And today here on Family Talk, we've been discussing America's relationship with Israel and how important it is for America to stand with Israel yet again.

Their insights remind us that supporting Israel isn't just about politics, it's about aligning with God's biblical promises. And by the way, if you missed any portion of today's broadcast or you want to share part one and part two of this perspective with someone who needs to hear it, visit drjamesdobson.org/familytalk. As I mentioned, there you'll find today's complete program along with a link to hear part one of the conversation, and also some additional resources about standing with Israel. It's all waiting for you at drjamesdobson.org/familytalk or on the Family Talk app.

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