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GIG73 - The Vision Of Hargrave Ministries - Part Two

The title of this podcast is The Vision Of Hargrave Ministries – Part Two. It has been interesting because the first part of this podcast was actually given as the last podcast for the year, and now this one will be given as the first podcast for the new year. So I think there is significance in that. But I want to, in these podcasts, really impart to people what Hargrave Ministries all about, what our purposes are. Many people ask me about that; and when I find myself explaining to them what we do and why we do it, many are surprised, even though they have been following the podcast and reading the blogs and different resources that we have available. So I thought, "Well, it's about time that we just take a moment in the podcast and try to clarify."

Now, if you have not heard part one, what I would do here is just begin with kind of a reiteration of the first part of the podcast, The Vision Of Hargrave Ministries – Part One. The explanation is this: the ministry of Hargrave Ministries is twofold. The first and primary vision is to send the teachings out to the world. These teachings and expository messages of Scripture are born from a revelation anointing given by God's grace to my spiritual father, John Stevens, when the Lord met him and commissioned him. It is an anointing to bring the Word of God to life in a way that opens wide a door for believers to have a personal relationship and walk with God the Father under the Lordship and mastery of Jesus Christ, whose proper name in Hebrew is Yeshua HaMashiach. It is an anointing that imparts the ability for believers, then, to grow and mature in God, until as Ephesians 4:13 states, "We all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

I believe the Lord spoke this to be a word and message for the whole world to have access to. It is therefore our drive in Hargrave Ministries to deliver these teachings by every means that the Lord would direct to people free of charge. Yes, we have charged for books in the past, but the podcasts are free, the blogs are free, the publications of the resources are all free. And in my heart, I would like to see everything of the word and the messages be free, being given out to people throughout the world to hear this vision and revelation. So in giving the understanding, I am asking the Lord for more than just individuals to donate. I am asking for people to really pray for a revelation of what this ministry, what this revelation and anointing, is about, and to pray that they join in helping, in partnering, in being friends to sending this word out to the world.

I know, for myself, when I first heard and received the impartation from this anointing, it changed my life; and it moved me into the relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit that I had been longing for, but was not able to enter in to on my own. It is the same experience I am believing that people will have when they receive this word through the ministry of Hargrave Ministries. I would ask you to please pray about being a part of this vision.

I know I have said a lot here, and I go into describing it even more clearly by using Scriptural illustrations going forward in the first podcast. But knowing that that is there and available for you at hargraveministries.org, you can download it and listen to it, what I want to do then is I want to jump to

the second part of an explanation about Hargrave Ministries, our heart, our drive, and our purposes for this ministry.

As I said in the beginning, it really is twofold. There is a second focus, and that second focus of expression for the ministry is to the Jewish people and to the land of Israel. Now, the beginning of this revelation comes in Genesis, the twelfth chapter, starting at verse 1 and going through verse 3. It says, "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'" The Lord created the Hebrew people, the Jewish people. They weren't a race. They were created by a Word from God, and by an obedience of faith on the part of Abraham to go out in obedience and do as the Lord had directed him; and that created the people of Israel, the children of Israel, as we call them. Now, the children of Israel are God's chosen covenant people, even today. I know many churches don't believe that, but it is the truth. And the land of Israel is the land that was promised to them by God. In that land, God promised to establish His Kingdom under the rule of His Messiah King; and as Gentile believers, we are called to minister comfort to His people, to assist in carrying them back to the land of Israel out of the Diaspora, and also to join with them in seeking the Lord in learning His ways and worshiping Him.

I want to give some Scriptures that really impart the understanding and revelation. This is a revelation that many people in many churches do not have. Certainly UNESCO doesn't have it. They believe that Israel and the Jewish people have no connection with Jerusalem, no connection with the land; and many churches also are really behind the persecution and anti-Semitism of the day that we live in, saying that they are not God's chosen people. And I am telling you, you must get into the Scriptures. When you read the Scriptures, it is not even hidden. It is very, very clear in the prophecies that God has chosen these people. He has put them through many things; He has disciplined them because of their disobedience and rebellion against Him – no question about that. But He has disciplined them in order that they might be an example and an illustration to all the nations; and that in them, we might watch God's grace and God's blessing come upon them, turning what was a curse into the greatest blessing, so that we would see and understand the grace of God, so that the whole world would see and know God's love, and great grace, His forgiveness, and the fact that He never rescinds His promises.

God is not a man that He can lie. He is not the son of man that He will repent. What He has said, He will do; and He will do it for His own namesake. He won't do it because we are anything; He won't do it because the Jewish people are anything in themselves as a people, or because the land of Israel is anything greater than any other nation. He does it for His namesake, to fulfill the Word, the promise, and the covenants which He has given. And I tell you, the sooner we as believers in Yeshua, believers in Jesus, in Christ, get this understanding and become part of ministering to the Jewish people and the land of Israel, the quicker the blessings will come upon our lives personally, and the more we will be able to break into the things that God has for us. God is not going to bless us or the church if we believe in replacement theology, and that Christians now have circumvented all of the prophecies that were given to Israel and taken them over, and now there is nothing left for the Jewish people or Israel. That is pure deception, and it comes from, honestly, just not reading the Word of God. So I am going to read some Scriptures; and they are powerful Scriptures that point to and confirm these points that I am making, which are what we in Hargrave Ministries believe, and it is what we press into to accomplish in our lives. We believe that we are to comfort the Jewish people in the land of Israel. We believe that we are to

assist in carrying them back to the land out of the Diaspora. And we believe that we are to join with them in seeking the Lord with one heart, learning His ways and worshipping Him.

Let's begin. Isaiah chapter 40, verse 1, says very clearly, "'Comfort, O comfort My people,' says your God." That is what God is saying to you today. It is what He is saying to us at Hargrave Ministries: "Comfort My people, be a comfort to them." They are going through and have gone through many, many things in the dealings of God in their life. But He wants us to turn and comfort them, and be a source of His comfort and blessing to them. Verse 2 says, "'Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.'" Yes, they have received double for their sins; and yet God is now saying, "Their iniquity has been removed, and speak comfort and be a part of comforting them."

Zechariah 1:16-17 says, "'Therefore thus says the Lord, 'I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it,' declares the Lord of hosts, 'and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.'" Again, proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem."' I don't know if you get what verse 17 is saying. He is saying, "You proclaim, saying..." We are to proclaim. This is what we are to speak. This is what we call prophetic proclamation – we proclaim the prophecies that have been written in the Word of God. They are yet the Word of God; but God is looking for us to be the proclaimers of them. We are to respeak these things in our generation, with our heart and our spirit behind them, with a force that will create them and bring them to pass in our generation. And what is it that we are to speak? We are to say, "My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion, and again choose Jerusalem."

Isaiah 49:20-23 says, "'The children of whom you were bereaved will yet say in your ears, 'The place is too cramped for me; make room for me that I may live here.' Then you will say in your heart,'" – speaking of the Jewish people, they will say in their heart back – "'Who has begotten these for me, since I have been bereaved of my children and am barren, an exile and a wanderer? And who has reared these? Behold, I was left alone; from where did these come?'" Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations and set up My standard to the peoples; and they will bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. Kings will be your guardians, and their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am the Lord; those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.'" What a blessing. This is a special prophecy.

We are living in the day when antisemitism is growing, where the nations are turning; they are ready to devour the nation of Israel and the Jewish people – both those living in Israel and those living elsewhere in the Diaspora, in whatever nation they live – and it doesn't look like this Scripture is about to have a fulfillment. But that is where we come in as God's people, as His believers in His Word; that we say, "No, behold, this will happen. Yes, you may be barren, but you just wait. The nations will bring your children. They will rear them. They will comfort them. They will carry them in their bosom and on their shoulders. They will be their guardians; their princesses, your nurses." What an amazing thing. We look at the kings and the rulers and the presidents today, and they are doing anything but positive laws or actions in favor of Israel, of the Jewish people. But that is not what God is saying. God is saying, "Even the kings will be your guardians, and the princesses will be your nurses." Lord, I loose this! I can't wait to see these prophecies fulfilled. We are going to stand and see with our eyes the Word of God fulfilled.

This is a drive of my heart. It is a drive of Hargrave Ministries that we see this ministry to Israel, the land, the people, and the Jewish people in the Diaspora. God's Word will be fulfilled. Their children will be brought to them by the nations. It is going to be a phenomenal turn of events; and we bless Israel and the Jewish people that they be, "Those who hopefully wait for Me, and they will not be put to shame." And neither will we. Because we are speaking these things, and people think we are crazy; and people think that we are missing it; and people think that it is a day of antisemitism, and it is a day to believe in greater ways about replacement theology and the fact that there is no room or place for the Jews in the Word of God, and they are no longer His people. I mean, it is amazing to see what churches and what leaders are saying, these types of things. I can say only one thing to and about them: They are wrong. And I bless you, if you are hearing this podcast today, that you search your heart and search the Scriptures, and see if these things be true. Be one of the Bereans that really look to find what God is speaking in His Word, in this day, for the fulfillment of His Word over His people.

Let's go to Zechariah the eighth chapter, starting at verses 20-22. It says, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will also go.' So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.'" "One of the things that I have had the pleasure of doing over the last several years is to be one of the founders of the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast; and it has this cry in it. It is to see the many peoples and the many mighty nations begin to come and seek the Lord in Jerusalem; and to pray to God and to cry out for the favor of the Lord for Israel and His people, and for the Gentiles and over the Kingdom. I am so honored and privileged to be a part of that. I can't wait to be able to go back to Jerusalem for the next event of the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. It again is one of the things that we support at Hargrave Ministries, and we find ourselves being very much a part of.

Verse 23 goes on to say, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" "Oh, I long for the day when we can witness this, where the peoples of the nations come and they lay hold of the Jewish people, saying, 'There is so much that we have to learn from you, especially about the Jewish Scriptures and what they say, and what God has spoken and clarified in the revelation of it.'" I want to be one of those who is laying hold of our friends, the Jewish people, and going into the land of Israel and going up to Jerusalem to seek the Lord with all of my heart. I hope it is your vision also.

In Micah 4, verses 1-2, it says, "And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." And when does this happen? In the last days. God grant it to us, grant it that we live in this time when we are able to be taught His ways, and walk in His paths, and to learn out of Zion the Law, and see the Word of the Lord stream to the nations from Jerusalem.

This is a great part of the revelation of Hargrave Ministries. How do we act on it, and what do we do about it? That is a great question. We form relationships, and we partner with nonprofit organizations in Israel. At this time, we are working with eight individual organizations; and as I said, I am personally working with the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. So I am going to name these organizations that we now work with. There may be more as we go along, but these are the ones that we have been over the past

year, and right now we will continue into this new year, to be in a relationship. I don't like doing things outside of a relationship. So this isn't just giving to something. This is developing relationships with people who are in these organizations, and being a part of blessing them and functioning with them in their burden; taking their burden upon ourselves, and finding a way to be involved in it. And one of the ways that we are involved with it is through our financial giving. To each of the eight of these organizations, Hargrave Ministries every month gives \$500 – not to one, but to all eight every month. This is our tithe. I do not care what comes in, what offerings we are given, this is what we do. We give \$500 a month to each of these organizations, and we stay in communication and contact with them.

Sometimes you may have seen through our advertisements that we take one of them as a special project for a month, and we will request special donations just for that organization, because there are special needs in the organization. Each one of these is very, very special; and I think over the last year we tried for each one individually to make a special effort of raising money just for that organization. Now, when we do that, we still give our \$500 a month to that organization. And then whatever funds come in that are raised through that special offering, one hundred percent of those funds also go on top of our \$500 to that organization, from whatever we raise. That is the way we have been functioning, that is the way that we do function. So going forward, we will be working at least with these eight organizations, and we will be giving \$500 a month. So any giving you give to Hargrave Ministries is also going to help and support in the giving to these, all of these, organizations and burdens within Israel and for the Jewish people, both in Israel and throughout the Diaspora.

I am going to name these organizations, and give you a little feel for each one. The first I would name is the AMI-Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research. Now, many of you, if you have been a part of my ministry, are very aware of the AMI Center. This was the ministry that was founded by Shlomo Hizak, and we have engaged with them for years. They do a wonderful thing. One of the things they do is, Shlomo was always burdened to get the Word of God into the hands of people, as are we at Hargrave Ministries; and he raised money, he gave Bibles in many languages and many lands to people. He printed the Bible in Russian and gave it to them. He gave it to Jewish people, the whole Bible, that had never had Bibles before; he gave it to them in Hebrew or whatever their native language and tongue was. And he did all of this for free. He gave the Bibles away. He had a heart that people see the Word of God, and he trained many, many Christians in how to relate to the Jewish people. This is where I learned and received this idea of being a comfort to God's people and to ministering to them and relating with them in all that they are doing. And so, AMI center is one of these burdens that we have in Hargrave Ministries.

One of the next ones we have is Shiloh Israel Children's Fund. This was founded by David Rubin. There is quite a story behind this. I know it is one of the places that we visit when we take the tours to Israel from Hargrave Ministries. You probably know it as Shiloh, but in Hebrew, it is pronounced Shi'loh. Either way works. But this is a place where children receive treatment for the trauma that they have gone through in the terrorist attacks that have come against their homes and their areas. Most of them have lost families. This is a great deal of training and help that goes into not just normal education, but in dealing with the trauma that these children have suffered. David first-hand suffered the trauma himself, and with his son. He was shot. His son was shot in the head with an automatic rifle. By the grace of God, he survived; and so he, rather than becoming bitter, wanted to do something that would be a positive result from what he experienced. So he created Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, and works to provide the school and the help and the training for these children that are in great need from the trauma that they have suffered.

The next one is the IDF Widows and Orphans Fund. Now IDF stands for Israel Defense Forces. So this is the widows and orphans of the military people. And as you know, or may not, in Israel, both men and women serve in the military – are required to serve in the military. And therefore, when we talk about widows, we are also talking about widowers; and orphans. Sometimes these orphans have lost a father, sometimes they have lost a mother. But these guys do a great work. They have a real heart, and some of them serve, really, acting as, you know, parents to these children who have lost their family and their parent. They do many things to support, giving food, giving clothing, helping them in school, helping them with graduation, with bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, many things; anything they can do to help these widows and orphans, they do. And we love being a part of it, because the Scriptures in the New Testament are very clear that we are to help those who are widows and orphans. And we do this, and are privileged to be a part of the IDF Widows and Orphans Fund.

The next one I would speak of is Yad Eliezer. Yad Eliezer is one of Israel's largest poverty and relief agencies, and they do many things. Right now, they are giving coats, because it is winter time. They are giving coats and trying to raise money for coats for kids that do not have coats. They are giving blankets; kids don't have blankets, and their houses many times do not have heat, and they are sleeping under towels. So they give whatever these kids need, be it clothing, be it education. They work not only to give food – they are one of the largest food givers to the poor in all of Israel – but they not only give to those in poverty, they seek to work with them to help them get out of poverty. Now remember, there is a huge percentage of people in Israel in poverty. You say, "Why?" Well, one of the reasons is because we have so many people coming to Israel out of the nations due to the persecutions. When these people come, they may not speak the language, and it is very difficult. I do not care if you are a doctor, if you do not speak Hebrew, you have a difficult time finding a job. So people need a bridge when they come to Israel, and they live in the land; and they will usually begin in very difficult circumstances. Yad Eliezer is one of the organizations that is there for them. It is a wonderful, wonderful relief organization, and I am proud that we can do our small part to be a donor to them.

More than just giving our \$500 a month, we consider ourselves as prayer partners with these people. We communicate with them. We just had Bruce Larson going to Israel on a trip. He went and visited each of these organizations and did interviews with them that hopefully we will be able to put on our website, and you will be able to enjoy that, and get a little bit more experience in seeing and hearing from them.

The next is, the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem has an Aliyah program; and we specifically work with them and donate to this Aliyah program. Aliyah in Hebrew means, "to come up." This is talking about coming back to the land, out of the Diaspora. Again, people are finding themselves all over the world in this growing climate of antisemitism, both on national levels and within cities, and peoples. Within colleges – college campuses have become just horrible in their involvement and engagement with antisemitism. It is born out of the ignorance of the young people that are in college and what they are being fed by liberals who are lying to them about the history and the people of Israel, and the Jewish people. And so, many people find themselves having to uproot from their home countries and come to Israel, where they hope for safety. We assist, and want to assist. Remember the Scripture, the children will come being carried on the shoulders of those from the nations. That is what we want to do. We want to bring them home.

The next organization is also the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem. They have a home in Haifa, and this home is for Holocaust survivors, and it takes care of the Holocaust survivors. Now, even if

they were children at the end of the Holocaust, they are in their elderly years now, and many have no support; of course, because of the Holocaust they have no family, and they have no means of support. These homes provide homes. They provide activities. It is a wonderful atmosphere by people who really love these Holocaust survivors and minister to them. They also take in, if people are not living directly in the home, any Holocaust survivors; they can come and be a part of the activities at the homes there in Haifa. It is a wonderful blessing. And I just say, God, care for these people. They have been through enough in their lives that now they should find comfort. And that is what we long to do, is be a part of that call that says, "Comfort, comfort My people." God is looking for us to be that source of comfort. And I want Hargrave Ministries to be a source of comfort.

The next is the City of David. The City of David Foundation is involved in the excavations, the continuing ongoing excavations. And there is more happening now than has ever happened in the City of David. The City of David is the area where David's palace was, below the Temple Mount. This is where many things transpired. And because of the new technologies that are being developed, they are being able to dig underground and still support the buildings and the city up above, where the City of David lays, you know, quite a few layers and stories under today's current ground level. The City of David is committed to the excavation and the archeology of this area. The things they are finding are amazing. As they say, if you have not been to Jerusalem in six months, you have never been here; because what they are finding constantly unfolds the history and the proof of the Scriptures, amazing proofs of the Scriptures. And so this is one of the organizations that we support. They not only do the excavations and the archeology, but if you are able to be in Israel, they also provide tremendous educational tours of what has been unearthed in the City of David. This is a great organization, and it is a privilege to be a part of them in prayer for them and what they do.

The last that I will name is the Jewish National Fund. Now, the Jewish National Fund has done many things. It has a tremendous history. It originally bought up the lands that became the land of Israel; funds were given to it for that. Hargrave Ministries donates their \$500 a month, our \$500 a month, specifically for the creation of what is called the Gospel Trail in the Levi forest in the Galilee. The Gospel Trail is a hiking trail. It is almost a historic trail where you can walk along the way Christ would have walked, going from the city of Nazareth down to Capernaum, on the shores of the Galilee. This is a beautiful area, there are many trees being planted here. Our money is going into planting more trees and helping the forestation of Israel – which again, the Jewish National Fund has planted, you know, hundreds of thousands of trees. Remember, when the Jews returned to Israel and it became a state, it was a barren wasteland; and now it would amaze you to see. I encourage you, come on one of the tours with Hargrave Ministries and see what the people are doing. It was part of the prophecy. God said when the people were back in the land, the land would flourish. And it is. It is flourishing, it is blooming, the desert is blooming. Things that are just unbelievable, through the technology that is being invented, to grow crops, and to purify water. It is just something that you must see with your own eyes, and you are literally watching the prophecies of Scripture unfolding before you. I encourage you, if you are able, take a trip either with Hargrave Ministries or some other way; get to the land of Israel and see it.

So this is what we do. Hargrave Ministries donates \$500 per month to each of these eight projects. And as I said, as we go along, there may be more; but these are special funds to us, they are like our tithe. And whatever you give to Hargrave Ministries, part of it is going to go to this; because we do this, as I said, whether anybody gives us a penny or not. This is what we do. And again, what I am believing for, out of this time of giving the vision of Hargrave Ministries, is not just for people to donate some money or to one time give something. I want people to get the vision. I want people to feel like they can be part

of the vision of this ministry, supporters of the vision, helpers of the vision. There are ways to help. There is definitely a need for finances to carry the costs of these things, so that what we can do will be free. Obviously, we never expect anything to come back to us financially out of donating to these causes in Israel. But what I do believe for is that there will be more finances given that we can raise this amount, that we can find more funds, that we can find other causes that God burdens our heart to give to. So I am believing that the Lord will speak to your heart. If He doesn't, at least you know the truth of what Hargrave Ministries is all about, and what we are doing on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. This is what we have been doing all this last year; and I appreciate your support just by listening to the podcast. I appreciate your support by reading the blogs, and reading the different resources that are being printed. But I also bless that it become a revelation to your own heart, and that the Lord burden you to really be a part with us in it.

Again, normally at the end of every podcast, I give a few points for you to find an emphasis in; and I am not going to do that with this podcast. I will ask you to do two things. One, go and listen to The Vision of Hargrave Ministries - Part One; and re-listen to this podcast, The Vision of Hargrave Ministries - Part Two.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your support. I thank all of those who are so engaged in helping us in this ministry, and have been since its inception. I believe for the Lord to bless you, and I hope that you will continue on in your assistance with us. But again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, because these things are not projects. They are a revelation to me, and they are a burden to me that I want to see the blessing of God come into. So, thank you. Bless you. May your year be prosperous. May the Lord speak to you and meet you in your walk with Him, your love for Him, and your relationship with His Living Word, the Scriptures. Amen.