

Why Dr. Michael Brown Sees Current Crisis in Israel as 'Birth Pangs' for Second Coming

We see headlines about the ongoing crisis in Israel every day—if not every hour. Dr. Michael Brown believes this tragic loss of life in what he says is a “planned provocation by Hamas” is another birth pang pointing to the return of our Savior.

“It’s yet another example of why Jerusalem is the most controversial city on the planet,” the popular author, Messianic Jewish apologist and podcast host tells host Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of the *Greenelines* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network.

“Zechariah 12 tells us—just as Acts 1 does—that the Messiah is coming back to that city,” Brown says. “Zechariah 14 explicitly says his feet will touch down in the Mount of Olives just as in Acts 1. He left from there; He’ll return there. And a Jewish Jerusalem must welcome him back.

“And therefore, Satan will do all in his power to stop that,” he adds. “Zechariah 12 says Jerusalem will be a stone that makes people stumble, that it will be the ultimate place of controversy at the end of the age. All nations will one day come against it. Whether that means every nation on the planet, or a coalition of nations, they’ll come against Jerusalem, and a Jewish Jerusalem will welcome the Messiah back.

Brown says Satan intends to destroy the Jewish people. “If you can’t wipe out the Jewish people, you certainly want to keep Jerusalem from being in their hands,” he says. “And if you

can't keep Jerusalem from being in their hands, you certainly want to keep them from believing in Jesus the Messiah. That's why the controversy over Jerusalem and the land of Israel."

✖ For much more from Dr. Michael Brown on the current crisis, why Satan is targeting Jews and how anti-Semitism is rearing its ugly head even among Christians today, listen to this entire episode of *Greenelines* and subscribe to *Greenelines* on your favorite podcast platform for more spiritual takeaway on modern events. You'll also want to watch for Brown's new book, *Christian Antisemitism*, available wherever fine books are sold, along with his podcast, *The Line of Fire*, also on the Charisma Podcast network. {eo}

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