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Greetings, happy warriors and welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show, where, as usual, I, your rabbi remain solemnly dedicated to revealing how the world really works. And Susan Lapin and I are still in Jerusalem. We're in the middle of the second week of the war that broke out with a Hamas attack across the fence in Gaza on Saturday morning Shabbat morning, October, the seventh. We were having breakfast this morning, at our customary Cafe in Jerusalem, when we became aware that at the table next to us, there was a father and a mother and three grown children, two daughters, and a son. One of the daughters had two of her children, little kids with her, the other daughter was alone, and the son was in uniform of the Israeli Defense Forces and carrying a rifle. And here, there's a lot goes on in Israeli cafes. And it's it's almost impossible not to hear what's happening at other tables, even if you're not deliberately trying to eavesdrop and it wasn't long before we both realized that the young man had been mobilized called up, he was literally leaving now on his way to join his unit. And his two sisters and his parents were saying goodbye to him and, and filled with worry and concern there was there was a heaviness in the air in the air. You could tell that the sisters were trying to smile and keep cheerful but their eyes were red. And and dad was was putting on a strong face and mother was just every now and then she'd put her hands to her face and start shaking. And they they had their breakfast. And after the breakfast they'd say that grace after meals, and then the the the the son got up and the parents and everybody got up to embrace Him. And the sisters embraced him. And then the little nephew and niece embraced him. And then Mom embraced him and she just couldn't let the she couldn't leave him she was she just had her arms around his neck and she just couldn't let go. And then eventually, she did she looks into his eyes. And she made herself smile. And she said something new which we couldn't tell. But then his father embraced him. And then his father stepped back a foot, put his two hands on his son's head. And you could tell he was giving him the Aaron priestly blessing of you know, oh, my god, watch over you and God you and make his face to shine upon you. And, then they hug each other one more time. And the young man walked across the cafe, down the steps to the sidewalk and down the streets to the bus stop. And he stood at the bus stop for a few minutes and a bus arrived and he waved one more time. And off he went and before before he left, Susan went up to him and and just said in Hebrew. May God watch over you. She She used a biblical verse May God

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watch over you when you come in and when you go out. And you could tell that that meant a lot to them. And there was just a little scene that played out during how breakfast this morning. And as you can imagine, it left us very, very moved.

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And meanwhile, the Israeli army is mobilized on the border of Gaza has been for a week already. And it's become very problematic because there's a limit to how long a tiny country like this can keep a quarter of a million men plus mobilized and out of the economy. These are reservists. And so everybody is extremely tense and very worried. There is a growing sense that the price of the Biden administration's support and President Biden's visit to Israel today, there is a sense that that we're picking up from the people we talked to some of whom are somewhat in the no others less. So. There is a bit of a growing awareness here, that the Biden administration is restraining Israel from a full ground invasion that would finally ultimately rid the world of the scourge known as Hamas. Now, dear happy warriors, I think it's important to get up to the 30,000-foot level and look down at the landscape. You do not need me to tell you the latest news. You don't need me to detail the horrors that were inflicted on over 1000 Israeli citizens that who were butchered on October the seventh, you don't need me for any sensationalist accounts of what's happening. You don't need me to do any analysis of the current condition of Israeli mobilization. But if we went up to a high altitude and look down upon the landscape, it becomes helpful, I believe, if one understands that, since its inception, Islam is a force. It is a religious to political force, whose intention is to bring the entire world into a state of common belief. Now, there was a time that Christianity also felt very strongly about spreading the gospel, if necessary, even by sword, one thinks of periods of time during the Crusades. But nothing, nothing compares to the fury and diligence and intensity with which Islam wishes to supplant all other belief systems and bring everybody into what they consider to be the true faith of Islam faith in Allah. I also just want to clarify for you that the notion of the three great Abra Semitic faiths, Christianity, Judaism and Islam is complete nonsense. That is what I call an adulterated Bilgewater.

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While there certainly is a biological connection between Arabs and Hebrews, between Arabs and Jews, there is not a philosophical one, Ishmael left the Abrahamic fold. And number two, even more importantly than that, whatever faith Isaac, Abraham's son, Isaac's half brother Ishmael adhere to, we have no idea. Because roundabout the seventh century, Islam under Muhammad spread and became the faith of the Arab peoples. And from there, it was spread usually by force. And so what's really important to understand is that the war going on right now in its second week, has nothing to do with land, pay absolutely no intention to foolish politicians and, and polyandry, like, pundits who think well, this is two nations fighting over the same piece of land. No, you got to remember that when the Arabs massacred the Jewish population of Hebron in 1929, there was no state of Israel. It's never been about land. It is about two competing faiths. Now, I know that some of you are going to say our Rabbi has taken leave of his senses. How can anybody believe in the year 2023, well into the 21st century, anybody is taking religion that seriously? Well, I must tell you that one of the fatal flaws in Western thinking is the triumph of secularism. And the presumption that since the Enlightenment, religion has been in retreat. That is not true. And Islam has almost never wavered in its determination to bring the

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whole world into what they consider to be the true faith never wavered. And that's always been what this is about. And you got to remember that the culture of the Qur'an has been at war with the twin civilizations of the Bible. That's Judaism and Christianity, of course. And this goes back, at least, to the time when Charles Martel stopped the Islamic advance up the Iberian Peninsula, they they jumped from Western Africa, northwest Africa, Morocco, across the streets of Georgia, they conquered Spain, converted every Catholic church into a mosque, and proceeded to move upwards to conquer Europe from the west. The idea was only to spread Catholicism or to spread Islam. The intention was to bring all of Europe out of Christianity, of which it grew as an echo and turn it into an Islamic Sharia true area. Now, it goes without saying that how Islam failed in 732, you could say they are now succeeding in France and in Germany and Italy, and in Norway and in Sweden and in several other countries. But let's not jump ahead. In 732, having conquered Spain, having conquered Portugal, they moved north to start taking over France, and the French hero, Charles Martel, battled them on the border of France and Spain and stop their advance. They tried from the east side. They captured Constantinople in 1453. They attempted to take over Europe from the sea by a huge Muslim fleet. And they were beaten in the famous naval battle in the Gulf of Lepanto. In on October the seventh 1571. October the seventh That's right. I do not believe that the choice of October the seventh Saturday, a week ago for the attack on Israel was chosen just because it was a 50 years in a day since the Yom Kippur War, or because it was a Jewish biblical festival being celebrated throughout Israel. No, these guys have got long memories.

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And this is one of the things that faith gives you. Jews also have long memories. Christians have long memories. Christians speak constantly, you know, what would Jesus want you to do? That's 2000 years ago. But yes, religious people have long memories, secular people tend to contract time to only the present. The future doesn't matter. The past is irrelevant. I'm having a good time today. And yes, that is secularism, very often indistinguishable from paganism, indistinguishable from hedonism. But in a sense, you could say that secularism plays very little role in this titanic struggle we're watching today, and have been watching since the 732. The titanic struggle between Islam on the one hand and the Judeo-Christian civilizations on the other. Don't forget the attack on America on September the 11th 2001. Why was that? Why September the 11th? I don't think there's any question. It was the date of a huge defeat, humiliating the Islamic world inflicted on the Islamic forces at the gates of Vienna on September the 11th 1683 when the Christian armies basically put an end to the Muslim dream of attacking Europe, and they got as far as Vienna Make no mistake, all the way up from Istanbul from Constantinople, all the way to Vienna. It was an incredible feat of military prowess, but Christian armies rallied and sallied out to confront the Ottoman armies, the Muslim armies. September The 11th 1683. The United States, the newly born United States, decided to put an end to the Barbary pirates, Muslims that terrorized the Atlantic in the western Mediterranean. And finally Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, put an end to them in 1804. And it's you know, you can name every other attack since then. You might remember US Army Major Nidal Malik Hasan killed 13 soldiers on America's largest military base in Fort Hood, Texas. And that was November the fifth 2009. And, and so it goes, this is not mindless terrorism. This is not ruthless and pointless now, we're going to get absolutely nowhere unless we understand that from the Muslim perspective, there is a great deal of point to this, because they want to

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and believe in the necessity of imposing Sharia law on the whole world. By contrast, Jews and Christians share a common vision of civilization. And they much prefer it to its alternative which is barbarism. You know, it's, it's, we only have a little time. And so I can't go through a complete depiction of the distinction that cuts between barbarism and civilization, but in general, civilization prefers ballots to bullets, it prefers voting to violence, it pervert prefers conversation to confrontation. It prefers that men treat women with respect and deference. It prefers freedom to a centrally planned tyranny, or tribalism. It prefers people enjoying economic independence through their own efforts. It prefers order and peace to anarchy and chaos. It believes in charity by choice, rather than in government redistribution by force. It believes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman devoted to one another and to their children. It believes in societies built on the basis of common belief, rather than the tribal model of common blood. Civilization believes that both the beginning and end of life should be in God's hands alone.

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Civilization engenders friendship and beauty and compassion and courtesy rather than brutishness, cruelty, filth, vulgarity. I would make the argument that all the qualities that have sculpted the glories of Western civilization, skyscrapers, skyscrapers, cathedrals, great parks, beautiful cities and boulevards, all of those have sprang from the pages of history's most majestic volume, the most published book of all of history, the Bible. And I would, I would take a look, you know, the five F's, that I constantly teach on the five F's that have now finally come out in our new book called *The Holistic You*, please go on Amazon, and just order the thing, or go on Barnes and Noble and just order it. It's so central, it's so powerful, it's so important to understand the five F's, it's so important to implement that set of principles, what I call the five F project into your life, but it's not only in your life, the five Fs also helped us understand the difference between civilization and barbarism. Think of finance, you will look at that first one finance okay. This is a time where there is a feeling of impending financial Armageddon. There is a lack of understanding of what's happening with cryptocurrency. There's a lack of understanding in ways in which tyrannies on now de-monetizing, private citizens, how it is that banks are being encouraged if not forced to de-bank, individuals and organizations that don't toe the line. There are threats to the primacy of the American dollar. The American dollar to the enormous advantage of America has been the world's reserve currency. Since right after World War Two at Bretton Woods, when the pound sterling, the British currency was replaced with the dollar. Well, what goes around comes around. And many people, many thoughtful people are now planning for the United States dollar to be replaced by another currency. I won't say on a previous show, I've told you which one I think that is likely to be. But at this time, all I'm saying is that all of these things are happening. And we should therefore explore what exactly are the underlying cultural characteristics of the West that created so much wealth in the first place? So let me let me try and suggest some of them.

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One of the most important things that has generated the wealth of the West, and has been a connected population that trusted one another because of a common moral system, yes, based on Judeo-Christian values, a connected population that trusted because there was something called property rights. Where did property rights come from? They came from the book of Genesis, where we find

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Abraham, determined to purchase the land, not just to bury Sarah anywhere as he was encouraged to do, but to purchase the land. This is a biblical civilization way of doing things. When the Pilgrims settlers in North America, in the 1620s, wanted to build a settlement. They bought the land from the indigenous Indians. And the Indians had no more understanding of this, then the sons of Het had when Abraham tried the same thing in the book of Genesis, because the whole idea of ownership of land is fundamentally a Western, Judeo-Christian Bible-based concept. It's not natural. Animals are natural, but animals don't own land, people own lands. And understanding of the spiritual nature of money I've, I've taught a lot others have written a lot on this. I've spoken a lot on this. So I don't have to expand on it in this show. You can go back to earlier thought earlier podcasts if you don't know what I'm talking about. But these and many other aspects, made it in evitable, that capital markets in the history of the world only arose indigenously, in Christendom - only arose in Christian countries. The concept of a corporation emerged in London and Amsterdam. The concept of a of a stock exchange - only in Christian nations. Yes, today, of course, today, we have stock markets in Beijing and Bombay and Bangkok, obviously, in the same way, by the way that Beijing and Bombay and Bangkok have adopted exactly the same kind of bathrooms and banks that we find in Boston and Baltimore and Berlin. Right, bathrooms and banks, Western concepts of hygiene and cleanliness, won out. The rest of the world liked it. And so they adopted our approach to finances and our approach to cleanliness and hygiene. And that's why if you would have gone to a bathroom in Beijing or Bombay or Bangkok 200 years ago, you know what you have seen would have seen, but today, you go into bathrooms anywhere in the world, everyone has adopted the western concept of waterborne sewage. It's a different approach. And so you look at finance. You'll see that finance and all the underpinnings that made it possible. capital, stock market, understanding of money, property rights, all of these sprang from the church and the synagogue. The altogether the creation and adoption of currency Janell, what a breakthrough that is, right in Germany it was called the thaler by the way THALER short for today we call \$1. And the link between the Jewish Diaspora and early banking, the reason the Rothschilds created a banking empire and so on much, much more on this I could tell you about in in Europe and early America, but yes, civilization has a certain financial vision. Barbarianism does not.

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Faith. It is biblical faith that made it inevitable that over 97% And I've told you that so many times 97% of scientific, technological, and medical advances, shall we say, between the year 1500 - 1900 came from Christian societies. And by the way, predominantly from Christian scientists as well. Isaac Newton, a devout Bible-believing man, we will show how all of this I want to explain, sprang from three events that transformed the Bible, from, shall we say, an ecclesiastical monopoly, as it was under early Catholicism into the life-guide of millions of human beings in Western Europe. One number one, translations of the Bible from Hebrew and Greek and Latin. That was a huge breakthrough. Huge. And some of the early people, Tyndale and others who did it where were oppressed very badly, because it did take away centralized power from the church. And so, translations of the Bible started happening 1300s and 1400s. And then in 1450, comes the printing press. That's the next big thing. And number 3, 50 years later, not disconnected, in my view at all the Protestant Reformation in the early 1500s. And these are the factors that historians like Niall Ferguson claim made Europe leap ahead of China. The cultural, economic, political powers that sprang from the faith of the Bible,

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Crossed the Atlantic and gave birth to American Christianity and the American colonies. So, I've spoken about how civilization is based on a certain understanding of finance, and a certain Bible-based understanding of faith. Let's talk about family. You got to be able to see that one of the crucial underpinnings of what we think of as civilization is the normative family as the basic unit of society. The family has its origins in the Bible. That's why to this very day, in both Europe and America, the bastion of family or religious communities, Christian and Jewish religious communities, provide the basis of family. That's where you find today why you were your friend find family, the strongest. Marriage and having children today, almost exclusively the province of religious families, religious societies. And so it's not hard to see the impact on civilization, that the biblical understanding of family brought about. It's not hard to see. You've just got to see that Western civilization begins to grow and thrive and prosper as it adopts the biblical model. And it's also easy to note by the way, I mean, something each and every one of you if you have any interest at all in reading history, you will see how the decline of civilization, the collapse of civilization, the impending extinction of civilization always seems to parallel the decline of the family, the growing social acceptability of homosexuality, the growing acceptability of adultery. The diminishing of marriage, it's, it's clear to see that cultural and economic benefits of family drove Western success. It's clear.

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Friendship, once again, understand understandings of friendship sprang from Judaism and Christianity. It's not all that clear that of the many 1000s of cultures around the world, perhaps 5000 of them. There are some very strange ideas of friendship, very strange. But friendship that has been at the root of social relationships in the West, civic organizations, even treatment of women, all of that springs from a correct understanding of friendship. And then the final one, of course, fitness. And on this one, I don't want to spend a lot of time, but I will tell you that the idea that life has value, right, that's part of fitness. Right? Keep my body healthy, because without my body, I don't stay alive and staying alive is important. That is not a part of Islam, for instance. And this week, for the second time, I was told and shown writings of Islamic spokesmen, who speak about as much as Jews or Christians love life, we love death. We value and honor martyrs who gave their lives to spread Islam. It's a different approach. The whole idea of life-saving organizations, they are Christian in origin, when there is a devastating earthquake somewhere where they're horrible, natural disasters. Who do you see there? You see American ministries? In what about the huge number of Muslims around the world? Why are they sending organizations to help save lives, even when they are earthquakes, like the bomb earthquake in Iran? It's Western organizations that fly in to bring relief and help. Why? Because of a biblical understanding of fitness. So, so let me go back to bathrooms and bankings if I can, alright. And again, I mean, not not to be vulgar at all. But after the world had the opportunity to compare civilization and barbarism, the world pretty much chose. Right? I don't have to tell you what bathrooms looked like in Bombay. Well, today, bathrooms in - and you know I like the alliteration of just saying Bombay and Bangkok and Beijing, but they could have been anywhere in the undeveloped part of the world. Today, they've come to resemble exactly what banks and bathrooms look like in Boston and Baltimore, and Berlin. Western civilization. And I should tell you, this western civilization's trappings are lusted for by

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the entire world. But barbarism desires the good life of Western civilization, but wishes to annihilate the mother that gave it birth. Do you see what I'm saying here? Right, the Hamas terrorists who broke into Israel, they use paragliders. Where did those come from where those invented in Bangladesh? They use drones to neutralize forward Israeli observation posts, drones, were drones invented in Somalia? No, all of these things come from the west. And barbarism loves the things that the West produces. But it still wants to kill the mother, Judaism and Christianity that gave birth to the West. The real question, of course is, will the West ever recover the spiritual fountain of its own original success? Will it ever recover the vitality of a living Biblical faith that would allow civilization to flourish everywhere? Or to be utterly dismal? Will barbarism ultimately triumph and as civilization gives out as dying gasp, its ruins will become occupied by squatting barbarians, that enjoy the remaining rubble as far superior to anything that they could have built for themselves.

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I want to encourage you, my dear friends, happy warriors, not only should you go ahead and really make a serious investment in the five F's, go to your favorite bookstore, and get yourself a copy of *The Holistic You* integrating your family and your faith, your finances, your friendships and your fitness into your life. The book is called *The Holistic You*, go ahead and get it on the rabbiDaniellapin.com website, look for an audio program called *Clash of Destiny: Decoding the secrets of Israel and Islam*. That'll take you on a deeper excursion into some of the things that we're talking about today. And, please, it would be so helpful to give you perspective on what is going on in the Middle East right now. To really get this overview, what I call the 30,000-foot overview. You got to understand that this is a titanic struggle between civilization and barbarism. That's what it is. Think of the 20th century, think of Hitler and the Nazis. They were determined to obliterate all vestiges of the Bible, simply by exterminating those who lived by it. They started with the Jews. That's true. But they had no intention at all of ending with the Jews. I have studied many of the biographies of Adolf Hitler, Conrad Hyden is very clear, Alan Bullock is very clear. And what they all say is that, for Hitler, Christianity was an evil religion fit only for slaves. And Hitler publicly vowed to root out and destroy the influence of the Christian churches. He called them evil that is gnawing at our vitals.

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And you got to see World War Two was really a battle between the hideous beast reality of the barbaric Nazis and the Gods-centric civilization, there was England and America. Look, if somebody showed you pictures of soldiers bayonet in babies, and asked you whether they were American soldiers or Nazi soldiers? Don't you think you'd intuitively know the answer to that question? If someone showed you pictures of men decapitating babies, on the afternoon of Saturday, October the seventh of 2023 and asked you whether they were Muslim terrorists or Israeli soldiers? Don't you think you'd intuitively know the answer? You may? You may not want to admit it. But I think you'd kind of know if somebody showed you people destroying breaking the windows of 1000s of homes and businesses in November 1938. To such an extent that that night became known as Crystal night because of the millions of shattered panes of glass. If somebody told you that. Do you think you'd have a guess? Whether that was perpetrated by Nazi stormtroopers and Nazi mobs? Or do you think it would have been perpetrated by Mormons, members of the Latter Day Saints Church? Seriously, I mean, is that hard to answer? It

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may be an uncomfortable thing to answer. But you've got to be able to recognize the difference between barbarism and civilization. Really? Gosh, if somebody said to you, some activists cut the throats of airline stewardesses and drove airplanes into buildings, murdering 1000s of students, civilians. Your challenges, was this done by Roman Catholic theologians, or by Muslims? Think about it. Hard question. If it is a hard question for you, then you are suffering from a profound moral deficiency. And like any other kind of deficiency, it kind of needs treatment. You got it, you got to know. And so I really do believe this is a time for Jews and Christians to stand together worldwide, to do whatever we can to proclaim our commitment to civilization. And what that means is we've got to have the moral courage to denounce barbarism. You know, when I hear people saying, oh, I want nothing but peace, I want to protect the lives of Gazans and Israelis. That takes no courage at all. That's nothing but massaging yourself with warm butter. Because a moral position always takes courage, it's always uncomfortable. The fact is that in any war, there are two sides, my allies and my enemies, again, not hard to understand. So either you don't think there's a war, in which case there's not two sides, or you realize is the war, but you don't want to take sides. And that's morally deficient. Right? I mean, how about when the Hutus murdered about a million Tutsis in Rwanda? Hard to take sides hard to see who the bad guys were, shouldn't be. And really, the only people who I expect to have trouble with this level of nuance, which is not particularly hard, are people who have spent more than a couple of years on an American university campus. The moral confusion that is caused, that people are infected with by spending time on a university campus is almost incurable.

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So if this is I mean, if this is something you have any interest in, in joining the struggle, then go ahead, and now might be a time to open your hearts and make a small contribution to the American Alliance of Jews and Christians. Go ahead, you go to AAJC.org AAJC.org. American Alliance of Jews and Christians dot org and go ahead, support the Alliance support Jews and Christians standing together, standing up for civilization, and being willing to denounce barbarism as something that at the end of the day, makes lives short and brutish, and horrible. As Thomas Hobbes wrote in the middle of the 16th century, in his book, The Leviathan, you know, and once you understand clearly, once you get this, that this is a battle between barbarism and civilization, Hamas is on side of barbarism. Civilization is represented in the present conflict by the people of Israel. You've got to see that Hamas is not this battle is not going to be solved by negotiation. Because Islam is willing to die they have a word for it's called jihad. Hamas does not want a two-state solution. Its charter calls for the destruction of Israel, and the erection in its place of an Islamic state. This is not the ordinary kind of conflict that you might find in Sri Lanka, where you can settle it by splitting things down the middle. The Hamas charter explicitly says the Islamic resistance movement is a distinguished Palestinian movement. By the way, no Arab was ever called a Palestinian no Arab called himself a Palestinian before 1948, Whose allegiance is to Allah and whose way of life is Islam. It strives to raise the banner of our law of every inch of Palestine. Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam obliterates it just as it has obliterated many others before it. So you've really got to see things in terms of, well, black and white here. It's really not hard to see it's barbarism and civilization. And the idea that we should be nuanced about this. Well, it depends. This is a sign of effeminate Western intellectual timidity. It is a mark of an utter failure of any kind of moral valid virility. It should not be hard for us to understand the war going on right now in its second week, or it's

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just another battle. In the ongoing struggle between barbarism and civilization. It goes back all the way to the eighth century. And it hasn't stopped. There have been periodic recesses. They've been short interruptions. But there's never been an end to the Islamic vision for complete domination over the civilizations of the Bible. In the audio program I just mentioned called the Clash of Destiny. You will read about it on my website. Okay, go to Rabbi Daniel lapin.com. You read about the Clash of Destiny, decoding the secrets of Israel and Islam. You will see how the spiritual, religious philosophical vision of barbarism and oh yes, it has one, no question about it, the spiritual and religious vision of barbarism split spread from Nazism in the 20th century, to Islamic Jihad in the 21st century. And I show you in that, how, if you look at Hamas training camp videos, you will see them doing the Hitler salute. And even more importantly than that, I explain how certain characteristics of barbarism for instance, a tendency to see a connection between sex and death.

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And I do I can't do it now. But I do it in full length in the audio program, Clash of Destiny, decoding the secrets of Israel and Islam. But exactly what we saw in the philosophical core of, of Nazism, captured so beautifully in the musical dramas by Richard Wagner, called the Ring cycle, which Hitler's set through for many, many, many times, even though it's about a 17-hour enterprise, where we see this conflating of life and death, sex and death, sex being an expression of life, obviously, we find exactly the same thing in versions of Islamic martyrdom. What do young men who try and die blowing up people of the civilization? What are they dream of? What are they how they been rewarded with death? That's right, the 70 virgins of the afterlife, and many, many more examples of how we see that, yes, the spiritual and philosophical vision of barbarism traveled from the Nazis, to the Islamic Jihad. And this is all laid out very, very carefully in the Clash of Destiny, decoding the secrets of Israel and Islam. Go and take a look at it at Rabbi Daniel lapin.com. And I think you'll be astounded. Remember, if you would like to make a gift to the American Alliance of Jews and Christians, that's the aajc.org. And finally, do yourself a big favor and begin to master the power of the five F's in your life by simply getting the program it's called the holistic view. And it's available at any bookstore, the holistic view, integrating your five F's, happy warriors, these are unusual times. Susan and I are in Jerusalem at the very at this very moment. And I'm not sure when exactly we will return at the present time, but we would like to see peace and When people say violence doesn't solve anything they lie, because violence always solve something violence always resolve something. It was the firebombing by General Curtis LeMay of Tokyo in March 1945 months before the atomic bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It was the firebombing of about 60 Japanese cities that utterly obliterated Japan's war-making potential. Yeah, it was violence. It was allies' violence on places like Dresden, and Nuremberg and Berlin. Yes, it's tragic. But when barbarism attacks civilization, the only response is a full-throated, comprehensive, uncompromising attack on barbarism. Otherwise, civilization flounders. And I sadly remind you that the last war that the United States of America won was World War Two, in the middle of 1945. That was the last war that America won. Let us hope that civilization, and those that stand for civilization will rally themselves and determined to combat barbarism with everything at its disposal. Because if not happy warriors, things will look grim, indeed, for us, for our children, and our children's children. Because history has shown that a triumph of barbarism God prevented history has shown that a triumph for barbarism cannot be put right for hundreds and hundreds of years. Darkness will settle down over the

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world. And the forces of satanic evil will prevail, and be in charge of all our lives for hundreds of years into the future. The only hope is the triumph of civilization. And that is something that each and every one of us every happy warrior can pray for, with all the devout fervor at our disposal. Meanwhile, do not lose sight of your family and your finances your faith, the faith that produce civilization, your friendships and your fitness. Until the next time we are together. I am your Rabbi Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless.