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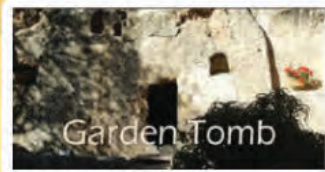
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This issue is dedicated to exposing an ancient viral pandemic across our world. It is transmitted digitally through sound waves and video images. This Gentile virus in its first outbreak in the 20th century, resulted in the death of six million people with Jewish DNA. It is focused on destroying Israel's descendants, God's chosen people through whom the Messiah would come to reverse the curse of sin and defeat Satan. The prophet Ezekiel identified this virus as a "perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel..." (Ezekiel 35:5).

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Shalom in Messiah:

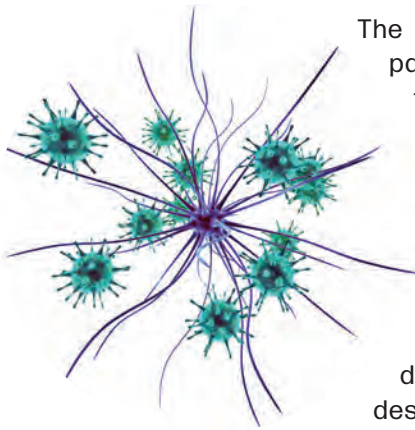
An ancient virus has turned into a pandemic across our world with fatal results. It is transmitted digitally through sound waves and video images. It infects ears, eyes, and then goes straight to the heart. But strangely it bypasses the brain. The infected exhibit symptoms of hatred and rage. This virus is "*an evil thought*" described in Ezekiel 38. This is an exclusively Gentile virus which in its first outbreak in the 20th century, resulted in the death of six million people with Jewish DNA.



in 2005. The Gaza Strip is a beach front territory with two international borders. One of the three walls of this "prison" is maintained by Egypt with razor wire and guards. For the last two decades Gaza had an opportunity to become the next Miami on the Mediterranean with over 6 billion dollars from the U.N. If the Arab oil magnates of the gulf had demanded that the billions they sent went for the building of a seaside tourism magnet, Gaza City could have rivaled Tel Aviv. Instead, the "Palestinian" leadership of Hamas squandered those resources to

build over 500 miles of subterranean terror tunnels whose entrances are protected by super reinforced concrete buildings that house schools and hospitals. Untold resources were used to manufacture tens of thousands of rockets in an obsession to spill the blood of every Jewish citizen of Israel. Their sheer ecstasy at the murder of over 1200 Israelis as well as taking 240 men, women, elderly and even infants as hostages is proof of the power of this virus of hate to destroy every sense of moral restraint, and compassion.

Within weeks this latent virus of hatred metastasized abroad in western democracies. Television news screens were filled with pre-zombie apocalypse images of college students roaming the streets nearly foaming at the mouth spewing irrational hostility against Jews, Israel and Zionism. This analogy doesn't even scratch the surface of the impact this hatred will have on our society and especially on Jewish people who comprise less than 2% of the American population, yet suffer a disproportionate percentage of all hate crimes. "In 2022, the Jewish Anti-Defamation League (ADL) tabulated a 36% increase in anti-Semitism since 2021 and the highest number on record since they began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979." Jewish students who once comprised over 20% of the student populations of American Ivy League schools and Jewish alumni philanthropists are abandoning the once hallowed halls of higher learning. It seems like 1938 all over again.



The virus has a spiritual pathology going back to the first recorded scriptures. God described it as an "*enmity*" between Satan and Eve but ultimately against Himself. It is focused on destroying Israel's descendants, God's chosen people. Through

them the Messiah would come to reverse the curse of sin and defeat Satan. The prophet Ezekiel identified this virus as a "*perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel...*" (Ezekiel 35:5).

This condition deteriorates the mental powers of logic and rational thought resulting in a distorted perception of historical reality concerning Israel. Although the facts of Israel's existence in the middle east for 3500 years are verified by a heap of archaeological artifacts and ancient manuscripts, the infected only see a distorted image of history. The most bizarre hallucination is that Israel is a colonizing invader, non-existent before 1948, who stole the land from indigenous peoples and from a country that never existed. The Gazan Palestinians see themselves as living in an open-air prison in a place which was literally deeded to them by Israel

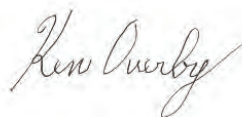
Anti-Semitism is now a popular trending hatred among the under 20 generation “Z.” Anti-Semitism has become the prescribed placebo of progressive university professors, purported to ease the pain of the godless secular youth. They are assured that they will feel better by ridding the world of Zionist injustice against the “Palestinians.” Therefore, they feel socially righteous in promoting the actual extermination of Israelis and Jews. Do the professors prescribing this toxic medicine have any interest financially, or politically, in students becoming addicted to anti-Semitism? One need only follow the money that is funding the American university department chairs. It leads right back to Islamic, and Arabic state sponsors of terrorism. Heads of departments and tenured professors are drinking swill from anti-Israel grant troughs. “Between 1986 and 2018, Middle Eastern countries donated more than \$6.6 billion to U.S. universities.” They have turned the classrooms of liberal arts universities from forums of free thought into ideological petri dishes of psychological biohazards as dangerous as those found in the infamous Wuhan Institute of Virology.¹

This issue focuses on the main sources of this hatred. The article on Russia by Rev. George Quick will show the track record of Russian anti-Semitism and trajectory of hate that will climax in the Ezekiel 38 scenario. Digital Evangelist Dan Bergman will share his firsthand experience of the viral hatred documented against his pro-Israel posts in social media platforms. The article on Islam by Rev. Tom Williams of Fortress of Faith Ministries will show the

source of this hatred from within Islam historically and its modern development through Iran and its proxies. My article will examine the parallels of Psalm 83 with the current conflict in the Middle East. Rev. Ken Symes in the Messianic Witness column features the powerful testimony of an orthodox Jewish man who received Jesus as his Savior. In the Shadows of the Tribulation column, we will see how a “Two State Solution” of Israel and Palestine within the same borders could establish the framework for a covenant of peace which the anti-Christ will later confirm for seven years.

We as believers in Jesus the Messiah of Israel must stand unashamedly and boldly with the Jewish people and Israel before they enter their darkest period in history. The light of the glorious Gospel from a loving follower of Jesus will be how the veil is lifted from their eyes to consider Jesus as the only one who can become their personal atonement and the true Messiah through whom all Israel will be saved.

In the service of Jesus our Lord and Messiah,



Rev. Ken Overby

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AN EVIL THOUGHT IN RUSSIA

REV. GEORGE QUICK

Ezekiel 38 details an invasion of Israel that is led by Gog, the ruler of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. Bible teachers have asserted that Rosh was in fact modern day Russia. Arnold Fruchtenbaum, in his 1977 book, *The Footsteps of the Messiah* said, "The identification of Magog, Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal is to be determined from the fact that these tribes of the ancient world occupied the areas of modern-day Russia. Magog, Meshech and Tubal were between the Black and Caspian Seas which today is southern Russia. The tribes of Meshech and Tubal later gave names to cities that today bear the names of Moscow, the capital, and Tobolsk, a major city in the Urals in Siberia. Rosh was in what is now northern Russia. The name Rosh is the basis for the modern name Russia."¹

Although some modern-day Bible scholars have rejected this interpretation as "sound alike" theory, ironically they have come to similar conclusions based on grammatical reasons. The key concern is whether the word Rosh is an adjective or a noun. Is it "chief prince" or "prince of Rosh?" Linguistically, both options are possible. Eminent Hebrew scholars C. F.

Keil and Wilhelm Gesenius hold that Rosh is a noun. Gesenius taught that Rosh was "a proper noun of a northern nation, mentioned with Meshech and Tubal; undoubtedly the Russians, who were mentioned by Byzantine writers of the tenth century, under the name the Ros, dwelling to the north of Taurus...as dwelling on the river Rha (Wolga)². The Septuagint also translates Rosh as the proper name Ros. Bible scholar Clyde Billington contends that the Rosh people were the same as modern day Russians. He states, "...the ancient people whom the Greeks called Tauroi/Tursenoi were identical to the people known as "Tiras" in the Bible."³ This is recorded in the Table of Nations in Genesis 10:2. He adds, "...a people named the Ros or Rus lived in the same area near the Black Sea where the Tauroi people lived." Along with the Rosh people in Russia, Herodotus placed Meshech and Tubal on the north shore of Turkey. "Josephus identified them as Cappadocians." If this is correct, Rosh would be Russia, and Meshech and Tubal could be in northern Turkey. Ezekiel narrows the geographic base of the northern enemy, "from thy place out of the north parts" (38:15;39:2). Dr. John Walvoord, of

Dallas Theological Seminary concludes, “The only nation that the description “far north” would fit would be Russia, which, of course, is immediately to the north of Israel, with Moscow being directly north of Jerusalem.”⁴ God states that He is against Gog. “... Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech, and Tubal” (38:3-4). The reference of God putting hooks into the jaws of Gog is a reference to God turning Russia back toward a massive invasion of Israel. Russia then, at least in the beginning, is reluctant. “Hooks in thy jaws” is indicative of the snaring of a hungry wild beast.

GOG WILL GO WHERE GOD DIRECTS

Later we see that Russia’s attitude has changed. Verses 10-12 reads, “...at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.” The evil thought leads Russia to change her attitude. Israel is not only valuable but very vulnerable.

RUSSIAN VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS

Historically, Russia has not been a friend to the Jewish people. The term pogrom, meaning an organized massacre of helpless people⁵, began to be used to describe attacks upon Jews in Russia following the assassination of Czar Alexander II in March of 1881. These attacks started in the Ukrainian city of Yelizavetgrad, then quickly moved to at least 30 other towns including Kiev. Similar violence against Jews continued through 1884. There was a second wave of pogroms from 1902 to 1906. Following World War I, some 150,000 Jews were killed in the pogroms of 1918-1922, 125,000 of them in Ukraine, and 25,000 in Belarus. More than two million Soviet Jews are believed to have died during the Holocaust. In 1941 the city of Odessa, Ukraine, while under Romanian control was bombed by Russia. As a result, over 100,000 Ukrainian Jews were massacred. The killing of Jews in the USSR did not stop with the end of World War II. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, with the fall of the Soviet Union, half the population of Slavic Jews took the opportunity offered by liberalized emigration policies to settle in Israel and the West.⁶

What about today? Are we still seeing Jewish pogroms by Russia and her allied countries? One writer said that amid the Ukraine war, “Jews have fled Russia in droves, but those who remain are scared of a return to the darkest days of discrimination.”⁷ Moscow’s Chief Rabbi, Pinchas Goldschmidt, under pressure from the authorities to back the war, fled the country for Israel. He has no plans to return. “Fearing that the writing is on the wall... many Russian Jews are seeking to flee the country.”⁸ In 2019 165,000 Jews lived in Russia. In the first three months after Putin launched his forces on the Ukraine, approximately 10,000 Russian Jews were granted Israeli citizenship. In total, the Ukrainian war has led to several hundred thousand Russians moving to live in the Middle East.⁹ Since the 1970s, over 1.1 million Russians of Jewish origin immigrated to Israel.¹⁰

One example is Artem Budikov, the son of a Jewish mother born and raised in Moscow. Once Putin declared his “special operation” in Ukraine, Artem made the decision to leave his homeland of Russia. In a few weeks he had saved up enough money for a plane ticket to Israel. Now he’s staying with a friend in Israel, receiving a monthly stipend from the government, and studying Hebrew. God is regathering His people to the Promised Land for the soon coming drama to unfold.



Russian Tank T-72

RUSSIA’S TURN TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST


Russia has established a strong military base in Syria. In September 2015, Russian President Vladimir Putin sent Russian air power into Syria in support of Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad. This support was strategic in allowing al-Assad to retain power. But it came at a cost. In the same year, Russia was allowed to build an autonomous air base, Khmeimim Air Base, next to the Syrian International Airport. This Russian air base was allowed by Syria, free of charge and with

no time limit.¹¹ In 2017, Syria agreed to allow Russia the use of a naval facility, very near their air base, free of charge for 49 years, and Russia was given sovereign jurisdiction over the base! The Russian bear is literally next door to Israel.

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, economic trade with Turkey nearly doubled to over \$60 billion in the same year,¹² causing many Russians to move to the region. Turkey issued more than 150,000 residence permits to Russian nationals in 2022. While turning toward the Muslim countries of the Middle East, Russia continues to turn a blind eye to the persecution of Jews. In the fall of 2023, an angry mob of Russian Muslims stormed the regional capital of Makhachkala's airport, hunting for Jews who were arriving on a flight from Israel. Russia's National Guard finally arrived, several hours after Muslim rioters had overrun the airport. The Makhachkala Airport incident was preceded by a crowd searching for Jews at a hotel in the northern Caucasus city of Dagestani. Not far away a partially built Jewish center was set on fire in the Russian republic capital of Nalchik.

The source of the "evil thought" that enters Russia's mind is not of God. As God confirmed Pharaoh's multiple self-hardening, God will sovereignly use Gog's evil greed to set the hook of judgment into his jaw when he attempts to "take a spoil and to take a prey." Will Gog view one million Israelis with a Russian background as prey that rightfully belongs to him and/or as a fifth column to run a new Russian controlled Israel?

Russia turns upon Israel with an evil thought, but the reason that God directs this invasion and turns it to Israel's good is clearly stated in chapters 38 and 39. First, God will reveal to all nations that He is God. "Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD" (38:23). Gog and his confederation will suffer God's justifiable wrath. In the following chapter God says He will reveal to Israel that He is their God. "Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there" (39:28). From this battle to the end of the Tribulation the eyes of regathered Israel will be opened by the preaching of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses, to see God revealed in the face of Jesus their Messiah. "Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the

house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD" (39:29). God's saving grace will reverse Satan's evil thought. We pray that they look on the One "whom they pierced" (Zechariah 12:10) individually in repentance and faith before this horrific Tribulation comes. 

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BY REV. GEORGE QUICK

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AN EVIL THOUGHT IN SOCIAL MEDIA

REV. DAN BERGMAN

It was 2020, and I was the Digital Ministries Director of Jewish Awareness Ministries. This was my very first “viral video.” I had heard from a friend on Facebook that you could use an app called TikTok to share the gospel in short one-minute videos. By January of 2020, I had been posting on the app for less than a month. What was the subject of my unexpected viral sensation? “Jesus was an Israeli.”

I basically held up a Catholic picture of Jesus. He looked white, Gentile, blue-eyed, and blond haired, you know. It’s the typical European, non-Jewish depiction of Jesus. I asked the viewer “Have you ever seen a picture of Jesus that looks like this?” I went on to explain that Jesus was a middle eastern Israeli Jew in order to dispel false notions about Jesus’ identity. Could I have said “Israelite” instead of “Israeli?” Sure. But my point was to show that the Jesus of the Bible was ethnically similar to the Sephardic Jews in Israel today.

At this point in time, the app was still very new to me. I recorded the video that morning in JAM’s ShalomShalom.radio studio. It had been long enough

since I posted it, right? Twenty minutes had gone by, so I wanted to check and see how it was doing - you know, just in case. I whipped out my iPhone 6, opened the TikTok app, and my jaw dropped. My notifications were exploding off the screen! My video had garnered 13,000 views - in just twenty minutes! Why am I telling you about this video? It singlehandedly changed my perception of just how much anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism exists on social media. By that weekend, that video had amassed over 75,000 views - and the comments were pouring in. This video had gone “viral” in a bad way. The VAST majority of the reactions I was getting to this video was negative, anti-Semitic, and anti-Zionist. Some of the comments contained profanity, and many were in Arabic. I began to get nervous. So I hid the video. I made it “private.” I spent about two days wringing my hands thinking to myself “What do I do? What do I do?” After the amount of angry comments surpassed 1,000, I began to wonder if my safety was at risk. I remember vividly in church that weekend, as I paced back and forth between the pews, it was as if I heard an inaudible - still, small voice say within my heart, “You’re taking the light

of the gospel, and hiding it under a bushel." Wow. That hurt. But it was true. The Holy Spirit pricked my heart. That moment I submitted to Him. I said within my heart "Okay God, I'll put it back." That video now has over 266,000 views, and 1,441 (mostly angry) comments. Many were from Muslims, but surprisingly many the angry comments were from non-Muslim liberals. I was shocked to see how much vehement hatred existed on TikTok towards the Jews and Israel. If you'd like to see the video, and its comments for yourself, you can scan the nearby QR code. This experience would not be the end of my venture into the seedy underbelly of online anti-Semitism. Not by a long shot.



Fast-forward to a Saturday in October, 2023. I had been doing social media evangelism full-time for three years at this point. Videos that I posted that had any type of Jewish flare, or proclaimed that Israel is still God's chosen people, were usually met with mixed reactions. Many of my followers are staunch supporters of a biblical view of Israel. However, a great multitude of those who claim the name "Christian" online are sadly ill-informed at best and purposefully anti-Semitic at worst. My videos do regularly present the gospel and the scriptures in the light of a Jewish context. On October 7th however, things escalated. After seeing the news headline that morning that Israel had been attacked, I quickly posted a short vertical video on all my platforms - simply stating that Israel had been brutally attacked by Hamas, that we need to pray for Israel and for this wickedness to come to justice. I was not prepared for the negative response that I received. That video has over 275,000 views, and over 2,000 comments



on Instagram, such as "Free Palestine," "Pray for Palestina," "* ___ Israel!" On TikTok, that same video had 15,000 views, and received similar comments. Once again, to view the video for yourself, scan the nearby QR code.

As a result of the hate and confusion being hurled at me for standing for Israel, I made a longer video describing why, I as a Christian, stand with Israel. The negative response to this video more than doubled that of my previous video. And worst of all, the nasty

responses to this video were mostly coming from those who named the name of Christ! On TikTok and Instagram combined, this video has over 425,000 views, and over 6,000 (mostly nasty) comments! Here's some examples:

"From the river to the sea Palestine WILL be free,"

"PALESTINE WILL NEVER SURRENDER FREE PALESTINE ALLAH IS WITH US,"

"i am a Christian and i stand with Humanity, i stand with Palestine,"

"As a Christian, Free Palestine,"

"As a christian, a true christian, i fully stand with palestine,"

"you stand with genocide,"

"the whole video is so illogical.. i cant even believe it,"



and literally thousands more. To see for yourself, scan the QR code near this paragraph.

In an article written on idsglobal.com just a few weeks after the October 7th attack, Hannah Rose reports, "In the 17 days after the Hamas terror attack, the UK's Community Security Trust (CST), a charity monitoring antisemitism, recorded 600 antisemitic incidents. This marks a 641% increase from the same period in 2022. Of these incidents, 185 occurred online, including abusive language, harassment, and threats of violence."¹

Those statistics were basically played out in real time in my videos following October 7th. Rose continues, "In the three days after Hamas' attack, the absolute number of antisemitic comments on conflict-related YouTube videos increased by 4963%, when compared to the previous three days. This increase continued after the first three days after the attack, with an additional 37.2% increase in the number of antisemitic comments from 10-12 October compared to 7-9 October. While the increase in absolute numbers of comments is also partially explained by an increase in the number of videos focusing on Israel/Gaza, the proportion of antisemitic comments has also increased by 242% when comparing the daily average before and after the attack. A total of 15,720 antisemitic YouTube comments were identified after the attack. This increase coincided with a peak in overall volume of collected videos, as well as Israel's

retaliatory effort, including the mobilization of troops and the targeting of sites in Gaza.”²


This escalation is not only among the mainstream populous, but also among violent extremist communities. “Extremist communities are present on mainstream and fringe social media platforms. Islamist groups, specifically, such as Al-Qaeda have published content on Facebook encouraging terrorist attacks against Jewish targets in Israel and Israeli embassies abroad. They framed Arab states and leaders as servants of Israel and the US, calling for their assassination and advancing the narrative of a global Zionist conspiracy influencing world events. Islamic State published an article in their weekly newsletter titled ‘Practical Steps to Fight the Jews’ urging attacks against Jews in the US and Europe, as well as in Israel, concluding with ‘the Jews have yet to live through the Holocaust.’”³

Oftentimes those who position themselves against Israel tend to use certain language that fits their false narrative. “In their responses to the events in Israel and Gaza, Islamist groups avoid using the word ‘Israel’ and instead refer to ‘the enemy’, ‘the occupation’, ‘the Zionists’, or just ‘the Jews’, the latter two of which can assign responsibility for the actions of the state of Israel to Jews worldwide. The groups often emphasize that the so-called ‘enemy’ indiscriminately kills women, children and the elderly. Content praising the attack, Hamas, the Al-Qassem Brigades and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) has been widespread on social media, including 160 branded posts from the terrorist organizations which were viewed over 16 million times on X alone. The content in some cases includes the official name given to the attack by Al-Qassem Brigades, ‘Al-Aqsa Storm’ as a hashtag, and originates from Telegram channels. ‘Resistance Axis’ pro-Iran accounts similarly celebrated the attack and excused the targeting of Israeli civilians.”⁴

At the end of 2022, I was privileged to return to Israel with a group of Christian influencers, led by a born-again, pro-Israel actor, Nathaniel Buzolic. Though he is a Gentile, he has such a heart for Israel and a biblical view of the Land and the People. He has been incredibly outspoken in his unwavering support for Israel following the October 7th attack. Though he has a verified Instagram account with over 3 million followers, Instagram banned him 3 times because of his unflinching stance for Israel, and calling out the false narrative being pushed by the Palestinians. He has even been interviewed on Fox News about

the anti-Israel bias that exists on social media. Nate connected me with Fleur Hassan-Nahum, the deputy mayor of Jerusalem. Following the October 7th attack, I was invited onto a zoom call with her, as she explained to us that social media is really the first front of this war, as there is so much false information, and anti-Semitic biases online.

If you are a believer who happens to be on social media, don’t be afraid to stand with Israel. God is still on the throne and He is greater than all of the hate that gets thrown at us! Social media can be a dark place. Don’t get into the word battle against flesh and blood. This is a battle against spiritual wickedness that blinds people to the gospel. Bathe it in prayer; then in love for their souls present the truth of the Gospel. Don’t hide His light under a bushel! Brighten the corner where you are with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world!

EDITOR’S NOTE: Jewish Awareness Ministries Facebook page recently posted a 15 second video of our flag pole with the American and Israel flag. Over 71,000 viewed it, over 7,000 reacted and almost 300 reacted negatively with one third of those expressing hate toward Jews, Israelis and or Christians. We are seeing just the tip of the iceberg of worldwide hatred of Israel leading up to the Tribulation time. Pray for Israel. Love the Jewish people. 

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BY REV. DAN BERGMAN

World Wide Digital Evangelism





AN EVIL THOUGHT IN ISLAM

REV. TOM WILLIAMS

It is nearly impossible to escape the awareness of Iran's longstanding calls for the destruction of both Israel and the United States. Over the past five decades, the global community has witnessed fervent demonstrations in the streets of Tehran, with crowds brandishing clenched fists and enthusiastically chanting, "Death to America! Death to Israel!" These images, often broadcasted on our television screens, underscore the intensity of Iran's evil thoughts toward Israel and its number one ally.

Iran was the mighty Persian Empire that was once a great benefactor to Israel. Cyrus, who founded the Persian Empire became the Shepherd King to Israel who delivered them from the Babylonians (Isaiah 44:28). This ended their seventy-year exile and sent them home with resources to rebuild Jerusalem. Later Persia funded the building of Ezra's Temple, the same Temple that Jesus would walk into. What turned the friendship of Persia (Iran) into becoming an arch enemy of Israel? We can sum that up in one word, Islam. Although Iran is not an Arab nation, it has been influenced deeply by the doctrines that came out of Arabia. The author of that "evil thought" prophesied in Ezekiel 38 has generated these doctrines that have permeated not only Iran but the whole region. If we hope to understand the conflict in the Middle East, we must understand how Islam is the root.



Abraham sending Hagar and Ishmael away.

THE SOURCE OF THE CONFLICT

We can go to our Bibles and see the source of the conflict and the hatred that Arabs and Muslims have toward the Jews. We begin with Ishmael, who was the product of Abraham's weak faith and disobedience to God. Ishmael is described to us this way, "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren" (Genesis 16:12).

What is most obvious about this description is that violence surrounds him on every front. But the next phrase is often lost in translation “...he dwells in the presence of all his brethren.” It is repeated at Ishmael’s death in Genesis 25:18 “... he died in the presence of all his brethren.” This is significant. His half-brother, Isaac, is the patriarch of the Jews who are “his brethren.” The Hebrew word for “presence” is *paniyim*¹, meaning, “in the face” which is an expression of being an antagonist. For example, when someone expresses anger towards a person they may say ‘back off, you’re in my face.’ The descendants of Ishmael are in the face of the descendants of Isaac.

What cemented the hatred between the Arabs for the Jews was when Hagar and Ishmael were banished from the home of Abraham and Sarah. Being cast out to the wilderness to perish, they would have died had it not been for God’s intervention to save them. As the first born of Abraham, Ishmael saw the blessing go to the younger son and he viewed Isaac, the son of God’s promise, as stealing his inheritance.

The Arab Muslims rewrote scripture to favor Ishmael as the beloved son to win back the land and the covenant of God in favor of the Ishmaelites. Therefore, the Qur’an shines upon Ishmael with honor and he is presented as the son whom Abraham loved and took to be sacrificed. The Qur’an’s rewriting of scripture gives the Holy Land to the Arabs. This is why they call Israel “a foreign occupier.” Although Islam did not start with Ishmael it did come by his descendant some 600 years after Christ. We see the same traits of Ishmael are also deeply engrained in the religion of Islam.

The Arabs are given more reasons to hate the Jews in the Qur’an for their rejection of the prophet Muhammad. The Qur’an justifies the killing of Jews or their banishment from their homes. Perhaps the greatest reason for their hatred is that a Jewish woman allegedly poisoned their prophet. Her name was given as Rahanna the Jewess. Shahrukh Abid, an Imam of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Brampton, Canada refutes this in his article. “It is evident that four years after the event, high fever and headache cannot be considered the fatal side effects of that same poison. Such a strong reaction cannot take place after the lapse of four years. He would surely have suffered major complications to his health in the interim but history bears witness that he lived a healthy and active life.”² If she did poison him, perhaps she did it in revenge, as Muhammad either gave the order or participated in “beheading her

husband along with 600-900 other Jewish men and boys of the Banu Quarayza at Battle of the ditch of Medina.”³ The Muslim public due to the indoctrination of the Imams gives all blame to a Jewess for the murder of Muhammad.

IRAN, THE MENACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Joel Rosenberg, a Middle Eastern Journalist who is also an evangelical Jewish Christian, secured a meeting with the Egyptian president al-Sisi in 2017. The subject turned to Iran and President Sisi called them “a great menace” saying Iran has built its military on religious dogma. The threat is not their weapons but their strong religious beliefs. Al-Sisi added, “Iranian leaders have a death wish.”⁴

Other leaders in the region like King Abdullah II of Jordan and the Crowned Prince Muhammad bin Salman of Saudi Arabia have grave concerns about Iran’s religious extremism. They also fear that Iran will force the region into a nuclear arms race. When asked about Iran getting a nuclear weapon, the Crowned Prince of Saudi Arabia said to Fox News, “If they get one, we have to get one... for security reasons, and for balancing power in the Middle East, but we don’t want to see that.”⁵



MOTIVATION OF THE OCTOBER 7TH ATTACK

Iran was deeply concerned about the Saudi’s making peace and normalizing relations with Israel. So far, four Arab nations have joined the Arab Accords⁶ and have been enjoying the economic windfall. There are rumors that other nations in the region are

strongly considering joining the Abraham Accords.⁷ Saudi Arabia is very interested in joining the treaty. Egypt and Jordan could follow the Saudi's into the agreements which could create a domino effect and pull others into peace with Israel. This would be 'game over' for Iran's hopes to have the Arabs join them in a war with Israel which is critical to their plans. Blowing up the conflict to bring about a Palestinian state put the brakes on normalization with Saudi Arabia. Iran also has bigger plans to take on the USA, so they need the involvement of the Arabs. Iran has strategically forged military and trade treaties with Russia and China.⁸

At present, Iran is fighting Israel through their proxies. Since Hamas are Sunni Muslims, the Shi'a Mullahs of Iran will hardly lose any sleep to see Hamas slaughtered by Israel in order that Israel expend its precious resources of weapons and troops. Hamas is the Junior Varsity team in Gaza and Hezbollah is the Varsity team on the northern border of Israel in Lebanon. Hezbollah are Shi'a Muslims who are spiritually one with Iran. Their army is much larger than Lebanon's army and better equipped and skilled for war. We have seen increasing skirmishes with Israel, but for now Hezbollah is awaiting orders from Iran before advancing into full scale war.

I have a theory as to why Iran has not yet greenlighted a Hezbollah attack. I believe they were counting on the Arabs to join the fight. They needed Hamas to provoke Israel and bait them into a ground invasion into Gaza. Taking hostages and the many heinous acts carried out on October 7th by Hamas did just

that. The ground invasion by Israel into Gaza would trigger so much outrage that the Arabs would attack Israel and Hezbollah would sweep in from the North. However, the Arabs have thus far only responded with the expected verbal condemnations and saber rattling. I suspect this was a big surprise and disappointment to the Ayatollah of Iran.

Israel is being warned to tread carefully with their advance into southern Gaza. One misstep could change the hearts of the Arabs and force their hand to get involved. Egypt threatens to suspend its peace treaty with Israel if IDF troops enter Rafah.⁹ Iran is hoping that Israel will cross a line that will pull the Arabs into war.


EGYPT WILL NOT TAKE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

Hamas came out of the Muslim Brotherhood which was founded in Egypt. In 2013 the Egyptian military removed 55,000 radical clerics and ousted the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohamed Mursi from the presidency.¹⁰ His replacement, President al-Sisi brought the Muslim Brotherhood's reign of terror in Egypt to an end. Hamas came to power in Gaza in 2005. Due to their influence, religious extremism spread throughout the Gaza Strip. Recent polls show that Palestinian civilians are largely supportive of Hamas and what it did on October 7th.¹¹ The point is the Palestinians are like the extremists that Egypt has been trying to purge out of their nation. Other Arab leaders will not take the Palestinians for the same reason. No one wants to deal with them. Conveniently therefore, Israel is left to manage the problem.





IRAN'S APOCALYPTIC DREAMS

The Shi'ite pulpits of Iran are far more interested in the fulfillment of Islamic prophesy than are Hamas Sunni pulpits. The major difference on this doctrine is that the Sunnis believe that the Mahdi,¹² Muslim Messiah, will appear and then he will begin the war to destroy all the Jews. The Shi'a dominated Iranians believe that war with Israel is necessary to cause the return of the Mahdi. So, Iran is busy trying to create that war to initiate the coming of their Mahdi/Messiah. One of the former presidents of Iran, Muhammad Ahmadinejad, often said that it was his calling to start the war that would usher the arrival of the Mahdi. This is the theological source of the "evil thought" of the Shi'ites of Iran toward Israel. Arabs believe they must take back the birthright that Isaac - the Jews - have stolen from Ishmael. The Satanic root behind all the hatred toward Israel from Iran is simply Islam. 

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AN EVIL THOUGHT IN ARAB NATIONS

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Is Psalm 83 merely recounting past events, a prophecy of future events, or is it being fulfilled in current events? Sadly, receiving the news “with all readiness of mind” from the latest media influencer has become the starting point of understanding Bible prophecy for too many. The Apostle Paul applauded the noble pattern of the believers in Berea who “received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” Therefore, the recent amount of attention being given to this Psalm warrants a thorough examination to “rightly divide” the scriptures.

Twelve psalms were written or arranged by Asaph whose name is first mentioned in Psalm 50 and with the entire section of Psalms 73-83. He is listed as the 14th generation from Levi. (1 Chronicles 6:39). He is one of the three Levites commissioned by David to direct singing in the house of God. (1 Chronicles 25:1) *“Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: Of the sons of Asaph; ...which prophesied according to the order of the king.”* We see him in position at Solomon’s dedication of the Temple (2 Chronicles 5:12). Some place the writing of Psalm 83 as much later because Psalm 74:3 indicates that it was written after the Babylonian exile *“the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.”* Based on the later writing theory, the standard Jewish interpretation is that “This Psalm is related to the period of Jehoshaphat’s reign recorded in 2 Chronicles chapter 20. Judea was under attack by the armies of Ammon, Moab, Aram, and Seir (Edom).”

There are problems with the interpretation that Psalm 83 is a recounting of the events in 2 Chronicles chapters 19 -20. The context is King Jehoshaphat

under the threat of invasion by Moab and Ammon. Though the threats in 2 Chronicles have the same intent as Psalm 83, the number of enemies listed in Psalm 83 is much larger than the list in 2 Chronicles, including the Ishmaelites, Hagarenes, Amalekites, Philistines and the inhabitants of Tyre/Lebanon as well as those from Assur (83:6-8). How can the recounting of Jehoshaphat’s impending battle have been the intent of Asaph when all these nations listed in Psalm 83 were not involved? Others have suggested that Psalm 83 refers to the Gog Magog battle of Ezekiel 38 or the Armageddon armada of Rev 19. Again, the list of nations doesn’t match.

After searching the scriptures for historic fulfillment, with no match, we come to Israel’s modern wars. Certainly, many of the Arab nations listed are the ones who tried to annihilate her in 1948, 1967 and 1973. There was “crafty” consultation that grew into consensus among Arab allies to attack Israel, but to date, none of the previous war confederacies included all of those in this list.

The object of the antagonists is “thy people” and “thy hidden ones” and those that bear “the name of Israel” (83:4). Verse 12 indicates that the root cause of their hatred is their stance against God. The origin of the ancient hate is God’s exclusive covenant with Abraham going all the way back to Genesis 12:1-3,7. God promised to “make thy name great” (Gen. 12:2). Verse one of Psalm 83 includes the names of God, El and Elohim and the last verse includes Yahweh and El Elyon - Most High. From beginning to end, Satan’s battle is against God and those identified by His name, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who God renamed Isra-EL. God promised that Ishmael would have twelve princes (Gen. 17:18-20) but God elevated Israel when He pronounced that as “a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed” (Genesis 32:28). Israel is the Prince with God. The ten craftily devise to erase the name of

Israel from history. One mindedness among the Arab nations is nonextant historically as was prophesied of Ishmael, *“his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him.”* Even in Islam the Arabic nations are fiercely divided between Shi’ite and Sunni factions. This confederacy will be with “one consent” or one mind. The only voluntary solidarity in their history was in 1948 when the descendants of Israel began to be regathered as a new nation with an old name Israel. Her existence is the only unifying principal of hatred among the descendants of Ishmael. Simply put, Israel is the trigger of their “evil thought.”

Edom’s *“tabernacles”* (83:6) is a poetic term for ‘nation’ or referring generically to tent-dwelling nomadic tribes like the Bedouins. Rabbi Radak interpreted the use of “tabernacles” in the text to signify “These nations did not intend to limit themselves to a single attack on Israel; rather, they came fully equipped for a long campaign against the Jews. Therefore, Edom and Ishmael brought tents fit to provide long term shelter.”¹

Moabites and Ammonites are the descendants of Lot. Ammon or modern Jordan still repeats the lie they purported to Jephthah that Israel took their land as they came out of Egypt into Canaan. Jephthah called them out on the lie (Judges 11:13-15). As Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said of the USSR - “We know they are lying, they know they are lying, they know we know they are lying, we know they know we know they are lying, but they are still lying.” Truer words could not be spoken about this ten nation Arab confederation regarding the accusation that Israel stole Arab lands.



Hagarenes clearly connects them to Hagar’s nomadic descendants located east of Jordan. Philistines and the inhabitants of Tyre were the seafaring Phoenicians adjoining the southern and northern borders of Israel. Today those same territories are Gaza dominated by Hamas and Lebanon controlled by Hezbollah. Assur is Assyria –which is geographically Syria.



The imprecatory prayer of the Psalmist is that God would repeat His past victories like when Gideon defeated four Midianite princes (83:9-11; Judges 6-7) and Jabin was defeated by Deborah and Barak when his captain Sisera was killed by Jael with a tent spike (Judges 4). Asaph prayed that God make these enemies like stubble blown by the wind (83:13) and that they would be devoured like a wildfire. He prayed that God would strike fear in them like an overwhelming storm. He asked that their faces be filled with shame at God’s rebuke. Then he punctuated the condemnation of the enemy set to eradicate His name, with a glimpse of grace, that they would repent and seek His name (83:16). But then he prayed that they be confounded. He prayed that they have trouble forever and that they perish. He concluded with the request that all men may know The Name Jehovah as The Most High (83:17,18).

IS ISRAEL’S CURRENT WAR AGAINST HAMAS AND HEZBOLLAH THE FULFILLMENT OF PSALM 83?

It is more fitting to see the current war as another battle in a long war rather than one battle fulfilling the entire psalm. We are seeing the results of the increased craftiness of these ten neighbors. They are consolidating into a confederacy. The ultimate goal is

OUTER CIRCLE

EZEKIEL 38

INNER CIRCLE


PSALM 83

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to cut off the people of The Name of Jehovah, El Elyon, the God of Isra-EL. "The nations reasoned that as long as Israel survives, the Almighty will be called the God of Israel. By destroying His people, they thought they would obliterate God's name as well!"² The once dead now resurrected ploy by these confederates of a two-state solution has been successfully adopted by the superpowers in the west. The deception has successfully hidden their agenda in which Israel shrinks in size and in which the conglomeration of trans Arabic peoples gains more and more land and international recognition as official Palestine. Then through the "Law of Return" pan-Arab Muslims can overwhelm Israel's Jewish demographic by an Arab majority. If the Arabic people relabeled as Palestinians can successfully attack "thy people" and "thy hidden ones" as they did on October 7, 2023, then what can they accomplish when they control all of Gaza and Judea and Samaria? Hamas and Hezbollah have promised to continually repeat the recent massacre until Israel is found no more "from the river to the sea."

The fulfillment of the entire scope of this prophecy cannot be limited to this current conflict due to the fact that we don't yet see the fulfillment of Psalm 83:13-16 in the defeat of these ten nations, nor do we see the global international recognition of the God of Israel being the only God over all the earth. These Arabic nations who are majority Islamic have yet to be summarily defeated by God Himself, neither have they sought after the God of Israel (vs 16) nor proclaimed Him as the Lord Most High (vs 18). By the process of elimination, since Psalm 83 does not fit

any past battle or campaign of war and it does not fit the description of the future Ezekiel 38 coalition, then it must happen before then. That narrows the time frame down to anytime between the present and the confirming of the seven-year covenant by the Anti-Christ. Asaph has given us a prayer guide both for Israel and for all nations "That men may know that Jehovah is the Most High over all the earth." There is a prayer for her enemies "that they may seek thy name, O LORD." The other option is "Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish" (83:17). God is not willing that any should perish. We should stand with Israel and the Jewish people as more nations turn against her. Most importantly, we must share the good news of the Messiah Jesus who came to redeem them from their sins and give them eternal life. God's plan includes global international recognition of the God of Israel also being the only God for Ishmael and God over all the earth. 

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MESSIANIC WITNESS

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Thiago, Ivan, and I were working in an area where there were some Jewish families near Westgate Baptist Church. We visited every home to extend an invitation to visit our church. We always asked them if they died did they know where they were going? Then we asked, why did they think they were going to Heaven? We have shared the Gospel and many times we have had the privilege to lead souls to the Lord.


We stopped at one home and heard someone working in the backyard. We got his attention and briefly talked through the fence. He told us that he was Jewish and a member of an ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Synagogue and thus he was not interested and even refused to take our literature. Almost three months later, we were back in the neighborhood and were motivated to go back and visit. We knocked on his door. Jamie answered and stepped out onto the porch. "I know you guys," he said: You stopped here a few months ago." Then he said: "This may surprise you, but I am so glad to see you. You probably are wondering why." He then told us that he was really concerned about the rising anti-Semitism in America and went to talk with his Rabbi about it. His Rabbi said that was a political issue and he would not deal with it. He asked us how we felt about it. This opened the door to share with him not only our concern about the rising anti-Semitism around the world but this also opened the door to share the Gospel with him.

We showed him that God had established a special relationship with the Jewish people and that among other things, they were to be the means through which the truth of redemption for all mankind was to be delivered (Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Isaiah 49:6). We shared with him that we were saved through faith in his Messiah. We showed him what God had stated through Moses *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul"* (Leviticus 17:11). We then asked him where his blood sacrifice was, for without it there is no atonement. We showed him that God clearly stated that not even the Rabbis had the authority to change or add to God's Word since they no longer had a place to make the sacrifices (Deuteronomy 4:2). We showed him how God loved his people so much that before the Temple was destroyed, He provided a perfect payment in the sacrifice of His Son, The Messiah. We showed him God's plan through the promised Messiah who is Himself deity, *"I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced"* (Zechariah 12:10). Then we showed him where he could find the prophecy of the suffering Messiah (Isaiah 53:1-12).

We then shared the Gospel with him, which he, by God's grace, received and was saved! It has been

my joy to disciple him in the Word. The first question he asked me was to explain what we call the Triune God. I shared with him from his scriptures that the God of Israel is a Triune God. Using his scriptures, I showed him the plurality of God through the use of plural pronouns connected to the names of God; and also the plural Names of God. I then shared with him what Jewish people refer to as the "Shema," which they are taught is a defense against the three gods of Christianity, "*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one (echad) LORD*" (Deuteronomy 6:4). I explained the difference between "yachid" and "echad" and how God chose to use echad to define His essence, which is a compound noun that demonstrates unity containing several entities. Then I had him read it in Hebrew. He immediately quoted it in English and then asked if he could recite it in Hebrew. As soon as he did, he recognized that the word translated "one" is the Hebrew word "echad" indicating that He is a compound unity. God did not use yachid to describe Himself, which demonstrates an absolute singular

"one." His face almost exploded, as he shouted: "Oh my! We have been worshipping a triune God from the very beginning but have not known it!!" He since has been baptized and joined the church. These are two huge steps that many new Jewish believers struggle with.

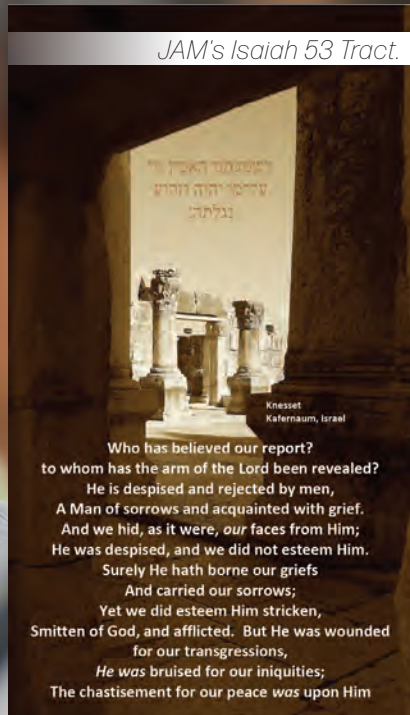
Today, he is very active at Westgate Baptist Church and often goes out soulwinning with us. Jamie is on fire for Jesus, his Messiah/Savior despite the harassment for his faith from his former fellow synagogue members. So, when you get a "No, I'm Jewish", don't consider the door permanently closed. It may just be a no for now. Pray for the courage and filling of the Holy Spirit and return in love. It should not surprise us when God has softened their heart. Jamie's life has been truly transformed. Has yours? Jesus is the blood sacrifice for the penalty of sin and the gift of eternal life for the "*Jew first and also for the Greek*" (Romans 1:16). 




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All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, For He was cut off out of the land of the living; For the transgression of My people He was stricken. "He made His grave with the wicked and with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Neither was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief. When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin... He shall prolong His days, The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.



Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin

Who is G-d's righteous servant who bore Israel's iniquities? Why was it predicted that Israel would despise & reject him?

Isaiah 53 written 739 - 681 BCE
Chief Rabbi of Safed - 16th century Mosheh el Sheikh, (Alshech), says "Our Rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet is speaking of the King Messiah, and we shall ourselves also adhere to the same view." - Commentaries on the Earlier Prophets

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JUST TWO STATES AWAY FROM THE PEACE COVENANT OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

How evil is the thought against Israel when the President of the United States of America tells one of the tiniest nations on earth with less than ten million citizens, and the only Jewish nation, that they must stop short of defeating the people that committed the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust? It is the lowest evil to make promises to your allies who are fighting for their lives and then use pressure against them during battle. Just after the October 7th massacre, President Joe Biden “gave a speech to the people of Israel: ‘I come to Israel with a single message. You are not alone. You are not alone. As long as the United States stands—and we will stand forever—we will not let you ever be alone.’ As the weeks and months passed, it turned

out that the administration has never let Israel alone to win the war whose outcome will determine whether the Jewish state can long survive. At every turn, in every quarter, the United States is constraining, undermining, subverting and coercing Israel to make moves that are ‘against the interests of the citizens of Israel.’”¹

For decades, the standing policy of the US and the UK has been to refuse all attempts at the UN to unilaterally recognize Palestine as a state. “Earlier this month, however, the state department spokesperson, Matthew Miller, told reporters that the US was “actively pursuing the establishment of an independent Palestinian state” after the war in Gaza. Britain’s foreign secretary, David Cameron, has floated the idea of the UK recognizing a Palestinian state ... as a means to make the process of negotiating a two-state solution “irreversible”.²

“Avida Bachar survived the massacre at Kibbutz Be’eri, which saw Palestinians murder 130 people, including his wife and son, who were murdered next to Bachar and his daughter in the family’s safe room. In an interview last month with Israel’s Channel 14, Bachar explained, The 7th of October showed that the level of evil there means that coexistence is apparently impossible. And when a person has infinite demands at negotiations, apparently, one of us won’t be here. We mustn’t leave.” The overwhelming majority of Israelis agree with Bachar. As Direct Polls revealed last month, 81% of Israelis, including Arab Israelis, say there is no prospect for peace with the Palestinians. Despite the fact that Palestinians are near-universal in their desire to annihilate Israel and their rejection



of the U.S. goal of a two-state solution that would see the formation of a Palestinian Arab state living in peace with the Jewish state of Israel. US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken insisted that “Arab leaders, Palestinian leaders” have prepared their people for Palestinian statehood. “I think the challenge now, the question now is: Is it (Israel) prepared to have that mindset? After the atrocities that the Palestinians carried out on Oct. 7—and the full mobilization of Palestinian society in Gaza, and Judea and Samaria, on behalf of Hamas’s war of genocide—Israelis recognized that there was no prospect for peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians. No. Israel is not prepared to have that mindset.




Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been blunt about his opposition to Palestinian statehood, particularly in all of Gaza and the West Bank. “The most important power that has to remain in

Israel’s hands is the overriding security control in the area west of the Jordan, which includes Gaza. Otherwise, history has shown that terrorism comes back,” he said.³

Blinken, speaking last month at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, insisted that the key to peace in the Middle East is the establishment of a Palestinian state. He places the blame for Israel’s unwillingness to accept a Palestinian terror state in its heartland not on the genocidal nature of Palestinian society, but on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. NBC’s Andrea Mitchell reported that, in light of Netanyahu’s rejection of the administration’s efforts to end the war with a Palestinian state, “Three senior U.S. officials say the Biden administration is looking past Netanyahu to try to achieve its goals in the region.”⁴

When our Lord Jesus said, “*Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled,*” (Luke 21:24) He didn’t name the Gentile nations. But here we are, 2000 years later, not left to wonder that in His omniscience, He saw that this once great future ally of Israel would not only trample Israel under foot in the end days but open

the gates to a stampede. The Apostle Paul gave this inspired warning to believers in the last days. “*For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them*” (1Thessalonians 5:2-4). We are blaming the victim and siding with the villains! America is the Gentile nation that will force Israel to carve up her tiny land area to give to a people that are avowed to annihilate her. Israel is being backed into a corner by the U.S. while her enemies Iran and Hezbollah in Lebanon are licking their chops. Israel must proactively attack rather than react, otherwise it may be too late. Take note that Israel is prophesied to break out “*like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about*” (Zechariah 12:6). When that happens then the world will unilaterally force a covenant upon her as punishment and promise “many” with peace and safety. That attempt at peace could happen before the antichrist “*confirms a covenant with many*” for seven years, but only the rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:2 will “confirm” that peace for seven years and promise secure but greatly reduced borders to Israel and a state to the Palestinians. The promised prince from the revived Roman empire, will “confirm” a previously attempted but failed treaty. Three and half years later his horns will show. “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand) (Matthew 24:15-22). “*... for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate*” (Daniel 9:27). “*Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved*” (Matthew 24:16,21). The Two-State Solution may just be the next two steps toward the Anti-Christ’s final solution for Israel. 

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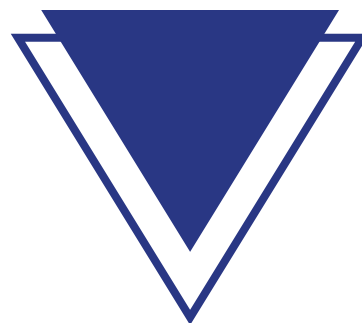
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