DEMONIZING CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS

Today, the nation of Israel is facing a very dangerous situation. For many years, the question regarding the Israel/Palestinian conflict has been a question of <u>how much land</u> the Jewish State should have versus <u>how much land</u> the forthcoming Palestinian state should have. But in recent years the question has *shifted* to whether or not there should even be a Jewish State. Politicians around the world are now saying the creation of Israel was a historical mistake that must be *corrected* in order for the Palestinians to receive justice.

The nation of Israel is hated by the entire world so intensely, *nothing* it does is good enough to avoid scathing denunciation. Whenever Israel reacts against the senseless slaughter of it's *civilian* population the world accuses it of "provocation". Yet, nothing is said about Palestinian (or pro-Palestinian) organizations who train terrorists, arm them, and provide logistical support so they can carry out their homicide bombing

When Israel arrests Palestinians who have carried out terrorists attacks, or who are about to do so, the whole world complains about Israeli injustice to Palestinians. Yet, the world is silent when Palestinians overrun a local police station, seize other Palestinians who are merely *suspected* of collaborating with Israel, and disembowel them in public. No one says a word when not only Palestinian men, but women and children cheer this kind of barbarity and brutality.

Palestinians in Gaza can fire Scud missiles into *civilian* population centers of Israel every single day for *eight* years, killing women and children, and the world remains silent. But when Israel finally decides to put an end to these terrorists attacks, the world rises up in indignation and accuses it of murdering "innocent" Palestinian civilians. Even after the Palestinians *themselves* admit that Israel used great restraint and care in order to not harm civilians <u>Link</u> the world still remains silent. None of the thousand's of talking heads, reporters, or media outlets have *retracted* any of the wild accusations they printed for months after the Gaza War had ended.

Pro-Israel Christians often point out that a tiny nation like Israel (6.5 million) could never have successfully stopped 275 million Arabs from destroying them all these years unless God was helping and protecting them. This is true. But in light of the fact that the entire world demonstrates it's deep-seated anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism day and night, the real ratio is more like 6.5 million Israelis against 6 billion of the rest of the world!

Only the United States has supported Israel on a consistent basis over the years—and even that support has been largely *self-serving*. Internationally, Israel has been our surrogate in that part of the world to counter the influence of the Soviet Union. But after the (supposed) collapse of the Soviet Union, Israel quickly changed from being an asset to a liability. Nationally, support for Israel exists mainly because politicians *need* Jewish and Evangelical Christian votes to get elected. When you examine bureaucrats who don't have to worry about being elected, you will see the same anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism that infects the rest of the Jew-hating world.

The American *State Department* is a good example. Ever since World War I, the State Department has sided with Arab positions most of the time. The only reason America has consistently carried out a pro-Israel policy is because the White House and Congress regularly step in to *counter* the State Department's pro-Arab agenda. But all that changed when Hussain Obama was elected. We now have an *Islamist* leader sitting in the White House and the State Department is finally having its own way. Those who continue to propagate the "Jewscontrol-the government" line are mindless idiots. Their hatred of Jews blinds them to present political realities. Soon enough they will face the truth and it will be a the point of an *Islamic* rifle.

The world has *always* hated the Jews and the visible "Church" hasn't been much better. The only time the world evidenced something other than blind hatred for Jews was immediately *after* the Holocaust. After the massacre of European Jewry, the nations had a *brief* moment of self appraisal and realized that they had been an accomplice in the most massive genocide this planet had ever seen and that they should do something to help the survivors. They sought a way to compensate the Jews and when the Jews asked for a state of their own, the nations agreed. However, between the end of World War II in 1945 and the actual vote to establish a Jewish State in 1948, the worlds conscience was hardening again and there is every indication that the leaders of the United Nations never intended for the new state of Israel to live very long.

In November of 1947 the United Nation General Assembly adopted Resolution 181, which partitioned what was left of Mandated Palestine (17%) into a Jewish & Arab State. The Jewish State would be a ragged, narrow slice of land so empty of critical mass (making it indefensible) and natural resources (including water) it was clearly designed to disappear. Moreover, with pre-pledged enemies on so massive a scale, the nations assumed the new state could not possibly survive more than a few weeks.

Even *before* the historic U.N. vote, Arab statesmen declared their resolve to destroy Israel by *all* possible means. On November 30th 1947, the Arab League publicly stated its program for the "occupation of Palestine by the armies of the League and the forcible prevention of the establishment of a Jewish State". Also on November 30th 1947, Dr. Hussein Halide of the Palestine Higher Committee called for a holy war to be waged on the Jews, vowing that partition would lead to an Islamic crusade against them. By the end of that week after the vote, the Arabs had attacked and out of a population of 600,000 Jews, 105 had been killed with many more wounded in concerted attacks all over Palestine.

On April 10th 1948, the Security Council itself stated that: "Armed Arab bands from neighboring Arab lands have infiltrated the territory of Palestine and, together with local Arab forces, are defeating the purpose of the Partition Resolution by acts of violence". On May 15th 1948, the day Israel proclaimed its independence, the regular armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, along with troops from Saudi Arabia and Yemen, attacked Israel and the U.N. did absolutely nothing.

The U.N. knew precisely what the Arab nations were saying and what they were capable of doing. Nations like France, England, Germany, the Soviet Union and America knew the number, the manpower, armor, artillery, aircraft of each Arab nation. They also knew what the fledgling Jewish State did not. And they knew the Jews had very little funds to purchase weapons. To compound their weakness, after the U.N. vote, the same nations turned around and established an embargo of arms to the combatants in the Middle East.

While the Arab states were already well-armed with trained armies, Israel was cut off from even purchasing weapons. Despite the vote to embargo arms to the "combatants" (meaning both the Arabs and the Jews), virtually nothing was withheld from the Arab nations. They used their oil money to buy whatever they while the Jews could get nothing.

This kind of wicked duplicity is a clear manifestation of the world's insane hatred for the Jewish people. Israel had to rely upon donations from World Jewry. All of this was well known to the U.N. and particularly those who were considered powerful nations. Today, 60 years later, nothing has changed. Germany, England, France, Norway, Spain and others of the E.U. have again embargoed shipment of spare parts and equipment to Israel. What has Israel done to these nations that they treat is like a mortal enemy? They refuse to vanish, that's all.

Israel had to scrounge the junkyards of Europe for old World War I and II equipment and even then, they were charged *exorbitant* prices for what most nations would consider scrap. There was no doubt in the minds of the United Nations that the "Jewish Problem" which irritated the Arab Muslims would soon be solved. Except for the vote that gave Israel the spark of life, the Jews of Israel understood that they were on their own. No nation would assist or rescue them. The one thing the U.N. hadn't reckoned on was divine intervention from God on Israel's behalf. Regardless of man's plans, God made sure the new Jewish State was *not* destroyed.

One thing the average person does not understand about the Muslim world is that the Koran teaches the Muslims that they are the "best" race on the planet. These people almost conquered the entire world in the 7th Century. Even though they were stopped, they didn't "lose face" because they had conquered an incredible amount of land in a very short time. But with the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the Arab world "lost face" in a big way. In 1948 they saw a chance to restore their pride and self-esteem by making a great slaughter of the Jews.

All problems with the Jews would be settled by the seven invading Arab armies. There would be no opportunity for rescue, except for a possible token late arrival of some troops from England, France or America who would find a handful of Jews left, whom they would rescue with great fanfare and self congratulations. In the mean time, the Arab Muslims would have "danced in the blood" of the Jews (as they boasted they would) and reclaimed their trampled manhood.

But, something happened which startled the world and disrupted their expectations. When the Arab armies attacked as promised, the untrained Jewish remnants from the graveyards of Europe fought back with junk equipment and miraculously beat the combined, vaunted Arab/Muslim armies. The Arabs were beaten and chased across the deserts. Their leaders were shocked. They began to explain to their people that they lost only because the American Army and its Air Force had joined the fight against the Arabs (which was a complete fabrication). Surely the Jews could not have defeated the "holy warriors" of Allah by themselves! Surely they must have had help. The Arab masses accepted the lie and their self-image was protected.

There followed 5 more wars where the Arabs gambled away their own land in an effort to overrun Israel in another great genocide. They continued to proclaimed that they would occupy the land of all historic Palestine, ignore the U.N. Partition Plan, and Islam would eventually triumph. There were actually 7 wars that the Arabs started and lost: 1948 (War of Independence), 1956 (Sinai Campaign), 1967 (Six Day War), 1969 (War of Attrition), 1973 (Yom Kippur War), 1982 (Lebanon War) and 1991 (Gulf War).

Each time Israel won a war and took the land the Arabs had gambled away, a hue and cry from the nations arose which said: "Return the Land and <u>perhaps</u> they will recognize your right to exist". International lawyers would concoct arguments that applied *only* to Israel, which allowed aggressor nations to attack and yet expect that whatever land they lost would be returned. Every time the Arabs tried to drive Israel into the sea and Israel started winning the war, the nations would force the Jews to stop their advances, thus insuring the *rescue* of the Arabs from complete defeat or surrender.

Yet, on several occasions, when Israel was attacked and it looked like it was about to be annihilated, those same nations said *nothing* because deep down in their hearts they hate the Jews and they would be happy to see *another* six million of them die! Sixty years later Israel faces the same enemies it did in 1948—the U.N., the European Union, and the Arab/Muslim nations. Everyone wants Israel to allow the creation of a terrorist Muslim state on territory it won in a defensive war.

The wickedness of the nations is truly mind-boggling. They hate and murder Jews because they hate (and would like to murder) God himself. They also have a special contempt for *Christians* who support Israel. Just as Israel is being delegitimized and demonized, so Christians who support Israel are being delegitimized and demonized. Pro-Israel Christians are increasingly being portrayed as blood-thirsty killers who control both the US Congress and foreign policy, who are using their political clout to block Middle East peace efforts because their waiting for the Apocalypse. We are increasingly being portrayed enemies of humanity *because* we support Israel.

This week we watched a documentary called "Waiting For Armageddon". I think this is an important film because it makes you realize just how much the people of this world (and also apostate Christians) hate truth and the God of truth. The film interviews several Evangelical families, as well as a few theologians and pastors, who openly share their beliefs about the last days. The people in the film aren't strange or weird. The families are very normal and they speak very intelligently.

But then that's the whole point of the film—to show that Christians who take the prophesies of the Bible literally are not some kind of fringe element along the edges of the Evangelical church. There are 50 million of them in America and they're smart. They're articulate, they're serious, and they're committed, and that makes them *dangerous* because they are getting elected to political positions that can affect the foreign policy of America. If they gain enough power they will try to bring US foreign policy in line with their "apocalypse theology" and the end result will be a kind of self fulfilment of all those doomsday predictions. All this is directly linked to support for Israel because according to the Dispensational, pre-Tribulation Rapture doctrine, the Jews must be safely and securely back in the land before the Apocalypse can begin. As one reviewer put it:

"Waiting for Armageddon tells its story through the eyes of three evangelical families who are certain that upon Christ's Second Coming they will be "raptured" or lifted into the skies to join Christ while the rest of humanity suffers for seven years during "The Tribulation." The film then follows a Christian Study Tour group to Israel. The tourists are baptized in the River Jordan, sing the US national anthem on the Sea of Galilee, proclaim love for Israel, and describe how the Dome of the Rock, one of the holiest sites in Islam, must be destroyed in order for Jesus to return. A controversial, potentially explosive relationship between Christian Evangelicals, Jews, and Muslims emerges. At an evangelical conference in Dallas, Texas, the film's characters urge others to spread Biblical literalism and counter the dangerous effects of post-modernism. The climax of the gathering comes as Pastor John Hagee, the enormously influential Texas Minister of an 18,000-member mega-church, declares, "World War III has started."

Those who think Bible prophesy can be taken literally will see nothing wrong with most of the statements of the people being interviewed—except for the pre-trib rapture error. But the film is not directed at Christians. It's directed at secular, multi-cultural, humanistic people who love this world and their own life. These kinds of people are horrified (and infuriated) when they realize so many Christians can't wait for *their* world (and *their* lives) to be destroyed. The same applies to cultural Christians, pseudo-Christians and apostate Christians. Suddenly, Bible-believing Christians are beginning to look like the enemies of mankind. The reviewer continues:

"My first impression watching the film is, do we really have to pay attention any more to **these clowns** after the last election? Here are all the **fundamentalist wing nuts** again, trotting out their end of days prophecies, their **hatreds and perverted interpretations of history** and current events. . "Waiting" outlines the step by step process: first, the Rapture, when all the good folks

are taken by Jesus up into the clouds, a kind of gaseous grandstand where you can watch the fireworks and carnage to follow. "It will be fun!" notes one future Rapturee.

The Tribulation and Armageddon come next, all orchestrated by the Antichrist, whom you will recognize because he will broker a seven year peace treaty between Israel and its enemies. And then the Millennium, a thousand years of peace in the soothing bucolic suburb that is now the world, which you can share with Jesus and all your Christian friends.

That's the point where **the lunacy translates into US foreign policy**. Though groups like "Christians United for Israel" ostensibly support the Jewish state, sending it money and **twisting the arm of the US government to support Israel** without reservation, they really aren't the Jews' friends. Not unless they are one of the 144,000 who convert to Christianity. The rest of the Jews can kiss their a---- goodbye.

What these Christians want from Israel is the start of a war that will engulf everything so their crazy delusions can actually take place; so they can watch the secular world that they hate be obliterated in war, horror and death and they can watch it all from up above like it's some pious, graphic, bloodthirsty slasher movie or video game."

Other reviewers liken the idea that Christians will be in heaven watching the rest of mankind suffer to the Romans who loved to watch the murder and mayhem that went on in the arena. For them, these 50 million Evangelicals are no different than those bloodthirsty Romans. Most reviews also point out the fact that pro-Israel Christians don't really love the Jewish people. They only love the ones who will end up saved (144,000). The others will be destroyed with all the rest of mankind. But the main concern of every reviewer is that Christians who take the Bible literally, and who support Israel because of it, might get control of America's foreign policy and bring about the fulfilment of all those nasty end-time prophesies. In a Boston Globe article (1/29/10) called—"Baptism by Fire - and then some: Evangelical faction awaits Armageddon"—staff writer Ty Burr says:

"It's as if we've been dropped into a substratum of Bizarro World: Who are these people who see every negative Mideast political development as a positive, who can barely contain their joy when the world's powder keg creeps closer to detonation, and who glower at the thought of peace? They're the millions of Christian evangelical millennialists who expect the Rapture any day now, and the documentary "Waiting for Armageddon" wants us to meet them and know them for the cultural force they certainly intend to be. Written and directed by the triumvirate of Kate Davis, David Heilbroner, and Franco Sacchi, the film opens at the Coolidge today. . .

According to millennial theology, when the events **supposedly** foretold in Revelation, Daniel, et al. come to pass, believers will be swept up by God, leaving everyone else to fight it out, just like in the "Left Behind" novels and video games. **One millennialist interviewed here plans to watch the carnage from the clouds**: "There is an ultimate final battle. **It'll be fun to watch**."

"Waiting for Armageddon" is a testament to **the power of delusional certitude**, but it knows too much to dismiss end-timers out of hand. Because biblical prophecy locates the showdown in Israel, a.k.a. "God's timepiece," the film makers circle around the Christians who circle around the Holy Land, leading tours of the country they assume God will deliver unto them. They need Jews to replace the Islamic Dome of the Rock with a rebuilt Temple, and Muslims to provoke Armageddon in response, and if those groups want to find Jesus in the bargain, well, they'll get to go to the Christians' heaven, too. The film makers interview a Temple Mount rabbi and a devout Muslim who dryly indicate they'd rather not and who each reaffirm, in case you weren't sure, that their faith is the only correct one. At such times, "Waiting for Armageddon" offers a portrait of the affability of blind fanaticism."

Starting to get the picture?

The view the average non-Christian walks away with is that supporters of Israel are trying to gain control of the country so *they* can fulfil the prophesies about Armageddon. So in addition to not caring about the suffering of the Palestinians, in addition to supporting apartheid, colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and so on, Christians who support Israel also can't wait to see the destruction of the planet. We are increasingly being viewed as a "substratum" of American culture who walk in "delusional certitude" who are anxious for Armageddon. This kind of demonization leads to marginalization, which is always followed by good old-fashioned persecution.

Of course, Christians who involve themselves in the debate are quick to point out that they are not anxiously waiting for Armageddon to come and destroy the planet. One of the people interviewed in the movie was a pastor named Dr. Robert Dean. In an article called "We Are Not Waiting For Armageddon" he said:

"As pastor of West Houston Bible Church and as one interviewed in the film, I do not believe 'Waiting for Armageddon' accurately reflects my beliefs or those of my church, for these and other reasons:

- ~ The film makers erroneously confuse disparate evangelical viewpoints as if identical.
- ~ Mankind can do nothing to affect the timing of prophetic fulfillment.
- ~ We do **not** believe **any current events** are direct fulfillment of biblical prophecy.
- ~ We do **not** think Jesus returns to **conduct a holy war**, but to rescue the Jews in Israel from the otherwise assured destruction of the Antichrist.
- ~ We **reject** the idea that any US foreign policy decisions should be made on **the assumption** that we are **anywhere near** the end of days.
- ~ To my knowledge and from my considerable study of the subject, I know of no evangelical scholar who believes only 144,000 Jews are saved during the Tribulation.
- ~ At **no point** is our support, or the support of Christian Zionists, for Israel ever **based on prophecy**, but only on the promise of blessing in the Abrahamic covenant.

In 2006 I, along with several members of my church, toured Israel where we were interviewed for this documentary. We were originally told the purpose of the film was to explain the strong support for Israel among evangelicals in the U.S. to foster greater dialogue and understanding between the political left and right.

The film makers verbally assured us that we would be able to preview the final film before it was released for our approval. This did not happen. When we did see the film, I sent an eleven page list of suggested and necessary changes which were not implemented. The message of the current film is much different from what we were originally told. Based on responses seen in reviews the documentary appears to increase rather than decrease polarization. The reason for this as I see it, based on my reading of the reviews, is **the film suggests evangelicals are attempting to**

manipulate events to bring about a worldwide conflagration known as "the battle of Armageddon" and the return of Jesus which would also entail a destruction of Israel and the deaths of millions of Jews.

I believe the film erroneously implies that evangelicals cannot be trusted to be involved in the political process and **their motivations are still anti-Semitic**. As such I believe the film will foster greater suspicion toward evangelical Christians in the minds of American Jews and possibly cause them to believe evangelical support for Israel is based on some hidden agenda, and that evangelical support for Israel is dangerous.

I and those in my congregation who participated in this film were appalled at how the editing made us appear to hold views very different from those we actually hold. Our beliefs about the Biblical teaching about the future are what is called dispensational theology. As such we believe, as Dore Gold observes in The Battle for Jerusalem, that man is 'powerless to alter the timing of the Apocalypse'.

We do **not** <u>look forward to</u> or <u>eagerly desire</u> the horrors the Bible predicts for the end times. We are not 'waiting for Armageddon'. We are waiting for the return of Christ in the air for His church, an event called the Rapture, which precedes the Second Coming of Christ, in our view, by at least seven years.

We believe one of the most heinous of all sins is anti Semitism. We believe that God promised in Gen 12:1-3 that those who bless the Jews will be blessed and that those who do not will come under divine punishment.

In sum, unlike the message of the film, our only motivation is to see the Jewish people and the State of Israel prosper for their own sake and that in turn we might also be blessed.

I won't comment on Pastor Deans response too much except to say that unlike him, I am looking forward to the horrors the Bible predicts for the end times because I want to see God's kingdom come, and the only way that kingdom can come is if the horrors of the end times come to pass. Also, unlike him, I do think Jesus returns to conduct a holy war because He's going to be doing much more than simply "rescuing the Jews from the Antichrist". He's coming back to punish the nations. He's coming back to take vengeance on His enemies. He's also coming back to subdue the nations, break them into tiny little pieces, and rule over them with a rod of iron. There will be no more rebellion; no more hating and persecuting Jews or Christians. The nations will submit to God and to His people because they will be forced to submit to them.

Unfortunately it's not only the pagan world who hates Christians who support Israel. A large portion of the so called church hates us just as much. Listen to how Baptist pastor Dr. Jim West rails against Andrew Adler, the owner of the Atlanta Jewish Times, who recently wrote an article suggesting that assassinating President Barack Obama is an option that should be considered by the Israeli government. Link

"Andrew Adler is a disgusting human being and he should be arrested for treason. Then he should be locked up in a 3x5 cell for the rest of his life. **May it be long and misery filled**. What a contemptible beast. . . Andrew Adler has suggested that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to consider ordering a Mossad hit team to assassinate President Barack Obama so that his successor will defend Israel against Iran. I don't care what you think of any President's policy—suggesting that

they should be assassinated? That's Satanic. Mr Adler is a tool of Satan who needs to be arrested for treason. **This is the damnable ignorance fomented by the vile heresy of Christian Zionism**, which is the only reason that Zionism holds so much sway in the United States." **Link**

I wonder if Dr. West gets as angry when he hears Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the leader of Iran, boasting that he's going to murder not just one man but 6.5 million Jews? I doubt it. Dr. West's anger seems to be reserved for Jews and those who support them.

In a blog post called "Christ at the Checkpoint and Kittel's Theology", on a web site called "Harry's Place", someone named Joseph W exposed some of Mr. West's latent anti-Semitism. Link It seems that Mr. West doesn't like Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who was against Nazism), but loves Gerhard Kittel a (pro-Nazi) German theologian who discussed the extermination of the Jews as a solution to the Jewish question, but in the end dismissed it as being too impractical. Mr. Kittel eventually settled on making Jews second-class citizens to Germans and he later joined the Nazi party.

Joseph also pointed out that Dr. West says Martin Luther was *not* anti-Semitic at the end of his life when he wrote "On the Jews and Their Lies". He said Luther didn't really hate the Jews. He only hated falsehood, whether it was found in Rome or Wittenberg. He calls those who say Luther eventually became anti-Semitic "poorly informed historical ignoramuses" who "know nothing of Luther nor anything of the history of the Church". In his article, Joseph was pointing out the obvious regarding the views of Dr. West—which is that he lends credence to two distinctly antisemitic theologians (one of which was actually a Nazi), while denouncing a theologian who was distinctly anti-Nazi.

Dr. West posted a short rebuttal on his own web site called: "<u>Christian Zionism: The Church's Most Virulent and Hatred Driven Heresy</u>. Instead of addressing *the issue* Joseph raised, he chose to attack Joseph and accuse him of misrepresenting him, of maligning him, of distorting what he says, etc. This is the same tactic all left-wing radicals use when they can't answer an issues that is raised. Instead of addressing the issue, whatever it is, they attack the person who raised the issue.

Just a quick observation: Christian Zionists, who speak so much about love of Israel and God, are quicker to malign, misrepresent, and attempt to deceive concerning those with whom they disagree than Satan himself. It's best—if some feckless and dim 'Christian' Zionist' tries to interact with you—to <u>ignore</u> them and let them wallow in their own cesspool of vile Hagee-esque idiocy. They aren't interested in conversation, they are only interesting in hearing you say something which they can then distort and post on their silly (and widely ignored) web sites so as to demonize you and exalt their own heretical anti-Christianity. Link

Jesus said: "by their fruits ye shall know them (Matt. 7:20). I would also say: "by their friends ye shall know them". If you are against Nazism and the ideas of Nazism, you won't be seen hanging around pro-Nazi people all the time. Your closest friends will not be Nazi sympathizers. When you see someone constantly hanging out with Nazi sympathizers, when their friends are Nazi sympathizers, that tells you all you need to know about where their sympathies lie, regardless of how much they try to deny it. Dr. West couldn't deny what he said about

Bonhoeffer, Kittle and Luther because it's on the record. So he claims he's being misrepresented. The fact is, it's people like Dr. West who are *constantly* lying and distorting the truth in order to demonize the Jewish State and anyone who supports it. Jan Merkel, who runs a pro-Israel web site said the following about the growing danger of the anti-Zionist movement:

"What does Armageddon have to do with Christian Zionists? Steven Sizer has written a book titled, 'Christian Zionism: Road Map to Armageddon'. I've been a Christian Zionist who believes in a literal Armageddon for decades and I've never seen the so-called 'road map' but somehow it mysteriously leads to Armageddon.

The testimonials for Sizer's book read like a 'Who's Who of the religious Left'. One says: 'After reading Sizer's book, I believe that Zionism, both political and Christian, is incompatible with Christian faith'.

Then we have 'The Bible Answerman', Hank Hannegraff, who gave Sizer two hours of prime-time Christian radio recently to spew this nonsense. Their conclusion: **Christian Zionists are cultists**. For two hours they chuckled together about the wretched state of Israel, the plight of the Palestinians, and had **95% of their facts wrong**.

What is so wrong about Christians standing by Israel? Why can't she have even one little group of people sold out to her survival, protection, and welfare? The nation is the size of New Jersey and yet the whole world rages against her including the likes of Sizer and Hannegraff. How about calling a cultist one who is a **strong supporter of Iran**, or **Libya**, or **North Korea**, or **China**, or **Russia**? Or one who believes it's fine to bring in Wahabbi literature into American mosques...

Who stands against Israel? The United Nations, the European Union, the World and National Council of Churches, the Vatican, the Communist world, America's State Department and the entire Islamic world. Why don't the denominations that want to 'divest' all stock invested in companies doing business with Israel push for divestment from Russia?...[Only] the Christian Zionist is the cultist, and it's suggested we are misled, unstable, biblically illiterate, and about to hand out the Kool-Aid to our cult followers.

My fellow 'Christian Zionists', we may have to flee to the mountain tops. These Christian Zionist bashers scare me about as much as the Antichrist does...Sadly, some of the leaders of [anti-Zionism] are household names with millions of followers and even more millions of dollars. <u>Link</u>

Beware The Christian Zionist

It's amazing to see how fast these kind of anti-Israel ministers are deceiving Evangelicals who were once pro-Israel. This coming March, the rabidly anti-Semitic Christ at the Checkpoint conference will be held in Bethlehem, Israel. It's hosted by Bethlehem Bible College. The list of conference speakers includes the usual group of left wing, social gospel Israel haters like Tony Campolo, Gary Burge, Stephen Sizer, Lynne Hybels, etc. But this years speakers also include Bob Roberts (pastor of North Wood Church, Keller, Texas), Joel Hunter (pastor of Northland, A Church Revisited), John Ortberg (pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church), and Samuel Rodriguez (president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference).

These are not people without influence. Each year this Israel-bashing conference picks up more and more Evangelical endorsers and speakers. The prophesies of the Old Testament are being fulfilled in our day.

All these anti-Israel, anti-Zionist people and organizations have something in common, regardless of whether they are secular or religious. They hate the God of Scripture because the God of Scripture is the *God of Israel*. They hate the God of Scripture because that God is a God of *judgment* and *vengeance*. The God of the Bible is a God who takes sides. He's a God who one day soon will destroy every Palestinian—including those who call themselves "Christians"—who are seeking to destroy Israel. He's also a God who sends *strong delusion* on those who reject the plain and obvious meaning of His words regarding Israel and the Jews.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II. Thessalonians 2:8-12

All these "Christian" anti-Israel activists are serving a false god. They're serving a humanistic god that they have shaped in their own image. Their god is a mushy God of humanistic love that never says a nasty world to anyone and never judges anyone. Their god is a wimpy God that never takes sides because it doesn't want to offend people. They do not believe the God of the *New* Testament would "send them strong delusion" so they "might be damned". Yet that is precisely what Paul said the Lord would do. He said God—not Satan, not deluded Church leaders, not lying, left wing, liberal activist; but God HIMSELF—will send people who reject the truth a delusion that automatically damns them for all eternity.

This is not the kind of God we are used to. We're used to a God who keeps trying, again and again, to get ut to receive the truth. We're used to a God who patiently convicts people again and again of the truth, in order to lead them to repentance so they can be saved and not damned.

We can look back over the last 2000 years and see that there have been Christians who rejected the truth, yet the Holy Spirits strove with them in order to bring them to the truth. But here in this passage we're faced with a different kind of God. We're faced with a God who reacts just the opposite. Instead of having patience with those who are resisting the truth, instead of striving with them in order to bring them to repentance, He cuts them off! He sends them a strong delusion that will damn them for all eternity!

The nations hate *this* kind of a God. They reject and despise *this* kind of a God. Indeed, if they had their way they would murder this God in a heart beat. The same is true of the apostate church system. This is why both the world and the majority of those who claim to be Christians scorn and mock the whole *idea* of an end time Apocalypse that will destroy most of the earth and the people on it. They love this world and they love all its wickedness. They don't want this filthy world to end. . .ever. They love their lives and they want to go on living so they can fulfil the lusts and desires of their flesh nature. So when you start talking about a God that intends to take all that away from them, when you start talking about a God that's going to *destroy* everything their flesh desires, they bear their teeth and their hatred for the God you're describing becomes obvious.

It doesn't matter how much Palestinians lie, or how much the international media lies, or how many one-sided resolutions the UN passes, or how many revisionist history books are printed, God is in charge of His program for Israel. He has chosen to be known as the <u>God of Israel</u> and just He predicted through the Hebrew prophets, the whole world (and most of the visible church) is now plotting the destruction of Israel.

For behold, in those days and at that time when I shall reverse and restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with and execute judgment upon them for their treatment of My people, and for My heritage, Israel. . .

Joel 3:1-2 Amplified Bible

God is fully aware of every detail of every event of every person in the world regarding His nation, Israel. I believe the first verse of this passage has been fulfilled (in 1948). Since then, God has allowed Israel's enemies to rant and rave against it. But He has given Israel victory every time they choose to attack it. Time and time again, the Arabs have lost broken ranks and fled, even though they greatly outnumbered the Jewish forces.

Egypt shall be a desolation and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness for their violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall remain and be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. And I will cleanse and hold as innocent their blood and avenge it, blood which I have not cleansed, held innocent, and avenged, for the Lord dwells in Zion.

Joel 3:19-21 Amplified Bible

People could save themselves so much pain and misery if they would just believe what God says in His Word. One day soon, all these Jew-haters will be *forced* to acknowledge that they were deceived by their own Gentile pride and racism. They will be forced to admit that Jesus Himself is the biggest Zionist of them all! To their utter horror and amazement, they will see the Lord dwelling in both the literal city of Zion, once the Jewish people have been purged, and also in spiritual Zion (the Sons of God). They will see it, but seeing it will not help them because they will have already sealed their own doom. Just as Egypt and Edom will be desolate in the natural, so they will be desolate spiritually, being cut off from the love of Christ forever.

And I will bring back the exiles of My people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be torn up out of their land which I gave them, says the Lord your God.

Amos 9:14-15 Amplified Bible

If Israel is destroyed we tear up our Bibles and find another religion because God has said He will defend it. No combination of armies can defeat Israel in the last days once the Lord has established it.

And at that time of the end, Michael shall arise, the great angel-prince who defends and has charge of your [Daniel's] people. And there shall be a time of trouble, straitness, and distress such as never was since there was a nation, till that time. But at that time, your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the Book [of God's plan for His own].

Daniel 12:1 Amplified Bible

When the Bible depicts an angelic being as "standing up", it means that he is alert and ready for action. In this case, Michael the Archangel will suddenly stand up in heaven to take personal charge of defending Israel. He shall marshal all the armies of Heaven to aid him in his defense of God's Chosen People. As the survival of Israel hangs in the balance and it looks like all will be lost, and the world begins to gloat because it looks like the Jewish problem is finally being solved, the Arab armies will suddenly be facing Jesus, Michael the Arch angel, and all the armies of heaven.

What a day that will be!

Unfortunately, the vast majority of God's people are not ready for that day because they are walking under the influence of *humanism*. When they look at people around them—people at their job, people at the store, their acquaintances, and even their own family members who are not saved—they can't see the beast that's inside of those people. They can't see how ugly and rebellious and wicked they are. All they see is the *external*. But God sees the *internal*. He sees behind the facade, behind the mask of human goodness, and He sees the hatred they have for Him. He sees the hatred they have for true righteousness, and true holiness and He's going to <u>expose that hatred</u> through judgment.

By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 9:18-21

And the <u>fourth</u> angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they <u>repented not</u> to give him glory.

And the <u>fifth</u> angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And **blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores**, and <u>repented not</u> of their deeds.

Revelation 16:8-11

When God begins to destroy this world, those who love the world are going to rise up and curse Him. They're not going to repent. There will be no world wide revival in the coming days. What there will be is a world wide revolt against the God who is judging them. What there will be is a world wide hate-fest and defiance of God to His face. The more God judges their rebellion the more they will hate and curse Him.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Revelation 16:5-7

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Revelation 19:1-2

I've said this many times in this room but it bears repeating. The next time the world sees Jesus Christ, He will have a *sword* in His hand and *vengeance* in His heart! He's not coming back as the Babe in a manger or the Good Shepherd but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He's coming back to *destroy* all who have rebelled against Him and when He comes, we better make sure we're on His side. We better make sure every ounce of *humanism* has been burned out of our emotions because if we start pitying the beasts He is slaughtering we'll become His enemy and He'll deal with us the same way he's dealing with them.

Are you ready to say *Hallelujah!* when the Lord starts pouring out His wrath. Will you be able to say *Amen!* when His wrath is poured out on your fellow Americans? Will you be able to say *Amen!* when His wrath is poured out on your friends at work, or on your own family members?

I'm ready!

If I'm still alive when that day comes, you can be sure I'll be yelling Hallelujah! I'll be saying Amen! Lord. Let them perish! Let them perish! Do unto them as they have done unto your people (both Jews and Christians)—and I won't be alone. The angels and the saints in heaven will be saying the same thing!