

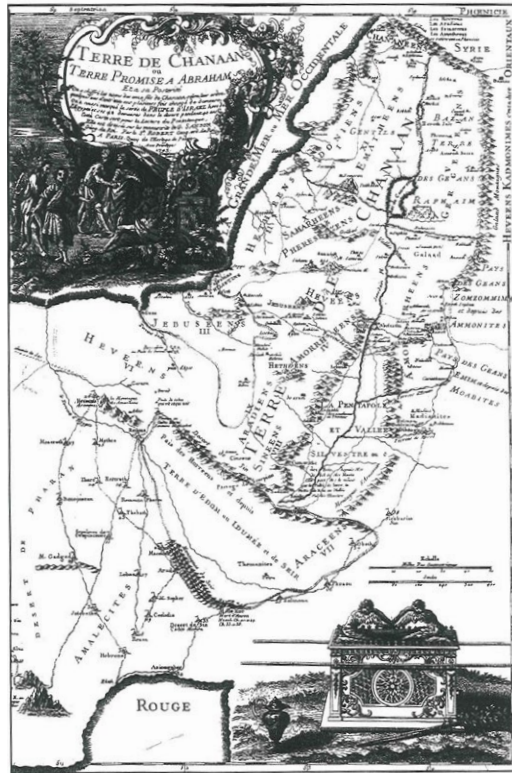
ISRAEL – Covenant Land (Part III of 3)

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John Wesley (1705-1791), one of the leaders of the great **Wesleyan Revival**, wrote a beautiful hymn about the prophetic rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem:

John Wesley's Zionist Hymn (From Hymn Book 1779) Hymn 440

1. Almighty God of Love, Set up the attracting sign, And summon whom Thou dost approve for messengers divine; from favoured Abraham's Seed and new Apostles choose, in isles and continents to spread the dead reviving news.
2. Them, snatched out of the flame, through every nation send, The true Messiah to proclaim, the universal Friend; That all, the God unknown, may learn of Jews to adore, And see Thy glory in Thy Son, till time shall be no more.
3. O that the chosen band might now their brethren bring! And gathered out of every land, Present to Zion's King! Of all the ancient race, not one be left behind, But each, impelled by sacred grace, His way to Canaan find.
4. We know it must be done, For God hath spoken the Word. and all Israel shall the Saviour own, To their first state restored.
**Rebuilt by His command, Jerusalem shall rise;
her temple on Moriah stand again,
and touch the skies.**
5. Send then Thy servants forth, To call the Hebrews home; from East and West and South and North, Let all the wanderers come: Wherever in lands unknown, the fugitives remain, Bid every creature help them on, Thy Holy Mount to gain.
6. An offering to the Lord, There let them all be seen, sprinkled with water and with blood, in soul and body clean: with Israel's myriads sealed. Let all the nations meet, And show the mystery fulfilled, The family complete.



Land of Canaan, or Land Promised to Abraham and to his Posterity. G. Sanson, Geographer to the King, Paris, 1743.

Himself 203 times in Scripture, “The God of Israel,” and 12 times “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” Whoever attempts to partition ISRAEL, God’s land, is simply in a collision course with the God of the Universe. Time and time again, “The God of Israel” has fought and won her battles – regardless of seemingly unsurmountable odds against his chosen people. He continues to “part the Red Sea” for Israel to walk confidently across on dry land today, vanquishing her enemies. A graphic example of this is the April 13, 2024 Iranian surprise attack upon Israel. From *The Wall Street Journal*, April 20, 2024, we read:

“The defense of Israel on Saturday, April 13, 2024 was statistically impossible. Professor of physics, Maximilian Abitbol, who is also an expert on the defense industry, demonstrated this:

‘I wanted to share something that is much more than a feeling. Something that comes from a real calculation: What happened in Israel on last Motzai Shabbat was not less than the scale of the splitting of the Red Sea. I am a Professor of physics and I worked for several years in the defense industry in Israel, in projects that are still the cutting edge technologies of the defense of the State of Israel. When I look at what happened on Motzai Shabbat, **on a scientific level – it simply cannot happen!! Statistically.**

The likelihood that everything, but really “Everything” works out, does not exist in complex systems. Like the defense systems that were used to defend Israel from the massive Iranian attack. These systems have never, “but never”, not only in the State of Israel, been tried in real time!!

I took a pencil and dived into the calculations to check the statistic probability that such a result would materialize. The large number of events that had to be handled, when each missile or UAV is handled independently (that is, human error or some deviation of one operation, is not offset by other successful operations), compounds the chance of making a mistake. With all the high technologies, a breach was expected in the defense of the skies of the State of Israel. Even if we got 90% protection it would have been a miracle!!

What happened is that everyone, but everyone – the pilots, the systems operators and the technology operators acted as one man, at one moment in total unity. If this is not an act of God, then I no longer know what a miracle is.

It is greater than the victory of the Six Day War or the War of Independence. Those wars can also be explained through natural events. BUT the rescue that took place for the people of Israel on

No one, however famous, powerful or affluent, can in any wise thwart God’s covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob regarding the Promised Land – *all of it*, including Judea, Samaria (recently called the West Bank) and Gaza, for Almighty God calls

Motzai Shabbat is simply impossible naturally. I believe that this miracle saved the lives of many people from Israel. If the defense system had failed to intercept a number of cruise missiles, the result would have dragged us into a very complex war.

I wouldn't bet that next time it will work like this without Divine supervision. The simple proof of what I said is that the managers of the defense industries, who develop and manufacture these systems guarantee no more than 90% success! And we all saw, with our own eyes, 99.9%!!! Thank You, HaShem!!' M. Abitbol." (Editor's note: "HaShem" is the Hebrew transliteration for "The Name" – of Jehovah.)

U.S. Presidents and ISRAEL

George Washington (1732-1799)

As a young man, **George Washington**, later to become the father and first president of the American Republic, penned hand-written, morning and evening prayers entitled: "**The Daily Sacrifice.**" Interestingly, his first, *Sunday Morning Prayer*, begins with reference to Almighty God's command to the **children of Israel**:

Sunday Morning

"ALMIGHTY GOD, and most merciful Father, who didst command **the children of Israel to offer a daily sacrifice to thee, that thereby they might glorify and praise thee for thy protection both night and day**; receive, O Lord, my morning sacrifice which I now offer up to thee; I yield thee humble and hearty thanks that thou hast preserved me from the dangers of the night past, and brought me to the light of this day, and the comforts thereof, a day which is consecrated to thine own service and for thine own honour. Let my heart, therefore, gracious God, be so affected with the glory and majesty of it, that I may not do mine own works, but wait on thee, and discharge those weighty duties thou requires of me; and since thou art a God of pure eyes, and wilt be sanctified in all who draw near unto thee, who dost not regard the sacrifice of fools, nor hear sinners who tread in thy courts, pardon, I beseech thee my sins, and remove them from thy presence as far as the east is from the west, and accept of me for the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, that when I come into thy temple, and compass thine altar my prayer may come before thee as incense and as I desire thou wouldst hear me calling upon thee in my prayers, so give me grace to hear thee calling upon me in thy word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation & peace to the saving of my soul in the day of the Lord Jesus. Grant that I may hear it with reverence, receive it with meekness, mingle it with faith, and that it may accomplish in me, gracious God, the good work for

which thou hast sent it. Bless my family, kindred, friends and country, be our God & guide this day and forever for His sake, who lay down in the grave and arose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

After Washington's unanimous election as President of the new Republic, he received twelve congratulatory letters from Protestant Christian denominations. Added to these was one from **The Hebrew Congregation of the City of Savannah**. His response, dated May, 1790, reads:

To: The Hebrew Congregation of the City of Savannah

May, 1790



Taken from, "Moses on Mount Sinai," by Gustave Doré. Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar.

Gentlemen, I thank you, with great sincerity, for your congratulations on my appointment to the office, which I have the honour to hold by the unanimous choice of my fellow-citizens, and especially for the expressions, which you are pleased to use in testifying the confidence that is reposed in me by your congregation...I rejoice, that a spirit of liberality and philanthropy is much more prevalent than it formerly was among the enlightened nations of the earth, and that your brethren will benefit thereby in proportion as it shall become still more extensive. Happily, the people of the United States of America have, in many instances, exhibited examples worthy of imitation, the salutary influence of

which will doubtless extend much farther, if, gratefully enjoying those blessings of peace, which, under the favor of Heaven, have been obtained by fortitude of war, they shall conduct themselves with reverence to the Deity, and charity towards their fellow-creatures.

May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since **delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors, and planted them in the Promised Land**, whose providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation, still continue to water them with the dews of Heaven, and **to make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people, whose God is Jehovah.** George Washington."

From the above we understand that George Washington desired every Christian denomination to participate in "the temporal and spiritual blessings bestowed upon the Jewish people;" and that he believed in Jehovah's miraculous deliverance of His people from their Egyptian bondage, to "**plant them in the Promised Land**" – Israel – which still remains **His entire "Promised Land."**

John Adams (1735-1826)

The second U.S. President, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, writes "...**The Ten Commandments** and the Sermon on the Mount contain my religion..." The Ten Commandments, known by the Jewish people as the "Tables of the Covenant," were written by the Hand of Yahweh and given to Moses on Mount Sinai for the children of Israel, prior to their being fulfilled by our Jewish Messiah, Author of Christianity – the founding fathers' religion.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, glorifies Jehovah, "**in whose hands we are, and who led our forefathers as Israel of old**" in his 2nd Inaugural Address:

"...I shall need, too, the favour of that Being in whose hands we are, **who led our forefathers as Israel of old**, from their native land, and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessaries and comforts of life, who has covered our infancy with His Providence, and our riper years with His wisdom and power; and to whose goodness I ask you to join with me in supplications that He will so enlighten the minds of your servants, guide their councils, and prosper their measures, that whatsoever they do, shall result in your good, and shall secure to you the peace, friendship, and approbation of all nations."

March 4, 1805.

The question has often been asked: "Was Thomas Jefferson anti-Semitic?" This is easily put to rest by his gracious, respectful, admiring letter to Joseph Marx, dated July 8, 1820:

Monticello, July 8, 1820

"Thomas Jefferson presents to Mr. Marx his compliments and thanks for the transactions of the Paris Sanhedrin, which he shall read with great interest, and with the regret he has ever felt at seeing, a sect the parent and basis of all those of Christendom, singled out by all of them for a persecution and oppression which prove they have profited nothing from the benevolent doctrines of Him whom they profess to make the model of their principles and practice."

Jefferson salutes Mr. Marx with sentiments of perfect esteem and respect.

James Madison (1751-1836)

Fourth U.S. President and "father of the Constitution," James Madison received an excellent childhood education, his character being greatly influenced by his tutor, Reverend Thomas Martin, pastor of "the Brick Church," St. Thomas Parish. Madison graduated from the College of New Jersey at Princeton in 1771, **spending an additional year at the college to study Old Testament Hebrew** under its president, John Witherspoon, D.D., a great educator who later became delegate to the Continental Congress –

the only preacher-signer of the Declaration of Independence. The fact that Madison spent a year studying the "Tanahk" – (**Torah** – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy); **Jewish Prophets, and Writings** under his erudite mentor, Witherspoon, demonstrates this founding father's love for the Scriptures, of whom our Messiah was the fulfillment.

As delegate to Congress in 1782, James Madison wrote of **Haym Salomon, Jewish financier of the Revolution**, "The kindness of our little friend on Front Street, near the Coffee House, is a fund that will preserve me from extremities...To a necessitous delegate he gratuitously spares out of his private stock."

Grover Cleveland (1837-1908)

Twenty-second and twenty-fourth U.S. President, Grover Cleveland was favorably impressed with the qualifications of 37-year-old Jewish Oscar S. Straus, for minister to Turkey, but hesitated making the appointment because, as he stated, our chief concern in Turkey was the protection of American missionary interests. He was fearful of opposition from missionary boards if he sent one of Mr. Straus' race to represent us at Constantinople, as most of our difficulties with Turkey arose from her persecution of Christians.

Henry Ward Beecher, considered America's greatest Christian Evangelist during the latter half of the 19th century, wrote Cleveland the following letter:

"July 12, 1887

Dear Mr. President,

Some of our best citizens are solicitous for the appointment of Oscar Straus, as Minister to Turkey. Of his fitness there is a general consent that he is personally, and in attainments, eminently excellent. But I am interested in another quality – **the fact that he is a Hebrew**. The bitter prejudice against Jews, which obtains in many parts of Europe, ought not to receive any countenance in America. **It is because he is a Jew that I would urge his appointment** as a fit recognition of his remarkable people, who are becoming large contributors to American prosperity, and whose intelligence, morality and large liberality in all public measures for the welfare of society, deserve, and should receive from the hands of our government some such recognition.

We reject no man because he is a Frenchman. Why should we not make a crowning testimony to the genius of our people, by sending a Hebrew to Turkey? The ignorance and superstition of medieval Europe may account for the prejudices of that dark age. But how a Christian in our day, can turn from a Jew, I cannot imagine. Christianity itself suckled at the bosom of Judaism. Our roots are in the Old Testament. **We are Jews ourselves gone to blossom and fruit**. Christianity is Judaism in evolution, and it would seem strange for the seed to turn against the stock on which it was grown.

Henry Ward Beecher"

So it was that **American Ambassador to Turkey, Oscar S. Straus** (1850-1926), a Jew, became the Christians' most able advocate in Constantinople, securing rights to travel and operation for their missionaries, and property, and building rights for their educational institutions establishing precedents which have been a boon ever since. Straus won and held the confidence and high esteem of U.S. Presidents so diverse in nature as the rugged **Cleveland**, the kindly **William McKinley** (1843-1901), who re-appointed him; the vigorous and decisive **Theodore Roosevelt** (1858-1919), the high-purposed **William Howard Taft** (1857-1930), who again re-appointed him; the idealistic and determined **Woodrow Wilson** (1856-1923), and the easy-going **Warren Gamaliel Harding** (1865-1923). Thirty-first U.S. President, **Herbert Hoover** (1874-1964) too, knew him, trusted him, and held him in high regard, although he became President after Straus' death. His discretion, unfailing good judgment and dependability are recorded for posterity. No citizen did more to help Jewish refugees after WWI than Straus. When he died in New York in 1926, he was mourned as an outstanding diplomat and benefactor of humanity. Moreover, his active labors on behalf of **the relief of the Jewish people abroad** in their misfortunes, were lauded by U.S. President **Harry Truman** (1884-1972), who praised his achievements.

William Howard Taft (1857-1930)

Twenty-seventh U.S. President and Tenth U.S. Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was the only person to have held both offices. President Taft, who graduated second in his class at Yale University in 1878, served as Professor of Law at his alma mater until elected Chief Justice in 1921. He gave an Address on **Haym Salomon, Jewish Freedom-fighter and Financier of the American Revolution**.

Address given in Washington, D.C.:

"It is a great pleasure for me to be here tonight and to hear the eloquent tribute of the orator, Dr. Peters, to what **the Jew has done in American history**. Under the influence of my father, who was the broadest man I ever knew, I came to feel that the Jews were a very important part, as they were, of the citizenship of Cincinnati.

And as I attended the public schools, and was prepared for college there, I had occasion to note what Dr. Peters has commented on, that there were some young men and women with "stein" at the end of their names who were always among the first in the class. Everyone who lives in a community like that of my home city of Cincinnati knows that none of the great charities, none of the theatres, none of the societies for art, artistic development, or music, could live **if it were not for the supports of the Jews**.

I believe it to be true, as Dr. Peters says, that the Jews are not very rich, but they are all engaged in making as good a living as they can, and in supporting their families as comfortably as they can, and in upholding the home and the domestic circle as the most important part of every community.

It is pathetic almost to see the Jews of the East Side, who

come from Russia and elsewhere, seize and enjoy and appreciate the opportunities that are given in this government for education. I have been there to see the energy and the sincerity with which they respond to every patriotic sentiment, feeling, as they do, gratitude to the flag under which they enjoy the educational and other privileges that this government affords.

I believe, and I am proud of the fact, that **the Jews in America enjoy an equality** that they have in only a few other countries of the world. I don't mean to say that there are not racial prejudices here; I don't mean to say that there are not social clubs and other places where the small-headed men who occasionally get into a directory manifest their greatness by using a blackball and shutting out men of importance in the community; but, my friends, while it is aggravating and exasperating, still it is not the worst thing that could happen. I have had it happen to friends of mine – Gentiles – who have been kept out of clubs by people who are not worthy to button up their shoes, and who have no standing save in clubs. It is aggravating, I agree, but a man is what he is by reason of his respect for himself, and if he knows that someone who affects to snub him and look down upon him is not worthy – if he knows that that person is not his equal and he cultivates any of the philosophy that he ought to call to his aid – he will have the advantage over his small-brained and narrow-minded critic always.

I did not come here to make a speech, I came here to second the motion for a memorial **to the Jew who stood by Robert Morris** and financed the revolution, the friend of **Kosciuszko** and of **Pulaski**, both of whom have monuments here – a man thrown into prison as a spy under Clinton., and who escaped because he could talk ten different languages, and because somebody who had custody of him thought he would be more useful to him as a live interpreter than as a dead man. He subsequently escaped and **devoted his entire time and fortune to helping along the cause of the revolution**.

It is most interesting to read those letters, to which Dr. Peters has referred, in which **James Madison speaks of the strapped condition in which he was while he was trying to help out the country as a member of the Congress**, and his constant application to **his friend Salomon** until he became ashamed to go to him, because Salomon would not charge him any interest. Salomon must have had a pretty heavy load to carry in looking after all those Congressmen, but they were necessary to this country, and he knew it. It is not the man only who wears the uniform and carries a gun or a sword and has epaulets that is necessary to effect a successful revolution.

Money is the sinews of war, and the necessity for money impresses itself as the fight goes on, and you will observe that **Haym Salomon** was most active during these later years, when the strain grew harder in the fight and when people were likely, because of the long struggle, to become tired out and to lose their patriotic interest. Then it was that he negotiated these large loans; then it was that he helped his impecunious associates, and then it was that

he entitled himself to the gratitude of the entire country. If there should be erected a memorial to him in Washington to testify to his disinterested self-sacrifice in behalf of his country, it would be most appropriate.”

Harry S. Truman (1884-1972)

Thirty-third U.S. President, Harry Truman was sworn into office with his left hand upon the Bible, an unbroken American Christian tradition. Truman penned in ink, at the bottom of the page containing Exodus 20: “I placed my left hand on this 20th chapter of Exodus, January 20, 1949 when I took the oath of office.” Truman’s chosen Second Inaugural Scriptures were, **The Ten Commandments** (Exodus 20: 1-18); and the **Sermon on the Mount** (Matthew 5: 2-12). *The New York Times* elaborates upon the event in its January 20, 1949 issue: “...Truman especially recommended the 10th Commandment for observance in the Capital city... Yesterday, Charles G. Ross, the President’s Secretary, was telling correspondents in confidence about the President’s selection of the two Biblical texts. A Chicago newspaperman remarked that they made a mighty good program for a President. Today another reporter told the President about this. ‘It is a good program,’ replied Mr. Truman with emphasis, ‘Especially the 10th Commandment. If you read the 10th it will do you a lot of good, especially in Washington.’ In the White House texts issued today, the **10th Commandment** was rendered as follows: ‘Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s’ ”

The 33rd U.S. President’s love and esteem for the Jewish people is evidenced in *The New York Times*’ May 15, 1948 front page headline news: **ZIONISTS PROCLAIM NEW STATE OF ISRAEL; TRUMAN RECOGNIZES IT AND HOPES FOR PEACE; TEL AVIV IS BOMBED, EGYPT ORDERS INVASION.**” President Harry Truman, an avid reader of the Bible and its prophecies, was the first Head of State to recognize Eretz Israel as a sovereign nation – it took him six minutes.

Richard Milhous Nixon (1913-1994)

In the book, *ISRAEL: A Secret Documentary – Previously Unpublished Information about the State of Israel*, the following facts are revealed: “**The Yom Kippur War of October, 1973...** The Soviet Union had decided to take unilateral action and so resolve the Israeli problem. America took this very seriously because a large Soviet warship was docked in Alexandria, Egypt. On the deck of this warship were ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads. At the same time, the Soviet airlift dramatically stopped, and all those huge transport planes were at the ready while crack Soviet parachute regiments moved towards the airfields. Aware of both these facts, **President Nixon**, thank God, called a worldwide United States military alert, a Stage Three alert in the five-stage

American Defense Condition. This put 2,300,000 men on standby and was the first such alert since the Cuban crisis eleven years before...**Samuel Howells**, principal of the Bible College of Wales

and son of **Rees Howells**, the great intercessor, told me later that one of the greatest times of prayer that he remembers since the war years came on the night **President Nixon** called the alert. During that day he had felt a tremendous burden and anguish come upon him. He walked up and down, prayed for a while, and in the end asked the Lord, ‘What does this burden mean?’ The Lord told him, ‘My enemy is seeking to precipitate Armageddon.’ Later, during the course of a regular evening meeting, he and others felt led by the Holy Spirit to remain in prayer until

early the next day. The next morning they were not surprised to hear about the worldwide United States military alert...Throughout the world many thought that the United States alert was ordered for domestic reasons. Believe me, it was not. At that time we came to the very brink of World War III. We were living in a fool’s paradise, teetering on the brink of nuclear war. Believers in the Free World were quite unaware of the grave issues at stake at that time. They continued their routine meetings and programs, oblivious of the tremendous movements in the unseen world...

As soon as the United States worldwide military alert was called by **President Nixon**, the Soviet warship weighed anchor and sailed back to the Black Sea. **ISRAEL’S annihilation had been aborted.**”

George W. Bush (1946-)

The 43rd U.S. President’s January, 2008 visit to Israel coincided with my studies of Hebrew as a Modern Language at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. During his stay at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, numerous conspicuous messages were published in Israeli newspapers. Following are but a few:

- I. “**PRESIDENT BUSH: THERE WILL BE NO LEGACY.** There is an ineradicable bond between the geographical integrity of the land, its function as a geo-strategic barrier to invasion by the forces of Islam, and God’s promise to Jacob as related in Scripture: ‘**The land on which you have slept I will give to you and your descendants as an everlasting possession.**’ (Genesis 28: 12-14.) Mr. President, we reject the creation of a Palestinian entity between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River as detrimental to the stability of both Israel and Jordan, the peace of the Middle East and the security interest of the United States.” A list of twenty-five prominent American Christian churches, international ministries, fellowships, global alliances, missions and congresses, to include: *The Jerusalem Prayer Team, Churches United with Israel, Corrie ten Boom Foundation, Jerusalem*



Har Megiddo, or Armageddon. Excavations of King Solomon’s Chariot City and Stables, with the Valley of Megiddo to the left. Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar.

Connection and Global Israel Connection, ensued – sponsored by: *Americans for a Safe Israel*.

- II. Another predominant newspaper message read: “**PRESIDENT BUSH: How did we lose you?** In your December 1998 visit here you told us that some of your driveways in Texas were longer than Israel’s 9-mile, pre-1967 waistline. **In January 2008, you have returned to urge our retreat to that same indefensible border, one that would make our entire coastal population hostage to the guns and rockets of our sworn enemies.** After 9/11, you and your advisors embraced the added value a strong, democratic Israeli ally brought to America’s valiant struggle against radical Islam. **In 2008, you ask that same ally to discard its most critical territorial assets, truncate Jerusalem, its capital, and become complicit in the creation of a sovereign jihadist entity in Judea and Samaria.**”

Mr. President, the Palestinian Authority, its Fatah and Tanzim gunmen and Al-Aksa Martyrs Brigades haven’t the slightest intention of living ‘side-by-side in peace’ with Israel. Their leaders – including Mahmoud Abbas – have categorically rejected the very existence of a Jewish state in their midst. **Mr. Bush, why are you pressuring a weak and extremely unpopular Olmert government to place Israel in the direst jeopardy it has ever known? Why would you render meaningless the blood America has shed in the battle against radical-Islam by handing radical Islam the incomparable gift of a jihadist state in the Land of Israel? Mr. President, the Nation of Israel lives. We will not abandon our legacy!**” Undersigned by: A former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Shamir; a former Ambassador; a former Cabinet Member; three Authors and two Publishers – sponsored by: *Just Peace for Israel*.

- III. Yet another Israeli newspaper message ensued: “**To All Am (people of)*Israel. ‘U.S. Should Have Bombed Auschwitz.’ So said Mr. Bush, the U.S. President at Yad Vashem.** He also said, ‘It is a sobering reminder that evil exists, and a call that when evil exists we must resist it.’ **Indeed – hind sight is 20/20 vision! Mr. Bush’s current ‘vision’ of ‘A two state solution for two peoples’ – A ‘vision’ inspired by the Saudis – is not only dangerous to the Jewish people and the Jewish state, it is totally uncalled for!**”

As already pointed out previously, there is no moral obligation nor indeed any international law, which **would compel Israel to give up its land** – which comprises a mere 10,801 sq. miles, **including Judea and Samaria**, and consists of **our defensible borders** – to an intractable enemy, bent on our destruction!! The ‘**Palestinians**’ are an invention of the Arab League, as pointed out previously, and it would be suicidal for Israel to create such a state! There seems to be a total disconnect between facts on the ground and the American president’s vision for peace! However, the U.S. president is correct in saying that, ‘...when evil exists, we must resist it.’ Evil does indeed exist in our own time, Mr. President, but before we can find a remedy for it, we must first recognize it for

what it is.

Mr. President, Israel’s current predicament is part of the global jihad, which includes the Western democracies! These jihadist forces can be defeated and this can be accomplished by a strong and resolute America, acting in concert with other democracies including Israel. That should be your vision and your legacy. The only reason the jihadists are still held at bay in our own region is that Israel’s defense forces are still operating in Judea and Samaria. May God bless Israel and America.” Undersigned by: A former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister



Israeli protestors wearing keffiyehs demonstrate against the visit of President George W. Bush after his arrival in Jerusalem on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

Shamir; a former Ambassador; a former Cabinet Member; three Authors and two Publishers – sponsored by: *Just Peace for Israel*.

- IV. Nor was **The Rabbinical Congress for Peace’s** full-page newspaper message to U.S. President Bush heeded. Its Biblical warning reads: “By the Grace of God. **PRESIDENT BUSH: If You Truly Want Peace, Rescind the Annapolis agreements.** Mr. President, 1) Why would you support another terrorist state in the region? 2) Why would the U.S. promote those who persecute anyone who is not of the Muslim faith in the area? 3) Why would the U.S. promote a state for friends of Saddam, Bin Laden and Ahmadinejad? 4) Why would the U.S. promote a potential base for anti-U.S. elements in the eastern flank of the Mediterranean?”

Mr. President, as rabbis, we love peace and pray for peace. Moreover, we are morally obliged by the teaching of our holy Torah to pursue peace and guide our people to strive for peace – but a peace that is true and lasting, not one that will lead to even more bloodshed and instability in the region. According to Jewish law, **the sanctity of human life supersedes everything and anything**, therefore, silence on our part in a matter of life or death as posed by the current proposed Israeli concessions and a Palestinian state would be sinful and irresponsible.

Mr. President, the ‘land for peace’ formula has in the past 40 years, especially since the Oslo disaster in 1993,

proven to be an exercise in futility, obsolete, ineffective, but most of all dangerous. Its proponents turn a blind eye to the inescapable reality that to this day the Palestinians are cynically trampling on every promise they have ever made. They are turning a blind eye to what has happened after the Israeli withdrawals of the Oslo process and **what is happening now in southern Israel after disengaging from Gaza.**

Mr. President, The overwhelming majority in Israel is against the current principles laid out at the Annapolis conference last month. Shrinking Israel into indefensible borders will only exacerbate that problem by telling the terrorists that Israel can be destroyed through violence and terror.

The Ruling of Jewish Law which is summarized below, forbidding the surrender of any part of our Holy Land to Israel's neighbors, is based on the principle of Pikuach Nefesh, the obligation to safeguard lives that are in jeopardy. As most residents of Israel have personally witnessed, that ceding territory only invited increased terrorist activity.

We wish you a pleasant stay in our Holy Land and please remember: by rescinding the 'deluded land for peace' policy, the United States will not only gain its strongest and most faithful ally in this region, but you will be remembered in history as the President who refused to lend a hand to Israel's destruction...



*The Temple Mount, The second temple excavation site in Jerusalem.
Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar.*

Summary: Of a Definitive Halachic (Jewish Law) Ruling Forbidding the Surrender of Any Part of the Holy Land Recently Issued by 350 Prominent Israeli Rabbis Including Former Justices of Israel's Supreme Rabbinical Court.

The meticulous observance of the Sabbath as a Day of Rest is one of the most cherished of all Jewish religious obligations. Nevertheless, the Code of Jewish Law prescribes (see, Orach Chaim, 329:6) that if marauders approach a border town on the Sabbath, then even if their ostensible aim is merely to steal straw and stubble, we are commanded to take up arms and repel their attack, for otherwise the entire land will be easy for them to conquer and lives will be thereby jeopardized. The above ruling applies more than fully to today's situation. **Firstly**, the towns and settlements now under discussion are not merely close to Israel's threatened borders: they themselves constitute the borders. **Secondly**, Israel's neighbors are not coveting mere straw and stubble; they declare publicly that their goal is to dispossess Israel of entire cities, such as Jerusalem and Lod, Askelon and strategic lifelines, such as the Golan Heights. **Thirdly**, experience has taught that surrender of territories has provided Israel with terror and bloodshed.

Hence, since it is forbidden to jeopardize the lives of Israel's residents, it is forbidden, under any circumstances, to surrender any part of the Holy Land. To this I affix my signature: (partial list)"

A partial list of hundreds of signatures are affixed to this Biblical message.

None of these dire warnings of the "Hamastan" consequences of Mr. Bush's '2002 Road Map' to partition God's Promised Land were heeded. **The predicted results are with us today:** 1,200 innocent Israeli civilian lives brutally murdered, tortured and incinerated in the October 7, 2023 massacre carried out by Hamistianians in Gaza, whilst 250 helpless Israeli victims were captured.

In conclusion, the Chief Magistrate of a nation founded less than 250 years ago cannot dictate its terms to surrender part of the Promised Land, established by Jehovah Himself 6,000 years past, on the presumption that the God of Hosts – *and* of the American founding fathers, will yield to this '2002 Road Map' calling for the dismantling of borders which He Himself laid out. Gaza, Samaria and Judea are an integral part of **the Promised Land; the Holy Land; Eretz Israel.**

No matter how much oil is in the bargain, the **God of Israel** will continue to defend His inheritance, restoring His entire Promised Land given to the children of Israel:

"And the Lord said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father: and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 28: 13-14.



*The marble bas-relief sculpture of Moses, to whom Jehovah gave the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, faces the Speaker's Chair, in the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
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