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From Thanksgiving to Christmas is one of the favorite times of the year for the Robinson family and many families of this country. It starts with the unique day of "giving thanks" and ends with the reminder of the greatest gift ever given - Jesus the Messiah - the pinnacle of thanks!

We are grateful for your support and friendship. We serve and worship the King of kings!

May this season be a blessing and 2024 a fruitful year of serving Him.

Keep looking up! His coming is near! Perhaps in 2024!

With His love, Mark and Cheryl

ANTI-SEMITISM: JEWS IN THE CROSSHAIRS



Since the barbaric attack of Hamas on October 7, the world has started to turn against Israel. Israel's declared intention to eradicate, and rightly so, the Hamas terrorists has unleashed a flood of accusations against Israel and her so called "genocide" of the Palestinian people.

Protest marches have occurred around the world - in the U.S., England, France, etc. - denouncing Israel. Lie after lie is being perpetrated by leftist politicians, universities, and media. "From the river to the sea" has become the rallying cry of these anti-Semites. How sad is it that an American congresswoman, Rashida Tlaib, has embraced that slogan which calls for the destruction of Israel and her Jewish citizens. This same Michigan politician propagated the lie that Israel bombed the main hospital in Gaza causing the deaths of 500 people. In fact, it was an errant Islamic rocket that landed in the parking lot next to the hospital killing 50 or so people and not destroying the hospital at all.

The Biden administration, undoubtedly pushed by the anti-Semitic progressive wing of the Democrat party, is now telling Israel that the war with Hamas must be scaled down by early January. Their fig leaf is the "civilian" casualties of the war. Israel, they insist must be more cautious in their "indiscriminate" killing of the civilian population.

There is so much wrong with this on so many levels.

1. The innocence of the civilian population is a fantasy birthed in the anti-Israel, leftist world view. When the October 7 massacre took place many non-Hamas citizens joined in the massacre. Then when the hostages were brought back to Gaza the "innocent" citizens of Gaza beat many of the hostages.

"I will insist the Hebrews have [contributed] more to civilize men than any other nation. If I was an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations ... They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their empire were but a bubble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe and have influenced the affairs of mankind more and more happily than any other nation, ancient or modern."

John Adams, Second President of the United States, (From a letter to F. A. Van der Kemp [Feb. 16, 1808] Pennsylvania Historical Society)



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- 2. The people of Gaza overwhelmingly (70%+) voted Hamas into power, still support them, and approve of what Hamas did on October 7.
- 3. Israel's pre-cautions in their war in Gaza concerning the civilian population is unparalleled in modern warfare. "In the Iraq War, it is estimated that from 2003-2023 approximately 174,000 civilians were killed vs. 39,900 combatants. This is close to 4.5:1. The Iraq War was similar in many ways to Israel's current war against Hamas. Yet Israel's civilian casualty ratio in Gaza is far better than America's in Iraq. At the most, it is around 2:1 if we accept likely inflated figures from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry," Lies about civilian casualties, Joseph Frager, December 17,2023, Jewish News Syndicate, https://www.jns.org/lies-about-civilian-casualties/.
- 4. Information coming from Gaza via Hamas is propaganda lies. Novelist and journalist Naomi Ragen comments "One thing about Hamas, and I must say their supporters in general, is that if their lips are moving, they're lying." This Israeli citizen and resident further comments:

"For example, let's talk about those poor patients in yet another Gazan 'hospital' targeted by our 'vicious' non-humanitarian soldiers. Here is the Arab version: 'The IDF arrested the entire medical staff of the Kamal Adwan hospital in the Northern Gaza Strip and took them to an unknown location.' The truth? According to the Times of Israel, the IDF arrested 90 terrorists at this hospital, which was being used as a terror base. I saw footage of the IDF extracting guns and bullets hidden in an incubator for preemies there! I saw a room full of deadly weapons collected from that 'hospital,'" https://www.naomiragen.com/gaza-war-diary-17-december-2023/.

Additional examples can be given. Many. But the unquestioned reports from the Gaza Health Ministry (Hamas controlled and run) and accepted by the leftist media, universities, politicians, et. al. are indicative of a greater problem. Anti-Semitism!!! Hatred of Jewish people and Israel, the nation founded as a homeland for Jewish people. The marches around the world - Berlin, Paris, London, New York, i.e. - call for the extermination of the Jewish people not just for an end to the war.

The Bible tells of Satan's hatred of Israel and his attempt to eliminate all the Jewish people in the world in the coming seven-year Tribulation period - Revelation 12.

What is happening in the world today is just the beginning of a metastasizing problem. There is no earthly power that can eradicate this cancer. Only when Israel's Messiah returns at the end of the seven-year Tribulation will the world's and Satan's hatred of Israel be ended - Zechariah 12-14.

Don't fall for the world's lies. Stand with Israel and against anti-Semitism. This is just, ethical, and biblical.

"Palestine of to-day [1922], the land we now know as Palestine, was peopled by the Jews from the dawn of history until the Roman era. It is the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people. They were driven from it by force by the relentless Roman military machine and for centuries prevented from returning.

"At different periods various alien people succeeded them, but the Jewish race had left an indelible impress upon the land. To-day it is a Jewish country.

"Every name, every landmark, every monument, and every trace of whatever civilization remaining there is still Jewish and it has ever since remained a hope, a longing, as expressed in their prayers for these nearly 2,000 years.

"No other people have ever claimed Palestine as their national home. No other people have ever shown an aptitude or indicated a genuine desire to make it their homeland.

"The land has been ruled by foreigners. Only since the beginning of the modern Zionist effort may it be said that a creative, cultural, and economic force has entered Palestine. The Jewish Nation was forced from its natural home. It did not go because it wanted to. A perusal of Jewish history, a reading of Josephus, will convince the most skeptical that the grandest fight that was ever put up against an enemy was put up by the Jew. He never thought of leaving Palestine.

"But he was driven out. But did he, when driven out, give up his hope of getting back? Jewish history and Jewish literature give the answer to that question. The Jew even has a fast day devoted to the day of destruction of the Jewish homeland. Never throughout history did they give up hope of returning there. I am told that 90 per cent of the Jews to-day are praying for the return of the Jewish people to its own home. The best minds among them believe in the necessity of reestablishing the Jewish land. To my mind there is something prophetic in the fact that during the ages no other nation has taken over Palestine and held it in the sense of a homeland; and there is something providential in the fact that for 1,800 years it has remained in desolation as if waiting for the return of its people."

Excerpts from the U.S. Congressional Record, U.S. House of Representatives June 30, 1922

Speaking Engagements



On Sunday, February 25. Mark will be sharing "Christ in the Passover" at the 6:00 p.m. service at First Baptist Church, College Station, TX.



March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2024 Mark will be teaching a course on "Israel in the Plan of God" at the Master the Possibilities campus in On Top of the World in Ocala, FL.



April 2 -11, 2024 Mark is scheduled to lead a group to Israel.



May 5, 2024 Mark will be speaking at all services at Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Elma, NY.



May 31 - June 2, 2024 Mark will be one of the speakers at "The Gathering" held yearly at The Cove in Asheville, NC.



June 27-28, 2024 Mark will be one of the speakers at "The Grace Conference" held yearly at Quentin Road Baptist Church, Lake Zurich, IL (confirmation pending).

MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES COURSE

On Wednesday, November 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. there were some 50 or so classes represented at the Master the Possibilities facility sharing some of the classes to be taught in the January - June 2024 semester. We had a table promoting Mark's class: "Israel in the Plan of God." We had no idea what kind of response we would have. Many people, thankfully, stopped by and expressed an interest in the class. On Friday, Nov. 17, Mark checked his faculty page and 10 people were registered for the class.

On December 12, Mark was notified that his class was completely full in the small, 15 person room that he was assigned for the course. Also, there were 8 people on the waiting list to take the class. Because of the interest in the class, with 2.5 months before the start of the class, Master's the Possibilities moved Mark to the largest class room in the building. Cypress Hall seats 80 people and they have assigned half of the room for the March 2024 class.

PTL for the response to the class. Lord willing, the class will reach room capacity of 40 at the minimum before the first class in March 2024.