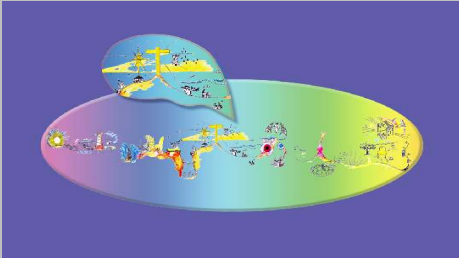


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# LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## 【 CONFLICT IN THE LAND OF GOD 】

*But now, this is what the Lord says - he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine...Do not be afraid...I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - ...See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up ...the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. ISAIAH 43:1-21.*

*O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." With one mind they plot together; they from an alliance against you -...Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to..., who perished at Endor and became like refuse on the ground. Make their nobles like ... all their princes..., who said, "Let us take possession of the pasture-lands of God." Make them like tumble-weed, O my God, like chaff before the wind. As fire consumes the forest or a flame sets the mountains ablaze, so pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm. Cover their faces with shame so that men will seek your name, O LORD. May they ever be ashamed and dismayed; may they perish in disgrace. Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD - that you alone are the Most High over all the earth. PSALM 83.*

*Why do the nations conspire and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.*

PSALM 2:1-6.

Despite the prayerfully anticipated decline of animosity towards the Jewish people after the historic reconciliation of Jewish/Christian relations brought about by the Holocaust, the reality today, at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is ominous, that is, we're seeing an alarmingly rapid rise of world-wide Jew-hatred again. It is said that the rise seen in Europe is remarkable especially in France where the second largest Jewish community outside Israel resides. On the other hand, the "homecoming of the Jewish people" to their homeland, the Promised Land, i.e., so-called "ALIYAH" has been promoted more than ever before in the past century by a number of Christian organisations, especially from Russia after the sudden collapse of Communism in 1990. Both phenomena, the return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel and the resurgence of anti-Semitism world-wide are without doubt major signs of the end times of human history according to biblical prophecies. Quoted at the beginning are only a few of many end-time prophecies concerning Israel, which amazingly depict what have been and are being witnessed today and are likely to be completely fulfilled before long.

In this letter, I would like to examine the voices of witnesses in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East that are not otherwise heard in today's media coverage, along the line of the views presented in '*ISRAEL & Christians TODAY*' publication. It seems to me that the rising anti-Semitism in recent years is partly fuelled by distorted media coverage of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians which is based on misguided information widely put forward and this is also the view presented by well-respected present-day biblical watchmen. They have concluded that the majority of recent attacks against the Jewish people and their property are motivated by a pure hatred towards the presence of the Jewish State in the Land rather than a simple, classical racial hatred; this hatred is presented in a new guise of "anti-Zionism," in place of the historically known anti-Semitism. Some even give warning that a steep rise of Jew-hatred has been phenomenal even in Britain during the past two years, and that what used to be an eradication of the Jews is now turning into an eradication of the Jewish State. Beneath the rising anti-Israel feeling today lies the fact that our view of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel has been deeply affected by the way the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been portrayed in the media. TV coverage usually portrays Israel as the aggressor and the Palestinians as being placed under Israel's ill treatment. Israel is widely and internationally condemned as an offender of international law, human rights and so on. One publication puts it: 'Both Islamists and the Western media are using anti-Zionism as a fig-leaf for prejudices rooted in both medieval Christian and Nazi demonology to systematically dehumanise and delegitimise both the Jews and the State of Israel – a necessary prelude to its destruction.' (quoted from p.9 '*ISRAEL & Christians TODAY*' UK Summer 2005 Edition). One of the examples of such a claim is the following anti-Semitic propaganda being broadcast to the Palestinian people with approval of Palestinian Authority leadership.

The following Muslim cleric's sermon, aired on 13 May '05 by Palestinian Authority TV, demonstrates increasing hatred against Israel and the Jewish people under the leadership of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. The cleric preached: Allah has tormented us with "the people most hostile to the [Muslim] believers" – the Jews. "Thou shalt find that the people most hostile to the believers to be the Jews and the polytheists." Allah warned His beloved Prophet Muhammad about the Jews, who had killed their prophets, forged their Torah, and sowed corruption throughout their history. With the establishment of the state of Israel, the entire Islamic nation was lost, because Israel is a cancer spreading through the body of the Islamic nation, and because the Jews are a virus – resembling AIDS – from which the entire world suffers. You will find that the Jews were behind all the civil strife in this world. The Jews are behind the suffering of the nations. Ask Britain what it did to the early sixth century. What did they do the Jews? They expelled them, tortured them, and prevented them from entering Britain for more than 300 years. All this was because of what the Jews did in Britain. Ask France...Ask Portugal... Ask Czarist Russia...But don't ask Germany what it did to the Jews. It was the Jews who provoked Nazism to wage war against the entire world, when the Jews, using the Zionist movement, got other countries to wage an economic war on Germany and to boycott German merchandise. They provoked Russia, Britain, France, and Italy. This enraged the Germans toward the Jews, leading to the events of those days, which the Jews commemorating today...The worst crimes in history were committed against the Jews, yet these crimes are no worse than what the Jews are doing in Palestine. What was done to the Jews was a crime, but isn't what the Jews are doing today in the land of Palestine not a crime? Look at modern history. Where has Great Britain gone? Where has Czarist Russia...France...Nazi Germany...Where did all these superpowers go? He who made them disappear will make America disappear too, God willing. He who made Russia disappear overnight is capable of making America

disappear and fall, Allah willing. We have ruled the world before, and by Allah, the day will come when we will rule America. The day will come when we will rule Britain and the entire world – except for the Jews. The Jews will not enjoy a life of tranquillity under our rule, because they are treacherous by nature, as they have been throughout history. The day will come when everything will be relieved of the Jews – even the stones and trees which were harmed by them. Listen to the Prophet Muhammad, who tells you about the evil end that awaits Jews. The stones and trees will want the Muslims to finish off every Jew (quoted from p.10 *'ISRAEL & Christians TODAY'* UK Summer 2005 Edition).

It is a sad reality that this kind of sermon expressing venomous anti-Semitism is not unique but has been delivered in mosques during Friday prayers over a number of years and broadcast on the official Palestinian Authority TV channel. It should be pointed out that the distorted, prejudiced media coverage, combined with anti-Semitic propaganda that has been broadcast to the Palestinian people for brain-washing can make it very difficult for the general public to hold a fair view of the conflicts in the Middle East. The situation is a grave concern because “if a lie was repeated often enough then the people would believe it.” (quoted from the above article’s comment).

In contrast to the above is a moving testimony by a Lebanese, spoken at the Duke University Counter Terrorism Conference on 14<sup>th</sup> October '04, which significantly reminds us of what the core nature of the biblical teaching is, and in what way the true God wants man to act, and which also warns us of the worst possible consequences of deliberate lying and brain-washing by the authorities. ‘I was raised in Lebanon where I was taught that the Jews were evil, Israel was the devil, and the only time we will have peace in the Middle East is when we kill all the Jews and drive them into the sea. When the Moslems and Palestinians declared Jihad on the Christians in 1975, they started slaughtering the Christians in city after city. I ended up living in a bomb shelter underground from age 10 to 17...It was Israel who came to help the Christians in Lebanon. My mother was wounded by a Moslem’s shell and was taken into an Israeli hospital for treatment. When we entered the emergency room I was shocked at what I saw. There were hundreds of people wounded: Moslems, Palestinians, Christian Lebanese and Israeli soldiers lying on the floor. The doctors treated everyone according to their injury. They treated my mother before they treated the Israeli soldier lying next to her. They didn’t see religion, they didn’t see political affiliation, they saw people in need and they helped. For the first time in my life I experienced a human quality that I know my culture would not have shown to their enemy. I experienced the values of the Israelis who were able to love their enemy in their most trying moments. I spent 22 days at that hospital. Those days changed my life and the way I believe information and the way I listen to the radio or to television. I realized I was sold a fabricated lie by my government about the Jews and Israel that was so far from reality. I knew for fact that if I was a Jew standing in an Arab hospital I would be lynched and thrown over to the grounds as shouts of joy of “Allahu Akbar, God is great” would echo through the hospital and the surrounding streets... Now, the intentional murder of Israeli children is legitimized as Palestinian “armed struggle”. However, once such behavior is legitimized against Israel, it is legitimized everywhere in the world, constrained by nothing more than the subjective belief of people...for the purpose killing children in the name of god. Because the Palestinians have been encouraged to believe that murdering innocent Israeli civilians is a legitimate tactic for advancing their cause, the whole world now suffers from a plague of terrorism...They blame suicide bombing on “desperation of occupation”. Let me tell you the truth. The first major terror bombing committed by Arabs against the Jewish state occurred ten weeks before Israel even became independent. On Sunday morning, February 22, 1948, in anticipation of Israel’s independence, a triple truck bomb was detonated by Arab terrorists on Ben Yehuda Street in what was then the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Fifty-four people were killed and hundreds were wounded. Thus, it is obvious that Arab terrorism is caused not by the “desperation” or “occupation”, but by the VERY THOUGHT of a Jewish state. So many times in history in the last 100 years, citizens have stood by and done nothing allowing evil to prevail...It’s time to all stand up and support and defend the state of Israel (quoted from p.9 *'ISRAEL & Christians TODAY'* UK Spring 2005 Edition).

This testimony coincidentally reveals a fatal mistake of the “Ecumenical Movement” with multi-faith involvement, which inevitably blurs the distinction between truth and error and between good and evil. The testimony makes it very clear that the god of Islam who allows his believers to legitimatise killing and harming children and other faith-believers in his name is completely different from the God of Israel, ‘Yahweh’. In contradiction to the ecumenical claim

that all paths and beliefs of different religions ultimately lead to the same one God and its promotion of “tolerance” to bring about a closer unity of multi-faiths at the cost of disregarding Christ’s unique and important claim that He is the only way to the Father God and to salvation, it is apparent that the destination of different religions and faiths will never be united. When confronted by His opponent Jews, Jesus clearly identified those who were determined to kill Him as those whose father was ‘the devil’: ***‘You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speak his nature language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.’(John 8:44)***. These words characterise the core of His teaching and accordingly, among all, in particular, a sharp distinction between Christianity and Islam is drawn over the issue of violence. Any violence and terrorism done by Muslims in the name of Allah is regarded as obedience to the teachings of the Qur’an and Muhammad while any violence done in the name of Christ is a violation of His teachings. In this sense, all disheartening historical ‘religious’ events which involved violence and bloodshed, including the “crusaders” in the Middle Ages who legitimatised killing defenceless Jews throughout Palestine (the entire land of Israel) under the banner of the cross, could never have been vindicated by a true God, nor been enacted in obedience to the teachings of Christ. Faith in Christ and in His gospel is not a man-made “religion” but an intimate and indispensable relationship between Him and each individual. This relationship with Christ will be determined by individual attitudes towards God’s Word and commandment. If we stand firm in His Word and continually stay faithful to it, because of the security and assurance given from Christ, none of us will be deceived by false slogans, teachings, or tactics which are flooded around us today, and creating confusion and apostasy.

The fight against our invisible foe is not easy but this is our real battle because behind the external phenomena hide the more complicated causes. For example, although “Zionism” is just an expression of a heart-felt belief of the Jewish people in God’s everlasting promise to their forefathers, as clearly and repeatedly mentioned in the Scriptures, behind the scene lies the devil, twisting its true meaning. Having incessantly worked as God’s adversary behind the scene of human history since the creation of God, the devil who has contested against God and His will, wishes to control the world and he uses every opportunity to manipulate men’s minds. The result is confusion, distortion, brain-wash, scepticism and no-ending conflict on both sides, Israeli and Palestinians.

Paul’s last message in the Epistle to the Ephesians is the very one being addressed to us living in the end-times: ***‘Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.’(6:10-13)***. Because of the hidden force of evil, “Zionism” has a long history of being misunderstood and rejected as a form of racism, even by many Christians and yet today the situation has not so much changed.

However, such irrational uprising of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism again in the end-times is actually nothing other than biblical revelation. Simply because God has chosen Mount Zion, the city of Jerusalem as His own dwelling place, the enemy’s attack will continue. However, the prospects for Israel are far from despair because God is with her and God who initiated to make His covenant with Israel will ultimately and surely finish it to fulfil His own Word: ***‘Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.’(Ezek.39:28)***.