

# Exposing the “Ugly” of Christian Zionism

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At *We Hold These Truths* it has been our mission to expose the Evangelical Church to the dangers and Biblical errors of Christian Zionism. An interesting phenomenon has occurred as we’ve seen the churches that we’ve tried to reach actually become more entrenched in their zionist doctrine, to the point where many Christians now wear the moniker of “Christian Zionist” as a badge of honor and stamp of approval by God!

I think many Evangelical Christians who are pro-zionism would echo the words of Steve Bannon:

“I am not a moderate, I’m a fighter, and that’s why I’m proud to stand with the State of Israel. That’s why I’m proud to be a Christian Zionist.” <sup>1</sup>

And those of Joe Biden as well who said in 2007: "I am a Zionist. You don't have to be a Jew to be a Zionist," <sup>2</sup>

There are some words, that no matter how hard one tries to sanitize them, they are still offensive. One such word is Racism.

To try to separate Racism from Zionism is an impossible task.

As I see it, there are a limited number of options to justify that Racism.

- 1) Blame the Racism on God and say that that was His plan.
- 2) The Jews deserve their own home land after the Holocaust.

Neither one of those options hold up to intense scrutiny.

Option 1 is covered in depth on our web site exposing the errors in that kind of theology. <sup>3</sup>

Option 2 comes under what my dear old Mom would say “Two wrongs don’t make a right.”

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<sup>1</sup> <https://jewishweek.timesofisrael.com/stephen-bannon-im-proud-to-be-a-christian-zionist/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20200314-zionist-biden-in-his-own-words-my-name-is-joe-biden-and-everybody-knows-i-love-israel/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.whtt.org/the-roots-of-christian-zionism-how-scofield-sowed-seeds-of-apostasy/>

Some terms need to be defined at this point:

**Christianity:** The belief that Jesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of God who became the ransom for man's sins on the cross, was resurrected from the dead and now lives eternally with God the Father, and desires all people to come into a personal relationship with Him through repentance and obedience.

**Zionism:** The belief that the land of Canaan and surrounding areas that were given to the ancient Hebrews as inheritance by Yahweh, is still the rightful homeland of world Jewry today. The political Zionist movement was founded by Theodor Herzl, [5/2/1860-7/3/1904], in the late 19th century.<sup>4</sup>

**Judaism:** First, I'm going to say was Judaism is not. Judaism is NOT the religion of the Hebrews in the Old Testament. Today's Judaism is mixture of Babylonian mysticism, rabbinic traditions, and tribal legends. For an excellent exposé of modern Judaism I highly recommend Michael Hoffman's 1100 page *Judaism Discovered – A Study of the Anti-Biblical Religion of Racism, Self-Worship, Superstition and Deceit*<sup>5</sup>

**Christian Zionism:** A false Biblical interpretation of Scripture that teaches that the formation of the nation-state of Israel in 1948 is a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and that "All who bless Israel will be blessed".

**Racism:** The systemic oppression of a racial group to the social, economic, and political advantage of another.

Israel has been exercising its racism over the Palestinians since before the State came into being. "Israeli racism is not random and cannot be simply classified as yet another human rights violation. It is the core of a sophisticated plan that aims at the political marginalization and economic strangulation of Israel's Palestinian Arab minority within a constitutional, thus 'legal', framework."<sup>6</sup>

**Self-determination:** Freedom of the people of a given area to determine their own political status; independence.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodor-Herzl>

<sup>5</sup> <https://truthfulhistory.blogspot.com/2016/02/judaica-books-and-resources.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.juancole.com/2020/11/political-systemic-palestinian.html>

Nothing has disappeared so fast in Palestine as the Palestinian's right to self-determination. Even in the 1917 *Balfour Declaration*, which is seen as one of the founding documents leading to the nation-state of Israel, it states "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, **it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine**".(emphasis added)

So how did we get into this mess, where Christians are supporting the unending wars in the Middle East to support an illegitimate nation that is practicing genocide on the native inhabitants of the land? Before I answer that, I want to repeat in case you missed that last sentence: The State of Israel is Illegitimate and does not have a **RIGHT** to exist. The only "right" that Israel has for its existence, comes from "might makes right" which is hardly a moral imperative!

I have to hand it the Jewish power brokers who have masterly wielded their enormous financial and political power to accomplish their nefarious deeds. What we have in this country is an incestuous relationship between our political system and the Israeli lobby. Politicians only have one goal – to get re-elected. If an aspiring politician does not kowtow to AIPAC, SPLC, ADL, CUFI or any other of the myriad Jewish PACs, it will be a very short political career. As the old adage says: "Follow The Money". In Pat Buchanan's failed attempt for the Presidency in 2000, he made the fatal mistake of saying publicly: "America's foreign policy must be decided in Washington DC and not Tel Aviv". That ended his political career. For more in-depth study on Israeli influence see: *They Dare to Speak Out* by Congressman Paul Finley (2003), *Against Our Better Judgement* by Alison Weir (2014), *The Israeli Lobby and US Foreign Policy* by Meirsheimer and Walt (2008).

So as Christians, our World View has to be one that reflects the character of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophecies stating that the world would be blessed through the offspring of Abram are fulfilled in Jesus - not an ungodly secular political state called Israel.

Galatians 3:7-9,14 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with

Abraham, the man of faith... so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Zionism is antithetical to all the teachings of Jesus:

*Thou Shalt Not Steal*

*Thou Shalt Not Kill*

*Blessed Are The Peacemakers*, to name a few!

“Christian Zionism” is an oxymoron. It in no way represents Jesus or any of His teachings. Try to find any teachings of Jesus that support wholesale slaughter and theft that has happened to the Palestinian people. They are non-existent!

Putting “Ugly” back into the description of Zionism maybe what is necessary for Christians to wake up to the evils of Zionism, along with words like *demonic, greed, genocide, apartheid, mean, unjust, arrogance, manipulation, theft, deception, heart-less, rude, uncaring, unmerciful, murder, selfish, boastful, proud, and just plain evil* .....

That’s why I believe that now, more than ever, it’s absolutely necessary to re-expose the *Ugliness* of zionism and how that there is no way any person who calls themselves a follower of Jesus should equate support for the State of Israel as being pleasing unto The Lord!