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“POLITICS AND ISRAEL”

WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN CARE?

Part 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

*Leadership, Politics, Government, Worldview,
Apologetics, Righteousness*

Introduction to the Text;

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

The Apostle Paul’s argument is simply this – that there’s no place on earth, in life, where the Christian is not to be a Christian. That there’s no sphere of influence that the Christian is not to be engaged.

Jesus Christ Gave The Christian a Cultural Mandate

Matt. 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **:14** “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **:15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Prov. 29:2

When the righteous are in **authority**, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

Other than God Himself - there is nothing that touches
our lives more than the influence of politics upon our lives. You cannot eat,
sleep or drink without some form of government involvement.

Rom. 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority
except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. :2
Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those
who resist will bring judgment on themselves. :3 ***For rulers are not a terror to
good works, but to evil.*** Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? ***Do what
is good, and you will have praise from the same.*** :4 For he is God's minister
to you ***for good.*** But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in
vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices
evil. :5 Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for
conscience' sake. :6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's
ministers attending continually to this very thing. :7 Render therefore to all their
due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs,
fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW SERIES & ISRAEL

There is no greater expert on the historical, modern day and prophetic
significance & meaning of the Jewish people / the Jewish state / and the Jewish
people – **than the Bible believing Christian**

Israel is God's **Centerpiece** in World History

OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ON **POLITICS AND ISRAEL ?**

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN A HOSTILE AGE

1.) God's message to the world - Israel

Past, Present & Future – Is all about Israel

The Biblical / Historical / Reality of Israel
No other nation in the history of man has been recreated except Israel.

Is. 66:8

Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

... and in 11 minutes president Harry Truman acknowledged Israel because Truman knew about Israel's God.

To acknowledge Israel you must acknowledge the God of Israel Who is Himself the God of the Bible – The Bible which acknowledges the existence of Israel.

“Israel has no historical roots in the Middle East.”

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
United Nations General Assembly September 25, 2012

If you ask Mahmoud who should be living there he will say “the Palestinians” – the only problem is that there has never been a Palestinian nation or people. There has never been a Palestinian coin or flag or king or land in all of history.

The term Palestine and Palestinian was an invention by an Italian named Hadrian in 135 ad. Roman Emperor Hadrian hated the Jews.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Roman Emperor Hadrian declared the Jewish People cursed and issued a decree that Judea should be remembered no more and so thus must be called "Palestine" after the Philistines, the ancient enemy of Israel that had disappeared from the world's stage more than 600 years earlier. It was his final twist of the knife and legacy after wars, massacres, persecutions, and exiles that had largely extinguished the Jewish presence from all of Judea.

Figure 12.3 Israel in History Chart

Genesis chapter 10 records the people-states that lived in the ancient world.

Gen. 15:18-21

On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, **from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates** - :19 the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, :20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, :21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Mark This Down Well;

It is true that all these para-sites lived in the land prior to Abraham. But when the God who created the land says He has a plan – He means it.

It was God's plan to create a nation built on a Promise.
The flesh comes first – then the things of the spirit.

Gen. 17:7-8

And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. :8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

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2.) God's witness to the world - Jews

if winning the **Nobel prize** was based upon an ethnic group, then we'd all wanna be Jews. Members of the Jewish race have won more Nobel prizes and awards in science, economics, the arts, technology and lead the world in patents. – why?

God has blessed the Jewish people and will bless them.

Oil & Gas

The Israel Test

By George Gilder

Author George Gilder points out the remarkable results that come upon a nation or a people who "pass" what Gilder calls "**The Israel Test**" in his 2009 book by the same title.

**Most Persecuted / Most Hated / Most Segregated /
And yet the Most Envied people on earth.**

Is. 49:7-9

Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.” :8 Thus says the LORD: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate places; :9 That You may say to the prisoners, “Go forth,’ To those who *are* in darkness, “Show yourselves.’ ‘They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures *shall be* on the desolate heights.

The Jewish People & The Jewish State to Come
(after the great tribulation period –Messiah will return)

Jer. 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - :32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. :33 But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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3.) God's promise to the world - Blessing

**world history began in what is called
the cradle of civilization.**

We know exactly where that was and what has become of it.
We also know that out of that region of the world a man was chosen by God.
The man Abraham was called out of Ur of the Chaldeans, a polytheistic, pagan worshipping culture to follow a God that told him that He was in fact the One and Only God that exists. – a nation was born by a promise.

Gen. 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. :2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. :3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Israelology: *The Biblical science of Israel's existence and future*

Is Israel a Great Nation Today ?

Is. 27:6b

...Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

Oil and Gas Discoveries

<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/23405/Default.aspx?ref=newsletter-20120925>

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4.) God's warning to the world - Jerusalem

Zech. 12:1-3 NIV

This is the word of the LORD concerning **Israel**. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares: :2 "*I am going to make **Jerusalem** a cup that sends all the surrounding nations reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as **Jerusalem**.* :3 *On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make **Jerusalem** an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.*

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According to the Bible, Jesus Christ will physically return to earth in what is called the Second Coming. This event will be witnessed by every human being on earth at that time. He will physically enter the city of Jerusalem and declare His Kingdom Reign.

American history is unlike any other nation on earth.

We were once the **richest** nation on earth
We were once the most **powerful** nation on earth
We were once the most **productive** nation on earth
We were once the highest **educated** nation on earth
We were once the most **innovative** nation on earth

(I believe that our decline is due to the apathy of America's Christians today)

Benjamin Franklin's Great Seal Design

In the story of America's Great Seal, a particularly relevant chapter is the imagery suggested by Benjamin Franklin in August 1776. He chose the dramatic historical scene described in Exodus, where people confronted a tyrant in order to gain their freedom.

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5.) God's wages to the world - Judgment

Joel 3:1-3

"For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, :2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations. They have also divided up My land. :3 They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

American foreign policy has been heading
down a dangerous path that will result in calamity for us as a nation.

“Just Noise” - Obama

<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/23403/Default.aspx?ref=newsletter-20120925>

Psa. 83:2-5

For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. :3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. :4 They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” :5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

In this coming election and in every election;

Christians must not vote their conscience. They must not vote their party. They must not vote their wallet - They must and can only vote their Bible.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

End of Study

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