

Perspective on the Decline-Or Is It the Rise? of the American Empire. Part 2

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Perspective on the Decline-Or Is It the Rise?- of the American Empire. Today is part two of that topic right here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a listener supported radio ministry. You can connect with us by visiting our website, TheChristianWorldview.org, calling toll free 1-888-646-2233 or writing to Box 401, Excelsior, Minnesota 55331.

The prophet Isaiah spoke the following about God's control over nations and rulers. *"He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble."* That's a portion from Isaiah chapter 40.

Last week, Christian journalist Alex Newman joined us to discuss whether the United States is withering and in decline like other great empires in history. He pointed to the rampant immorality of our nation, whether heterosexual, homosexual, transvestism, abortion, the exorbitant spending and debt of our nation and the growing rejection of our constitutional values as common markers of empire declined throughout history. The other possibility is that the American Empire is not declining, but actually rising to be the leader of the global empire described in Revelation-the evil world system of, "Babylon the Great," that Christ will return to destroy someday.

This week in part two, Alex will discuss more markers of American Empire decline, such as uncontrolled immigration and the unequal administration of justice. The Bible is clear that the future does not revolve around the United States, but around God's chosen nation, Israel and the Jewish people. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes: *"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery. . .that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved."* That's from Romans, chapter 11,;25-26.

Does he mean that Israel and the Jews who, despite being back in their historic homeland are living in rejection of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, will someday be saved? Yes, that's exactly what he

means and what the final book of the Bible, Revelation, describes. In light of that truth, we will also hear the first part of an interview with Chris Katulka, radio host for The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. This is a long-time organization which seeks to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the Jewish people. Chris will explain the history of modern-day Israel and the Palestinians and many more dynamics taking place there and around the world.

Before we get to the second part of the interview to start the program with Alex Newman, we're going to play a couple minutes from a recent commentary by Sean Hannity of Fox News Channel, where he goes point by point through some major threats that our country is facing both at home and abroad. It's not a biblical analysis, especially as it relates to prophecy in Israel. It's interesting to note that he and other political conservatives see our country in a very tenuous state.

Audio Sound Bite: Sean Hannity 04:13

Welcome to Hannity, and also welcome to Biden's disaster of America. Now, tonight Israeli soldiers, they are on the ground in Gaza battling Hamas. Other units from the IDF, they are clashing with Hezbollah and Lebanon. Americans and hundreds of others, they are still being held hostage underground in Gaza, a network of 300 miles of underground terror tunnels to kill Israelis and to take them hostage. That is the war that Hamas has been waging against Israel. This is your state of the world under your President, Joe Biden. And another massive war still raging close by with 100s of 1000s dead in Ukraine, and millions to put this place, and Joe wanting to basically fight a proxy war with Russia and not causing Europe to pay their fair share.

Back at home, what's going on here? China is buying up acres, 1000s of acres of farmland and ranch land in our country and near US military installations, all while threatening our allies and our soldiers in the Pacific when they are not flying their spy balloons gathering intel over our military bases, or confronting our fighter jets in international airspace, or our Navy in international waters. Well, this is what the Chinese do, and they're getting away with it.

Meanwhile, look at the economy. Inflation is through the roof. Houses now are unaffordable, over 8% for a 30 year fixed rate mortgage. And in our country, a level of anti semitism, outright left wing bigotry and hatred, it is on the rise in a way I never thought I'd see in my lifetime, and I doubt many of you thought you'd see in yours. And by the way, have you noticed the border is an utter disaster?

Under Joe Biden, over 8 million illegal immigrants will cross into this country by the end of this year, maybe as high as 9, maybe as high as 10 million. That is roughly the population of New York City.

This is your State of the Union under Joe Biden, your President. This includes by the way, at our border, 659 people from Iran. Why are Iranians coming to our border? 538 from Syria, along with 1000s of other special interest aliens from the Middle East. Why are they coming here? Who's paying for them to come here? Why isn't there any real vetting of the people crossing that border? But as I'll tell you right now, the next 9/11 is almost certainly being plotted and planned from inside our country

Host: David Wheaton 06:36

Again, that was Sean Hannity, basically saying the world is on fire and America is weak, blaming it on the leftist policies of the Biden administration. Now, just leaving the political blame aside for a second, the point for the purposes of this program is that there are world changing wars taking place between Russia and Ukraine and with Israel and surrounding enemies. There are major problems domestically with China, with immigration and other existential threats to our country.

But now let's bring some biblical analysis to it in Part two of our conversation with Christian journalist, Alex Newman, as he explains other key markers to the ones he elaborated on last week of an American empire in decline, such as unfettered immigration and an unjust justice system.

This next topic, we'll talk about Alex is immigration. According to the Highland County Press, the number of illegal border crossings at the northern and southern borders of America and all ports of entry, not just the southern border, since January 2021, totals more than 8 million people, which is greater than the individual populations of 38 US states. That's just two and a half years ago. When an empire, Alex, can't control its border, and people are just rushing in, the taxing of a system, the crime, everything else is very devastating to a society, to an empire.

By the way, so called religious organizations are spearheading this illegal immigration. The website, revolver.news, actually did a story on this. They said in this column, "Who are the types of people welcoming immigrants into our country? It may surprise readers to learn that ostensibly Christian charities are responsible for bringing foreigners to small towns throughout America. Have you noticed that a lot of this resettlement is done in small towns?"

The government works with nine volunteer agencies for refugee resettlement, five of which are nominally Christian. The nine are; Church World Service, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Ethiopian Community Development Council, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, United

States Conference of Catholic Bishops, they're a big one, and finally, World Relief, another ostensibly Christian organization." The article goes on to say, "Much attention is paid to the Catholic Charities and their efforts to aid migrants, legal and illegal in America. Less attention is paid to the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, a group that was instrumental in bringing Somalis to Minnesota. One of those Somalis incidentally is a terrorist sympathizing Congresswoman, Ilhan Omar, from Minnesota.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, like the other charities, isn't a mere nonprofit. It's an appendage of the US government. Over 80% of its funding comes from the federal government. In 2018, it received over \$41 million in state assistance. That's just the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. The other agencies, with the exception of one of them, also received the majority of their funding from the federal government. The Lutheran Services proclaims itself as guided by a fundamental Christian purpose. It's description on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's website, ELCA, reads, We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities, pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people. This is an obviously theologically liberal worldview that brings in migrants, doesn't matter who they are, where they come from, who don't ascribe to constitutional American values, and the result is obvious. There'll be division in the country and the dilution of American values.

This is a worldview of globalism. The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service isn't even run by a Christian. Its current President and CEO is Krishanti Vignarajah, a Hindu woman with impeccable globalist credentials. She was born in Sri Lanka and came to the US as a child. She has degrees from Yale and Oxford. Later on, she became a high ranking staffer in the Obama administration. She worked as a senior adviser to Hillary Clinton and John Kerry at the State Department. She finished her time in the administration as Michelle Obama's policy director."

Alex, after reading all of that, it may seem obvious, but what is the purpose behind letting so many unvetted people, immigrants, into this country, especially when you see the videos it seems like most of them are just young males? Now, some Americans will say, well, these will be workers to do jobs that Americans won't do. But these numbers are just, I think, incomprehensible to even try to fathom how this is going to impact our empire.

Guest: Alex Newman 11:47

There are several critical factors at work here, David. I think there are different interest groups that are being supportive of this. In many cases, naively, because they think it's in their interest. You have

the teachers unions. They recognize that families are fleeing the government school system. They recognize that the number of children being born is now significantly smaller than it was in previous generations. They're saying, Hey, we're going to have to downsize our government school system, we're going to have to have layoffs. So the teachers unions are thinking, Oh, this will be great, we'll just let in a bunch of illegal immigrants. We'll have butts in the seats, that means our funding will stay high for the government school system. So they're in support of this.

You have many of the major companies in bed with the World Economic Forum thinking. Oh, this will be great for cheap labor. It will drive down the cost of labor. We won't have to pay Americans \$20 an hour to do something because we can hire some illegal immigrants and they'll do it for \$10 an hour. So that'll help us increase our profits at the end of the year. I think these are very superficial reasons. I've also spent some time and I've interviewed repeatedly, the former head of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Tom Homan.

I've interviewed Mark Morgan, former head of Customs and Border Protection. I asked him, Why do you think this is happening? They both suggested that really, this is political. The Democrats realize that their coalition is falling apart, more and more people are leaving the Democrat Party, and so they need new voters. There's probably truth to that. I don't want to deny that at all. These are very smart men who served at the highest levels in this issue of border security.

But, there's much more going on here. I think it goes back to some of what we talked about earlier. God is the one who divided mankind into nations. That was part of His design in this fallen world. We're witnessing here an effort first of all, to undermine the nation state. I saw this so clearly living in Europe, David. I spent many years living in Europe. Most recently I was living in Sweden, which was really ground zero for mass immigration. The Swedish government while I was living there, just opened up the border and said, Anybody who gets here and says they're from Syria can have a permanent residence card.

A third of the population of Sweden now is foreign born. Most of these are coming from the Islamic world, Africa, the Middle East. This is now true all across Europe. You look at London, for example, Brits are a minority in their own capital city. They now have a Muslim mayor. For the first time in 1000 years, they have a pagan leader for their country. People haven't been talking about this. This is hugely significant. In Frankfurt, one of the great cities of Germany, Germans are in the minority. In Malmo, Sweden, Swedes are in the minority. In Brussels, Belgians are a tiny minority. They make up like less than 1/4 of the population of their own capital city now, and this is all by design. What

happens is, people wake up and they say, Hey, I'm surrounded by people who don't speak the same language as me, don't have anything in common with me. They don't have the same culture as me. They don't have the same values as me. They don't have the same religious heritage as me. Why do we have these arbitrary imaginary lines on the map saying that this is Sweden, or this is Germany or this is France?

We'll just be Europeans under the European Union, and then eventually, one world. We'll just be one human family under a global system, and that's not speculation. They say this pretty openly. The UN migrations czar, Peter Sutherland, who is now passed away, used to be a big executive at Goldman Sachs. He actually said that part of the reason they're doing this, is because they want to undermine these old shibboleths, the idea of national sovereignty, these historic memories that we have of our own country.

Another critical factor here is in an effort to de-Christianize what used to be known as Christendom, David, and we see this so clearly. I saw it so clearly in Sweden. It could not have been more obvious. You have the apostate Lutheran Church of Sweden, a lesbian bishop who runs it saying, We need to take down all the crosses from the churches so that we don't offend these new Muslim arrivals. We need to build Muslim prayer rooms in our churches facing Mecca so that these new arrivals can worship God, their god. I suppose, although she didn't put it that way, in our churches. We're seeing now this very rapid de-Christianization. They now want to take the crosses off the Scandinavian flags. They want to take the cross off the flag of Switzerland because now we're a multicultural society and the cross isn't representative of who we are.

They took down the crosses from all the public school classrooms in Italy, because well, there's so many Muslims now and, you know, we need to be representative. Now they don't have Christmas markets in many of the major European cities. And these are historic. They've been there for hundreds of years. Now they're called, Winter Wonderland Markets. So we're watching the rapid deChristianization of what used to be known as Christendom. The Christian heritage and the legal system is being deliberately destroyed. The Christian cultural heritage is being deliberately destroyed. So to summarize, I believe the reason we're seeing this mass migration, they're encouraging it by blowing up all these countries.

Look what they did to Libya, look what they did to Syria, look what they did to Iraq. I mean, our government did these things. So they bombed these countries to smithereens. They blow up all their infrastructure, and they say, oh, but don't worry, you can come to Germany, you can come to

Sweden, you can come to the United States, you can come to Canada. This is like an arsonist burning down somebody's home and then inviting them to live in yours and pretending to be humanitarian. I mean, it's a crime, not humanitarian, but that's what they're doing.

The reason they're doing it, David, I think the two most important reasons, 1.) de-Christianize the nation's and 2.) undermine the nation's. Now the United States specifically, there's an added element here. The Biden administration knows that we have massive numbers of special operations forces from the People's Liberation Army of China coming across our border. They know that we have massive numbers of highly trained jihadists coming across the border. Now a lot of these are sleeper cells. They're going to get jobs as busboys, as waiters, as cooks, as janitors, and they're keeping their heads down. They're not even getting speeding tickets. When the time is right, they've got the blueprints for our water treatment facilities, our power stations, and for our critical infrastructure. I believe when the time is right, they will be activated. They will try to unleash chaos in this country and so, again, to go back to what we were saying earlier, I think it would be prudent for people to prepare for things to get rocky.

Host: David Wheaton 17:32

Alex Newman is our guest today, a journalist and CEO of Liberty Sentinel Media. You can find links to his work at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. We're talking about, Perspective on the Decline-or is it the rise?-of the American Empire? We have more coming up with Alex after this break to tell you about some ministry resources. You're listening to The Christian Worldview Radio Program. I'm David Wheaton.

Featured Resource: Knowing the Spirit 17:54

When Jesus is laying out the Holy Spirit's job description in John 16, and He says, "it's to your advantage that I go," think about that for just a second. Jesus, the Christ tells His disciples, it's actually advantageous that I go. They are thinking, What? We don't want you to go. Who could be better for us? What does He then explain?

That was pastor Costi Hinn who was raised in and then saved from the distortions of the Holy Spirit that are so prevalent today. Costi's new book, *Knowing the Spirit: Who He Is, What He Does, and How He Can Transform Your Christian Life*, graciously clarifies truth from error and is available for a donation of any amount to The Christian Worldview. To order this 261 page, softcover book that retails for \$19.99, go to TheChristianWorldview.org or call toll free 1-888-646-2233, or write to Box 401 Excelsior, Minnesota 55331.

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Alex, let me give an example of how immigration from those from different religions and different cultures impacts a nation. This from Wikipedia. Humza Haroon Yousaf, is a Scottish politician who has served as First Minister of Scotland since March 2023. That is the top political position in Scotland. Now listen to his background. Born to Pakistani immigrants in Glasgow, Yousaf studied politics at the University of Glasgow, before working as a Parliamentary Assistant for Bashir Ahmad, the first Muslim and second generation immigrant elected to the Scottish Parliament. Yousaf was appointed First Minister on March 29, 2023, becoming the youngest person, the first Scottish Asian and the first Muslim to serve in office. Here's what he said back in 2020, when he was Justice Minister of Scotland, shaming the nation for white people holding the major leadership positions in Scotland.

Audio Sound Bite: Humza Youssaf [21:32](#)

Every high court judge, white. The Lord Advocate, white. The Solicitor General, white. The Chief Constable, white. Every Deputy Chief Constable, white. Every Assistant Chief Constable, white. The head of the Law Society, white. The head of the faculty of advocates, white. Every present governor, white. And not just Justice. The Chief Medical Officer, white. The chief nursing officer, white. The Chief Veterinary Officer, white. The Chief Social Work advisor, white. Almost every trade union in this

country headed by people who are white. And the Scottish Government, as the Director General, is white. Every chair of every public body is white.

Host: David Wheaton 22:13

Again, this is the man, a Muslim man, who holds the highest political position in Scotland, an historic Christian country and white country. I've never heard him say anything about Gaza, where his wife's in-laws live, shaming them for having Arabs and Muslims as leaders of that territory. But this is not merely the result of welcoming in Muslim immigrants who oppose your nation's values. Because at this point, at least in Scotland, there wouldn't be enough of them to elect someone like this to the highest office in Scotland. This is even more about the loss of a biblical worldview in this once Christian nation of Scotland, once known for the great reformer, John Knox, and the many martyrs who died standing against the Roman Catholic Church and state religion.

This is actually the self destructive effect of Critical Race Theory or Marxism of the elite Scots who believe the lie that they are white Christian oppressors, and to atone for that they must implement diversity, equity and inclusion, multiculturalism, and other humanistic ideologies. Therefore have non-Christian, non-whites rule over them and shame them as their first minister did back in 2020.

Alex, I want to talk about one other pillar of society that if it doesn't operate right, well, what kind of country do you really have? The election system and the justice system. Recently, it just came out that an attorney, I'll read the article from Fox here, it says, On Tuesday, Jenna Ellis, who's well known in the Christian community, she's a Christian, she actually represented John MacArthur in their case against, I think it was the county of Los Angeles as they tried to shut that church down, but she also represented former President Donald Trump in the election contests saying that the election wasn't free and fair.

According to this article, Jen Ellis' attorneys informed judge Scott McAfee that Ellis intended to plead guilty which she did do to aiding and abetting false statements in writing and both were present in a courtroom hearing when a teary eyed Ellis read from a prepared typed statement admitting her fault. She said, "As an attorney who is also a Christian, I take my responsibilities as a lawyer very seriously and I endeavor to be a person of sound moral and ethical character in all my dealings. In the wake of the 2020 presidential election, I believed that challenging the results on behalf of President Trump should be pursued in a a just and legal way."

"I endeavored to represent my client to the best of my ability." She continued saying she worked closely with other lawyers who provided her with information that she then told the media, "What I did not do but I should, was make sure the facts that the other lawyers alleged to be true, we're in fact true. In the frenetic pace of attempting to raise challenges to the election in several states, including Georgia, I failed to do my due diligence."

She was charged with subsequently pleading guilty to a felony court of aiding and abetting false statements and writings. It carries a minimum of one year in prison. As part of the plea deal, because she pleaded guilty, Ellis will have to serve five years probation and pay \$5,000 in restitution to the Georgia Secretary of State within 30 days.

Alex, looking back at this time after the election, of course no one has a handle on exactly what took place, but we looked at the discrepancies within the election, the number of votes that Joe Biden actually got, there was the most in presidential history. We looked at other markers. We saw the movie, *2000 Mules* by Dinesh D'Souza and you put all these things together and our conclusion was, well, you just can't be 100% sure.

It just seems that the preponderance of evidence showed that this election may have been fraudulently won, or tipped Biden's way because of lots of different factors. And yet, we find this out that these attorneys and people involved with President Trump have all been indicted in Georgia and other places. And now four of them have admitted guilt, pleading guilty to, I guess, obstructing the truthfulness behind their claims of election fraud. I'm sure you have some thoughts about the last election. Then how do we interpret these plea deals in light of what we know took place or what we think could have taken place during the last election?

Guest: Alex Newman 26:34

Yes, this is a really important question, David, that touches on several issues that are critical for people to understand. I'll start off by saying, first of all, I know some of these people who have been indicted. I know them personally. I've known them for years. So I have that additional complication there. What is happening is the justice system has been absolutely weaponized.

That's not just true at the federal level. Unfortunately, that's true even in many Republican states, as we're seeing in Georgia right now. I believe this is a rogue prosecutor who is conspiring with other forces in Washington DC and other places to infringe on the constitutionally protected rights of these so called defendants. But the reality is, David, and some of these defendants will tell you this,

they know that in this rigged system, when you have a jury pool that is 90% radicalized against Donald Trump, that it has been watching CNN and nothing but CNN or MSNBC or something like this, the chances of actually prevailing in a trial are very, very low. The same is true with juries in Washington DC, the same is true with juries in Manhattan.

That's why I believe some of these jurisdictions were chosen to file these charges, because they knew that they could either get these people to plea out or they could get them convicted in a court case. So this is very unfortunate. I do believe and I think the evidence is very clear and overwhelming. In fact, most Americans believe if you look at the polling data, most Americans believe that the 2020 election was marred by fraud that affected the outcome. So that's not a minority position. Most Americans believe that, and so do the people who were indicted in this case in Georgia, but the reality is they are being threatened.

This extends to criminal cases all across this country. This is I think, one of the biggest problems that has developed in our justice system. Local, state and federal. These prosecutors are terrorizing defendants. They're telling them look, if you don't take this deal, we're going to take this to trial and you're going to do 100 years in prison. Your life is over. But if you plead guilty, we can do this the easy way, and then you'll just pay a fine.

That gives the media the opportunity to say look, they pled guilty. See, we were right. It gives the system what it needs, which is these guilty pleas so that they can modify and distort history going forward, so that they can take out some of Donald Trump and others of his closest allies. It sends an incredible message to every other attorney, everybody else that may decide at some point in the future that they want to be involved in saving our country. Look, if you try this, you're going to lose your law license, you may end up going to jail, or having to plead guilty in a raid case like this.

This is a terrible travesty what's happened. I don't blame Jenna Ellis for taking the plea deal. In a situation like that, I think many of us would have done the same thing. Who among us can say, hey, that's alright, take me away from my family for 10 years, 20 years so that I don't have to plead guilty? It's impossible for us to cast judgment on her or the others who pled guilty. Sidney Powell, etc. Completely understand where they're coming from. This is a deficiency in the legal system that has to be addressed. We've got to get control of this before many, many more innocent people have their lives destroyed in this manner.

Host: David Wheaton 29:39

So the left wins then. In other words, you're signing away that you were right, we were wrong. The election was truthful and fair, and Biden is our legitimate President. There's nothing to see here. I guess it seems to me if you don't think you did anything wrong, why would these people be pleading? I know why they're doing it, to not have to go to jail, but I can see that's a very tough situation to be in, but where does that leave the country when you do that?

Guest: Alex Newman 30:08

This is not just this case, David. This is happening every day in courtrooms all across America. Prosecutors are threatening defendants with massive jail sentences unless they take a plea deal. All across this country, we have enormous numbers of innocent people who are pleading guilty to charges, because they know that the alternative is a very long jail sentence. We've got to get this under control. This is at every level of government. It's at the federal, it's at the state and it's at the local. Unfortunately, it is not limited just to these cases here.

Most of the cases you'll never read about. It's some kid that may have gotten scooped up on a minor drug charge or some person who may have been attacked on a minor tax charge. Even if they believe they're innocent, they're looking at this objectively and saying, I could spend \$100,000, and still very likely spend the next 20 years in jail, or I could plead guilty, get out with some probation, pay a few court costs and get back to my life. It's a very simple decision for most people, even though they're not guilty. The alternative, fighting this, is unthinkable because the stakes are so high. We've got to stop this.

Host: David Wheaton 31:12

That really seems like a sign of a decline and collapse of an empire, when there's a two tiered targeted justice system. Alex, in the last couple of minutes we have here, looking at these various things we've discussed today, economics, military, immigration, societal division, elections and the justice system, these pillars that hold up a society and we see the cracks, the crumbling of the foundations here, conclude our conversation today with an exhortation for Christians listening. That we're called to be at peace. We're called to trust God. We're not called to live in fear of what's going to happen to our nation. We know the nation's come and go. What should Christians be thinking and doing in light of all that you've said today?

Guest: Alex Newman 31:58

It's an excellent question, David. I want to build on what you just said about fear. It is completely inappropriate for us to experience fear at this time, it's not unjustified, but God has not given us a spirit of fear. That's what we learned in 2 Timothy 1:7. The Bible repeatedly commands us not to have fear. In fact, I preached a whole sermon on this one time. If you go to Numbers 13 and 14, you can get a sense of how God feels about fear among his people. He had just led them out of Egypt, and they were scared of going in and doing what He had told them to do, Go take over this land. God literally is ready to destroy His people over this. So Moses intervenes and pleads with Him and says, God, please don't destroy your people, all the Egyptians are going to look at that and say, Look, He took them out of Egypt just to go destroy them in the desert. But God takes us really, really seriously. We must not succumb to a spirit of fear. We must be bold as a lion. That I think is just absolutely critical.

We need to understand that God is sovereign, God has all of it under control. That doesn't mean life is going to be in this world, daisies, butterflies, and rainbows. In fact, God promises us that if we live righteously in Christ Jesus, we shall be persecuted. But in this time, a lot of people are looking at prophecy. A lot of people are looking into eschatology, and that's good. The Bible is filled with prophecy. The Bible is filled with information on where this is all going. So we should be studying that.

One thing that I have found so commonly in the church in the United States is this consistent pessimism. Oh, the Antichrist. Oh, the satanic one world government and the mark of the beast. What are we going to do? I understand that and I sympathize with that, but we need to look a little bit past that, right? We know what's coming after that. We know that Jesus Christ is going to return. We know that He is going to come with a sword. He is going to crush the evil that has proliferated. We know that He's going to make His enemies into a footstool. We know that the gates of hell are never going to prevail against the church.

The apostle Paul says in Romans 16, The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. That was applicable back then. If you learn about how the gospel spread through the pagan nations of Europe, the Middle East, even into Asia, what you see is God was taking down these strongholds, taking down these demonic powers and principalities, as the gospel of Jesus Christ went forth, and he's going to do it again.

So we need to be encouraged, folks. We need to be of good cheer. We need to be doing what God has told us to do. Each of us has different talents, different skills, different areas where God has called us to serve, but we all have the same mission. We are to go out and make disciples of all nations. We're to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we are to teach them to obey everything that he commanded us. Folks, just look past the immediate future. God is already victorious. Satan is already defeated. We just need to do what we're called to do. The battle doesn't depend on what we do. The battle doesn't depend on our efforts, and thank God for that. God's got it all under control. We just need to do our part as he leads us.

Host: David Wheaton 35:03

Yes. Alex, we appreciate that you're doing your part with all the ways you're informing people about what is going on in the world. We appreciate the gifts that you're using in all these various ways. Thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview today. All of God's peace and grace to you and your family and all you're doing at Liberty Sentinel Media. Thank you for coming on the program.

Guest: Alex Newman 35:25

Thank you so much for having me, David. It's really an honor and a pleasure. Thank you for what you are doing. God bless you and your family and all the listeners. God bless you and be encouraged. God's got it.

Host: David Wheaton 35:34

He certainly does. All right, let's take a brief pause to tell you about some ministry resources. When we return, we'll talk about Israel. Much more coming up on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. I'm David Wheaton.

Featured Resource: Essential Church Movie 35:48

God's truth is enduringly true throughout all the generations. It transcends culture. The church is always going to be an embattled people. If it's swimming with the tide, it's not being the Church of Jesus Christ. Look to the past, learn from the past, because the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

That was from the just released documentary, The Essential Church, which chronicles how three churches followed God's command to gather during the pandemic rather than comply with arbitrary government mandates. Normal retail is \$12.99 plus shipping for this two hour film. For a limited time, you can order the DVD for a donation of any amount to The Christian Worldview. Order at

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Featured Resource: Knowing the Spirit 36:47

When Jesus is laying out the Holy Spirit's job description in John 16, and He says, "it's to your advantage that I go," think about that for just a second. Jesus, the Christ tells His disciples, it's actually advantageous that I go. They are thinking, What? We don't want you to go. Who could be better for us? What does He then explain?

That was pastor Costi Hinn who was raised in and then saved from the distortions of the Holy Spirit that are so prevalent today. Costi's new book, *Knowing the Spirit: Who He Is, What He Does, and How He Can Transform Your Christian Life*, graciously clarifies truth from error and is available for a donation of any amount to The Christian Worldview. To order this 261 page, softcover book that retails for \$19.99, go to TheChristianWorldview.org or call toll free 1-888-646-2233, or write to Box 401 Excelsior, Minnesota 55331. Welcome back to The Christian Worldview. I'm David Wheaton. Be sure to visit our website, TheChristian worldview.org where you can subscribe to our free weekly email and annual print letter, order resources for adults and children and support the ministry.

Host: David Wheaton

In this final segment, Chris Katulka, radio host of Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, joins us to correct the misinformation and disinformation about Israel that is so prevalent today, and how God is keeping his promises despite a Jewish people who currently mostly reject Him. Chris, let's start off with a foundational point of history. Could you walk us through some of the most significant events for the modern day state of Israel, and also mentioning some of the most common misconceptions?

Guest: Chris Katulka 38:43

Even today with what's going on with the war between Israel and Hamas and the rise of anti semitism and anti Zionism which is the hatred of the State of Israel, one of the things that you're seeing a lot of is the signs that say, Israel is a bunch of colonialists. They're colonialists trying to kick the Palestinians out of the land. Well, I just want to remind the listeners that really, the Jewish people have been present in the Holy Land dating back to the times of Jesus and even before we have record of Jewish people being in the land as early as Joshua's time, just as the Bible had said, and so it's really important to understand that they're not colonialists. The Jewish people wanted to return to the land for 2000 years. There was always a remnant of Jewish people living in the land.

But the idea of Jewish people coming back to live in the Holy Land from all over, that really happened in the mid 1850s and 1800s by a man named Theodore Herzl. He really began the process of bringing back a call for the Jewish people to return because he saw the anti semitism rising in Europe as early as the 1800s. He actually saw the Holocaust coming. So one of the major moments in Israel's pre state history goes back to the time of the late 1800s when Theodor Herzl organized the first Zionist Congress when he gathered Jewish people and Christians from all over the world and said, We need to have a homeland in our ancient homeland, Israel.

Almost 50 years later, in 1947, the UN approved what was called the Partition Plan, UN 181. They partitioned the land. A land for the Jewish people and the land for the Palestinians. That is what gave way to Israel's independence in 1948. Those are very important moments in Israel's history leading up to their independence. But since then, they've been at war with the surrounding neighbors that they have. There's the Independence War when they were outnumbered 10 to 1, outgunned 10 to 1, and yet they survived and thrived. In 1967, again, all of the nations surrounding them attempted to push them into the sea. Once again, outnumbered 10 to 1, they not only were able to win the Six Day War in 1967, they actually acquired the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, what we know as the West Bank, or what Jewish people in Israel called Judea, Samaria, and the Golan Heights. They quadrupled the size of their country, and they've been giving it back over time for land for peace. Then again, in 1973, the Yom Kippur War is another big one, when Syria and Egypt again try to attack Israel, but all along the way, they've been able to defeat their enemies, even when it seemed like they were bound to lose.

So those are some very important moments along the way, plus the development of the State of Israel, the end gathering of Jewish people coming back to the land. If you go back and look at the records of the population in the late 1800s, early 1900s, most of the Jewish people lived in Eastern Europe. Today, the majority of Jewish people live in Israel. There are about seven and a half million Jewish people who live in Israel today. Then the rest pretty much live in the United States. Then there's communities all throughout Europe, South America, and Canada. But there has been a massive migration that's happened in about 80 years time and most of the Jewish people have returned to Israel, many of them are there.

Host: David Wheaton 41:56

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had mentioned about the world perception of Israel, Chris. I'd like to read a couple paragraphs from a column that you have on the Friends of Israel website.

The article says, Palestinian supporters justify the more than 1000 murders of Hamas recently, by citing a corrupted version of history that you just gave, in which Hamas is a righteous voice for oppressed Palestinians who have been trampled by the racist apartheid state of Israel. Palestinian leaders have tried to brand Israel as a colonialist, as you just mentioned, an occupying force, leading people to believe they can enact social justice (we've heard that word a lot in America) by persecuting the nation of Israel.

Hamas attempts to make Palestinian terrorists synonymous with the US Civil Rights Movement, creating a dangerous false equivalency that emboldens people with little knowledge of Israel to call for its annihilation. We're seeing that all over America, college campuses, even members of Congress and so forth. Too many rebels without a cause, the article goes on to say, have foolishly hitched their wagon to the Palestinians, believing them to be enslaved to Israel. So they condemn Israel and praise terrorists, even when the facts that validate the Jewish states justice are right in front of them. That was from an article off the Friends of Israel website.

Some of these things being thrown out today, tell a lie enough and people start to believe it. That Israel, the Jewish people, are occupiers of Palestinian land. That Israel isn't an apartheid state, they're a colonialist power. They're committing genocide of Palestinians. In other words, the extinction of another people group. There's a big narrative battle going on here. You see it all the time. And with regard to the most important issue like, whose land is it? Israel, of course, lays their claim on the land historically. The Palestinians and their supporters claim the land. This is not going to be resolved, Chris, with one side convincing the other have some historical argument as to who was at the land first and so forth. How do you reconcile this irreconcilable difference in whose land is it and all these false claims made toward the nation of Israel?

Guest: Chris Katulka 44:37

One of the misconceptions that people have and they're taught this through their Universities and Colleges, which as we can see today, as a result of the Israel Hamas war is no help to the truth when it comes to Israel and the Jewish people. One of the things that they're teaching is that Israel is an apartheid state, and they oppress the Palestinians. Well, they don't actually look at the statistics and they don't look at the truth. You can't have a group of people like the Palestinians be claimed to be ethnically cleansed, as they like to say, when they're actually growing in number. You can't ethnically

cleanse somebody when their population has grown significantly over the past several decades. That's like actual numbers. When you look at what's going on in Gaza, it was not actually the way that Israel intended this all to be. You have to go back to what happened in 2005.

The Palestinians have been screaming to create a state for themselves since the 1950s and 60s. So what happens is they've been crying for their own statehood, Israel robbed us of statehood. Well, actually, Israel for several years have been offering a state to the Palestinians. If you go back to 1947, I told you about the Partition Plan of UN 181, that was called a Partition Plan. It partitioned the Land of Israel and gave a section of it to the Israelis and it gave a section of it to the Palestinians. What happened is the Israelis said, Yes, we'll take it. The Palestinians and the Arab world said no. Well, that's the first time they turned down a Palestinian state. The next time they did it was in 2000 when it was offered to them during the Bill Clinton administration. When they all came together, they were about to shake hands. It was Yasser Arafat, Ehud Barak, and President Bill Clinton. what happened? Just as they were about to shake hands, Yasser Arafat said, We don't want this deal, and it shocked everybody.

Then in 2008, Ehud Omar, the Prime Minister of Israel, was going to help develop a Palestinian state, nearly give all of the land, I think even East Jerusalem as a capital, and the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said, No, thank you. it's not as though the Palestinians haven't had an opportunity to develop a state. In 2005, Arielle Sharon, the Prime Minister wanted to give the Gaza strip which Israel controlled, over to the Palestinians to build for themselves a state. And he did. He unilaterally ripped I think 8000 Israelis out of the Gaza Strip. He said you have to leave your homes that you've lived in for nearly 40 years there and all of your economy and the jobs that you have, you have to leave all that. We're going to move you somewhere else, so that we can give this land to the Palestinians to create a state.

Well, you know what happened when the Palestinians came in? They were given a key to a very lucrative business. A horticulture business an agricultural business that the Israelis had built. They were given the key to be able to build something and to make a life for themselves and a state for themselves and what ended up happening? They burned it all to the ground. Then on top of that, they elected, the Palestinians elected Hamas to rule. Hamas, they didn't just come in and take control, they were elected by the Palestinians, a terrorist organization to govern them. So again, there's these misconceptions. There were no fences between Gaza and Israel prior to 2005, 2006. There were no fences. There were no border crossings. That happened because they elected Hamas as a governing body. It was a terrorist organization. Then they started launching rockets from Gaza

into Israel. Since 2006 until today, 25,000 plus rockets have been launched over. It's a misconception that the Palestinians are these abused people by the Israelis. In fact, Palestinians are treated much better in Israel and in the Palestinian territories than they are in their surrounding countries like Lebanon. Lebanon doesn't want Palestinians there. Syrians, they hate Palestinians. They've killed Palestinians. Down in Egypt, have you ever noticed they're not letting Palestinians just flow into Egypt? Egypt has their border cut off with Gaza because they don't want Palestinians in the Sinai Peninsula. Why? You'd think that's where they might go. That's their brothers, their sisters, it's Muslims, their kin. But what happens is, you begin to see that Israel is not really the apartheid state that the world claims them to be. Israel is a fabric of many different cultures, many different religions, many different ethnicities. You can't have an apartheid state when there's an Arab doctor that's treating a Jewish Israeli citizen or vice versa. It just doesn't work that way. That's not called apartheid.

Host: David Wheaton 49:06

Chris Katulka is with us today here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, talking about the history of Israel, the battle over whose land is it and so forth. The UN Secretary General recently said this. Israeli settlers are going off and they're creating settlements or towns or villages in areas that don't belong to Israel. Could you clarify what takes place with these so called settlers?

Guest: Chris Katulka 49:31

This is the issue that comes down to another resolution that happened in the United Nations after the Six Day War in 1967. It's resolution 242. It's a very interesting document that ultimately a lot of people misunderstand and misinterpret. Technically, Israel still has control of much of the West Bank, which is like I said, they call Judea Samaria. So they do have the ability to build whatever communities they want to build in those areas that are not Palestinian controlled.

There are Palestinian controlled territories, which is a result of the Oslo Peace Agreements that happened in the early 1990s. The Oslo Accords gave the Palestinians the right to govern certain places. Bethlehem, for instance, is a completely controlled Palestinian territory. Hebron is a completely controlled Palestinian territory. Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, these are all Palestinian territories. This means Israelis are not allowed in and you need to basically go through a border crossing.

If we're going to go to Bethlehem together on a tour, you have to basically go through somewhat of a border crossing to get through into Bethlehem. The other areas that are not those Palestinian controlled areas are technically controlled by Israel. Some are controlled completely by Israel

militarily and also in the way they govern. Some are kind of a half situation. In those areas, they do build Western countries, they will speak into it and say you shouldn't do that, you're upsetting the Palestinians, and maybe depending on who's president or prime minister will point the finger at Israel for building communities in the West Bank. But technically they have the ability to do that. Now what will happen is, if there ever is a two state solution, those communities could end up on the chopping block and they'd have to move those Israelis out of those communities into areas of Israel. But that's something to deal with later. I know the world is definitely concerned that the more settlements that they say at settlements, they look like towns, that's what they are, they're not settlements. They're Israeli towns, but they can end up becoming an obstacle they believe for a two state solution. The real question is too, David, is there a future for the two state solution? I would argue there isn't.

Host: David Wheaton 51:41

Chris Katulka of Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry will join us next week for part two as we discuss why there's so much anti semitism around the world. What are the ramifications of this war with regard to biblical prophecy? How Christians can bless the Jewish people, yet without ignoring their current rejection of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Remember how we concluded last week? Jesus calls believers to be at peace, despite the chaos and corruption in this world. To have this peace, you must be at peace with God through repenting of your sin and placing your faith in who Jesus Christ is and what He did on the cross to satisfy God's wrath and justice for your sin. If you've never put your faith in Christ, give us a call or go to our website and click on the page, "What must I do to be saved?" Once you are at peace with God through being born again, you can have the peace of God as you are transformed by the renewing of your mind through the power of God's Word and His Holy Spirit, guiding your thinking and living.

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