

Preface

OVER 2,500 YEARS ago, the God of Israel declared in Zechariah 12:2, “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about.” While this Old Testament prophecy awaits its primary fulfillment in the Tribulation, that “cup” has already *been* “trembling” for several decades and will continue to do so with a growing intensity. Amid the resultant enveloping culture of global paranoia, Christians pray with jubilant anticipation, “*Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*” (Revelation 22:20)

Thus, the latest news from the Middle East is more relevant now than ever. Unfortunately, the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been shrouded in confusion, leaving few of God’s children with even a moderate grasp of the subject. The purpose for this second installment of *Understanding the Times* is to acquaint the reader with “a scriptural view of the *true* history of the State of Israel.” The word “true” implies that most histories of the Jewish State are fallacious. This should come as no surprise, for Satan (“*a liar, and the father of it*”) would obviously focus his greatest attention on any chronicle of the “*Holy Land*,” with *confusion* being his forte (John 8:44; I Corinthians 14:33).

In his memoirs, William Tecumseh Sherman wrote that “the truth is not always palatable, and should not always be told.”¹ Sir Martin John Gilbert, renowned scholar and official biographer of Winston Churchill, declared, “The history of the world can be divided into two aspects: facts and espionage. The facts are in every history book. Espionage is cloaked and hidden.”² Thus, many critical events surrounding the creation of the Jewish State have been suppressed, distorted, or censored outright. In their bestselling book *The Secret War Against the Jews*, John Loftus and Mark Aarons ask, “How can free citizens judge the conduct of their elected leaders when one-third of modern history is classified?”³

Loftus (a former prosecutor with the US Justice Department) and Aarons (an internationally award-winning investigative reporter) contend, “In order to understand the *what* of modern Israel and its context in the harsh, twisted annals of the Middle East, it is necessary to identify the holes in the history books.”⁴ The material in this volume will expose many of these unknown “holes.”

It will also be discovered, to the dismay of religious sentimentalists, that certain holes have been “plugged” with blatant fantasy. For example, President Richard Nixon “supposedly” came to the aid of Golda Meir in the Yom Kippur War because of a childhood revelation he received from his Bible-reading Quaker grandmother. A typical version states, “One night, she turned to him and gave him a prophecy saying that a day will come when he will have enormous power, and the Jews will need you, and that he must do everything to save the Israeli people.” To the contrary (as documented in this work), the *real* hero was a senior White House staffer who singlehandedly orchestrated Israel’s miraculous rescue by defying and circumventing the duplicitous and incompetent policy of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The president’s grandmother would hardly have approved of the hundreds of fascist war criminals that permeated her grandson’s political career, Loftus and Aarons stating, “By 1968 Nixon’s Nazis had become a permanent fixture of American political life.”⁵

Though *Holy Ground* will enlighten many, it will be a disturbing read for others. As the elusive reality of “the *true* history of the *State* of Israel” is revealed, things will only grow *more* disturbing, for all *true* lovers of the “state” (condition) of Israel must acknowledge that, according to the Bible, a secular “state” (government) is the *last* thing Jehovah has planned for His covenant people (don’t look for any “Gay Pride” parades in the Millennial Kingdom, etc.).

Yet, such negativity is the *essence* of reality. The Scriptures teach that truth comes at a price; Proverbs 23:23 enjoins, “*Buy the truth, and sell it not.*” While Jesus declared in John 8:32, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,*” Ecclesiastes 1:18 provides the offsetting principle that “*he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.*” Thus, we discern the spiritual conundrum of “the bondage of truth”—the inescapable fact that sorrow is both the cost for gaining truth and the major benefit of its liberating power, for “*Sorrow is better than laughter.*” (Ecclesiastes 7:3)

This holy process also becomes the ultimate means of obeying the inspired exhortation to “*follow his steps,*” our Jewish Saviour and Israel’s coming Messiah having fulfilled the inspired profile of “*a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.*” (I Peter 2:21; Isaiah 53:3) And as the designated spokesman for Church Age believers commanded, “*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ,*” the Apostle Paul also left us *his* testimony: “*I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart*”; that sorrow being occasioned by his “*kinsmen according to the flesh.*” (I Corinthians 11:1 Romans 9:2-3)

As the A.V. 1611 King James Bible remains the final authority on absolute truth, the literary format for this book will ensure a crystal clear presentation by following the scriptural pattern:

“*Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables....*”
(Habakkuk 2:2)