

# **In a danger-filled world, America must support Israel**

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Israel, from the time of its rebirth in 1948, has been surrounded by enemies who have been intent upon destroying it. But now it is facing far more than it ever has.

If you pay close attention to the news and to current events, it is evident that political, economic, religious and military forces against Israel are growing.

Israel is becoming a richer nation and is likely to become much richer due to the relatively recent discoveries of oil and natural gas both in Israel and just off its shores. But Russia desperately needs to sell its gas and oil resources at prices that will allow it to be profitable for them, and it also needs to sell arms from its military industrial complex. When Israel places its oil and gas on the market, prices could dip to a point low enough to decimate the Russian economy. Since one of the goals of Vladimir Putin is to rebuild Russia's military, it cannot allow Israel's oil to reach the market.

It is a well-known fact that Putin has been working diligently to supply Iran with nuclear technology that will enable Iran to launch an attack on Israel. But what is less known is that since 2000, Putin has been working with Ethiopia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the Palestinian Authority, Hamas and Egypt to create military and economic relationships.

Recently, CBN reporter Erick Stakelbeck reported on a video that was produced by the Iranian government that predicts that Iran will become a great power that will destroy Israel and the United States. This, according to the video, will lead to the return of the Mahdi, or Twelfth Imam, who is to return to rule the world from Iraq. The producers of the video (reportedly from the highest levels of the Iranian government) see the rapidly unfolding events in the Middle East as evidence that all of this will take place soon, but acknowledges that the Mahdi won't return until Israel is destroyed.

Israel has had the support of the United States since 1948, but it has had little support and a lot of condemnation from the United Nations. To this day, the majority of America's legislators support Israel, and they recently urged Obama to place pressure on the Palestinians to resume peace talks with Israel.

However, Obama and some in his administration appear to have little interest in the protection of Israel from the attacks of the Palestinians or the Iranians.

A former advisor to Obama and the wife of his science czar Cass Sunstein, Samantha Power, advised Obama back in 2008 that the state of Palestine should be created, and that a "mammoth protection force" should be created to stop the genocide that Israel is supposedly committing upon the Palestinians.

The Washington Times reported on February 17 of this year that “the administration recently told Arab governments Washington will support a U.N. Security Council resolution that stipulates the world body ‘does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlement activity,’” referring to the construction of Jewish settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians. Pundits are speculating that Obama’s orders to send our military into Libya without congressional approval may simply be a trial balloon of sorts to see how much legislators will tolerate.

Presumably this will set a precedent to allow a president to go to war with any Middle Eastern country for “humanitarian” purposes, including the invasion of Israel, without congressional approval.

Even some churches in America no longer support Israel. In 2007 and 2008, the World Council of Churches produced several documents that not only condemned Israel for “occupying” Palestinian land, but revived an old doctrine of “replacement theology” that claims that today’s Church replaced Israel and that today’s Jews have no connection with Moses. The Presbyterian Church (USA), which declared in 2004 that we must divest ourselves of Israel, endorsed one of those documents that called for a boycott of Israel and support for the Palestinians.

Facebook, after a great deal of pressure from the Anti-Defamation League, finally removed a page from their website that called for a “Third Palestinian Intifada” to take place on May 15 of this year. The page, which had 340,000 fans, said “Judgment Day will be brought upon us only once the Muslims have killed all of the Jews.”

This is just a small sampling of the threats that Israel now faces. Americans, and especially Christians, should make it clear that Israel’s safety and right to exist must stand. They need our prayers, as well as our economic and military assistance. Churches in the United States should become more alert to the dangers that Israel faces, and be more vocal in their support for Israel.

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