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I dedicate this book to
my cherished friend of 45 years,
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The State of Israel was surrounded by a ring of fire.
Through his leadership, Israel has vanquished
its enemies in Syria, in Lebanon, in Gaza, in Yemen,
and even in Iran.

It's a story of biblical proportion.

I first met Benjamin on the 4th of July, 1980,
when he was grieving the death of his brother Jonathan,
who was killed leading the Entebbe Raid to Uganda.

And I prayed this prayer over him:

Jonathan loved David, you loved Jonathan.
Out of the ashes of your despair will come
strength from God, and you will be the
Prime Minister of Israel. The following day,
I told the prophecy to then Prime Minister
Menachem Begin, and told him to give him
a job in the government. He did.

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FOREWORD



AUTHOR'S NOTE

I've been combating anti-Semitism since the age of 11, when my father strangled me after I tried to defend my Jewish mother from his abuse. My father was a professing Christian. He was a racist who used to say almost every day, the Jews are running the country, and the blacks are ruining it.

The current rates of antisemitism and anti-Zionism are the highest I've witnessed in my life.

As I was writing this book, a young couple, both Israeli diplomats from the Washington, D.C. Embassy, were gunned down in cold blood outside the Capitol Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. Yaron Lashinsky, an Israeli citizen, and Sarah Milgram, I knew both of them.

Second, I'm thinking, the Jew-haters have tried to redefine their Jew-hatred in terms of, under the theme of Zionism. A former president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, told me, I like Jews, but I hate Zionists.

He went on to say that the Zionists live to be 82 and Iranians 62. And the reason why is that the Zionists infect rats with poison, send the rats to our crops, we eat the food, and die 20 years younger. I looked at him and said, “Is this a joke?” He said, “No, I don’t joke.”

It’s true. You should read the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and you would understand it.

It might sound humorous that a man could say such a thing, but it’s not. Because this is a nation that’s on the verge of having a nuclear bomb, that believes they can usher in the Mahdi, an Islamic messiah, through an apocalypse against the state of Israel.

Billions of dollars have been invested in university campuses in America by Jew haters to poison the minds of the young generation against the state of Israel.

It’s an ideological war that has spread like a plague through social media. But it can’t be won only with the truth.

CHAPTER ONE



OCTOBER 7 CHANGED EVERYTHING

On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists killed over 1,200 Israelis on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. The attacks marked the single greatest act of violence against Jews since the Holocaust, with Israel immediately declaring war against the terror group.

Over 250 hostages from a dozen nations were taken into Gaza by Hamas. Most were Israeli, including women, children, infants, and elderly. Over 70 have since been killed as of this writing. In the following weeks, some were released in hostage exchanges with terrorists, but more than 139 remained held, with the bodies of some found as Israeli Defense Forces took control of Hamas locations.

Hostages from a dozen nations were taken, including 30 Americans who died in the attacks, with 10 taken hostage.

The news of the number of American hostages was not released until the first US hostage was freed in a hostage exchange nearly two months later.

As Israel called up reservists and warned civilians in Gaza to flee to safe areas ahead of ground assaults, pro-Palestinian protests launched worldwide, calling for an immediate cease-fire. Protesters stopped traffic on bridges in New York and San Francisco, while others were arrested storming the Capitol in Washington.

At elite college campuses in the US, academic leaders justified the brutal actions of Hamas, equating rape with resistance. Some were criticized, and at least one university president resigned after calls against her antisemitic rhetoric. College presidents at Harvard, Columbia, and U Penn resigned over anti-Israel rhetoric, while others remain under pressure.

A new distinction also became popular during this time. To avoid the label of antisemitism, those on the left made a distinction between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. Anti-Zionism is the view that opposes Zionism, or the belief that the Jewish people have the right to establish their own nation. While the distinction became popular among many liberals, the view does not escape an antisemitic worldview.

Jewish conservative commentator Dennis Prager rightly critiqued this view by the illustration of another nation:

Imagine a group of people who work to destroy Italy because, they claim, Italy's origins are illegitimate. Imagine further that these people maintain

that of all the countries in the world, only Italy doesn't deserve to exist. Then imagine that these people vigorously deny that they are anti-Italian. Would you believe them?

Now substitute "Israel" for "Italy," and you'll understand the dishonesty and absurdity of the argument that one can be anti-Zionist—that is, against the existence of a Jewish state—but not be anti-Jew.

Yet, that is precisely what anti-Zionists say. They say that Israel's existence is illegitimate. They don't say this about any other country in the world, no matter how bloody its origins. And then they get offended when they're accused of being anti-Jew.¹

This is precisely the argument the mainstream media often makes in referring to Israel as an apartheid state, comparing it with the racism of South Africa of the last century. Rather than affirming the right of the Jewish people to live in their historical homeland and establish a nation, the media and political left argue for either a so-called two-state solution or even advocate for removing Israel from the map.

I once spoke with a former chief of staff at the White House and asked him what determines when a war begins and ends. He looked at me and said, "The media does." I saw the power of the media during the Vietnam War turn public opinion to such a degree that soldiers like myself were spit upon and called baby

killers. I was a medic. I never shot anyone. I only saved lives, and I wasn't even in Vietnam. I was in Korea.

The founding international chairman of Friends of Zion Heritage Center, the late President of Israel, His Excellency Shimon Peres, told me decades ago that the new wars of the 21st century would be media wars, economic wars, ideological wars, and proxy wars. Israel is fighting all four of these wars. And no, they are not winning the media war. Israel has little media influence. They don't have an Al Jazeera, CNN, or Fox News.

Israel is also fighting an economic war. The war with Hamas will cost Israel 10 percent of its GDP in just the first year. Only God knows how catastrophic the damage could be to the State of Israel if Iran's northern proxy, Hezbollah, engages Israel in full-scale war or Israel has to confront Iran directly.

Israel cannot win an ideological war either. Hamas can be defeated, but the ideology of Hamas, which is fundamentally Jew-hatred, will still be alive. And demons do not clear customs. The terrorist state Iran wreaks havoc upon the world, funding war through terror proxy regimes. It is the only terror regime in the world that gets free media like a Jerry Lewis telethon.

The terrorists post their videos and images on social media, and hundreds of millions of dollars pour in. It makes no difference what the truth is. The media quotes statistics from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Ministry of Health as if they are the truth. This is the same Hamas organization that beheaded women and children and raped and burned teenage girls alive in the worst massacre in Israel's history. Hamas uses Palestinians as human shields,

firing missiles from hospitals, schools, the backyards of homes in residential neighborhoods, and in mosques, hoping that Israel will retaliate. Yet, the media won't call them terrorists. Instead, the mainstream media reports virtually everything they say unfiltered and unopposed.

The truth is more accurately presented in the audio transcript released by one Hamas terrorist who called his parents in Gaza on October 7. I listened to the conversation in absolute horror:

TERRORIST: Hello, dad. Dad I am inside Mefalsim. Open your WhatsApp right now and see all the Jews I killed. Look at how many I killed with my own hands; your son killed Jews.

FATHER: Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar. May God protect you.

TERRORIST: I am talking to you from the phone of a Jew; I killed her and her husband. I killed ten with my own hands.

FATHER: Allahu Akhbar.

TERRORIST: Open your phone and see how many I killed, father. Open your phone, I am calling you on WhatsApp.

FATHER: Crying (unintelligible).

TERRORIST: I am in Meflasim, father. I killed ten. Ten! Ten with my own bare hands. Their blood is on my hands. Let me talk to Mom.

TERRORIST: I killed ten all by myself, mother.

FATHER: May God bring you home safely.

TERRORIST: Father, go back to WhatsApp! I want to call you live from Mefalsim.

MOTHER: I wish I was there with you.

TERRORIST: Mother, your son is a hero. I was the first to enter under the guidance and with the help of Allah. Father, lift your head, lift your head. (Talking to terrorists on the scene: Kill! Kill! Kill! Kill them! Inside, inside, into the city.)

BROTHER: Mahmoud, Mahmoud. Come back [to Gaza], that's enough, return.

TERRORIST: Return? There is no return; it is victory or martyrdom. My mother gave birth to me for Islam, Allah. Are you serious? How will I return? Look at WhatsApp, look at your phone, look at all the killed.

Captured terrorists confess they were promised \$10,000 and a new house for every Jewish hostage and for killing Jews. This is the terrifying yet accurate truth about the events of October 7. The attacks were the equivalent of Israel's Pearl Harbor or 9/11. For weeks, every day in Israel consisted of funeral after funeral as families grieved the loss of loved ones at the hands of Hamas terrorists.

Iran directly supports Hamas. Iran has been waging a war against what it calls the “Little Satan,” Israel, for decades. Iran has been waging a war against the “Great Satan,” America. On October 23, 1983, I preached the gospel to the Marines in Beirut, giving them the Christmas gift of a small Bible. A young soldier, 18, from Worcester, Massachusetts, asked me if I could send a message to his mom. So, I had my camera crew tape it. He said, “Dear Mom, I know you’ve been praying for me. I won’t be coming home for Christmas. But I have a Christmas gift for you. I’ve just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Merry Christmas, Mom.”

That Marine and 240 others were dead in the morning. I slept on the beach that night.

Since then, Iran has conducted ongoing attacks on numerous countries in a long-term effort to exert influence in the region. A 2021 State Department report observed that in that year alone, “Iran pursued or supported terrorist attacks against Israeli targets . . . including a thwarted January plot to attack an Israeli embassy in East Africa, a January bomb attack outside the Israeli embassy in New Delhi for which the Indian government said the IRGC-QF was responsible, and a disrupted attempt to attack an Israeli businessman in Cyprus.”

The United States presently has the USS Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group in the Red Sea south of Israel, including an array of weapons and 5,000 sailors. The US also has a nuclear-powered Ohio-class submarine in the area, the Ford Carrier Strike Group in the Mediterranean Sea, which includes three ballistic missile defense ships and four additional warships. The Pentagon

deployed 1,200 additional troops to the Middle East since October 7 to act as a deterrent and protect 45,000 US service members and contractors throughout the Middle East.

Despite the show of force, Iran has attacked US troops over 40 times since October 7. A reported 56 US military personnel have been injured. The US has responded with airstrikes hitting targets in Syria and over 800 targets in Yemen. Yet God continues to work in powerful ways despite the tragedies of recent days. During one of my many trips to Israel following the October 7 attacks, I spoke with four individuals who told amazing stories of divine intervention.

I heard a story of a woman whose kibbutz was attacked by Hamas terrorists. She lifted her hands and started declaring in the mighty name of the Lord that God would blind their eyes. They were entering her room, another room where her mother was, and a third room where the grandchild was. The terrorists went up to all three doors with their weapons but didn't open any of the doors, nor did they fire through any of them. When the Israeli military came, they saw the deaths of many near her home, and she told the story of lifting her hands and crying out to God.

Another woman in Jerusalem was in a terror attack. As the terrorists were firing in her direction, she shouted out loud in Hebrew Psalm 121. It says, "The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life" (v. 7). Not a bullet touched her.

A third soldier told the story that his battalion was in a line late at night, going into a highly explosive area, when suddenly he saw a dove flying towards his face. He thought he was seeing

things because he had hardly slept for 36 hours. Suddenly, a dove stopped within a foot of his face in midair. He felt he was imagining the dove, so he stuck his rifle out to poke in the direction of the dove. At that moment, he realized the dove was perched on a tripwire. Had it not been for the dove, he would have hit the tripwire, detonating enough C4 explosives to kill his entire battalion.

Another soldier was eating a can of tuna fish. He struck a match to some oil to warm the tuna fish, and it caught on fire. He threw it down into a nearby tunnel shaft, not realizing it contained explosives. It blew up the explosives, and all the terrorists came out of the tunnel, surrendering over his can of tuna fish!

Another soldier had the book of Psalms in his front pocket by his heart. When terrorists shot at him during the battle, a bullet lodged into the book of Psalms and saved his life.

God continues to protect His people, sometimes in miraculous ways. But the battle is far from over. As I write these words, I've just finished a project in Jerusalem during the eight days of Hanukkah, as Friends of Zion hosted eight nights of hope and healing for the suffering nation. I sensed the Spirit of God say to me, "Thou shalt arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come" (Psalm 102:13, KJV).

Israel is under attack by Iran and its demon-possessed proxies. This battle has continued for 6,000 years since the day Abraham pitched his tent on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with God, but I've never seen the battle as fierce as it is at this present moment.

On October 7, the codename for the attacks by Hamas was the Al-Aqsa Flood after the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount. This is where Satan declared that he would exalt himself above the Most High (Isaiah 14:13). Despite the agony Israel is going through, I can hear the prophet Zechariah crying out, “I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem” (12:9, NIV).

Israel is a tiny country about the size of New Jersey, the fifth smallest state in the US. The survivors of the Holocaust poured into Israel as human skeletons, crying and rejoicing as Israel was reborn in March of 1948. But two months later, on May 14, Israel was attacked. The Jewish people believed that neither they nor their children would ever again experience what they had experienced. But they did on October 7.

The prophet Zechariah warned that whoever touches you touches the apple of God’s eye (Zechariah 2:8). Israel was born out of a divine land grant from God Almighty to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when He made a covenant with them. It was a gift from God. The greatest significance of Israel is its spiritual significance. “The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3). Then the Lord said to David and us and Solomon, his son, “In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever” (2 Kings 21:7, NIV).

Israel is God’s dream. The title deed belongs to Him. A spirit of antisemitism has swept the globe in a way that I’ve never seen in my lifetime. You and I cannot be silent.

Shortly after the October 7 attacks, I held a special prayer event at Friends of Zion for the families of the soldiers who had given their lives fighting against Hamas. I held in my arms a grieving mother and father whose 27-year-old son, Ariel, rushed into the massacre to save dozens of lives. He went into a shelter where more than 30 terrified young people were lying on the ground, covering their heads in panic as terrorists were trying to break in. Ariel stood up and said, “It’s going to be okay. I’m going to save you.” The terrorists threw a grenade into the shelter. Ariel picked it up and threw it back at the terrorists. They threw a second one, and he did the same thing, and a third and a fourth and a fifth and a sixth, but on the seventh, the grenade blew up and killed him. He saved many lives, yet lost his own, leaving behind a grieving family and friends.

Another precious mother and father attended with their 10-year-old daughter and a notebook. In the notebook, their beloved 20-year-old son wrote long letters to each family member, including one to his 10-year-old sister.

The letter began with, “Dear Mom and Dad, I know that family is everything and the most important thing. You’re my whole world. I love you so much. I’m willing to go to battle despite the great risk of going into the war, knowing that I might not come back, but I believe wholeheartedly in what I’m doing for the nation of Israel and its people. We have no other country. I must defend it. I must defend the babies, the elderly, and the helpless against this inferno of Hamas.”

This young Israeli soldier gave his life in service to his nation. After I read the letter, I held the family member, and we all cried. There have been so many widows and orphans from these attacks. I've never felt such a broken heart, but I know the heart of God is broken, too.

Like Esther, we have come into the kingdom for such a time as this. Satan has tried time and time again to wipe the Jews off the planet. Pharaoh attempted it. Hitler attempted it. Now, Iran is on the brink of going nuclear and is attempting it. You and I, as Israel's last line of defense, must do everything humanly possible to help. There's never been a time in my life when our ministry has done more for the nation of Israel. I can tell you the people of Israel are very grateful, but the battle is not over yet.

For me, the battle against anti-Zionism and antisemitism is personal. I have been the target of an assassination. Richard Snell, a member of The Covenant, The Sword and the Arm of the Lord—a white supremacist—aimed to take me off this Earth.² On June 30, 1984, while I was working with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Snell attempted to assassinate me because I supported Israel and the Jewish people's right to a state in their historic homeland.

Sadly, Richard Snell was labeled as a Christian extremist, even though he was not a real Christian. Real Christians believe in the promise, the truth that God has given the land of Israel to the Jewish people. Real Christians are friends of Israel and friends of the Jewish people.

Snell believed that the United States was being taken over by the Jewish people and other minorities at the expense of “white Americans.” My father was also an anti-Semite who cursed the Jewish people and believed in anti-Jewish conspiracy theories. Their ideology is ignorant and intolerant at best; the Jewish community is one of the biggest success stories in American assimilation. American Jews serve in public service roles nationwide and play an active and positive role in the country’s future. The Jewish community, a tiny minority in the United States, has always contributed more to society than is possibly known.

In my experience, I have faced too many Christians who are not educated on the Christian’s real role in assisting the Jewish people. That is why I have dedicated my life to defending Israel and the Jewish people. I do this by meeting with world leaders to speak about how they can engage and support Israel. In 2015, I founded the Friends of Zion Heritage Center, a \$100 million project that helps educate Christians and pro-Israel supporters worldwide about the Jewish state, its challenges, and achievements. The Friends of Zion has also become one of the central institutions in the state of Israel, influencing the world and strengthening Israel’s relations globally while fortifying the pillars of Israeli society.

Yet much work remains. Even near my own home, anti-semitism has been deadly. In January 2022, I woke up Saturday morning to drive down Pleasant Run, near where I live, to my favorite Starbucks.³ As I drove, I passed Congregation Beth Israel as I do every morning. It was around 11 a.m. I am very familiar with the congregation and have participated in many of their

services online through Facebook, but suddenly, I saw police cars rushing in every direction on Pleasant Run.

I asked someone nearby what was happening and was told there was a terrorist on Pleasant Run at the Beth Israel synagogue who was threatening to blow it up. The man, later identified as a 44-year-old UK citizen named Malik Faisal Arkram, reportedly had a bomb and held four Jews as hostages.

More than 200 local, state, and federal law enforcement officers converged on the Beth Israel synagogue. The terrorist had been making statements that were going out live on Facebook from the synagogue that he would be going to Jannah, the Muslim concept of heaven. He was shouting about dying and not liking police officers or Jews.

As this crisis was ongoing, I received several WhatsApp messages from Rabbi Goldstein from California, who was also a victim of terrorism in his Poway synagogue. I provided security for the first year for his synagogue after the attack, and he and I have become great friends.

Why would such a thing happen? The answer is simple: Antisemitism. It's being fueled and fed, and it gets Jews killed. Facebook took down the live stream from the sanctuary after being asked by the federal authorities, but there's also another group that Facebook took down.

I spent \$5.5 million and five years recruiting young Muslims to my Facebook page, the Jerusalem Prayer Team, attempting to win their hearts and minds before they were poisoned with Jew hatred. All of the hundreds of ads we purchased were approved

by Facebook before Facebook took our money and ran the ads. We grew our Facebook site from over 30 million to 77 million likes, one of the largest Facebook pages in the world.

The goal was only to combat antisemitism, but when antisemites began waging war against the State of Israel during the Gaza conflict in May 2021, telling unspeakable lies, I organized a Facebook event with the Rev. Franklin Graham, former presidential candidate and now US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, actors Jon Voight and Pat Boone, pastors Jack Graham and Robert Jeffress, and Christian Broadcasting Network President Gordon Robertson, but Facebook shut our page down.

In 72 hours, more than 2.1 million antisemitic, Jew-hating threats were posted on our page. Some of them included death threats. An individual in Jordan claimed that he did it, bragging about it on Islamic social media and in Islamic newspapers. But instead of Facebook punishing the perpetrator, they punished the victim.

After several months of appeals, Facebook put our page back up but told us they were removing all our followers in certain Muslim countries. They said all the people we recruited were inauthentic, even though they approved every ad. I was later informed that the Pakistani government was complaining to Facebook.

By the way, it was a man originally from Pakistan who was the terrorist who attacked the Colleyville synagogue. Antisemitism doesn't begin with a gun in the hands of a terrorist. It begins with young children being brainwashed to hate Jews. Some of them are not Muslims, like the ones who attacked the Tree of Life

synagogue in Pittsburgh and the Chabad of Poway synagogue in California, but the vast majority are Muslims.

We must acknowledge the root of the problem and stop the media terror. The media often fuels antisemitism and lionizes these demon-possessed individuals. Terrorism is the only group in the world that gets free media. Everyone else must pay for it. The founder of Israeli intelligence, Isser Harel, described it this way. “You kill a fly and rejoice. We kill one, and 100 come to the funeral.” You can be sure there’ll be many more recruited who want to become martyrs and be famous. We must stop media terror by cutting it off at its roots.

The sad and inexplicable truth is this: Antisemitism is alive and well on planet Earth, and the United States is not immune. On Oct. 27, 2018, those who love the Jewish people mourned a massive assault by an antisemite. No, it was not on the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, or another Israeli city. It was in a quiet neighborhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on a cool Shabbat morning. Over the centuries, nothing has assuaged that which erupted the moment God declared a covenant with Abraham and his offspring.

The modern-day perpetrator was Robert Bowers. According to police reports, he armed himself with an AR-15 rifle and three handguns, walked into Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life Synagogue, and opened fire on its unsuspecting congregants. Included among the 11 dead were a 97-year-old woman, a husband and wife, and two brothers. Among the wounded were four police officers who had responded to the call of “shots fired” in the neighborhood that

housed the synagogue. Bowers has reportedly told police interviewers that he just wanted “to kill Jews.”

Did that incident shock the American public into shunning antisemitism and its horrendous effects? Unfortunately, the answer is no. For me, all of this is very personal. My mother named me after her grandfather, Rabbi Mikel Katznelson. In the early 1900s, a rabid and bigoted mob burned him to death inside his synagogue in Belarus, along with 2,000 Jewish men, women, and children.

Many people have asked me why I built the Friends of Zion Heritage Center and Museum in Jerusalem. The answer is quite simple: to combat Jew hatred. My work began when I was 11 years old. My father, an antisemite, beat my Jewish mother, declaring her to be a whore. My father, a Jewish man, insisted I was not his son.

My greatest shame was that I could not protect my mother, and when I tried, my father picked me up by the neck and nearly strangled me. At that early age, I knew that my life’s work would be to defend the Jewish people.

Anti-Zionism has been an Ebola virus of antisemitism. The sickness has mutated from the pogroms, the Nazi Party, and Hitler, and now it’s being fueled and fed by radical Islam. In this book, we’ll consider the history of antisemitism, evaluate this form of Jew-hatred based on Scripture and historical accounts, and look at the inspiring ways God has worked through His Chosen People and many Friends of Zion who have stepped out in faith to support the Jewish people in times of need.

JERUSALEM PRAYER TEAM



INTERNATIONAL



THE JERUSALEM PRAYER TEAM'S

mission is to build Friends of Zion to guard, defend, and protect the Jewish people and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Our goal is to enlist, inform, and encourage 100 million people worldwide to pray for the peace of Jerusalem as directed in Psalm 122:6.

The Jerusalem Prayer

Team also raises funds to meet the humanitarian needs of the Jewish people in Israel, providing coats, blankets, and shelter for those in need. The ministry has a website at JerusalemPrayerTeam.com and more than 30 million followers on Facebook at Facebook.com/JerusalemPrayerTeam

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