

FOR A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN TO TAKE THE SIDE OF TERRORISTS, OR OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES, AGAINST ISRAEL, IT IS A TREASONOUS ACT. IT IS FRATRICIDE: ONE BROTHER OR SISTER SEEKING THE DEATH OF ANOTHER.

Treason



Imagine...

A stateless, renegade group of troublemakers has claimed for itself the county of Burke in the upper region of North Dakota in the United States. The self-named “Troglodytes” claim that ten thousand years ago this was their land—and they want it back. To that end, they repeatedly stage murderous incursions into not only Burke County, but the surrounding counties as well. They disguise themselves as the locals, blending into everyday life, then detonate homemade bombs in public places. After such lethal occurrences, the citizens of North Dakota do everything they can to rout out the terrorists and disrupt their supply of arms.

World leaders, and the hapless League of Sovereignties, publicly denounce the barbarous behavior of the Troglodytes, but at the same time encourage North Dakota not to strike back, suggesting that every time they strike back, they just make the Troglodytes more angry. Some pundits even suggest that, hey, it’s just one small county in a very large state. What would be the harm in letting the Troglodytes have it?

With mounting world opinion against them, and with promises from the League of Sovereignties that if the Troglodytes were just given their own homeland they would stop harassing its citizens, North Dakota finally gives in. It deeds all of Burke County over to the Troglodytes and forcibly removes all of its previous tenants.

Peace reigns—for a while. Soon, however, instead of the earlier small incursions by individuals bearing explosives, from their new homeland the Troglodytes begin lobbing crude rockets and missiles into the surrounding counties of the state. Now, with their own land and base of operations, they execute ever more murderous strikes deeper into North Dakota.

Meanwhile, some residents of states far away from the conflict begin murmuring that all of this was really North Dakota’s fault: the territory should never have been settled in the first place. After all, what right did *they* have to that land? It is only fair that larger portions of it be deeded to the long-suffering Troglodytes.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

So North Dakota suffers almost daily bombings and rocket strikes from a county that had just a short time before been part of its sovereign territory, while world opinion still counsels that they should not strike back. In lieu of retaliation, the North Dakota militia sets up an armed perimeter of defense around Burke County.

One day, however, in a bold stroke a small band of Troglodytes invades North Dakota, kills some of the militia guarding the border, and kidnaps one of the soldiers. Having finally reached its limit with the daily terrorist strikes, North Dakota retaliates, demanding the return of their soldier and delivering surgical air strikes and laser-guided missiles at militant strongholds in Burke County.

Wisconsin denounces the Troglodyte incursion, but counsels North Dakota not to overreact. Iowa creates a web site that explains in sympathetic detail the historical claims of the Troglodytes. New York sends ambassadors to both Burke and Mountrail counties. California issues a press release: "North Dakota? Who cares. Nobody lives there anyway."

Nevertheless, North Dakota presses the attack, determined to defend its sovereign territory—and its right to exist—no matter what others may say.

One Nation

Every Christian, of any nationality, living in any country of the world, is kin to Israel. We are all brothers and sisters.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Romans 9:6-8

As the apostle Paul explains, Israel does not consist solely of those who have been circumcised as blood descendants of Abraham. In fact, even blood descent does not ensure the connection, since Ishmael was of Abraham's flesh, but was not Israel—indeed, it is "Ishmael" who fights against Israel still!

God is not bound to include in His family only those of blood (flesh) descent. Membership in His family is based on His sovereign will—"children of the promise"—and by the indwelling Spirit, Christians have received that promise. Because Israel rejected Christ Jesus as the true Messiah, we Gentiles, by God's grace, have been grafted into His "olive tree."


I say then, [the Jews] did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous... But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

Romans 11:11,17-21

By God's grace, through the blood of Christ, Christians have been "grafted in" to God's chosen people. God has not abandoned the Jews; they have, for the time being, abandoned Him by rejecting Christ. But the Jews are still God's people. A remnant will be sustained.

So we are all one—one in Him. We are fellow heirs. And, as brothers and sisters, we cannot stand against Israel by standing with those who would do her harm. Islamo-fascists, Iranian Persians, Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Taliban, adherents to Saudi-based Sharia Law, et al—they all have sworn to annihilate the state of Israel.

Not to make peace with it, but to *destroy* it.

If you are a Christian, and you side with any of them, you are siding with sworn enemies of your own family. It is treason, for we are all of one Nation: the Kingdom of God. 

God bless Eretz Israel. The Hamas terrorists provoked them mercilessly. Hamas fired rockets and mortars at Israel every single day since Israel gave Gaza back to the Palestinian Authority. Israel acted with amazing restraint. But when the Hamas murderers killed two Israeli soldiers and kidnapped another, that was too much. God bless Israel for having the [fortitude] to stand up for herself.

Hezbollah are the most vicious killers imaginable. They killed 283 U.S. Marines in Lebanon in 1983. They kicked a helpless Navy man, Robert Stetham, to death on a hijacked airliner. They have killed and mai[m]ed U.S. embassy people wherever they could. They blew up a Jewish community center filled with children in Buenos Aires.

They are not politicians any more than Stalin or Hitler were politicians. They are simply murderers. God bless Israel for standing up to them when they attacked over the border and killed eight Israelis and kidnapped two. There is no end to the wickedness of these people, no end to their hatred of the United States and Israel. No end to their sickness.

They are not like anyone you know, unless you knew Eichmann or Dr. Mengele or Himmler. The world is well rid of every one whom Israel kills or captures. They cannot be rehabilitated.

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