

# The Red-Green Axis Takes Over American Colleges

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The Red Green Axis Takes Over American Colleges. That is the topic we'll discuss today 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.

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Hamas, an Islamic militant group bent on Israel's destruction, launches a surprise attack on Oct. 7 from their territory in Gaza into southern Israel, butchering 1200 civilians and taking captive hundreds more. The Israeli military responds by invading Gaza to decimate Hamas and bring home the captives.

And who do students and professors on campuses all over America rise up to oppose? Israel!

This is the Red-Green axis—the Reds (Leftists, Marxists, Communists) and the Greens (Islamists) share common cause in their hatred for the Biblical God, the God of the Jews and the God of Christians, who built Western Civilization and the accompanying values of marriage, family, free speech and markets, and private property. It must be burned down.

So they rage. And God, who sits in the heavens laughs...“But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.” Psalm 2

Soeren Kern, a Christian geopolitical analyst and writing fellow for Middle East Forum joins us on The Christian Worldview to explain what is going on in the Middle East and how it's related to Russia invading Ukraine and China rattling its sabres with Taiwan. We will also discuss the response (or lack of response) by pastors and churches with regard to the situation in Israel.

Soeren, it's so good to have you back on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. You're coming to us from Spain today. Since we last had you on the program, the world continues to be in crisis. This has really been raised quite a bit since Joe Biden took office in 2021. There are wars in the Middle

East and in Europe, dominance by China, not just in the Far East, but really around the world now, the US is declining in many ways. But let's focus first on the epicenter, the Middle East. What are some of the big picture dynamics going on there right now?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 03:37

When you look at the Middle East, you can see it as a chessboard. There are many moving pieces. Each piece that moves impacts all the other pieces in one way or another. What we're seeing is a lot of instability, even more instability than usual. Much of it is due, as you mentioned, to shifts in US foreign policy. The Obama and Biden administrations, both of them, for some reason or another want to make Iran the main hegemony in the Middle East. Traditionally, the United States foreign policy has always focused on promoting Saudi Arabia and Israel, and to some extent Turkey, as the main American allies to gain some kind of semblance of stability in the Middle East, but for some reason, the Obama administration changed that focus of American foreign policy to focus on Iran. I think there's a general perception among the Obama and Biden people that if you can create a balance of power in the Middle East, in other words, if you can raise up Iran, and Israel is already a nuclear power, you have a balance of power that would basically maintain a certain sense of stability, and that the United States could abandon the Middle East, and focus more on the Asian Pacific region.

Obviously, that's assuming that Iran is a rational actor, that Iran is playing by the same rulebook that the United States and its allies do. Many of the people who are running foreign policy for Biden are the same people who were running foreign policy during the Obama administration. So I see this, in many ways, as a continuation of the Obama administration. They've really helped Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis in Yemen, amass hundreds of billions of dollars to spend on terror, and nuclear weapons.

I would define Iran as one of the most destructive forces in global politics today. Its stated aims are to spread Islam across the world, and to remove Israel from the map, and decades of American appeasement. This started with the Reagan administration, when Iran backed Hezbollah, targeted the US Embassy in Lebanon in 1982, or 83. The Reagan administration, instead of fighting back, pulled all the American troops out, and essentially, gave Lebanon over to Iranian influence. It started many, many decades ago. What these appeasement policies have done now is allow Iran to become a nuclear weapons threshold state.

There are many different predictions, or guesses, about when Iran could go nuclear, whether it's within the next six months, or within just a few days. I would say that the war with Hamas in Israel has been a distraction from what's going on with the Iran nuclear program. The world is now focused on

Gaza, and it's not focused on Iranian nuclear weapons. Iran is barreling towards that nuclear weapons capability. During the Cold War, when the United States and the Soviet Union balanced each other out more or less in terms of nuclear weapons, both the Soviet Union and the United States were considered to be rational actors. Nobody would willingly begin a nuclear war, because you can't win a nuclear war. The moment that one side launches a nuclear weapon against the other side, the other side retaliates, and everybody ends up being destroyed. The problem with Iran is that it's not a rational actor. It's a radical Shia government. Its constitution states that its whole purpose of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is to spread Islam throughout the whole world.

What we saw during this recent barrage of missiles and cruise missiles and drones that Iran sent into Israel — just think if Iran would have had nuclear weapons during the barrage. What is preventing Iran from using nuclear weapons like it says it would? So, I think this is really a big problem. This affects everything else in the in the Middle East right now.

If Iran were to acquire a nuclear weapons capability, and I believe, unfortunately, that it will sooner rather than later, it will have a domino effect, in which Saudi Arabia has already said that it would try to purchase nuclear weapons. For example, Pakistan, the Turks, have said that they would go nuclear, and Egypt would as well. So we'd have within a very short period of time, a lot of different Muslim states with nuclear weapons capabilities. Then you'd obviously have the Jewish state there as well.

Many analysts now believe that the war in Israel was engineered by Iran to prevent the normalization of relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia. I believe that to be the case, because Iran wants Israel out of the Middle East, it wants to wipe it off the map. If Saudi Arabia were to reach a normalization agreement with Israel, that means that Israel would be a permanent fixture accepted by all the Sunni Muslim states as a permanent fixture of the Middle East. So that's part of everything that's going on here. It's a larger war between Sunni and Shia Islam. Obviously, Iran is Shia and Saudi Arabia represents the Sunnis. It really all revolves around Iran, and its potential to become a nuclear weapons state very soon.

**Host: David Wheaton 08:57**

I think it's confounding and confusing that the United States is accused and belittled for helping Israel and giving billions of dollars to the Jewish state. But at the same time, the US is giving billions of dollars to its enemies, whether it's the Palestinians that ends up in the hands of Hamas, or giving it directly to Iran. Can you get into the thinking of why the US or the leadership in the US would think that giving billions of dollars in aide to Iran would be a helpful thing for the Middle East?

Are they concerned that if they didn't give the billions of dollars to Iran that they've given over the years, that perhaps Russia and China would fill that void, and they think they can manage it better if we give it to them? Explain why this takes place, that we not only support Israel, but support Iran, who's a sworn enemy of Israel and want to wipe them off the map and also call us [America] the Great Satan?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 10:12

Sure. That's the big question of why the Obama / Biden people want to remake the Middle East with Iran as the main echelon. It does make very little sense in terms of geopolitics. It makes very little sense in terms of international relations theory, but these people are determined to push this through. I'm afraid that they're succeeding. What the Israelis right now are trying to do is they're trying to prevent a multi-front war. Iran is behind everything that's going on in Yemen, with Hamas, with Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, and northern Israel. Israel is trying to avoid having to fight all of these fronts at the same time.

The Netanyahu government is under intense pressure from the Biden administration to stop all war, all hostilities before the November elections. I think that there's a fear that the far left of the Democratic Party are going to abandon the Biden administration for his pro-Israel stance. Biden's priority right now seems to be to remove Netanyahu and not Hamas. What we see is basically a total collapse of traditional US foreign policy. I would say that the Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, and Jake Sullivan, the National Security Adviser, their number one objective right now is to de-escalate. They are worried about any sort of escalation of conflict ahead of the November elections, and they are putting intense pressure on Israel to stand down.

They're trying to appease Iran and Qatar, and all these other states, through money and through other financial and diplomatic incentives. Right now, as we're recording this, there's a dispute between the Biden administration and the Israeli Government about whether the Israelis should go into Rafah and finish off the war that they started, finish off Hamas. Prime Minister Netanyahu has repeatedly said that he has called for total victory. "Total victory" is a very important term, because in the past, the Israelis have not pursued total victory, they've pursued partial victory. Bring Hamas down a notch, and get some semblance of order back to the southern border and every couple of years there will be another flare up.

After what happened on October 7, the Israeli government vowed for total victory. Right now, it's not completely clear if Netanyahu is still pursuing that. It's quite inconclusive. The other aspect of this is the International Criminal Court, the United Nations system. Everything right now is against

Israel. It's quite astonishing how everything is coalescing into pro-terror, anti-democracy defending itself.

I think the Netanyahu government is also very worried that international courts, particularly ICC (International Criminal Court), are going to declare the Israeli government, the cabinet and the leading military figures in Israel as war criminals, which means they would no longer be able to leave Israeli territory without being arrested. It's quite a bad situation for Israel.

Now if things will change, after the November election, I'm not sure if Biden then will believe that he can ignore the far left pace and he can go back to your traditional democratic policy of being pro Israel. If President Trump wins, what will his position be on Israel? President Trump did a lot for Israel, as we know, moving the embassy to Jerusalem and pulling the United States out of the Iran nuclear deal.

But with President Trump, what people need to remember is that he's a dealmaker. You get something and you give something. I believe that had President Trump been reelected or had been in the White House for a second term, he would have demanded a lot of concessions from the Israeli government, as well, as part of the favors that he did to Netanyahu in his first term. We really don't know at this point if there's going to be any meaningful difference, whether it's another Biden term or whether it's another Trump term.

**Host: David Wheaton 14:21**

We're going to get to this anti Israel sentiment you referenced, Soren, that is sweeping over the globe. We're seeing it here in America on our television screens with these uprisings on college campuses all over this country.

But just one quick follow up question about the war in Israel. When you talked about this total victory, Israel's being accused of, "genocide", of course it's not genocide — Genocide is where there's a mass extermination of a people group — that's not taking place, but those who are anti-Israel use it for political effect.

Who are the ones dying in this war in Gaza of the Palestinians? Are they actually able to get Hamas, or is there's a lot of collateral damage? Is it really possible to somehow surgically extract the radical Hamas element in Gaza? Then, what's going to become of Gaza? Will it continue to be a Palestinian territory? What does Israel see as far as the future? Are they going to take over Gaza and annex it? What are your thoughts on that?

**Guest: Soeren Kern 15:33**

First of all, in terms of the numbers, it's not completely clear how many people have died. The Hamas numbers are obviously not reliable. So Hamas says upwards of 30,000 people have died. The Israeli government says at least 11,000 of those who were killed are Hamas operatives, either leadership or soldiers. So it's not completely clear. It is obvious that there's a lot of civilian death and destruction, but I think we've been able to see how the military has taken painstaking steps to try to reduce the number of civilian deaths.

The challenge here really is that Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and some of these other Islamist groups that are in the Gaza Strip, are hiding behind civilians, in hospitals, in the schools, and in mosques. It makes it very difficult for the Israeli military to pursue their objectives without harming civilians at some point. One of the big debates within the Israeli government right now is what to do with Gaza after this is all over. You know that the Israeli government was occupying the Gaza Strip, and they gave that over to the Palestinians in 2005, I believe.

The objective of the Israelis right now is to wipe out the entire Hamas leadership, whether they are in Gaza, in Egypt, in Qatar, in Turkey, or whether they're abroad. The problem really is that Hamas is an ideology, Islam is an ideology, and the charter of Hamas calls for the destruction of Israel. Once again, it's based on Islam, as we were talking earlier. Islam itself plays a really big role in this because there's a general doctrine in Islam that once a territory has been Islamic, it's always Islamic. So at some point, the Muslims occupied what is now Israel, Palestine, Gaza.

According to their theology, that land has to be re-conquered for Islam. We could say the same here in Spain. Where I'm living, Spain was under a Muslim occupation for many centuries, and the Islamic State and other Islamist groups like Al Qaeda, have always vowed that they are going to reconquer Spain for Islam. Question right now is what do you do with the Gaza Strip after the Hamas leadership is eliminated?

I suspect that Israel is going to be an occupying power for quite some time. They will try to create a government out of more moderate elements within the Gaza elites, if that's possible, but I think it's going to be direct Israeli security responsibility for Gaza for a very long time.

There's some talk about bringing the Palestinian Authority from the West Bank into ruling Gaza. I don't see how that's going to happen because the Palestinian Authority is not much different from Hamas in terms of their long term objectives. Right now, the big question, as I mentioned — is Israel going to go for the total victory and eliminate the entire Hamas leadership and completely debilitate

this organization? Or is it going to allow some elements to remain in Rafah, for example, in the city in the south of the Gaza strip from where they can rebuild this movement?

**Host: David Wheaton** 16:12

Soeren, let's move from a major war in the Middle East to a major war in Europe. We're now over two years into this war with Russia in Ukraine. What are your thoughts on where this is going there because the US continues to send billions of dollars of taxpayer money to Ukraine to help them defend themselves against Russia.

We're also sending a lot of money to help defend Israel. In the last bill, I think it was \$20 billion, give or take, to Israel and something like \$70 billion dollars to Ukraine. It's a huge amount, more than they're sending to Israel. Billions of dollars are going there. There's accusations of corruption of where that money is actually going; who's actually benefiting from that; and accusations of money laundering going on. Wouldn't a settlement be better at this point for the US to be encouraging that?

That Russia doesn't want Ukraine to join NATO, that's ostensibly the reason that Russia invaded. For a major war going on in Europe, in a world of instant media, we see very little if at all, video footage in war reporting from Ukraine, at least in our media. So what's going on there? And what do you think the future needs to be?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 23:27

I think that the conflict in Israel, and Ukraine, and the potential conflict in Taiwan are very closely related. They're really part of a coordinated challenge to the existing global order. I think that Russia and China, Iran and North Korea are considered to be revisionist states. They don't like the existing global distribution of power, and they want to up end and create their own global order.

In one sense, you could say that they are authoritarian states that view the existing liberal democratic order as a threat to their continued existence. In this particular conflict, in these three, you can see that China is helping Russia, Russia is helping Iran against Israel, Iran is helping Russia and China with weapons, with oil shipments, and drones, and Iran is investing very heavily in Iran's infrastructure in Russia.

That's really what this is all about. It's really about the future of the American World Order. It's sometimes called Pax Americana. The United States needs to prevent Russia from occupying any part of Ukraine, or this whole order begins to break down because once Russia is successful in Ukraine, it will feel emboldened to go after the Eastern European state.

Russia is not a normal country. It's an imperialist power. President Putin has said many times that he wants to make Russia great again. It's about great power politics. This is really about polarity. Polarity is really the distribution of power in the international system. During the Cold War period, it was relatively stable because you had two, more or less, equal powers — Russia and the Soviet Union — in terms of nuclear power, military power.

Directly after the end of the Cold War, we were in a unipolar situation where the United States was the dominant power. We're now very rapidly moving into a multipolar system where you have multiple powers. China, Russia, United States, you could say the European Union, and to some extent, if Iran goes nuclear, it would be Iran. It's moving towards multipolarity and multipolarity is the most unstable system possible in the distribution of international power. So, we're finding ourselves right now, in a situation that is very similar to what it was in 1938 before the beginning of World War II.

You can say that Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan are harbingers for the future of Pax Americana, it's American peace. It's a system that's been in place since the end of the Second World War. If the US, and particularly its allies in Europe and Asia, fail to defend these countries this whole American-led alliance system is going to begin to unravel.

My view, essentially, is a world in which the United States no longer acts as the global policeman, we'll very rapidly descend into anarchy.

I view the Russian/Ukraine conflict through the lens of the global system, and if Russia wins the war in Ukraine, Eastern Europe will be next. Russia poses a threat to peace in Europe, and it must be stopped. Most of the money that the Congress allocates for Ukraine goes to the US military industry, it's for producing weapons in the United States. They don't just send a check for \$30 billion to Kyiv, the government, Kyiv, It is basically for producing weapons that employ Americans, and keep American factories open, particularly the weapons factories.

If you follow Twitter, which I do quite a bit, there's an extraordinary amount of footage of the Ukrainian conflict, from battles from the front on various parts of the Ukraine conflict, from what's going on in the major cities in Ukraine, to sort of revenge attacks. I guess you can say, from Ukraine against positions in Russia. There's a lot of information out there if you know where to look for it, and if you're interested in finding it.

**Host: David Wheaton 27:19**

Soeren, explain a bit more how China is related to what's going on with Russia and Ukraine.



**Guest: Soeren Kern** 27:28

China is observing very closely what the United States and its NATO allies are going to do to protect Ukraine. Are they going to allow Russia to occupy that country? Are they going to move to some kind of a negotiated settlement?

I think that China perceives that if the West is weak because of Ukraine, then that's going to give China a green light to move on to Taiwan. I think that Chinese occupation of Taiwan would be a disaster for the existing world order, for the global economy, and for the free movement of goods through the sea lines of communication in Southeast Asia.

That is what we're seeing right now, with the closure of the Red Sea, to the Houthi rebels in Yemen. It is a warning of what will happen if China is allowed to invade Taiwan. If you look at a map, and you try to see what is the geopolitical reality, it's called the First Island Chain. It's a network of American alliances that stretch all the way from Japan, to Taiwan, to the Philippines. This prevents China from becoming a global power. It keeps China inside a certain territorial limit. If China were to invade and occupy Taiwan, that would be the unraveling of the entire Pacific Alliance system that the United States has built up, and one by one Korea, Japan, Philippines, and the rest would be in China's orbit.

**Host: David Wheaton** 28:55

The only hope to end this then, is that the US has to continue to support Ukraine until Russia gives up on Ukraine, because it was predicted that Russia's economy is going to collapse and everything else. None of that's happened in Russia with this war. They have a very different perspective than Americans. They're willing to stay there, it seems indefinitely, until they achieve what they want.

Unless the US military and American soldiers get directly involved, we're just going to keep on sending Ukraine arms and weapons until what? Russia has staying power that they're right next door. This is on the other side of the world to America. So what's going to break the Russian will, to stop their objectives in Ukraine?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 29:47

The Europeans have to step up. This recent bill for providing aid for Ukraine is probably going to be the last one. I don't think that the Trump administration is going to be spending that kind of money on Ukraine. It's a wake up call here in Europe, on all the capitals, that Ukraine is now Europe's problem. Europe needs to stand up because the United States is increasingly focused on either the Middle East, or particularly the challenge coming from China.

If the Europeans stand up and do what they should be doing, particularly the Germans and the French, that would at least show President Putin that he has no chance of winning definitively. I would also say that the Russian economy is in a shambles. The only reason why it's continuing the way it is, is because countries like Iran and China are helping Russia to avoid sanctions, and they're buying all of the oil and gas that the Europeans used to buy from Russia. It is now going to China and that's propping up the Russian economy. I don't see how much longer this can hold. Maybe it can go on for another decade. Who knows. But as I said, this conflict with Ukraine is really definitive for the future of peace and security in Europe.

**Host: David Wheaton 30:56**

Soeren, the protests, the uprisings, the intimidation, the anti-Israel sentiments, anti-Jewish sentiment, anti-Americanism that is taking place, not just at Columbia University in New York, but all over the country, it's also happening here at the University of Minnesota where we're based in the United States. These protests are against Israel, they're against America, so they're for the Islamic militants like Hamas in the Palestinian areas.

Jews are being blocked from going to classes at these schools. In person classes have been canceled, I think at Columbia, and maybe even other places. There are these encampments springing up on school property, the desecration of property, Palestinian flag flying on these campuses. When they try to put up an American flag, there's resistance to that. These uprisings, and the protesters are wearing masks all the time. They're criminals basically, not showing their faces.

A building at Columbia University was taken over in New York. Even off campuses, roads are being blocked from people being able to drive and so forth. There's very little pushback by schools or the police. The police, I think for the first time, went into Columbia just a couple days ago. Then you have the funding from people like George Soros, anti-American elements like that, that certain protesters or agitators are being paid to come on to these campuses and cause problems. The coordination level. These little green tents are popping up all over the country. Did they all go to the same store and buy them? I'm going to play a compilation clip of the kinds of things that are happening on campuses around the country for Hamas, Gaza, Palestinians, and against Israel. The first part of the clip is of a Jewish student trying to go to class at UCLA.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student 33:02**

"You guys have closed the entrance. We are UCLA students. I have my ID right here. I'm being blocked off not by the security guard but by you two, you three. Oh look they're making their \_\_\_\_\_ while I'm going this way. This is what they do. I'm a UCLA student, I deserve to go here. We pay tuition. This is our school and they're not letting me walk in. My class is over there. I want to use that

entrance. Will you let me go in? This can be over in a second. Just let me and my friends go in to class.

**Audio Sound Bite: protester** 34:10

We're not engaging.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:11

Then you can move. Will you move? Why can we not go through here?"

**Audio Sound Bite: Protester** 34:12

Because we're not letting media in right now.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:13

I know. I know. But this is a public campus. Why are we not able to go through?

**Audio Sound Bite: Protester** 34:14

Because we're not letting media in right now.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:15

I know, but who are you? Are you a police officer?

**Audio Sound Bite: protester** 34:17

Can you take a step back please? Even the firefighter just said to please step back.

**Audio sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:19

Well, I mean he's a firefighter, he's not a police officer.

**Audio Sound Bite: Protester** 34:20

You're not a firefighter so you're not coming in?

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:22

Well, why am I not allowed to come in there?

**Audio Sound Bite: Protester** 34:24

Because we're not letting media in right now.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jewish Student** 34:26

I know, but what are you afraid of? Why do you not want to have people talk to you and find out what your protest is all about?

**Audio sound Bite: Protester** 34:40

Liberators, acting in solidarity with Palestine, continue to hold themselves to a higher standard than Columbia. Taking back our own campus is the only and last response to an institution that obeys neither its own so called rules nor ethical mandates, which is why we began the Gaza solidarity encampment.

**Host: David Wheaton** 34:55

Soeren, How do you explain these protests taking place on US college campuses? Is there anything like this going on to this degree in Europe?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 35:06

There are several con-factors that are converging at the same time. These protests are obviously not spontaneous. I would break this down into multiple levels. Obviously, the first one is Cultural Marxism. This has made inroads in the American higher education system. We've talked about this; you've had other guests on your program talking about critical theory and intersectionality. It basically breaks everything down into the oppressed and the oppressors.

In this situation, Palestinians are the oppressed, and the Israelis are the oppressors. It's black and white. Jews are now, according to these critical theories, viewed as privileged whites and oppressors. Israel is branded as settler colonialism and oppression of the indigenous people. Basically, this is very ideological driven, it really makes no sense. It's not even possible to debate with these people or argue with them in the rational way.

This is a feature of American higher education, and the general corruption of American society. Another factor is the outside funding of Universities. My focus is always on the non-Americans who are funding this. I'm sure there are people within the United States who are funding this, but basically countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and many others, have donated tens of billions of dollars to American Universities to influence the Middle Eastern Studies Department.

Most elite Universities, I would say, the ones that really produce the future leaders who run the American government, they're taught an educational system that is very anti-Israel, very pro-Arab, and very pro-Palestinian.

I'll give you an anecdote from my own personal experience, that I found at Georgetown University. I went to the School of Foreign Service there, which is one of the main institutions for training American and foreign diplomats and this was 30 years ago. When I got there, I couldn't believe the amount of pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel animus in the basic courses. I ended up having to change my major from Middle Eastern studies to an International Relations degree because I couldn't continue along this line.

Most of the people who are now managing universities, are people who are in the State Department, in the Pentagon, and the think tank world. They've all come through the American university system. Even abroad, many of the elites in Europe went to schools like Georgetown, or Princeton, or Columbia or Harvard and they've taken the same anti-Israel worldview, and taken it back to their own countries.

In addition to that, and this is what this is about, apart from the Cultural Marxism, apart from the funding, it is really that this is spiritual war. Obviously, this anti-semitism is satanic, it's coming from the pit of hell. The Bible says that this anti-semitism is, in a way, a sign that we are nearing the end times. We shouldn't be surprised that we're seeing this. God chose the Jews as His people, and that's what the Bible says; that's what we believe. Satan hates that. He has been doing everything for thousands of years to undermine the Jews and undermine the Jewish state.

**Host: David Wheaton 38:29**

I'm glad you brought that up, because it is beyond explainable by just saying, well, the students in these universities are taking the side of the oppressed, the Palestinians against the oppressor Israel and the Jews. There is the anti-Jewish sentiment, hatred of that thread that has run through history, inspired by Satan against the people God chose in the Old Testament through whom our Messiah would come. That's the only way to explain how virulent and irrational these protests are against a tiny little country in the Middle East; the only democracy in the Middle East, an historic friend of America.

That leads well into the last couple of questions for you, Soeren, about the support that Christians are called to in Scripture. Those who bless Abraham, bless the Jews, will be blessed and those who curse them will be cursed. Soeren, Israel is quite a bit like America democratically, politically, of course, but also from an evil side immorally. They have the same strong advocacy for what God has established as wicked, such as the LGBTQ movement. Generally speaking, they're living in rebellion against God, and certainly have rejected God's Messiah, Jesus Christ, for them and for the world, and yet, we're still called to bless Israel. What does that mean, practically for Christians to be a

blessing to the Jews in Israel, and yet without overlooking their egregious defiance of God and the Savior, Jesus Christ?

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 43:15

That's a very complicated situation. The Jews obviously do not believe that Jesus is their Messiah and that's really the whole reason, according to the Bible, for their expulsion from Israel. After the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., and after final expulsion in 135 A.D. I would not say that the Jews don't believe in God, because there are a lot of Jews who are very godly people, and they love God. They just don't recognize that Jesus was their Messiah. Paul tells us in the Book of Romans that part of it is that they're blinded. The Lord has blinded them, so they're not able. There's a very large Messianic Jewish movement in Israel. There are 1000s, maybe millions of Jews in the United States, in the West, who have converted to Christianity.

It's very clear from Ezekiel, if you take the whole 37, 38, 39, when you talk about the dry bones. The Lord has brought these people back from all the corners of the earth, but they are without a spirit. At some point, God is going to breathe the spirit into them. They're in the land right now in unbelief and God will work on them to bring them into belief, obviously.

I think that as Christians, we should support Israel, because as you mentioned, they're God's chosen people. It's very clear from Genesis 12:3, the Lord says that He'll "bless those who bless the descendants of Abraham, and He'll curse those who curse them." We definitely want to be on the right side of that equation. Zechariah 2:8 also describes Israel as the apple of God's eye. It's something that is very, very important to God.

If you go further down into Zechariah 12:3 the Bible teaches that Jerusalem will be a heavy stone, that all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. God will bring judgment against all of the nations who have come against Israel. All this anti-semitism, the thing with Islam, the injustice that we see, will be made right obviously in the millennial kingdom at the very end, but we're in a process. Christians need to support Israel, we need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We need to trust in God's sovereignty, and I wouldn't be personally too judgmental against the Jews in Israel. Basically, the Lord has got everything under control, and in His perfect timing, as the Apostle Paul says, all Israel will be saved.

**Host: David Wheaton** 45:32

I believe what you just described is biblically correct; about the call for Christians to support Israel and the Jews, even despite the fact that they're living in rebellion against God right now. Figuring out how to do that is key. We don't want to affirm anyone in their sin, and yet we must support them.

That needs to be thought through in ways that support their right to an existence in their land. That will be an obvious way to support them, but what you just said about supporting the Jewish people is not discussed very much, that I see in evangelical churches in this country. Even Christians who are theologically conservative and would be in our doctrinal ballpark, say little to nothing, or even are against Israel; more of the reformed camp, I would say.

You mentioned social media, and you'll see this online, that they just think, "Why would you support this little country? They're in rebellion against God, there's no future significance for them. " Obviously, they believe the church has now replaced Israel and so forth, but what do you make of that, Soeren, that there are theologically conservative Christians who don't want anything to do with Israel?

Secondly, even amongst those churches or Christians that believe in a pre-tribulational rapture, or pre-millennial return of Christ, there is a purpose for the Jewish people as Revelation clearly described, and also described in Romans 9 through 11 as well. I don't see pastors in these churches talking about what is going on in Israel, to inform congregations about what is taking place, and to encourage them to do just as you said. We must pray for them, for their support, and for God's will to be done, that sort of thing.

**Guest: Soeren Kern** 47:37

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 very clearly states, literally, that Israel is God's allotted heritage. God chose the Jews for whatever reason. These are covenants that God made with the Jews that are eternal. They're not contingent on the ancient Israelites obedience to those covenants or not. They are eternal. Those promises that God made to Abraham are eternal.

There's a lot of bad theology within the Christian church today. It started with Augustine, and all of the spiritualizing and allegorizing of the promises that God made to Israel, when the church began to teach that the true Israel is now the church. This obviously, is bad theology.

Here is the the problem. We are now in the situation where we have almost 2000 years of bad theology. If people would read the book, the Bible; if they would read the text in the literal hermeneutical, grammatical hermeneutic, they could very easily see that the Bible says what it says. There can be no doubt. What we have in the United States, in the evangelical churches, is a lot of people putting their own theological system in front of the text of the Bible, interpreting the text through their theological system. That leads to a faulty conclusion.

A lot of pastors who are very good Bible expositors, for some reason, when they come to prophesy and come to Israel, suddenly move from a literal interpretation to an allegorical interpretation, as if that should be consistent. That is one of the major problems within evangelical Christianity today. Pastors themselves don't know how to deal with eschatology. They don't know how to deal with all these conflicting theologies about Israel, the church, the separation of these two entities, and God's plan for them. The tragic thing is that many Christian pastors in America have no idea where we are on God's redemptive timeline,

All the things that we've talked about today in this interview, show very clearly that we're moving in the end times. These are all signs over and over and over again. It's like the Lord is showing us over and over again that the end is near, yet, so many people in the church in America, and I suppose here in Europe as well, have no idea that God is about to make a big move, and is about to turn His attention back to the Jewish people and redeem these people.

It's really a tragedy. I don't know if it's because of the wealth and the comfort in America that pastors don't want to touch theologically controversial issues; or it is for fear of losing members, offerings, being chided by their theological brothers and sisters in the pastorate. In the end, the Bible says what it says, and I would take it literally. We should. In the end, it's all under God's control.

**Host: David Wheaton 50:27**

It certainly is and that's why we appreciate you so much, Soeren; that you can take these complicated geopolitical movements, dynamics going on in the world, and simplify it to make it understandable, and show how it's all connected in a world that is going against God basically. The world wants to get to a point of, what Revelation describes as, a one world government or a global governance dynamic with a world ruler, and how it's set against Israel.

Then you bring in the fact that God is sovereign. He's ordained this, this is how He is bringing the end of history where his Son is going to return to reign. We so appreciate your reminding us of that good news. Thank you Soeren, for coming on The Christian Worldview today. Once again, as always, all of God's best and Grace to you and your family.

Our guest was Soeren Kern, a geopolitical analyst and writing fellow for Middle East Forum. You can find links to his work at our website.

Scripture gives us the model for how to intercede for Israel and the Jews, even in the midst of their rebellion against God and rejection of Christ. We don't have time right now, but go to Exodus 32 and read what Moses said. Or Romans chapter 9, and read what the Apostle Paul said as they



interceded for God's chosen people, to remember His covenant promises for the Jews in praying for their salvation and supporting them in their struggle to live in the land that God gave them.

When you oppose Israel and the Jews, do you know whose side you're taking? Satan's. He's been trying to exterminate God's people going back to Esther and Haman, and it continues to this day, even on US college campuses.

Pastors need to step up and pray for Israel and the Jews in their services. They need to inform people about what the Bible says about the Jews in Israel and what God has planned for their future. God isn't losing right now, by the way, God never loses anything. He is working every situation that looks dire; Israel, Russia, Ukraine, China, American political leadership, immorality. He's gathering the world against Himself and His people until His own son, Jesus Christ, returns to judge and to reign.

Thank you for joining us today on The Christian Worldview, and for your support of this nonprofit radio ministry. Let's remember that Jesus Christ and His Word of the same yesterday, and today and forever. Until next time, Think biblically, live accordingly, and stand firm!

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## **Upcoming TCW Event: Overcomer Course**

David Wheaton here, host of The Christian Worldview to tell you about the Overcome Course for young adults being held June 21st and 22nd at beautiful Stone House Farm in Jordan, Minnesota. Ages 18-25 is a highly transitional time. The conditions developed and the decisions made during this crucial stage sets ones course for years to come.

Now the main sessions of the course are specifically designed to help young adults gain clarity and conviction on who God is, what His plan is and their purpose in it. So we have four sessions the first day, and then four sessions the second day. So health and fitness is not the theme or the focus of the conference. That's going to be a Q & A the first night. The sessions have to do with really the big issues of life.

This is not going to be a camp so to speak where you go and have burlap sack races and water balloon fights. This is going to be a substantive time over two days. I encourage you to spread the word, share the link from our website, we have a whole page on our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org), where you can find out more about us. Or give us a call 1-888-646-2233.

The Overcomer Course is already 60% full and it's pretty evenly divided between men and women. We're talking young adults 18 to 25, 26, 27. In that age range during that highly transitional time of life.

By the way, you can come from out of state and we'd encourage you to do so. This is a beautiful time of year in Minnesota. There's lots to do in the area. Hope you consider that and spread the word about the Overcomer Course June 21 and 22.

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## **New featured Resource:**

Christians with discernment know that the US public education system is humanistic to the core. That is because subversives have successfully removed from government schools, the most important subject to understand truth and reality God, while Americans were once educated at home or privately in an explicitly Christian way, today, government schools are radically anti Christian propagandizing children with evolution, graphic sexual content, gender confusion, and globalism.

Alex Newman's book, *Indoctrinating Our Children To Death* is our new featured resource. It is softcover, 276 pages and retails for 1799. You can order the book for a donation of any amount to

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**The Overcomer Foundation Cup: Hazeltine National Golf Club**

Also, we just announced this week that registration is now open for the Overcomer Foundation Cup, our annual golf event in September. This year it's going to be at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.