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## Trump: An Observation

Millions of Christians Across The World Were Hostile To The Idea of A Trump Presidency. Yet An Overlooked Observation Might Be Behind This.



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# INTRODUCTION

## Dear Global Watch Weekly Member

Firstly I want to extend a warm greeting for 2017 and trust that this new year will bring positive health and prosperity in all areas of your life.

Secondly I want to thank those who have been a continual source of support for us over some rather difficult times.

Because of your assistance and support we have been able to bring back the global watch weekly after a several month absence.

Please continue to support us as it is the only way which we can continue.

In this edition of the global watch weekly we acknowledge that Donald Trump is now president of the United States but ask the question of why so many Christians that we have spoken to about the US president, have been so negative about the election result.

Whilst the conservative and fundamentalist arm of Christianity will most likely have supported Trump it is discernible that the mainstream arm of Christianity are either neutral or would have preferred Hillary Clinton in the white house.

Is this wholly due to the diet that people were fed by the mainstream media during the run up to the election or is their a theological factor that we need to consider?

Enjoy.

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## TRUMP OVERCOMES THE ODDS

One of the most interesting things about the Donald Trump presidency controversy is that when speaking to Christians, many seemed to be fuelled by the propaganda being orchestrated by the media.



Before the election many felt that Trumps inflammatory statements about building a wall and deporting Mexicans, about banning all Muslims from entering the united states and a secret recorded tape of his supposed “locker room talk” were incidences that were simply impossible to politically recover from.

Then when the impossible happened and he won the vote the attention then turned to significant allegations of Russian interference with the US elections. This has been mentioned in the run up to the election but after the election result this story began to gather momentum.



There were even several attempts by political opponents to trigger a vote recount in some of the swing states where the vote had been very close.

Then a leaked document appeared on the scene

two weeks before the presidential inauguration. The dossier was reportedly prepared by Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer who then went on the run after his name was associated with the leaked document.

Even though it could not be substantiated by the intelligence agencies it was still used by the media to denigrate Trump citing his involvement with a prostitute at a hotel in Moscow as well as business dealings in Russia.

The hypothesis generated by some media groups was that Trump may have been involved in some Russian deals which went sour and it may have been the threat of blackmail why he seemed to be supportive of Vladimir Putin.

Despite all these incidents which provide enough content to create a Hollywood blockbuster movie what was the view of many Christians?



This journey became a fascinating one for me because never has a political event of such significance caused such division within Christendom similarly to the way that Trumps nomination as a Republican candidate caused significant division and turmoil within the Republican party (until they crossed the line).

Based on my own limited horizon I found that many Christians were fixated by the cult of Trumps abrasive personality rather than looking beyond the superficial. Some believe he is a closet racist and others believe he is a corrupt businessman willing to do deals with states identified by Western leaders as corrupt and that his association with Christianity is superficial.

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## ISRAEL IS KEY TO WHAT ONE THINKS

Yet very few Christians I spoke to made any mention about the fact that Trump wanted Christianity to have a much stronger voice in America. There are videos circulating on the internet showing Trump speaking about the need for Christianity to move from a state of impotence to become a real powerful and major force in the United States.

Trump felt that political correctness was favouring Islam but blunting the effectiveness of Christianity. Surely a statement like this should resonate with Christians yet surprisingly despite this many still preferred to focus on what the media was spinning.

Few Christians I spoke to focused on the fact that Trump is a strong advocate of male/female relationships and has a conservative stance on abortion. Yet there was a preference by many to focus on Trump's past misdemeanours and sexual promiscuity with women. Much of which happened many years ago. Few seemed to want to focus on the fact that Trump was in a very stable marriage with a woman he loves and is clearly a strong advocate of the family unit.

Do Christians forget that what one does in the past can be wiped away if one comes to Christ. I have no say on Donald Trump and whether he is a true born again believer but what I will say is that I was surprised by how Christians who are supposed to exemplify Christ were still wanting to focus on Trump's past distasteful comments about women when this is not a representation of him today.



However for me one of the most important observations was that very few Christians I spoke

to mentioned anything about the fact that Trump wanted to restore American support for Israel.

Further pressing of this topic revealed to me that many Christians actually see no significance in regards to the nation of Israel as far as bible prophecy is concerned.

What became increasingly clear was that the significance of Israel from a prophetic perspective has a big influence on where one stands on a Trump presidency.

Christians who have a superficial understanding of bible prophecy will look at all the spin being put out by the general media about Trump and totally miss that its much more than about Trump. Its more about the Middle East, Israel and the role that America will play in years to come.



Unobvious to these Christians is the fact that for the last 8 years Barack Obama was the most anti Israel American president ever. Because of his Muslim heritage Obama was a sympathizer to the Palestinian cause in the middle east and this significantly influenced his diplomatic relations with Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The sting in the tail as a lasting reminder of his legacy was the decision made by the Obama administration in December 2016 to veto an anti-Israel U.N. resolution which had been blocked by the United States for several decades.

This decision was ranked as the most anti-Semitic incident of 2016 by the *Simon Wiesenthal Center*. In the annual anti-Semitism report, the center placed the Obama administration's decision to abstain on the UN Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements at the head of its list, the "*Top 10 Worst Global Anti-Semitic/Anti-Israel Incidents.*"

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“The most stunning 2016 U.N. attack on Israel was facilitated by President Obama when the U.S. abstained on a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel for settlement construction, It reversed decades-long US policy of vetoing such diplomatic moves against the Jewish State.”

Two top Israeli officials have accused the previous Obama administration of orchestrating the resolution behind the scenes, insisting that they would provide proof to President Donald Trump.

The previous US secretary of state, John Kerry, had offered a blistering defence of the US decision to allow a UN resolution condemning Israeli settlements, saying if Washington had vetoed it, Israel would have been given a licence for “unfettered settlement construction” and the end of the peace process.

Framing a two-state solution as *“the only way to achieve a just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians”*, Kerry had taken aim at the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, for building a coalition that was *“the most right wing in Israeli history, with an agenda driven by the most extreme elements”*.

The speech was condemned by Netanyahu, who described it as “skewed” and “obsessively” focused on the settlement issue.

The exchange between Kerry and Netanyahu had marked a new low in the relationship between Israel’s government and the now ex Obama administration.

*“The United States did in fact vote in accordance with our values, just as previous administrations have done,”* Kerry said during the speech at the US state department. *“The vote in the United Nations was about preserving the two-state solution. That’s what we were standing up for.”*

## THE TRUMP AGENDA FOR ISRAEL

When it comes to finding a resolution to the Israel -Palestine conundrum Trump evidently believes that Jared Kushner, his son-in-law, will be the man to hit on a plan that is acceptable to all sides. He at least has the advantage that nobody else has managed it after decades of trying.

Since Trump is a man who obviously likes a bit of symbolism, the suggestion that he might move the United States’ embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem might not come as a huge surprise. It would certainly provoke concern from much of the Arab world. The Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has suggested that the construction of a new embassy their would “not help peace” and would *“destroy the two-state solution”*. It would also be at odds with the United Nations’ continued refusal to recognise Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.



The question of Jerusalem’s status is about as thorny as it gets and is at the heart of the wider Israeli-Palestinian riddle. The city is either the answer to a lasting peace or the reason for its impossibility. Both Israelis and Palestinians regard it as their capital; but Israel’s current administration, in line with most of its predecessors, has maintained that all of Jerusalem – rather than a portion of it – will remain eternally under Israeli sovereignty. So although the establishment of a foreign embassy in Jerusalem would not, in and of itself, be a definitive statement against a possible, future two-state solution, it would be perceived as supportive of the hard-line position taken by Benjamin Netanyahu’s government.

The fact that President Trump’s pick as his ambassador to Israel is a longstanding opponent of the two-state proposition has convinced some commentators that the plan to shift America’s embassy will come to fruition. That Israeli authorities approved the construction of hundreds of new settler homes in occupied East Jerusalem shortly after Trump took office is a further signal that Israel is confident it now has a firm friend in the White House.

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Still, Trump is hardly the first US President to raise the possibility of relocating America's diplomatic HQ in Israel. Bill Clinton and George W. Bush both pledged to make the move to Jerusalem when they were on the campaign trail. During Clinton's first term, Congress even passed the *Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act*. But ever since then, successive Presidents have signed a waiver every six months to block the legislation's enforcement, convinced that the national security interests of the U.S. are better protected by keeping the embassy in Tel Aviv.

Some of America's staunchest allies in the Middle-East (Saudi Arabia and Egypt to name just two) would be deeply opposed to the idea of the US Ambassador being based in Jerusalem and it is this disapproval which some believe will persuade Trump's team to hold back.

Yet as America's new President made plain when he took office, old assumptions about US policy-making no longer apply. With a putative friend in Moscow, chummy relations with Riyadh or Cairo may be of less significance to America's approach to the wider Middle East, especially if Trump decides to focus on domestic affairs as closely as his inaugural address suggested he would. In that case, acting in a way which risks provoking violent anger from Palestinians in the occupied territories (and, who knows, a response in kind from Israel) may of little concern to him. Long-term peace for Israelis and Palestinians may be Trump's stated aim; but if he moves America's embassy to Jerusalem, further conflict is the more likely outcome

## REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

So going back to why many Christians prefer to focus on Trump and his controversies and forget his support for Israel. The reason for this might be what is called "replacement theology" or supersessionism.

Replacement theology essentially teaches that the church has replaced Israel in God's plan. Adherents of replacement theology believe the Jews are no longer God's chosen people, and God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel. Among the different views of the

relationship between the church and Israel are the church has replaced Israel (replacement theology), the church is an expansion of Israel (covenant theology), or the church is completely different and distinct from Israel (dispensationalism/premillennialism).

Replacement theology teaches that the church is the replacement for Israel and that the many promises made to Israel in the Bible are fulfilled in the Christian church, not in Israel. The prophecies in Scripture concerning the blessing and restoration of Israel to the Promised Land are spiritualized or allegorized into promises of God's blessing for the church.

Major problems exist with this view, such as the continuing existence of the Jewish people throughout the centuries and especially with the revival of the modern state of Israel. If Israel has been condemned by God and there is no future for the Jewish nation, how do we explain the supernatural survival of the Jewish people over the past 2,000 years despite the many attempts to destroy them? How do we explain why and how Israel reappeared as a nation in the 20th century after not existing for 1,900 years?

What about scriptures which talk about Jerusalem becoming a burdensome stone to the whole world? Are we take all these scriptures and apply our own imagination to it which then lends itself to all kinds of varying interpretations?

The view that Israel and the church are different is clearly taught in the New Testament. Biblically speaking, the church is distinct from Israel, and the terms church and Israel are never to be confused or used interchangeably. We are taught from Scripture that the church is an entirely new creation that came into being on the day of Pentecost and will continue Christ comes for his bride (Ephesians 1:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17).

The church has no relationship to the curses and blessings for Israel. The covenants, promises, and warnings of the Mosaic Covenant were valid only for Israel. Israel has been temporarily set aside in God's program during these past 2,000 years of dispersion (see Romans 11).

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Contrary to replacement theology, we believe God will restore Israel as the primary focus of His plan. The first event at this time is the tribulation (Revelation chapters 6–19). The world will be judged for rejecting Christ, while Israel is prepared through the trials of the great tribulation for the second coming of the Messiah. Then, when Christ does return to the earth at the end of the tribulation, Israel will be ready to receive Him.

The remnant of Israel who survive the tribulation will be saved, and the Lord will establish His kingdom on this earth with Jerusalem as its capital. With Christ reigning as King, Israel will be the leading nation, and representatives from all nations will come to Jerusalem to honor and worship the King—Jesus Christ. The church will reign with Christ during this period for a literal thousand years (Revelation 20:1–5).

The church has not replaced Israel in God's plan. While God may be focusing His attention primarily on the church in this dispensation of grace, God has not forgotten Israel and will one day restore Israel to His intended role as the nation He has chosen (Romans 11).

It is prudent to state here that there are some churches that do not teach replacement theology yet through their silence on Israel in prophecy it breeds ground for people not being taught about Israel and thus not factoring this into their decision making as evidenced in the case regarding Donald Trump.

## AMERICA IN BIBLE PROPHECY

So where does a Trump administration leave America in regards to bible prophecy?

It is probably too early to tell at this stage but what we do know is what the Bible tells us about the future and this is the one reason why Trump needs to be careful and guarded about the intentions of a warm Russia.

In Ezekiel 38 we see the prophet Ezekiel prophesying about a major war that would take place in the end times. The war would involve nations that surround Israel such as the Muslim populations of North Africa, those to the north of Israel and those to the east of Israel such as Iran. However Ezekiel also mentions that this war

which would be based on an alliance committed to the destruction of Israel would be lead by a great leader from the uttermost parts of the north.

If you was take a ruler and point it northward from Israel, the nation furthest north of Israel is the land occupied and controlled by Russia which in bible times was referred to as Magog.

One of the most conspicuous but highly relevant passages of scripture is the protest that comes from a second alliance of nations at the time of this invasion.

In Ezekiel 38:13 it states

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"

Sheba and Dedan, aligned with a group of "merchants," are seen here questioning the motives of the northern aggressor.

Many bible scholars believe that the merchants of Tarshish, the Bible's symbol for the latter-day complex of trading nations, are inextricably linked with the emirs of Arabia.

It is from this conflicted situation that Sheba and Dedan (in league with the global merchants) ask, "*Are you, O Gog, coming to take our wealth?*" Also present are the "young lions." These would be the latter-day partners in global trade, whose riches have catapulted them to world power.

We believe this alliance is a combination of Great Britain and her descendants such as the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the gulf states including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and others that depend on their alliance with Great Britain and America to help offset the threat from other jealous middle eastern countries such as Iran.

The emergence of a split within the muslim world over Israel has been developing over a number of years with Saudi Arabia making much friendlier gestures towards Israel in seeing the rise of Iranian back Islamic fundamentalism as a major threat to the stability of the middle east.

Certainly interesting times ahead.