The Zionist Cuckoos in Christianity's Nest

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Stuart Littlewood views the ideology of Christian Zionism, which is rampant in the United States and has made some inroads in other "Christian" societies, and argues that, in essence, Christian Zionism is "a gross corruption of the biblical message".

"The question is, are we seriously to believe that an all-powerful supernatural being has chosen and elevated one group of humans to a position of supremacy above all others, and has approved the use of any mean, including murder, brutal eviction and even war, to achieve their selfish goal, and now mobilizes millions of lesser mortals from around the globe, like those who regard themselves as upstanding Christians, to serve as tools and sing the praises of this "Grand Design"?" - Stuart Littlewood

If you are as puzzled as I am as to how a true Christian could possibly be taken in by Zionism, a <u>short paper</u> on the phenomenon is available from the Irish-Palestinian alliance, Sadaka.

Sadaka sums up the Christian Zionist position quite neatly. It says that, according to Christian Zionists.

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The destiny of the Jewish people is to return to the land of Israel and reclaim their inheritance promised to Abraham and his descendants forever. This inheritance extends from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates. Within their land, Jerusalem is recognized to be their exclusive, undivided and eternal capital, and therefore it cannot be shared or divided.

At the heart of Jerusalem will be the rebuilt Jewish temple, to which all the nations will come to worship God. Just prior to the return of Jesus, there will be seven years of calamities and war known as the tribulation, which will culminate in a great battle called Armageddon, during which the godless forces opposed to both God and Israel will be defeated.

Jesus will then return as the Jewish Messiah and king to reign in Jerusalem for a thousand years, and the Jewish people will enjoy a privileged status and role in the world.

One Christian Zionist group, the scary US-based Unity Coalition for Israel (UCI), brings together more than 200 partners claiming to represent more than 40 million Americans in the largest network of pro-Israel groups in the world. Their mission is, in their words, "to focus the efforts of secular and religious organizations and individuals for whom the existence of the state of Israel is central and essential to the future of the free world. We educate these organizations and individuals on security issues and radical ideologies, including global Islamic terrorism..." UCI reaches millions of people through more than 200 Christian and Jewish organizations, including churches, synagogues, prayer networks, think tanks and thousands of individuals.

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Pastor John Hagee is founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel (CUfl), which claims to be the largest pro-Israel organization in America, with over 850,000 members. It holds at least 40 pro-Israel events a month in towns and cities across the USA. "We're building support for Israel from coast to coast!" is the sort of proclamation that reveals the real agenda.

What does Hagee's CUfl believe in? It says:

- We believe in the absolute authority of the [sacred] scripture to govern the affairs of men.
- We believe in the promise of Genesis 12:3 regarding the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. We believe that this is an eternal covenant between God and the seed of Abraham to which God is faithful. Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed". Point: God has promised to bless the man or nation that blesses the Chosen People. History has proven beyond reasonable doubt that the nations that have blessed the Jewish people have had the blessing of God; the nations that have cursed the Jewish people have experienced the curse of God.
- We support Israel because all other nations were created by an act of men, but Israel was created by an act of God! The Royal Land Grant that was given to Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob with an everlasting and unconditional covenant.
- St Paul recorded in Romans 15:27 "For if the gentiles have shared in their (the Jews) spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things".
- Christians owe a debt of eternal gratitude to the Jewish people for their contributions that gave birth to the Christian faith ... the Jewish people have given to Christianity:
- a) The Sacred Scripture
- b) The Prophets
- c) The Patriarchs

- d) Mary, Joseph, and Jesus Christ of Nazareth
- e) The Twelve Disciples
- f) The Apostles
- It is not possible to say, "I am a Christian" and not love the Jewish people.

Hagee pretends the relationship between Christians and Jews in biblical times still applies today. He uses "mushroom management" methods – keep 'em in the dark and keep shovelling horse manure at 'em. If his Cornerstone church followers bothered to take an independent trip to the West Bank and Gaza – and I do mean independent, not an Israeli bus tour with guides trained by the Tel Aviv propaganda department (or by Hagee) – they'd quickly discover the unpalatable truth. The glitzy Hagee empire, and others like it, would then crumble.

An effective riposte to the biblical distortions used to support Israel's lust for supremacy is "The Jerusalem Declaration on Christian Zionism", a statement by the Latin Patriarch and Local Heads of Churches in Jerusalem issued in 2006. They are on the ground, in the front line, in the Holy Land. They know the score. They put the genuine Christian case. And it is summed up in the first sentence:

We categorically reject Christian Zionist doctrines as a false teaching that corrupts the biblical message of love, justice and reconciliation.

We further reject the contemporary alliance of Christian Zionist leaders and organizations with elements in the governments of Israel and the United States that are presently imposing their unilateral pre-emptive borders and domination over Palestine. This inevitably leads to unending cycles of violence that undermine the security of all peoples of the Middle East and the rest of world.

We reject the teachings of Christian Zionism that facilitate and support these policies as they advance racial exclusivity and perpetual war rather than the gospel of universal love, redemption and reconciliation taught by Jesus Christ. Rather than condemn the world to the doom of Armageddon we call upon everyone to liberate themselves from ideologies of militarism and occupation. Instead, let them pursue the healing of the nations!

The declaration, explains Sadaka, asserts that

Christian Zionists have aggressively imposed an aberrant expression of the Christian faith and an erroneous interpretation of the Bible, which is subservient to the political agenda of the modern state of Israel... Christian Zionism thrives on a literal and futurist hermeneutic in which Old Testament promises made to the ancient Jewish people are transferred to the contemporary state of Israel in anticipation of a final future fulfillment.

For the posh churchy word "hermeneutic", read "interpreting the scriptures".

Corrupting the biblical message

Not only does Zionism cloak itself in the Jewish faith, it hides its ugly face behind Christianity's skirts. And, believe it or not, there is even a movement calling itself the World Muslim Zionist Organization.

In Christianity's case the rot set in way back in1909 when the Scofield study bible was published and became the standard religious text in the United States.

It's a propaganda classic. And the indoctrination has lasted 100 years.

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It introduced a new worship icon, the modern state of Israel, which did not exist until 1948 but was already being "prepped" on the drawing board of the World Zionist movement.

American journalist Grace Halsell explained the rehashed biblical message:

Simply stated it is this: Every act taken by Israel is orchestrated by God, and should be condoned, supported and even praised by the rest of us. Never mind what Israel does, say the Christian Zionists. God wants this to happen...

Scofield said that Christ cannot return to earth until certain events occur: the Jews must return to Palestine, gain control of Jerusalem and rebuild a temple, and then we all must engage in the final, great battle called Armageddon. Estimates vary, but most students of Armageddon theology agree that as a result of these relatively recent interpretations of biblical scripture, 10 to 40 million Americans believe Palestine is God's chosen land for the Jews.

This belief that Old Testament promises made to the ancient Jewish tribes are transferable to the largely unrelated people that make up the modern state of Israel is what underpins their hope for the final battle they call Armageddon, in which Israel's enemies (and God's, of course) will be defeated. After that Jesus will return as the Jewish Messiah and King to reign in Jerusalem for a thousand years, and the Jewish people will enjoy privileged status in the world.

That is the Zionist dream of world domination in a nutshell. What's in it for non-Jews? Blessed if I know. Yet armies of non-Jewish politicians have become eager stooges.

My reading of history is that the Jews were expelled from Palestine by the Roman occupation in 70 AD, when the second temple in Jerusalem was destroyed. They were expelled again in 135 AD.

Nowadays return is regarded as an inalienable right. But it must be exercised as soon as the reason for expulsion (e.g. foreign occupation) ceases. In the Jews' case an opportunity would have occurred in the 4th century AD as the Roman Empire collapsed. But they didn't take it. They can hardly expect to change their mind 16 centuries later. Their right expired a very long time ago.