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## The Boer War, The Gaza War and the End of Zionism

The headline this week in the Jerusalem Post “**If Israel does not win the war against Hamas, Zionism is dead**”. And so is “End Time Dispensational Rapture Theology”. And some thoughts on the Boer War, concentration camps, “bitter-enders” and the Hamas struggle strategy.

As the terrible Israel-Gaza war extends into its fourth month some issues are becoming clearer for both the combatant sides as well as the Christian evangelical community. For Israel this war as it extends in time and tragedy is now clearly becoming an existential struggle for the very existence of the future state of Israel.

For many evangelical Christians the very existence of the Israel state since 1948 has been a proof of the “end times” and all the prophecies that relate to the soon return of Jesus Christ and should the existence of Israel be threatened so would the very faith of multitudes in the veracity of scriptures.

With this as a background I want to make some observations from two perspectives: As a white Afrikaner South African and as a Charismatic Evangelical who is a fighter for the expression of the Kingdom of God on earth among all nations and nationalities....

1) My historical perspective as a white Afrikaner South African:

- The struggle of the Afrikaners in the 1899-1902 Second Boer War against British Imperialism...and the Palestinian Nationalism struggle.
- The inevitable end of Afrikaner nationalism and the end of Apartheid and the end of the Israel Zionist project.

2) And as an Evangelical Christian and the end of Zionism and the end of End Time Dispensational rapture theology.

### Hamas and the Boer War

I have a personal family connection to the Second Boer War of 1899 – 1902. My grandfather was a Boer Kommandant and captured as a British prisoner of war. In my study of the tactics and struggle of the Boers for their nationalist aspirations I see parallels to the Palestinians and their war with Israel.

The British imperial ambitions of 1899 against the two Boer Republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State were essentially a move to seize the largest gold deposits in the

world. The Afrikaner resistance to British annexation was basically over after one year of war by September of 1900. There was however a large contingent of Boer fighters who rejected a peace treaty and carried the war on for another 2 years. They were known as the “Bittereinders” or bitter-enders. Exemplified by generals De Wet and Koos De la Rey. The extended war turned from formal army engagements to guerilla war, hit and run, blowing up trains and bridges, harassing British troops. The response of the British was to destroy the support base of the guerilla forces – the farms, the crops and the livestock of the two nation’s destroyed and the women and children and farm workers interred in what came to be called “concentration camps”.

This brutality of British tactics to extend the war to the civilian populations by massive destruction of the very means of survival of the Boer people soon became and international scandal with nations and newspapers and international public opinion turning against England. At the war’s end the true extent to the destruction was quantified: Of the white population 6,189 soldiers dead. But of the women and children in the concentration camps 26,370 women and children dead of hunger, starvation and disease. Of the black farm workers in the concentrations camps: 20,000+ Africans dead.

If the Boers had surrendered after 1 year they would have been scorned as stupid and foolish. After 3 years of struggle against a 450,000 mobilized British army and tens of thousands of women and children dead, they had the sympathy and admiration of the world and they also had the emotional binding force of a struggle for not just survival but a strength to create a new nationalism in their struggle to regain their lost homeland from an imperialist overlord.

It is echoes of this Boer war for nationalism and homeland independence that I see in the Hamas Gaza war. It is not without irony that Gaza is called the world’s largest concentration camp. The mass destruction of the living space of the Palestinian people in Gaza and the incredible mounting death toll of women and children in the Gaza concentration camp echoes back to the Boer war concentration camps and the death of women and children that called forth the sympathy of the world.

It is this same world opinion that is now turning against Israel from everywhere. The most prominent and consequential are the students on American university campuses and mass rallies in the cities of the world for the Palestinians. In this an election year in America and many other nations that is causing politicians to be very nervous about supporting Israel, and that includes the Democrats in America.

### **Israel’s struggle for nationhood....**

But the South African experience is also sympathetic to the Israeli project for a national homeland! They too after the Second World war come out of the horrors of concentration camps and millions dead and national cry of “never again”. That cry created the will and emotion for a Jewish state in their traditional land of Palestine in 1948. And in the same year of 1948 the Afrikaner nationalists finally achieved their

dream of full control of their nation from the British and the building of a free and independent and prosperous state for the white Afrikaner people of South Africa.

That the Israeli state and the South African Afrikaner state both had the similar “apartheid” structures is not unusual. Both had a limited democracy for limited kind of people within their boundaries. Arabs and Africans excluded for the same reasons.

However there were differences between the Jewish and Afrikaner Apartheid states. The Afrikaners did their best to create independent “Bantustan states” such as Transkei, Venda and Bophuthatswana, giving them independence, legal recognition, embassies, and investment incentives for job creation and international trade. If Israel had given Gaza independence, an international airport, shipping port for international trade, investment and trade promotion, Gaza could have become the Singapore of the region. That would have been more like the South African “apartheid state”.

Instead Israel is following the British tactics of the Boer war. Hamas guerilla war is being met by the total destruction of the civilian living and support space. And Israel like Britain in 1902 is losing the international sympathy of the world and building up a martyr culture of Palestinian nationalism.

Here in South Africa we white Afrikaners know what the inevitable result is for an “apartheid state” that has lost the sympathy of the world. The international cultural and economic boycotts are coming. The isolation of Israel is inevitable. The strangling of the economic space for Israel is coming. Like South Africa in the 1980’s the best and brightest start the emigration from a trickle to a flood, along with expertise and financial capital. By 1994 the Nationalist Afrikaner had to hand over power to the majority.

The article this week in the Jerusalem Post recognizes this existential threat now facing Israel. The author is echoing the same sentiments of the radical elements we had in South Africa – we need to stay and fight (Eugene Terblanche and the AWB – Afrikaner Weerstand Beweging). The author contends it is a matter of either the total destruction of Hamas and Gaza or it is the destruction of the entire Israel Zionist dream....

I quote selected extracts.....

## **If Israel doesn't win the war against Hamas, Zionism is dead**

**BY JEREMIAH ROZMAN**

*I fought in the Gaza Strip in 2009. My two younger brothers fought there in this war. I have friends who have lost loved ones and who were permanently injured in the same kind of terror nests where Israel is losing its best today. Zionism is the dream of Jewish self-determination as the solution to centuries of antisemitic murder and oppression. I am one of millions over the years who consider it to be a dream worth dying for. But, if Israel does not pursue victory after October 7, Zionism is dead.*

*Over the last few days, social media posts and other reports have suggested that Israel had proposed a two-month cessation of fighting in exchange for the phased release of the*

**hostages. Such a deal would include a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza's population centers, allowing Gazans to return; it would release an unspecified number of terrorists, and if implemented, IDF operations in Gaza would be significantly reduced when fighting resumed. In essence, a major win for Hamas and the ultimate loss for Israel.**

**Let me explain. If Hamas were wise enough to accept such a deal, (I pray they are not) they will have succeeded in irreparably destroying Israel's sense of security; in demonstrating the efficacy of extreme violence to free terrorists as was their stated objective; in igniting massive global sympathy for the Palestinians, in boosting their own popularity and discrediting the Palestinian Authority (PA) as polls currently show, and in bringing a global initiative for Palestinian statehood back into urgency. Absent Israeli victory, Hamas will rebuild, recruit, and rearm. They do not care about Gaza's civilian sector. Its destruction is a propaganda win. Finally, a resumption of low-intensity fighting will not disarm Hamas, nor bring its leadership to justice, where high-intensity fighting failed to do so.**

**AS OF today, the IDF has done Hamas significant damage but has failed to end its ability to fight and it has failed to kill nearly any of its senior leadership in Gaza. Most importantly, Israel has, as yet, failed to cause Hamas's political collapse. The Gazan population has not risen up and Hamas will swiftly reestablish control wherever the IDF leaves. This outcome would make Operation Iron Swords just a larger version of past IDF operations that failed to blunt Hamas's capabilities and certainly failed to deter terrorists from attacking Israel since it uprooted its communities and withdrew its military in 2005.**

### **The Crisis for the Evangelical Christian Community**

If the Israeli state fails the confusion and despair among at least 300 million evangelicals world wide will be enormous. For those of you that don't understand the why let me explain:

There is a world wide evangelical movement that believes we are in the "end times". The primary proof of this is the existence of the nation of Israel from 1948. Why this? Because the next great event in end time Biblical prophecy is the Rapture of the church the saints of God out of the earth. With the Rapture as the long expected return of Jesus Christ to earth, His coming is to take the Church out of the world. The mission of the church is finished. Now follows what is called the Great Tribulation, a 7 year period when God deals exclusively with the Jews and the nation of Israel, This 7 year Great Tribulation is divided into 2 periods of 3.5 years or 42 months. In the first period a world wide Antichrist evil world government makes a peace pact with the nation of Israel. And then for some reason after 42 months breaks the pact with Israel and for the next 42 months a great war of "Armageddon" erupts of the nations of the world against the Jews and Israel. During this 42 months of Great Tribulation 2/3ds of all Jews in Israel are slaughtered in another great Holocaust. This is culminated in another appearance of Jesus in the heavens with the army of heaven and the Raptured saints to rescue Israel and Jesus then established a world government based in the city of Jerusalem for a period of 1000 years.

This is why evangelicals send money to Jewish organizations that bring Russian Jews to the State of Israel. They want to speed up the process. What is rarely discussed publicly

by evangelicals to Jews is the view of the looming cost to Israelis for their return to Palestine. Evangelicals believe that the Great Tribulation will wipe out two-thirds of the Jews in Israel. Hence, to encourage their return to the State of Israel is to encourage their destruction. To “stand with Israel” means Israel must be kept alive until we Christians can get Raptured out of here, then once we are safely in heaven then the devil and the Antichrist can have them and holocaust them again. It also means that all efforts at Jews for Jesus prayers for revival in Israel are all useless. If Jews actually do get saved then they would also go up in the Rapture and no Jews left on earth to be deceived by the Antichrist.

Nothing will be done by Christians to save Israel's Jews from this disaster, for all of the Christians will have been removed from this world three and a half years prior to the beginning of this 42-month period of tribulation. The only Christians present at that time will be recent converts to the faith, who had been left behind as non-believers at the time of the Rapture.

Therefore, in order for most of today's Christians to escape physical death, two-thirds of the Jews in Israel must perish, soon. This is the grim prophetic trade-off that evangelicals rarely discuss publicly, but which is the central motivation in the movement's political support for the State of Israel.

It should be clear why they believe that Israel must be defended at all costs by the West. If Israel were removed militarily from history prior to the Rapture, then the strongest case for Christians' imminent escape from death would have to be abandoned. This would mean the indefinite delay of the Rapture. The evangelical movement thrives on the doctrine of the imminent Rapture, not the indefinitely postponed Rapture.

Every time you hear the phrase, "Jesus is coming back soon," you should mentally add, "and two-thirds of the Jews of Israel will be dead in `soon plus 84 months.”

This specific motivation for the support of Israel is never preached as such from any evangelical pulpit. The faithful hear sermons – many, many sermons – on the pre-tribulation Rapture. On other occasions, they hear sermons on the Great Tribulation. But they do not hear the two themes put together: "We can avoid death, but only because two-thirds of the Jews of Israel will inevitably die in a future holocaust. Christians must therefore support the nation of Israel in order to keep the Israelis alive until after the Rapture." Evangelical preachers expect their congregations to put two and two together on their own. It would be politically incorrect to add up these figures in public.

The end times deception that prevents the preaching or believing or acting on the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, which is the good news that the Kingdom has come, Jesus is now Lord and the nations are to be discipled into the Kingdom of God by the Church of Jesus Christ. . . .that gospel of the Kingdom is not being preached because of “we stand with Israel”. And therefore Jesus is coming any moment to take the Church out of the world.

In the light of what I believe is coming tragedy in Palestine and Israel I am preparing for a series on the task ahead after this disaster entitled “From End Times to Endless Growth of the Kingdom of God”. Hopefully starting next week.