



**The people of Bethlehem are asking for our help.**

Towering walls and militarized fences now encircle Bethlehem, turning the 4,000-year-old city into a virtual prison for its 160,000 Palestinian citizens -- both Christian and Muslim. Bethlehem, which lies in the West Bank, will soon have only three gates to the outside world, all controlled by the Israeli army.

Since 1967, Bethlehem, populated by Palestinians, has been under Israeli military control. In the last five years Israel has confiscated almost all the agricultural land in the city and surrounding areas, making it impossible for farmers to access their groves. The people are growing increasingly desperate.

Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, has been home to Palestinian Christians for 2000 years. It is the oldest Christian community in the world. Since 2000, nearly ten per cent of the Christian families have fled Israel's confining walls.

"It is unconscionable that Bethlehem should be allowed to die slowly from strangulation," says Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Though most Americans don't know it, we are directly involved in this strangulation of Bethlehem, as our government gives over \$10 million per day to Israel -- far more than to any other nation on earth.

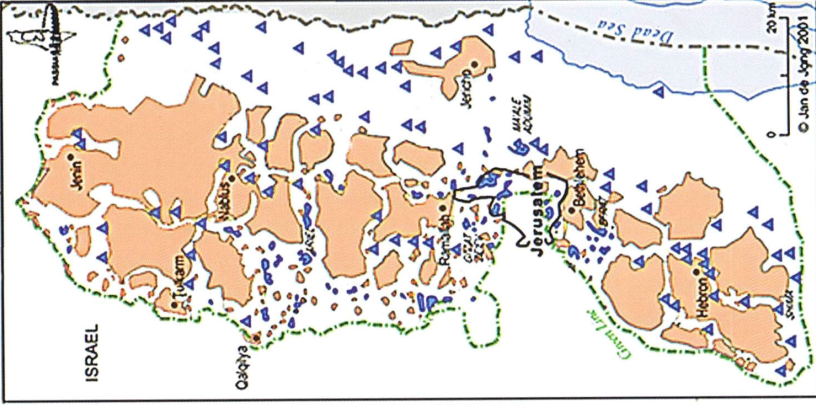
Meanwhile, the townspeople's dreams of freedom are portrayed on the encircling wall -- a testimony to the indomitability of the human spirit.

For more information:

[www.OpenBethlehem.org](http://www.OpenBethlehem.org/) / [www.IfAmericansKnew.org](http://www.IfAmericansKnew.org)

(At left) - The Israel Ministry of Tourism is using the apartheid wall in Israel as billboard to declare, "Peace Be With You" in 3 languages. Apartheid governments have not been known for stability. South Africa's apartheid system fell in 1994.

**Fragmentation of Land on the West Bank Blocks Creation of a Viable Palestinian State**



"Everybody has to move, run and grab as many hilltops as they can ... Everything we don't grab will go to them."

Ariel Sharon, 1998

"We'll make a pastrami sandwich of them. We'll insert a strip of Jewish settlement, in between the Palestinians, and then another strip of Jewish settlement, right across the West Bank, so that in 25 years time, neither the United Nations, nor the United States, nobody, will be able to tear it apart."

Ariel Sharon, 1973 to Winston Churchill III

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Illegal Israeli Settlements  
Palestinian Fragments

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26-29)

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**PEOPLE SEEK FREEDOM, FREEDOM IS SEEKING MEN!**

**"Vigils for Peace with Justice" ... at the public meetings of John Hagee's Christians United for Israel in cities and towns across the nation.**

**We Hold These Truths' Project Strait Gate** is committed to coordinating creeds, including some of our own sons and daughters.

**"Vigils for Peace with Justice"** outside announced meetings of John Hagee's **Christians United for Israel (CUFI)** until CUFI changes its stands on Christ's crowning principles of love for one's brother and peace for all mankind. There are plenty of politicians and industrialists who worship war without the aid of those who claim to follow Jesus, as John Hagee does.

Our vigils are a proven method, and your help is needed...it takes a little time and a little courage on your part to come out and join us... to overcome the fear of the unknown, but we have completed over 55 vigils without a casualty, man or woman; we are always legal and invariably we feel uplifted and rewarded. You may learn about our **Vigils** by touring our website<sup>1</sup>. As you will discover, we are quiet and respectful and attempt to be as Christ-like as we are mortally able.<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

**Why John Hagee?**

This writer has listened to and viewed recent speeches by Pastor Hagee, including one at the **American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)** meeting in Washington DC.<sup>3</sup> Our decision is based upon a careful study of his own words. Pastor Hagee means what he says in his public speeches, and his clearly stated intentions are not in harmony with the example set by Jesus Christ (whom we seek to follow.) He calls for evil deeds done in Jesus' name that will damage and deal death to many of all races and

John Hagee openly claims or strongly implies that his success (and yours) is God-given because of his support of Zionism...he claims that God blesses the Christian-Zionists and curses any who dare oppose them. He invites you to prosper by supporting Israel and spins lavish biblical yarns to "prove" his point with distorted scripture. If Pastor Hagee is correct, he and all those who bless Israel by helping destroy Arabs and Islamic countries will be richly blessed, even as we are cursed. I call all Christ followers to this mission at Hagee's shameful warmaking meetings. John Hagee has even called for a nuclear, preemptive strike against Iran to protect Israel.<sup>4</sup>

We must believe the words of Jesus Christ rather than the words of **CUFI**. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers"; **He never blessed war**. Jesus blessed the little children, and He cautioned us to never harm them...in fact, he told us we must be like them in innocence to enter into his kingdom. Jesus would never condone bombing and terrorizing little children on account of their race or capturing and torturing hundreds when they are not old enough to resist.<sup>5</sup> He never told us to make warriors out of our own children to destroy others in political wars. Jesus never blessed heinous wars against entire populations of any people, and to do so in his name is to take His own Holy name in vain.

Two of our volunteers attended John Hagee's **"Night of Honor for Is-**



**We Hold These Truths** greeted C.U.F.I. Attendees at a Night to Honor Israel in Washington, D.C. in 2007.

Pastor Hagee and those who knowingly and freely follow him willfully

**Jesus said: "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in....Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves."** (Matthew 23: 13, 15).

condemn others to the horror and deprivation of untold and unnecessary wars. However, most of those who come to hear him have not considered the implications of their beliefs. More importantly, they do not consider how God would view their acts.

We deny most of John Hagee's words as non-scriptural. However, we do not oppose him as a man, and we must not allow ourselves to be jealous of the worldly gifts of wealth and recog-

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rael" at Fordham University and reported on his speech. They were horrified and chilled by his message. Jack U, told me of his agonizing discomfort and embarrassment at having to stay and listen through the long painful event. Many of those on the program were not Christians and disdained Christianity except as a branch of Judaism. Jack confirmed that the purpose of the program was clearly to prescribe the need to support the police state of Israel in occupation of its neighbors, and even to encourage such wars as a desirable and necessary prescription for winning God's favor. **Christians United For Israel** fails Jesus utterly in not demanding peace, and therefore, it already has the blood of tens of thousands on its hands.

Martha was also at Fordham. She is the American-born wife of an Arab who works as a Gaza City Christian missionary; devoting his life to helping those trapped inside the Gaza gulag. This man cannot even leave Gaza to see his wife, nor can she go there to see him. Israel guards all gates in and out of the Gaza Gulag and maintains list of those who are not allowed in or out. Martha was horrified at John Hagee's callousness for the life of the one she is married to. She knows her Christian husband faces possible death every day, not from the million or more Muslims who surround him, but from the Israeli choppers overhead with their 200-pound assassins' missiles that seek out victims every day, unreported to the American people. I do not know if Martha heard Hagee liken the Palestinians to "Catfish out of water gasping for air." He is not far from the truth; they are starving and deprived of everything but the air they breathe. Unfortunately, Hagee is not unique with his callous lack of concern for the lives of several million homeless Philistines in Gaza and the West Bank. These areas are nothing less than prisons inside Israel; prisons where the inmates are not fed. Here are a few excerpts from John Hagee's speech at **AIPAC** and other events documented on the Internet:

"No Bible believing Christian can support disengagement"

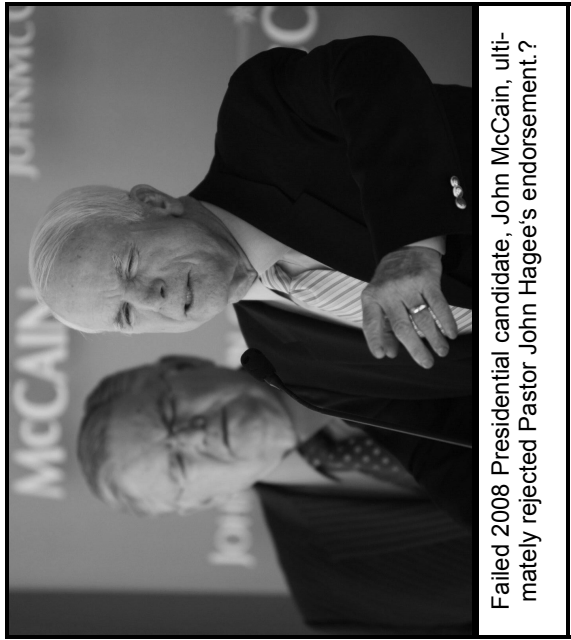
"You are not going to heaven if you do not like the Jewish people"

"We support Israel's right to self-defense against Gaza..."

"He (God) will bless those who bless (Israel) and curse those who curse (Israel)"

"The sleeping giant of Christian-Zionism has been awakened"

We quote only Hagee's public statements; we can only imagine the callousness and crudeness of what he might say about Martha's husband and millions of innocent Muslim women and children in Gaza, if the microphone did not restrain him! Do John Hagee's



Failed 2008 Presidential candidate, John McCain, ultimately rejected Pastor John Hagee's endorsement?

Bible citations mean anything? Very little, as most are snipped out of context. His warring proclamations over the ownership of the land of the Philistines can be traced directly to **The Scofield Reference Bible**, in the footnotes on pages 19-20 of Genesis Chapter 12: 1-3. This perverted bible is published by Oxford University Press; authored under the pseudonym "Editor Cyrus I. Scofield," who died 40 years before the current edition appeared.<sup>6</sup> These made footnotes can be accurately stated to be Zionism's claim to all the Arab lands of the Middle East.

### A Personal Word for John Hagee

Pastor Hagee, you need to know we do not oppose you or any of the churches who sponsor you; in no way do we see you as the object of our mission. You are one man with your own salvation and afterlife to worry about, and we are convinced God will deal

with you in His own way, as He will deal with each of us, regardless of our professions of faith, purity and goodness. You, John Hagee, are old enough and wealthy enough to know better.

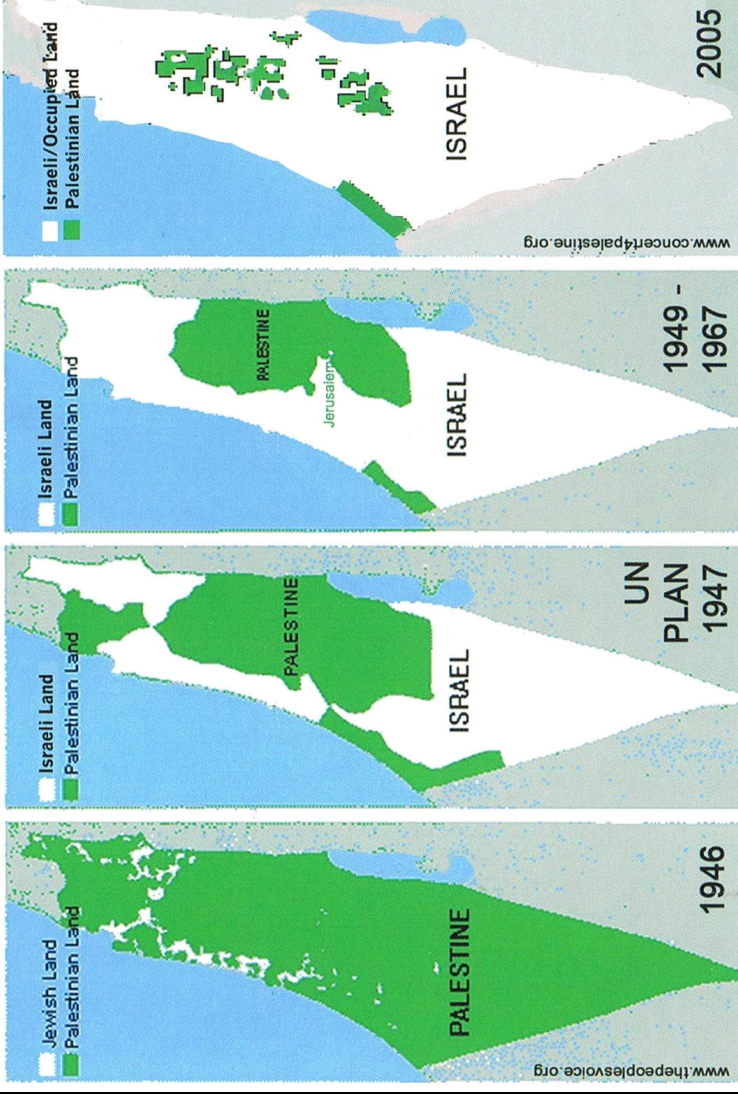
It is not our job to seek those whom you have cheated and deceived. Those innocent souls' blood that you cause to be shed are our concern...as Jesus has commanded, we are our brothers' keepers. Pastor Hagee, we come to **CUFI** meetings to seek and to challenge the "lost sheep" who will remain lost if they listen to you. Our purpose is, with God's help and whatever power He gives to us, to rescue the many followers of Christ who are in your path and thoughtlessly under your sway. We would turn them from the evil of warring for Israel. We humbly believe God must see in you the vilest apostasy in the entire 20th Century history of Christianity. Your anti-Christ teaching is now called by the disgustingly false epithet "Christian-Zionism." Its forerunner, in a relatively harmless cocoon form, was falsely called Judeo-Christianity, also an oxymoron. Both words exist only in your mind.

Pastor Hagee, every one of the 40 million Americans who you brazenly claim as your followers need to be given the opportunity to be rescued from Christian-Zionism. We can only do our part to restore the moral example of peace and justice left for us in the words of Jesus Christ.

CUFI is based on a perversion of Jesus words found most clearly in the Scofield Reference Bible, written by Oxford University Press for Christians for the perversion of Christ followers. We have carefully studied and rejected its heresy, as promoted by hundreds of Christian Zionists, like you. We find Christian Zionism hiding in churches across the country with names like "Community, Grace, Faith, Living Word, and Church of Latter Day Saints." We are still waiting to find a Christian Zionist church named "peace" (though there, no doubt, are some). It appears that there is no place in your movement to follow Christ's commandments to love ones enemy and brother alike.

If God should see fit to honor our efforts, even the corrupt political state of Israel might be saved politically from

## PALESTINIAN LOSS OF LAND 1946 TO 2005



According to John Hagee: "The claims (to land) of the Palestinians are a historic fraud...they never owned the land...this makes them gasp for air like catfish out of water."

its national policy of suicide. Our first events from October through December, objective, unlike yours, is not to Israel, 2009.<sup>6</sup> If you can come to one of these but to our own friends, neighbors, wives meetings for just three hours, you can and children who have been caught up make a difference. We ask you to e-mail in your false moment that leads only to mail us with the name of the city where death. Over 4,000 Americans have you can attend or work to coordinate joined more than a half million Iraqis, others to attend. We will post a special Palestinians and Afghans in the grave. page with cities and addresses, so other Pastor Hagee, your effort has played a ers can find each other. You may give part in these deaths. Yours is a success us your name and phone number as in your realm only, for there is hardly a well; it will be kept confidential. We ask family in America that has not been di- you to call right away or email us with vided by Christian Zionism under some your intent to help. Our phone number name. You are tragically dividing fami- is 480-947-3329; or email Mark Horton lies, even as Jesus himself predicted at cecarl@whtt.org.

If you can arrange for a nucleus of only three persons who will commit to us to do. You choose political Israel and Vigil we will book your city and make all its warming over Christ and his abso- arrangements for signs and litera- lute demand for peace. You are an en- ture. We already have firm commit- abler of the most cruel war of our age. ments for vigils in Denver, Scottsdale You have the blood of your own people and Minneapolis. Help us prepare for on your hands. We call for our brothers every event on John Hagee's calen- and sisters who call themselves by your dar. We will do as much as we can af- name to come out of whatever church ford to do with the resources God pro- vides through His people.

A Call to Action:  
Stand up for Jesus  
(not Israel)

by Charles E. Carlson

The CUFI website lists over 30

## Endnotes:

- 1 WHTT web articles: "Vigils in Motion: Successful Vigil at Promise Keepers UN-LEASHED": <http://www.whtt.org/straitgate/index.php?id=14&news=1>
- 2 Zionist web article & anti-vigil handout: "Why Stand for Israel"?, by Jack Hayford: <http://daytopray.com/getdoc/e62d3a30-2ed3-4b09-bf89-00677e9b7653/Why-Stand-with-Israel.aspx>
- 3 YouTube web video: John Hagee at AIPAC, 2007: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5755055312928744516#docid=9100022630137501207>
- 4 Bill Moyers Journal: "Christians United For Israel" (October 7/2007): <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/10052007/profile.html>
- 5 "Would Jesus Concur or Weep?": <http://whtt.org/index.php?news=2&id=2832>

<sup>6</sup> "The Cause of Our Conflict" (a free slide show on Christian Zionism) <http://www.whtt.org/show>  
**The Roots of Christian Zionism:** an in-depth DVD into what's behind Christian Zionism: <http://eshop.whtt.org/popupdetails.php?popup=1&prodId=231>

<sup>7</sup> CUFI Events: <http://cufi.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=events>

## If You Can't Attend, Please Pray For Us...

We are in a spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of people throughout the world. Your prayers are appreciated. Any contribution, small or large, will help us in this epic fight. Contributions can be made on our website at: <http://eshop.whtt.org/eshop.php?id=24&flag=1> or by sending a donation to **Strait Gate Ministries** at P.O. Box 14491, Scottsdale, AZ 85267-4491.

Thank you.