

Vatican Representative in Israel Declares that ‘Jews No Longer the Chosen People’

Vatican says Israel’s existence as Jewish state has nothing to do with the Bible



A note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:3

From YNET NEWS: In a special interview with Die Tagespost last week, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Twal, named by Pope Benedict to represent the Vatican in the Jewish State, declared that “Israel’s existence as such has nothing to do with the Bible.” He then compared Christians’ condition in today’s Jerusalem with Jesus’ Passion: “We Christians never forget that even our Lord himself suffered and was mocked in Jerusalem.”

“We Christians cannot speak about the Promised Land for the Jewish people”, the synod’s document said. “There is no longer a chosen people. The concept of the promised land cannot be used as a base for the justification of the return of Jews to Israel and the displacement of Palestinians.”

A few days ago, Patriarch Twal responded enthusiastically to the agreement reached between Hamas and Fatah. He also denounced “the Judaization of Jerusalem” and attacked Israel for “trying to transform it into an only Hebrew-Jewish city, excluding the other faiths.” Elsewhere, Iraq’s Archbishop, Louis Sako, asked to “separate between Judaism and Zionism.” Indeed, in the most influential quarters of Christianity, Jews are still regarded as an apostate group not entitled to a sovereign state of its own. Twal’s position on Israel and the Bible has been embraced at the highest levels in the Catholic Church. **The Vatican synod in 2010 declared that Israel cannot use the Biblical concept of a promised land or a chosen people.**

Jesus, the Palestinian prince of hope and peace?

Backed by the Catholic clergy, for the first time in history the Palestinians asked the United Nations’ cultural body to register Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity under the name of “Palestine.” According to Omar Awadallah, who heads the UN department in the PA Foreign Ministry,

“Jesus is the Palestinian prince of hope and peace and Christians all over the world want that church to be a World Heritage site.”

In a period when the Vatican’s anguish at the catastrophic decline of Arab Christianity should be palpable, the Catholic Church chooses to demonize Israel and to increase its collaboration with the PLO.

The confirmation comes from the intensity of high profile meetings in recent weeks and the participation of bishops not only from Arab countries, but from Europe and the United States as well.

Elimination of Jewish state has become a priority

Last January, eight Catholic bishops from Europe and North America, including UK Archbishop Patrick Kelly and French Archbishop Michel Dubost, visited Gaza. “I asked prisoners in the largest prison in Europe (in Evry) to pray for you,” Dubost told Gazans. The inference was clear: Palestinians are living in a big prison terrified by Israel. In the same period, Father Manuel

Musalam, head of Gaza's Catholics, met with Hamas leader, Mahmoud al Zahar, and declared that "Christians are not threatened by Muslims" but...

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***Note from Pastor Kevin Lea:** It amazes me how delusional people become when they are deceived by Satan. "Father" Musalam must know that the Islamic State of Iraq (ISIS) Muslims are killing, raping and beheading non-Muslims (Catholic and true Christian), even **children** in several cities of Iraq, primarily Mosul. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/07/world/meast/stopping-isis/index.html>, http://www.catholic.org/news/international/middle_east/story.php?id=56481. But "Father" Musalam wants us to believe that the state of Israel is the problem and "Christians are not threatened by Muslims?" Unbelievable!*

Increasingly, more and more individuals and organizations are denying that the Jewish presence in Israel is a modern-day, miraculous fulfillment of ancient Bible prophecy. In addition to "Father" Musalam, they include the Pope and other Vatican officials, Replacement Theologians, Fulfillment Theologians, those following Christian-Palestinianism, and pastors, such as Steve Anderson, who say that the Jews living in Israel today were put there by Satan, not God (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zKURx7Xf4&feature=player_detailpage, at the five minute mark).

If the Jews are not in Israel by the hand of God, then how can we explain the many miracles that have protected and preserved them, often against overwhelming odds, in every war since 1948? (For recent examples, see <http://www.wnd.com/2014/08/hand-of-god-sent-missile-into-sea/>.) If Satan (Islam) is fighting against Satan (Jews in the land of Israel), then why do miracles give multiple victories to one side (the Jews) over the other? Didn't Jesus teach that a house divided cannot stand (Matthew 12:25-26)?

I believe those who take a stand against Israel are themselves being deceived by Satan, fulfilling other biblical prophecies concerning the great apostasy of the Last Days. Someday, all the nations will gather against Israel / Jerusalem, and Jesus Himself will descend to defend His people. I pray that the reader gets on the right side of this debate. If not, you are joining Satan in fighting God, and you will lose.

The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, **though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.** Zechariah 12:1-3 NKJV

The Lord will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. In that day **the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem**; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. It shall be in that day **that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.** Zechariah 12:7-9 NKJV

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives [second coming of Jesus], which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from

east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Zechariah 14:1-4 NKJV