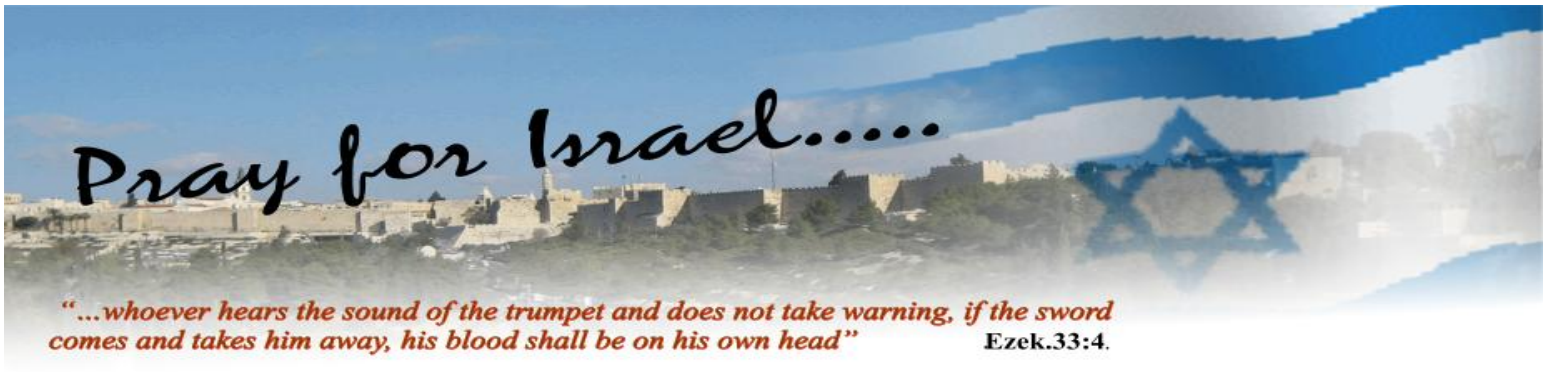

'O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, 'Violence!' and You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me…' Habakkuk 1:2-3

The Watchman Prayer Letter

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The Global Silence

'Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD...' Psalm 101:8

This verse from the Psalms is an awful thought when we hold it up against the noise of the silence that literally screams at us where any international defense of Israel is concerned. Do we dare ask if it is indeed the Almighty Who has silenced the voices of Christian politicians, church leaders or that of other decent people throughout the world preventing them from taking a stand for truth? Or, is it something so deeply imbedded in the human psyche that hates the Jewish people as representatives of the God of the Bible, which prevents the world from seeing and comprehending the deception at work?

Over the last year, i.e. 2010, notes the JINSA Report # 1051, by The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs' : *A new tactic in the war against Israel is 'delegitimization', the effort to say that Israel is different from, and less than, other countries. It is, for example, the only member of the United Nations that has to insist upon its 'right to exist'. And what other countries do as a sovereign right is subject to international disapprobation when done by Israel. Consider the rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza. In 2010, over 235 Grad missiles, Kassam rockets and mortar shells were fired into Israel with the pace increasing toward the end of the year. In the last two weeks of 2010, more than 180 rockets landed in Israel, one on the grounds of a kindergarten while parents were dropping off their children. An Israeli girl was injured. Another 200 rockets were fired at Israel, but fell inside Gaza. There were another 10 rockets the first week of 2011.*

If such attacks were to take place in the USA, Europe or Australia there would be no mistaking of the intention and the place would be inundated with military and anti-terrorist personnel. However, where Israel is concerned the actual events are delegitimized by weasel-words. Shoshana Bryen, Senior Director for [Israeli] Security Policy, writes in **Rockets and the Delegitimization of Israel**, 'The people who were attacked were Israeli civilians, but UN Middle East envoy Robert Serry was careful not to name or blame the attackers and only to limit and define the level of acceptable response by Israel. Where Israel said "terrorist attacks," Serry said "indiscriminate mortars and rockets." Where Israel said "the *de facto* authority in the Gaza Strip," (i.e. Hamas, which rules with an iron fist) Serry said, "militant groups." So while Israel calls Hamas responsible, Serry holds no one responsible. On the other hand, Serry urged maximum restraint by Israel and demanded *'every precaution to ensure Israeli forces do not endanger civilians in Gaza.'* Only Israel is named and only Israel is told how to behave. If Israel doesn't exercise what the UN considers 'maximum restraint', it surely can look forward to the next instalment of the Goldstone Report. ' Unquote!

In the course of several Prayerletters we have written substantially on the three **Ds** of Israel, i.e. **D**ouble Standards, **D**elegitimization and **D**emonization. Despite this we feel that, based on the evidence around us, their power of influence on the world has not been sufficiently understood. Not only has this not been understood, but as has become evident in Australia, a Municipality in Sydney, Marrickville, has taken upon itself to move the chess pieces in favour of the PA and promote a total boycott of Israeli made goods. It does not matter to them that they could be contributing to the actual loss of Palestinian jobs, since many Palestinians work for Israeli employers due to better conditions and wages. No, all that matters in their ignorance of the truth is that Israel must be brought low!

The Global Silence, which operates in favour of the three **Ds,** which are being employed against Israel, is the same silence that tacidly endorsed the operation of Concentration Camps in Hitler's Germany long before he began to gas the Jewish people. Once he embarked on that program of systematized genocide, it was too late for most of the Germany people— he had severely compromised their moral standards. This silence seared the collective German and Austrian conscience thus eliminating in countless cases even a most basic human decency. There was no longer a way back for them! Is it not a similar, indifferent passivity by the nations to what *'the powers that be'* may do to Israel in order to garner Arab favour for the sake of our buoyant economies and that precious barrel of oil?

Everything we possess in terms of our salvation has come from the Jewish People (John 4:22) — surely they deserve more from the Christian world than such an indifferent silence at their time of oppression?

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Please pray that Christians would recognize their obligation toward the natural branches (Romans 11:17-24)
- Please pray that the church will awaken and take a strong stand alongside Israel in her hour of need
- Pray that a strong spirit of repentance from God would visit the Jewish People worldwide that they may recognize the seriousness of this hour
- Please pray for Israel as a nation

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Facts or Perception:

'He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He…' Deuteronomy 32:4

Is this a true statement by Moses about the Creator, do these attributes constitute actual facts for him or is it merely his perception?

We are posing this question, as signs are emerging signaling that the modern world could no longer care whether something was factual or only perception! Has perception become the new reality! As professor Ilan Pappé, one of Israel's, left-wing *'New Historians'* pointed out a few years ago, history is not built on facts, but on how we perceive the past. It is our perceptions that will shape the future!

Indeed, perceptions are shaping our world today. If this were not so, then why is there no reaction to the countless, outright lies that are being spread concerning Israel?

Because time is moving further and further from the Holocaust and 1948, fewer and fewer eye-witnesses remain concerning the facts of those days. As a consequence of the 'victim-card' that has been played so

successfully by the Arab world concerning the 1948 refugees, the generation of today finds it virtually impossible to separate fact from fiction.

Perception…!

Only today I read a comment that *'…the world we live in has nothing to do with fact— in our world 'perception is reality'. 'Where once upon a time the Jewish people were the victims, what we are seeing now is a reversal effect'*, says Professor Dina Porat, the founder and former head of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti Semitism and Racism in Tel Aviv University, in which the victim is becoming the abuser. The Jews, the main victims of the Nazis, have been turned into the 'Nazis' and the Palestinians are now the victims. In addition, Palestinian Liberation Theology has separated Jesus from Israel and turned the Palestinian people into the *'Suffering Servant'* and Israel has taken the place of Rome [as the occupier]. This factor ought to create a massive paradox for any thinking person, when one considers the historical fact that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, *Haj Amin al-Husseini*, was an active supporter of Hitler's final solution! The Husseini family continued to play a major role in Palestinian affairs until 2001.

Islamic propaganda too, knowingly makes use of Christian religious and traditional symbols to attribute to Israel's image as a Nazi State and turn the Palestinians into the ultimate victims, whose suffering may/will bring redemption to this world.

This skewed perception may be elevating Palestinian politics in the eyes of the world, the hard fact is that it is counterproductive because the entire Palestinian scenario rests on an illusory reality that a)there should be NO Israel in the first place and b) it certainly has no right to exist as a Jewish State. And this reality is further endorsed by a rampant Replacement Theology, which insists that *'God finished with the Jews at Calvary!'*

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Please pray truth would become an objective reality for Christians in how they see their obligations toward Israel and the Jewish people
- Please pray that God would raise up a spiritual army that would defend the truth concerning Israel for the sake of righteousness
- Please pray for wisdom among Jewish community leaders worldwide that they may guide their people rightly concerning Aliyah
- Please pray for the leaders of all nations that God may infuse them with a desire for truth and to know Him

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Please pray especially for ***Freedom*** for Jonathan Pollard and Gilad Shalit
Please pray for the needs of CFI, for God's wisdom and His ongoing leading of the Ministry, as well as the health and well-being of Ray and Sharon as they continue to serve God and Israel
Please pray for all CFI Representatives throughout the world

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