

New Evangelical Left Film Attacks Israel

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

WASHINGTON, April 7 /[Christian Newswire](http://www.christiannewswire.com)/ -- A new film, "With God on Our Side," is being released this month to rebut pro-Israel Christians and persuade them to champion the Palestinian cause.

The film's purpose, as its producer explains, is to take American Christians off the metaphorical tourist trail of their pro-Israel stance and instead wade them into embittered Palestinian communities where their views will change.

The makers of "With God on Our Side" want increased U.S. pressure on Israel to accommodate Palestinian demands, facilitated by reduced U.S. evangelical support for Israel. The ultimate goal is unclear, whether a Palestinian state in the West Bank ruled by Islamists like Hamas, or dismantling Israel altogether in favor of a new nation dominated by returned Palestinian "refugees."

Film endorsers include liberal evangelist Tony Campolo and Emergent Church guru Brian McLaren.

IRD President Mark Tooley commented:

"Anti-Israel activists rightly see American evangelicals as key to U.S. support for Israel. That is why they are targeting evangelicals with messages of pro-Palestinian solidarity as supposedly central to Christian compassion.

"The film's main message to evangelicals, especially to young people, is that the Old Religious Right crassly imposed a pro-Israel U.S. foreign policy based on its end-times theology, creating untold suffering among largely innocent Palestinians. The film suggests that more thoughtful, more compassionate evangelicals will reject that heritage and instead stand with the Palestinians as the victim group most needing Christian compassion.

"The film perpetuates a simplistic stereotype alleging that American Evangelicals self-servingly only support Israel because a Jewish presence there is central to their blood thirsty, apocalyptic dreams about the Second Coming.

"The Evangelical Left is adopting the old Religious Left's Liberation Theology view of the Middle East, in which the Palestinians are the impoverished Third World victims, while Israel and the U.S. are the imperialists.

"'With God on Our Side' is overly reductive, claiming evangelicals support apartheid-like, Jewish wall-builders while neglecting persecuted Palestinians. Of course, their persecution is faulted not just on Israel, but also the United States, especially its evangelicals.

“How are the dwindling numbers of Palestinian Christians faring under Palestinian rule now, and how would they fare under a victorious new, Islamic-dominated Palestinian state? The Evangelical Left would prefer not to answer these questions, instead preferring guilt trips about supposed evangelical and American imperialist sins and fantasies about a newly liberated and Christian friendly ‘Palestine.’”

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: There is very little sheep’s clothing left on Tony Campolo and Brian McLaren as they prepare to sink their wolf fangs into the nation of Israel. Somebody should warn them that God has clearly spoken about who are the rightful owners of the “disputed territories” of the Middle East. There are many Biblical passages that promise the land of Israel to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (the Jews). Those who try to slaughter the Jews and take the land as their own are calling judgment upon themselves (Ezekiel 38-39, Psalm 83, for example). The British Empire can mark its decline into obscurity with their decision to oppose the Jewish return to the land of Israel. Those who fight Israel are fighting God, and they will lose.

“Come, flee from the land of the north, from Babylon,” says the Lord to all his exiles there; “I scattered you to the winds, but I will bring you back again. Escape, escape to Zion now!” says the Lord. “The Lord of Glory has sent me against the nations that oppressed you, for he who harms you sticks his finger in Jehovah’s eye! “I will smash them with my fist and their slaves will be their rulers! Then you will know it was the Lord Almighty who sent me. Zechariah 2:6-9 (TLB)