

Pastor John Hagee: President Trump Will Soon Face a 'Truman Moment'

Pastor John Hagee, in his capacity as founder and chairman of Christians United For Israel, has written an open letter to President Donald Trump that was published Wednesday by *The Washington Times*.

In the letter, Hagee reminds the president of one of his predecessors, President Harry Truman, who faced a decisive moment where he had to choose between standing up for Israel or going with the wishes of the rest of the world. He said President Trump will face a similar test during his trip to the Middle East.

"In 1948, when President Truman recognized the newly independent state of Israel, he did so in the face of fierce opposition from his advisers. Secretary of State George C. Marshall—whom the president regarded as "the greatest living American"—adamantly opposed the decision," he wrote. "Despite the controversy, it is now a source of a great pride for many Americans that our nation recognized Israel just minutes after it declared independence. Truman's decision to choose morality over realpolitik, in defiance of his advisers, will forever be a focal point of American and Israeli history—and of Truman's legacy.

"President Trump will soon face a similar moment. In a few weeks, as mandated by the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, he will have to decide whether to exercise the legislation's presidential waver or move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"Throughout his campaign, Mr. Trump promised to move the embassy. This promise was vital to securing the support of

millions of Christian Zionists around the country, and Mr. Trump-like Truman—is hearing from naysayers. Moving the embassy will inflame the Arab world, they claim.”

But, Hagee noted, the buck doesn’t stop with the bureaucrats—borrowing one of Truman’s most famous catchphrases—but at the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office. [Click here](#) to read the rest of the letter.