

Jerusalem Is Poised to Become Israel's Silicon Valley

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The blessing of the Lord is strong in Israel, and it is evident in the vast technological advances occurring within the country.

Though an extremely small country, Israel has set itself apart as an industry powerhouse in fields such as nanotech and technological education.

When people think of Jerusalem, they often think of its extremely important religious significance to the world's "big three" Semitic religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

But now, by dedicating time and investments into East Jerusalem, the Deputy Mayor, Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, tech companies are starting to take root as well.

"I'm very proud to have been part of a movement in Jerusalem to make it the capital of the startup nation," Hassan-Nahoum said in a recent interview.

"I was part of a founding team of people who set up a nonprofit whose only purpose was to advance Jerusalem as an innovation ecosystem, to encourage high-tech, to keep the young people here, and to keep Jerusalem ahead," she explained.

As of 2021, Israel ranked 15th out of 132 countries on the Global Innovation Index.

Hassan-Nahoum is working so that all Israeli's, including the Israeli Arabs within the country, stand to benefit from this tech-explosion in Jerusalem.

“One of our projects is to create a high-tech park in East Jerusalem called Silicon Wadi,” she explained.

“I’m bringing investment from outside the country to push it forward. I’m a big believer in peace and coexistence through economic development.”

And what is one of the biggest factors driving this avenue of peace within the communities that call Israel home according to Hassan-Nahoum? The Abraham Accords brokered by the Trump administration, which so few in the media are willing to credit for the progress this historic agreement between Israel and her former enemies has accomplished.

“They’ve really changed everything,” she said. “But the most significant thing is that it has changed our relationship with the Arab world and the Muslims. There’s no longer an Arab-Israeli conflict.”

But don’t tell the Democratic Party and its media about that.

The Deputy Mayor believes that when one looks at and studies what is happening in Jerusalem today, it is “a microcosm of the future state of Israel.”

“The demography of the state of Israel today, in terms of its minorities, is about 12-13% Orthodox Jews and about 20% Arabs. In Jerusalem, these numbers are twice as high.

“Therefore, we have 25% of ultra-Orthodox, and about 38%-40% Arabs,” she says. “This means that the challenges that we face in Jerusalem today are the challenges that the state of Israel is going to face in 20 or 30 years.”

Having such foresight of potential issues the country may experience based on the Jerusalem model allows the country to prepare for them ahead of time.

“This is why it is important to invest in Jerusalem,” she concluded.

With such thriving industry across the country, even in the face of constant terrorist attacks, the Lord certainly is honoring His covenant with Abraham and making His descendants a strong and prosperous nation. {eo}

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