

The Mysterious Reasons Behind Trump's Evangelical Support for Israel

In his latest *New York Times* bestseller, *The Oracle*, Jonathan Cahn compares President Trump's declaration recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's to the ancient king Cyrus' declaration of the right of Jewish exiles to return to their land. Cahn cites the Old Testament:

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: 'The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has charged me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah'" (Ezra 1:2).

"[Cyrus'] proclamation was linked to a house," says the protagonist in *The Oracle*. "It specifically directed the construction of a house; it decreed a building to be built in Jerusalem. So if the American president is following the template of the ancient king, could his declaration follow that of the ancient proclamation? Could it likewise decree that a house be established, a building be built, in Jerusalem? Listen to what the Jerusalem Declaration decreed:

That is why, consistent with the Jerusalem Embassy Act, I am also directing the State Department to begin preparation to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. (Trump, "Statement by President Trump on Jerusalem.")

"As in the proclamation of the ancient king, the president's declaration ultimately focused on a house, and one that would stand in Jerusalem. The house that Cyrus decreed would manifest the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of a resurrected Israel by the world's foremost power of the time—so too would the house decreed by the president.

"The building of the house decreed by Cyrus came at the end of a period of seventy years. The house decreed by President Trump was inaugurated on May 14, 2018. It was inaugurated exactly seventy years from the birth of Israel—to the exact day!"

Cahn reveals yet another mystery linking Trump to the ancient king. Israel was voted into existence at the United Nations on the night of November 29, 1947. On the Hebrew calendar, it was Kislev 17. If one counts seventy years from that day to the day that constitutes the biblical requirement of "after seventy years," one comes to the day December 6, 2017. December 6, 2017, turns out to be the day that President Trump issued the Jerusalem Declaration—the exact day.

"Trump is a Cyrus to the nation of Israel," Cahn writes. "But to America he follows the template of the biblical leader Jehu."

Cahn first revealed the parallel in his 2017 best seller *The Paradigm*. According to the ancient "Paradigm," Jehu rose up out of the blue, at a time when the nation seemed to be sealed in its spiritual descent—so, too, Donald Trump. Jehu was approached in the same way that evangelical leaders approached Trump.

Jehonadab, another leader at the time, sought to determine if Jehu was truly committed to the ways of God.

Cahn writes on how Jehonadab was "deeply grieved by the idolatry and immorality that surrounded him, the cult of Baal, and the overall spiritual and moral decay of the culture in which he lived."

Cahn continues to write, "As a man of God living in the midst of apostasy, he would have been praying for his nation's revival. He would have hoped that in Jehu was a chance to stop or slow Israel's spiritual descent and perhaps even help turn the nation back to God."

So the majority of evangelical believers in America have viewed President Trump in the same way.

However, Cahn also draws on what the Bible says after this man of God is in power: "Though he had done right in bringing the evil of Ahab's house to an end, his reformation was imperfect. It only went halfway."

"Yet Jehu was not careful to keep the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, which he had caused Israel to commit" (2 Kings 10:31, NIV).

Jehu led the nation away from worshipping Baal; however, he never removed the golden calf that his nation worshipped.

In Cahn's words, "A political solution can never solve a spiritual problem. The rise of Trump has allowed believers and America a space of time for revival to take place. Without revival, America is lost."

It will not simply take an election, a man, a party, or a political agenda to turn a nation away from sin. Cahn affirms, "the only way America can be great again is for America to return to the God who made America great in the first place. The answer is in repentance, return, and revival." {eo}

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