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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

Israel's UN Ambassador: Anti-settlement resolution is height of hypocrisy

Netanyahu defends response to UN vote: 'Israel will not turn the other cheek' In US media, move points to contrast between Obama and Trump

Jerusalem Post



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Friday, December 23 was a dark day for the United Nation’s Security Council as they adopted Resolution 2334, which condemned Israel for building in the Land of Israel and Jerusalem.

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State of Israel for building homes in the historic homeland of the Jewish people.

We presented the truth time and again to the Council and implored them not to believe the lies presented in Palestinian resolution.

By voting “yes” in favor of this resolution, they in fact voted “no.” They voted “no” to negotiations. They voted “no” to progress and a chance for better lives for Israelis and Palestinians. And they voted “no” to the possibility of peace.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, addressing the Security Council just one week earlier, said that the UN has “a disproportionate volume of resolutions, reports and conferences criticizing Israel.”

This resolution will be added to the long and shameful list of anti-Israel UN resolutions.

Instead of charting a course forward, the UN sent a message to the Palestinians: that they should continue on the path of terrorism and incitement; they should continue to hold their own people hostage; they should continue to seek meaningless statements from the international community.

The sad truth is that Friday's vote will be a victory for terror. It will be a victory for hatred and violence. By continuing to provide excuses for the Palestinians to avoid recognizing our right to exist, the Security Council is only sustaining the status quo.

The world is undergoing great change and a new secretary-general will soon assume office. I call on the Security Council to take this opportunity to turn a new page. Put an end to the bias and obsession with Israel.

Stop this endless attempt to blame all the problems of the Middle East on the one true democracy in the region. They should make clear to the Palestinians that the only way forward is to end incitement and terror and to enter into direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel.

Just two months ago UNESCO approved an absurd resolution denying the connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem. On Friday, the Security Council – including many of the world's leading democracies, the beacons of liberty – voted to condemn the State of Israel.

They voted to condemn the Jewish people for building homes in the Land of Israel.

They voted to ban us from building in our historic capital of Jerusalem, the heart and soul of the Jewish people.

This week Israel and the Jewish people around the world are celebrating the Hanukka. Over two thousand years ago King Antiochus banished the Jewish people from our Temple in Jerusalem and issued decrees trying to sever us from our religion and our heritage.

But we prevailed. The Jewish people fought back. We regained our independence and relit the Menorah candles in the Temple.

I ask each and every member of the Security Council who voted for this resolution: who gave you the right to issue such a decree denying our eternal rights in Jerusalem? Would this Council have had the nerve to condemn the French from building in Paris? Would it condemn the Russians from building in Moscow? Would it condemn the Chinese from building in Beijing? Would it condemn the British from building in London? Would it condemn the Americans from building in Washington? We overcame those decrees during the time of the Maccabees and we will overcome this evil decree today. We have full confidence in the justice of our cause and in the righteousness of our path.

We will continue to be a democratic state based on the rule of law and full civil and human rights for all our citizens. At the same time, we will continue to be a Jewish state proudly reclaiming the land of our forefathers where the Maccabees fought their oppressors and King David ruled from Jerusalem.

Our holy book, the Bible, contains thousands of years of history of the Jewish people in the land of Israel. No one can change or rewrite this history.

The UN Declares War on Judeo-Christian Civilization

by Giulio Meotti

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<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/9655/un-israel-war>

How is it that Western jurisprudence, created after the Second World War to prevent more crimes against humanity, is now being used to perpetuate more crimes and against democracies?

It is a dreadful manipulation to try erase all Jewish and Christian history, to make believe that all the world was originally and forever only Islamic. That is what a jihad looks like. It is not just orange jumpsuits, beheadings and slavery. If one can erase and rewrite history, one can redirect the future.

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2016 has been a sumptuous year for the anti-Semites at the United Nations. The UN Security Council just targeted the only democracy in the Middle East: the State of Israel. The outgoing Obama Administration reportedly orchestrated what even Haaretz called a "hit and run" campaign in UN to denigrate the Jewish State and leave it to a fate where only conflict and hate loom. This is a cultural genocide that is no less dangerous than terror attacks. It is based on anti-Semitic lies and creates the atmosphere not for achieving "peace", as disingenuously claimed, but for perpetuating war.

UNSC Resolution 2334 is the culmination of a dizzyingly fruitful year for anti-Semites. Last November, committees of the UN General Assembly in a single day adopted 10 resolutions against Israel, the only open society in the Middle East. How many resolutions have been approved against Syria? One. How many against the rogue state of North Korea? One. How many against Russia when it annexed Crimea? One.

Hillel Neuer, of UN Watch, observed:

"Even as Syrian president Bashar Assad is preparing for the final massacre of his own people in Aleppo, the U.N. adopted a resolution -- drafted and co-sponsored by Syria -- which falsely condemns Israel for "repressive measures" against Syrian citizens on the Golan Heights. It's obscene."

Not a single resolution was approved for those states which really abuse human rights, such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Venezuela, China or Cuba, not to mention many virtual tyrannies throughout Africa. Only one resolution was approved for the "Palestinian refugee properties", but not even a single mention for the property of the Iraqi Christians in Mosul.

Another resolution in this racist banquet of the United Nations concerned the "application of the Geneva Convention in the occupied territories". There are hundreds of territorial disputes in the world, from Tibet to Cyprus, but only Israel deserves to be called out?

According to the liars at the United Nations, the most evil country in the world is Israel. The UN High

Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad, and Jordan's Prince Zeid al Hussein are sponsoring even now a "blacklist" of international companies that have ties with Israeli companies in Judea, Samaria, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, to facilitate boycotting Israel in the evident hope of economically exterminating the only democracy and pluralistic nation in the region: the Jewish State.

The UN Envoy for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui of Algeria, suggested also including the Israeli army in the blacklist of countries and groups that regularly cause harm to children, along with Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, the Islamic State, the Taliban, and countries such as the Congo and the Central African Republic, infamous for their child-soldiers -- but of course not the Palestinians, who continue to promote using children as combatants and children as "martyrs". How is it that Western jurisprudence, created after the Second World War to prevent more crimes against humanity, is now being used to perpetuate more crimes and against democracies?

The UN women's rights commission condemned Israel as the world's only violator of women's rights. Not Syria, where Assad's forces use rape as a tactic of war, or the Islamic State, which enslaves women from religious minorities. Not Saudi Arabia, where women are punished if they do not wear the Islamic full-covering clothing in scorching temperatures, or drive a car or even leave the house. Not Iran, where "adultery" (which can include being raped) is punishable by being stoned to death. And if Palestinian men beat their wives, it's Israel's fault, argued UN expert Dubravka Simonovic with a straight face.

The UN's World Health Organization also singled out Israel as the only violator in the world of "mental, physical and environmental health", despite Israel being the only state in the world actually to give medical care to its enemies (ask Hamas leaders' children).

Canadian law professor Michael Lynk was then appointed as the UN's "impartial" investigator of alleged Israeli human rights violations despite his long record of anti-Israel lobbying, including his board membership on many pro-Palestinian organizations, including Friends of Sabeel and the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations.

Last October, the UN cultural agency, UNESCO -- by magically declaring ancient Biblical Jewish sites "Islamic", even though Islam did not historically exist until the seventh century, hundreds of years later -- pretended, with the villainous complicity of the West, to erase the Jewish-Christian roots of Jerusalem.

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Names matter. If it is Jewish, then it is called "Judea and Samaria"; if it is "Palestine", you can say the "Jews stole it" and that Israel is a "colonialist construct" based on "injustice". Why then is no one pointing to the entire continent of South America, conquered from the native Indians by Cortés, Pizarro and Europeans with guns?

The latest UN Security Council resolution against Israel is not only about "settlements", but the Old City of Jerusalem. Its members want to reset history not at 1967, but at 1948, the year Israel was born.

When Marcel Breuer and Bernard Zeffuss designed UNESCO's building in concrete and glass at the Place Fontenoy in Paris, and Pablo Picasso donated frescoes to it, they most likely imagined the rebirth of Western culture after the tragedies of war, the Holocaust and the Nazi nightmare. Never in any other spot on earth were words such as "education", "science", "culture", "freedom", "peace" and

"brotherhood" repeated so many times. There was hope and commitment that the future would be better -- not worse. But the dream lasted no longer than the few minutes of the announcement.

The Soviet Union had in fact already stained UNESCO's cultural programs with the red of Communism, such as when UNESCO promoted a "new world information order", the goal of which was to end the dominance of the Western press -- presented as a "threat" to the "cultural identity" of "Third-World" nations. Under the Eiffel Tower, the authoritarian and anti-Western Third World then took control of the UN cultural center, which became, according with the Washington Post, "overly bureaucratic, costly, wasteful and imbued with an anti-Western, anti-capitalist bias".

Since then, Israel continues to be treated as a pariah by these ideological and corporeal criminals on the Seine. Even after that, in 1975 the UN body "tipped its hand" by propagating the anti-Semitic blood libel of "Zionism is racism".

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The fate of Judeo-Christian civilization -- Christianity as well as Judaism -- on which all our values are based, is tied to the fate of the State of Israel. If Israel ceases to exist, so does Christianity. The world has been witnessing how the few Christians and other non-Muslims still remaining in the rest of the Middle East -- once the glorious Christian Byzantium -- are being slaughtered, now that the Jews and Greeks are gone.

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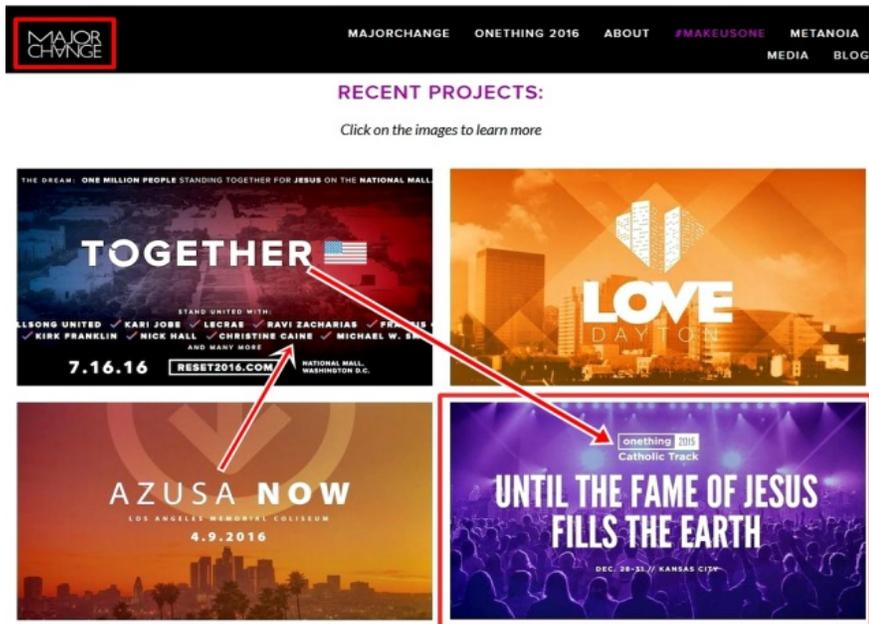
IHOP's "OneThing", Catholic Track and Ecumenical Apostasy

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The final event of this year's ecumenical extravaganzas is the "One Thing 2016" Conference, held by IHOP Kansas City from 12/28-31. One Thing is being billed as the successor to the Azusa Now and Together 2015 events -- And has been organized by many of the same people and groups. IHOP.KC and Bethel Bill Johnson gather with Catholics to "Encounter" God, and to "deepen of our understanding of God's prophetic voice speaking throughout the whole Church. To create an exchange of experiences in our walk with Christ in order to come to the unity of all Christians, as Jesus and Pope Francis call us into." See <http://www.ihopkc.org/onething/>

One Thing Features : Mike Bickle, Bill Johnson, Todd White, Matt Maher, Audrey Assad, Misty Edwards & Bethel Music artists. Their promo vid <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUqvR666Prs> says, "As the great darkness increases, we have confidence the greatest revival in human history is emerging right now in the nations. We are living in that very generation that David and Isaiah prophesied!"

But contrary to an alleged “revival”, what is predicted in the Bible for our present time is nothing other than a great apostasy [2Thes. 2:3] – an apostasy that will culminate in the merging of false Christianity with other religions, into a mystical, experiential religion. This counterfeit faith will be seemingly confirmed to those deceived – those who do not stand in and upon God’s Word – through deception with “all power, signs, and lying wonders”.



NOTE that the entire conference is built around the theme of “encountering” God via worship “experiences” and especially through contemplative practices.
<http://majorchange.org/onething#kchistory>
 One of the partnered organizations: MajorChange.org says: “We do not look to the past with some kind of spiritual nostalgia but we move forward toward ever new encounters with Jesus... a small step toward ecumenical unity by meeting our fellow Christians and participating in the common times of prayer..”

The Catholic Ecumenical Track will include: modeling IHOP-KC’s “Singing Lectio Divina”... Chanting Liturgy of the Hours. New Years’ Mass and Adoration with Taize chants, Complete, Singing Lectio Divina and chanted Night Prayer...”



WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE CATHOLIC ECUMENICAL TRACK?

The Catholic Ecumenical Track will have four sessions during four days of the conference (Dec. 28-31) and it will include:

- Praise and Worship time with modeling IHOP-KC’s “Singing Lectio Divina” as a way of praying the Scriptures individually and in communal settings
- Teaching on the topics of prayer, prophetic praise and worship, creatives as prophets engaging in the current culture, healing, contending for the supernatural activity of God
- Ministry Time
- Encounter Stations: Points of discussion, brainstorming, sharing of the vision, exchanging ideas from ministries actively involved in discipleship, new evangelization, creative arts, community building. Networking and prayer. Click on DETAILED SCHEDULE below to learn more.
- Chanting Liturgy of the Hours
- New Years’ Mass and Adoration with Taize chants, Complete, Singing Lectio Divina and chanted Night Prayer plus Praise and Worship
- Daily Mass is available at 12:15pm across the street (five-minute walk) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Most of the main sessions and several workshops will be spent together with the other 20,000 young adults attending the conference.
- Day after the conference: Tour IHOP-KC (Prayer Room, IHOP-KC University and lunch at Coffee Shop)

And, of course, lastly – no proper conference would be complete with a plea for money, and lots of it!



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The Last World Government

By Daymond Duck

From Genesis to Revelation God has placed verses of Scripture in the Bible that can be assembled like pieces of a puzzle to reveal the future.

One verse of Scripture or one piece of the puzzle may not reveal much, but when many of the verses or many of the pieces are assembled in the proper way they come together to reveal a picture that is easy to understand.

One well-known verse of Scripture says, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6).

The government wasn't upon the shoulders of Jesus when He came the first time, but it will be upon the shoulders of Jesus when He comes back as King of kings, and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16).

Satan knows this. He is God's arch enemy and he wants to rule the government that God has set aside for Jesus.

He was behind Nimrod's (a name that means “let us revolt”) effort to establish a world government at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9). But God always knows what Satan is up to and He thwarted Satan's plan by scattering Nimrod and his followers all over the then known world.

Satan continued his quest to take the place of Jesus as the head of a world government in Egypt (#1), then Assyria (#2) and then Babylon (#3).

In Babylon (#3), Satan's puppet Nebuchadnezzar was having dreams about the future that disturbed him. One of his dreams was particularly disturbing and he tried to get answers from his sorcerers and

others, but he wound up having to rely upon Daniel for its meaning.

Following prayer and a revelation from God, we get another piece of the puzzle. Babylon (#3) would be replaced by another kingdom (Medes and Persians #4), then another kingdom (Greece #5), then another kingdom (Rome #6), and then another kingdom (Revived Rome plus others, #7, Dan. 2:39-40; Rev. 17:10).

And in the days of kingdom #7 (Revived Rome plus others) a Rock (Jesus) will destroy Satan's world kingdoms and the last world government will be placed upon the shoulders of Jesus (#8, Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45).

The next piece of the puzzle comes from the book of Revelation where it talks about the Tribulation Period and the seven bowl judgments.

Bowls are containers that can be used to hold beans, chili, potatoes or whatever. They can also be used to hold the wrath of God.

Sin that is not covered by the blood of Jesus stirs the wrath of God. He could pour His wrath out upon people each time they sin, but He loves people, and He is merciful and patient.

So His wrath is delayed and allowed to accumulate in bowls. He could have poured it out when the first bowl got full, or the second bowl, or the third bowl, etc., but He didn't.

Anyway, there is a line and when all seven bowls get filled with God's wrath He will instruct seven angels to dump His wrath upon the earth.

- The 1st Bowl will be against those that take the mark of the beast (Rev. 16:1-2).
- The 2nd Bowl will be against the sea creatures that survived previous judgments.
- The 3rd Bowl will be against those who harmed God's people and the prophets (Rev. 16:4-6).
- The 4th Bowl will be against those who blasphemed God and refused to repent.
- The 5th Bowl will be against the throne and kingdom of the Antichrist (Rev. 16:10).
- The 6th Bowl will be against the armies of the Antichrist.
- The 7th Bowl will be against the religious and commercial centers of the Antichrist (16:17-19).

Following 7 world governments, 7 angels will dump 7 bowls of God's wrath upon the earth and 7 years of Tribulation period will come to an end.

The Antichrist will be destroyed and the government of the world will be placed upon the shoulders of Jesus. Many writers think this will be at the beginning of the 7th Millennium.