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**I include this first article not because I expect anything from Biden other than progressive anti-Israel everything, but because his recent trip was a bit of a pivot point, at least to Israel, regarding the trajectory of Israel/US relations and the entire future course of the Middle East. Stand by, this is Big Picture stuff. Expect turbulence. MD**

## The strategic fallout of Biden’s failure

*While his contradictory pandering was sufficient to render the president’s trip a bust, the unbridgeable gap between his words and his administration’s policies made it strategically catastrophic.*

Caroline Glick

(JNS) Arguably, the moment U.S. President Joe Biden’s trip to Israel crashed and burned was on Friday morning during his remarks at Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Biden’s visit to the all-Arab hospital was the most controversial stop during Biden’s visit to the Jewish state, because it signaled an about-face on America’s long standing support for an undivided Jerusalem.

Not only did Biden refuse to permit Israeli officials to accompany him on his visit to the Jerusalem hospital, but his team removed the Israeli flag from Biden’s limousine as he made his way to it, and refused to permit Israeli reporters to participate in the press pool.

Quite simply, even before Biden made the visit, the hospital tour represented a glaring contradiction of his repeated protestations of undying friendship and support for Israel. If anyone still held out hope that the president who told Israeli television that he was a Zionist was telling the truth, that hope was dispelled utterly when Biden began his remarks at the hospital.

Biden began what quickly became a rambling, largely incoherent speech about how much he likes nurses, hates cancer and misses his late son Beau with the most hostile, anti-Zionist characterization any sitting U.S. president has ever made of Israel.

In his words: “My background and the background of my family is Irish America, and we have a long history of ... not fundamentally unlike the Palestinian people with Great Britain and their attitude toward Irish-Catholics over the years, for 400 years.”

Whereas the rest of the speech was so incoherent it is hard to imagine it was anything other than off the cuff, Biden’s slander of Israel as a colonialist power was clearly prepared because it was followed by a quote from an Irish poem.

The idea that Israel is a harsh colonial overlord in someone else’s land is the essence of the anti-Zionist slander. The false claim that Jews have no history in their historic homeland and no national rights as the indigenous people of the land of Israel is inherent to the narrative.

The ironic and emblematic part of Biden’s visit was that even his unprecedented rejection of Israel’s very right to exist didn’t satisfy his hosts. At the end of his rambling remarks, an American-Palestinian nurse from New Jersey proclaimed, “Thank you for your support, but we need more justice, more dignity.”

Everywhere Biden went during his weeklong Middle East junket, he pandered, or tried to pander, to his hosts and to key target audiences in the United States.

When he spoke effusively of his friendship and commitment to Israel and promised not to allow Iran to become a nuclear-armed state, he pandered to Israel’s caretaker government and to American Jewish Democrats. When he pandered to the Palestinians by attacking Israel, he was pandering to his progressive, anti-Israel base back home. And during his visit to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, he pandered to his Arab audience and to the national security crowd in Washington when he proclaimed, “We will not walk away and leave a vacuum to be filled by China, Russia, or Iran.”

Biden’s pandering to the Palestinians failed to convince them, because his pandering to Israel contradicted his pandering to them. As for Israel, the Saudis and the states party to the Abraham accords—that is, the U.S.’s most powerful allies in the Middle East, Biden’s pandering failed both because his messages were contradictory and because his substantive policies bear no resemblance to his pandering proclamations.

While Biden left Israelis with a bad taste in their mouths with his anti-Israel pandering to the Palestinians (did he think that by barring Israeli reporters from his press pool he would prevent us from learning what he said?), Biden pandered to and attacked his Saudi hosts simultaneously.

Biden came to Jeddah hat in hand to ask for the Saudis and other Gulf oil producers to increase production to help him bring down oil prices at the pump. Under the circumstances, Biden could have been expected to be respectful of his hosts. Instead, he repeated his accusation that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is a cold-blooded murderer responsible for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi in 2018.

Not surprisingly, they refused to oblige, and Biden left empty-handed. Even worse, he was politically weakened because his woke progressive base was mad at him for being insufficiently hostile to the Saudi leader.

While the contradictory pandering was sufficient to render Biden’s trip a failure, even worse was the unbridgeable gap between Biden’s words and his administration’s actual policies. This gap made a miserable failure of a trip into a strategically catastrophic trip.

And just as Biden seemed to have no inkling that he couldn't get away with his contradictory pandering, he seemed singularly unaware of and indifferent to the fact that his policies are counterproductive and devastating to U.S. allies. The primary point of conflict was Biden's policy towards Iran.

Biden's envoy for Iran, Robert Malley, effectively told America's allies during an interview with NPR on July 5 that the administration has betrayed them. Malley said that Iran already has sufficient quantities of enriched uranium to assemble a nuclear bomb in a few weeks. Israel, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain wanted to hear from Biden how the United States intends to block Iran from becoming a nuclear armed state now that his own envoy has confirmed that thanks to Biden's policies, Iran has become a nuclear threshold state.

Rather than outline such a policy, Biden told Israel and the Arabs that the United States is staying the course with nuclear appeasement. That is, Biden told them that they are on their own. And worse, he told Israel that the United States opposes any military attack on Iran's nuclear installations. In other words, not only will Biden and his team do nothing to prevent Iran from building nuclear weapons, they will protect Iran from an assault by U.S. allies.

Then there are the Abraham Accords. Here too, Biden's pandering messaging and substantive policies not only eroded U.S. allies' trust in his leadership, but harmed America's allies.

The Abraham Accords are touted as peace deals between Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan. But more than peace deals, they represent a strategic partnership between the Sunni Arab states of the Persian Gulf and Egypt which are threatened by Iran, and Israel, which is also threatened by Iran. As such, they are substantively and strategically separate and distinct from Palestinian-centered diplomacy.

Whereas the Abraham Accords bring Israel together with Arab states based on shared existential interests, Palestinian-centered diplomacy, like Biden's slanderous comparison of Israel to imperialist Britain, is based on the idea that Israel is the enemy of the region, inherently illegitimate and responsible for all the pathologies of its neighbors, including Iran's aggression. The two concepts are mutually exclusive.

States that support Palestinian-centric diplomacy include Jordan and Qatar, and of course also the Palestinian Authority also supports it. All of these are harsh opponents of the Abraham Accords. Indeed, they condemned them. Jordan does not view Iran as a threat. Hamas and to a degree the Palestinian Authority view Iran as a sponsor and ally. And Qatar is Iran's close ally and partner.

All the same, the Biden administration's policy is to bring the two sides together. The first sign of this came with Secretary of State Anthony Blinken's visit to Israel and the Palestinian Authority in March. At the time, Blinken tried to force the foreign ministers of the Abraham Accord nations to bring the Palestinians into their deliberations. He failed.

But rather than walk away, the administration has doubled down. They have sought to bring Iranian allies and proxies Qatar and Iraq, as well as Jordan, into the regional air defense alliance that the United States seeks to create through CENTCOM. But bringing Qatar and Iraq into the alliance means emptying the alliance of all meaning. Similarly, Biden seeks to bring Jordan and the P.A., which oppose the Abraham Accords, into the summits of Abraham Accord partners, a move that would, again, gut the accords and reduce them to strategic incoherence, at best.

Immediately after Biden left Jeddah empty-handed, Egypt and the UAE beat a path to Tehran's door looking to reopen their embassies and formally reinstate relations with a state pledged to their destruction. With the U.S. effectively batting for Iran's team, they need to explore their options.

All of this, of course, is devastating for Israel, on every level. The move Israel has to make is fairly obvious. Israel needs to pander to the Biden administration just as emptily as Biden and his hostile advisers pander to Israel. And then they need to pursue policies that actually defend Israel's interests.

Unfortunately, our caretaker leaders, Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Defense Minister Benny Gantz, are doing no such thing. For reasons that have nothing to do with strategic rationality or reality, both men are apparently operating under the impression that Israel is required to advance policies towards the Palestinians and Iran that are devastating to Israel's existential security interests.

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## Chinese military aid to Syria raises 'alarm bells' in Israel

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By ILH Staff 8.1.22

A new aid deal between China and Syria that will include the delivery of communications equipment to Damascus has set off "alarm bells" within the Israeli security establishment, according to a report by news site *Breaking Defense*.

Israeli sources told the outlet that while the exact nature of the Chinese products remains unknown, they are expected to "fill current gaps in Syria's military communications network."

One source said that Israel has indications that Chinese experts in recent months visited Syrian military installations that were damaged heavily during the civil war.

"We believe that many [facilities] of the Syrian army will be rebuilt by the Chinese, who have the capability of bringing in thousands of workers to complete the work in the shortest time," the source was quoted as saying in the report.

While Chinese state media outlet *Xinhua* said the assistance was meant to "improve local network infrastructure, especially in those areas hit hard during the Syrian crisis since 2011," Israeli officials reportedly fear the equipment will be used to enhance Damascus' intelligence capabilities. China has donated tens of millions of dollars in aid to war-torn Syria over the past decade.

# World Government Accelerated

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Concerning world government: on July 19, 2022, UN Sec.-Gen. Guterres and WEF founder Klaus Schwab witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form a strategic partnership and to accelerate the “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

The UN and WEF have agreed to cooperate on fast-tracking world government.

It is important that God can slow down or delay world government, or He can also accelerate it if He wants. The acceleration of world government is good news for many that are concerned about inflation, food shortages, nuclear war, etc., but it is bad news for those that are not saved.

Here are more stories that made the news in the last few days.

**One**, concerning world government: on July 26, 2022, The Washington Standard published an article by award-winning international journalist Alex Newman, titled “UN & World Economic Forum Behind Global ‘War On Farmers.’”

Newman’s article contains more information than I want to discuss here, but it is extremely important, and I recommend it to those that are interested.

In my words, here are some of Newman’s insights on current events:

>The UN and the World Economic Forum (WEF) are jointly pushing the nations to implement the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and if they are not stopped, their policies will lead to “economic devastation, shortages of critical goods, widespread famine, and a dramatic loss of individual freedoms.”

>These problems are already impacting millions of people, and they will worsen in the coming weeks and months.

>Resistance to this globalist agenda is growing in some parts of the world, but government officials are cracking down on their citizens instead of trying to solve their complaints.

>The real agenda is not to help people or to save the planet from climate change; the real goal is to reduce the sovereignty of people and nations and to bring everyone on earth under the rule of a world government.

>Globalist leaders believe they can gain control over people and nations by gaining control over their food and energy.

>They are not concerned about food and energy shortages because they believe they have the wealth and means to protect themselves from the shortages they are creating.

>Global control is why small businesspeople, farmers, ranchers, and workers are being squeezed out and made poorer all over the world.

>This is behind the statement that “You will own nothing and be happy.”

(My opinion: In the future, those that are not happy must not say so because many globalists want to reduce the population of the earth.)

(Another opinion: A big difference between this present generation and past generations is the globalist desire to create problems instead of solving problems.)

**Two**, on Oct. 8, 2018, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a Special Report on Global Warming that said the world had 12 years (until 2030) to limit the rise in global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and prevent a multitude of disasters (health issues, food shortages, economic problems, etc.).

That led to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’ famous remark on Jan. 21, 2019, that “The world is gonna end in 12 years if we don’t address climate change, and your biggest issue is how are we gonna pay for it?”

On July 25, 2022, I heard a commentator on TV say the climate change fanatics have now moved the end of the planet up one year (until 2029).

Climate change is a scare tactic (God controls the weather, uses it to urge people and nations to repent of their sins, and to fulfill His Word; see Psa. 148:8), but many prophecy lovers would love to believe the Rapture is closer than they thought.

**Three**, on July 19, 2022, the head of the WEF, Klaus Schwab, and the Premier of China, Li Keqiang, held a virtual meeting applauding their cooperation and pledging to work together on climate change, industrial transformation, and social equity in the future.

Critics are concerned that China’s Social Credit Score system will be integrated into the New World Order and be used to determine who can buy and sell, where people live, where their children attend school, and more.

**Four**, on July 23, 2022, it was reported that the WEF has published a paper calling for an end to private car ownership.

As the WEF sees it, there are too many vehicles in the world, and it takes too much metal and other materials to build them.

Forcing people to share vehicles, ride buses, walk, work from home, etc., will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save the planet from climate change. Klaus Schwab and some like him believe the world needs to transition from product purchasing (ownership of vehicles) to more efficient usership (renting, sharing vehicles, etc.).

(FYI: It is more than ending the ownership of vehicles. The WEF says you will own nothing and be happy. It sounds like they want your clothes too.)

**Five**, concerning pestilence: on July 21, 2022, the White House announced that Pres. Biden has tested positive for Covid even though he has been fully vaccinated and had two booster shots.

Just know that the vaccination and booster shots don’t prevent a person from getting Covid, but they can cause adverse reactions that could be dangerous.

(FYI: On July 21, 2021, Pres. Biden said, “You’re not going to get Covid if you have these vaccinations.”)

(Concerning deceit at the end of the age: Afghanistan won’t fall, America’s allies won’t be left in Afghanistan, inflation is temporary, our border is secure, Putin is causing high gas prices, we are not in a recession, etc.)

**Six**, concerning pestilence: on July 22, 2022, it was reported that anyone can get Monkeypox (from small rodent bites, using linens that someone with Monkeypox used, respiratory droplets, and bodily fluids, skin-to-skin contact, etc.), but it is primarily a sexually transmitted disease (STD) spread by men having sex with men.

Sadly, some officials want to hide the fact that the main problem is gay male sex.

The good news is that an effective vaccine already exists (two doses of Jynneos), and manufacturers have already stepped up production.

(More: On July 22, 2022, the UN WHO declared that Monkeypox is a public health emergency of international concern. One man, Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the WHO, overruled nine of the experts on his 15-member panel of advisers to make the declaration. Put another way, one man called the Antichrist will eventually rule the world, and one man called the Director-General of the WHO has just declared a public health emergency that impacts the whole world even though he was opposed and outnumbered by credible opposition.)

(More: On July 22, 2022, the CDC confirmed that two children in the U.S. have been diagnosed with Monkeypox, and both have ties to gay men.)

**Seven**, concerning famine and food shortages: on July 22, 2022, Ukraine and Russia signed agreements with the UN and Turkey to ship about 22 million tons of Ukrainian grain to other nations.

The agreements will go a long way toward feeding hungry people in the world, and some reports say it should help stabilize grain prices.

(More: concerning food shortages: there have been several reports that the devastating drought in the western part of the U.S. is causing farmers and ranchers to liquidate their herds and get out of the cattle business. One report on July 25, 2022, said the price of a roll of hay in some areas has increased from about \$45 to \$220.)

(More: On July 26, 2022, it was reported that Canadian Prime Min. Justin Trudeau ignored strong opposition from farm organizations and ordered a dramatic reduction in the use of fertilizer to meet the 2030 sustainable development climate change goals. Some officials were stunned that Canada is drastically cutting food production when the world is facing food shortages.)

**Eight**, concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog: tension has been growing between Russia and Israel over Israel’s support for Ukraine. Around mid-July, Russia called for a Jewish agency in Russia that was helping Jews immigrate to Israel to be closed.

On July 24, 2022, it was reported that Israeli Prime Min. Lapid warned Russia that closing the immigration office would be a “grave event” and “would negatively affect diplomatic ties between Jerusalem and Moscow.”

Israel has asked to meet with Russian officials to try to resolve the issue.

The Bible clearly teaches that Russia and many allies will attack Israel at the end of the age, and the relationship between the two nations has soured dramatically since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

**Nine**, concerning the coming hyper-inflation and economic collapse: on July 24, 2022, it was reported that inflation is entrenched and getting worse, so the Federal Reserve will likely be forced to keep raising interest rates to bring it under control.

Some economists don't believe the Fed can bring inflation under control without triggering a recession.

No matter how we look at it (inflation or recession), excessive government spending and the destruction of America's energy independence have contributed to the problem.

(More: On July 20, 2022, it was reported that rising interest rates are causing home sales, prices, and construction to plunge.)

(More: On July 22, 2022, it was reported that companies are reducing their workforce, and jobless claims in the U.S. have risen three weeks in a row.)

**Ten**, concerning immorality and global rejection of the Scriptures: on July 25, 2022, it was reported that the WHO is now officially endorsing the idea of more than two genders.

One man (WHO Director-General Ghebreyesus) may soon have control over the health of everyone on earth, and he based his opinion on politics, not science or Scripture.

It is debatable, but some prophecy teachers believe the Antichrist will be gay (Dan. 11:37; II Tim. 3:3), and Ghebreyesus is endorsing the gay agenda.

**Eleven**, concerning the Mark of the Beast: the False Prophet will make an image of the Antichrist during the Tribulation Period, give it life, cause it to speak, and demand that people worship it if they want to buy and sell (Rev. 13:12-17).

A reader has reminded me of the well-publicized story of the Google Developer that was recently fired for saying that Google has developed a talking Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot that has gone sentient (able to perceive things or make conscious decisions).

**Finally**, are you Rapture Ready?

If you want to be rapture ready and go to heaven, you must be born again (John 3:3). God loves you, and if you have not done so, sincerely admit that you are a sinner; believe that Jesus is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God who died for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead; ask Him to forgive your sins, cleanse you, come into your heart and be your Saviour; then tell someone that you have done this.