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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

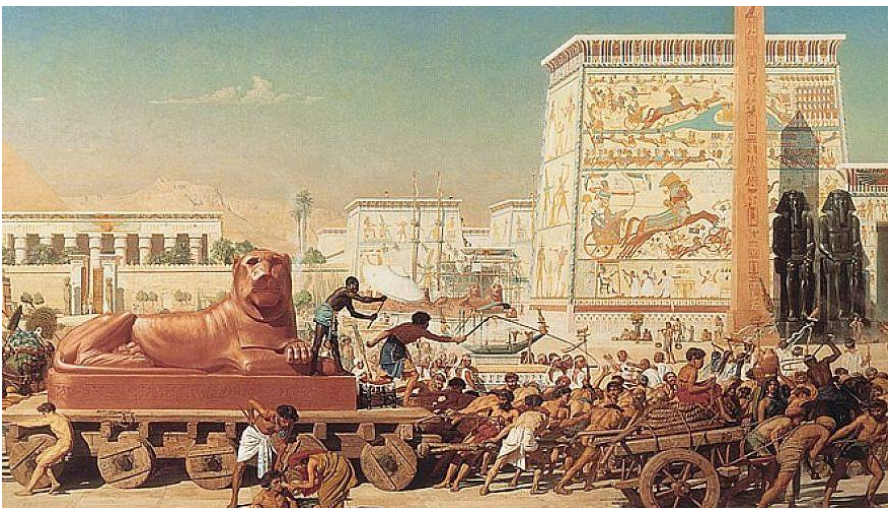
This first article is written by Daniel Greenfield of Front Page Mag, David Horowitz’s excellent blog. Daniel, being Jewish, has an interesting take on Passover that bears reading because we, too, are living in bible times. It’s not meant to be political, but to draw parallels to the overtly pagan culture that people of faith are temporarily in bondage to here in 2023 and that the Lord will shortly deliver us from. He’s really thought this through. Passover ends Thursday night.

It’s no coincidence that we are in the book of Exodus on Wednesday nights either!

Passover’s Revolt Against the Tyranny of Paganism

The alternative to faith is slavery to the cults of the Left.

April 5, 2023 by [Daniel Greenfield](#)



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Over 3,000 years ago a slave revolt took place that is repeated every year. It was not just a rebellion against a long since vanished pharaoh whose dynasty and people have been consigned to dust along with his treasure cities that the Jewish slaves had labored over.

The revolutions of the past come and go. Nations rise and fall, and then fall further into the history books.

Passover however was a remarkable revolt not just against an empire, but paganism, and it remains relevant even all these thousands of years later. In [a recent poll](#), only 39% said that religion was very important to them. That’s down from 62% a generation ago.

When faith in G-d leaves, what replaces it isn't some abstraction of 'reason': it's superstition (37% of adults under 30 believe in astrology), cults of personality, conspiracy theories and the conviction that we are now gods who can destroy the planet and change gender at will.

The story of Passover is a testament of faith: it's the account of an absolutely degraded people still continuing to believe for centuries and later millennia that their salvation, passed down by tradition, would come from a G-d they had never seen or heard, but it's also the revelation that slavery is not just physical, it's spiritual. Just as true liberation comes from G-d, true slavery comes when we abandon faith and degrade ourselves under the soulless tyranny of paganism.

The latest World Happiness Report index rated Israel as the fourth happiest in the world. Or as *Haaretz*, a relentlessly leftist local paper skeptically put it, "Low Income, High Prices and Wars: So Why Is Israel One of the Happiest Countries in the World?" What's there to be happy about?

To leftists who believe the world is fatally broken, nothing, to believers, everything.

Last year, a survey found that 96% of Israeli Jews are planning on attending a Passover seder. In America, it's around 70%. Properly performed, the Seder is an emotional and historical journey that takes Jews back in time to the suffering in Egypt, the divine salvation and the realization that no matter their current circumstances, G-d has permanently set them free.

It was in this spirit that the Passover seder was marked during the Holocaust with furtive gatherings in the forest, in concentration camps with tiny matzos baked from hoarded grams of flour, and with wine made of raisins soaked in water, and in hideouts beneath ghettos, yet still declaring, "now we are free" and "next year in Jerusalem". Such freedom transcends force.

Many liberal American Jews have lost sight of this. They pepper their seder meals for the first two nights of Passover with references to the civil rights and LGBTQ movements. They discard the personal power of their history and replace it with generic leftist politics. Is it any wonder that they're so unhappy? The American Jew has come to be defined by neurosis and the Israeli Jew by autonomy. Happiness doesn't come from comfort, but from a sense of meaning and purpose.

"As we recite the Haggadah, which retells the Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt, we have the strange feeling that, once again, we are living in Biblical times," Elie Wiesel, the journalist and holocaust survivor, wrote.

Do we really want to live in 'biblical times'? To live in biblical times doesn't mean going without running water or medication, it's the knowledge that G-d is active behind the scenes of the world. That is the faith with which the Jews embarked on their first Passover seder and then headed into the wasteland on the word of G-d to what they thought was likely certain death.

We can all live in 'biblical times'. And whether we want to or not, we do anyway. G-d was not just active long ago, He is active in our world today. And so all our times are 'biblical times'.

That is the true meaning of Passover.

Passover is not a celebration of the past, but a reunion of the past, present and future. The oppressions and redemptions of the past resonate in the present and foretell the future.

The tyranny of paganism tells us that we are animals, that life is short, cruel and purposeless, and that if there is a god or gods, they are as cruel and selfish as we are. This was the cold belief that united the Egyptians and the Nazis and Communists across thousands of years.

Long after Pharaoh had sneered, "Who is G-d that I should listen to Him?", Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev claimed that his astronaut had gone into space and not seen god. Both tyrants had a vested interest in convincing their slaves that there was no alternative to their regimes.

Paganism may occasionally promise freedom, but all it can ever offer is submission to a leader. That cult figure takes the place of the divine and he is worshiped through the rituals of slavery. His followers abase, sacrifice and erect monuments to glorify him. That was Pharaoh, but it's every cult and radical leftist movement whose promise of freedom ends in blood and suffering.

And then the god-king falls, proves too human, leaving behind an even deeper despair.

But the tyranny of paganism is not just physical. Without faith, there is no possibility of escape. Powerless people trapped in what seems like a fixed course go mad and do monstrous things, they embrace apocalyptic beliefs, bring human sacrifices and destroy everything around them.

Farfetched? A quarter of American adults believe in global warming so fiercely that they are questioning whether to have children. Abortion is described as the best way to save the planet. As suicide rates, mass shootings, and accident rates skyrocket, we see for ourselves that 'Moloch' was not just some ancient cult, it is what happens when we lose G-d in our lives.

Passover was the original repudiation of the pagan mindset that still holds true today. It reminds us that we can all escape tyranny, no matter our circumstances, because true slavery and freedom take place on the battlefields of the soul. Slaves can triumph over tyranny if they believe and free men can fall to much weaker tyrants (or become them) when they do not.

Judaism has many holidays, but Passover is the first of them because without spiritual liberation, nothing else truly matters. Only those who are free in spirit can serve G-d. Freedom, like faith, is easy to preach, but difficult to attain. At the Passover seder, families, friends and strangers will come together to once again experience slavery, to taste salt water, bitter herbs, and the mortar that bound bricks together, and to drink wine and sing like free people.

Free people all too easily forget what freedom is and where it comes from. Only when we confront tyranny, when we experience the loss of what we had, can we truly appreciate it.

Passover immerses Jews in the tyranny of paganism and the liberation of G-d. It is not merely a memorialization of the past, or the anxieties of the present, but the promise of the future. Keeping the faith means knowing, as the Jews of Egypt or those in Auschwitz did, that there is more to the world than the power of any tyrant: to his chains, laws and social credit systems.

To truly keep the seder is to know, as they did, that there is a power above them all that knows, that sees and that acts even when everything appears to be going wrong and to be doomed.

As the slaves gathering in secret along Egyptian canals, whispering an impossible hope to each other, and as their descendants, sitting for thousands of years at the seder, feeling free no matter how much in chains, believed, G-d is coming, not just to liberate us, but to set us free.

Netanyahu's version of draining the swamp. It's one thing to destroy the US with their wicked plotting but Israel? Lefty's heads exploding--

BIDEN'S COUP IN ISRAEL

Daniel Greenfield April 04, 2023

In the early days of March, a small crowd of leftists gathered outside the U.S. consulate in Tel Aviv holding up signs reading, "Biden help!" and "Biden, Blinken, Our democracy is sinking".

A speaker at the rally appealed to Biden to "save us from ourselves".



The consulate rally was held under the banner of "Defend Israeli Democracy" which had organized international protests against democratic judicial reform that would have restored checks and balances. International rallies, including one in Berlin which featured women dressed as the 'handmaids' from the TV show and signs accusing Israel of "fascism" and being an "apartheid state", were not speaking to Israelis, but to the international anti-Israel Left.

Clips from the Tel Aviv rally were remixed by another of the interchangeable anti-democracy groups, Yalla Tikva, urging Biden to save Israeli democracy. The operation was as slick with professional videography, editing and branding as it lacked a clear transparent structure.

Protests like these were not so much appealing to Biden as coordinating with the administration.

The anti-democracy rallies by organizations claiming to be fighting for democracy paralleled an unprecedented degree of interference from the Biden administration.

"We don't want to interfere," Biden told reporters after Israel had surrendered on reforming the judiciary. "Anyway, we're not interfering."

“They cannot continue down this road,” he warned.

On Monday morning, Biden’s ambassador delivered an ultimatum to Netanyahu ordering him to stop the reforms. Later that day, Netanyahu officially announced a pause on judicial reform.

This followed public statements from every Biden administration official, including Secretary of Defense Austin, warning Israel not to proceed and urging the democratically elected government to turn over the process to its political opponent: leftist figurehead Herzog who had served as Marc Rich’s lawyer when negotiating a pardon with the Clinton administration.

Why was the Biden administration so obsessed with internal questions such as who picked Israeli Supreme Court justices and whether they could ever be overruled by the legislature?

While the leftist rioters in the streets clamored that they were fighting for democracy, the Supreme Court is the least democratic institution and the mobs were demanding that it stay that way. None of the American media outlets or politicians accusing the Israeli government of threatening democracy ever got around to explaining why elected officials selecting justices is a good thing in America and a bad thing in Israel. As Ruth Wisse, the greatest living Jewish academic, pointed out in the Wall Street Journal, some of the same advocates of weakening the United States Supreme Court violently denounced efforts to check the power of Israel’s court.

The Israeli Supreme Court is mostly immune to democratic influences like elections, and is not governed by a constitution, but derives its power from claiming unlimited standing to take on any cases it likes. But to trigger this superpower, it needs nonprofit groups to bring cases to it. These nonprofits are primarily funded by foreign interests from George Soros, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Tides Center to foreign governments in the European Union and America.

How it works is simple enough. A leftist nonprofit funded by a foreign government sets out to stop a policy by a democratically elected government. Even though it is in no way affected by a policy, such as building homes in Judea or cracking down on terrorism, it sues anyway. And even though it lacks any standing, the Supreme Court takes the case anyway and rules for it.

The actual case however was really brought by Soros or the EU or D.C. The Israeli Supreme Court acts as a rubber stamp for rule by foreign governments through leftist groups.

While a lot of the online protest groups conducting anti-democracy rallies were unknown, the larger Israeli rallies were led by the Movement for Quality Government. MQG is a serial plaintiff which repeatedly brings cases to the Supreme Court. In 2020, MQG hired a D.C. law firm to investigate Netanyahu. That same year, MQG began getting money from the State Department.

State Department deputy spokesman Vedant Patel claimed that this was false because MQG “received a modest grant from the State Department that was initiated during the previous administration” meant to promote civics in schools.

“Any notion that we are propping up or supporting these protests or the initiators of them is completely and demonstrably false,” Patel fumed.

But money is fungible and the State Department was well aware that MQG’s primary field of activity was lawfare. The plague of leftist nonprofits funded by foreign governments is an old problem that predates this administration. And touching it is the real red line.

In 2016, there was outrage when the Israeli legislature passed a law requiring nonprofits to disclose foreign funding. Even though the government bureaucracy refused to enforce the law, it nonetheless resulted in MGQ disclosing its funding from the State Department.

The State Department had claimed then that asking nonprofits to reveal foreign funding would “have a chilling effect on the activities that these worthwhile organizations are trying to do”.

Examples of such worthwhile activities had included the State Department funding a previous protest campaign against Netanyahu in 2015 using a “peacebuilding” nonprofit named One Voice.

In 2021, Israel cracked down on six nonprofits tied to terrorist organizations. The State Department warned, “we will be engaging our Israeli partners for more information regarding the basis for the designation. We believe respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and a strong civil society are critically important to responsible and responsive governance.”

The pattern is not difficult to spot.

The Biden administration, the EU and other leftist foreign governments use nonprofits and the legal system to control Israeli policy. When those tools of control are threatened, they step in.

The Obama and Biden administrations had fumed when Israel began forcing nonprofits to follow the law, but judicial reform was a line in the sand. Had judicial reform passed, democracy would have come to Israel. And a bunch of leftist governments couldn’t have used their puppets to overrule the will of the people. That was why they did everything they could to stop it.

What the media portrayed as organic protests were nothing of the kind. They were often backed and organized by tech companies. Some of those same companies, to protest judicial reform, announced that they were pulling their money out of Israel and sending them to SVB. The collapse of the bank, closely associated with leftist interests in the United States, was only a brief inconvenience since the Biden administration rushed to bail out its depositors.

Israeli startups draw on investments from American companies and investors: many of them close to the Biden administration. The SVB connection, a clearinghouse for woke capital, just spelled out the obvious. The coup against democracy was backed by foreign interests and implemented by the billionaires, who control much of the Israeli media, and leftist activists who are employed

by nonprofits funded by foreign governments and foundations.

Political consultants rushed to brand the coup as a “democracy” movement even though there’s nothing less democratic than protecting an undemocratic institution from democratic change.

The Biden administration, which had been in on it all along, pushed for a “compromise” from Marc Rich’s former lawyer that would have kept the Left in power even while denying what it was doing, or that judicial reform was shut down after a Biden ultimatum.

Prime Minister Netanyahu backed down, as he often has, but the confrontation was revealing because the puppet masters were forced to show their hand. American Jews were largely fooled by the media’s propaganda campaign, but Israelis saw all too clearly who the activists and, more importantly, the Supreme Court really works for and whose power it serves.

The Israeli Left has consistently lost elections while clinging to power through undemocratic institutions like the Supreme Court and fake third parties. It’s fighting a war on democracy that it’s bound to lose. The ‘handmaids’ marching in Berlin and the radicals holding up posters accusing Israel of fascism in Hitler’s city have shown Israelis what they really are.

The greatest threat to democracy in Israel has always come from the Left. What was once a domestic oligarchy has evolved into a puppet regime. And the Israeli Zionists have learned that they can expose the puppet masters by pulling on the puppets and seeing who comes for them.

“Biden help!”, “Biden, Blinken, Our democracy is sinking”, “save us from ourselves”.

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Biden White House Played Role In FBI Raid On Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Home: Documents

Documents obtained by America First Legal Foundation (AFLF) suggest that the Biden White House was involved in the FBI raid on former President Donald Trump’s home in Florida by way of a “special access request,” calling into question statements by Biden administration officials that the White House did not interfere and did “not get involved.”

Egypt Secretly Planned To Send 40,000 Rockets To Russia: Leaked Doc

This is why the US administration was likely livid when it learned that Washington’s ally, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, was moving to ship tens of thousands of rockets to Russia as the Kremlin executes its war in Ukraine. Sisi instructs the officials to keep the production and shipment of the rockets secret ‘to avoid problems with the West,’ the Washington Post writes.

Dramatic Footage Shows Massive Russian Volcano Spewing Ash 12 Miles High

A massive volcano erupted early Tuesday in the Kamchatka Peninsula located in Russia’s far east, spewing a column of ash 65,000 feet into the sky. According to Reuters, the eruption of Shiveluch, one of the most active volcanoes in Kamchatka, is one of the biggest in sixty years.

Salmonella: From Drug Resistant To Extensively Drug-Resistant (XDR)

Aside from stomach cramps and diarrhea, Salmonella infection can cause fever, nausea, vomiting, and a rather formidable headache. In addition, an infection caused by Salmonella Typhi could lead to typhoid fever. Along with the other aforementioned symptoms, typhoid fever leads to a skin rash and muscle weakness, and a fever as high as 103 to 104 F (39 to 40 C).

Walmart Abandons Unprofitable Chicago Stores After Investing “Hundreds Of Millions” In City

After two decades of losses and “hundreds of millions of dollars” invested in Chicago, Walmart is shuttering four unprofitable stores in the metropolitan area, reducing its store footprint by half in the crime-ridden city.

US deploys nuclear submarine in Mideast amid Iran tension

The USS Florida — capable of carrying as many as 154 Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles — began transiting the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea on Friday, according to the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, which is based in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf. The submarine is being deployed in support of the U.S. Fifth Fleet, which is also based in Bahrain, to “ensure regional maritime security and stability,”

Minneapolis Is Becoming Increasingly Hostile To Christians And Biblical Truth...

The city, once humorously spotlighted in the Mary Tyler Moore show, has observably descended from being that more or less happy site of Americana. We have seen the twin cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul—particularly Minneapolis—come increasingly under that dark shadow of spreading wickedness. Minneapolis will soon become a “sanctuary city” for children who want gender reassignment. Wicked.

LGBTQIA-Affirming Pastor Andy Stanley Has A Tremendously Low View Of The Bible And Because Of That Is Attracting Thousands To His Ministry

Pastor Andy Stanley is having revival in his ministry, it is growing by leaps and bounds, and he speaks to a full house every time the doors are open. He has ten satellite ‘campus locations’ numbering about 200,000 people every Sunday. *Only one problem.* Andy Stanley is not weighed down by that cumbersome, old Book known as the Bible, King James or otherwise, and that is striking a chord in people who want a ‘form of godliness’ just without so much power. Swelling words are in great demand here at the end of the Church Age. So just who are all these people flocking to Andy Stanley’s church? People who share his low view of the Bible, and aren’t interesting in being talked out of it.

Hitlers New Army: Muslims Call for ‘Death to Israel’ and ‘Death to Jews’ in Germany

Berlin has been hit by another disturbing wave of antisemitism as hundreds of Muslim protesters, mainly migrants, chanted “death to Israel” and “death to Jews” in two city neighborhoods with a large Islamic presence, Kreuzberg and Neukölln. The rally was centered on the ongoing controversy at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, where radical Palestinians barricaded themselves in al-Aqsa Mosque in violation of religious compound rules.

Sharia USA: Iranian Professor Investigated for Showing Class Drawing of Prophet Muhammad After Muslim Student Complained

San Francisco State University (SFSU) is facing widespread backlash for its investigation into Professor Maziar Behrooz after a Muslim student complained about a picture of Prophet Muhammad shown in his Islamic history class in the Fall of 2022. The move has been criticized as an attack on academic freedom and a capitulation to political correctness.