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Dear President Bush,

I am delighted to have you in the White House. I am delighted to read that you know God personally, that you read the Bible faithfully and that you appreciate the power of prayer. I am delighted to see you demonstrate your understanding the Biblical and historical principle that war is sometimes necessary to have peace.

However, I write you with a heavy heart. I am concerned that you seem to be taking this country into catastrophic spiritual territory without realizing or understanding the results. Your Roadmap makes me wonder how familiar you are with certain scriptural concepts.

For example, in Genesis 13 teaches us that God told Abraham, “Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ¹⁵For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. ¹⁶And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.”

Can man negotiate with God on the status of His promises to Israel? If God said He would give the land to Abraham and his descendants, who is America, who is George W Bush to tell Israel, “You must give it up?”

Genesis 15 tells us of the covenant between God and Abraham: “¹⁸In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, ²⁰And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, ²¹And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Mr President, covenants are not treaties nor contracts. Nations may break treaties, and individuals may break contracts, but God doesn't break covenant. What God covenanted with Abraham, I hope you will agree, He will deliver, regardless of what America or its leadership does.

In Genesis 17, God repeated His covenant: “⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ⁸And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land

wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17 teaches us concerning the dichotomy between Ishmael and Isaac, “¹⁸And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! ¹⁹And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him. ²⁰And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.”

Yes, God promised to multiply Ishmael into a fruitful, great nation. He has done that. The Arabic population is estimated at 250 million, living on about 10 million km² of land, or about the area of the United States. They own about 75 per cent of the oil in the world. Yes, they have indeed been blessed, and continue to be blessed.

But God clearly stated that He would establish His everlasting covenant with Isaac, and not Ishmael. And of course Isaac begat Esau and Jacob, with whom God wrestled in Genesis 32, and whose name God changed: “Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. ²⁹And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.”

1 Chronicles 29 teaches us that The Creator is Sovereign over the entire world, regardless of what we His subjects want, do or say? “¹¹Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.” As Creator, as Sovereign, He, and He alone, decides who gets what in this world, regardless of nations, regardless of religion, regardless of military might, regardless of treaties. He has clearly declared through the above Scripture His intent, announced by His covenant. Who are we to try to thwart His decision?

Mr President, I fear for the future of these United States if we continue your attempts to take from God’s chosen nation of Israel part of the land God promised to them. God said, in Genesis 12, “²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

As further evidence of Divine guidance, never before in history has a people or nationality congregated after being dispersed for 2,000 years. Yet in 1922, the League of Nations ruled that Great Britain should become the Mandatory government of Palestine to provide for Jewish settlement of the land so that it could again become the site of a Jewish homeland. As a result of that decision, hundreds of thousands of Jews moved to Palestine from the creation of the Mandate in 1922 until the birth of the State of Israel in 1948, joining the Jews who had survived there through the centuries.

The rebirth of the state of Israel in 1948 was a miracle of history, as prophesied in Ezekiel 37. Never before has a nation been destroyed, its people dispersed to the ends of the earth, and then, nearly two thousand years later, regathered to their homeland and reestablished as a nation. What a testimony to the endurance of God's covenant! What a testimony to His remembrance of His promise to bless the seed of Abraham!

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee.” Yes, America has blessed Israel over the last several years, with money, with military equipment and training, and with diplomatic dictates to her neighbor enemies. You, Mr President, have been viewed by God-fearing people everywhere as the best friend Israel has ever had in the White House. In the last few months, however, your insistence that Israel accept your Roadmap *carte blanche*, against their will, and against God's announced plan for the land and the nation, brings fear to many of us that this action will bring God's curse on this nation.

To quote Joel 3, “. . . I will also gather all nations, and . . . will enter into judgment with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have divided up my land.”

Mr President, I am reminded of 2 Chronicles 7, “¹⁴If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” Have we as a nation, have you as a successful leader, become arrogant with respect to God's word? Are we humble enough as a nation, as individuals, to be heard by God and to have our sins forgiven? I read that for the past two months your administration has placed unrelenting pressure on Ariel Sharon to accept the road map “for the president.” I pray that your desire for a second term, and a belief that peace in the Middle East is necessary to the election, do not cause you to disobey God's commands and plan.

One of the clear lessons we learn from studying biblical history is that great leaders are the most vulnerable to error immediately after a great victory. We see this in the life of Joshua, of King David and others. You and Prime Minister Tony Blair have just won a significant victory in Iraq, making you very vulnerable to making a serious mistake at this time.

Mr President, I pray

- that your inward strength will continue to grow,
- that you will realize God's backing to stand up to hostile messages such as you received from Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah in August 2001,
- that you will realize Israel's divine award of the land,
- that you will realize “peace at any price” is not peace at all, but anarchy. Even God commanded war to accomplish His plan,
- that you will admit that no biblical or historical reason exists for two nations on the land God

appointed to Israel,

- that you will realize that Israel is defending itself against terrorism just as you are carrying out your vow to defend this nation against terrorism. I read that your administration has labeled “illegitimate” Israeli counterterrorism tactics that are identical to those of America.

- that you will realize that all mankind will be blessed through Israel as God promised to Abraham, as prophesied in Isaiah 2, "In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain [or kingdom] of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains [that is, overruling all other kingdoms], and it shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

- that you will realize that Israel will unconditionally retain the land God covenanted to her, as we read in Micah 4, "And many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.' . . . And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Mr President, I've read, studied and experienced enough of God to believe what He says, to know He keeps His covenants, to love and bless Israel, and to believe that the whole world—the Arab peoples too—will come up to worship the God of Jacob in Jerusalem. Peoples of all national tongues will come to pray to the LORD God of Israel because they will understand God is blessing Israel (Zechariah 8:3, 21-23): "...Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain... O house of Judah and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing; fear not, but let your hands be strong.... It shall yet come to pass that there shall come people and the inhabitants of many cities,... saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts... ten men shall take hold out of all the languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."

I believe very strongly that we must support Israel, and that it has a right to the land, because God said so. The current strife is not a political battle at all. It is a contest over whether or not the word of God is true.

This is a great nation; you are a great president. I pray that we and you will be found among those who bless Israel, and among those who bless God by blessing Israel.

My prayers are with you,

/s/

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