

Eagle Mountain International Church

Where Do You Stand on Supporting Israel?

Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, September 20, 2020

A. Proverbs 29:2—When the Righteous are in Authority, the People Rejoice: but When the Wicked Beareth Rule, the People Mourn

1. Who are the righteous and who are the wicked?
 - a. The righteous acknowledge God and His Word.
 - b. The wicked ignore God and His Word.
2. That is why it is so important to study the Party Platforms.
 - a. We are able to identify where each party stands on specific issues.
 - b. We compare them to what the Bible says about those issues.
3. We are then able to determine which platform best aligns with how the Kingdom of God operates.

B. We Must Pay Attention to the Platforms

1. First of all, God knows what is on those platforms.
 - a. He has read them.
 - b. He will hold us accountable to them.
2. Secondly, they were written by, “We the People.”
 - a. They are representatives from every state in the Union.
 - b. From the abundance of their hearts, the parties speak.
3. Thirdly, politicians will be making their decisions on our behalf based upon the platform they embrace and stand on.
 - a. The platform is the driving agenda for all legislation.
 - b. It is what they are going to push to accomplish over the next four years — and beyond.
4. Last week, we compared the platforms regarding their stand on abortion.
5. The divide is quite clear.

C. Where Does the Democrat Party Stand on Supporting Israel?

From the “2020 Democratic Party Platform,” page 91

1. “Democrats believe a strong, secure, and democratic Israel is vital to the interests of the United States. Our commitment to Israel’s security, its qualitative military edge, its right to defend itself, and the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding is ironclad.”
2. “Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian. That’s why we will work to help bring to an end a conflict that has brought so much pain to so many. We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel’s future as a

Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own.”

3. “Democrats oppose any unilateral steps by either side — including annexation — that undermine prospects of two states. Democrats will continue to stand against incitement and terror. We oppose settlement expansion.”

D. Where Does the Republican Party Stand on Supporting Israel?

From the “2020 Republican Party Platform,” page 47

1. “Like the United States of America, the modern state of Israel is a country born from the aspiration for freedom and stands out among the nations as a beacon of democracy and humanity.”
2. “Beyond our mutual strategic interests, Israel is likewise an exceptional country that shares our most essential values. It is the only country in the Middle East where freedom of speech and freedom of religion are found. Therefore, support for Israel is an expression of Americanism, and it is the responsibility of our government to advance policies that reflect Americans’ strong desire for a relationship with no daylight between America and Israel. We recognize Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish states and call for the American embassy to be moved there in fulfillment of U.S. law.”

NOTE: On May 14, 2018, the United States officially opened their Embassy in Jerusalem, 70 years to the day that President Harry Truman recognized Israel.

3. “We reaffirm America’s commitment to Israel’s security and will ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries. We support Israel’s right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks upon its people and against alternative forms of warfare upon it legally, economically, culturally, and otherwise.”
4. “We reject the false notion that Israel is an occupier and specifically recognize that the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS) is anti-Semitic in nature and seeks to destroy Israel. Therefore, we call for effective legislation to thwart actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner.”

NOTE: As of 2020, 32 state legislatures have passed bills similar to The Israel Anti-Boycott Act, which is still in Congress.

5. “The United States seeks to assist in the establishment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, to be negotiated among those living in the region. We oppose any measures intended to impose an agreement or to dictate borders or other terms, and we call for the immediate termination of all U.S. funding of any entity that attempts to do so. Our party is proud to stand with Israel now and always.”

D. Where Does the Bible Stand on Israel?

1. Genesis 12:3 (NIV) “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
2. Genesis 17:7 (NIV-84) “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”
3. Isaiah 41:11-12 (NIV) “All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.”
4. Zechariah 2:8 (AMPC) “For thus said the Lord of hosts, after [His] glory had sent me [His messenger] to the nations who plundered you— for he who touches you touches the apple or pupil of His eye.”
5. Joel 3:2 (AMPC) “I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with and execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.”
 - a. There are two criteria by which any nation is judged.
 - b. The way they treat the people Israel.
 - c. What they do about the land of Israel.

E. A Stern Warning to Both Parties Concerning Israel

1. There is a direct connection between U.S./Middle East policy decisions and catastrophic events.
2. In his book, “Eye to Eye—Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel” author William Koenig has documented numerous connections between catastrophic events and the treatment of Israel.
3. One major example is the evacuation of Israelis from the Gaza Strip and Hurricane Katrina. (Koenig World Watch Daily [watch.org](http://www.watch.org) website, “Incredible Parallels Between Israel and the U.S. Evacuations”)
 - On August 22, 2005, President Bush honors Veterans of Foreign Wars at the National Convention in Salt Lake City.
 - “In the heart of the Middle East, a hopeful story is unfolding. After decades of shattered promises and stolen lives, peace is within reach in the Holy Land. The Palestinian people have expressed their desire for sovereignty and peace in free and fair elections. This past week, Prime Minister Sharon and the Israeli people took a courageous and painful step by beginning to remove settlements in Gaza and parts of the West Bank. The Israeli disengagement is an historic step that reflects the bold leadership of Prime Minister Sharon. We are providing \$50 million in direct assistance to the Palestinians for new housing and infrastructure projects in Gaza.”

- Israel’s disengagement evacuation and eviction began on Wednesday, August 17, and ended on Tuesday, August 23.
- On Tuesday afternoon, August 23, Tropical Depression 12 formed.
- By 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, the newly formed tropical depression was upgraded to Tropical Storm Katrina.
- By 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, Katrina became a hurricane.
- On Friday, August 26, Hurricane Katrina hit Southeast Florida.
- By Monday, August 29, Katrina had become a fierce and enormous Category 4 hurricane that hit Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama—devastating the city of New Orleans. It is now being called the largest natural disaster in U.S. history.
- On Wednesday, August 17, 2005, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon authorized the mandatory evacuation of residents refusing to evacuate Gaza.
- On Wednesday, September 7, 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin ordered the mandatory evacuation of the crippled Crescent City. Soldiers had to force out some of the holdouts.
- Israeli settlers stated that the Gaza and Samaria evictions will go down as the worst abandonment of Jews in history and the largest forced evacuation in Israel’s history.
- Katrina has resulted in the largest mass migration and evacuation in U.S. history.
- Nine thousand Israelis were evicted by their government.
- One million Americans were evicted by Hurricane Katrina.
- At the same time Israelis were going homeless in the Gaza Strip, Americans were going homeless in the United States.
- The current governing authority over the Gaza Strip is Hamas.
- It is a terrorist organization who refuses to recognize the state of Israel and whose charter calls for the total destruction of Israel.