

Comments and scriptural references  
to contradict basic premises of  
Stan Rittenhouse's book: "For Fear  
of the Jews".

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He (Rittenhouse) contends that Zionism (political Jewish movement to return to Palestine, etc.) is illegal, or against God's will. And that furthermore Israel is not to return to the Land until God gathers them at the end of the Tribulation.

An interesting, and revealing remark he makes is the following (not necessarily verbatim): That the rapture is caused to come before God's desired time, by this political Zionist factor!

What is his theological philosophy underlying this specious statement? A definite Arminian, free will salvation concept is implied for one thing! The connection indicated with Jerry Falwell suggests something of the personal reasons for such an ambitious campaign for the preservation of American, and world status quo. To which end, he remarks that the key to world peace, stability, etc. is balanced national powers.

In answer to paragraph one above--many prophetic passages anticipate the return to Palestine (Jerusalem, etc.) of Jews before, and during the Tribulation. Even though political versus truly religious, God allows the Zionist activities to operate to return the Jews to Palestine.

Some, among many, scriptures to support this are:

Isaiah 10:24-27

"Oh my people that dwellest in Zion (during the Tribulation, not after) be not afraid of the Assyrian (invader from the North) he shall smite thee, etc.....  
"For yet a very little while, and the indignation (great tribulation--last 3½ years of trib.) shall cease, etc."

Isaiah 26:20, 27:1

"Come my people (Israel) enter thou into thy chambers.....hide thyself (flee to the place of refuge in the wilderness) until the indignation (Great Trib.) is overpast.....etc."

Matt. 24:15-22

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation (mid-trib.) spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the Holy Place then let him flee..... for then shall be great tribulation....."

Especially good is Ezek. 22:17-22, wherein it is stated that God will gather Israel into Jerusalem in his anger and fury to melt them, etc. Contrast this to Rittenhouse's statement that it is the devil's regathering (Page 176).

A careful reading of such passages as the first half, approx., of Ezek. 22 will give an enumeration of those sins which have historically characterized Israel's criminal actions which we know today as Zionism, among other things.

For example, vs. 4: "Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed..... therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries".

Vs. 7: ".....in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger.....".

Vs. 9: "In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood ....."

Vs. 12: "In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou has taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God".

Vs. 14: "Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee (Trib.)? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it". Through the devil, to a great extent, yes; but sovereignly by God's plan and purpose in judgment.

The "time of Jacob's trouble" is clearly promised and prophesied to be the tribulation period of unprecedented suffering and calamity for Israel, but from which "she shall be saved" (remnant, and further re-gathering, etc.).

A representative number of Jews must be brought first to the Land for God's retributive judgments to be carried out upon the nation, before she (Israel) will finally <sup>be</sup> restored to the Land for kingdom blessings.

In summary, then, it is right to recognize the atrocious, international crimes of political Zionism for the terrible sin against mankind that it has been, and will predictably continue to be.

But to militate and organize against it, as Rittenhouse has so zealously undertaken to do, is dangerously contrary to <sup>God's</sup> prophetic program. It is furthermore, a confusion of doctrine--dispensationally; not distinguishing between God's plan for the church, and that which applies to Israel.

Let us, then, be concentrating on our responsibilities; to wit, the Gospel, and the lifelong full-time process of the "edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:".

And leave Israel's sin to God; it is His business, not our's. Deut. 32:35-36, etc.