

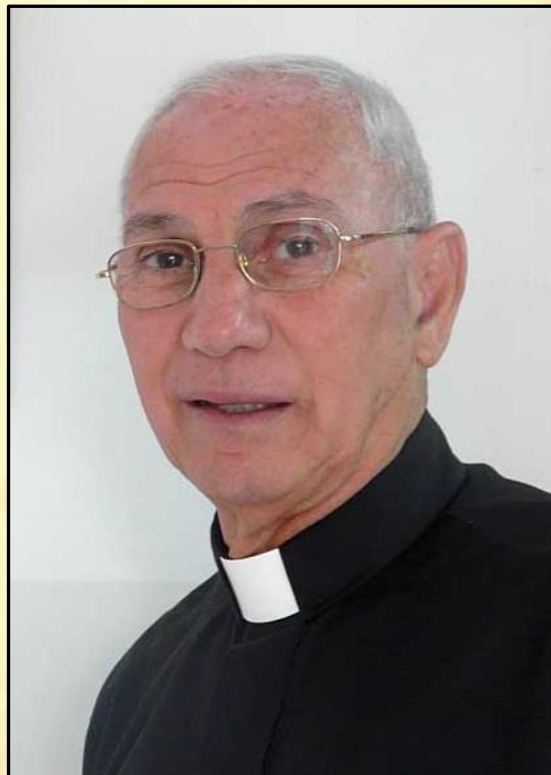
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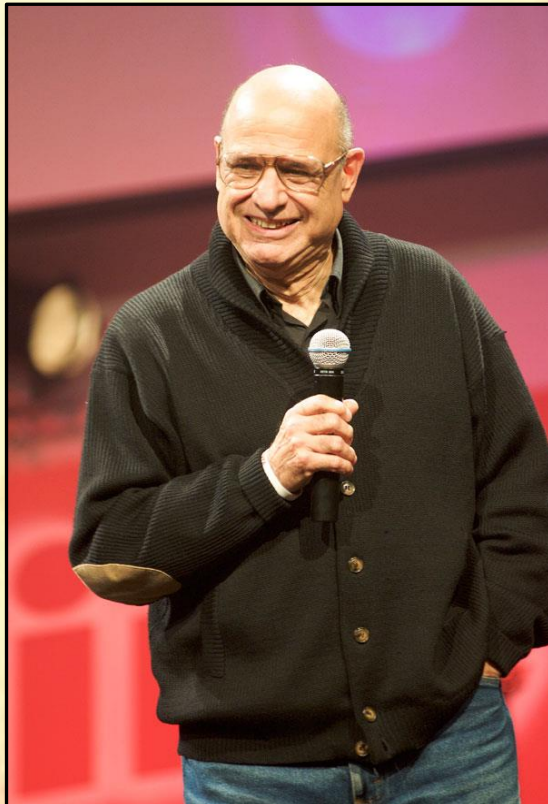
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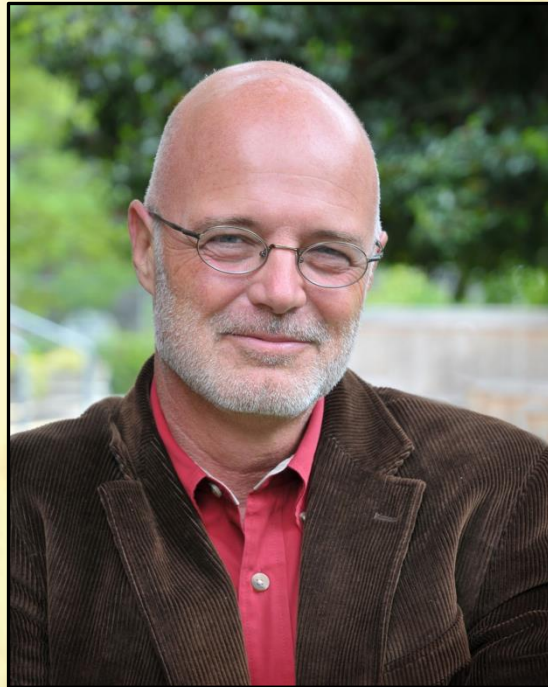
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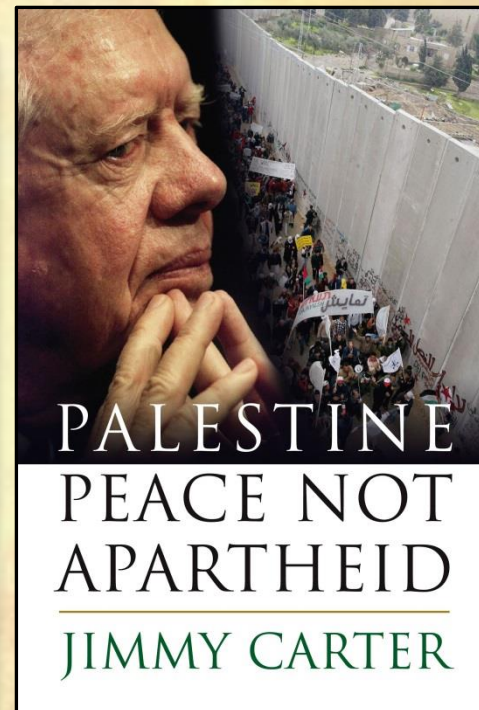
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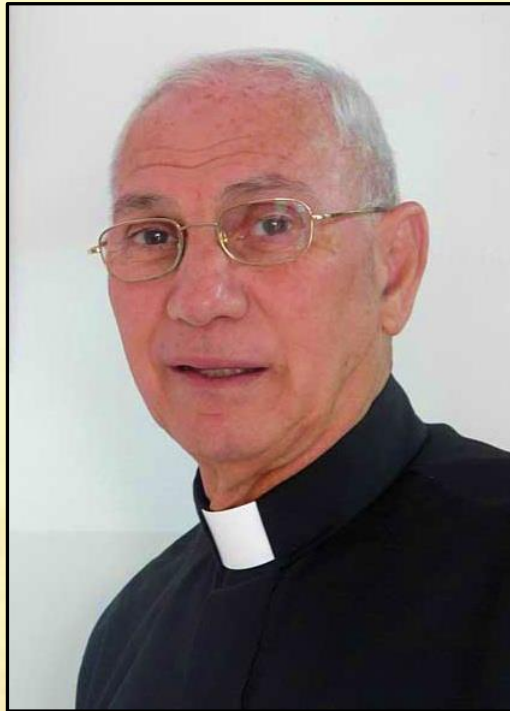
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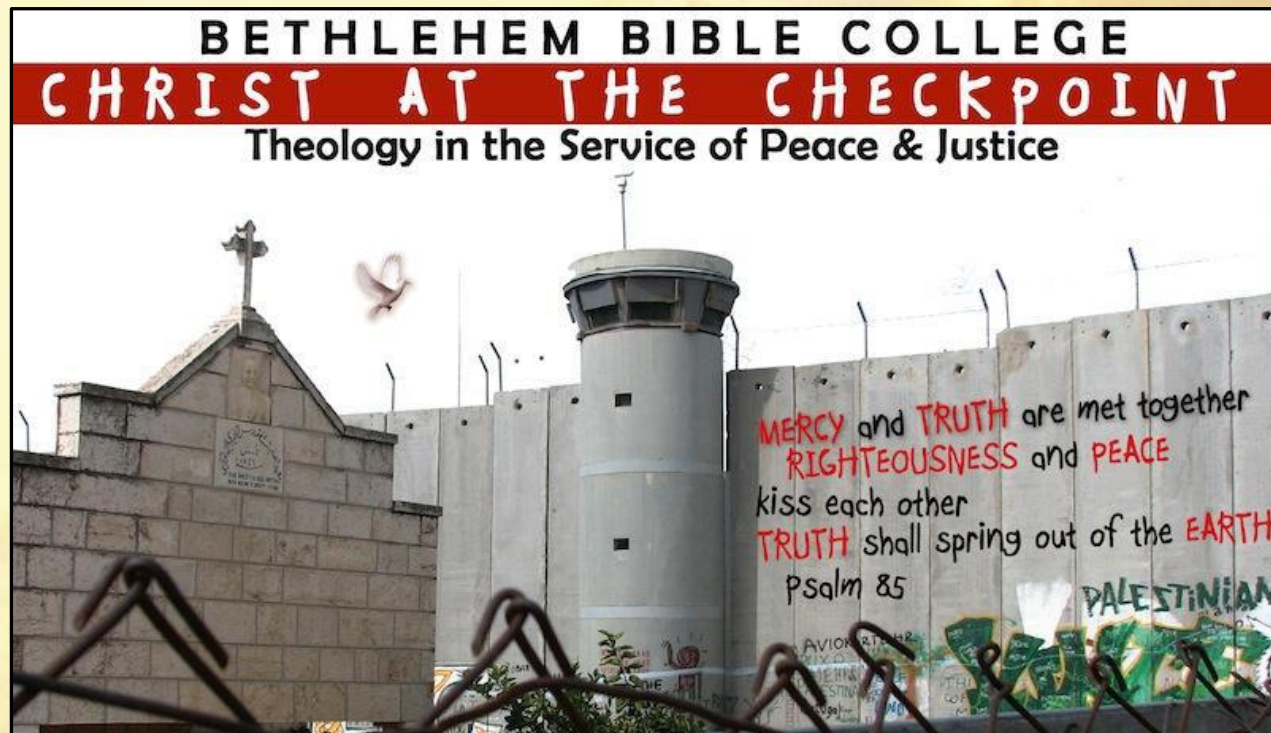
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C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

a) *REJECTION OF A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE*

"When we talk about Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures, we are not talking about a racial identification ... Israel as a racial identification, as a national people, was never how the Old Testament understood God's people"

Sizer

Stephen



HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

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1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

b) ADVOCATES OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

"For many years we have been concerned about the growing opposition within the Evangelical Church towards the modern State of Israel. This opposition is rooted in an interpretation of the Bible which views the Church as having replaced (or 'fulfilled') Israel in God's prophetic purposes. In recent years this theology of replacement has become increasingly politicized, and enjoys wide-ranging support among Church leaders, denominations, charities, and associated mission and humanitarian groups. Of particular concern has been the speed with which alliances have been forged with secular, political and non-Christian religious groups in what can only be described as a mounting anti-Israel crusade."

Andrew Robinson

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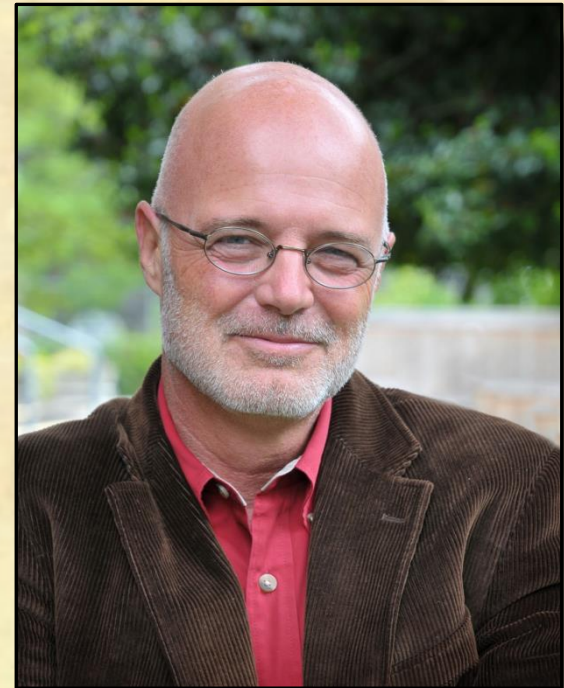
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"the need to confront the terrible, deadly, distorted, yet popular theologies associated with Christian Zionism and deterministic dispensationalism, which use a bogus end-of-the-world scenario to create a kind of death-wish for World War III, which—unless it is confronted more robustly by the rest of us—could too easily create a self-fulfilling prophecy"

Brian McLaren



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1. A REJECTION OF THE SCRIPTURES

c) THE RESULTING "ISLAMIZATION" OF THE SCRIPTURES

*Riah Abu el-Assal,
the Arab Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, ,
claimed of Palestinian Christians:
"We are the true Israel..."*



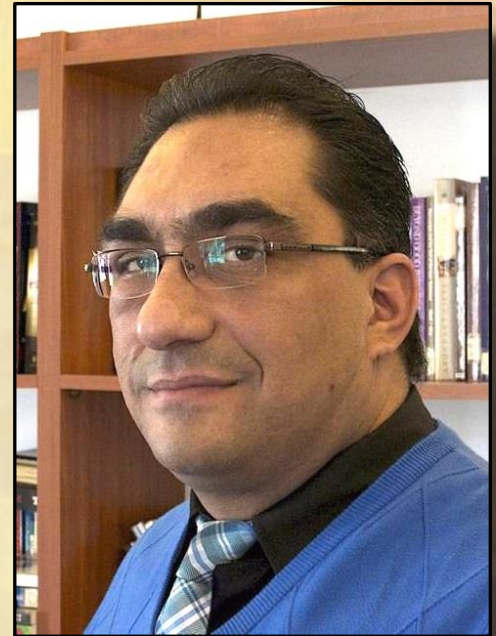
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"The hand of the Lord was on me and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of the West Bank – Bethlehem, Qalqilya and Jenin and Salvit and Nablus and Ramallah – it was full of bones ... He asked me, 'Son of Man, can these bones live? Can the Palestinian people live?' Then He said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord"' ... You see, the Palestinian people were, and a lot are still like this valley of dry bones that is in need of the Church to come and prophesy life on them, and I think through the Christ at the Checkpoint conference there was a lot of prophesying life over the Palestinian people. Will you agree with me?" [applause]



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***AND IF WE ISLAMIZE THE SCRIPTURES
THEN THE CHURCH IS SURE TO FOLLOW!***



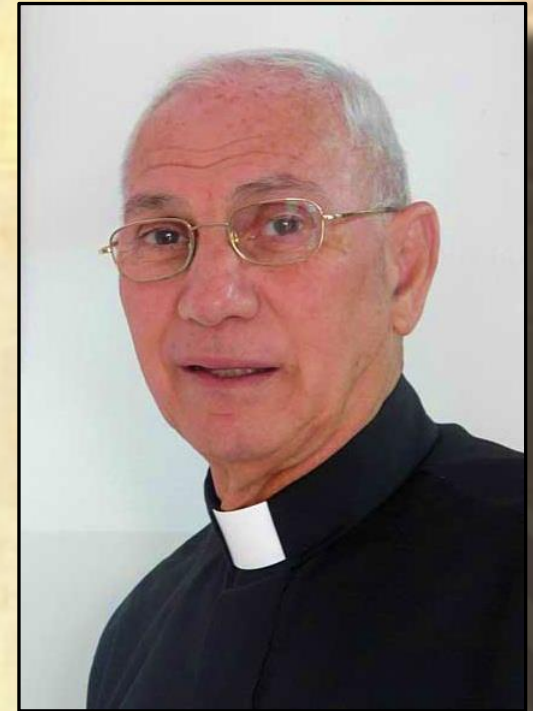
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2. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GOSPEL

A SOCIAL GOSPEL FOUNDED ON LIBERATION THEOLOGY

“People quote from Genesis that G-d has given the land to the Jewish people. So the land is given by God so they have a divine right to the land and the Palestinians have no rights. They need to go. It is the wrong way of interpreting scripture. Palestinian liberation theology comes to really help people understand that the message of the Bible is not about a god who is a person concerned about a piece of land here or there, but a god of justice, a god of peace, a god of compassion.”



Naim Ateek

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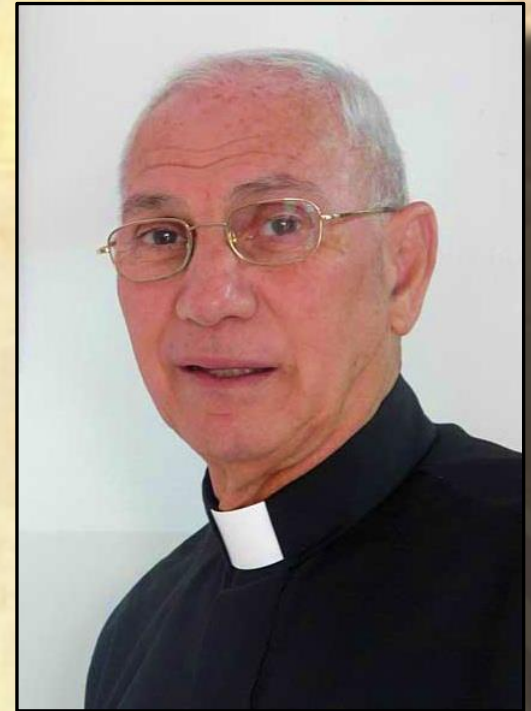
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3. THE DE-LEGITIMIZATION OF ISRAEL

a) *"GOD IS AGAINST ISRAEL AND IS ON THE SIDE OF THE PALESTINIANS"*

"In this season of Lent, it seems to many of us that Jesus is on the cross again with thousands of crucified Palestinians around him. It only takes people of insight to see the hundreds of thousands of crosses throughout the land, Palestinian men, women, and children being crucified. Palestine has become one huge golgotha. The Israeli government crucifixion system is operating daily. Palestine has become the place of the skull."

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THE PALESTINIAN JESUS



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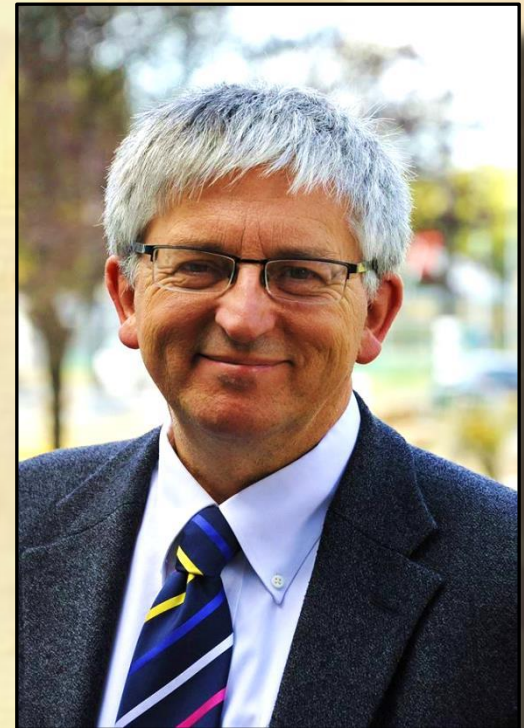
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b) PORTRAY ISRAEL AS A RACIST, APARTHEID STATE

“The Holocaust has been perpetuated over the last forty or fifty years; it’s the Palestinians who are going through their Nakba [‘catastrophe’] now, and one wrong doesn’t right another wrong”.

Stephen Sizer



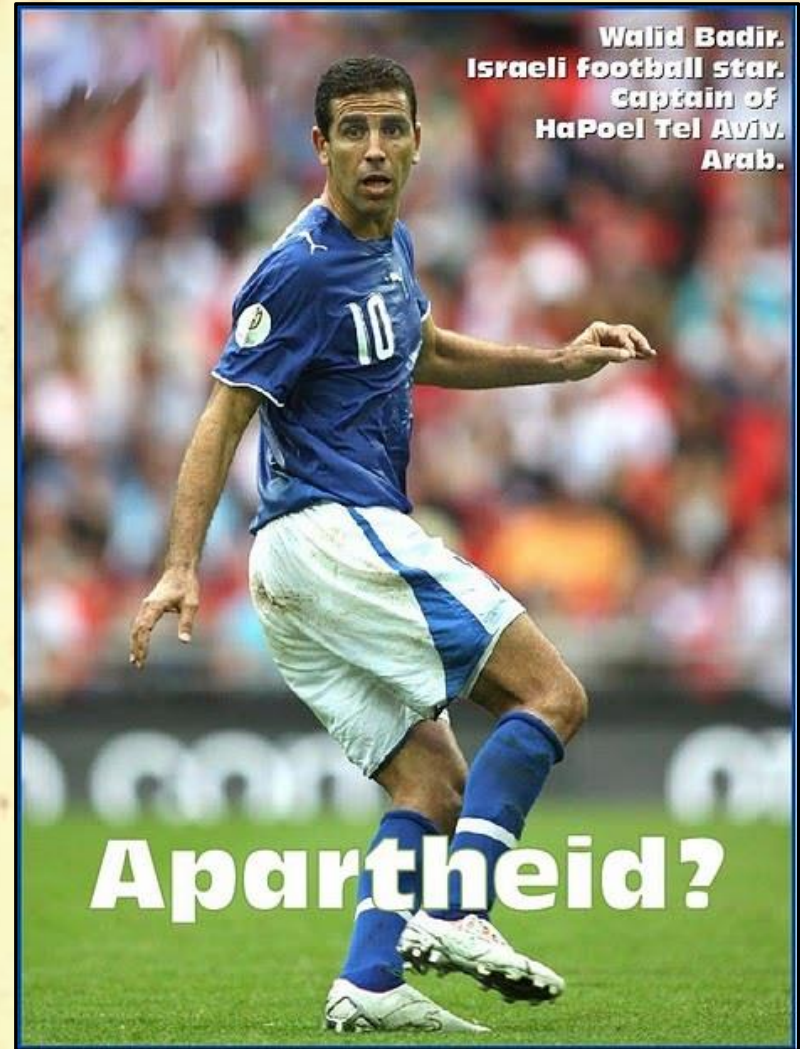
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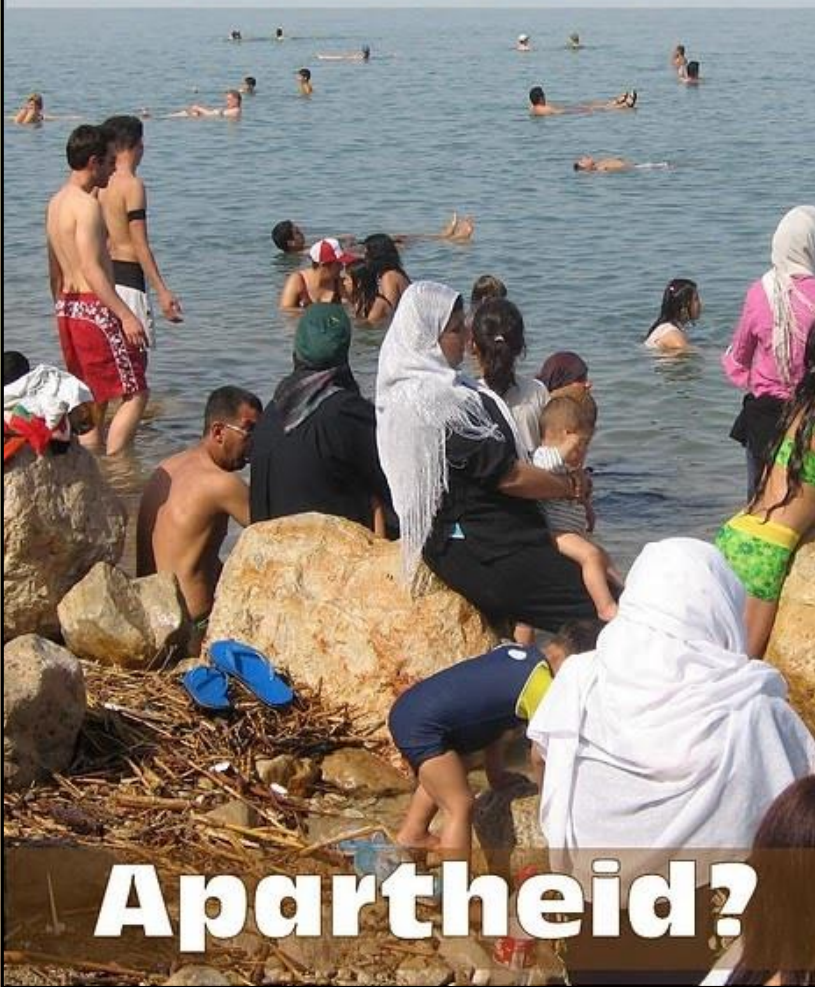
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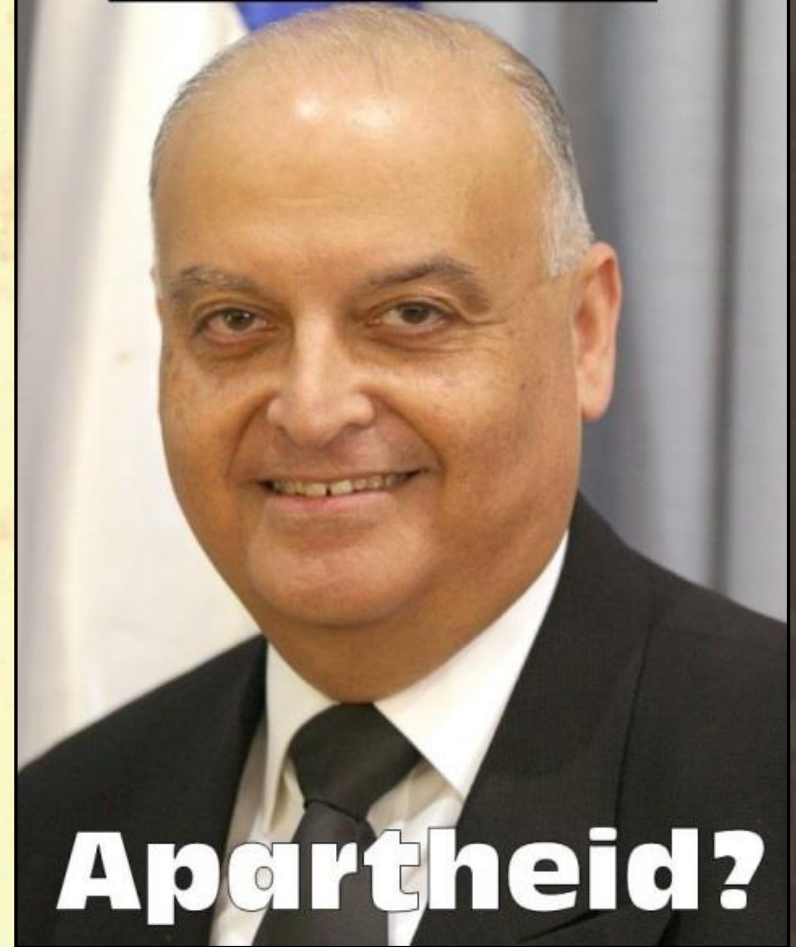
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Jews and Arabs swimming together in the Dead Sea



**Salim Joubran
Israeli Supreme Court justice.
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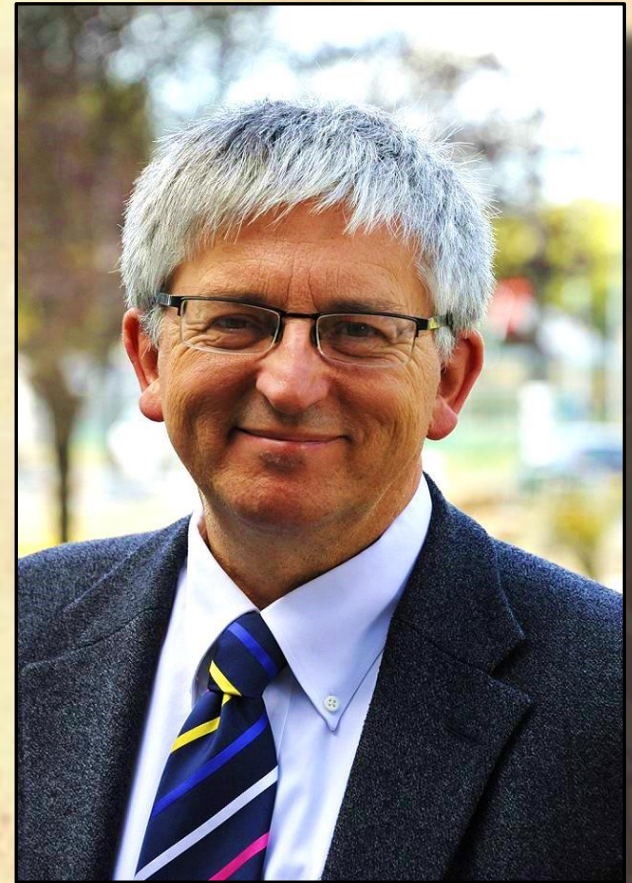


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C. SEE THE DANGER OF CHRISTIAN PALESTINIANISM

4. THE TARGETING OF EVANGELICALS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL

“There are certainly churches in Israel/Palestine that side with the occupation, that side with Zionism. One of my burdens is to challenge them theologically and show that they’ve repudiated Jesus, they’ve repudiated the Bible, and they are an abomination.”



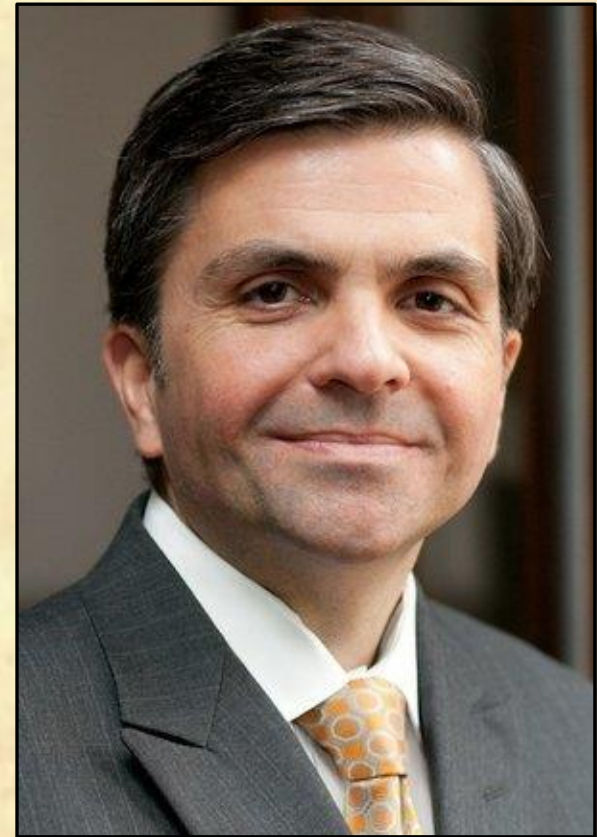
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4. THE TARGETING OF EVANGELICALS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL

a) *CHRISTIANS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL ARE BLAMED AND DESPISED*

“In the mind set of many Christ at the Checkpoint organizers and speakers, a Texas Baptist who believes God still blesses the Jews is more morally culpable for Mid-East conflict than a Hamas-supporting Islamist in Nasrallah who believes Allah wants to drive the Jews into the Sea.”



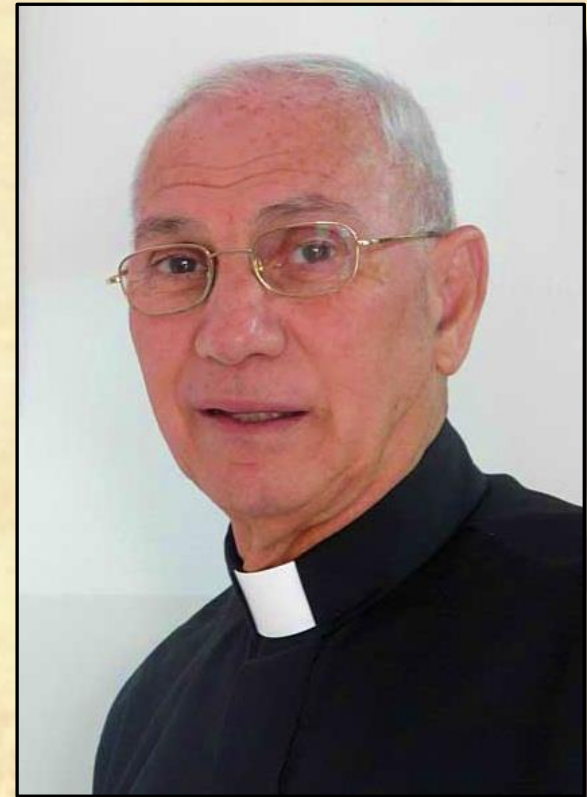
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Naim Ateek... described Jewish and Christian Zionists as "a greater threat to us [Arab Christians] than the extremist Islamists."



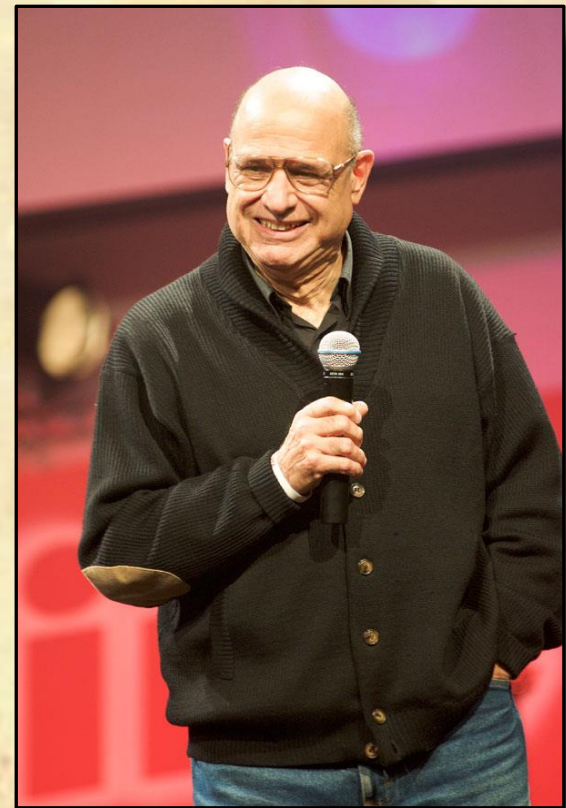
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“The most serious threats to the well-being of the Palestinians in general, and to the Christian Palestinians in particular, come not from the Jews, but from Christian Zionists here in the United States.”



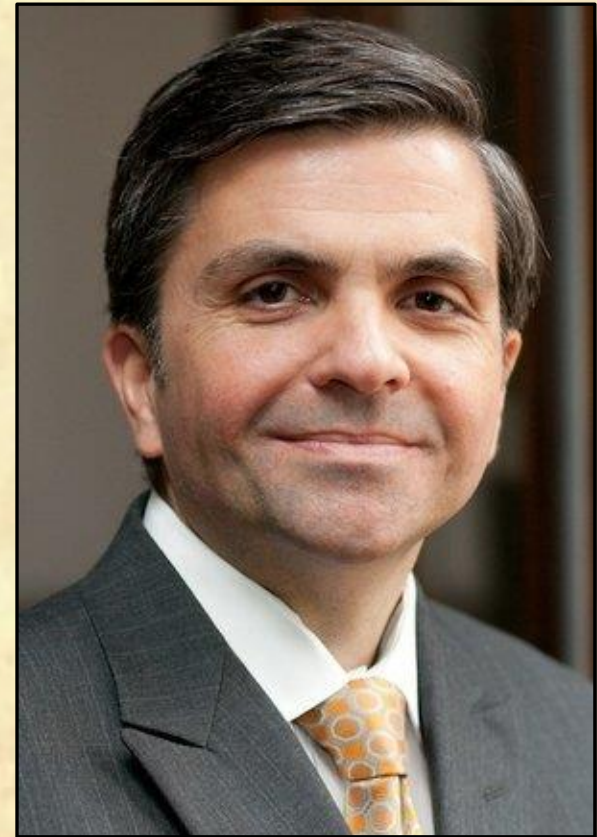
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b) EVANGELICALS ARE BEING TARGETED TO WIN OVER

“The Checkpoint's goal is to highlight 'injustices in the Palestinian Territories' by Israel and, more centrally, to steer U.S. Evangelicals especially away from traditional friendship for Israel towards neutrality or even hostility.”



HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

D. BE READY WITH AN ANSWER

➤ **Isaiah 62: 1a** – “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,”

1. KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

2. KNOW THE FACTS ON THE GROUND

3. BE PREPARED TO TAKE A STAND FOR THE TRUTH!



HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

E. BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

1. *PRAY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL*

➤ **Psalm 122: 6** – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.””

2. *PRAY FOR THE PALESTINIAN / ARAB PEOPLE*

3. *PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES TO TAKE THE RIGHT STAND*

