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"BUT THERE IS A FRIEND WHO STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER." PROVERBS 18:24



GIVE TODAY

DEAR FRIEND OF ISRAEL,

Right now, Israel is engulfed in social turmoil. That is why I am asking you to pray and to act on behalf of God's people.

Just a few weeks ago, Israel's president made a nationally televised speech warning that "Israel is on the verge of a constitutional and social collapse." The Jewish nation, he said, stands at the precipice of "civil violence."

And you probably won't be surprised to learn that Joe Biden is throwing gasoline on the flames. Here's what's happening

It's high time. American legal scholar Robert Bork warned two decades ago that Israel's high court is "the greatest threat to Israeli democracy."

Having won in November, Netanyahu's government is setting out to enact long-overdue democratic safeguards limiting the Jewish state's runaway and power-drunk judiciary.

And that has ignited fury on the Israeli left, which can't win at the polls but now rules through the courts.

Thousands of incensed Israelis have staged weekly demonstrations opposing the Netanyahu-led government's commonsense judicial reform proposals. A noisy crowd blared horns and burned tires outside Prime Minister Netanyahu's official Jerusalem residence, protesting the "Crime Minister's" plan to rein in Israel's activist judiciary.

Some on the Israeli left are spouting unhinged and incendiary remarks:

- A retired senior Israeli Air Force officer called for the murder of PM Netanyahu if judicial reform is passed.

- An Israeli lawyer threatened to "use live fire" if the Israeli government approves a judicial reform package.
- A former attorney general labeled judicial reform "regime change" and warned "some people will pay the price in blood."
- A former prime minister called for "war," declaring, "War is not waged with speeches. War is waged in a face-to-face battle, head-to-head and hand-to-hand, and that is what will happen here."
- Another ex-prime minister told Israelis at a mass rally, "**We will fight in the streets, we'll fight until we win.**"

And Joe Biden? Well, this won't surprise you

Biden intervened publicly with Netanyahu's enemies on the Israeli left. This is a purely internal Israeli matter, but that didn't stop Biden from giving his "thumbs down" on Netanyahu's judicial reform plan. And doing so the day before the first Knesset vote on judicial reform.

Biden told *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman that Israel needed "consensus" for "fundamental changes," as if November's national election (the fifth in four years) was not enough.

Friedman took Biden's words as a clear cease-and-desist order to Netanyahu. And should Bibi keep "plowing ahead," Friedman said, "he will be snubbing the American president that's no small deal."

Biden said nothing to quell the domestic uproar in Israel. If anything, he emboldened the Israeli left. The day after his comments appeared in the *New York Times*, bedlam



CHAOS in Israel ... and Biden Pours Gas on the Flames!

Biden speaks out against Prime Minister Netanyahu's democratic reforms but goes SILENT as Iran threatens "Death to Israel." Now is the time to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and stand with God's people, Israel!

— Mat Staver

reigned at the Knesset.

The uproar came when a committee voted on measures to allow the government to select judges and the right to override Supreme Court decisions through legislation.

That's basic representational government here in America, but those proposals ignited ferocious opposition.

Instead of civil debate, judicial reform opponents yelled, jumped over tables and had to be physically removed by Knesset orderlies. Some sat on the floor to resist removal.

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Meanwhile, Iran races toward the bomb. While Biden meddles in Israeli domestic life, the world's leading terror state builds its stockpile of enriched uranium and menaces Israel.

The radical Islamic state recently displayed a towering ballistic missile with the words **"Death to Israel" emblazoned in Hebrew on its side.**

That is why I ask you to immediately take the following three vital steps:

- Commit to pray for the "peace of Jerusalem" — which is under assault from within and without.
- Add your signature to the enclosed "DEFEND ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY!" petition calling on Speaker Kevin McCarthy and House Majority Leader Steve Scalise to lead the House in passing a resolution decrying Biden's unconscionable meddling in Israeli internal affairs.
- Give generously to help Christians in Defense of Israel bless and defend God's people at this time of extreme upheaval, not to mention grave threat from its enemies encircling the Jewish state.

And in thanks for your generous and much-needed gift of \$35 or more today, I want to send you our informative and immensely helpful prayer guide: ***Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.***

The nation of Israel is in the midst of a robust debate, and the last thing it needs is Joe Biden putting his finger on the scales — meddling in the affairs of our close ally.

But that is exactly what he is doing and he is not just opposing the crucial and commonsense effort to impose limits on Israel's runaway, activist Supreme Court. The Biden team is sticking its nose into Israeli affairs on other matters, too. The administration has:

- **Berated Israel** for redirecting \$39 million in Palestinian tax revenues, giving the funds to the victims of Palestinian terror instead of terrorists on the Palestinian payroll. A State Department spokesman protested that just and commonsense action, calling it a "unilateral response" that will "exacerbate tensions."



- **Opposed Jewish prayer** on the Temple Mount, the Jewish people's most sacred site.
- **Pressured Israel** to adopt a so-called two-state solution — the failed "land for peace" scheme repeatedly rejected by Palestinians whose true aim is to eliminate Israel and lay hold of all the land — from the river to the sea.
- **Protested Israel's decision to build housing for Jewish Israelis** on land in Judea and Samaria, Israel's biblical heartland, but land Palestinians claim for themselves.

Team Biden called itself "deeply disturbed" and "deeply dismayed" at Israel's decision to expand so-called settlements — homes, neighborhoods and communities — on land God gave to His chosen people, the Jews, and territory the victorious allies gave to the Jewish people after World War I.

You and I must pray and stand in strong defense of the Jewish people now.

Please sign the enclosed DEFEND ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY! petition and make your best gift now to help CIDI bless and defend Israel. And be sure to ask for the prayer guide, *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* as you respond.

No other nation attracts the scrutiny, undeserved vilification and disproportionate attention as does Israel. Taken at face value, there is no logical reason for the world's fury to be inflicted on Israel. After all, it is a tiny nation with a population of just over 9 million on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean.

Why does the world care?

The reason, of course, is spiritual. The global obsession with Israel is rooted in the fact that the Jews are God's chosen people, and Israel is located on land God gave to them.

And that inflames the hatred of "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). That spiritual reality is behind the evil of antisemitism and the world's irrational hatred for Israel.

It's also why you and I must pray — and stand with God's people now. Please be as generous as you can, and let me hear from you right away!

Thank you so much for your generosity and your love for Israel. **CIDI**

Together for Israel,

Mat Staver
Chairman

P.S. As I write, Israel is in turmoil. And the Biden administration is working night and day to undermine the Jewish state. Join me now in standing with God's people. Please sign your "DEFEND ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY" petition and give generously. And, together, let's pray for the peace of Jerusalem!