

# GROWING IN GOD

PODCAST



## GIG174 – Annihilation

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. Today I am wanting to talk a little bit about some of the events which have been transpiring in the war between Israel and Hamas. I feel like it is always important to bring forward some of the facts that are related to the situation; and it is so difficult, because of all the disinformation that we find in the media, and all of the anti-Israeli rhetoric that seems to be dominant in the news. First of all, I think when you try to solve a problem, and this, obviously, is a great problem – the whole Middle Eastern issue revolves around what is happening right now – it seems that no matter what is going on with Israel, the nations of the world feel like they have to be involved, and they have to be demanding what transpires and what the outcomes are and what things are to be done. However, you know, you have a war in Ukraine where Russia is killing hundreds of thousands of people, mostly civilians, and it sort of lost its news cycle after a few weeks. But, of course, when Israel is involved, it will just go on and on and there is no end to it, because of the anti-Semitism that is involved.

Anti-Semitism is something that has been being addressed, and the nations have actually been working to try to define what anti-Semitism is all about. In fact, on May 26 of 2016, there were 31 member states that adopted a definition of anti-Semitism; these are states that are part of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, which the United States is one of those states. They have been working to define anti-Semitism and to have the nations of the world adopt a definition of anti-Semitism, in order to try to better deal with the global problem of anti-Semitism. That is what I am talking about here this morning.

If you are going to try to solve a problem, one of the things that you have to do is to define the problem. This idea of defining anti-Semitism is very important, and it is important to see the nations of the world buy into this definition of anti-Semitism and to react to it on a global basis. But I think when we look at the horrors of the events of October the seventh, 2023, that were committed by Hamas within Israeli borders, we are not witnessing acts which are resulting from anti-Semitism; and I think it is necessary to honestly evaluate, what is it that we are dealing with? because this goes way beyond anti-Semitism. These acts are acts that reveal and define to us a different problem – but it is a problem which has existed, and does exist, and now is brought to light by these events. The problem of October the seventh that we are really dealing with is a longstanding determination and dedication to destroy the State of Israel and to annihilate every Jew, no matter whether they reside in the State of Israel or not. This is an ideology that was not born within Islam, but we now see that it is firmly rooted within much of Islam, and it is proliferated through Islam. So I think it is necessary for the international community to recognize and admit that the annihilation of the State of Israel and the Jewish people is the problem that must be addressed in the current events that we find ourselves in now.

Again, if you will not honestly define the problem, you are never going to come to a solution. All of the nations right now are clamoring for this to be done and that to be done in a cease fire, and all of their input, which they are sure must be observed by Israel; and that includes the United States, with its pressures for different aspects of the situation to be handled in a way that they see fit. But one of the problems, again, is that if you are not going to recognize this as an issue of annihilation, you are not

going to be able to find honest solutions to it. And even within our government in America, we see within the Congress, members of Congress who are taking up the tirade, "From the river to the sea." Now, "From the river to the sea" is not an issue of anti-Semitism. "From the river to the sea" is a cry for annihilation. It is calling for a state of Palestine in which there are no Jews. So, you have to be honest about that. You have to confront in your own mind what you are saying and what you are crying for and what you are calling for, and the fact that you all of a sudden are forgetting the literal atrocities of October the seventh, which are beyond human description, and pretending almost like that did not exist; or that it was still the fault of Israel because they are an apartheid state, and you come up with all these conclusions about what Israel is and who they are, and the fact that it is an oppressive, apartheid government – and you are therefore refusing to confront the real issue that is at stake here.

People are calling for a two-state solution. Well, I guarantee you that a two-state solution is never going to work, as long as the true underlying issue is the annihilation of the Jewish people and the annihilation of the State of Israel. They will not be satisfied until there is no Israel, and they will not be satisfied until there are no Jews left on the planet. It is being very muddled now, because it is being mixed with this issue of the Palestinian people, and the Gaza area, and what they term "the West Bank" – which is Judea and Samaria – traditional lands of the Jewish people that have been inhabited for thousands of years by Jewish people. And so, you say now the problem with the Jews is that they are oppressing the Palestinians, and that they are apartheid, and all of that.

But see, if you really want to look back, the problem does not start there. It does not start with this current situation; and it has nothing to do with what are called the Palestinian people, or the Gazan issue, or whatever. We can go back in fact to 474 BCE, before the Common Era, and we can see that in Persia there was an issue. We had a lot of Jewish population that lived within the boundaries of Persia. King Ahasuerus was the king at the time. His kingdom reached basically throughout the civilized world, and there were many Jews within that. Mordecai, one of those Jews that was in the land of Persia, came into conflict with Haman, who had the signet ring of the King; and so Haman decided to make a decree at that time. He went before the King and asked that all the Jews be annihilated, and there was literally a decree written for the annihilation of the Jews.

Now this is important, because again, we are trying to define, "What is the issue we are dealing with?" Are we dealing with an issue of Gaza, or the Palestinian people? or are we dealing with an issue that is very, very longstanding? I mean, we are going back here to 474 years before the Common Era, which means that we are dealing with something that is almost 3,000 years old – this cry to annihilate the Jewish people goes back that far, if not further. But this is certainly a clear example that is very well documented in history, that there were proclamations and declarations made for the annihilation of the Jews. And I use this year 474 BCE because that is when the decree was made by the King to annihilate the Jewish people. So we have a situation here which is almost 3,000 years old in history, where there was a determination for the annihilation and the destruction of all of the Jews. And if this had been successful, if Haman's plot had been successful, as we read about in the book of Esther through the Hebrew Scriptures, then there would be no Jews now to worry about in Gaza; and I am sure that would make a lot of people happy at the moment.

But we see that that was not allowed. The King, because of his love for Queen Esther, gave Mordecai his signet ring, and hung Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai for his destruction. The King told Esther and Mordecai to make a new declaration; and their declaration was the fact that they allowed the Jews to stand up for themselves and to fight all those who were determined to annihilate

them. But this is a very historical reality, and we see that it had nothing to do with Palestine. These people that were being talked about were not living just in the land of Palestine; these people were living in Persia at the time, they were living in other parts of the kingdom of Persia. And so, when we talk about this issue surrounding Gaza and the West Bank, and the suppression of the Palestinian people, these are just newly made-up problems which allow for, or seem to give credence to the cry for, the annihilation of the Jewish people.

So what do we hear now? We hear, "Israel is an apartheid state," and, "the Jews are suppressing the Palestinians"; and now our cry is, "From the river to the sea," which means, "Let's in turn annihilate the Jews." There is no looking for a solution to the problem; because, again, the problem isn't just anti-Semitism, it is a problem of a heart cry for annihilation. This is a demonic, satanic drive to destroy the Jews that has existed, as far as I am concerned, since the beginning of Israel itself and God's choosing of Israel as a chosen people. We see it here in this historical event that, like I said, is about 3,000 years old. And we can move forward in history and talk about this. We can go to August the twenty-fourth of 1929, when the Grand Mufti al-Husseini, who is by many considered the father of the Palestinian nationalism, fomented a massacre. He did that during his speech at Al-Aqsa Mosque. What he was proclaiming was, "Hey, we've got to destroy the Jewish people, because the Jewish people are determined to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and they are going to build on it their new temple, and replace it back with the temple like Solomon had built" – Oh, no, I'm sorry, you can't talk about that! Because now they don't admit that Solomon's Temple was ever on the Temple Mount. But anyway, the Grand Mufti gave this speech in Al-Aqsa, and declared that this is the intent of the Jewish people.

Following that speech at Al-Aqsa Mosque, people emptied the mosque and left into the Old City of Jerusalem, where they began attacking Jewish passersby and setting fire to Jewish shops. Within hours, the riots had spread throughout the country of Israel, and there were 133 Jews across Palestine that were killed, and there were many, many wounded. Of course, the most damage was done in the city of Hebron to unarmed Jews, when they were accosted by these Arabs who had left the mosque and heard about the determination. This was a slaughter that was very akin to what happened on October the seventh. Jewish children watched as their parents were butchered by their Arab neighbors, and infants were killed in their mother's arms; houses and synagogues were looted and torched. 67 unarmed Jewish men, women, and children were murdered that day in that city.

Again, it was just a lie at the time. What was used at that time? "Oh, the Jews are going to destroy Al-Aqsa Mosque." And, you know, that has not been done away with, even though it started back at this time. When you think how long ago this was in history, 1929, and even in this current year, some of the riots that happened in Israel during the year 2023 were done under the same cry – that "we are having to protect Al-Aqsa Mosque." That is part of what Hamas was saying about their attack on October the seventh – still it was claimed that this is part of the defending of Al-Aqsa. So you see, any lie will do. Any excuse will do, when what you are dealing with is the annihilation of the Jewish people. Those that are dedicated to that annihilation are going to come up with any story that they want to. Any lie that they want to, that gets traction and will work, will be used to excuse what they are now doing and crying for the destruction of Israel and the destruction of the Jewish people.

By the way, if you want to read more about this attack, there was an article by Yardena Schwartz in [tabletmag.com](http://tabletmag.com) about these events and this time, and you could read that. This is *Tablet*, it is a Jewish magazine online. There are a lot of details and facts given about the story; that is where I read mostly about it and got some of my details from. But I encourage you to go online and read the whole story;

it will be very enlightening for you. Because what we are showing is the fact that the current events in Israel dealing with Hamas and Gaza and the suppression of the Palestinian people is just today's excuse; because the spirit behind it is not some anti-Semitic cry. This is, again, a continued cry that is thousands of years old, that is looking for the destruction of the Jewish people, and certainly the destruction of the State of Israel.

It is interesting that this Grand Mufti al-Husseini at some point left Palestine and went to Germany, and he hooked up with a guy named Hitler. So that helps us with the next part of this story, because we know that Hitler came into power in Germany on January 30, 1933. He was the head of the coalition government, and his first objective was to consolidate power and to eliminate any political opposition. And as part of doing this, he blamed the Jews for the economy being poor in Germany, and all of the social problems that the Germans were facing he blamed on the Jews. He used this focus on the Jewish people to coalesce his power in Germany, and to rally the German people behind him; because they were tired of all the social ills, the political ills, the economic problems that they were having. And so, Hitler used this idea of the Jews: "It is all the Jews' fault. Everything that is a problem in Germany is the fault of the Jews." Now again, you know, this drive to assassinate the Jews can use any excuse to rally the force behind it to kill them. And so, the assault on the Jews began on about April the first with the boycott of Jewish businesses, and then it went from there into what we now know and study as the Holocaust.

The cry that we have surrounding the Holocaust is "Holocaust Never Again." This is something that many of the nations, supposedly, during this day and age, have subscribed to. And yet, at the same time, when Israel begins to move to defend itself against the spirit of annihilation and assassination, then boy, all of a sudden that cry "Holocaust Never Again" seems to get lost in the crowd about the cries against Israel. Now, again, Israel becomes the problem – when in fact we were supposedly looking for solutions to the problem of anti-Semitism and the problem of the nations in their treatment of the Jewish people in the Diaspora in which they live. And so, Israel becomes the focus; just as Hitler was able to rally and say, "Oh, this is the problem: it is the Jewish people doing this, it is the Jewish people doing that. And so, what we need to do is we need to kill all the Jews. And if we kill the Jews, Germany will be out of its problems."

Now I want you to understand that when you look at this honestly – because we started this talking about the fact that if you want to solve a problem, define the problem – I am defining the problem as this determination for the annihilation of the Jewish people. That is the problem. So we cannot just be trying to solve issues of anti-Semitism. We have to be looking at the fact that there is a drive, a philosophy, a religious belief system, that is all born from this central nexus that we must kill the Jews. That is the spirit that we are dealing with now in the current situation surrounding Gaza and Hamas. And if Hamas is done away with, then it is going to be Hezbollah, and it is going to be Iran. You have to end the issue. Something has to take to task the fact that it is absolutely unacceptable to have a belief system that the Jews are a global problem that can only be solved by their annihilation. And if you want to clearly define what is behind what is happening now, that is the point of it; and that is a lie out of the pit of hell. It is something that if the nations are going to be involved surrounding what is going on in Israel, in the Middle East, then they need to rally around this point: There must be an absolute stopping, a disallowance of this philosophy – whether it dwells in a political arena, or whether it dwells in a religious arena.

When you look at Germany and the Holocaust, there wasn't necessarily a religious motivation surrounding it; it was done purely out of a political determination: "This is what we need to have happen politically. Therefore, we blame the Jews. Therefore, we annihilate the Jews." That process is what kept people backing Hitler as the leader, and the Nazi party as the leaders. So, at that time it was not religion, it was politics. Now we see that this is deeply rooted and embedded in Islamic doctrine, born out of the Quran, the Hadith, and the teachings that are being promoted by it. People say, "No, it is a religion of peace." Well, I wish the Imams and I wish the leaders of every mosque in the world would band together and stand up and say, "We absolutely disagree, and we will not allow this doctrine of the annihilation of the Jewish people and the annihilation of Israel to exist within our religion." That needs to be made very clear. It needs to be defined without question, and there needs to be pressure brought to bear. In the United Nations now, I think, of those that have signed the humanitarian treaty, there are 57 nations that are primarily of Islamic faith, if not completely Islamic in their rule, government, and religion. So just to remind everybody, Israel has one country, one state; the Arab nations have 57 nations. It would be possible to have them come and assist the Gazan residents, and get them out of harm's way, and to change the whole dynamic of this course, if they wanted to. But again, if your determination is annihilation, there is no motivation to solve this problem. Therefore, the problem will continue to exist. And I guarantee you, if you don't solve the problem, then eliminating Hamas is a step to nowhere. It is kicking the can down the road, as we speak about. It is putting off dealing with the problem, because this philosophy, this religion, this determination, this political stance, will just take on other forms with other names.

The global community has to come together and realize that they are allowing and they are promoting. When people are protesting in the name of Palestine, they are declaring "From the river to the sea," and they are declaring the destruction of the Jewish state and the Jewish people. So again, can we just be honest here? Can the world come to a place where it will deal with this evil that it is facing? Call it evil. Outlaw it. Ban it. It should be banned globally. The United Nations should be passing resolutions against the annihilation of the Jewish people, wherever it be found, however it be couched in excuses. And they should be fighting to end this determination of annihilation.

So, I hope this helps. I wish people would really just be honest about what this is, what its purpose is, and where it is going. If we don't solve the root of the problem, we will just be dealing with it again tomorrow, and the next day. Just like Hamas has already claimed, "We will do October seventh on October eighth, and October ninth, and we will do it a thousand times over." And as long as the determination for annihilation is allowed by the global community to exist as a doctrine, as a politics, then it will be dealt with over and over again. It will manifest itself over and over again.

My prayer is that there be a real determination in this world to do away with this demonic, evil intention of destroying the Jewish population and the Jewish state, and that we see it once and for all come to an end. And I believe for that, in the name of the Lord.