Israel’s Ambassador Turns to the Bible

In what can only be considered an historical speech before the world’s governing authorities, Israel’s ambassador to the UN gave a surprising defense for the right of the Jewish people to the whole Land of Israel – the Bible.

The unparalleled presentation by Ambassador Danny Danon delivered to the UN General Assembly just after Passover a few weeks ago has gone viral on social media where it has been translated into numerous languages.

In the 18-minute defense of Israel’s right to the Land, Ambassador Danon covered the biblical, historical and international facts proving that the entire Land of Israel, including Judea and Samaria, belong to the Jewish people.

Quoting from God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis, Danon looked squarely into the eyes of the Palestinian delegate sitting across from him at the assembly, lifted his Bible high for all to see and said, “This is the deed to our land.” Danon then read the Bible in Hebrew, and then in English, from Genesis 17:7-8: “I will give this Land as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you.”

Using the Bible to defend the Jewish ownership of the Land of Israel is an extraordinary move in modern political realities. Until now, Israeli politicians have shied away from turning to Scripture in defense of Israel’s claims.

As expected, mainstream liberal media are reacting with scorn and rage, shaking their heads in disbelief that a government official, Israeli at that, would dare use the Bible in support of Israel’s right to the land. In interviews after the speech, CNN and Al-Jazeera hosts openly mocked the idea that the Bible would have anything to do with the Jewish people’s claim to a homeland in the Land of Israel. Danon, however, remained unfazed.

“The Jewish people’s ownership of Eretz Yizroel (meaning the whole land of Israel) is well documented in the Hebrew Bible and beyond (apparently a cryptic reference to the New Testament). The entire connection of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel begins right here,” he said, again holding up his Bible.

US President Donald Trump with Ambassador Danon: “One year ago, the US moved its embassy, recognizing an immutable truth: Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and the Jewish people. We are grateful to @realDonaldTrump for this historic decision! Time has come for the world to recognize Israel’s right to determine its capital (Photo via Twitter.com, Ambassador Danny Danon | יאטו גל @dannydanon).
The ambassador pointed out that it is not only the Hebrew Bible that gives the Land of Israel to the Jewish people, but this is also true in Christianity and Islam. “The Koran itself accepts the divine deed of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel,” Danon told the assembly while pointing his finger directly at the Palestinian delegate. It was clear to all those watching that Danon is referring to the whole Land of Israel including Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank).

In the unprecedented speech, the Israeli ambassador went on to show that the Jewish claim to the Land of Israel is confirmed not only in the Bible and Jewish history, but in the history of the world as well. “The twelve tribes of Israel lived in this land for thousands of years,” he said.

The largest tribe of Judah lived in the area now known as Judea.” Again, staring down the Palestinian delegate, Danon declared, “You all know the names Jew and Jewish. Jew and Jewish come from Judea. It was the home of our King David and Jerusalem, the capital of Israel,” he said.

Ambassador Danon concluded by pointing out that “Jewish rights to the Land of Israel are also according to international law as decided upon in this very body (UN). A stronger and safer Israel means a stronger and safer world,” he insisted. 

GOLAN HEIGHTS - Israel said on Tuesday it would name a new community on the Golan Heights after U.S. President Donald Trump as an expression of gratitude for his recognition of its claim of sovereignty over the strategic plateau. Israel captured the Golan from Syria in a 1967 war and annexed it, in a move not recognized internationally. The United States broke with other world powers last month when Pres. Trump signed a decree recognizing Israeli sovereignty there.

Pres. Trump’s Golan move followed his decision in December 2017 to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, breaking with decades of U.S. policy over the status of a city contested by the Palestinians. The President has proven himself to be Israel’s best friend (Reuters).

“See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore He would give to your fathers – to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – and to their descendants after them” (Deuteronomy 1:8).

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