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The Prime Minister and the US Elections



U.S. President-elect Donald Trump (CC BY-SA-2.0, by Michael Vadon, via Wikipedia)

After sweeping the election on Tuesday, November 8th, one of the first things U.S. President-elect Donald Trump did was invite Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the U.S. for a meeting.

The two spoke on the phone on Wednesday hours after Netanyahu congratulated Trump on his surprising win. According to a statement by Netanyahu, during their phone call, the two agreed to meet at the “first opportunity.”

Netanyahu published a statement saying: “President-elect Trump is a true friend of the State of Israel. We will work together to advance the security, stability and peace in our region. The strong connection between the United States and Israel is based on shared values, shared interests and a shared destiny.

“I’m certain that President-elect Trump and I will continue to strengthen the unique alliance between Israel and the United States, and bring it to new heights,” he added.

President Reuven Rivlin also congratulated Trump.

“I want to congratulate President-elect Donald Trump, his family, and all the American people who have once again shown the world it is the greatest democracy. I hope together Israelis and Americans can grow our innovation and cooperation, which are the fruits of liberty, and equality. God bless you, Mr. President,” Rivlin added.

Opposition leader Isaac Herzog (Zionist Union) congratulated Trump on Facebook: "Warm wishes to the president of the strongest and biggest global power: Donald J. Trump!"

Meanwhile, Habayit Hayehudi (Jewish Home Party) Chairman Naftali Bennett, hoped Trump's election would bring an end to the two-state solution. "Trump's victory is a tremendous opportunity for Israel to immediately announce its intention to renege on the idea of establishing Palestine in the heart of the country – a direct blow to our security and the justice of our cause.

"This is the president-elect's outlook as it appears in his platform, and that definitely should be our way. Salient, simple and clear. The era of the Palestinian state is over."

On November 9th, The JTA (*Jerusalem Telegraphic Agency*) wrote, quoting Netanyahu: "I look forward to working with him [Trump]... The ironclad bond between the United States and Israel is rooted in shared values, buttressed by shared interests and driven by a shared destiny.

"I am confident that President-elect Trump and I will continue to strengthen the unique alliance between our two countries and bring it to ever greater heights" (article by Barak David, *Haaretz*, Nov 9).

Trump will do well to respond to this friendly overture from Israel, and get things off to a good start with his Middle Eastern friend.

Finally, here is a statement from Jerry Falwell Jr., that might apply to the present situation:

"God called King David a man after God's own heart even though he had his faults. You have to choose the leader that would make the best king or president and not necessarily someone who would be a good pastor. We're not voting for pastor-in-chief."

A friend of a friend wrote this recently: "I believe that Trump is a different man from the man that announced his candidacy many months ago. I believe that he has gone through a real transformation after seeing, talking to and getting to know American citizens. I believe he wants this job for all the right reasons; he has already shown his humility, his caring and compassion. I truly believe that he will become one of the best Presidents in history. He will arrive in office in January, and for the very first time in our history, he will not be beholden to any group other than the American people. This man loves our country [and Israel] and he loves the American people. I am hopeful and will pray every day that those that opposed him will allow him the chance to govern and to show that he can be the President of all Americans. May God Bless Donald Trump and the United States of America." Well said!

***"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" (Romans 13:1).
"...He sets up kings and deposes them, He gives wisdom to the wise" (Daniel 2:21).***

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