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



## DEAR FRIEND OF ISRAEL,

Muslim fury rained down on Israel in early January after Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir took a peaceful 13-minute early morning stroll on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

**One Jew walking on Judaism's holiest site – sovereign Israeli territory and the most fought over real estate on earth – touched off an avalanche of angry condemnation and criticism.**

**And Team Biden joined the chorus of boos.**

Instead of defending the right of Jews to walk where Jews worshipped the God of Israel for 1,000 years, the Biden administration condemned Israel alongside Muslim states and much of the international community.

Sen. Ted Cruz called it just more evidence of Biden's "pathological obsession with undermining Israel." He's right – which is why CIDI's pro-Israel voice is so needed in Washington now. And it's why **I am asking you to join me in calling on House GOP leaders to come to Israel's defense.**

I'll tell you how in a moment, but first, I want to give you a few samples of the frenzied, over-the-top and dishonest reaction Muslim nations had to Ben Gvir's 13-minute Temple Mount tour. They rushed to blast Ben Gvir, falsely accusing him of "storming" the al-Aqsa Mosque, located on the Temple Mount.

- "Jordan condemns in the severest of terms the storming of the al-Aqsa Mosque."
- "The UAE today strongly condemned the storming of al-Aqsa Mosque courtyard."
- "Egypt deplores the storming of al-Aqsa Mosque."

- Saudi Arabia issued its "condemnation" of the "Israeli official who stormed the al-Aqsa mosque compound."
- And the Palestinian Authority – which funds terror against Israelis – called the visit an "unprecedented provocation" and an "attack on al-Aqsa."

And what did Team Biden do as Muslim nations torched Israel? Did it stand in the Jewish state's corner? Did it defend the right of Jews to visit their most holy place?

Of course not.

Instead, Biden's ambassador to Israel condemned the visit as "unacceptable." He said Biden wants to maintain the Temple Mount "status quo" – the unjust and discriminatory rule giving Muslims access to visit and pray on the Temple Mount, but sharply restricting Jews to short visiting hours and banning all prayer by Jews at their holiest site.

To show just how absurd all this became, the UN Security Council met in an emergency session just to address one Jewish man's uneventful Temple Mount visit.

Israel's ambassador to the U.N. blasted the special session for what he rightly called a "non-event." The meeting, he charged, "legitimizes the poison and lies of the Palestinians."

Incredibly, the Palestinian representative at the emergency session called the Temple Mount "occupied Palestinian territory" to which "Israel has no claim."

But instead of rejecting Palestinian lies and defending Israel at the Security Council, Team Biden chastised the Jewish state – America's best friend in the Middle East. A Biden diplomat



## ANTI-JEWISH BIGOTRY ... ENFORCED BY BIDEN!

*Why is Joe Biden enforcing a bigoted and discriminatory rule on Jews, one that makes a Jew peacefully walking on the Temple Mount an international incident? And even worse, a rule banning Jews from praying at their most sacred site, the Temple Mount.*

**SEE INSIDE!— Mat Staver**

intoned, "We oppose any and all unilateral actions that depart from the historical status quo that are unacceptable."

Translated: The Biden administration thinks a Jew on the Temple Mount is "unacceptable."

This is nothing else but anti-Jewish BIGOTRY. And it must stop!

There can't be one standard for Muslims ... and another for Jews. But there is, and the Biden administration is imposing it on Israel, along with the rest of the world.

Jews who visit the Temple Mount do so under onerous restrictions.

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These rules:

- Prohibit moving one's lips, as in prayer.
- Prohibit bowing.
- Prohibit opening of a Jewish prayer book.
- Require non-Muslim visitors to walk on a pre-determined route under close supervision of police.

Violating any one of these discriminatory mandates will get Jewish visitors thrown off the Temple Mount. But why are Jews treated like second-class citizens on their holiest site?

The discriminatory Temple Mount "status quo" — with its bigoted anti-Jewish rules — dates to the Muslim Ottoman empire. Ottoman edicts from the mid-1800s, rooted in severe Muslim law — sharia — are responsible for a "status quo" that even forbids Jews from drinking from a Temple Mount water fountain!

And the Biden administration is imposing this ugly discrimination, this biased and absurd "status quo" on the Jewish people.

#### **You and I must act!**

Join me today in protesting this rank bigotry by telling House and Senate leaders that we support the right of Jews and Christians to pray on the Temple Mount.

**Sign the "Let My People Pray" petition to Congress**, urging an end to the discriminatory and bigoted "status quo" that Team Biden is enforcing on the Jewish people.

**Please return it right away and make your best gift to help CIDI stand for Israel and the Jewish people.** Your generosity makes a real difference to help us bless and defend Israel.

As you respond with a gift of \$35 or more, I want to send you *Big Lies: Answers to the Top 10 Slanders, Smears and Libels Against Israel*. It's an information-filled booklet that answers anti-Israel lies — including the vile fabrication that Jerusalem (the Temple Mount included) belongs to the Palestinians and not the Jewish people.

It is absurd and offensive that the U.S., under Biden, is imposing second-class citizenship on Israelis ... and doing so on their sovereign territory, the Temple Mount.

This is a holy place filled with Jewish history.



It is the site, as Moses said, "that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there" (Deuteronomy 12:5).

It's the site of Mount Moriah, the place where God intervened to stop Abraham from offering Isaac, providing a ram instead. It's where Solomon dedicated the first temple 3,000 years ago, where God's glory came down, filling the temple.

**"The Temple Mount is the most important place for the people of Israel,"**

Security Minister Ben Gvir declared. This holy site is "the center of our universe," Israel's ambassador to the U.N. told the Security Council.

This is all the more monstrous when you realize that the so-called "status quo" governing the Temple Mount is based on Islamic law, sharia, which subjugates non-Muslims with burdensome rules not applied to Muslims.

By condemning Israel for allegedly violating the "status quo" on the Temple Mount, the Biden administration is, effectively, imposing sharia — Muslim law — on Israel and the Jewish people.

#### **That must STOP!**

Just last month, the Biden administration made it clear that it opposes Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount. A State Department spokesman called that "unacceptable." He said Team Biden will oppose any violation of the "historic status quo" giving Muslims — and not

Jews — freedom to pray on the Temple Mount.

Will you please sign and return the enclosed "Let My People Pray!" petition to Congress. As you do, **please be as generous as possible** to help accelerate everything we do on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

With Benjamin Netanyahu back as prime minister, we've never had a better opportunity to take on the enemies of Israel — to bring heat against the Biden administration's blatant bigotry.

**Please respond right away with your signed "Let My People Pray!" petition and your gift!** Now is the time to act!

Thank you for being a friend of the Jewish state and for partnering with CIDI to bless and defend God's people at this critical time. **CIDI**

Together for Israel,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mat Staver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mat Staver  
Chairman

P.S. Unbelievably, Jews cannot pray on the Temple Mount under the existing "status quo" — which Team Biden is imposing on Israel! Sign the "Let My People Pray" petition and make your most generous gift now! Thank you.

**I Agree! Let God's People Pray!**

# I AM STANDING WITH ISRAEL!

Yes, Mat, I love Israel and join you in defending the Jewish state against its enemies. I am especially angered at the bigotry that bans Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount — the Jewish people’s most sacred site. I have signed the “Let My People Pray!” petition and am enclosing a gift of:

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## LET MY PEOPLE PRAY!

### *A Petition to House and Senate Leadership in the 118th Congress (2023-2024)*

I am angered at the discriminatory and unjust Temple Mount “status quo” that bans Jews from praying at the Jewish people’s most sacred site. It is all the more outrageous since the Biden administration is aggressively enforcing the unconscionable and unfair status quo on Israel. Team Biden branded Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir’s uneventful 13-minute Temple Mount walk “unacceptable.” And it went further by later announcing that Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount is likewise “unacceptable” because it violates the “historic status quo.”

This bigoted status quo rule, rooted in Ottoman Empire edicts from the mid-1800s, has no place in the modern world. Jews are NOT second-class citizens — and especially not in their own nation.

Please speak out and act on behalf of the right of Jews — and Christians, as well — to freely visit and pray at the Temple Mount. There should not be one rule for Muslims, and another for Jews and Christians. Let My People Pray!

Sincerely,

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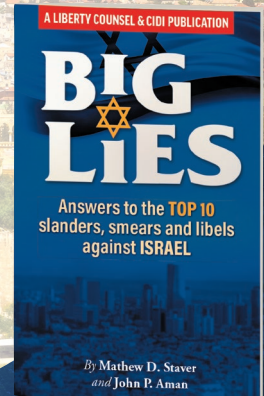


## TARGETED ANSWERS TO ANTI-ISRAEL LIES

*Big Lies* answers the vicious and outlandish charges lodged against Israel — lies that stir antisemitic hate — falsehoods that Palestinians, the U.N., the anti-Israel media and leftist academics shamelessly repeat. These outrageous “big lies” include:

- Jerusalem — the Temple Mount included — belongs to the Palestinians. Jews have no historic link to it.
- Israel is a racist, apartheid state.
- Israel drove Arabs from their homes in 1948, creating a massive refugee crisis.
- The IDF is guilty of war crimes against the Palestinian people.

You’ll get compelling answers to these poisonous charges and more in this easy-to-read guide. It’s a powerful antidote to the “fake news” that dominates the Israeli/Palestinian debate today. And it’s our gift to you in thanks for your gracious support of **\$35 or more**. Use the reply form above to request your copy today!



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**E**very talent and resource we have comes from the Lord. As stewards of God's resources, it is important that each of us makes sure that our giving in this life is both generous and strategic. It is even more important to leave a legacy that will echo through history and advance the Kingdom of God.

Giving is both an act of obedience to our Lord who gave all for us, and it is a form of worship (2 Corinthians 9:6-15). By giving, we place our trust in the Lord and bless those who receive. There are great blessings for those who give, as Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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