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## On the Brink

By Jan Markell

We have seen U.S. – Israel relations be totally destroyed in the last six years. To be to-the-point and blunt, the current President of the United States treats ISIS better than Israel and the Jewish people.

On March 3 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that a proposed agreement between world powers and Iran was “a bad deal” that would not stop Tehran from getting nuclear weapons — but would rather pave its way to getting lots of them and leave the Jewish State in grave peril.

Abusing Israel has consequences, starting with the continued decline and ultimate demise of America. While this is heart-breaking, keep in mind that this had to happen for the fulfillment of the end-time scenario outlined in the Bible. I have written about that many times and done entire radio programs on it. Some of my conference speakers have outlined this. According to the prophet Zechariah, all nations will turn on Israel.

I agree with what Todd Strandberg writes on the *Rapture Ready* website: “The people who are hoping for the American population to wake-up and realize the damage that Obama has inflicted are wasting their time. Our social and economic problems are beyond quick fixes. Once we reach the point of crisis, the citizenry will turn to despots for answers. In the end, Obama may just be remembered as the final snowflake that started the avalanche.”

Strandberg continues, “The devil’s fingerprints are all over the decisions being made today and it greatly concerns me what is coming our way.”

We have never been in such unstable times. Ever. Consider weapons of mass destruction now perilously close to being in the hands of radicals. Consider the U.S. absent on the world stage as a stabilizing force. Consider almost all nations turning on Israel and the Jews. Consider Vladimir Putin fantasizing that he is the reincarnation of the Czars and his effort to reunite the Russian empire. Consider that most nations are in a financial meltdown. Consider that internally America is imploding due to her reckless positions on abortion, homosexuality, and Israel.



Prophecy scholar Terry James writes about this upside-down world. He says, “Crisis is building while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu forewarns of the dangers of a nuclear weapons-possessing Iran. The world of diplomats and geo-politicians—who are proclaimed as earth’s

smartest people—see Mr. Netanyahu as the instigator of the crisis, not the Iranian Islamist mullahs, ayatollahs, and war planners who have as their stated intention wiping Israel from the map. It is as if complete Chamberlain-like naiveté has metastasized in the brains of those who are supposed to know how to best govern—and protect—the rest of us.”

Terry James continues, “The Iranian nuclear weapons development has been allowed to continue while the likes of U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry proudly blusters that he has assured that Iran’s nuclear weapons achievement has been postponed for ten years. This, he says, is ‘guaranteed’ through the signatures of Iran’s Muslim leaders. *These are the same leaders whose ‘holy’*

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book, the Koran, tells believers in Allah that they may lie, cheat, or do anything that is necessary if it puts forward Mohammed's directive that every person on planet earth must be made to bow the knee to Allah or else die."

On every Iranian-made missile is written, "death to Israel" and "death to America." Yet the current crop of blind-as-bat world leaders feel they can actually trust these despots who are waiting for a Muslim Mahdi (Messiah) to rule the world under Islam.

I agree with Terry James who says, "The very fact that Netanyahu came to the U.S. Congress to lay out the critical nature of dealing with Iran now rather than later shows (me at least) that the Israeli government is very close to a devastating, pre-emptive attack on Iranian nuclear production facilities.

"Implicit within his speech March 3, was the intimation that he does not trust Mr. Kerry's version of how to 'verify' in the matter of dealing with those who want more than anything to completely destroy every Jew on planet earth."

James concludes, "It is just a matter of time, he forewarned, until not only Israel but all the entire West, including the United States, will be in the Iranian nuclear crosshairs. This should be a prognostication that is unnecessary to even verbalize. However, the fact of such a bleak future doesn't seem to register with this administration—even when plainly stated."

But then perhaps they do get it. Perhaps a crushed America was a part of the "fundamental transformation" of our once-glorious nation Barack Obama promised.

On March 3, Benjmain Netanyahu thundered to the entire world, in a style that reminded some of Winston Churchill, "I can guarantee you this: the days when the Jewish people remained passive in the face of genocidal enemies, those days are over.

"We are no longer scattered among the nations, powerless to defend ourselves. We restored our sovereignty in our ancient home. And the soldiers who defend our home have boundless courage. For the first time in 100 generations, we, the Jewish people, can defend ourselves.

"This is why as a prime minister of Israel, I can promise you one more thing: *Even if Israel has to stand alone, Israel will stand.*"

And God will stand with her. The Church Age is heading pell-mell to a close. The "times of the Jews" will follow. It is known as the Tribulation. It is the time when countless Jews will come to faith. So will Gentiles.

History as we know it is winding down. To many, that is good news if they know Christ as Savior. If you do not, tremble for the hours ahead. Or, make Him Lord of your life today and be secure in Him.

While we may be on the brink of global chaos, the true believer can take comfort in the fact that we are also on the brink of His glorious return.

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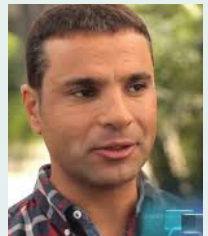
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## Heroine of the Faith

Holocaust survivor Anita Dittman recently was given the first-ever “Heroine of the Faith: Crown of Life Award” from the *Bott Radio Network* at the *National Religious Broadcasters (NRB)* convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The ceremony took place in late February. Jan Markell is the author of Anita’s book, *“Trapped in Hitler Hell: A Young Jewish Girls Discovers the Messiah’s Faithfulness in the Midst of the Holocaust.”*

“I felt very humble because God, to Him goes the glory,” Anita said in an interview.

The book went into the hands of other publishers after it left *Tyndale House* in the late 1980s. Under *Tyndale House*, it was titled *“Angels in The Camp.”* *Gospel Publishing House* and *Lighthouse Trails* picked up the book. *World Net Daily*, or *WND*, got rights to the book in 2013 and updated it. *WND* also turned it into a 75-minute documentary produced by film maker George Escobar. See order details on page 15.

Dittman’s story is captivating, uplifting, and puts everyone’s trials in perspective. She miraculously survives the Holocaust, the camps, starvation, forced labor and a journey across parts of Europe to see if her mother survived her concentration camp ordeal in Czechoslovakia. She came to America in 1946 thanks to President Truman relaxing immigration laws. She

has now had a 35 year career sharing her remarkable testimony. Anita is now 88 years old. There are few voices of the Holocaust left and hardly any who experienced the ordeal as a Jewish believer.

Rich Bott, president and CEO of *Bott Radio Network*, said the award is based on the Bible verse James 1:12, which reads, “Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” He believes this verse exemplifies Anita’s ordeal in Nazi Germany.

“We’re excited to be able to present



Jan Markell, Anita Dittman,  
Rich Bott (CEO Bott Radio Network)

Anita as a living witness to not only the evil that took place, but also the saving grace of Jesus Christ and how He provided and protected her, so that she could be a witness to our generation of what happened,” Bott said.

*World Net Daily (WND)* hopes to make Anita’s

story a full-length major motion picture in the next two years. They are raising the needed \$10 million to produce this and get it in theatres across America. Please keep this effort in prayer. It would be a tremendous witnessing tool in these final days.

The target date for release of a full-length feature film is spring, 2017. If you know of potential investors, e-mail George Escobar at [gescobar@wnd.com](mailto:gescobar@wnd.com).

## Franklin Graham: “An Antichrist Movement in Washington”

President Barack Obama and his outgoing Attorney General, Eric Holder, are, along with “progressives” in government, forcing “a new morality” on the American people, a “morality that does not include God” and which is “an Anti-Christ movement”, said Franklin Graham.



Rev. Franklin Graham

“It’s the progressives, whatever you want to call them, that are trying — and the President is into this and the Attorney General is into this 100% — and that is, forcing on the American people a new morality,” said Graham. “And it’s a morality that does not include God or His standards. That’s what we’re facing today.”

However, Graham, who runs the *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association* and the international relief group *Samaritan’s Purse*, said Americans still “have a voice” and “can speak up, like we’re doing right now.”

“They cannot silence our voice yet,” he said. “I think as long as we speak we’ve got an opportunity to turn the tide.”

Graham reminded host Tony Perkins that there is still freedom in America for non-Christian faiths. It is Christianity that is being targeted by some leaders in our government.

Leading into the radio program, Perkins asked Graham about religious persecution in the Middle East by the *Islamic State* and whether the United States was doing enough to help the people fleeing the persecution.

Graham said that what was happening constituted, in his view, genocide. “I’m just frightened that the Christian community in Iraq is going to be completely wiped out,” he said.

## Bibi’s Blow Out – Against All Odds

Almost everyone got it wrong. The media, the pundits, the polls all had it wrong. Barack Obama’s efforts to throw an Israeli election and defeat Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu ended in utter failure on March 17. Headlines in Israel called it “Bibi’s Blow Out.”

Did Netanyahu’s speech to Congress convince Israelis he was most qualified to protect Israel from a dangerous Iran nuclear deal? Yes. Did President Obama’s attacks against the Prime Minister backfire? Yes. Did the millions and millions of

dollars spent by foreigners to bring down Netanyahu completely fail? Yes.

Netanyahu is the man to take out Iran’s nuclear reactors. It will happen. Nobody knows when. It must happen. Israel will go it alone. Bibi said so before a U.S. Congress on March 3.

*Now pray for his safety.* If he can’t be defeated at the ballot box his enemies will try to assassinate him. He is the Churchill of our day. No world leader has this mantle. And Netanyahu’s enemies cannot stand it.

## Worth Quoting

### **Franklin Graham & Hal Lindsey on Christian Persecution**

“I believe we’re going to see persecution in this country,” Graham said during an interview on ‘Fox and Friends Weekend’ on Sunday. “We’ve already seen many laws that have been passed that restrict our freedom as Christians. I believe it’s going to get worse. We do have a problem in this country and we are losing our religious freedom and we’re losing it a little bit day by day.

“President Obama defends Islam and chastises Christians, rebukes our allies and befriends our enemies, and fully supports gay marriage and abortion but denies the religious freedoms of those who don’t agree.”

Prophecy scholar Hal Lindsey weighs in and adds, “Of all nations on earth, the United States of America seemed to be the last place where the persecution of Christians would be a problem. But it’s no longer such a far-fetched idea.

“I believe we are seeing a crescendo of events and changing attitudes — political, cultural, spiritual, and economic — that will soon coalesce to put evangelical Christians in the cross-hairs of our society. Many of you are already facing some of these challenges at work, at school (or your child’s school), or among your neighbors or family members. ‘Political correctness’ is even now a problem, but I don’t believe it will be

too long before being ‘politically incorrect’ will land you a fine or a jail term. When that happens, we will be faced with a choice: be ‘politically correct’ or stand boldly and speak out for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

### **Mark Tooley, The Institute for Religion and Democracy**

“Debates over same sex marriage and homosexuality, until fairly recently, were reserved for historically liberal Mainline Protestant denominations, who’ve had a 40 year conversation over Christian sexual ethics, having already liberalized theologically in the 1920s or earlier. Those debates have fueled accelerated membership loss and eventually schism for the Mainline Protestants, who have imploded from 1 of 6 Americans 50 years ago to 1 of 16 Americans today, making them no longer Mainline but more accurately oldline or even sideline.

“But parts of American Evangelicalism, which has become America’s largest religious demographic in the wake of Mainline collapse, accounting for perhaps one third of Americans, is now succumbing to the same theological, ethical, cultural and political patterns that marginalized Mainline Protestants. Liberal hegemony over most Mainline Protestant denominations took about a century. But for some Evangelicals, the same process is unfolding far more quickly.”

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## Worth Quoting

### **Caroline Glick, Jerusalem Post Editorial Staff**

“The next 22 months until President Barack Obama leaves office promise to be the most challenging period in the history of US-Israel relations. Now unfettered by electoral concerns, over the past week Obama exposed his ill-intentions toward Israel in two different ways.

“Last Thursday, US National Security Adviser Susan Rice announced that the NSC’s Middle East Coordinator Phil Gordon was stepping down and being replaced by serial Israel-basher Robert Malley.

“The deeper significance of Malley’s appointment is that it demonstrates that Obama’s goal in his remaining time in office is to realign US Middle East policy away from Israel. With his Middle East policy led by a man who thinks the Palestinian goal of destroying Israel is legitimate, Obama can be expected to expand his practice of placing all the blame for the absence of peace between Israel and the Palestinians solely on Israel’s shoulders.

“Malley’s appointment indicates that there is nothing Israel can do to stem the tsunami of American pressure it is about to suffer.”

### **Cal Thomas, Journalist**

“The Supreme Court will rule in favor of marriage equality and there’s not much we can do about it because everything is right on schedule.

“I think it’s going to go 5-4 or even 6-3 in favor of same-sex marriage. All of these things are not the cause of our decadence, they’re a reflection of it. If you read the Scriptures, as I do, in both testaments, all of these things are forecast in prophecies, in the book of Daniel and what Jesus and Paul said, so



I’m not worried about it.

“I say everything is right on schedule. I’m trying to shore up my own family first and, hopefully, that will be an example to other people. If you look at not only what Jesus said, but Paul the Apostle, about what things would be like in the end times, people will be lovers of lies rather than the truth. They will elevate things that are called abomination in scripture to normality.

“All of the prophecies up to the final ones have come true. And that’s why I say that everything is right on schedule.”

### **Gary Bauer, Washington analyst**

“Imagine you’re a middle-aged woman going to the gym to stay healthy. You walk into the women’s locker room to change and there’s a man in there with you. What would you do?

“That’s exactly what happened to one Michigan mother at a *Planet Fitness* facility. But when she went to the gym management to complain about a man being in the women’s locker room, **her** membership was revoked. *Planet Fitness* said she violated the company’s ‘no judgment policy’.

“Well, it seems *Planet Fitness* certainly made a judgment—one that condemns the normal reaction of a woman who finds a man in the ladies’ room.

“If you think the radical assault on sexual norms will not affect you, think again. Get ready to explain to your 13-year-old daughter why a boy is in the girls’ bathroom at school.”

## CORRECTION:

In our last newsletter, we had a number listed for Eric Barger’s Israel trip November 9-18. The number was inadvertently disconnected. The new number for Israel tour information is 253-719-5057. Please use that number for tour information and not the Olive Tree office.

# Three Existential Threats Facing America

By Joel Rosenberg

*Note from Jan: Joel Rosenberg addressed the National Religious Broadcasters in February. I was pleased to be in attendance for part of this event. I am summarizing his comments made on the closing night. Joel spoke for my "Understanding the Times" conferences in 2007 and 2011. We have CDs and DVDs of both events.*

What was Ezekiel commanded to do in Ezekiel 33?

- Listen to God
- Watch for threats
- Warn the people, come what may

This was a divine calling – an enormous responsibility. And God was clear. Some would listen to Ezekiel’s warnings. Some would not. Ezekiel was not going to be held responsible for the decision others made to obey the Lord or not. He would be held responsible for obeying the Lord, teaching people the Word of God and warning the people when God told him to speak. Fortunately, Ezekiel was faithful to the task.

As followers of Jesus Christ – and as pastors and ministry leaders and religious broadcasters – each of you are, in our modern times, also watchmen on the walls. In many ways, you have the same calling.

- To listen to the Word of God, found in the Bible
- To speak the Word of God – to tell people the bad news and the good news according to the Scriptures
- To warn people of threats that are rising
- To speak the truth in love, come what may

God warned Ezekiel – as He warns us today – that if He speaks and we don’t share His Word with others, we will be held to account. What’s more, if we see threats rising, and we do not warn people, we will be held to account.

*Tonight, as I look out America, I see three existential threats.*

- **Threat #1 – What if America is not simply in a season of decline but heading towards collapse, towards implosion?**
- **Threat #2 – What if America is not simply at rising risk of attack by Radical Islam but heading towards the risk of annihilation by Apocalyptic Islam?**
- **Threat #3 – What if America is not simply entering a season of strained relations with Israel but heading towards total abandonment of the Jewish State?**

## IMPLOSION

In 2012, I wrote a non-fiction book called, ***Implosion: Can America Recover From Her Economic & Spiritual Challenges in Time?***

I commend it to your attention because every passing day I believe the analysis is proving to be true and its message is becoming more urgent. The nation – and the Church – must know how much danger we are in. If we are silent, or if we soften it around the edges, we will be held to account before the Lord.



*Joel Rosenberg*

In the State of the Union address in January, the President covered a range of issues and challenges that we face, but this was his central case. ***“No challenge – no challenge – poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change.”*** (SOTU, January 20, 2015)

I respectfully disagree. There is a long list of reasons America faces implosion, but I can sum it up in one number: 58 million.

Since 1973, Americans have aborted 58 million babies. Think about that – 58 million. It is a staggering number. And if something doesn’t happen soon to change course, in



less than two years we will hit 60 million.

If this happens, we as Americans will have murdered ten times more human beings than the number of Jews murdered by the Nazis.

We know the judgment of God that fell upon Nazi Germany. What do we think is going to happen to a nation that exterminates ten times more people than the Nazis?

The judgment of Almighty God is coming. There is no way out. The souls of 58 million babies are crying out for justice – and they will get it. But for this to happen we need to be pleading with God to have mercy on us. We need to be calling people to prayer, fasting, and above all, repentance.

### RADICAL AND APOCALYPTIC ISLAM

The President insists that we are not at war with Islam. The vast majority of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims are not a danger. But research shows that 7% to 10% of Muslims worldwide do support violent jihad. That's upwards of 150 million people. If it were a single country – the *Islamic Republic of Radicalstan* – it would be the world's 9th largest, just ahead of Russia (146 million).

But the threat we face is not simply from Radical Islam. Indeed, it not even primarily from Radical Islam at this hour.

The most serious threat we face in the Middle East and North Africa is what I call "Apocalyptic Islam." This is a term each of us needs to become familiar with and begin to teach others.

For the first time in all of human history, we have not just one but two nation states whose rulers are driven not by political ideology – or even mere religious theology – but by *apocalyptic End Times eschatology*.

- The Islamic Republic of Iran today is ruled by an apocalyptic, genocidal death cult.
- So is the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.
- The former are Shia. The latter are Sunni.
- Both believe the end of days has come.
- Both believe their messiah – known as the "Mahdi" – is coming at any moment.
- Both are trying to hasten the coming of the Mahdi.

- Yet each has entirely different strategies.
- ISIS wants to build a caliphate.
- Iran wants to build the bomb.
- ISIS is committing genocide now.
- Iran is preparing to commit genocide later.

In the near term, ISIS is more dangerous. Why? Because ISIS is on a jihadist rampage right now. Robbing. Killing. Destroying. Enslaving. Raping. Torturing. Beheading. As Americans, we dare not turn a blind eye to this threat. *If we don't defeat the jihadists over there, they are coming here. We must act, and act now.*

That said, as Christians we have different responsibilities. The government's job is to defeat and destroy our enemies. Our job as Christians is to love our enemies, and all those who are living under their reign of terror.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we must not be blind to the enormous suffering inside the Muslim world, nor deaf to their cries for help, nor dull to the tyranny we face. *Christ commands us to love them, to serve them, to bless them, to tell them the good news that they may have life. We must act, and act now.*

### ISRAEL

Which brings me, finally, to threat #3 – what if America is not simply entering a season of strained relations with Israel, *but are we heading towards total American abandonment of the Jewish State?*

- *Genesis 12:1-3* – God says He will bless those who bless Israel and the Jewish people, and curse those who curse them.
- *Joel 3:2* – God warns the nations that He will judge all who divide the Land of Israel.
- *Ezekiel 38-39* – God warns that a group of nations will attack Israel in the "last days" but no nation will come to Israel's defense.
- *Revelation 16* – God warns that all nations in the end-of-days will attack Israel.

The Bible teaches us that all nations will

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turn against Israel in the last days — and all nations will face judgment for it — but woe unto us if it happens on our watch.

Have we come to that fateful moment? It is not yet clear. Still, we are watching the President:

- Negotiate an incredibly dangerous deal with Iran.
- Refuse to share the details of this deal with Israel, America's most faithful and trusted ally in the region.
- Refuse to meet with the Israeli Prime Minister when he came to address a Joint Session of Congress on matters of existential importance to both of our nations.
- Send the VP and Secretary of State out of country to avoid seeing the Prime Minister.
- Send his political strategists and operatives to defeat the Prime Minister and his party in Israel's elections (March 17th).

This is the most dangerous moment in the history of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

*What do the next two years hold?*

Which brings me back to you — the watchmen on the walls.

Are you warning the nation and the Church of the dangerous road the President has us on

vis-à-vis Israel?

Are you mobilizing Christians to love and bless and pray for and stand with Israel and the Jewish people in this critical hour?

## CONCLUSION

I am afraid I cannot tell you whether God will grant America a *Third Great Awakening* and/or raise up a King like Josiah (see 2 Chronicles 34-35) and thus forestall the coming judgment.

I cannot tell you whether the American government will do its job to protect us and our allies from Radical and Apocalyptic Islam before it's too late.

Or whether the Church will do her job in fulfilling the Great Commission and standing with our persecuted brothers and sisters in the epicenter.

Or whether America and the Church will stand with Israel and bless her and the Jewish people.

All I can tell you is that you and I have been called to be watchmen on the walls.

We are not going to be held responsible if people do not listen to us or to the Word of God. We will be held to account if we fail to speak and act when the Lord commands us to do so.

Much is hanging in the balance. May you and I be found faithful to the task.

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Jan, keep on keeping on. Words cannot express the appreciation for the timing, creativity, courage, professionalism, cohesiveness, and clarity that you and your staff model in every broadcast and publication. Kudos to production and research teams.—Laura, Minneapolis

Jan, each week you bring encouragement into our house. We grab a cup of coffee and listen to you on Saturday. Thank you for standing. We know you will finish the race well.—Dean & Julie, e-mail

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# Net Neutrality and How It Will Stifle Free Speech

By Jan Markell

Freedom-loving Americans have every reason to be concerned about the continuing loss of freedoms in America. Recently, “Net Neutrality” was rammed through by the FCC. While not everyone reading this is using the Internet daily, everyone should become aware that this move is a further erosion of free speech in America.

*Newsmax* magazine lists these seven reasons why “Net Neutrality” is a threat to freedom in America.

- 1) The FCC’s new rules are a heavy-handed government takeover of the Internet.
- 2) Net neutrality subsidizes large companies like Netflix and Facebook who don’t need it.
- 3) The new rules subvert democracy and the will of the people.
- 4) The new regulations will stifle free speech.
- 5) The rule-making process was corrupted by the White House.
- 6) The commission’s vote wasn’t transparent.
- 7) The new rules will hurt the right to privacy, and further empower the federal government to spy on its citizens.

This kind of activity was prevalent in Nazi Germany in the 1930s as Hitler seized control of the media and curtailed free speech. Further, after Edward Snowden leaked the NSA’s secret PRISM surveillance program in 2013, it became clear that the federal government is interested in snooping around in the private affairs of its citizens. Now that the federal government controls the Web, its ability to spy will only increase.

Lee E. Goodman, former chairman and a current commissioner of the *Federal Election Commission*, told *Newsmax* TV that a government takeover of the Internet will chill political speech.



“The government will regulate the content — and specifically the political content — that the American people can both post online to express their own political opinions, and the political content and information that people can access from the Internet,” said Goodman.

Ultimately the Antichrist will take control of such things as the Web.

The Internet is clearly the greatest global platform for free expression. *It is also one of the best sources of both the gospel and the truth. And to today’s Godless Left, both the gospel and the truth are disdained.* They come against their absolutely evil agenda.

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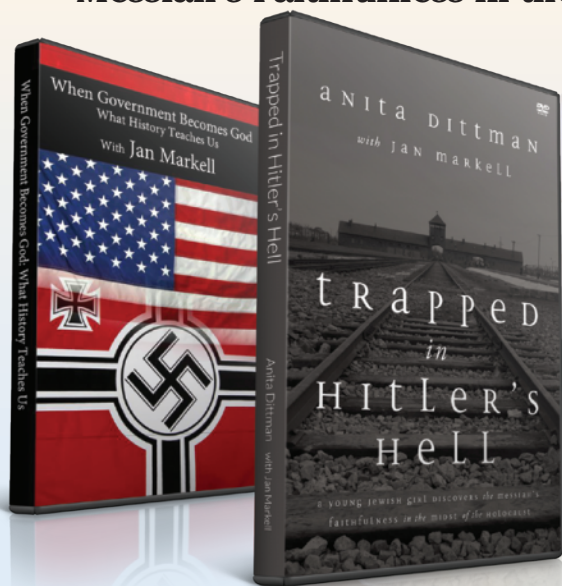
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## Trapped in Hitler's Hell: A Young Jewish Girl Discovers the Messiah's Faithfulness in the Midst of the Holocaust



### Book only: Trapped in Hitler's Hell

(The true story of Anita Dittman written by Jan Markell)

Foreword by Ray Comfort and testimonial by Bill Koenig

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The remarkable story of Anita Dittman and her miraculous survival during the Hitler years. The story spans 12 riveting years of deprivation, captivity, escape, and walking across Europe to find her mother in a concentration camp. It is inspirational and puts trials in perspective. It demonstrates that with God, all things are possible. He truly never leaves or forsakes us.

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75 minutes, full color, produced by George Escobar

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Nazi Germany allowed government to become god with Hitler. America made the same mistake when a "messiah-type" came along in 2008. People fainted at his sight. The parallels between Nazi Germany and America today are stunning. Jan brings out how this fits into the end-times and how the Antichrist will play into this. He will be the ultimate in the government becoming god. Everything is a set-up for him.

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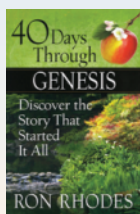
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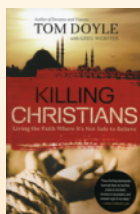
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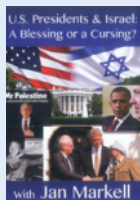


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By Bill Salus

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All eyes are on Iran. Will the treaty being negotiated by the White House, plus heads of other nations, grant Iran nuclear weapons capability sooner rather than later? About 2600 years ago the Hebrew prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel issued parallel end-time prophecies concerning modern-day Iran. Today the rogue country is becoming a nuclear nation and aggressively advancing its hegemony through the greater Mideast. This book takes the reader on a journey of discovery through the eyes of the prophets and the minds of today's key international players. Can anything good come from the evil that is about to befall us?

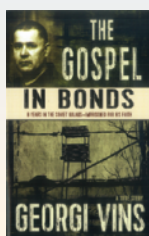


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By Jan Markell

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Jan Markell considers the Presidents of the United States starting with Woodrow Wilson through Barack Obama. Wilson was in office at the time of the Balfour Declaration – the *unofficial "birth" of Israel*. Which Presidents have blessed or cursed Israel? Some Democrats have and some Republicans have. One President was called a "Righteous Gentile." But many have abused God's covenant land and people and America pays a price when that happens. *Jan spends extensive time on the Obama administration and their abysmal abuse of Israel and obvious favored opinion of the Islamic terror world.* As a result, America is steeped in unsolvable problems. She reminds us that God will always take care of Israel and that the issues she raises point to the soon return of the Lord.



## The Gospel in Bonds: 8 Years in the Soviet Gulags – Imprisoned for His Faith

By Georgi Vins

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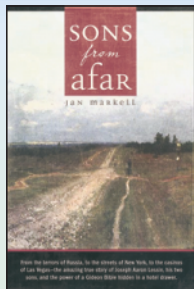
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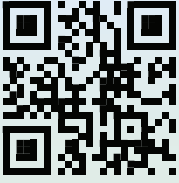
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