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*US/Israeli Foreign Policy—Cut From the Same Cloth*

As autocratic states flex their tyrannical muscles, after first *softening-up* the world with 'narrative and propaganda', we initially find ourselves struggling to understand what is taking place. For example, take the 'vaccines'. Coming to terms with the 'vaccine' false narrative, perpetrated against the whole world, required that we first question, then doubt, respected actors/agencies, to whom we had entrusted our health—for decades.

Now, only those in hypnotic trance remain unaware that 'vaccines', along with masking/social distancing, didn't stop transmission and were based on political non-science.

So it is with Israel—the evidence is in and it doesn't look good. In the aftermath of October 7th, any attempt to put the event into historical perspective brought shrieks of derision from those incapable of weighing historical fact. As with Russia's 'special military operation', where one was labeled a traitor for not 'chiming-in on a chorus of 'Putin the war criminal'. With a passage of time, facts come to be seen as more complicated.

So, what about Israel/Palestine—in view of the totality of the situation? No one able to look up a definition can defend the fact that Israel is guilty of ongoing genocide. UN definition describes Israeli action as genocide. So, why is Israel conducting genocide?

We could go into the long history of ethnic cleansing and Arab extermination that brought Israel to this sordid end, but that would be met with an Israeli propaganda barrage. A better question concerns how it is that the US/Israel—each support genocide.

For that we have to go back to the Greek Historian Thucydides, who is best known for 2 things: the *Thucydides Trap*, describing how empires in decline become trapped in hubris and rendered incapable of forging working relationships with rising powers.

But maybe more important is why empires are unable to let go of control. Thucydides warned the Athenians that the tyranny they imposed on neighboring states would result in tyranny imposed on themselves. But, Athenians, knowing themselves to be superior to all others, paid no heed. In the end, his presumptions proved to be correct.

The United States became a vast nation, first through the Louisiana Purchase, the purchase of Alaska, and the rest through wars with tribes and Mexico. Wars that were fought for an idea of American *manifest destiny*—which translates nicely into God's will.

From there, we forgot about God and simply took what we wanted as a consequence of *American exceptionalism*. Then codified it in tyrannical 'rules-based order'. We make the rules—you follow our orders. Is Israel caught in a similar historical trap?

What is Israel? It was and is an attempt to place a Jewish state amidst Arab nations. Israel is a fiction—an attempt to nationalize the Jews into a Jewish state. This whole thing about Israelis/Palestinians misses the point. Arabs are Muslims/Israelis are Jews.

Nationalized Judaism is Zionism—which understandably had international support because of the holocaust. But, internally, Israel suffered from a contention between secular Jews and ultra-orthodox Jews. For the 1st couple of decades, Israeli theocratic orthodoxy existed at the margin, but 2 things were in play that resulted in a power shift.

Throughout Zionism's history, Israeli/Jewish scholars sounded the same alarm for Israel that Thucydides sounded for Athens. Athens shared traits with Israel: they were surrounded by warlike neighboring states that were dismissed by Athens as unworthy. Orthodox Israelis, relying on *biblical prophecy*, see themselves as 'the chosen people', and because of that, Israeli leaders openly advocate solutions of apartheid/genocide.

For any following Israeli policy seriously, it is the 'settlers' that embody the power shift in Israel. They are the ultra-orthodox, enforcers, now in power, with a mission to take-over and remove Arabs from what is referred to as Palestine. *Settlers* is a misnomer because removing people from their land, by force, in no way describes *settlers*.

Israel is not what we are led to believe. Global goodwill for a Jewish Homeland now views Israel as a pariah, and its mantra of 'god's chosen people' has come full circle to where Israelis are hardly distinguishable from the German National Socialists that, 90 years ago, conducted genocide/holocaust, on those inferior to German's *Master Race*.

To understand the power shift in Israel, polls taken there show 90% of Israeli Jews favor what is being done to the Arabs and 70% are against any aid for those starving. Meanwhile, domestically, no criticism is allowed. Teachers attempting expand the discussion on the role of Hamas are subject to arrest and questioners are persecuted.

It is not well understood what happened on October 7th. Most of the IDF (Israeli Defense Force), was involved in the West Ban/Gaza to support/protect those identified as 'settlers'. Had Hezbollah come in from the North they would've met little resistance.

The resulting chaos of October 7th saw the Israeli government not functioning in any social capacity for over 2 months. The people were left on their own—to fend for themselves. And now, Israel is in a fight to the death with Hamas—a fight they can't win. Instead, they bomb indiscriminately because they don't know who is Hamas and who is not. Israel loses that battle, along with troops and global opinion, or they just bog down.

Israel had a plan where Arabs would be workers—Jews would be administrators. Because Jews are the 'chosen people', Israeli Arabs would have no equal rights, under the law. This was to be a Jewish State where equality or a 2 state solution was 'off the table'. So now, it's not about a 'cease fire' that 'God's chosen would in no way honor.

Now the question is whether Israel, as seen by its neighbors, has the right to exist. Israel is seen globally, as is the US, as something a world might be better-off—without.

Ultra orthodox Zionism attempts to supplant Judaism, but among secular Jews it doesn't work because it lacks the majesty of God, and is without the force of history.

Israel has, for its entire existence, conducted incremental genocide/apartheid on Arabs, but before the 1967 war takeover of the ultra orthodox (and its 'settlers'), 'apartheid', conducted by secular Jews, though apartheid, was more compassionate.

Seeing oneself as distinct and better than other races, nations, inevitably results in tragedy for the perpetrators of that view. Now is that time for the US/Israel. Stay tuned.

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