

Newt Backs Down

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The Jerusalem Embassy Act requiring that the United States move its embassy to Jerusalem by May 31, 1999 was passed by over two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives who voted in favor of acknowledging Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital. Therefore, when the provocative Palestinian "negotiator" Saeb Erekat threatened bloodshed, if U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich visit the proposed site for our embassy, he not only attacked an important American official but spurned all those whom Newt represents!

How the media has such a double-standard! If it had been Gershon Salomon, chairman of The Temple Mount Faithful, who made threats against prominent Americans there would have been shrill condemnation. However, the Temple Mount Faithful has always been law-abiding. Yet it's portrayed as "extremist" by leftist reporters. What is extremist is for a puny Palestinian "official" to dare bark against those Americans and Israelis who refuse to deny this Judeo-Christian fact: **JERUSALEM BELONGS TO THE JEWS!**

It's not unusual for Palestinian officials to routinely make provocative statements against America and Israel, even burning our flags and calling for our destruction. What is unusual is that our countries would tolerate such incitement for so long. Enough is enough! Especially when the Palestinian Minister for Religious Affairs threatens: "We will do whatever is necessary to prevent Jews from praying on (the Temple Mount)!" Under the 1967 Israeli Law for the Protection of the Holy Places, it sets a five-year prison term for "whoever does anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them...".

It's past time for Israel to enforce its laws! Jews and Christians must feel free to pray in peace on the Biblically-proposed site for *Heaven's Embassy*. The Temple Mount is prophesied to become "a House of Prayer for all peoples." Newt shouldn't have backed down from his planned visit (responding to White House pressure), and Israel should have been prepared to arrest anyone attempting to disrupt his official visit.

May the Speaker of the House reschedule his visit, and humbly conclude it with a prayer on the *Temple Mount*.

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