

## *Christian and Jewish Involvement*

### *Suggested Titles*

Ateek, Naim. **A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation**. New York: Orbis Books, 2008. ("This sequel to *Justice and Only Justice* is divided into three parts. The first part focuses on events since the Intifada of 1987.... The second part of the book draws on scripture, raising up biblical figures such as Samson, Jonah, Daniel, and Jesus as it examines issues of ownership of the land. In the final section, Ateek presents a strategy to achieve peace and justice nonviolently that will promote justice for the Palestinians and security for both Israel and Palestine." —Orbis Books)

Braverman, Mark. **Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land**. Austin: Synergy Books, 2010. ("Braverman explains how the Jewish yearning for safety and self-determination and the Christian effort to atone for centuries of anti-Jewish persecution have combined to suppress the conversations urgently needed to bring about peace in historic Palestine." —Synergy Books)

Ellis, Marc. **Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation**. Baylor University Press, 2011. ("Marc Ellis has written a book for people who want to think. Challenging our conventional ideas, he forces us to reconsider our assumptions regarding Jewish identity and politics. What emerges is a fascinating and original reconfiguration of some of the most hotly debated political and religious topics today."—Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College and author of *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* "This book has assuaged my pain to considerable extent, because it shows, as it has since the first edition, that the voice of prophecy has not been silenced in the Jewish community. We will all be the poorer if that voice is not heeded, but how wonderfully enriched if it is."—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and author of *God Has a Dream* "Ellis's narrative belongs alongside those theological narratives that ought to be discussed. This is a vigorous and important work, passionate for justice, rooted in a strong love for his people, and with a deep sensitivity to other human communities."—Gustavo Gutierrez, author of *A Theology of Liberation* "Marc Ellis' Jewish Theology of Liberation has already become something of a classic. It is wonderful to have this book in a new and expanded version that covers Marc Ellis' life and prophetic thought up to the present."—Rosemary Radford Ruether, Carpenter Professor of Feminist Theology, Graduate Theological Union "Marc Ellis's *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation* is a seminal work. It is not only a brilliant piece of Jewish dissident writing but a moral, impassioned call for reflection and justice that should be read by Jews and non-Jews alike. There is no doubt this book will become the standard among scholars for decades to come."—Sara Roy, Senior Research Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University)

Sizer, Steven. *Christian Zionism: Road Map to Armageddon?* Downers Grove: IL: IVP Academic, 2005. ("Stephen Sizer's work on Christian Zionism is the most important and comprehensive on the subject to date and should be read by all students of the Middle East and by Christians concerned about a just resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Christian Zionism raises vital theological and political challenges that must be addressed head-on by Christians in the West, particularly evangelicals." —Don Wagner)

### ***Related Titles***

Anderson, Irvine. **Biblical Interpretation and Middle East Policy: The Promised Land, America, and Israel, 1917-2002.** Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2005. (“[An] important and timely topic: the influence of Biblical imagery and Christian messianic hopes on the shaping of British and American policy in the Middle East. . . . Anderson is a careful and judicious historian who presents a balanced and well-nuanced account.” —Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Ateek, Naim, Rosemary Ruether, eds. **Justice and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation.** Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1989. (“This captivating bestseller by a clergyman and leader of the Palestine Christian community examines the problems and prospects for Palestinians, Jews, and Christians in the Middle East.” – Orbis Books)

Ateek, Naim, Marc Ellis, Rosemary Ruether, eds. **Faith and the Intifada: Palestinian Christian Voices.** Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1995. (“This book represents, in part, papers that were given at the First International Symposium on Palestinian Liberation Theology at Tantur, between Bethlehem and Jerusalem, during March 10-17, 1990. —Rosemary Ruether.)

Ateek, Naim. **A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, and the Palestine-Israel Conflict.** 2017. Maryknoll, MD: Orbis Books, 2017. (“Fr. Naim Ateek offers the reader a profound, nonviolent approach to confronting the injustice suffered by some of the world's most poor and marginalized peoples-- the Palestinians. May this book bring about the longed-for justice!" --Mary Grey, Professor Emerita, University of Wales, Lampeter "Naim Ateek writes with the integrity of a participant-observer.... He offers a fresh analysis of the challenges to which Palestinian Liberation Theology is an answer and provides some helpful new ways of framing the unresolved conflict between Palestine and Israel." --Very Revd Gregory C. Jenks, Dean of Grafton, and former Dean of St George s College, Jerusalem "In this book we hear the scream and the whisper of the poor, the sounds of death in the Occupied Territories, but also the whisper of life, resisting and offering hope for all of us." --Nancy Cardoso, Palestine and Israel Ecumenical Forum of the World Council of Churches)

Burge, Gary. **Whose Land? Whose Promise? What Christians Are Not Being Told about Israel and the Palestinians.** Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2004. (“Because events in the Middle East continue to escalate in tragic complexity, Christians still struggle with making sense of it all. In this updated version of *Whose Land? Whose Promise?*, Burge further explores the personal emotions and opinions; and sharpens his theological argument in the context of the new developments surrounding the crisis in the Middle East. *Whose Land? Whose Promise?* offers insight for the thoughtful reader on an explosive topic and challenges personal truths on peace. —Amazon)

Clark, Victoria. **Allies for Armageddon: The Rise of Christian Zionism.** New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007. (“Clark engages with Christian Zionism directly, interviewing leaders, attending events, and traveling with Christian Zionists in the Holy Land. She also investigates the Christian Zionist presence in Israel....Clark concludes with an assessment of Christian Zionists’ impact on American foreign policy in the Middle East and on America’s relationships with European allies since the attacks of 9/11. —Yale University Press)

Flesher, LeAnn Snow. **Left Behind? The Fact Behind the Fiction.** Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2006. ("Flesher presents a careful, well-informed comment on dispensationalism in general and "left behind" eschatology in particular. Flesher shows the way in which Scripture is distorted to serve a political ideology that is grounded in fear. Her book is an accessible invitation to find out what the real scoop of the matter is. There is much to unlearn, and Flesher contributes to that task." —Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary)

Haddad, Hassan and Donald Wagner. **All in the Name of the Bible: Selected Essays on Israel and American Christian Fundamentalism.** Beltsville, MD: Amana Publishers, 1986.

Prior, Michael. **The Bible and Colonialism: A Moral Critique.** Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999. ("In this provocative and compelling study, Prior protests at the neglect of the moral question in conventional biblical studies and attempts to rescue the Bible from being a blunt instrument in the oppression of people. Dr. Michael Prior is Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. Mary's University College, University of Surrey." —Sheffield Academic Press)

Raheb, Mitri. **I Am a Palestinian Christian: God and Politics in the Holy Land: A Personal Testimony.** Foreword by Rosemary Reuther, translated by Ruth Grutsch Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1995. ("Mitri Raheb explores the recent history of the Palestinian Christians, and the complex meeting of the world's three major monotheistic religions. Clearly and without rancor, his book situates the continuing plight of Palestinians in the unique history of the Palestinian Christians, the national and regional struggles since World War II, and the rich yet complex juncture of the world's three major monotheistic religions. In the pains and hopes of his people, Raheb reveals an emerging Palestinian Christian theology." —Fortress Press)

Reuther, Rosemary Radford and Herman J. **The Wrath of Jonah: Crisis of Religious Nationalism in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict.** New York: Harper and Row, 1989. ("The wrenching situation in the Middle East, recent events have shown, is as complex as it is volatile. In this immensely learned and clarifying volume—here updated and issued in paper for the first time—the Ruethers trace the tortured and contested history of Israel/Palestine from biblical times through the Diaspora, the development of Zionism, the creation of the modern state of Israel, and the subsequent conflict with Arab and Palestinian nationalism. Magisterial in its grasp of the historical, political, economic, and religious roots of the conflict, *The Wrath of Jonah* also offers convincing analysis of the moral and political dilemmas facing Israelis and Palestinians today. Though they see possibilities for peace, the Ruethers are forthright about what they and others see as Israel's betrayal of its own original mandate. Their purpose, state the Ruethers, "continues to be to make a modest contribution to truthful historical accountability that must underlie the quest for justice, without which there can be no 'peace.'" —Amazon)

Reuther, Rosemary Radford and Marc Ellis. eds. **Beyond Occupation: American Jewish, Christian and Palestinian Voices for Peace.** Boston: Beacon Press, 1990. ("a welcome source to those interested in the Arab-Israeli conflict and peace studies as well as those looking for a religious perspective on Middle East politics." —*Library Journal*)

Shahak, Israel and Norton Mezvinsky. **Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel**. London: Pluto Press, 1999. (“Shahak and Mezvinsky’s explicit objective is to rouse the reader, particularly the North American reader, into an acknowledgement that Jewish fundamentalism is as ‘pernicious’ as other fundamentalisms. This requires us to approach the Jewish past not as folk-tale, but as history.” — *Outlook* )

Wagner, Don. **Anxious for Armageddon: A Call to Partnership for Middle Eastern and Western Christians**. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1995. (“This unique resource offers the fascinating account of Donald E. Wagner’s personal experience with the Middle East and calls Western Christians to work with Middle East Christians in healing the pain of Jews and Palestinians. Wagner grippingly tells of his early involvement with streams of Christianity that treat Israel’s possession of the Holy Land as fulfillment of a divine plan that will result in the apocalyptic battle of Armageddon.” — Herald Press)

Wagner, Don and Dan O’Neill. Foreward by Richard Halverson. **Peace or Armageddon: The Unfolding Drama of the Middle East Peace Accord**. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993. (“In the latter half of the book, especially on the chapters on the Israeli-Christian connection and on Christian Arabs, the authors tackle the uncritical support of U.S. Evangelicals for Israel head-on, with a much wider, more balanced theological worldview.” — *Third Way*)

Weber, Timothy P. **On the Road to Armageddon: How Evangelicals Became Israel’s Best Friend**. Aida, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2004. (“Certain understandings of Bible prophecy have profoundly shaped the way evangelicals and other Americans view Israel and the political policies that have supported the Jewish state....[T]his major work on an ever timely theme is for anyone interested in American-Israeli relations, history, theology, and politics.” — Baker)

