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An Ancient Story Revealed In Today's Headlines

(NAPSA)—As the world's attention is drawn to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, Pastor John C. Hagee, an internationally recognized expert on Middle Eastern religious affairs, offers insightful and informed commentary on the global need for the state of Israel in his new book, "Jerusalem Countdown: A Prelude to War."

Referencing the political history, spiritual significance and strategic role of Israel, Hagee makes the case that this sovereign nation must not be threatened by hostile neighbors.

Building on the theme of his previous best-selling book, "Jerusalem Countdown: A Warning to the World," Hagee says, "There are clear and urgent threats to the security of Israel and the safety of the Jewish people. The enemies of freedom clearly and overtly wish to destroy them."

Hagee has cited threats from leaders of the Arab world, including Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has said that Israel "should be wiped off the map," as one of the most pressing reasons for writing his book. "We cannot stand by silently while the enemies of Israel actively plot its destruction."

Pastor of the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, Hagee has worked for more than 30 years to build solidarity between Christians and Jews. He has deep ties with the state of Israel. He has visited the country more than 20 times and has met with its senior leaders and helped more than 12,000 Russian Jews immigrate to Israel.



JERUSALEM COUNTDOWN



A new book argues that the survival of the state of Israel is a spiritual, political and strategic necessity.

Hagee hosts a radio and television ministry that reaches nearly 100 million people around the world and he has also founded Christians United for Israel (CUFI), an organization that provides a platform for Christians to support Israel. "As people of faith, Christians have a biblical responsibility to speak out in support of Israel and the Jewish people," Hagee said. "The Bible tells us, 'For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."

The book is available at Strang.com, at other online retailers and where books are sold.