

18. A Prophetic Critique of the Left Wing

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Holy God, we are so thankful for this evening. That we gather together to begin your Sabbath. And Lord we pray that you may bless every one of us. May your Holy Spirit guide Elder Tess and speak through her that we may learn your truth through her. May you bless all of us, enlighten our mind with whatever light that we are going to discuss tonight. And encourage us to do to leave it and use it in our daily life as we prepare for the coming of Christ. I thank you that you have looked after all of us during the week, and I believe that none of our members or even our families is sick, or is hurting at the moment. We are all okay and we praise you for your mercy and grace. We thank you also that you have heard us now, for we ask all of this. In Jesus wonderful name, Amen.

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1/6 of the way through winter. Some may not be counting, but I am. I wanted to keep that portion at the beginning to say a few things that are separate from our study but I think that it directly relates to our study. It joins in with the theme of what we've been studying, especially the article shared last week. What I wanted to share was something from an article by The Atlantic, from about ten days ago. The writer, Jennifer Senior, she has for many months now been interacting with, texting, visiting, hanging around Steve Bannon. And she is, of course, not as his right wing ideology, but Steve Bannon is not one to turn down any form of publicity, even when he knows that it might be negative. And she does visit him, text him, he texts her frequently, they dialogue. And she built all that into an article that she published in The Atlantic, about ten days ago, and it's all on Steve Bannon. It's titled 'American Rasputin'. And there were some interesting points of this article. It's very long. There was a lot that I didn't want to share for time.

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Haven't wanted to flood people with too much information, at a loss for what really has to be read. I would say imperative reading, imperative watching at the moment. I didn't share this article, but there was a portion of it that I did want to mention, especially for the people that have been interested and looking at Gamergate. Maybe about halfway through this article. She says that she keeps thinking back. And by the way, for these months she's been in close contact with Steve Bannon. So much so that when Bannon's father died in January, he invited her to his father's funeral. I think he thought it would be add to the publicity, a bit of a PR stunt. She went to his father's funeral, his request as his guest. He has given her quite a lot of access. And as she's had that access, she has built it into this article and she discusses what Steve Bannon means for America, particularly American democracy. He is less prominent now that

he's been thrown off YouTube. A lot of those in the far right have been removed from YouTube, removed from Twitter.

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There's somewhat silence. That that silence can be deceptive. It can make it appear that they've gone away. And they very much haven't. In some ways not criticizing removing him from YouTube at all, but in some ways it can make it harder to track them. But it's still very much an active part of the far right. She says, there's a scene she keeps looping back to in Errol Morris's 2018 documentary about Bannon.

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In 2018, Errol Morris publishes a documentary about Bannon titled 'American Dharma'. And as she interacts with Bannon, she keeps looping back to something that she heard in that documentary. She says that in that documentary, *"Bannon was recalling his Hong Kong days in the 2000s when he was working for Internet gaming Entertainment. He notes how stunned he was to discover how many people played multiplayer online games and how intensely they played them. But then he breaks it down for Morris, using the example of a theoretical man named Dave in Accounts Payable who one day drops dead. Some preacher from a church or some guy from a funeral home who's never met him, does a ten minute eulogy. There's a few prayers, Bannon says, and that's Dave."*

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But that's offline Dave. Online Dave is a whole other story. Dave in the game is Ajax, Bannon continues, and Ajax is like The man. Ajax gets a caisson when he dies and is carried off in a raging funeral pyre. The rival group comes out and attacks. There's literally thousands of people there, Bannon says. People are home playing the game and guys are not going to work and women are not going to work because it's Ajax. Now, who's more real? Bannon asks. Dave in accounting or Ajax? Ajax. Bannon realized. Some people, particularly disaffected men, actively prefer and better identify with the online versions of themselves." Me adding here. The online versions of themselves, because the online versions of themselves don't work in accounting. They are as Bannon refers to Ajax the man. "He kept this top of mind when he took over Breitbart News in 2012." Steve Bannon was working with online multiplayer games throughout the 2000's. And he starts to realize of what is happening in these online communities. And when he takes over Breitbart News in 2012, he carries all that he's learnt with him. And "he decides to build out the comments section". Because he sees the comment section like the multiplayer games.

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"The comment section is more of a community, says Steve Bannon, than the city. These people live in the town, they live in the old bowling league, he tells Morris. The keys to these sites is the comment section. This can be weaponized at some point in time. The angry voices, properly directed, have a latent political power." If you've ever wondered over the last years, why the comment sections are so toxic, Steve Bannon and others have deliberately expanded the comments section and created those angry voices in there. And as Bannon recognizes, mostly disaffected men. When you come into gaming, a lot of young men. "I mentioned this to Steve Bannon the second time we spoke. On War Room," which is his current

podcast, but he doesn't like it being called a podcast. *"On War Room, he frequently talks about three levels of participation. The posse, the cadre and the vanguard. It sounded to me like the gamification of politics. Yes, Bannon told me, that's it. I want Dave in Accounting to be Ajax in his life."* You want to move the comment section and also the comment section of interactive gaming. You want to bring that into political reality and that is what he recognizes in the 2000s.

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That is what he's doing in the 2010's. And she says *"this is what happened on January 6. The angry howling hordes arrived as real life avatars cosplaying the role of rebels in face paint and fur. They stormed the capital while an enemy army tried to beat them away. They carried their own versions of caissons. They skipped a day of work and then they expressed outrage and other incredulity when they got carded away. Fantasy and reality had become one and the same."* I like that connection to Gamergate. Because Gamergate was not an accident. It didn't happen by accident or in some type of void. It's something that people like Bannon had recognized in the previous decade, had been working towards. And it's a flashpoint, showing what is possible. When you use the comment sections of, specially right wing material, but comment sections in general. That social media influence, but especially with what formed with online games and surrounding misogyny. And then 2021, January 6. I think her point is worth considering in the context of Gamergate, how much of that was cosplaying? How much of that was taking those avatars, taking their online Ajax, hiding behind the comments section and that anonymity? And Bannon's desire was to no longer have these people be anonymous, bring that anonymous avatar and make that the reality.

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And then any wonder why so many are so shocked when there's repercussions. I'd wanted to mention that as Gamergate has been such a subject and I thought that that was a valuable observation. Just to identify that nothing that was happening around this history or Gamergate, nothing was an accident. If we don't have comments on that, I want to go back in to this article and connect it to the article that was shared last week by Open Democracy on the left wings focus on Israel. Their hyper focus on Israel and Palestine. Because she says a couple of other things in this article. Observations she's had over the months of studying and interacting with Steve Bannon and his community and his podcast. She makes a couple of other observations, and I want to use them to segue back to of what we've been discussing. We have a few people not participating tonight. If others have questions, please put a hand up in the chat. Questions or thoughts to share. Otherwise, I'll go straight in.

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She makes another observation. And this is regarding antisemitism. His podcast was thrown off YouTube, for reasons that I think can be obvious to us. It currently exists on Rumble. That's a platform. She says, it has tens of thousands of viewers in real time. And there's a running commentary. She's following this commentary. She's seeing all of these comments, and she's starting to see a theme. I'll repeat some of the comments she's reading. *"Zelensky another degenerate Jew. These Jews keep showing up when societies collapse."* Another individual. These are all different people. *"The Wuhan Lab was a Zionist lab."* Third person. *"Nothing burger with Jew sauce"*. Fourth. *"Jews hate anyone that goes against the world"*

financial machine". Five. "Only a matter of time until the Jews destroying this country get noticed and expelled". Six. "Jews to the left, Jews to the right, stuck in the middle, Jews."

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"She says. These comments, all from different handles by the way, are on Rumble, which carries Bannon's show live, and usually has tens of thousands of viewers in real time. (I didn't even venture onto Telegram, where I knew the commentary would be fouler still.) I got used to it after a while, and I also came to expect it. Antisemitic rhetoric was the most abundant form of ugliness I saw from commenters during his broadcast, even more abundant than anything floridly, racist, or anti-immigrant.

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And then she approaches him with this because they're dialoguing everything. And he denies it and starts listing all the Jews that he's worked with. But she starts investigating why, and she starts mentioning and bringing it to him. She doesn't hold back. The people that he has on that podcast are *"Marjorie Taylor Green, one of his most ubiquitous guests. He only stopped having her on his podcast after she spoke at a conference in February where the organizer Nick Fuentes cheerfully praised Hitler. Her beliefs were hardly a secret before that. In 2018, she shared on Facebook a video claiming that Zionist supremacists were trying to displace white Europeans with immigrants. In other words, the great replacement theory."* So even the great replacement theory. Who do they believe is orchestrating it? Who do they believe is planning it and running it? Jews. She brings to his attention something that he's already well aware of the antisemitism of the people that he has on that show. There was another person that he had on that show. Another person he had on that show. Jack Posobiec. They keep it a little bit deniable. Jack Posobiec and others in the far right, if they were speaking and they wanted to reference a Jew, they would do it this way.

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If I'll use myself, for example. If they thought I was Jewish and they said anything, wrote anything online, used anything as a slide, and there was the name of someone who was Jewish in that slide, they would put it like this. It's called an echo symbol. It particularly took off in 2016 when antisemites began to use it to identify Jews, especially Jewish journalists. It became the online equivalent of tagging an individual with antisemitic graffiti. This has been very popular in the far right. Using these brackets to create an echo symbol around the name of anyone they're referring to who is Jewish, especially anyone who's a journalist. The American Southern Poverty Law Center called him out on this. He was called out on this. And in response to this, he published a selfie outside of Auschwitz. And he said they would be wise to remember what happened the last time people made lists of undesirables. There is this antisemitic train through the far right. What I want us to consider is antisemitism.

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To summarize. In the beginning I went to that article. I wanted us to consider Gamergate not as a standalone accidental incident, but part of a bigger story. And that part of the bigger story relates to online gaming. Those gaming communities, but also the comment section, Steve Bannon being very deliberate and observant of all of that and deliberately fomenting that. And January 6, also being connected to those

attempts, and to 2014. Using the same article, I wanted to go into and highlight the antisemitism that she spoke of in that article. And how pronounced it is within the far right.

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And then in the context of the article shared last time, I wanted to ask about Whoopi Goldberg. And the comments she made earlier this year on The View. Some of you might already be aware of this. Whoopi Goldberg said this about the Holocaust. *"Let's be truthful about it, because the Holocaust isn't about race. She said, it's not about race. It's not about race. It's about man's inhumanity to man. Co host Anna Navarro pointed out that it's about white supremacists going after Jews. Goldberg says, but these are two white groups of people. Even in her apology, she doubled down. She said most of the Nazis were white people, and most of the people they were attacking were white people. To me, I'm thinking, how can you say it's about race, it's about racism, when you're fighting each other? Don't write me anymore. I know how you feel. I'll take your word for it and never bring it up again."* She actually doesn't properly apologize. She's sure in her own mind that the Holocaust was not a race or racist issue. It was not racism. And antisemitism is not racism because it's white people doing it to white people. And she essentially says they fought it out amongst themselves. Is she right or is she wrong about antisemitism being a race issue? First of all, I want to ask if people think she's right or wrong. And then I want them to defend it prophetically. If I don't have hands, I'll find names. Greame.

[00:20:30.910] - Greame

I wanted to point out that in the article that you were reading by that author, she also mentioned that antisemitism was not racism. She listed them very separately. I wondered if her thoughts were along those lines as well.

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Can you repeat that? Sorry.

[00:20:54.650] - Greame

The author of the article that you were reading two minutes before also listed that antisemitism was separate from racism. She seemed to list them very differently.

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I noticed the same thing. She says antisemitism, and racism, and etc.. Yes, I think that there's a sensitivity around calling antisemitism racism.

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Isn't it racism?

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How do you know?

[00:21:39.890] - Greame

How do I know that it's racism? Because I don't think it comes down to the color of a skin that determines that it's racism. That Whoopi Goldberg seems to be struggling with. She seems to be trying to de-escalate the situation. If you say, No, I'm not racist. Or what happened in Germany wasn't racism because it was between two people of the same color. It's almost trying to deescalate. I can't think of a better word than deescalate. Does that make sense?

[00:22:21.790] - Tess

Yes. I think it's quite problematic to suggest the Holocaust was white people fighting it out amongst themselves. And I get the definition, what you say about the definition. I don't disagree with that. I do think that there's a prophetic reason behind that argument as well, though. A strong one. Moli.

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I think it was racism because it leads to nationalism.

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Yes. You see that nationalism there.

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Because I remember you said before, racism always leads to nationalism and fascism.

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Nationalism insists on the identification of others. I don't see how it can really avoid creating others compared to the nation that is being so celebrated. So bringing nationalism into it. Yes.

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But, I mean, there were two different race in one country.

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Yes. Which is similar to African Americans today, isn't it? They're both in one country, but one believes that they belong and that the others don't so much belong.

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It really doesn't matter the color. It was two different race.

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Greame.

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Trying to bring it back prophetically. I was trying to compare it or contrast it to gender equality. And if you had two groups of women fighting against each other. You would have to label it misogyny, if there was certain language or behavior being used by one group of people. And comparing that between two people of the same color and saying that it's not racism?

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I might need to think about that a bit more, but it's an interesting comparison. Katherine.

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In the alpha history, the Millerite art history, the issue was race. And the Holocaust is the alpha history for the counterfeit. I would line them up, it's the counterfeit of the Alpha history. The other point, I guess, that I see or connection is the issue of eugenics, which sort of began that whole debate during the Millerite period. And then you can lead that through to some of those German scientists. And the basis for what they were arguing was a race question. Because they were arguing about those different lines of humans being different races. I see that connection too.

[00:26:20.850] - Tess

We go Eden to Eden. We see gender in Eden, then we see the Sabbath. Eve with gender, the Sabbath with Cain, and racism, nationalism, or the beginning of organized slavery in its inception with Cham. And we've taught that since 2019. And then we see that being undone in the time of the end, post 1798, and it's working backwards. The first to be addressed is racism. And that is in the context of the United States. In that context it is slavery. Then we have, in the context of 1888, the Sabbath. Worship. And then we have the context in 1989 to now. Gender. But we know that this Millerite history was counterfeited. When Whoopi Goldberg said that antisemitism is not racism, I knew instantly that she was wrong. Because our prophetic message is very clear that the issue of racism as being understood God's people was Millerite history, the post Civil War history, and then into the Civil War history. 1798 to 1863. True and counterfeit. But if it's going to be counterfeited. Satan also needs to revive the Catholic Church and have that issue rising up in the midst of a broad systemic issue of racism, and that is the Holocaust.

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We have the lead up, and then into the Civil War for the true, but the Holocaust for the counterfeit. Both are that issue. If antisemitism, back in the time of the Holocaust, is not a race issue, then it seriously conflicts with our study of the counterfeit. And yes, I think it can be seen without the prophetic message,

which is what the Levites and the Nethinims need to understand. But the left wing has this problem. The left wing struggles to understand antisemitism correctly. And I've used a couple of illustrations going through Steve Bannon and his podcast, The War Room. To illustrate, very briefly, how prolific antisemitism is today. But even going back then, we have to see it as racism. I do not want to distract from what is the testing issue today gender. But I think you can see as we go through the problems with the left wing. If they don't get these issues correctly, they are incapable of understanding and responding correctly to the subject of gender.

[00:30:04.250] - Tess

There were 31 men arrested who were preparing to riot at a Pride Valley. And article after article that I read highlighted white nationalists, white supremacists, and racists. Over and over again. There were 31 men and they turned up to riot at a Pride parade. I think the central issue that the left wing media should have used that opportunity to dissect was not the subject of racism. It's there. That can be covered elsewhere. It can be mentioned because they are white supremacists. But the center of 31 men turning up at a Pride parade is an issue with gender. And I didn't find an article I could share on it. Because the left wing seems immobile on the subject of gender. And I want us to see why that is. Hence sharing the last two articles, the last two weeks. But to lead into, we have to recognize that antisemitism is prolific in the right wing. That barely needs proving. We need to see that many within the left wing do not believe that antisemitism has anything to do with racism. Our prophetic message teaches strongly otherwise. And now I want to have a look at the left wing.

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There was an annual report released by the Anti Defamation League. Sorry, I forgot what ADL stood for. The Anti Defamation League published a report in 2021 showing that in 2020 there were 2024 antisemitic incidents. Last year saw the third highest number of reports of assault. Last year being 2020 for them. The third highest number of reports have assaulted harassment and vandalism toward American Jews since the ADL first began tracking the data in 1979. Experts say the recent attacks are being driven more from the political left than ever before.

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I want to discuss the BDS movement. We'll come back to conservatism in a moment. I'll box this off. I want to look at the BDS movement. BDS stands for Boycott, Divest and Sanction Israel. They seek to mobilize international and economic political pressure on Israel in solidarity with the Palestinians. In the context of the article that was shared last week, I wanted to read from another article by the Washington Post. This article is by Dana Milbank. He is a left wing. Not all Washington Post contributors are left wing. Some of them follow Donald Trump. But he is someone that I think has written many things worth listening to. From a position of being highly critical of Donald Trump and the right wing.

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But he put out an article that drew my attention this week. Because he took a break from his usual attacks on the right wing, and took a swipe at the left. He brings up this movement, the BDS movement. It's titled

BDS detours into old school antisemitism. He says this movement, *"which aims to boycott, divest and sanction Israel and those who do business there, has long walked a line between opposing Israel's treatment of Palestinians and fomenting hatred of Jews and Jewish culture. But now one of its affiliates has plunged headlong into outright antisemitic bigotry, conspiracy theories and implicit invitations to violence. Late Tuesday, Boston's arm of the loosely organized movement urged its followers, as it had several times before, to explore an interactive mapping project which it said would show how imperialism, racism, militarism and Zionism are systemically connected in our communities."* They say imperialism, racism and militarism remember what we discussed about the far left are systemically connected also with Zionism throughout US communities. He says, *"it does none of those things. It doesn't show how they're connected. The BDS promoting mapping project is the latest manifestation of an antisemitic canard alleging secret hidden Jewish control of, and the buying of influence over academia, the media, corporations, charities, law enforcement and more. The project is, as Representative Seth Moulton, a Democrat said, an antisemitic enemies list with a map attached. Its targets go beyond the usual Zionist groups to include the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, which covers liberal congregations opposed to Israel's treatment of Palestinians. The Jewish Community Relations Council, whose affiliated groups include Holocaust survivors and Jewish War veterans. The Jewish Arts Collaborative, the Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston and even J Street, a liberal Jewish inspired group avowedly opposing Israel's policies towards Palestinians. The creators of the map, a crazy collection of interconnecting colored dots, called the project a resource for gathering intelligence on the agents of oppression to form our own networks of resistance. We have shown physical addresses, named officers and leaders, the map says. These entities exist in the physical world and can be disrupted in the physical world. We hope people will use our maps to help figure out how to push back effectively. And how might they do that? It continues, we view US police on all levels as white supremacist colonial institutions that have no role in our communities. We support noncooperation community self defense and resistance in all its forms, he repeats. In all of its forms. I repeatedly contacted the Palestinian BDS National Committee, the closest thing to an umbrella organization for this movement, to ask about this implicit call to violence in all its forms, and received no reply. In the nearly two weeks it has known about the Boston map, the larger BDS has evidently offered no pushback. (The Boston chapter couldn't be reached for comment.) I contacted the Council on American Islamic Relations, too, a BDS supportive rights group with which I've worked to fight antimuslim bigotry, and was told this is not an issue we're dealing with at this time. Why not? Happily, some leaders on the left have stood against this approach. Representative Ayana Presley, a member of the progressive squad, said of the math: "it is not acceptable to target or make vulnerable Jewish institutions or organizations". I have spent much of recent years condemning the conspiracy theories, lies, hatred and violence on the right. But the battle will never be won if the left is going to adopt the same means. In terms of the sheer size of the threat, there's no parallel. Political violence on the right is far greater in both occurrences and lethality than on the left."*

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And he gives recent examples of which we are well aware. *"But there was also the man who, upset by the leaked draft of the Supreme Court opinion overturning Roe v. Wade, hatched a plot to kill Justice Brett Kavanaugh before turning himself in. There is no place in society for these acts, nor for rhetoric that motivates the unstable to do the terrible, nor is there a place for a BDS movement if it is going to use justified anger with Israel's policies to foment antisemitic conspiracy theories and to implicitly call for*

violence against agents of oppression, including Jewish entities. The mapping project is ludicrous in its attempt to implicate Jews. It includes JewishBoston, a publication of the combined Jewish philanthropies of Greater Boston because it, "pushes propaganda which glorifies Israel", such as JewishBoston helped promote The Taste of Israel 2022, which featured Boston area restaurants serving and promoting Israel's diverse culinary landscape. That's reportedly then promoting Jewish Israeli propaganda. The long list of groups systemically connected with supposed Zionist oppressors include the AFL CIO, Apple, Google, the Berlin Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute, the Boston Globe, the City of Boston, Democrats, Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, the FBI, the Harpoon Brewery, the Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Pfizer and Modern, an interminable collection of businesses, universities and police departments and seemingly every Jewish group under the sun. If the broader movement isn't willing to step in and condemn those among them fanning antisemitic conspiracy theories and violence against Jews, then BDS will become nothing more than rubbish."

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What he's highlighting and what he says is he has spent years targeting the right wing and he's not undoing any of that. But if the left wing is going to employ the same tactics, then nothing is ever going to get any better. It's specifically around the subject of antisemitism. And there is a need to see, as the article that was shared last week, why there was a Jewish state in the first place. This BDS movement has long been problematic. I will screen share to Twitter some of their most active supporters. Ilhan Omar. Big win for the BDS movement. Let's go. And one more tweet, just to make the point. This is from BDS's own Twitter page Rashida Tlaib, the second US congressperson to publicly endorse the BDS movement for Palestinian rights. Thank you, Rashida and Ilhan Omar for standing with us on the right side of history. We're part of a growing way for freedom, justice, and equality for all. I do not believe them. This is not what freedom, justice, and equality look like for all. And the narrow vision they are taking to that.

[00:42:29.690] - Tess

I am not going through all of this to bring racism back into the center of this movement's message. There is a reason that we need to see sexism as the Sunday Law test, the internal and external test. But when we address two streams of information in 2018, it's not possible to go into dissecting two streams of information without, as we immediately had to do, starting to war against conspiracy theories. And you cannot war against conspiracy theories without recognizing the open antisemitism that is the building blocks of almost all conspiracy theories, today, and for the last hundreds of years. We have to get this correctly. This intersects with foreign policy. But I'm hoping as we investigate this and dissect it, we can understand what this does to the subject of gender equality, LGBT equality.

[00:43:45.210] - Tess

Going back to June 2019. The same author, by the Washington Post. He has another article, and again he takes on the squad, specifically Rashida Tlaib. And he recognizes that she, more than any other, has been victimized by Trump's hateful tactics. And yet, he says, why is she then using his playbook against others? On August 1, Th laib announced that she had identified how Israel's occupation of Palestinian land really interacts with the treatment of black Americans. Cutting people off from water is violence, and they do it from Gaza to Detroit, she explained to the Democratic Socialists of America. The structures

we've been living under right now is designed by those who exploit the rest of us for their own profit on issues ranging from human rights to health care. Making a drape's parting gesture with her hands, she continued, if you open the curtain and look behind the curtain, it's the same people that make money, and yes, they do, off of racism. A vague "they" conspiring to "exploit the rest of us for their own profit from behind the curtain". These antisemitic tropes have been used against the Jews for generations. If that weren't clear enough played, let it be known that they operate both in Gaza and Detroit. And only Jews meet that description. Tlaib went on to say the exploiters made record profit during the pandemic. An antisemitic conspiracy theory popular on the web. Stunning pronounced Jonathan Greenblatt, head of the Anti Defamation League, and a former Obama White House official. We've heard this ugly antisemitic dog whistling before, but it's appalling when it comes from a member of Congress.

[00:45:38.770] - Tess

I want to mention a few things that BDS believes in. Some of what they believe in. If I was to suggest any readings to consider this, it is by ADL the Anti Defamation League. They put out an article last month, April 5, 2022. And the whole article is just listing the 2022 left wing candidates troubling rhetoric on Israel. It goes through the left wing candidates, and what they espouse on Israel, which the Anti Defamation League calls deeply troubling. The BDS movement is somewhat disorganized. They do that deliberately. But when looking into the views of like Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, what they have adhered to, what they've promoted in the past. I don't want to take this further for now, and if people have questions or comments, we can do that. Because we're going to come back around to these same subjects. As I said before, we're circling now. But they are not proposing a two state solution. I hope that we can see that. What they have said is that there should be deliberation of Palestine all the way to the sea.

[00:47:22.410] - Tess

What a key leader in the BDS movement has said explicitly when questioned is not a two state solution. They want the Israel as a nation dissolved. That is what is being proposed here. I don't think I'll go further into making that point now. I would come back around to studying conservatism. But I wanted us to add that to what was already discussed in the article shared last week. I shared two articles now. One is by the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. This last article discussing a significant stream within the left wing and their position with Israel, their focus on Israel. And I've wanted to add to that second article by taking the Atlantic article, which showed the antisemitism of the right wing and how horrific a problem it is today. Go back to Whoopi Goldberg's comments some months ago, and a segment of the left wing who don't believe that it's racism. Show why they are prophetically wrong. Then tied into the left wing, and specifically what are unfortunately called the squad. Because I'm going to put the squad in here too. If that isn't obvious by now, there are some problems with the Bernie Sanders faction.

[00:49:01.810] - Tess

Do we have any thoughts or comments so far? Josephine.

[00:49:16.410] - Josephine

In the article used the word one dimensional imperialism. Can you go over and explain it more in the context of what we're doing?

[00:49:42.290] - Tess

This was in the article shared last week?

[00:49:49.350] - Katherine

It in the article 'Singling out Israel'. But if I'm taking us away from the point you're trying to make, then we can put that on hold.

[00:50:11.270] - Tess

I probably don't want to go into too much with the articles because I want to combine them. Combine at the end to make a few points. I think I pulled it up. It's the good thing about having a PDF and word search. I found the spot that I think you're referring to. It begins, *"as important as these changes have been, however, a counterproductive tendency has also gained traction, one that can best be characterized as one dimensional anti imperialism. This is a selective and deeply essentialist perspective that in a curious inversion of Eurocentrism."* Instead of being Eurocentric, they've inverted that. *"They believe imperialism to be an exclusively western phenomenon that emanates inexorably from Western capitals."* And then it sees imperialism as the sole source of the world's ills. And obviously all of that has significant implications to when we say, as radical feminists, that gender is the deepest, oldest form of discrimination today. And when we talk about the extent of the ills it creates in the world. One of the excuses that China has used to deny or justify their Uighur genocide is the idea that they cannot be committing genocide. They cannot be racist, because they are not Western Europeans. They are not white in that context.

[00:51:58.580] - Tess

China has very deliberately used this exact argument saying imperialism is a western phenomenon. I think what this article is saying is that some members of the left agree with China. If I could use Max Blumenthal again. Max Blumenthal agrees with China, which is why he's incapable of condemning Assad, condemning China for genocide. If I use China as an example, does that make more sense Josephine?

[00:52:41.310] - Josephine

Now say that again about China.

[00:52:51.490] - Tess

The author of this article is saying that the factions of the left wing that we have been speaking about. And there are more than is what listed on the board by far. They see imperialism as the sole source of the world's ills and they see that imperialism, modern colonialism also as a purely Western phenomenon. The rest of the world is incapable of imperialism, is incapable of that behavior that they identify and condemn

in the west. China uses that. China has used as a defense, that because they have suffered colonialism in the past, that because some of their members have experienced racism in the past, they cannot be accused of being imperialistic today. They cannot be accused of committing genocide. And someone like Max Blumenthal, that is where he agrees with China, that's where he agrees with Russia, that's where he agrees with Syria. There's a lot of criticism for the imperialism of the west. But he comes to the point where he and many others actually deny the Uyghur genocide is taking place, has taken place. Does that make more sense? Josephine?

[00:54:28.640] - Josephine

Yes.

[00:54:30.250] - Tess

They're saying it is a purely western phenomenon. And they're saying that it's the sole source of the world ills. And that is the viewpoint of a heavy part of the left. Either to a large degree, or sometimes to smaller degrees.

[00:54:48.820] - Tess

They're going to condemn Israel, have this focus on Israel, because they see Israel's imperialism. I want to draw out when he says misogyny and patriarchy, other issues that they demote to secondary positions or ignore entirely. Especially misogyny. Where are they condemning misogyny? Because I think they should take a close look at the lives of Palestinian women, I have, and I didn't sleep well that night, or the nights that I continue to do so. But they don't have that focus. If we're following a prophetic message, we are unavoidably clashing with these elements of the left wing. And my problem is, as we are clashing within this movement, because that equality, that ideology has exhibited through the Bernie Sanders camp, through many of the social commentators today who speak about that. It's much more popular to speak about that. I think it's often very lazy journalism. It's easier to get people to see that 31 men are really bad news if you take it as a racial issue, rather than take the time to actually dissect why there were 31 men, and why they were at a pride rally, and deep homophobia. All of which relates to gender that intersects with that incident.

[00:56:51.790] - Tess

It's a mixture of laziness, but there's also a warped perspective. A warped perspective of issues that is the core issue that we're doing this entire exercise to see. That's why I shared the article two weeks ago by the UN Human Rights Commissioner, because he's making that point. Are human rights universal or not? Or are we saying that some universal human rights, some human rights are universal, and other human rights are culturally specific, culturally relative? And very few people on the left are willing to say that racial issues are culturally relative. It's a different story when it comes to gender. We're doing all of this to bring it back to gender. And why Hillary Clinton had to be the candidate in 2016. Why did it have to be Hillary Clinton? Because for Max Blumenthal, she is a neoconservative. He's adamant she is as bad news as George Bush. No better than George Bush. She's a neo conservative. For many within the left wing, they have more time for Steve Bannon than they have for Hillary Clinton. She's hated. Why did God

choose her? Why is she the embodiment of a 2016 test on equality? If people go down this route of the left wing, they come to a position where they are incapable of dissecting gender equality. When we get this close to the Sunday Law. We are close. And when we get this close to the Sunday Law and we can't sift the left wing, we might as well have fallen at 2016. We're not getting the point of gender equality. We're not getting the point of universal human rights in the context of gender equality. We need to see what is wrong with the left wing. Is that okay? Josephine.

[00:58:58.160] - Josephine

Yes. Thank you very much. You clarified a lot of things in my mind. I appreciate that very much.

[00:59:07.730] - Tess

Nancy Pelosi has had to fight the squad. And I think it's been too easy in the past to say the squad is fighting for equality. And then there's the centrists. And on some things, they're centrists. On some things, they're doing the wrong thing. Nancy Pelosi, Biden. But if people want to actually focus on the subject of gender equality, then it's a little more complex than that. And I would argue that the squad is doing nothing for gender equality today. Hillary Clinton was the answer prophetically. Are we following prophecy or are we following how we feel about these issues? Are we following what's popular on the left? Or are we being governed by prophetic message? I won't say more about the BDS movement or about that antisemitism today. But I would repeat again, they're not proposing a two state solution. What they are proposing is a dissolution of Israel as a country. And the article I shared illustrates why they think that is necessary. The imperialist project that they considered the state of Israel to actually be created upon, and whether or not they're recognizing that antisemitism is the issue, that it has been and exists today.

[01:00:30.450] - Tess

If we want to talk about racism as an issue in this history. Why do us conservatives in 1888 want to, not just institute a Sunday Law, but they want to change the US Constitution. Why the Constitution? Because a little group of American, probably mostly born and bred American Seventh-day Adventists were never the target in 1888. They need to change the Constitution because the Sunday Law will take care of the Jews and a change to the Constitution will take care of the Catholics. It's anti immigration. They're trying to protect their America, their cultural class from immigrant Jews and immigrant Irish Catholics. That's the story of 1888. You can see that racism play out all through that history. But we've come back to this for a reason. And we're not going to get to the point of gender unless we can see that in 2016, there's Hillary Clinton and there's Bernie Sanders. And he was never the solution. Not just him, but Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio Cortez. They were never the solution. In fact, when it comes to the left wing, they very quickly become part of the problem when we get this close to the Sunday Law. Greame.

[01:01:58.610] - Greame

It seems that with the example that you have given of the BDS movement or the far left wing, that you have identified that their antisemitism is these conspiracy theories. And conspiracy theories are a tool used by both the left wing and the right wing. And the way that they are being used, in particular to what we're studying, is to increase that gap of gender equality. Am I understanding that correctly?

[01:02:39.910] - Tess

Yes, if I'm understanding you correctly. I think the quote that Josephine brought us to, how they I understand the point of intersectionalism, and I will discuss intersectionalism, has to be properly defined and in its right context. I don't believe that that is always done correctly. But I do believe in intersectionalism. But there is a point why it was Hillary Clinton, the left. How many women have been abused, tortured, raped, killed in Assad's war, in Putin's war? What does Max Blumenthal have to say about that? Have a look into the lives of Palestinian women. It's not an easy story. It's also not easy to understand, because there's very little information, because it's not right in their culture and society to go to the police. It has to be dealt with in the home. A lot of it is deeply undercover. But where are the comments? It is reflective of their focus, the focus of their attention, what they think is the underscoring issue today. One dimensional, antiimperialism, a selective and deeply essentialist perspective that believes imperialism is an exclusively Western phenomenon and sees imperialism as the sole source of the world ills. Demotes other forms of oppression to a secondary position or ignores them entirely.

[01:04:26.900] - Tess

I think more often than not, once you start going to the left, it ignores them pretty much entirely. It's against this backdrop that the left's over attunement to Israel must be understood. It's not that we don't understand the needs of Palestinians, but you have to put it in context. You take that out of context. You take that everything that they have to say and their perspective on everything. And if you take that out and look at it in reality, it cannot line up with our prophetic message. It already clashes here 80/100 years ago. Is that okay? Greame?

[01:05:25.570] - Greame

Yes, that's good. Thank you.

[01:05:36.090] - Tess

Quoting ADL again, from their article on left wing candidates espousing troubling rhetoric on Israel. They say as a conclusion, and I would encourage us to actually read what they're highlighting. The suggestion that the Jewish state should not exist, a call nearly never directed at any other country, is often an outcome of the white supremacist allegation. Intimating that Israel should not exist would be threatening to any community. Any community that you tell should not exist. But it's deeply unsettling to the majority of American Jews who are reminded of the annihilationist goals of Iran, Hezbollah, and Hamas, and who hear echoes of centuries old calls for the expulsion of Jews from locals across the globe. There is this consistent not calling for a two state solution. They're calling for the end of the Jewish state in its entirety. And if we think that is equatable, that the sins of Israel can be compared to some of the things occurring in other communities. Then I suggest we go back and we read what Iran has said about Israel, what Hezbollah has said about Israel, what Hamas has said about Israel and about Jews. You want to dissolve any protections for that country, then I'm sorry, you're going to experience another 6 million deaths.

[01:07:02.730] - Tess

That's the reality of what would take place. I think it's an incredible amount of ignorance. Bigotry and racism and do exist in ignorance. Millions of people, the vast majority of the left wing recognizes that racism can exist through ignorance. There is no excuse for ignorance on antisemitism. Again, this isn't to make antisemitism the core point of our prophetic message. It's not. But **these people are incapable of dealing with sexism and gender equality worldwide today, because of this issues that they have.** We only have a few minutes left and no other hands up. I won't go further into paleo conservatism or neoconservatism today. **I will remind us that the reason that this faction of the left wing comes into agreement with the very portion of the right wing that is forming the Sunday Law.** You want to go to Steve Bannon, you want to go to Tucker Carlson. The right wing voices that are driving us towards the Sunday Law. Those voices are where this faction of the left wing comes into agreement with. They unify. Why this faction of the right wing? It's because they are anti imperialist and they are isolationist.

[01:08:48.950] - Tess

And anti imperialism and isolationism aren't that dissimilar. They're different in their motivations. This hating US imperialism because they believe it's the deepest and sole source of the world today. And this isolationist, because USA glorious land. What they do is the following they see the United States and what are we supposed to do? For example, when we take the United States and Russia. I have said in the past. It's like a globe. There's a north pole and there's a south pole. There's a king of the north and there's a king of the south. And the north pole and the south pole look the same. So Donald Trump looks like Vladimir Putin. Same thing. King of the north, king of the south. United States, Russia, same. Compare. But that's one application. Then you have the United States equals the glorious land. You can't say that about Russia. What's different? This is a compare, this is a contrast. And that's something that these don't do. Erased it. The right wing doesn't do. Neither of them are able to correctly compare and contrast. This side can compare the United States with Russia. That faction of the left wing says the United States is no better than Vladimir Putin.

[01:10:32.500] - Tess

The United States is no better than Assad. In fact, Assad looks really good compared to this imperialistic west. It's no better than China. They do all this comparing. Bernie Sanders stands up in Congress and says you want to attack Russian oligarchs? USA has oligarchs. Maybe while you're complaining about all the corruption of Russian oligarchs. Maybe Congress should condemn the United States oligarchs. He makes good use of the comparison. But what happens when he doesn't contrast? What happens is a whole lot of Bernie Sanders supporters think that's interesting, because we know Russian oligarchs kill people. We know Russian oligarchs operate in a deep state with Vladimir Putin. We know that Russian oligarchs control the media. Wait a minute. The Washington Post is owned by a US oligarch. Wait a minute. If Russian oligarchs are like USA oligarchs, maybe there's a deep state. And what happens, is an in existence real life pipeline between Bernie Sanders supporters and QAnon. How does that happen? Compare and don't contrast. USA has a problem with billionaires. I don't like Elon Musk's work much either, but there is a contrast between Elon Musk and a Russian oligarch.

[01:11:59.240] - Tess

A trail of dead bodies is one of them. But he can compare. He cannot contrast. And what that sets up the left to do, is major issues with foreign policy. But when you bring it down to gender, they are incapable of addressing worldwide sexism, especially when the Sunday Law needs to come down to the deepest level of culture. Cultures worldwide no exception. Tucker Carlson is going to contrast. United States, rubbish countries. Rest of the world, let them fight it out and kill each other. Don't care. What did Donald Trump say about the sand and dirt of the Middle East? USA glorious. Can't do anything wrong. It's all contrast. I've spent a lot of time comparing the United States to these places, because there's been a lot of nationalism that had to be dealt with, late 2018 and 2019. I do not take back what has been taught. But if you don't contrast, if you think that the Russian oligarchs are the same as Elon Musk, what you have is a left wing to QAnon pipeline. All of that impacts how we see gender equality today. Ray.

[01:13:28.410] - Raymond

I'm really sorry. I should have written down my question because I've forgotten it.

[01:13:34.050] - Tess

That's fine. It might come back to you. I'll make one last point, one last example. George Bush recently had of a slip of the tongue, when he talked about the terrific illegal invasion of a sovereign country, Iraq. He meant to say Ukraine, and he said Iraq. Deep in his brain, he must have been thinking about his own 2003 problematic history. And it's so easy to jump on that, and say, he's responsible for the same as Vladimir Putin. What Vladimir Putin is doing in Ukraine, George Bush is doing in Iraq. That's good as a comparison, but we should not forget to contrast. Josephine. And then I'll come back to that point. I need to correct my thoughts.

[01:15:05.390] - Katherine

I was going to say something about Steve Bannon and the culture war he is fighting. When he was running the campaign for Donald Trump. And that's what the left is doing. They're actually fighting culture war, is that correct or wrong?

[01:15:32.430] - Tess

Yes, there is this culture war, but the left wing is not all of this. There are many voices in the left fighting them. One that I think wrote a really good article this last week because he's been fighting with the Gray Zone. In the New Statesman. I don't have a subscription with them, but they do give a few free articles, so I was able to open it. It's written by Paul Mason titled 'Empower the People to Win the War on Disinformation'. *"The left should champion state and community action to challenge the lives of its own pro Kremlin fringe."* Paul Mason is quite left wing. He's fighting the Gray Zone right now over their support for the Kremlin. This isn't all of the left wing, but there is this culture war. I'm hoping that going into this doesn't over complicate it to people. The left wing still has the answer. It has the point of equality, but that equality has to be understood correctly. First of all, recognizing where inequality exists. Is that okay, Josephine?

[01:16:45.910] - Katherine

Yeah, that's good. Thank you.

[01:16:48.610] - Tess

I don't want us to think this is all the left wing. It's certainly not. Paul Mason wrote a good article on the left wing disinformation and the Kremlin. I bringing it back to the Iraq War. Saddam Hussein, he takes over Iraq. He sits in a room about of about 100 members of his own Ba'athist political party are in this room with him. And he starts recounting a story of a conspiracy that he believes exists within his own political party, to oust him from power. He starts railing against his political party. He then has dragged to the front of the room a man who has quite evidently been tortured to within an inch of his life. And this tortured man starts to call out in the room alleging that this conspiracy against Saddam Hussein was true. And then calls out names of members of the Ba'athist Party who were supposedly part of this conspiracy to oust Saddam Hussein. Whether or not there was such a plan to oust him from leadership or not. As he calls out their names, one by one, people come in. Soldiers grab the man he calls out and drag that man outside.

[01:18:19.030] - Tess

He keeps calling out names till about 50 of the 100 party members have been removed from the room. By that stage, the last 50 are desperate. They're shouting from their seats support for Saddam Hussein, begging him to believe them that they support him. That they would never try and oust him. Fearful that their name will be the next on the lips. Saddam Hussein says, Okay, you want to support me? Prove it. He then has soldiers come in and hand guns to those 50 remaining members and say. If you are going to support me, you go outside and you shoot and kill all of the members of your political party that I had dragged out. And he made them do that. They could have chosen not to. They would have, I'm sure, been murdered as well if they hadn't. That is not Ukraine, and that is not making a racist point, that an Iraqi is not equal. Life is not equal to Ukraine's citizen, or that the United States did the right thing in Iraq. It did not. But if you don't contrast... Am I sad he's gone from power?

[01:19:34.710] - Tess

No. But Saddam Hussein is not Zelensky, and Zelensky is not perfect. We have to compare and we also have to contrast. What the United States did was wrong. I do believe that what was motivating the United States is not the same thing as what is motivating Vladimir Putin. What is motivating Vladimir Putin is not the same thing that motivated George Bush. Also, Vladimir Putin is still in power, and George Bush is not, another contrast. George Bush has faced much criticism from his country, and those citizens who have criticized him are not rotting in jail cells. Vladimir Putin's is. You have to compare and contrast. If you're going to say the United States is the same as Russia and Iraq is the same as Ukraine, you have to compare and you have to contrast. That does not leave you nationalistic. That does not leave you justifying the United States mistakes, but it puts things into a perspective where you can then step in and handle the subject of gender equality correctly. Afghanistan is another example. I know I'm handling

deeply painful, sensitive topics. And I am conscious of the deep danger of being misunderstood, and I don't want it to be misunderstood.

[01:21:02.930] - Tess

I really don't want to be misunderstood. I'm hoping that you can give me the benefit of the doubt, if you think I'm saying something that is deeply problematic. But to step back and adhere to our own prophetic rules. Compare and contrast. Understand the test that gender is today. And I can keep repeating myself, gender is the test, gender is the test, gender is the test. Hillary Clinton was the candidate. Hillary Clinton was the solution. I can keep repeating that, but it's not a fact on its own. It's a fact with evidence to back it up. And it's a fact that, properly understood, has deep implications to our entire worldview. It's not accepting it as a fact. It's understanding why it is that way. Why gender is the test. Not that it is. But why it is. Why Hillary Clinton was the solution. Not that she was the solution, but why she was. Not that she's a woman. You could not have put Ilhan Omar in that position in 2016 and have said the same thing. God knows why I identified her. We'll come back we'll come back around to this next week. If you kneel with me, we'll close in prayer. Next week. I want to get back to the conservatives, paleo conservatism and what paleoconservativeism means, and where it came from. If you'll kneel with me.

[01:22:47.310] - Tess

Dear Lord. Sometimes it feels like we're delving into the darkness. These subjects are painful. They are horrific. The suffering on this planet is horrific. That so much of the suffering of women occurs behind closed doors, is silenced, is shamed, is seen as private, a family matter or culturally relative. I pray, as we investigate these subjects that we will be prepared for the Sunday Law. Where it conflicts with thinking that has perhaps developed over many years or over the last few years. That we will get better at sifting material, that we will take care that we handle external events, the whole external world, but also internally. The way we relate to women in this movement. The way we relate to gender issues. All these subjects within this movement, how we relate to cultural practices within this movement, that we will do them in light of a prophetic message. That we might be prepared as a movement, as a group for a new kingdom. To leave that behind which conflicts with your government. I pray Lord, that you'll help to do that with unity as a group supporting one another. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.