

Pompeo sees 'Lord at work' as Trump is saving the Jews from Iran



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. (Hadas Parush/Flash90)

The U.S. secretary of state commented to a Christian media outlet that he sees his nation's support for the Jewish state as potentially divinely inspired.

During a recent visit to Israel, Mike Pompeo spoke with the *Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN)*, weighing in on the U.S.' role in the Middle East and the Trump administration's strategy.

CBN's Middle East Bureau Chief Chris Mitchell posited to Pompeo during an exclusive interview, "Could it be that President Trump right now has been sort of raised for such a time as this, just like Queen Esther, to help save the Jewish people from the Iranian menace?"

Mitchell's question referenced the Biblical epoch commemorated by the Purim holiday, during which a Persian ruler and his adviser plotted to exterminate the Jewish people. Mitchell appeared to compare Purim's hero, Queen Esther, to Trump, alluding to the present-day designs of Iran to destroy Israel.

In response, Pompeo said, "As a Christian, I certainly believe that's possible," lauding "the work that our administration's done to make sure that this democracy in the Middle East, that this Jewish state, remain."

Pompeo said he is "confident that the Lord is at work here," issuing the comments during the same week as the Purim holiday and Trump's announcement that the U.S. recognizes Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

During his Jerusalem stop, Pompeo visited the Western Wall with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The secretary of state also commented on Trump's as-yet unreleased "deal of the century" peace plan, noting, "I've seen the details of the plan as it stands now. I'm sure there'll be things moved just a bit as time goes on, but evangelicals of the world should know that this is a vision for what might ultimately lead to the resolution of this conflict."

"I think this plan presents a vision that doesn't sacrifice any of the core principles, frankly, of any of the faiths," he told *CBN*.

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