It has recently been revealed that General Merrill McPeak, appointed military advisor to US Presidential candidate Barack Obama, blames American Jewry and Evangelical Christianity for the failures of the Middle East peace process. Obama's campaign has been marred by a series of damaging revelations, in which advisors close to Obama have been found to espouse anti-Semitic views and support of radical extremist organizations. One such individual is Obama's former pastor, the very un-reverend Jeremiah Wright. On the Sunday following the September 11th attacks, Wright announced from his pulpit that US Foreign Policy was to blame for the deaths of over 3000 people who lost their lives that day. Wright's church newspaper has published articles written by Hamas leaders which compare the terrorist organization's charter, calling for the liberation of 'all Palestine' through violent means, to the American Declaration of Independence. The articles defended suicide bombings and rocket attacks on Israeli civilians as legitimate acts of resistance supported under the Fourth Geneva Convention. Obama has publicly distanced himself from his former pastor, and claims not to have been present when the above incidents occurred. But even Wright admitted in an interview in February of last year that Obama may have to leave his church for a time so as not to harm his chances at running for the presidency.

Quote: *"I just shared with, I was trying to remember who it is, somebody in public life was asking me about Barack, and I said listen, Barack might be* ***forced by the media*** *and/or by supporters to be very absent from this church and to put distance between our church and himself. As a politician, he might be forced into that. I have not talked to him about that at all. It's just that my read just of the blogs and what the right-Christian-wing leaders have said about him being a part of our church over past three months says this is — you think it's ugly now, it's going to get worse, it's going to get much worse. For survival's sake, as a politician he just might have to not — not that I love you less, I love me more. I'll never get elected as long as they keep harping on this. And that's — again, I haven't talked to him about that at all.*

It makes one wonder exactly what Barack Obama believes. And now the man who has been chosen to be Barack Obama's military advisor has been found to hold anti-Semitic views, blaming American Jewry and its influence on US Foreign Policy for the failures in the Middle East, instead of putting the blame on those who are perpetrating and sponsoring terrorist acts. General McPeak has also criticized born-again Christians , saying they are actively seeking to bring about Armageddon in the Middle East in order to hasten the return of Jesus Christ...

Quote: *"In a 2003 interview with The Oregonian, McPeak intimated that American Jews control the country's Middle East policy. The general also claimed that Jews and Christian Zionists manipulate U.S. policy in Iraq. "Let's say that one of your abiding concerns is the security of Israel as opposed to a purely American self-interest. Then it would make sense to build a dozen or so bases in Iraq," the general said. "Let's say you are a born-again Christian and you think that Armageddon and the rapture are about to happen any minute, and what you want to do is retrace steps you think are laid out in Revelations, then it makes sense," he said.*

There does seem to be a hint of anti-Semitism in McPeak's views. First of all, without giving any justifiable reason for his statement, McPeak infers that seeking Israel's security is opposed to America's self-interest. In reality it is in America's interests to seek Israel's security. Israel leads the world in the fields of medicine, science and technology. Israel is a thriving democracy in the midst of a sea of tyrannical regimes that seek to control their people through fear and intimidation. Israel has a free press, unlike most of the nations surrounding it. Israel now has one of the most advanced airforces in the world. Israel's army has been fighting the war on terror for the past 60 years, whereas America is only now beginning to realize the scope of the threat now posed by Islamic extremism. It is in America's best interests that Israel survives. If Israel loses the war on terror, we all lose it. Secondly, McPeak seems to infer that the existence of the state of Israel is the prime cause of conflict in the Middle East. In reality it is Islamic extremism that is causing the instability, and not only in the Middle East but throughout the entire world (Genesis 16:12). The Jewish state has a religious (Leviticus 25:23), historical and legal right (Genesis 23:16-18, Jeremiah 32:8) to possess the land. The Jewish people have more right to the land of Israel than the United States will ever have to the North American continent. Thirdly, McPeak suggests that American Jewry and their influence on US foreign policy is to blame for the problems the country is experiencing in the Middle East. It beggars belief that a tiny group of Jews, not numbering more than 6 million people, can be blamed for the ills of an entire country numbering over 250 million people. That a tiny group of law-abiding citizens can dictate the foreign policy of the US government! It beggars belief because it is simply not true. McPeak's opinions would have found a welcome home in Nazi Germany, and still do in many parts of the Arab world. Added to this tirade of anti-Semitism, McPeak claims that evangelical Christians are bent on bringing about Armageddon, just so they can hasten the rapture and the return Jesus Christ. Just as Jews were blamed for the burning of the Reichstag prior to the Second World War, so perhaps Christians will receive the blame for the outbreak of the battle of Megiddo during the tribulation period. In reality, McPeak ignores the fact that what was prophesied in the Bible will, and is, coming to pass just as God has said, and there is absolutely nothing anybody can do to hasten or delay its fulfilment. McPeak is ignorant of the truth of Scripture, and that is revealed through his statements in this interview. The fact that the events spoken of in the Bible are now coming to pass, and that many Christians are attesting to this fact, is not because we have willed it so, but because these things must shortly come to pass (Revelation 1:1). Abraham attempted to fulfill God's prophecies before their time, and that is what got us into this mess in the first place (Genesis 16:3-4). But it seems that McPeak's views will continue to be propagated throughout the world as we draw nearer to the time of Christ's return. During the tribulation period, the Bible states that the Antichrist will make war with the saints, and seek to destroy the power of the holy people (Daniel 7:21, Revelation

12:17, 13:7). And he will be given that authority for three and half years. But Jesus Christ is coming back. We are living in the last days. The events foretold in the Bible over 2000 years ago are now beginning to come to pass. If Jesus Christ came today, would you be ready to meet Him? Have your sins been forgiven? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.

Revelation 22:7, 12, 20
Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book... And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be... He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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