

NAFTALI BENNETT

INAUGURATION SPEECH

At the Knesset in Jerusalem, Israel

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'When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our Enemies heard that I had rebuilt the Wall and not a gap was left, though to that time I had not yet installed the Doors in the Gates, Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono. But they were planning to harm me.' - Nehemiah 6:1-2

The purpose of this study is to 1st provide the official released Inauguration Speech of Israel's new Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett. The 2nd purpose is to analyze key Prophetic Inferences related to the Last Days that are pertinent from the Speech in light of a Christian Perspective and Interpretation of World Events and Israel's coming 70th Week for Years. It is very interesting how when such National Events occur and the occasion is for a Transition of Government, for example, that such People invoke the Name of GOD, in this case, the GOD of Israel, YHVH. Bennett ended his speech with a Prayer to 'Our Heavenly Father, the Rock and Redeemer of Israel'. It is very interesting as it echoes the Triune Nature of YHVH being, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

If one knows and has read the Gospel Accounts of Jesus, it is striking how at the account of the Resurrection of Jesus, Mary Magdalene sought to locate the Body of Jesus. Why? She came to the Garden Tomb and found that the Stone that had sealed the Tomb was rolled away. There were no Roman Centurions guarding it nor the Body of Jesus there to be found. Then upon thinking that Jesus, who appears to Mary was a 'Gardener', Jesus uttered the words that epitomized His Mission to Earth. 'Now I go to My Father, Your Father. My GOD, Your God.' Before this Day of Resurrection, this was impossible for all of the Human Race to say or enter into. It speaks of how YHVH wanted a Nation, Israel, not only Israel but all the Nations on Planet Earth to enter into the same Covenant with the only true GOD, YHVH.

And it is in keeping with how Jesus admonished the Religious Leaders of Israel that He had to bring-in 'Other Sheep' into the Fold. This Fold was obviously known to the Jews as a Euphemism for Israel. However, they also knew that at some point in time, the Gentiles would be Grafted-In as well. This did not sit well with the Religious Jews but suffice to say that during the Church Age, this is exactly what had been created by the Work of Jesus, the Body of Christ, the New Creation, etc. In light of the prior Muslim Attacks against Israel against the entire Israeli Civilian Population, one thing the Israelis could count on was in Netanyahu's Protection. For the past 12 Years, relatively speaking in comparison to the Café/Pizza Bombings, Bus Suicide-Bomber Explosions, etc., Israel has enjoyed the longest span of Economic and Political Stability.

Need to Listen to whom?

This Era occurred under Netanyahu's and because of his Policies for a total 15-Year Rule. It is true that Netanyahu has, up to now, served as Israel's Longest Serving Prime Minister in Israel's Modern History. It is rather ironic that during this Time of Crisis and Need, a 'Conspiracy' in its literal definition occurred to oust Netanyahu. Many see this Political Parallel of what has happened to Bibi as it did to Trump in the USA. It was a Fall from Grace for only trying to 'Make Israel Great Again'. It seems both countries and Peoples are 'Joined at the Hip', as they say but in more ways than one. There is an Economic, Religious/Biblical, Social and Political Entanglement that has now seen both take their Nations down the path of Center-Left Liberalism.

One Key Theme of Bennett's Speech was how the Jews, 'Do not Listen'. In his Inaugural Speech, Bennett, interestingly referenced the cause for the Destruction of the 1st and 2nd Temples. Bennett essentially blamed his fellow Jews for 'Not Listening' and not coming together to Compromise. But with what and with whom? However, if the attitude and comporment of the Knesset was and is any indication of how the Jews did not want to listen to Bennett, it proved his point. In fact, this was and is YHVH's complaint against the Jews then as now. The Jews who lived just prior to the Babylonian Captivity and the Destruction of the 1st Temple did not listen to YHVH's Warning nor His Prophets.

This also occurred at the 2nd Temple's Demise. Then, during Jesus' Ministry, the Jews did not listen to His Warnings nor YHVH's. How much less are they now? The Jews of the Knesset did not want to listen to a mere Prime Minister. This was the case with Jesus. But there will be one 'Who comes in His own Name'. It is he, the False Messiah AntiChrist that the Religious Jews will Listen to. In contrast, in the case of Jesus, they saw how He performed Miraculous Signs and Wonders. However, they did not persuade the Ruling Council or the 'Knesset' of that Day that such Signs Authenticated Jesus as the True Messiah.

They knew that it was foretold that the Sign of the Messiah would be accompanied by Miracles never before seen. The Blind received Sight. The Lame Walked. The Lepers were Cleansed. And the Jubilee Year was Proclaimed. etc. Yet, it was the very Practice, the Works of Sorcery and Witchcraft that the Jewish Religious Council condemned Jesus of doing of which they themselves were practicing through their Kabbalistic Rituals and Sacrifices, albeit in the Dark as it is even now. Fast-forward to 2021, and the Jews of the Knesset still will not listen to Bennett, Jesus, nor YHVH.

Nonetheless, Bennett has now sat down with Israel's Enemies, the Muslims and has Conspired with others to form a Coalition Government. This attempt at formulating a Majority Party Coalition was the 4th one in less than a 2-Year period. He will compromise Israel, as that is what is at stake. Why? According to Bennett, 'Progress' that would end, once and for all the Palestinian Conflict could never be achieved because there was a 'Lack of Dialog and Compromise'. This is where Israel is at Prophetically; once again seeking 'Treaties' with Israel's Enemies.

It is a Set-up

Essentially, this will now pave the way for the coming AntiChrist to be accepted by Israel's Leaders as they make a 'Covenant with Death' for 'compromising' with YHVH's Commandments, etc. And it is a 'Set-Up' for making a 'Deal with the Devil'. Bennett blamed the Jews for not 'Listening' then and now. He believes that the Constant Struggle between the Muslim Palestinians will continue so long as Israel exerts her Right to the Land. He erroneously believes that by appeasing the Palestinians and the Muslims as he 'Listens' to them, they will Benevolently Reciprocate with 'Peace and Security. Such Naivety. One could argue the case from the Old Testament Books of Ezekiel and Jeremiah alone that whenever Israel's Leaders 'did what was right in their own minds,'. The outcome was not 'Peace and Safety'.

The Jewish Diasporas, twice now speak of YHVH's Contempt and Judgment for a People who have lost their way and Covenant. And of a People that 'Do not Listen'. This is the Reason for Daniel's 70th Week of Years. YHVH will make sure Israel and the World will 'Listen' then. However, the Error that will come and has always come and occurred is that the Enemies of Israel, and of YHVH's People is that they are deceptive. Their ultimate aim is to take over the Land, Blessing and Birth Right. This occurred right from the start as Joshua took the mantle of conquering the Promised Land.

There were several Native Tribes that deceptively made a 'Peace Treaty' with Israel by way of Joshua that then YHVH had to honor. There was no Consultation and the Divine Directive of using Israel as an 'Instrument of Judgment' against such Wicked Tribes for the many Sins the Canaanites were committing was compromised. Then when the 70 Years were expired and the Babylonian Captivity was over, the Jews were sent back. Only 1 Tribe was left, Judah along with Remnants of Benjamin, the same issue occurred. How so?

When Ezra and Nehemiah took charge, the effort to rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem and then the Temple were Stifled and Delayed by the Political Coalition of some Jews entering into a League with the Local Population and some Arabs. This was called-out by YHVH as He forbade any Worldly or Political Association directly dealing with the building-up of Jerusalem, the Temple or the Settlements. The issues then, are the same now. Now, the latest Prime Minister seeks to go back to this model of 'Negotiate and Compromise' Israel's Right, out of Existence. Why? It is because he believes he 'needs to Listen to the People and talk to his Enemies'. But he is not Listening to the right People or GOD even.

Historically, consider how the 'Palestinians' Muslims refused to have a 'State of Palestine', at the cost of making sure the State of Israel would not be 'Born' but 'Aborted' through their attempts at destroying it Militarily. This was the War of Independence as Israel took the offer of the UN Partition Plan and declared their State. To the likes of Bennett, they see this Current Struggle between the Jews and Arabs as an 'Ancient Race War', which it is. But he, like his many prior Liberal Predecessors, Prime Ministers think they can 'Negotiate and Compromise' with their Enemies', the Muslims, the Palestinians.

Changing of the Guard

And at every Time-Marker since Israel became a State in 1948, this Erroneous Political Strategy has only left Israel more Vulnerable and Insecure. What will happen is that the Jews will realize just how 'good' they really had it with Netanyahu, relatively speaking although not all decisions made have been the best. Example? The Mandated Vaccination Program and Green Passport implementation that has coerced most to have to obtain the Dangerous Experimental Gene-Therapy Injections.

The Goal of Israel's Enemy's, the various Para-Military Islamic Factions will not be changing their Manifestos. Now that they are part of the ruling Party Coalition and Government. Again, the same Political Parallel exists in the USA. You have the 'Jihad Squad' elected to Congress that seeks to overturn America's support for Israel. It will only make it easier for them as it will be with Biden in the USA for the purpose of imploding such Nations. Why? It has to do with what Jesus said would happen in the Last Days. However, this has been made easier and possible as Jesus has sent the Comforter to be Faithful and Obedient.

But true to the Sinful and Fallen Nature of Humanity, the Jews are like any other People. However, they are Special in that they bear the Responsibility as they were given more, the Scriptures; YHVH requires more. Not that Netanyahu is being compared to Jesus but many have called him 'The King of the Jews' only in a Political sense due to his holding Power for so long. He did provide Leadership, undoubtedly and his Tenure saw Israel become the 8th most powerful Nation on the planet, because of his Policies, etc. He made for a stable Government in Israel, aside from the only other real Stabilizer, which has been the Military, the IDF.

But instead, former Allies like incoming Prime Minister Naftali Bennett brought him down. The 'Conspirators' or the Coalition Government thinks that now, perhaps Israel has Turned a Corner, as they say and it is now entering the era of 'A New Israeli Republic'. It will really be in tandem with the New 'Jew' Order. Perhaps but this Generation of Israelis, of Jews are then going to learn the hard way, the same Failed Lessons of the Left for 'Coming together with Israel's Enemies to Talk and Compromise'. The following is the entire Inauguration Speech of the in-coming Israeli Prime Minister given at the Knesset on June 13, 2021. It was released by his Office. Certain portions will be highlighted and capitalized. Numbers 1-10 will be numerated for emphasis.

H.E. President Reuven Rivlin; President-elect Isaac Herzog; Mr. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; President of the Supreme Court, Justice Esther Hayat; Speaker of the Knesset Yariv Levin; my Partner in forming the Unity Government, Member of Knesset Yair Lapid, and his wife Lihi; Ministers of the Outgoing Government; Ministers of the Incoming Government; Members of Knesset; Honored Guests.

I want to begin my words by saying, on my own behalf, and in the Name of the Members of the Designated Government, in the Name of this House, and in the Name of all the Citizens of Israel – Thank You.

Thank you to the Outgoing Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, for your many Years of Service, replete with achievements, for the sake of the State of Israel. As Prime Minister you acted throughout many Years to embolden Israel's Political, Security, and Economic Strength.

I saw you from up-close, in extensive Security Deliberations, late into the night, investigating, making inquiries and considerations out of a sense of grave responsibility. Benjamin and Sara Netanyahu, over the Years, we have not always agreed, but we have both sacrificed much on a personal level in order to serve our People, the People of Israel. Expressing gratitude is a fundamental principle in Judaism. This is the time for the People to say to you, Thank You.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the Tenth President of the State of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, for his Years as President, as Speaker of the Knesset, and as a Public Servant. And to congratulate President-Elect, Isaac Herzog, and wish him much success. God willing, we will work together very well.

*Honored Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a Special Moment. **The moment in which the Baton of leading the People and the country passes – as in a Relay Race – to the Next Generation. It is a Sacred Endowment.***

The State of Israel is not 'just another country'. It is the Dream of Generations of Jews – from Marrakesh to Budapest, from Bagdad to San Francisco – a Dream we merited to see realized every Day before our very Eyes. Each Generation has its own challenges, and out of each Generation comes the Leaders that can overcome them.

The External Challenges we face are great: the Iranian Nuclear Project, which is moving towards a crucial point; the ongoing War on Terror; Israel's Image in the World and the unfair treatment it receives in International Institutions – these are all sizable and complex tasks.

*At this time, we are also facing an Internal Challenge. **The ongoing rift in the Nation, as we see in these very moments, which continues to rip apart the seams that hold us together and has thrown us – one Election after another – into a maelstrom of hatred and in-fighting.***

Such quarrels, between the People who are supposed to be running the country, led to paralysis. One who quarrels, cannot function. **And so, Israel ceased to be managed: a lack of governance** in the Negev and loss of the South for 12 years, riots in Mixed Cities, the lack of State Budget, the terrible disaster in Meron.

Dear Friends, in the Guest Gallery today, sits Maya Moreno, widow of my friend, Lieutenant Colonel Emmanuel Moreno, of Blessed Memory. At every important juncture of my life, I think of Emmanuel. The intensity of his Devotion and Sense of Mission guides us.

Friends, as the Jewish People tend to be People with Opinions... and as we see here, the Parliament of the Jewish State, is a Parliament of Opinions, and anyone who has ever seen a pair of Students studying Talmud together, or a heated Debate about a product in the office corridors of an Israeli Start-Up, understands the force for good of 'Disputes for the sake of Heaven'.

But there are points in Jewish History in which the Disagreements between us have gone out of control, in which they were no longer 'Disputes for the sake of Heaven', times in which they threatened us, and all that we have built with our Sweat and Blood.

Twice in History, we have lost our National Home precisely because the Leaders of the Generation were not able to sit with one and another and compromise. Each was right, yet with all their being right, they burnt the House [Temple] down on top of us. I am proud of the ability to sit together with People with very different views from my own.

This time, at the decisive moment, **we have taken responsibility.** We understood that we have to safeguard our Home. **To continue on in this way – more Elections, more Hatred,** more Vitriolic Posts on Facebook – is just not an option.

Therefore, we stopped the Train, a moment before it barreled into the Abyss. And I want to thank my Friend, Foreign Minister-Designate, MK Yair Lapid, who showed National Responsibility, Political Generosity, and without whom we would not be here today.

The time has come for different Leaders, from all parts of the People, to stop, to stop this Madness.

The Government that will be formed represents many of Israel's Citizens: from Ofra to Tel Aviv, from Rahat to Kiryat Shmona. Precisely here lies the opportunity. **Our Principle is, we will sit together, and we will forge forward on that which we agree –** and there is much we agree on, Transport, Education and so on, and what separates us we will leave to the side.

To the Citizens of Israel, I say: this is a Sensitive Moment, of Political Change. I call on all, to demonstrate Maturity and Restraint.

*The New Government will be a Government which strives for real, practical solutions, to the problems faced by the country and its Citizens. The Work-Plan which we are presenting today is the most detailed in years. **We have come to work. To remove the barriers, to free up the jams, and to turn our country into what it can be.***

The following, are some of the things the Government will promote immediately:

We will take responsibility for the Education of Israeli Children from birth. The most Formative Years. As a first step, we will transfer responsibility for Infant Daycare to the Ministry of Education.

We will enable many Ultra-Orthodox Youth to go out to work by lowering the (National Service) Exemption Age from 24 to 21. Not by force, but by Positive Encouragement, allowing Young People who want to learn a Vocation to be able to, and those who want to study Torah will continue to do so.

We will close with immediate effect the Ministry of Digital Affairs, the Ministry for Water, the Ministry for Communal Advancement, and the Ministry for Strategic Affairs.

Foreign Minister-Designate and Alternate Prime Minister-Designate, Yair Lapid, will lead a process to rehabilitate the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is a fundamental tool for building Israel's Political Strength.

*Finance Minister-Designate Avigdor Lieberman, will lead a plan by which we will return to work those who lost their Employment due to COVID-19. **We will bring in as many People as possible in the High-Tech Industry, where there are higher Salaries, by setting a national target of raising the number of High-Tech Workers to 15% of the Workforce by 2026.***

We will reduce Superfluous Regulation and Frustrating Bureaucracy, and we will work for Citizen-Friendly Government Services, as in Singapore among other countries – without paperwork, without queues.

We will make life easier for Independent Workers and Small Business Owners, including through Unemployment Benefits. We will increase Income Support for the Elderly to 70% of the Minimum Wage.

We will open up competition in Kashrut (Kosher Certification) and set Standards for the System. This will lighten the burden on Restaurant Owners, ending the stranglehold Monopoly in this area, bringing down the Cost of Food, and strengthening the Public's Faith in the level of Kashrut.

Justice Minister-Designate Gideon Sa'ar will lead a process to create an appropriate balance between the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Branches of Government, whereby his initiative to split the role of the Attorney General is a significant first step.

We will – finally – promote a National Plan for the North of Israel, including establishing a Hospital and a University in the Galilee. Defense Minister Benny Gantz will lead a process to significantly strengthen and build up the IDF through a multi-year plan, which will include significant investment in Offensive and Defensive Capabilities.

We must invest because the threats will not leave us.

Our Soldiers deserve the best and most Advanced Equipment in the World.

We will work to upgrade Israel's Public Transport System, led by Transport Minister-Designate Merav Michaeli.

We will strengthen the building of Communities across the Land of Israel.

We will ensure Israel's National Interests in Area C – and we will increase Standards to that end after much neglect in this area.

*And yes, my Friends, we will open a new page in the relations between the State of Israel and the country's Arab citizens. **The Arab community will be represented in the coalition by Mansour Abbas and his party.***

This is a process that I must give credit to Prime Minister Netanyahu who held a groundbreaking series of meetings with Mansour Abbas, who reached out a Hand. This was the right thing to do. We understand the plight and needs of the Arab Society. The fight against Crime and Violence, the Housing Crisis, the gaps in Education and Infrastructure – will be addressed.

We will begin the process of regulating the Bedouin Settlements in the Negev, so that Israel's Bedouin Citizens can live in dignity.

Health Minister-Designate Nitzan Horowitz, will prepare the Health System for a New Age of Community, and Home Based Medical Care, and together we will prepare an Emergency Plan in the case of Future Pandemics.

*You cannot always know there will be a Vaccine, not every Illness has a Vaccine, and **you have to be prepared to build on Vaccinations**, but also on an Organized Plan and not as we saw in the last Year.*

We will accelerate the pace of building Homes in Israel. The Government will take the initiative, remove obstacles, and allow for Extensive Construction throughout the country, in order to put the brakes on the rise in the Cost of Housing. There has been a slowdown in the building of houses in the last Year – we should be seeing the opposite.

We should have increased the building, there is a deficit in Housing which drives up the prices, and no Propaganda will hide that. Therefore, we will up the pace of building to put the brakes on the rise in prices and allow Young People – who Serve in the Army, fulfill Reserve Duty, pay their Taxes, and have no chance of building a House. So yes, we need to deal with this.

The Government will work to promote Jewish Immigration (Aliyah) to Israel, and the best integration for them.

We will strengthen the Bond between the State of Israel, and the Jews of the Diaspora. We will care for our Brothers and Sisters around the World, we will fight against the Wave of Anti-Semitism.

We will safeguard the State of Israel, the Nation State of the Jewish People, as a Jewish and Democratic State.

And that is just part of our Plans. As I said, we have come to work! For everyone.

From here, I turn to the Ultra-Orthodox Community. Although the Ultra-Orthodox Parties chose not to join the Coalition, that does not mean you are not represented - I will represent you, we will represent you. **The New Government will respect the study of Torah, the Torah which kept us safe for so many years in Exile,** and at the same time will work to remove the barriers which prevent the Ultra-Orthodox Community's integration into the Employment Market, and Israeli Society.

Instead of perpetuating the same methods, we will have the opportunity to address the deep problems which burden Ultra-Orthodox Society: key amongst them the Housing Crisis. The Pace of Construction of Apartments, Neighborhoods, and Cities simply does not keep up with natural growth, and there is room for the establishment of new Ultra-Orthodox Neighborhoods and even a New City in Israel.

I was asked by the Father of Eliyahu Shmuel, of Blessed Memory – a 16 Year Old ultra-Orthodox Boy, who was killed in the Meron Disaster – to remember him in my Swearing-in-Address. Eli was a sweet Child. He always helped his Friends and saw the good in everyone. We will not forget Eli, and we will not ignore his Death. A State Commission of Inquiry will be set up.

Honored Ladies and Gentlemen. The Government is setting out on its path, as the greatest threat to Israel, the Iranian Nuclear Project, is reaching a critical point. The Middle East is still yet to recover from the effects of the first Nuclear Deal, which emboldened Iran to the tune of Billions of Dollars, and with International Legitimacy.

Iran, through its Quds Force of the Revolutionary Guard, has established Terrorist Outposts - from Syria, through Gaza and Lebanon, and to Yemen. **Renewing the Nuclear Deal with Iran is a mistake that will once again lend legitimacy to one of the most Discriminatory and Violent Regimes in the World.**

Israel will not allow Iran to be equipped with Nuclear Weapons. Israel is not Party to the Agreement and will maintain full freedom to act. Last Month, we received a reminder that the Conflict with the Palestinians is still here. **We must remember, and remind the World, that our Enemies deny our very Existence in the Land of Israel, and that this is not a dispute over Territory.**

We need Military Strength, Civil Resilience, and a belief in the Justness of our Path at times when the Conflict raises its Head.

I hope the Ceasefire in the South is maintained. But if Hamas again chooses the Path of Violence against Israeli Civilians, it will encounter a Wall of Iron.

Violence and Terrorism are not a Natural Phenomenon or Destiny with which we are supposed to just come to terms. The Palestinians must take Responsibility for their Actions and understand that Violence will be met with a Firm Response.

That said, Security, Calm will lead to Economic Moves, which will lead to reducing friction and the Conflict.

To the Goldin, Shaul, Mengistu, and Sayed Families. The Government led by me will work to bring home the IDF's Fallen, and the Israeli Citizens held in Gaza by Hamas. We see in their return a Sacred Duty, which should be undertaken out of Responsibility.

The Government will work to establish and expand Peace Agreements with the Arab States, to increase Regional Economic, Entrepreneurial, and Cultural Cooperation, and to deepen the direct connection between the Peoples of the region, such as the connection between the Citizens of Israel and the Citizens of the United Arab Emirates.

Dear Friends, on behalf of us all, I want to thank the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, for standing alongside Israel during the last Operation in Gaza, 'Guardian of the Walls', and for his Longstanding Commitment to the Security of Israel.

President Biden said during the Operation, 'Until the region says, unequivocally, they acknowledge the Right of Israel to Exist as an Independent Jewish state, there will be no Peace'.

It is important that this message be heard, and internalized, in the Middle East.

We greatly appreciate the support of the United States, our Greatest Friend. My Government will make an effort to deepen and nurture relations with our Friends in both Parties – bipartisan. If there are disputes, we will manage them with Fundamental Trust, and Mutual Respect.

My fellow Members of Knesset, in light of the ongoing turbulent debate, the People are looking to the House. Let us maintain respectful debate. I understand those for whom today is difficult, but Friends, this is not a Day of Mourning. There is no Disengagement here. There is no harm being caused to anyone.

There is a Change of Government in a Democracy. That is it. And I assure it is a Government that will work for the sake of all the People. We will do all we can so that no one should have to feel afraid. We are here in the Name of Good, and to work. And I say to those who intend to celebrate tonight, don't dance on the pain of others.

We [are] not Enemies, we are One People.

Now, Hours before accepting this Responsibility, **I pray to God that He grant me Wisdom and Understanding to lead the State of Israel.**

'Heavenly Father, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the first flourishing of our Redemption, guard it in your Abundant Kindness, spread over it the Shelter of Your Peace.

Send forth your Light and Truth to its Leaders, Ministers, and Advisors, and Grace them with Your Good Counsel. Strengthen the Hands of those who Guard our Holy Land, grant them Deliverance, and adorn them in Victory. Give Peace in the Land and grant its Inhabitants Eternal Happiness'.

With God's Help, we will do and we will succeed. Amen.

Members of Knesset, I am now honored to present before you the Government what we have formed, in Alphabetical Order (in Hebrew).

Naftali Bennett – Prime Minister and Minister for Settlement Affairs

Yair Lapid – Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Alternate Prime Minister

Ministers affiliated with the Prime Minister:

Ayelet Shaked – Minister of the Interior

Gideon Sa'ar – Minister of Justice

Ze'ev Elkin – Minister of Housing and Construction, Minister of Jerusalem and Heritage, and Minister Responsible for Government Liaison with the Knesset

Yoaz Hendel – Minister of Communications

Yifat Shasha-Biton – Minister of Education

Matan Kahana – Minister for Religious Affairs

Ministers affiliated with the Alternate Prime Minister:

Avigdor Lieberman – Minister of Finance

Orit Farkash HaCohen – Minister of Science and Technology

Orna Barbivai – Minister of Economy

Benjamin Gantz – Minister of Defense

Hili Tropper – Minister of Culture and Sport

Hamad Amar – Minister in the Finance Ministry

Yoel Razvozov – Minister of Tourism

Meir Cohen – Minister of Labour, Welfare, and Social Services

Meirav Cohen – Minister of Social Equality

Merav Michaeli – Minister of Transport and Road Safety

Nachman Shai – Minister of Diaspora Affairs

Nitzan Horowitz – Minister of Health

Oded Forer – Minister of Agriculture and Development, and Minister of the Periphery, the Negev and the Galilee

Issawi Frej – Minister for Regional Cooperation

Omer Bar Lev – Minister for Internal Security

Prina Tamano Shata – Minister for Immigration and Absorption

Karine Elharrar – Minister for Energy

Tamar Zandberg – Minister for Environmental Protection

The date of the Handover between the Prime Minister and the Alternate Prime Minister is August 27, 2023.

I request, Mr. Speaker, that the Members of the Knesset express their support for the Unity Government, so that we may begin to restore Stability and Functionality to the State of Israel.

Thank you.

BIOGRAPHY

Naftali Bennett נַפְתָּלִי בֶנֶט, was born in Haifa, Israel, on March 25, 1972. He is an Israeli Politician serving as the 13th and current Prime Minister of Israel since 13 June 2021. He ushers-in the 36th Government of Israel. He served as Minister of Diaspora Affairs from 2013 to 2019, as Minister of Education from 2015 to 2019, and as Minister of Defense from 2019 to 2020. He has led the New Right Party since 2018, having previously led The Jewish Home Party between 2012 and 2018. Bennett agreed to a Rotation Government with Yair Lapid, whereby Bennett would serve as Israel's Prime Minister until 2023, after which Lapid would assume the role until 2025.

Bennett's positions have been described as 'Ultra-Nationalist'. And Bennett describes himself as, 'More Right Wing than Netanyahu'. He opposes the creation of a Palestinian State. Bennett was drafted into the Israel Defense Forces in 1990. He served in the Sayeret Matkal and Maglan Commando Units as a Company Commander. Bennett was discharged from Active Service after 6 Years but continued to serve in the Reserves and attained the Rank of Major.

He subsequently became a Software Entrepreneur. In 1999, he Co-Founded and Co-Owned the US Company Cyota. The Company was sold in 2005 for \$145 Million. He has also served as CEO of Soluto, an Israeli Cloud Computing Service, sold in 2013 for a reported \$100-130 Million. Naftali Bennett is the youngest of 3 Sons born to Jim and Myrna (Lefko) Bennett. They were American-Jewish Immigrants who moved to Israel from San Francisco in 1967. His Father's Ashkenazi Jewish Roots come from Poland, Germany, and the Netherlands.

His maternal Grandparents moved to San Francisco from Poland. Through his Paternal Grandmother, Bennett is a Descendant of the Rappaport Rabbinic Family and of the Medieval Biblical Commentator, Rashi. Bennett's Wife, Gilat, is a Professional Pastry Chef. She was Secular, but now observes the Jewish Sabbath and Religious Jewish Kosher Laws regarding food. The couple have 4 Children and live in Ra'anana, North of Tel Aviv. Their eldest Son, Yonatan is named after Yonatan Netanyahu.

Their youngest Son, David Emmanuel is named after Emmanuel Moreno, who was a comrade of Bennett's in the IDF Special Forces. As an Adherent of Orthodox Judaism. Bennett opposes the implementation of Same-Sex Marriage in Israel. He is quoted as stating he is opposed, 'Just as we don't recognize Milk and Meat together as Kosher.' He does express support for Equivalent Rights such as Tax Breaks for Same-Sex Couples.

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