

“This study of the history of pro- and anti-Israel ideas among American Christians from the colonial period to the present day challenges the stereotypes that often distort discussions of Christian Zionism and offers useful observations about one of the most important political forces in American life.”

—*Foreign Affairs*

“Significant and surprising. . . . *God’s Country* not only traces the two hundred years of scriptural interpretation and evangelical exhortation connecting Adams and Pence but also delves into two hundred years of prior British Protestantism that shaped the outlook of the Revolutionary generation.”

—*Commentary*

The United States is Israel’s closest ally in the world. The fact is undeniable, and undeniably controversial, not least because it so often inspires conspiracy theorizing among those who refuse to believe that the special relationship serves America’s strategic interests or places the United States on the side of Israel’s enduring conflict with the Palestinians. The underlying assumption of these conspiracy theories is that America’s support for Israel must flow from a mixture of collusion, manipulation, and ideologically driven foolishness.

Samuel Goldman proposes another explanation. The political culture of the United States, he argues, has been marked from the very beginning by a Christian theology that views the American nation as deeply implicated in the historical fate of biblical Israel. *God’s Country* is the first book to tell the complete story of Christian Zionism in American political and religious thought from the Puritans to 9/11.

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