

Sylvie Kempgens has informed us that she has invited to EN-RE's annual zoom General Assembly in May the Belgian diplomat Jean-Luis MIGNOT and his wife, Yvonne, who spent 3 years in Jerusalem where Jean-Louis was Consul General of Belgium, to describe Sionism and the situation in the Middle East. It will be interesting to hear his comments in May his comments in May because our website already contains Spanish Middle East specialist Ignacio Alvarez-Ossorio's article [Religious Sionism and the Israeli Colonial Project](#).

If you want to check the professor's accreditations and/or read the full translation in English of the 43rd annual Madrid Theology Congress, of September 2024, where he spoke, [type 43 on the Search page](#) of our website and you will find not only the English translation but also the German and French translations plus access to the original texts and video recordings on the Theology Congress's website.

Sion is, apparently, a hill in Jerusalem and symbolised the desire of the jews of the Old Testament, forced into exile by Assyria and Babylon to return to Jerusalem. Nowadays Sionism appears to mean the appropriation of the "*will of God*" to justify political actions.

We all condemned the Hamas terrorist attack of October 2023 on Israel citizens but we have been appalled by the reaction of the State of Israel, by the cruelty of its genocidal policies both by bombing housing, hospitals, schools and even water treatment installations and by active aggression by Israeli soldiers in Gaza against individual Palestinian, men, women, children, denying them basic human rights including medicines and food and the right to live.

I wonder if the Jewish rituals of purity foment this cruelty by the consideration that all enemy non-Jews are basically unclean and can be considered as vermin to be exterminated, a situation seen in Nazism.

Ignacio's article stresses that Israel considers itself to be *the Chosen People of God* and it is the duty of the State of Israel and Israeli colonists, both in Gaza and the Occupied Territories, to recover all the territories promised by God to Abraham with no consideration for the non-Jewish citizens of Israel's neighbouring States or the zones which it has conquered.

Jesus of Nazareth had a completely different outlook. He called God his Daddy (Abba). He asked us to love our neighbours and do good to those who hate us. He also emphasised that it was more important to care for the underprivileged than fulfill the letter of the Mosaic Law. We must call on our governments to remind them of our christian ideals and petition them to negotiate an end to sionist aggressions.