

# Jerusalem Letters

## **VIDEO: “The Hebrew Bible, Christians and Israel,” Address at the 2015 CUFI Summit**

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Since the publication of my book *The Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture* I have received numerous invitations to speak about the Bible before Christian audiences. Many Christians—both Protestant and Catholic—have reached out to me to explain that they feel Christianity is losing its struggle not only in Europe but in the United States. This is expressed not only in the direction that the public culture is moving, but especially in the rapidly increasing difficulties that Christians face in keeping their own children Christian.

Under these circumstances, some Christian leaders and educators have been turning to Jews for assistance with what the Tanach (i.e., the Hebrew Bible—what Christians call the “Old Testament”) can mean to thinking women and men today. Some have told me that they are comfortable teaching the Gospel, but that when it comes to Hebrew Scripture, they don’t have answers to many of the questions they are asked about what the original Jewish teaching was supposed to mean for mankind.

One aspect of the questions they are hearing about the Bible is directly related to the politics of our time. It’s no coincidence that as the general culture becomes less comfortable with the Bible, it also moves increasingly toward discomfort with the State of Israel—a nation whose very existence in the Middle East today is the result of biblical conceptions of justice in history.

This summer I was asked to address the Christians United for Israel (CUFI) annual Summit in Washington on this subject before an audience of 5,000 people. My talk, delivered in Washington on July 13, 2015, went well enough so that I've been invited back again for another talk next summer.

I hope many of you will consider coming to Washington and experiencing this remarkable display of love for Israel first hand. It's something that everyone should really do at least once in their lives. But that's still months away. In the meantime, here's a chance to hear my talk from this past summer.

