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The New Apostolic Reformation

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On the clear afternoon of March 10, 2024, a small group of Jews and Christians gathered on a West Bank hilltop and readied themselves, with a pair of silver trumpets in hand, to renew an ancient Israelite wartime ritual. The Israelite priests blew trumpets like these to signal the people to gather and break camp, mark holy days, and go to war, one rabbi explained.

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And today – on Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) of the month of Adar on the Hebrew calendar – these trumpets, prepared to Biblical specifications, marked a holy war not only in Gaza but also against the Biden administration who, in renewing calls for a two-state solution in the months following October 7, 2023, had declared war against God's will.

The trumpet blasts that day may not have rent the heavens asunder, but the gathering was notable for the sheer volume of earthly political power concentrated on that hilltop. Apostle Mario Bramnick was a globe-trotting Christian Zionist operative with deep connections in the upper echelons of the Trump administration and the MAGA movement, head of the evangelical advocacy group Latino Coalition for Israel, and a leading figure in the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), a fast-growing non-denominational charismatic movement fueling anti-democratic politics around the world. With Bramnick was Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council, a flagship Christian nationalist group advancing decades of Capitol Hill lobbying against LGBTQ and reproductive rights, church-state separation, and other culture war crusades; and the leaders of Israel365, a Christian-focused Israeli hasbara outlet that broadcasts to millions of American evangelicals and had partnered with MAGA leaders like Steve Bannon and Charlie Kirk.

Bramnick was leading a solidarity delegation of US Christian leaders visiting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders in the wake of October 7, but their reason for fitting the hilltop ritual into their packed schedule, he explained, was more selfish.¹ They were here, he declared in an opening prayer, “to repent on behalf of our nation...if we begin to curse Israel, [God's] hand of favor and protection [will] lift off of our nation...forgive us, Father, for our government trying to force the division of Your land.” A video of the gathering released on the MAGA platform Real America's Voice shows Yossi Dagan, head of the settlers' governing body Samaria Regional Council, lecturing on the security importance of Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank with a rifle strapped to his chest.²

1. “We Must Stand up for Israel”: Latino Coalition for Israel,” *Charisma*, March 23, 2024, mycharisma.com/news/we-must-stand-up-for-israel-latino-coalition-for-israel/.

2. Israel365, “Renewing an Ancient Biblical Tradition,” April 18, 2024, youtube.com/watch?v=pf-N9XZt-3c.

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Before Jewish participants lifted the trumpets skyward in a series of shofar-like blasts, Perkins made sure to inscribe Christian power into the act as well. “With the trumpet, the authority was given to the [Israelite] priest to declare war, to assemble and to celebrate,” he explained, underscoring the theocratic bent of the Christian nationalist agenda. “We often look at the civil authorities as having that authority...[but] as evangelical leaders in the church, we have that authority to be here, and to make those declarations. It is not stepping into someone else’s authority, it is the authority that has been given [to us].”

One month later Bramnick and Perkins gathered again with the leaders of Israel365, this time at the Washington, DC offices of the Heritage Foundation, the flagship conservative think tank behind Project 2025. They were joined by over 150 American Jewish, Christian, and conservative leaders and organizations to launch a “Judeo-Christian” coalition called “Keep God’s Land,” organized to oppose the two-state solution. There were no silver trumpets at this “strategic gathering,” as one participant called it, but the drive for spiritual warfare remained.³ “A two-state solution that divides God’s land,” the coalition stated, “would be a direct rejection of God’s will as clearly and repeatedly stated in the Bible.”⁴ Sponsored by groups like Project 2025 and led by figures like Paula White-Cain, Trump’s longtime spiritual advisor and future head of the White House Faith Office, the afternoon featured recorded remarks from Benjamin Netanyahu and guests including House Speaker Mike Johnson, US senators, and Israeli Knesset members. The summit, like so much else unfolding in Heritage’s offices at the time, was positioning itself toward power.

Bramnick also co-chaired the Heritage Foundation’s National Task Force to Combat Antisemitism, and that October the Task Force published Project Esther, a comprehensive plan to repress the Palestine solidarity movement using heavy-handed tactics including lawfare, deportation, criminalization, surveillance, and more.⁵

3. Erfan Fard, “The Blogs: Keep God’s Land Event: Ohad Tal, Scott & Tenney,” *The Times of Israel*, April 16, 2024, blogs.timesofisrael.com/keep-gods-land-event-ohad-tal-scott-tenny/.

4. “Israel 365: Keep God’s Land: Christian/Jewish Leaders Gather in Washington to Join Forces against ‘Two-State Delusion,’” *Coalition for Jewish Values*, April 16, 2024, coalitionforjewishvalues.org/2024/04/israel-365-keep-gods-land-christian-jewish-leaders-gather-in-washington-to-join-forces-against-two-state-delusion/.

5. Ben Lorber, “Heritage Foundation’s Christian Nationalist ‘Project Esther’ Won’t Combat Antisemitism – But it Will Weaponize Jews,” *Religion Dispatches*, October 22, 2024, religiondispatches.org/heritage-foundations-christian-nationalist-project-esther-wont-combat-antisemitism-but-it-will-weaponize-jews/.

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“We know that a lot of the efforts of the task force that we launched are now being implemented by the Trump White House,” Bramnick celebrated on a prayer call with NAR leaders in February 2025, weeks before the administration would begin the kidnapping and attempted deportation of students like Mahmoud Khalil, the intimidation, defunding, and ideological capture of institutions like Columbia University, and more, all under the guise of “fighting antisemitism.”⁶ The next month, Bramnick would return to Israel to launch the Conference of Christian Presidents, a new umbrella coalition uniting major US evangelical leaders to advance a shared pro-Israel policy agenda at the federal and state levels. The demand for West Bank annexation, which Bramnick had professed one year earlier on the West Bank hilltop, was at the top of the ticket. With the new administration, “God is giving Israel a blank check to begin to write upon, to dream again,” Bramnick declared.⁷

When mainstream media covers contemporary American Christian Zionism, they usually focus on frontline figures like US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee or Pastor John Hagee, head of Christians United for Israel, the largest Christian Zionist lobbying presence on Capitol Hill. Less attention is paid to operatives like Apostle Mario Bramnick, who helps facilitate relationship-building, faith-based diplomacy, and campaigning that actualizes the Christian Zionist policy agenda. Pastor of a small church in Florida, Bramnick possessed no government or policy experience before he rode the wave of feverish Christian nationalism during the first Trump administration to ascend the heights of what NAR calls the “government mountain.” Today, he interfaces regularly with world leaders to promote unconditional support for Israel in order to bring the Kingdom of God. His growing influence illustrates the dominionist, messianic agenda, and increasingly transnational and multiethnic character of Christian Zionism, a bedrock of today’s authoritarian and Christian nationalist upsurge.

6. Well Versed, “WPN Call 421 | Israel - Pastor Mario Bramnick, Jim Garlow, Rabbi Pesach Wolicki & Byron Stinson,” February 13, 2025, [youtube.com/watch?v=MXOCRtP8qZA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXOCRtP8qZA).

7. Maayan Hoffman, “‘God Is Giving Israel a Blank Check’: Pro-Israel Christian Leaders Form Coalition to Boost US Support for Israel,” *Ynetglobal*, March 20, 2025, [ynetnews.com/article/symkv3is1l](https://www.ynetnews.com/article/symkv3is1l).

“A RED TSUNAMI OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS”

Bramnick serves as pastor of New Wine Ministries, a church of around 300 members outside Miami, Florida. A Cuban-American and lawyer by training, Bramnick does not appear to have spoken publicly about his early journey toward evangelical faith and leadership.⁸

Even before Donald Trump emerged as the GOP frontrunner in 2016, Bramnick was delivering dominionist prophecies that the next president “shall usher in the Third Great Awakening.”⁹ At the time, Bramnick was head of the Hispanic Israel Leadership Coalition (HILC), an initiative within the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC, the largest Hispanic Christian organization in the country) that sought, in his words, to “build the Hispanic Evangelicals to be a firewall, a protection against this rise of antisemitism and anti-Israel rhetoric.”¹⁰

8. Bramnick may have Jewish heritage. At least three pastors have referred to Bramnick’s supposed Jewish heritage during interviews with Bramnick. In every case, Bramnick ignored the reference during the interview, neither confirming nor denying it. Many NAR leaders loudly advertise their Jewish heritage – dovetailing with the movement’s embrace of Messianic Jews and a conversionary agenda – making Bramnick’s seeming reticence notable. He may refrain from emphasizing his Jewish heritage, if it exists, to avoid alienating Jewish Zionist political partners, who are uncomfortable with Messianic Jewish identity and overwhelmingly reject any suspicion of conversionary intent. Lance Wallnau, “Lance’s Pentecost Webinar with Mario Murillo, Robert Henderson, Jeremiah Johnson, and Mario Bramnick,” *Altensored*, May 31, 2020, altensored.com/watch?v=ZlI5xDrZriU; King of Kings Worship Center, “Kingdom Conversations: Mario Bramnick on Cultural Engagement,” July 28, 2020, youtube.com/live/fZUXDGKPDIA; Georgian Banov, “Mario Bramnick: What Is the News Behind the News? (From the Shift 4/22),” *Rumble*, 2022, rumble.com/v122vkk-mario-bramnick-what-is-the-news-behind-the-news-from-the-shift-422.html.

9. Peter Montgomery, “Prophets’ Declare God Will Use Orlando to Put His Man in the White House,” *People For the American Way*, March 9, 2016, peoplefor.org/rightwingwatch/post/prophets-declare-god-will-use-orlando-to-put-his-man-in-the-white-house.

10. “With New Coalition, Israel Has Prominent Place on Hispanic Evangelical Agenda,” *The Jerusalem Post*, May 5, 2015, jpost.com/christian-news/with-new-coalition-israel-has-prominent-place-on-hispanic-evangelical-agenda-402149.

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By August, Bramnick had joined Trump's Hispanic Advisory Council. Charismatic and Pentecostal leaders, many of them NAR leaders, comprised Trump's earliest evangelical backers, and these leaders, with Bramnick among them, were granted unprecedented access to the president.¹¹ "President Trump was very open to the council of pastors, very open to the Holy Spirit, to the prophetic" on a range of domestic and foreign policy issues, Bramnick later told NAR Apostle Ché Ahn, claiming in another interview to have met with Trump and Vice President Mike Pence at least ten times during his first presidency.¹²

From the beginning, Bramnick and others helped the campaign understand the centrality of Israel for its evangelical base. They helped Trump's Israel advisers craft an agenda backing away from the two-state solution, which soon became enshrined in the GOP platform.¹³ In 2017 Bramnick formed a new nonprofit, the Latino Coalition for Israel, in order to mobilize the US Hispanic community and Latin America "to form an intercessory" in support of Israel, as he told Charisma magazine.¹⁴

As special envoy for the Trump White House's Faith and Opportunity Initiative, Bramnick served as a mouthpiece for evangelical culture war causes ranging from "religious freedom" and anti-abortion initiatives to opposition to COVID-19 public health measures and more. He also served as a Latino surrogate for Trump's anti-immigrant agenda.¹⁵

11. Matthew Taylor, *The Violent Take It By Force: The Christian Movement That Is Threatening Our Democracy* (Broadleaf Books, 2024), 92-97.

12. Ché Ahn Media ("CAM"), "Why Governments Need Prophets Now More Than Ever With Mario Bramnick," January 31, 2025, [youtube.com/watch?v=-B1NHtu469c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B1NHtu469c); "Kingdom Conversations: Mario Bramnick on Cultural Engagement," July 8, 2020, [youtube.com/live/fZUXDGKPDIA](https://www.youtube.com/live/fZUXDGKPDIA).

13. Shalle' McDonald, "The Story Behind the GOP's Anti-Two State Platform," *Algemeiner.com*, July 14, 2016, [algemeiner.com/2016/07/14/the-story-behind-the-gops-anti-two-state-platform/](https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/07/14/the-story-behind-the-gops-anti-two-state-platform/).

14. Bob Eschliman, "New Hispanic Evangelical Group Shows Its Support for Israel," *Charisma*, August 5, 2025, [mycharisma.com/culture/new-hispanic-evangelical-group-shows-its-support-for-israel/](https://www.mycharisma.com/culture/new-hispanic-evangelical-group-shows-its-support-for-israel/).

15. For example, in 2016 Bramnick claimed that Trump possessed "tremendous understanding and concern for the undocumented immigrants." Peter Montgomery, "Trump Offers No Apologies for Rhetoric, but Some Conservative Latinos Warming to Him," *People For the American Way*, May 23, 2016, [peoplefor.org/rightwingwatch/post/trump-offers-no-apologies-for-rhetoric-but-some-conservative-latinos-warming-to-him](https://www.peoplefor.org/rightwingwatch/post/trump-offers-no-apologies-for-rhetoric-but-some-conservative-latinos-warming-to-him).

Bramnick gained influence in his home state of Florida, a conservative bastion, where he served on Governor Ron DeSantis' 25-member Faith and Community Advisory Council and held regular Nights to Honor Israel uniting Christian, American Jewish, and Israeli advocates.

After Trump lost the 2020 election, Bramnick joined NAR leaders like Apostle Jim Garlow to rally support for Trump's claims of election fraud. They helped organize global "election integrity" prayer calls on Zoom, frequented by leading election deniers like Steve Bannon and Michael Flynn. Over 1.1 million people either joined these live Zoom calls or viewed video recordings in the lead up to the Capitol insurrection, making them "one of the most important vectors for gathering Christians to oppose the legitimacy of the 2020 election," in the words of Matthew Taylor.¹⁶

"WE ARE HALF A BILLION PEOPLE IN LATIN AMERICA AND RISING"

Bramnick's focus on Israel sets him apart from other Christian nationalist Trump surrogates. When Trump announced his decision to move the US embassy to Jerusalem in December 2017, Bramnick sprang into action. "There is a new open door in the spirit realm," Bramnick exclaimed, echoing popular evangelical enthusiasm. "There is a new wave of the Holy Spirit released over our nation and over our president as a result of this major bold move."¹⁷

The next month, Latino Coalition for Israel (LCI) sent 23 leaders to Guatemala to urge President Jimmy Morales to follow Trump's lead.¹⁸ In various accounts of the trip, Bramnick claims that Morales, though an evangelical, had first decided against moving his country's embassy to Jerusalem. But in a call with Prime Minister Netanyahu to discuss the topic,

16. Taylor, *The Violent Take It By Force*, 202-203.

17. "Evangelical Leaders: Jerusalem Declaration Released New Wave of Holy Spirit Over America," *Charisma*, January 9, 2018, mycharisma.com/culture/evangelical-leaders-jerusalem-declaration-released-new-wave-of-holy-spirit-over-america/

18. Emilian García and Mónica Cordero, "Líderes Evangélicos Amparados Por La Casa Blanca Exportan Agenda Fundamentalista a América Latina," *El Clip*, September 18, 2020, elclip.org/lideres-evangelicos-amparados-por-la-casa-blanca-exportan-agenda-fundamentalista-a-america-latina/?lang=en.

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the connection was repeatedly interrupted, and during one of these lulls, a pastor present at Morales's side urged him to consider whether God was interrupting the call to send a message. Perhaps, the pastor intoned, God had ordained Morales for such a time as this, to make Guatemala a "sheep nation," ensuring God's blessing by supporting Israel. By the time the call resumed, Bramnick claimed, Morales had changed his mind, and Guatemala followed the United States in moving its embassy to Jerusalem in May 2018.¹⁹ "From that night," Bramnick later told Ché Ahn, "the Lord spoke to me that he was going to send me to nations."²⁰

Working with delegations through LCI and the White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative, Bramnick claims to have eventually met with as many as 10 right-wing heads of state in Latin America, including Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, and Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez.²¹ These delegations brought together pastors and NAR leaders with heads of pro-Israel and Jewish community organizations from across the Western Hemisphere to lobby Latin American leaders to move their country's embassy to Jerusalem and deepen diplomatic relations with Israel, among other goals.²²

19. "The Crucial Need for Intercessors," Rumble, Intercessors for America, 2023, rumble.com/v1tw6ha-the-crucial-need-for-intercessors.

20. Ché Ahn Media ("CAM"), "Why Governments Need Prophets Now More Than Ever With Mario Bramnick."

21. Lauren Costantino, "How the Pastor of a Small Broward Church Became a Big Voice in Far-right Politics," *Miami Herald*, September 28, 2024, miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article292806034.html.

22. Sean Savage, "Jewish, Christian Leaders Visit Guatemala to Affirm Central American Nation's 'Courageous Act' on Jerusalem," *Jewish News Syndicate*, January 29, 2018, jns.org/jewish-christian-leaders-visit-guatemala-to-affirm-central-american-nations-courageous-act-on-jerusalem/; "American Faith Leaders Meet and Pray With Brazilian President-elect," *Charisma*, December 21, 2018, mycharisma.com/culture/american-faith-leaders-meet-and-pray-with-brazilian-president-elect-2/; "Honduras Accelerates Agenda to Move Embassy to Jerusalem," *Charisma*, March 29, 2019, mycharisma.com/culture/honduras-accelerates-agenda-to-move-embassy-to-jerusalem/; "Latin American Task Force," Latino Coalition for Israel, lci.global/latin-american-task-force/.

According to Bramnick, delegations would meet with Christian leaders as well as government officials in each country they visited, often using the former networks to secure connections to the latter. If the government leader is “Christian and understand[s] the spiritual field,” he recounted, “we speak to them in one way and if not, we talk to them about some of the issues most important to us.” In one visit to Brazil, Bramnick spoke at a megachurch celebration of the 70th anniversary of the creation of the state of Israel that effectively doubled as a campaign rally for soon-to-be President Jair Bolsonaro, two months before Brazil’s election.²³ This lobbying tour wasn’t Bramnick’s only foray into pro-Israel advocacy in Latin America. In 2016 and 2022, Bramnick co-organized the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism in Buenos Aires. The summits, usually held in Jerusalem, united high-ranking Latin American government officials, Israeli leaders, and representatives from local Jewish communities and Israel advocacy organizations to strategize around the adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism and passage of anti-BDS laws in countries across the region.

“We are half a billion people in Latin America and rising,” Bramnick said in an interview, speaking of the evangelical community. “We could be a tremendous force for support [of Israel] and a voice, impacting people, legislation, and governments.”²⁴ In 2017 Bramnick founded the Caribbean Israel Leadership Coalition, an LCI offshoot that engages in diplomacy and hasbara across Caribbean nations through business and tech partnerships with Israeli companies, economic development, disaster relief, public education initiatives, and more.²⁵

23. García and Cordero, “Líderes Evangélicos Amparados Por La Casa Blanca Exportan Agenda Fundamentalista a América Latina.”

24. Diego Melamed, “Global Meeting Against Anti-Semitism Meets in Buenos Aires,” *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, July 18, 2016, [jta.org/2016/07/18/global/global-meeting-against-anti-semitism-meets-in-buenos-aires](https://www.jta.org/2016/07/18/global/global-meeting-against-anti-semitism-meets-in-buenos-aires).

25. Eschliman, “New Hispanic Evangelical Group Shows Its Support for Israel.”

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In recent decades, with the rapid growth of Pentecostal and neo-charismatic forms of Christianity across Latin America, delegations like Bramnick's are becoming more common. NAR leaders in the United States often travel across the hemisphere to network and strategize with Latin American counterparts.²⁶ Charismatics celebrate church growth in the Global South as a sign of unfolding world revival and reformation – as well as increasing religious and political dominion. Israel's leaders are similarly eager to cultivate new governmental and political allies in regions like Latin America, which have long been supportive of the Palestinian cause. In the work of figures like Bramnick, all these interests converge. Bramnick's delegations also function as a strategic arm of “soft power” diplomacy for the Israeli and US right. This builds on an ignoble legacy of US and Israeli-backed repression. Especially in the 1970s and 1980s, the Israeli government provided crucial weaponry and strategic support (often as a de facto proxy for the United States) to brutal, dictatorial anti-communist regimes and insurgencies across Latin America, from Argentinian and Guatemalan military juntas to the Nicaraguan contras.²⁷

For Bramnick, who immigrated with his family to the United States from communist Cuba as a child, the fight against progressivism in Latin America is personal, and like many evangelicals he preaches the gospel of free-market capitalism alongside conservative Christianity in the region. His diplomatic work helps strengthen the sinews of what scholars have called the “reactionary international,” the steady circulation of personnel, policy, and ideology between aligned autocratic regimes worldwide.²⁸

26. Jeff Abbott, “The New Apostolic Reformation is Expanding Its Seven Mountain Mandate Crusade into Latin America,” *Bucks County Beacon*, May 30, 2024, buckscountybeacon.com/2024/05/the-new-apostolic-reformation-is-expanding-its-seven-mountain-mandate-crusade-into-latin-america/.

27. Nada Hussien, “Exporting Militarism: How Israeli Companies Market Repression in Latin America,” *War Resisters International*, November 14, 2019, wri-irg.org/en/story/2019/exporting-militarism-how-israeli-companies-market-repression-latin-america.

28. For instance, see Nicolas Truong, “The Reactionary International: How Three Ideological Families Are United in Hating Progressivism,” *Le Monde*, April 13, 2025, lemonde.fr/en/opinion/article/2025/04/13/the-reactionary-international-how-three-ideological-families-are-united-in-hating-progressivism_6740182_23.html.

But Bramnick's crusade in Latin America also flowed from his NAR visionary Christian Zionism.

“FOR ZION'S SAKE”

The “New Apostolic Reformation” was a term coined by NAR leader C. Peter Wagner in the 1990s to describe a post-denominational pentecostal and charismatic church movement that rejects many historic church doctrines and structures, and emphasizes the modern-day restoration of early church offices such as apostles and prophets. NAR leaders approach political activism as a kind of millenarian crusade, charging followers to wage “spiritual warfare” to establish “dominion” over the “seven mountains” of societal power – government, religion, family, education, media, arts/entertainment, and business – a blueprint it calls the “Seven Mountain Mandate.”²⁹

This represents a charismatic variant of the broader Christian nationalist agenda known in scholarly literature as “dominionism.” Researcher Frederick Clarkson defines dominionism as “the theocratic idea that regardless of theological camp, means, or timetable, God has called conservative Christians to exercise dominion over society by taking control of political and cultural institutions.”³⁰ Dominionism takes a variety of forms across the contemporary Christian nationalist movement, and the “Seven Mountains Mandate” remains influential well beyond the NAR. A 2024 survey showed that 41 percent of

29. Frederick Clarkson and Ben Lorber, “The New Face of Christian Zionism,” *In These Times*, March 31, 2025, inthesetimes.com/article/christian-zionism-evangelicals-right-wing-israel-palestine. For more on the NAR, see Taylor, *The Violent Take It By Force*.

30. Frederick Clarkson, “Dominionism Rising: A Theocratic Movement Hiding in Plain Sight,” *Political Research Associates*, August 18, 2016, <https://politicalresearch.org/2016/08/18/dominionism-rising-a-theocratic-movement-hiding-in-plain-sight>.

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self-identified American Christians agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “God wants Christians to stand atop the ‘7 mountains of society,’ including the government, education, media, and others.”³¹

With its rapid growth and outsized political influence, the NAR represents “one of the most important Christian religious and political movements of our time,” as Clarkson and André Gagné put it.³² NAR leaders are embedded within the broader movement of global neo-charismatic and pentecostal Christianity, which encompasses well over 600 billion Christians today and will reach 1 billion, or 30% of the world’s Christian population, by 2050, according to a 2020 study.³³ Much of this growth is in the Global South, and large apostolic networks like Harvest International Ministry, led by Ché Ahn, claim to reach over 20,000 churches in 50 nations. The NAR is also shaping global Christian Zionism. For example, Dr. Jürgen Bühler, head of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, the largest global Christian Zionist organization, is a commissioned member of the International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders, a central network within the NAR.³⁴ Like many NAR leaders, Bramnick credits divine revelation for calling him toward Israel advocacy. “We were pastoring,” Bramnick explained in a 2025 interview with Ché Ahn, “and we began to receive years ago, words that we would get involved for Zion’s sake, involved with helping nations with Israel and God’s end time plan for Israel.”³⁵

Bramnick regularly cites Genesis 12:3, the core charismatic Christian Zionist proof text, saying in one interview that “the Bible says that whoever blesses Israel will be blessed and

31. Paul A. Djupe, “Belief in the 7 Mountain Mandate Appears to Be Growing in the Last Year,” *Religion in Public*, May 13, 2024, religioninpublic.blog/2024/05/13/belief-in-the-7-mountain-mandate-appears-to-be-growing-in-the-last-year/.

32. Frederick Clarkson and André Gagné, “A Reporter’s Guide to the New Apostolic Reformation [Revised for 2025],” *Religion Dispatches*, May 23, 2024, religiondispatches.org/a-reporters-guide-to-the-new-apostolic-reformation/.

33. Todd M. Johnson, *Introducing Spirit-Empowered Christianity: The Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Movement in the 21st Century* (The Center for Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell, 2020).

34. “Israel – International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders,” September 11, 2025, icaleaders.com/israel.

35. Ché Ahn Media (“CAM”), “Why Governments Need Prophets Now More Than Ever With Mario Bramnick.”

whoever curses Israel will be cursed, and we read the Bible literally.”³⁶

Elsewhere Bramnick has emphasized end-times beliefs. “God is calling the Jewish people back home,” he told Apostle Lance Wallnau in 2022. “It’s the regathering...eschatologically, before the coming of the Lord.”³⁷ He regularly evokes a “clash of civilizations” narrative against the enemies of the “Judeo-Christian” West. “Antisemitism is not just anti-Jewish. It is anti-Christian, anti-Western values, anti-Judeo-Christian values,” he declared in 2022. “We have similar enemies.”³⁸

These core Christian Zionist themes are inflected with his particular brand of NAR dominionism.³⁹ Contrary to some Christian doctrines that advocate a spiritual retreat from a “profane” political realm, the NAR views political activism as vital for building God’s kingdom in the here and now. “Nations exist to bring glory to God, to establish his kingdom, to bless Israel, and to prepare for the return of the Lord,” Bramnick explained in July 2025, encapsulating this view. “Nations that uphold godliness and bless Israel are positioned for blessing.”

In this view, the political realm is not an end in itself but rather terrain to be captured for Christian dominion. “We get involved in politics, but it’s not about politics,” he explained:

36. García and Cordero, “Líderes Evangélicos Amparados Por La Casa Blanca Exportan Agenda Fundamentalista a América Latina.”

37. Lance Wallnau, “How Trump Catapulted a Local Pastor Into a GLOBAL Ambassador,” *Rumble*, 2022, rumble.com/v1c6nsb-how-trump-catapulted-a-local-pastor-into-a-global-ambassador-lance-wallnau.

38. Mike Wagenheim, “Pro-Israel Entities in Latin America Work to Battle Anti-Semitism, Promote Co-existence,” *Jewish News Syndicate*, July 22, 2022, jns.org/pro-israel-entities-in-latin-america-work-to-battle-anti-semitism-promote-co-existence/.

39. Bramnick’s connections to the New Apostolic Reformation are extensive. He is a member of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders, a central network of NAR leaders. The board of LCI is stacked with leading lights of NAR including Lance Wallnau and Cindy Jacobs. “Statement from the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders Concerning a False Prophetic Word Targeting President Donald Trump,” November 16, 2024, web.archive.org/web/20241126025324/static1.squarespace.com/static/5de934e41f089861d8539e7a/t/673920ef00069a5ddc7d5c2d/1731797232138/ACPE-Statement-False-Prophetic-Words-Over-Trump-and-America-Nov-2024.pdf; “Our Leadership,” Latino Coalition for Israel, <https://lci.global/leadership/>.

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It's about the church. The increase of His government is on us. We are the movers and shakers. We establish atmosphere over nations. God is calling apostles and prophets to arise over their nation and to take back that which the enemy has stolen. You're the compass. You're the rudder. You have an authority.⁴⁰

In work with nations, as Bramnick puts it, “Israel is key.” Drawing from Matthew 25:31-40, the NAR distinguishes between “sheep nations” – which enact strong pro-Israel and Christian right policies and will be judged favorably by God in the end times, which are already underway – and “goat nations,” which fail to sufficiently bless Israel and will be punished. A sheep nation, claimed Lance Wallnau in 2022, “protects or keeps malicious forces from devouring the Christian and Jewish people,” but a goat nation “has failed to show mercy.”⁴¹

The NAR believes this theo-political activism catalyzes, and is catalyzed by, religious revival among Christian believers. “There is a window open for revival in Latin America,” Bramnick declared in 2018, “as Latin American nations align with Israel to become sheep nations.”⁴² In the NAR worldview, lobbying for Israel is literally battling to save a nation’s soul while countering BDS is binding Satan, and both unfold against a backdrop of imminent end times revival.

Bramnick instructs activists to identify “apostles and prophets and intercessors for the government mountain” within any given nation. In NAR parlance, apostles (like Bramnick) are generals and institution builders who guide movement strategy and direction; establish, govern, and mobilize church networks toward the “Seven Mountain Mandate;” and often

40. RCPNation, “The Strongman Over Florida - Intercessors Training With Mario Bramnick and Dina Ramos,” August 31, 2025, [youtube.com/watch?v=JHP32cOfg4g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHP32cOfg4g).

41. Clarkson and Gagné, “A Reporter’s Guide to the New Apostolic Reformation.”

42. “Prophetic Word of the Lord for 2018,” 7M Underground, March 22, 2018, 7mu.com/blog/prophetic-word-of-the-lord-for-2018/.

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interface directly with governmental leaders. God is said to speak directly to and through his prophets, providing direction to political intervention; informing the strategic decisions of apostles; and occasionally advising government leaders themselves.

Intercessors, finally, engage in “spiritual warfare” through the crucial weapon of prayer. At the direction of apostles and prophets (who are sometimes intercessors themselves), they conduct global prayer and fasting mobilizations and hold 24/7 watches as well as in-person rallies, designed to support prophets and apostles by binding and defeating demonic forces that, in their view, hold material sway over entire nations, geographic regions, political opponents, and even government buildings (such as the US Capitol on January 6, for example). These roles complement one another in NAR pro-Israel activism. For example, Bramnick brought apostles and prophets into lobbying meetings with Latin American legislators. During the same period, NAR leaders like Apostles Cindy Jacobs and Dutch Sheets organized intercessory prayer events supporting the US embassy move to Jerusalem.

Bramnick often urges NAR leaders to identify Daniels, Josephs, Esthers, Jeremiahs, and Cyruses within any given nation. These archetypes from the Hebrew Bible offer models for steadfast, prophetic, and strategic Christian Zionist and dominionist activism. But only the fifth, notably, represents a non-Jewish Biblical character. In the Hebrew Bible, the Persian king Cyrus allowed the Jewish people to return to the Land of Israel from their Babylonian exile and rebuild the Second Temple. During the 2016 election, Lance Wallnau claimed that Trump was a modern-day Cyrus, placed in power by God to serve as a vehicle for the divine process, even though Trump himself was unaware and largely irreligious.

After 2016, Trump-as-Cyrus became a viral meme across the charismatic world. Like many other NAR leaders, Bramnick frequently identified Trump as Cyrus, and in 2018, as he set his sights on Latin American leaders, he extended the metaphor, declaring that

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“God is raising Cyruses over nations to transform nations into sheep nations.”⁴³ Wallnau would go on to credit Bramnick with expanding the Cyrus model – and Wallnau’s related concept, the Seven Mountain Mandate – into a full-fledged paradigm for kingdom transformation.⁴⁴ “The Cyrus model gave us the grid,” Bramnick explained to Ché Ahn in 2025. “President Trump was a prototype of what God wanted to do for nations.”⁴⁵

Thus for the NAR, Israel is the hinge in global Christian nationalist revival.⁴⁶ The unfolding messianic process in Israel – exemplified by touchstones like the expansion of state sovereignty to embrace Biblical borders, deepening war against Palestinians and regional enemies, and the hoped-for establishment of a Third Temple and eventual Christianization of Israeli Jewry – is key to unlocking the global Kingdom of God. But the key cannot turn without the complementary cultivation of strong pro-Israel, Christian nationalist regimes around the world. As much as West Bank settlers, then, NAR activists place themselves in the vanguard of the end times process as they lobby and pray for their legislators to adopt anti-BDS laws, provide diplomatic and military aid to Israel, or anything else.

Like many NAR leaders, Bramnick has also expressed a missionary component to Christian Zionism. In a 2013 speech at a fundraiser for the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, Bramnick yearned for a spiritual “awakening of the Jewish people” and “revival in the land” of Israel. While some Christian leaders are careful to express this in circumspect terms – referring, plausibly at least, only to Jewish spiritual revival – Bramnick went further. Comparing Jewish souls to “fertile soil,” Bramnick seemed to commend the ICEJ for preparing the ground for missionary work in Israel, claiming the organization has “plowed and pushed the way so that you and I can embrace our Jewish brethren and tell them about

43. “Prophetic Word of the Lord for 2018,” 7M Underground.

44. Wallnau, “How Trump Catapulted a Local Pastor Into a GLOBAL Ambassador.”

45. Ché Ahn Media (“CAM”), “Why Governments Need Prophets Now More Than Ever With Mario Bramnick.”

46. Due to its global nature, scholars like Frederick Clarkson and André Gagné have convincingly argued that the NAR should not be described as Christian nationalist at all, or at least in a carefully defined way. I use the term here as a familiar shorthand, noting this likely inadequacy. Clarkson and Gagné, “A Reporter’s Guide to the New Apostolic Reformation.”

the love of Messiah and the day that we're living in.”⁴⁷

Over the years Bramnick has partnered with NAR leaders who focus heavily on Jewish proselytization, including Messianic Jewish activist Paul Wilbur. Recently, Bramnick again expressed seeming hope for Jewish belief in Jesus. “I think that Holy Spirit is breaking us out of our box,” he told a group of Florida intercessors in July 2025, advising activists to dream big. “What if Holy Spirit begins to move with signs, wonders, and miracles in the Vatican?...What if God wants to move amongst Jewish people, or wherever? So do not define or box Holy Spirit in this day.”⁴⁸ When Israeli and Jewish Zionists navigate partnership with Christian Zionists, they often draw a firm line against those who attempt or encourage proselytization. This includes groups Bramnick has worked with, such as Israel365.

Since 2017, Bramnick has trained other NAR activists in his model for dominionist political activity, running periodic workshops alongside NAR leaders like Cindy Jacobs. Seeking to institutionalize this model, Bramnick recently began to serve as Chancellor in Latin America for Wagner University, a non-accredited, non-traditional seminary started by NAR founder C. Peter Wagner that functions as a training institute to equip leaders in Seven Mountain activism.⁴⁹

“GOD WANTS YOU TO WIN, AND WIN BIG”

During the Biden presidency, Bramnick continued deepening collaboration with Israeli Right, American Jewish, and Christian leaders, organizing delegations and conferences in

47. Mark Williams, “Pastor Mario Bramnick at the ICEJ Conference 2013,” May 16, 2013, [youtube.com/watch?v=sgf3QdsuEC8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgf3QdsuEC8).

48. RCPNation, “American-Israel Relationship with Pastor Mario Bramnick and Apostle Dina Ramos,” July 21, 2025, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIEXx5s3p9k&t=421s>.

49. Ché Ahn Media (“CAM”), “Why Governments Need Prophets Now More Than Ever With Mario Bramnick.”

Latin America, and engaging in Christian nationalist advocacy.⁵⁰ This work was turbocharged after October 7, when the pro-Israel ecosystem rapidly pivoted to rallying behind Israel's war on Gaza and calling for repression against its critics.

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In 2024, Bramnick's leadership of the Heritage Foundation's Antisemitism Task Force and the Conference of Christian Presidents reflected this increased coordination and pivot toward power.

50. During a 2023 delegation to Guatemala with NAR leaders including Bramnick, Ché Ahn, Lance Wallnau, and Cindy Jacobs, NAR apostles blew shofars in Congress and danced the hora outside Congressional halls. During the trip, they met with members of Guatemala's constitutional court and claimed to meet with the country's president. Their use of religious ritual in Congress provoked outcry from Guatemalan political analysts. Kyle Mantyla, "Mario Bramnick Calls on God to 'Shake the Senate' to Prevent Democrats From Enacting Their Agenda," People For the American Way, April 23, 2021, peoplefor.org/rightwingwatch/post/mario-bramnick-calls-on-god-to-shake-the-senate-to-prevent-democrats-from-enacting-their-agenda; Barney Breen-Portnoy, "In Latin America Outreach Push, CAM Attends Annual 'Conferência Global' in Brazil," Combat Antisemitism Movement, February 17, 2023, combatantisemitism.org/cam-news/in-latin-america-outreach-push-cam-attends-annual-conferencia-global-in-brazil/; Sharon Bender, "Celebration Night for Israel," B'nai B'rith International, February 24, 2023, bnaibrith.org/celebration-night-for-israel/; Mario Antonio Sandoval, "El Congreso No Es Un Templo Religioso," Prensa Libre, March 10, 2023, prensalibre.com/opinion/columnasdiarias/el-congreso-no-es-un-templo-religioso/.

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In the leadup to the 2024 election, he rallied the crowd at Lance Wallnau's Courage Tour, a series of political roadshow events in key swing states that mobilized voters, election workers, and poll watchers. "It's time to join General Lance Wallnau in this great army to take back America!," declared Bramnick at one event, reflecting the militant tone.⁵¹

In the first months of the second Trump administration, Bramnick was back operating at the heights of power. He was among a group of evangelical leaders who held a closed-door meeting with Netanyahu during the Israeli prime minister's first visit to the United States in the new Trump administration – a visit during which Netanyahu notably did not meet with American Jewish leaders. He has also attended meetings of evangelical leaders with President Trump.⁵²

In August, Bramnick met with US Attorney General Pam Bondi and Leo Terrell, head of the Department of Justice's Task Force to Combat Antisemitism.⁵³ Both figures play leading roles in the Trump administration's ongoing efforts to suppress Palestinian rights advocates in the name of fighting antisemitism, often by implementing policies found in Project Esther, published by Bramnick's Heritage Task Force. Amidst growing criticism of Israel within the MAGA movement, Bramnick co-organized a meeting for evangelicals to strategize against this threat and attended a closed-door session organized by Mike

51. Frederick Clarkson, "Where's Wallnau? A NAR Apostle Takes Aim at Swing Counties in 'The Battle for the Mountain of Government,'" *Religion Dispatches*, May 10, 2024, religiondispatches.org/wheres-wallnau-a-nar-apostle-takes-aim-at-swing-counties-in-the-battle-for-the-mountain-of-government/.

52. Chris Mitchell, "Latino US Pastor Recalls Impressions of Historic Netanyahu Week in Washington," *CBN*, February 7, 2025, cbn.com/news/israel/latino-us-pastor-recalls-impressions-historic-netanyahu-week-washington.

53. Leo Terrell (@LeoTerrellDOJ), "Incredible meeting today with Pastor Mario Bramnick, co-chairman and founder of Conference of Christian Presidents for Israel," X post, August 6, 2025, x.com/LeoTerrellDOJ/status/1953145495557423438; Mario Bramnick (@bramnick_mario), "It was an honor meeting with Attorney General Pam Bondi. She is doing a tremendous job as Attorney General," X post, August 13, 2025, x.com/bramnick_mario/status/1955672827442724866.

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Johnson to limit the influence of Israel-critical GOP candidates in the 2026 midterms.⁵⁴

Bramnick believes the second Trump presidency affords a rare, divinely-ordained window of opportunity to actualize a messianic agenda. “Trump's election is an international reset,” he declared in July 2025, “to dismantle the antichrist globalist agenda and establish a pro-Judeo Christian, pro-democratic conservative faith and family agenda, the establishment of sheep nations. We are in a new era of the realignment of nations.”⁵⁵

Bramnick has updated the Trump-as-Cyrus model to fit a new era. If “Trump 45 was a modern Cyrus,” marking “the beginning of the restoration process,” then Trump has now taken on a “new mantle” of Darius, a “finishing anointing.”⁵⁶ In his reading of Biblical chronology, Cyrus's death in 530 BCE began a period of prophetic backsliding until 522, when the new king Darius took the Persian throne, re-authorized Ezra and Nehemiah to finish rebuilding the Temple, and inaugurated a new era of divine advance.

The Darius era opens a new window to further Israeli dominance. “For the first time since the Six Day War, the IDF is beyond enemy lines in Gaza, southern Lebanon and Syria, supernaturally,” Bramnick marveled in a speech at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in January 2025, held at Mar-A-Lago. Two months later in Jerusalem amidst meetings with Israeli leaders was when he reaffirmed that “God is giving Israel a blank check to begin to write upon, to dream again.”⁵⁷

54. Gabby Deutch, “Trump-aligned Evangelicals Push Republicans to Call Out Antisemitism on the Right,” *Jewish Insider*, August 13, 2025, jewishinsider.com/2025/08/trump-evangelicals-republicans-antisemitism-far-right/; Marc Rod, “Johnson Discusses Efforts to Push Back on GOP Isolationists with Pro-Israel Leaders,” *Jewish Insider*, September 17, 2025, jewishinsider.com/2025/09/mike-johnson-gop-isolationists-pro-israel-leaders/.

55. RCPNation, “The Strongman Over Florida.”

56. Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast Global, “JPB Trump's Mar a Lago 2025 Inaugural Lunch Mario Bramnick,” February 5, 2025, youtube.com/watch?v=G4m3CSEpWpY; Carolina Lumetta, “Prophetic Foreign Policy,” *WORLD*, August 14, 2025, wng.org/articles/prophetic-foreign-policy-1754441335.

57. Hoffman, “God Is Giving Israel a Blank Check.”

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This Darius era also marks a new opportunity for global Christian nationalism. It is “a time of global revival and reformation with the United States leading,” Bramnick said in July 2025.

It's a new dawn of greater authority for kingdom advancement...It is a time of the greatest recovery of territory that the church has ever seen. It is the greatest recovery of territory of Israel. We're seeing things that we've never expected before...We have not only been called to shift our state and our nation, but to occupy territory. The church is starting to awaken...What has been held up in delay [during the Biden administration]...in this last season shall now be released. This is not a season to shrink back but to move forward...God wants you to win and win big. This is a winning season.⁵⁸

Bramnick's rise personifies the multiethnic, charismatic, and globally coordinated character of contemporary Christian Zionism and its meteoric ascent to influence in the MAGA decade. For leaders like Bramnick, Christian Zionist and Christian nationalist advocacy are inseparable parts of the end times process, unfolding around the world. Bramnick's role also tracks with the rise of what has been called the multiracial and multiethnic far-right, exemplified by the growth in Latino, but also Black and Asian, support for Trump. Bramnick and the NAR are weaving the threads of a global, Israel-centric Christian dominionist movement and diversifying the ranks of international authoritarianism in the process. They warrant greater attention as these forces seek to advance their dystopian vision.

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58. RCPNation, “The Strongman Over Florida.”