

The GRALTA Foundation Presents

Exploring The Holy Land Problem Through Film

A 2023 documentary film by Joshua Vis

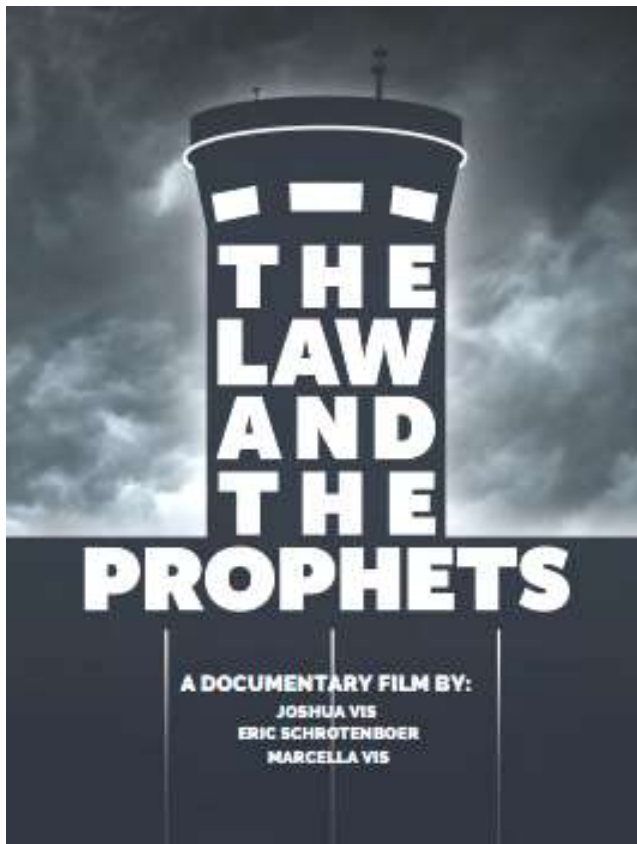
The Law and the Prophets

With discussion led by Boston College professor Eve Spangler

Sunday November 12, 1:30 PM Thursday, November 16, 7:30 PM

Bemis Hall: 15 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA

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Are there always two sides to every story? Maybe. But when it comes to the Holy Land, some think there is only one side to a story that's been *incompletely told!* This important documentary fills those gaps.

American filmmaker Joshua Vis is *neither Israeli nor Palestinian*. An activist, speaker, writer, and Bible scholar, he brings objectivity to filling in the story with experience gained from extensive time in the region and commentary by an A-list of diverse and respected authorities.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/8xEU5bqM8dE>

“A comprehensive tour de force!” ~Michael Spath, Founder/Executive Director,
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

“Exceptional, thorough, clear, and declarative.” ~John Anderson, Co-Moderator,
The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church

“Without a doubt, the very best presentation of the issues I have ever seen.”
~Gary Burge, Author, New Testament Scholar at Calvin Theological Seminary

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ABOUT THE GRALTA FOUNDATION

“Equal Rights for Equal People!”

A slogan that deliberately avoids words that describe:

- Territorial boundaries, such as Israel, Palestine, West Bank, Judea/Samaria, Golan, and Gaza
- Nationalities or ethnicities, such as Jews, Arabs, Palestinians, Syrians, and all others
- Religions, such as Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Druze, and all the others—including secularism/atheism
- Political constructs, such as democracy, fascism, Zionism, nationalism, self-determination, sovereignty, occupation, one-state/two-state, confederation, etc.
- International laws that describe war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, occupation, apartheid

A slogan that promotes the universal principle that people who demand equal rights for themselves assume an obligation to guaranty equal rights for everyone else.

In summer 2016, Lincoln, MA residents Barbara and Steve Low created the GRALTA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, because we care about the Jewish and the non-Jewish people living between “the River and the Sea.” (That’s the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, of course.) Also, of particular concern to us is how conditions in the region have been dividing America’s Jewish community—especially its younger generation from the old.

We also formed GRALTA because we know that human rights conditions in Israel and the territories it has annexed and/or occupies not only affected people living in that region; they affected all of us as Americans. Consider how our lives were changed by 9/11 and other terrorist attacks linked to America’s Middle East policies, our two Middle East wars, \$3.8 billion/year (\$4.8 billion in 2022 and a proposed additional \$14 billion in 2023) in U.S. military aid to Israel, and years of derivative Middle East instability. And too few people know of Israel’s quiet but significant role in militarizing our police.

Today, slightly more than half the people that Israel governs are non-Jews living without equal rights. Within Israel’s internationally-recognized borders, 20% of its citizens are non-Jews who suffer discrimination under a Jim Crow system. Those living in Occupied Territory live under military law or under blockade in the Gaza Strip. Israel defines itself *not* as a state for all its people, but as a *Jewish* state—first by declaring and documenting Jewish Supremacy in its Nation-State Law and reinforcing it by refusing to adopt a constitution that establishes true democracy and a protective bill of rights. Propped and profiting from unconditional American support, Israel has neither the need nor the will to reform from within. America must intervene.

For too long America’s Israel policy has responded to intense political pressure from the American defense industry, Jewish and Christian Zionist lobbies, and Islamophobes. Missing from that mix have been equivalently strong grassroots voices demanding and promoting human rights equality and justice for all people who live under Israeli control. A reformulated policy will not only improve lives for the region’s Jews and non-Jews; it will also advance America’s security.

GRALTA believes that the time has come for America’s Israel policy to demand an end to Israeli apartheid. We believe that effecting a change in US Middle East policy can only happen if there is grassroots outcry loud enough to gain mainstream media attention that leads to parity with the powerful Washington lobbies promoting the interests of their corporate and sectarian sponsors.

GRALTA is an acronym for **G**ross **R**oots **A**wareness, **L**earning, **T**ravel, and **A**dvocacy. The “A-L-T-A” part of our name reflects a four-phase process for mobilizing the grassroots and converting them from being apathetic about Israel and the territory it controls into informed and critical thinkers who demand change by:

- Making people **Aware** of severe human rights disparities between the Holy Land’s Jews and non-Jews
- Offering them opportunities to **Learn** more about them
- Encouraging **Travel** to the region on *balanced*, eye-opening fact-finding missions
- Helping them to develop personal responses and **Advocate** for policy changes that will lead to durable Middle East stability.

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