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Book Review:

ALLIES FOR ARMAGEDDON

THE RELENTLESS RISE OF CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

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Millions of Americans believe that God requires them to offer unconditional moral, financial, political and military support to Israel.

They are Christian Zionists, the West's religious fundamentalists, and, guided by a literal reading of the Bible, they are convinced that Jerusalem will be the epicentre of the imminent Tribulation, a seven-year period of suffering which will
- culminate in:

**Christ's Second Coming,
and the Battle of Armageddon.**

In this fascinating and disturbing book, Victoria Clark explores the 400-year history of this powerful political ideology from its beginnings among the Puritans of 17th-century England to the present day United States, where Christian Zionists wield unprecedented influence. In an attempt to understand the movement she travels through Israel and the American South, meeting the charismatic leaders and engaging with its enthusiastic followers. On the way she asks the questions that really matter: Are the Christian Zionists leaders telling the truth when they boast about their close links with the White House ?

How do the Israelis feel about being given support by evangelicals who think they are doomed to hell-fire ?

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