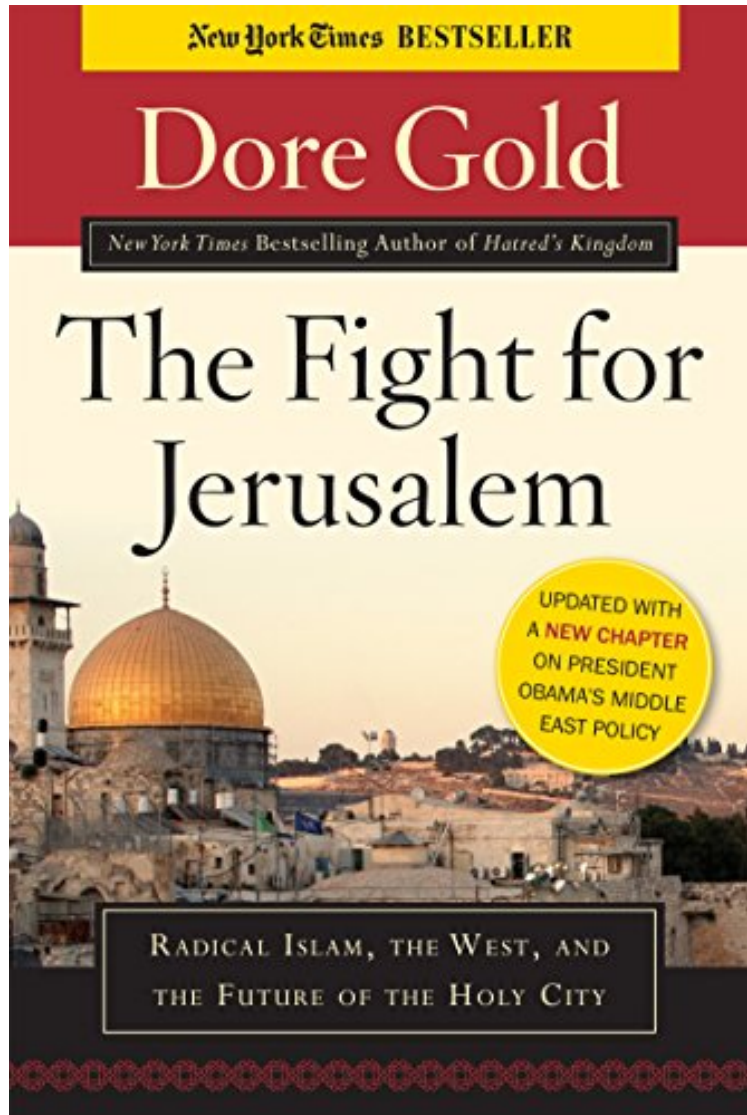


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From Publishers WeeklyThis exhaustively researched book by a former Israeli ambassador to the U.N. (*Hatred's Kingdom*) reads like an informed diatribe recounting the 3,000-year history of Jerusalem, from its origins in Davidic Israel through the Islamic conquests and Crusades, to its central place in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations and global religious consciousness. While meticulously detailing the role of the Holy City in the evolution of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and the modern diplomatic battle for its custody, Gold is far from impartial. He displays an intense repudiation of fundamentalist Islam, and the perceived ineptitude and ingratitude of the West toward Israel, which he considers the only legitimate savior of the city. Warning of the apocalypse, he concludes that today's Jerusalem is threatened by the "evil wind" of Islamic fundamentalism; if redivided, he argues, the precious city will be the next great victim of global jihad. Comprehensive and cogent, this book may be a helpful resource to anyone interested in the historical and theological antecedents to today's political quagmire. However, the spiteful, defensive tone diminishes an otherwise fascinating history. Christians and Muslims alike will find his argument disquieting, as Gold repeatedly devalues the religious authenticity of their claim to the city. (Jan.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From the Inside Flap*Jerusalem: Center of Faith--Or Apocalyptic Trigger?* Jerusalem is under assault. In Western diplomatic circles, it is now being argued that by pushing hard for a Middle East settlement, with the redivision of Jerusalem at its core, the flames of radical Islamic rage will be lowered, stemming the tide of al-Qaeda's ideological spread. Yet the exact opposite is true. Radical Islam is fed by its sense of victory in the face of repeated withdrawals: a redivision of Jerusalem would not only endanger its holy sites, but also unleash new jihadist momentum on a scale that most political leaders have not begun to consider.About the AuthorDore Gold is author of the newly released *The Rise of Nuclear Iran: How Tehran Defies the West* and the New York Times bestseller *Hatred's Kingdom: How Saudi Arabia Supports the New Global Terrorism*. He is the president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. He served as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations from 1997 through 1999, was foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel, has been a diplomatic envoy to the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, the Persian Gulf states, and the Palestinian Authority, and has been intimately involved in Arab-Israeli negotiations. Ambassador Gold, who earned his Ph.D. in International Relations and Middle East Studies from Columbia University, has written numerous books and articles on the Middle East. His articles have appeared in such publications as the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, Commentary, and the Daily Telegraph. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and two children.