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Farewell Israel

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"Farewell Israel: Bush, Iran and the Revolt of Islam" is an informed and informative political documentary discussing the political history of the Islamic religion and culture, and the dire resulting implications for Israel's future. Meticulous and thorough in its correction of common Western misperceptions - for example, the word "salam", mistranslated as "peace", literally means something closer to "truce" - Farewell Israel opens with an overview of Islam, then delves into a lengthy survey of Islamic history from the Prophet Mohammed's era through the rise and fall of an Islamic empire to World War II and the modern day. The last portion of Farewell Israel divests itself of political neutrality, instead forcefully proclaiming director Joel Gilbert's emotionally charged message that modern Islamic culture can only accept Jews living in their midst if they have second-class citizen status, and that modern Islam unilaterally demands the extermination of Jewish political independence. A doomsday scenario for Israel's future is presented, along with the insistence that Israel cannot trade land for peace - instead it is claimed that Israel will never get anything in return for giving up its land. As long as one is careful not to regard future projections, opinions, and political presumptions of the closing scenes as fact, Farewell Israel is an extraordinarily educational historical documentary.