This article examines statements made by American Christian Zionist leaders who connect Islam categorically with violence and other repugnant traits. These statements are situated within a narrative rooted in fear, according to which both Israel and the United States face imminent destruction if American Christians do not heed the biblical warning of Genesis 12:3 and pledge unconditional support for Israel. By setting this narrative against another framed by 19th century American travelers to Palestine, the argument is made that because of its basis in fear, the American Christian Zionist narrative promotes the justification of violence against Palestinians.