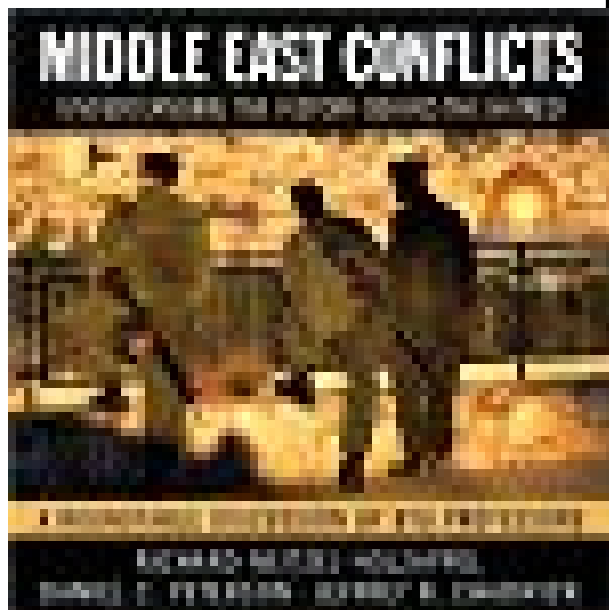


# Middle East Conflicts: Understanding the History Behind the Hatred (A Roundtable Discussion by BYU Professors)



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Stories of wars, suicide bombers, and hatred appear daily in the news from the Middle East. Many Western observers puzzle over the reasons for the turmoil. Why is there so much unrest in that part of the world? Why the hatred among different sects within Islam? What do the scriptures and modern prophets have to say about the situation there? What are the prospects for peace in the Middle East? And how does the conflict affect me? These are the topics of this enlightening discussion between three BYU professors who have made this vital area of the world the focus of their studies. Their insights into the history, religions, and people of that area will help you make sense of the headlines. Richard Neitzel Holzapfel is the managing director of the BYU Religious Studies Center publication office, a professor of Church History and doctrine at BYU, and the moderator of the discussion. Daniel C. Peterson is a professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic at BYU, director of METI (Middle Eastern Texts Initiative), and a member of the executive council of the Neal A. Maxwell Institute of Religious Scholarship. Jeffrey R. Chadwick is an associate professor of Church history and doctrine at BYU and senior fellow at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem. (2CDs)(159 minutes)