

Standing With Israel

'Melchizedek, King of (Jeru)Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. He blessed Abram and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth and blessed be God Most High Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had' (Genesis 14:18 to 20).

This meeting happened over four thousand years ago and was the beginning of the Land of Israel. Israel is the name God gave to Jacob (Genesis 35:10). From that holy meeting, God blessed Abram, changed his name to Abraham (Genesis 17:5) and gave a parcel of land to him and to his generations of offspring forever. 'God said to Abram, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward, southward eastward and westward, for all the land which you see, I will give to you and to your offspring forever"' (Genesis 13:14 & 15). That land is now the Land of Israel. It is the holy land and has a firm Scriptural foundation. Their language of Hebrew was spoken for generations before Abraham was born and dates back to his ancestor Eber, which is the root word for 'Hebrew' and they have spoken Hebrew since then.

Millions of people around the world, mostly Christians, stand with Israel in their times of need. Our voices are voices of support. We Gentiles consider Israel our gift because through Israel and the Jewish people we have the Bible and through the Bible we have been able to find our salvation. Without the Jewish people we would not have our Jewish Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus), because our salvation comes only through the Jewish people (Isaiah 49:6; John 4:22). We are advocates for Israel and confront erroneous church theologies and ungodly beliefs of non-church goers. These enemies of the truth of Scripture regarding Israel, constantly try to undermine the will of God for His land. Just like God prepared Israel for the first coming of Yeshua (Jesus) so now God is preparing Israel for the second coming of the Messiah to Israel. Yeshua will come and He will rule the world from Jerusalem, God's eternal capital city, and will usher in the Kingdom of God on earth.

A better knowledge of the Biblical foundation of Israel will explain Israel's legal legitimacy but also Israel's true necessity for our world. The Jewish people are the indigenous people of the Land of Israel. They were a cohesive family of about seventy people who lived there for generations (from the days of Melchizedek who knew Abraham) before a severe drought forced the family to move to Egypt for four hundred and thirty years. During that time they grew from being one family to an independent nation of over a million people. They were given their religion called Judaism when God gave the Ten Commandments and His laws to Moses, soon after they left Egypt. They moved back to their ancestral land, named it Israel after their forefather Israel (Jacob) and settled there. Israel is the birthplace of their national identity and their Godly culture. After being driven from their homeland twice and being dispersed around the globe, Israel is the only nation on earth to have resumed their language and culture after two thousand years, which is a miracle in itself.

In the early 1900's, Jewish people, individuals and families began returning to their rightful homeland, slowly building up the land to make it habitable again. It was a swampy wasteland back then and the returnees' drained swamps, planted trees and crops. Their hard work pushed back the deserts, turning the area into productive, prosperous agricultural land as was prophesied (Ezekiel 28:26). The Jewish people increased and thrived in their ancient homeland. They are a blessing to the Middle East and the entire world. It was this newfound prosperity that attracted Arabs to the area. Before then Israel was seen as a useless wasteland as was prophesied (Ezekiel 36:35) but the Jewish people changed that. Arabs moved there seeking a better way of life. The United Nations tried to partition the area into two states, one Jewish and one Arab. The Jewish people accepted the plan but the Arabs rejected it then launched a war to remove all Jewish people from the land. The Arabs failed, which created a stateless people who later called themselves 'Palestinians'. They are not Palestinians, they are Arabs. Five times Israel has offered Arab 'Palestinians' a state of their own and five times the offer has been rejected and each rejection was accompanied with another vicious attack on Israel and its citizens. Why? Because the Arabs do not want peace with Israel, they want to annihilate Israel! Since there has never been an independent sovereignty called 'Palestine' it is impossible for Israel to be 'occupying' 'Palestinian' land. The entire region is the Land of Israel, promised to the descendants of Abraham and is thus the land of the Jewish people. The erroneously named 'West Bank' is in reality Judea and Samaria, part of Israel.

Ever since the rebirth of Israel, the Jewish people have sought to live peacefully among its Arab neighbours and the world but they have been rejected by most Arab nations. The Arab League, the United Nations and the European Union have been incessantly opposed to Israel and have tried repeatedly to delegitimise them. Israel is never the aggressor but has needed to defend itself from being viciously attacked over fifteen times by Arabs, and Israel is constantly being bombarded by rockets and projectiles. No other country on earth has to defend itself every day from attacks from wicked enemies that are always trying to kill Israelis and destroy Israel. They have been forced to carefully manage a dangerous and complex humanitarian and security situation no other nation has ever faced. Out of its defensive necessity, Israel seized control of the Sinai

Peninsula, Gaza, southern Lebanon then Israel later withdrew from these areas. They have kept Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, safeguarding various religions and ethnic groups with full civil rights, freedoms and diversity. The State of Israel does have Judaism as their religion and the basis for Godly living but it is not solely a Judaism state. Judaism promotes life, Godliness, hope, the reverence of God, self worth and lawful living, as in 'love your neighbour' and Israelis are aware they are the only God-inspired Covenant people on earth. Israel is absolutely NOT an apartheid state, a baseless fabrication by those who blame Israel for the plight of Arabs living in their land but under the control of their own evil rulers. There are in reality, over two million Arabs living peacefully in Israel, some of whom are involved in government and have the same rights as the Israelis. God promised Abraham his offspring would be a blessing to the world and they have been. Israel contributes disproportionately to the improvement of life the world over, through the arts, science, innovations, technology, medical, agriculture, security, education and environmental studies. Israeli rescue teams are often the first responders to offer help during natural disasters worldwide, using their homegrown expertise. Israel has the largest heart surgery programme in the world for needy children, including Arab children.

The Israeli-Arab-Palestinian conflict is not just a local conflict but it is an ongoing regional battle with Israel as the target for Iranian aggression and hatred. Iran works its evil attacks through its several main proxies from Russia and China who both back Iran; Gaza, using Hamas and Palestinian Jihad; from Judea and Samaria, using Hamas and Fatah; from southern Lebanon, using Hezbollah; from Syria, using Hezbollah and Iranian militants; from Yemen, using the Houthis. Iran's plan is to have the entire world under Islamic control to usher in their awaited false muslim messiah. They want all obstacles to be eliminated and the main obstacle is, according to Iran, American-backed Israel. Hezbollah are waiting for word from Iran to attack Israel from the north. Israel will have to defend itself and with the cowardly muslims using innocent civilians as human shields, Israel would be blamed for any casualties in the same way they are being blamed for casualties in this current war with Hamas. The rape of women and girls is a crime. Raping women in war is a war crime. Hamas needs to be brought to account for their war crimes.

Jewish and Christian people living in Israel are rallying around God and exercising their calling to be a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:6). As the Israelis answer the call to arms they are calling on the name of the Lord and we Gentiles are standing with Israel to reassure them, they are not alone. It is terrible the way ungodly and ignorant people around the world shout out their hatred for Israel. That behaviour is nothing but pure anti-Semitism at its worst, led by evil spiritual forces that have hated Israel from the beginning. Their lies are rampant while the truth is openly ignored or twisted. They condemn Israel for its every move towards a peaceful solution. When the enemy, the devil goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom it can destroy (1 Peter 5:8) the Lord our God will raise up a standard against him (Isaiah 59:19). Finally, some politicians who are not churchgoers are standing up to defend Israel. These leaders are using their political platforms to speak the truth, give facts and try to dismantle the lies and propaganda of the enemies of Israel, who are actually the enemies of God Himself. Their words show Israel there is hope. There are leaders who are standing up for what is right regardless of the consequences.

The Israeli Defence Forces are doing everything they can to protect civilians in the current conflict as Israel fights on several fronts against terrorism. Western countries who side with those muslims who question Israel's legitimacy or question Israel's vital security measures, are making a grave and moral mistake and an error of a great magnitude. Israel is a fundamental part of Western culture. Many of our laws are based on the Bible and the Bible came from Israel. Western culture is as advanced as it is thanks to our Judeo-Christian roots. If Israel loses, the world loses. Whether we realise it or not, our lives are intertwined with Israel. Any other nation having to endure bombing and rockets plus neighbours coming over to stab and kill its civilians would annihilate the enemy but Israel is such a moral nation it built an iron dome instead. There is very little independent, impartial truthful reporting on Israel and that is feeding into the worldwide lack of factual knowledge. That in turn allows anti-Semitism to thrive. We Gentiles will continue to support Israel as we stand with them, including acknowledging their right to defend themselves against rampant terrorism coming from their immediate neighbours.

Israel is the lighthouse of the world and the only democracy in a dark and tyrannical region. It is part of our European identity. If the Jewish people are denied the right to live in peace and security in their own land, we will all eventually be denied that right. If the light of Israel fails we will all experience darkness. If Israel falls, the entire world will fall. Israel-loving Gentiles the world over strongly condemn the abhorrent actions of Iranian-backed Hamas and we reaffirm our support for Israel and its right to self-defence. The free world should be ordering Hamas to free all of the hostages and give up their heinous attacks on Israel. Hamas need to wake up to the reality, the world will never allow them to win. They are an evil terrorist group that needs to be quashed. Wake up world! Stand firm and order Hamas to release the hostages. We cannot

remain silent in the face of these terrorists or they will feel free to kidnap innocent civilians from other nations. Their acts of terror against innocent civilians are sickening. Leaders around the world must come together to urge for an immediate end to Hamas, like the allies destroyed Isis.

We are Australian. Australia stands against terrorism and we stand in solidarity with Israel. We condemn the attacks on their people. We condemn their constant rocket attacks targeting civilians including young children. We proclaim the Jewish peoples' extraordinary courage, resilience, strength and acknowledge the persecution over thousands of years, with them enduring some of the worst atrocities in human history. Those of us who are Christian are deeply ashamed of the deluded, uninformed stupid idiots in our country who are waving 'Palestinian' flags, wearing the garb of Hamas and who are condemning Israel for defending itself. They need to find the facts for themselves and stop blindly following the wrong crowd. Many of them have no idea what the protests are actually about. Wake up to yourselves you fools. Your attitude towards Israel is something you will be judged by. God sees what you are doing against His chosen people and He is not pleased. God said to Abraham about his descendants, "I will bless those who bless you (meaning all Jewish people) and I will curse all those who curses you" (Genesis 12:3).

What can we do to help Israel? Many things and much prayer. Send funds to Israel via Jewish charities like [Bridges for Peace](#) so they can help the hungry and the displaced Israelis. To those who are Christians and of course the Jewish people living here in Australia, pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Pray for the hostages to be released. Pray for the Lord to go to them and comfort and reassure them, they have His and our support. Pray Hamas will be annihilated and pray for total victory for Israel. Pray for God's man on the ground for this time in Jewish history, Benjamin Netanyahu for he is under enormous pressure from all around. He is doing his best under extreme circumstances so pray for his support and for God to see him through. Pray Israelis will unite and stop fighting each other during this terrible time. Pray for the Christian Palestinians to find a way of escape. Pray for other muslim countries to take Palestinians in so they can escape the war. Why is it other muslim countries have shut their borders to the Palestinians? How can those neighbouring countries sit there, knowing their fellow muslims are suffering yet they have shut them out! Pray for the borders of those neighbouring countries to be opened. Pray for peace in Israel. 'Peace be on Israel (Psalm 125:5 & 128:6).

Amen and God bless you.

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