

The Defensive Wall Israel Needs For Protection

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Joseph (Israel – collectively the Jewish people) is a fruitful vine (there have been millions of descendents of Abraham) by a spring (sustained by God). His branches (Children of Israel) run over the wall (walls of Jerusalem). The archers (enemies of Israel and enemies of the Jewish people) have sorely grieved him, shot at him and persecute him but his bow (inner resolve) remains strong. The arms of his hands (Defence Force) were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (the Lord God Himself). From there is the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel (the Messiah comes from Israel).

'Do well in your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem ... Day and night they (enemies of Israel) prowl around the walls. Malice and abuse are also within them. Destructive forces are within them. Threats and lies do not depart from their streets' (Psalm 51:18; 55:10 & 11).

Many lies and offensive accusations are made against Israel, mainly by the media. One of the targets of the enemies' accusations is the defensive wall and fences built around parts of Israel to protect the Jewish people. The Geneva Convention allows the wall and fences to be built for passive defence so Israel is not breaking any international law. The wall stops enemy terrorists from entering Israel to murder innocent Jewish people going about their every day lives. If the wall was not there, Israel would have to arrest many more aggressive hate-filled men and women who want to destroy any Jewish person they can, including small children.

The small percentage of the wall is in urban areas while the rural areas have a fence. The fence only stops suicide bombers. The wall stops the suicide bombers and the enemies of Israel who shoot at Israeli houses and vehicles. If the enemies of Israel would stop the killings and make genuine peace with Israel, the wall could come down. If the enemies do not want the fence or wall, they should stop firing missiles at Israel, they should stop shooting at Israeli Troops, they should stop wanting to annihilate the Land that is Israel, they should stop sending flaming kites and other things to burn the fields, crops and native bushland, they should stop the hatred and they should stop whinging about the wall. Israel has no choice but erect a wall and fences to protect their people against violent attacks from their neighbours. When the enemy's own leaders refuse to stop the attacks, Israel has no choice but to arrest those evil people responsible for killing and maiming innocent Israeli's.

There was no fence or wall until the enemies of Israel started to bomb, stab, blow up, kill, kidnap and destroy the lives of innocent Jewish people, including children. The security fence and wall is completely the fault of the enemy neighbours who surround Israel with evil intent. If their leaders had stopped the attacks, the wall would not have been necessary. The wall is actually helping the enemies of Israel because there are less checkpoints resulting in more freedom of movement for the enemies who live near the wall and thus a better standard of living. Israel has made it very clear – when the terrorism and enemy attacks cease there will be no need for the fence or the wall. Remember this, the terrorism and attacks from Israel's enemies came first, not the fence. When the enemy stops, the wall and fence will no longer be needed.

Israel has every right to exist and thrive as a people, a nation, a state and as an independent country. They also have every right to feel safe and live in peace in their own land. God gave the land to the descendents of Abraham thousands of years ago and the rest of the world needs to accept God's choice of people and His choice of land. God chose them, they did not choose themselves. 'Love your God, obey His voice and cleave to Him for He is your life and the length of your days so you may dwell in the land God promised to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob' (Deuteronomy 30:20). 'You (Israel) are a holy people to God. God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession above all peoples on the face of the earth. He did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any people for you were the fewest of all peoples. God loves you and because He will keep the oath He swore to your forefathers ... Know therefore your God, He is God, the Faithful God Who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. (Listen to this all you enemies of Israel who hate God.) God repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack to those who hate Him. He will repay them to their face' (Deuteronomy 7:6 to 10). The enemies of Israel, whoever and wherever they are will one day be strongly and decisively judged by God.

Anti-Semitism has risen its ugly head all over the world but it is worst closest to Israel. The Israeli's suffer many casualties because of some evil people who want to do them harm. To the Jewish people, we genuine

believers say this, "You are not alone. We stand with Israel and pray for you. We pray for God's wisdom as you face and deal with evil neighbours every day that threaten your peace in the land that is rightfully yours. We stand with you unconditionally and support you in any way, we as individuals can. Prayer has no geographical boundaries. Be strong and know that He is God. He is on your side. 'As for me, I know my Redeemer lives. In the end He will stand on the earth. After my skin is destroyed, in my flesh I will see God, Whom I, even I, will see He is on my side. My eyes will see Him and not as a stranger' (Job 19:25 to 27). 'He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear. He burns the chariots in the fire. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. God of Heavenly Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge' (Psalm 46:9 to 11).

Amen and God bless you.

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