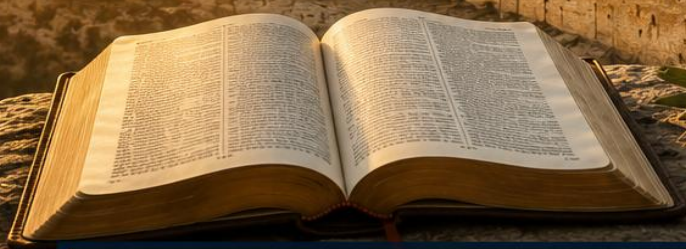




WHY EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD LOVE AND SUPPORT ISRAEL



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GENESIS 12:3

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Israel and the Jewish people.

I know that there's a great amount of controversy and tension around this message, around the war that's happening right now in the Middle East.

Anti-Israel narratives dominate mainstream media, and many people blindly believe them. Why does it matter?

Because when lies go unchallenged, they become the accepted version of reality.

As a Bible-believing Christian I cannot deny or ignore the significance of the nation Israel and the Jewish People on my beliefs.

My goal in this presentation is to share with you from a biblical perspective why every New Testament born again believer who is a follower of Jesus Christ should love Israel and the Jewish people.

The phrase "love what God loves, hate what God hates" is a common way to summarize the biblical call for Christians to align their affections with God's, which must include our love for Israel and the Jewish people.

Have you ever run into or are you, someone who wonders if God's heart for Israel and the Jewish people has changed now that Jesus came.

Or who believes God has set aside His plans for Israel because, for the most part, the Jewish people have rejected His promised Messiah Jesus?

Or have you been thought that the church has superseded or replaced Israel.

Or maybe you've been unsure how the Old and New Testaments fit together regarding God's love for Israel.

Does "chosen " imply a divine right to the Land of Israel in the modern era?

Is the establishment of the modern State of Israel a fulfillment of divine prophecy or a secular happening?

Have you questioned Israel's legitimacy and "right to exist.

Is criticism of Israeli government policies rooted in anti-Semitism?

If so, this study is for you. It outlines biblical evidence of His abiding love for and commitment to Israel and the Jewish people.

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My first experience with a Jewish Person was when I was about 4 years old.

I remember it well, because it ended up being a traumatic experience which stayed with me to this day. It was about 1949 or 1950 when my father took me into the inner city of Vienna where I was born. As I was running around, I run into someone and fell to the ground. As I looked up, an elderly gentleman lifted me up and asks if I was OK.

What stood out to me was the gentle, kind voice asking the question, when out of nowhere I heard my father's voice calling the man a "filthy Jew" as he pushed the man to the ground.

Years later as a teenager, when I saw my first movie about the Holocaust called Judgement at Nuremberg, I relived my experience years earlier.

As I grew older I started to be curious about the Holocaust and the Jewish People in general. In 1965 I visited the Dachau and Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

It was not until 1967 after the 6 day war that I seriously started to admire the Jewish People. I developed a genuine love for the Land of Israel and the Jewish People.

For me it was beyond comprehension that a group of people can rise from the ashes of the holocaust and within 20 years build from absolutely nothing one of the greatest nations on earth.

I marveled that a group of people rising from the ashes of the Holocaust, should define their society not by victimhood but by determination, positive perspective and a relentless drive to succeed.

As I grew up in a very abusive environment, I was six years old when I first tried to take my own life, It was the Jewish People that gave me a feeling of shared pain, but it also instilled in me a sense of determination and positive perspective.

It was their example, which made me promise to myself never to be a victim, but a victor. I learned just as the Jewish People that my past will never determine my future.

In 1967 I immigrated to Canada and in 1980 I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

As I started reading the Bible my admiration for Israel grew due to the scripture's focus on God's covenant relationship with the Jewish people, his promises to them, and the historical narrative of their journey.

The more I read the Bible the more I wanted to know more about the Jewish People and Israel.

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In 1982 I made my first visit to Israel. It changed my life forever.

I'd never read the Bible the same way again. When I read my Bible now I just don't read about places, I live them. The Bible has become a living, breathing entity.

Beyond the vacation and excitement of walking in the land of the Bible, this wasn't just a sightseeing vacation; I was coming home. It was a place that felt like home even though I had never been there.

Now when I sing songs in my church, I feel the might of God's work in Scripture more powerfully than ever before.

When we sing about Christ at Calvary, I think of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

When we sing 'He has Risen' I feel the excitement of Jesus not staying in that tomb but walking out with the stone rolled away,

And now, I feel a deep burden for Israel and the Jewish People, I didn't feel before.

I can't stand on the sidelines when I hear Israel slandered or accused of terrible crimes.

It's hard to even go a day without hearing in the news how Israel is an evil state bent on destroying Arabs. Yet when I visit Israel, what I see does not match this claim at all.

I saw Jewish and Arab Israelis working side by side, flourishing cooperatively, not at each other's expense. I see Arab Soldiers, proudly defending their country.

For this reason I started my ministry called "Blow the Shofar".

The sound of the Shofar represents the human cry. Each note signifies a different emotion, and the Shofar is meant to penetrate the deep recesses of a person's soul and spiritually express the thoughts and feelings that words alone cannot describe.

Psalms 89:16-18 is recited following the blowing of the Shofar containing a hopeful look toward the future:

[Happy is the people that know the Shofar's cry; they walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance.](#)

The sound of the shofar to me is more than just sound, it is my cry to stand with the people of Israel, and to teach others that Israel matters.

As I said before, My life changed when I visited Israel. I came to know my God, His Chosen People, and the Land He gave them more deeply than ever. I hope you get this same opportunity one day. I can't wait to go back!



I want to start by talking about God's relationship with Israel and the Jewish People.

God made a covenant with Abraham, and from there a line of blessings began, leading to a thousand years of stories about the people of Israel and their relationship with God.

Their history, full of both glory and shame, is recorded for all nations to read – light and shadow alike.

However; God's love for Israel is clear. He says in Deuteronomy 7:6:

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.”

God chose Israel as a testimony of His unwavering love, even in the most trying times. Through the promises made to Abraham, the Jewish people were chosen to be a beacon of salvation and blessing. God chose Israel and loved the people of Israel from the very beginning – and He will until the very end!

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Even in the midst of Israel's failures, God's love remains unwavering. This is a love story – a beautiful declaration of God's heart for Israel. So let's look at some key verses.



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"I am the LORD": This is a direct declaration of God's divine name and identity.

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It clearly indicates that : Israel is a special nation that was created by God Himself.

This makes Israel unique among all the nations of the world! He even calls Israel, **“My glory”** (Isa 46:13).

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Israel is precious to God.
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“But now, this is what the Lord says—He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel: ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.... Since you are precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you....’”

Creation and Redemption: God reminds the people of Israel that He is their Creator and Redeemer, having formed them and "summoned them by name".

Ownership: God emphasizes their special relationship by stating, "you are Mine".

Value: He declares that they are "precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you".

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Do not touch the apple of my Eye
Zechariah 2:8



**For thus says the LORD of hosts:
I send Him against the nations that plunder Israel
“for he who touches you – touches the apple of his eye”**

"For thus says the LORD of hosts:" This is a prophetic formula emphasizing that the message comes from God, the supreme commander of heavenly armies.

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God says: you are mine
Jeremiah 31:3



**From a distance ADONAI appeared to me, saying:
I love you with an everlasting love;
This is why in my grace I draw you to me.**

The nature of God's love: It is not temporary but eternal and unfailing ("everlasting love").

The intimacy of the relationship: He knows his people personally ("called you by name").

The assurance of belonging: He claims them as his own ("you are mine").

The phrase "**I have loved you with an everlasting love**" comes directly from **Jeremiah 31:3**.

In this verse, God is speaking to the Israelites through the prophet Jeremiah, assuring them of his enduring covenant faithfulness, even after a time of punishment for their transgressions. This hope is given to the people of Israel during their time of exile in Babylon, promising them restoration and a new covenant.

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Israel is God's treasured possession.
Israel is precious to God.
God's love for Israel is unfailing.
God's love for Israel is everlasting.**

Scripture after Scripture, we see that God's heart for Israel and the Jewish people has not changed and will never change. We can trust God. He is faithful and He keeps His promises.

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Israel is precious to God, God's love for Israel is unfailing,

God's love for Israel is everlasting,

God is eternal, and His love is eternal, which means it never fades for His people, Israel.

The subject of God's faithfulness to Israel and His ongoing love for her, affects every Believer in Jesus – Jewish or Gentile.

The matter sifts down to one audacious question:

Is God faithful and trustworthy or not?

Either God is faithful to keep all His covenants, or He can't be trusted to keep any of them. If God has ceased to love Israel and has broken His covenant with the people He chose for His own, how can we trust His love for those who believe in Jesus the Messiah?

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If He changed His mind regarding Israel, how can we trust that He won't change His mind regarding Believers today?

Thankfully, Scripture answers that bottom-line question with an emphatic "Yes!" The Bible reveals the Lord is eternally faithful and unfailingly loving. He is a promise-fulfilling, covenant-keeping God.



Lewis S Chafer

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According to Lewis S. Chafer, **"When the Christian loves with a divine compassion he will acknowledge what God loves. Therefore, he too must love Israel and the Jewish people.**

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To possess the love of God is to love that which He loves.

The statement means that to truly possess God's love, one must love the things that are valuable to Him, such as people, righteousness, and His commandments.

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It suggests that a genuine love for God is not a passive feeling but an active, outward expression that mirrors His love for His creation, as seen in 1 John 4:19

"We love because he first loved us"

and other scriptures. This love should manifest in how we treat others and in our actions, reflecting God's selfless and unconditional love.



Love Israel like God Loves Israel

You will be my people and I will be your God. I am the LORD your God, and you will know that I made you free from Egypt. **(Exodus 6:7)**

God chose Israel as a testimony of His unwavering love, even in the most trying times. Through the promises made to Abraham, the Jewish people were chosen to be a beacon of salvation and blessing. God chose Israel and loved the people of Israel from the very beginning – and He will until the end!

Love is not a momentary feeling: it is a long term commitment.

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“ I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have drawn you with loving kindness”

Should that matter to us Gentiles ?

I believe the Book of Ruth helps us answer this question.



**“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you.
For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge.
Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16)**

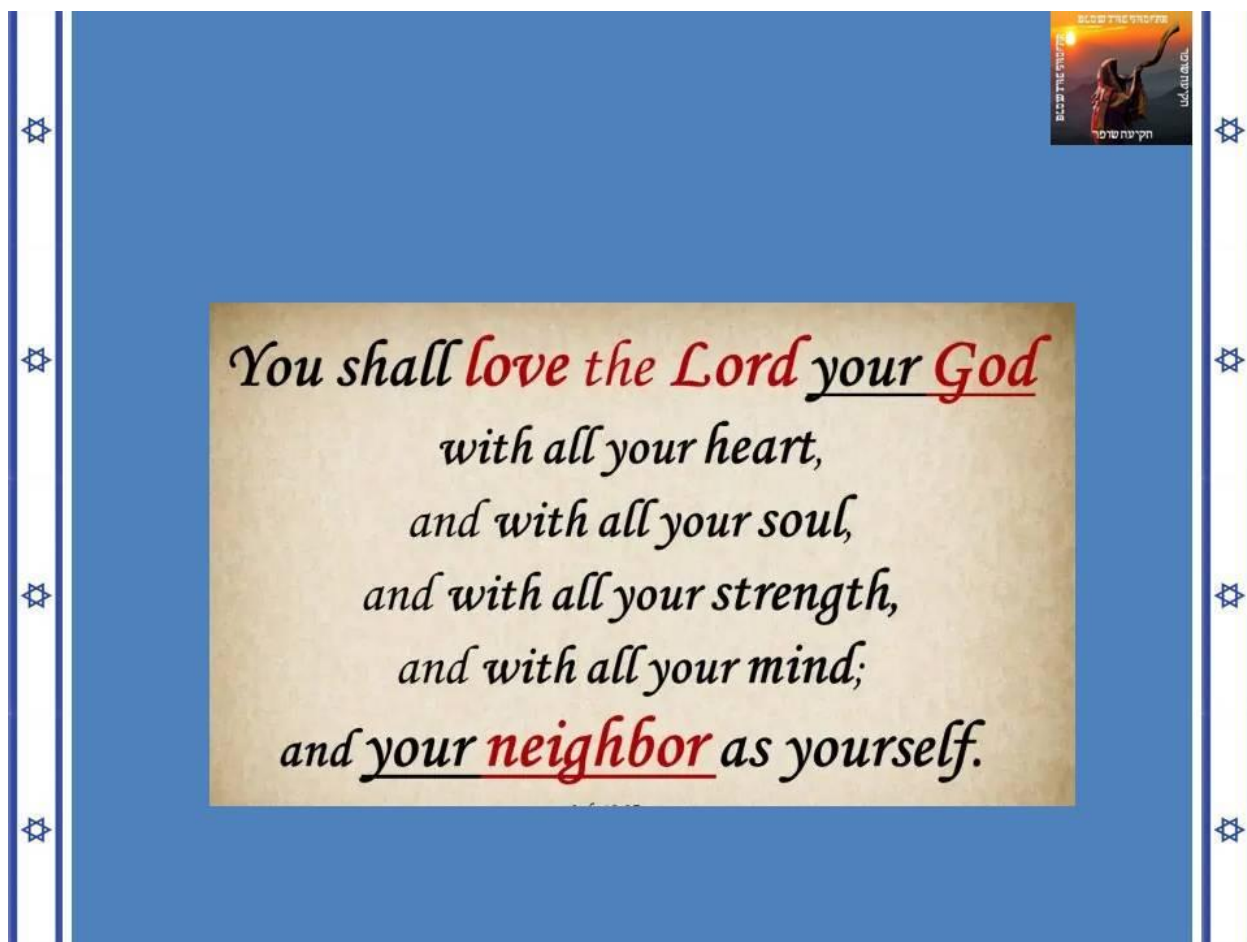
Ruth was “from the nations”, she was a Moabite, and the Jewish people were – at first – just her neighbors.

But she fell in love with a Jewish man and decided to cling to his family. When she was given the option to return to the land she once knew or to follow her mother-in-law into the unknown, she responded:

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“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ([Ruth 1:16](#))

Why did she say that ? You may think, Ruth did it for love, she had a reason.



But wait a second – aren't you in love with Jesus? The Jewish Messiah? Don't you love the God of Israel?

Someone once said “ **If God is in an covenant with the Jewish people, so am I**”

While we all differ in the ways we show love, there is a common thread. Whether it's through spending quality time, doing acts of service, or giving gifts, we feel loved when someone shows us that they *love what we love*.

When we are in love, we are not afraid to change our preferences to reflect that love.

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We are not changing our identity for the other person – rather, one could say, we are making space for them in our lives. We pay attention and we show consideration to what is important to them.

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... We love because He first loved us.” – 1 John 4:18-19

And so, we pay attention to what moves the heart of God.

Before we choose to love what He loves, we first must come to know what He loves.



Through His Word, we learn about Israel.

And when we spend time with God, we start to understand His commitment to Israel.

We start to understand how He thinks and what He feels, we start experiencing emotions within ourselves whenever we read about Israel or even just see their name.

Israel is no longer just another country – somehow it became deeply ingrained in our relationship with Jesus.

Caring about Israel is the heart of God, radiating forth through the generations!

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This foundational covenant in Judaism and Christianity establishes the Jewish people as chosen which is central to God's plan for humanity's salvation and redemption.

The concept of a "chosen people" originated in the Abrahamic covenant when God promised Abraham that his descendants would be a great nation and be in a special covenant with God.

While the Bible shows this promise was specifically given to Abraham's son Isaac, and later to his grandson Jacob, the formal, national covenant with the descendants as the "chosen people" is most explicitly established later at Mount Sinai after they are freed from slavery in Egypt.

The earliest biblical mentions of the Jewish people as the "chosen people" of God can be found in the Book of Deuteronomy. However, the concept is rooted in God's covenant with Abraham in the Book of Genesis.

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- **Deuteronomy 7:6** ,
• "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession".
- **Deuteronomy 14:2**
• God calls the Israelites a "holy people" whom God has chosen "to be his own special treasure".
- **Exodus 19:5–6**
• refers to the Israelites as God's "treasured possession," a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation," just before the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.
- **Amos 3:2** highlights this special relationship, noting, "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth"

In the Book of Deuteronomy

In Deuteronomy, the Israelites are explicitly described as God's "treasured possession".

Deuteronomy 7:6 declares, "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession".

Deuteronomy 14:2 similarly calls the Israelites a "holy people" whom God has chosen "to be his own special treasure".

This theme is reinforced throughout the Hebrew Bible in several other books.

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It describes something that is separated from the common and dedicated for a specific, sacred purpose.

Out of all nations then on earth, God chose Israel to be His special people or His Chosen People .

By no means. Of His own sovereign choice God set His love upon Israel.

In the Western mind, the word “chosen” is often equal to “preferred “ When we choose something, it often means that we prefer one thing over another.

In contrast, the biblical description will often refer to a subject's function or purpose.







Romans 2:10-11

**¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good,
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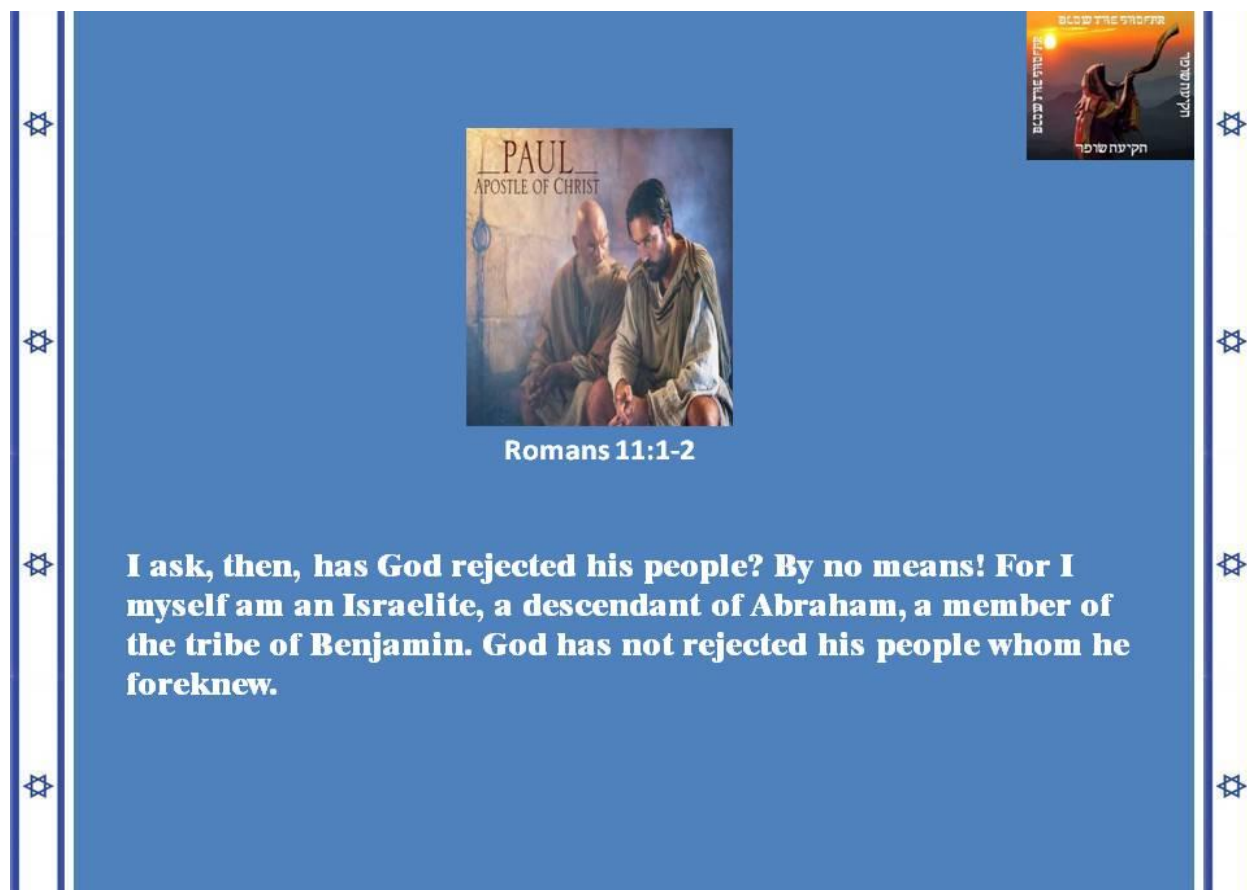
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So the concept of being “chosen” or God liking the Jews better, is not an accurate one.

Rather, when something is chosen, it was for a specific purpose. God’s Word affirms that the Jews are God’s chosen people: “You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

[The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession”](#) (Deuteronomy 7:6).

It emphasizes that God's original covenant with the Jewish people, starting with Abraham, was and will never be revoked.



PAUL
APOSTLE OF CHRIST

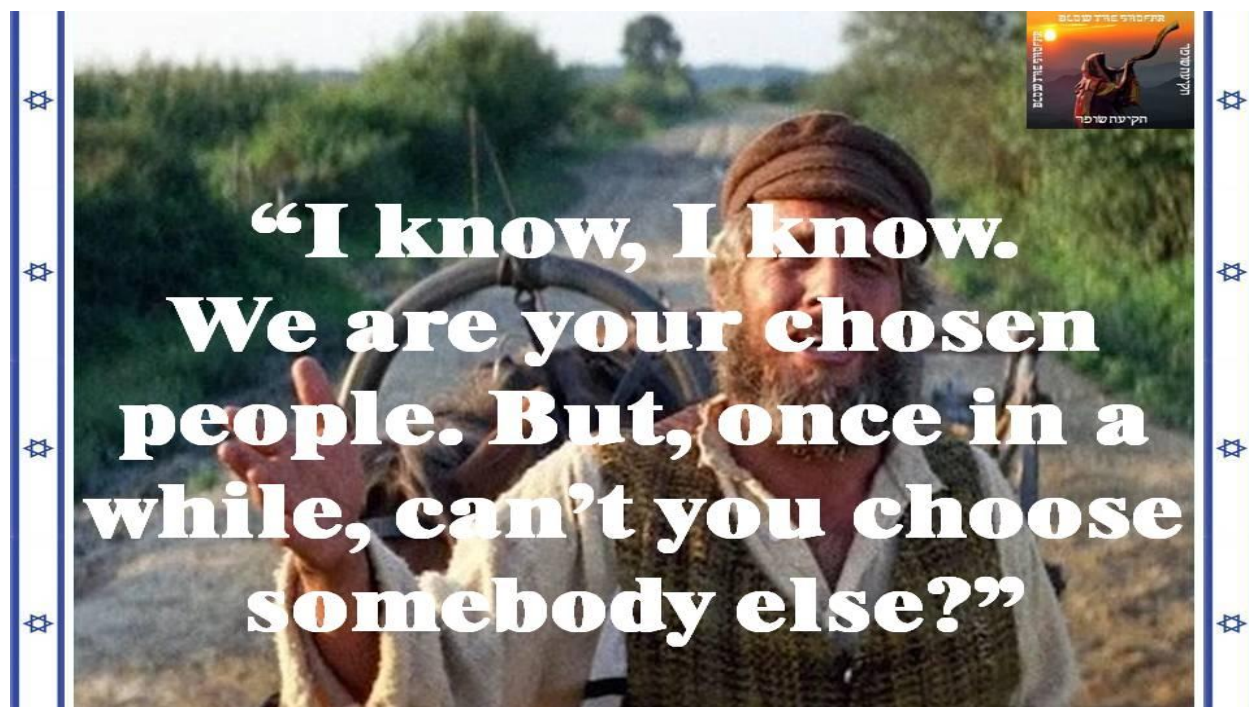
Romans 11:1-2

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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עקבותיה שופר

We find the confirmation of that statement in Romans 11

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One of my favorite plays “ Fiddler on the Roof” describes a very typical Jewish characterization of the idea of “chosenness”. when Tevye looks up to God and says, “I know, I know. We are your chosen people. But, once in a while, can’t you choose somebody else?”

To answer Tevye’s question, God is not going to choose somebody else for a while. He is going to deal with His people Israel because He made a promise to them, a covenant with them that rests completely on God alone to fulfill His promise in His choosing of Israel.

However, the essence of chosenness is not to dominate, but to serve. Not to demand loyalty, but to offer light. Not to avoid suffering, but to endure it—with hope and faith that God’s justice will prevail.

So what are the Jewish People called for;

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According to the Hebrew Bible, God chose Israel to be His chosen people for several reasons:

to be a holy nation that would serve Him,

It signifies a people chosen by God to be a distinct community, set apart ("holy") to worship Him and reflect His character to the world through their actions and service.

In the Old Testament, this was a covenant promise to the people of Israel, and in the New Testament, it is applied to believers in Christ, who are seen as a spiritual "holy nation".

This concept, found in [Exodus 19:6](#) and later in [1 Peter 2:9](#), describes a community called to live a life of holiness, which includes a dual role of being both a "kingdom" with spiritual authority and a "royal priesthood" with direct access to God.

It means dedicating one's life to God's will and service, reflecting His character in one's actions and living in a way that is distinct from the surrounding world.

Their purpose is to reflect God's character and to declare His praises to the world.



EXODUS 19:5



to be a holy nation that would serve Him

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. You will be my treasured possession. I have other possessions, but you will be the one I treasure.

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The phrase "to be a holy nation that would serve Him" appears in the (Exodus 19:6).

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

A kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In this line, "priests" and "holy" mean much the same. Priests were people that God set apart for himself, to serve him directly. "Holy" refers to anything that is set apart for God. So "priests" and "holy" mean much the same thing. "Kingdom" and "nation" are also interchangeable.

God says, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. If God had said, "you will be for me a holy kingdom and a nation of priests," it would have meant the same thing.

to fulfill a promise made to Abraham to bless all nations through his descendants,



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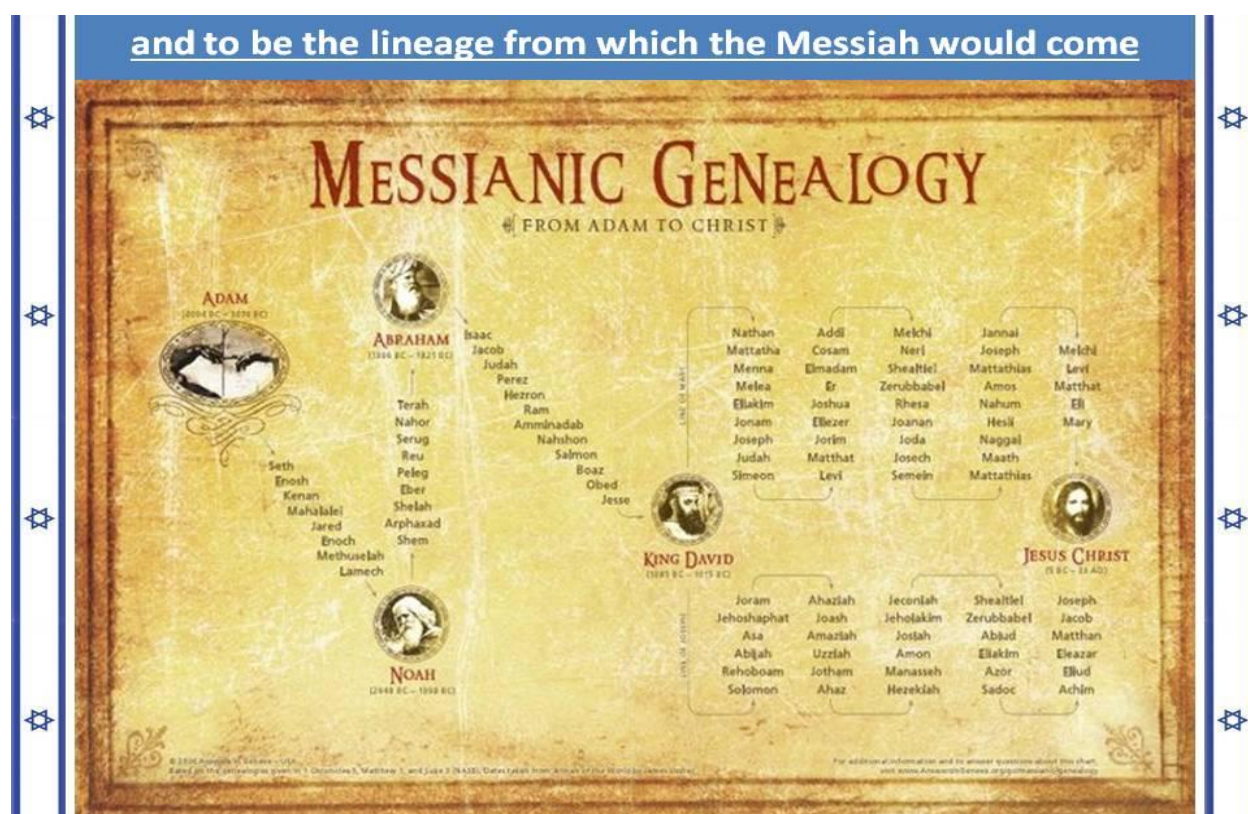
“I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice” ([Genesis 22:17–18](#)).

It is through this one Offspring that the promises to Abraham will be realized and the nations of the earth will be blessed. This promise is fulfilled through Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, who through his redemptive work offers salvation to all people regardless of their ethnicity or nationality. The promise signifies a universal plan for salvation that extends beyond the nation of Israel.

The blessing is spiritual salvation, which includes the forgiveness of sins and is received through faith in Christ, not by adherence to the law of Moses.

The previous sentence is not a direct quote from the Bible, but rather a theological summary of core New Testament teachings, particularly from the writings of the Apostle Paul in his letters to the Romans and Galatians.

and to be the lineage from which the Messiah would come.



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This is a record of the ancestors of **Jesus the Messiah**, a descendant of David and of Abraham. Matthew 1:1

The genealogy of Jesus is important because it demonstrates his fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies as the promised Messiah, linking him to key figures like Abraham and David. It establishes Jesus as the rightful heir to the throne of Israel.

The genealogies also reveal God's grace by showing that redemption is possible for anyone.

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The covenantal story began long ago in the garden of Eden. It is there that God created humans in his image to be in relationship with him and to act as partners to help him spread goodness throughout the world.

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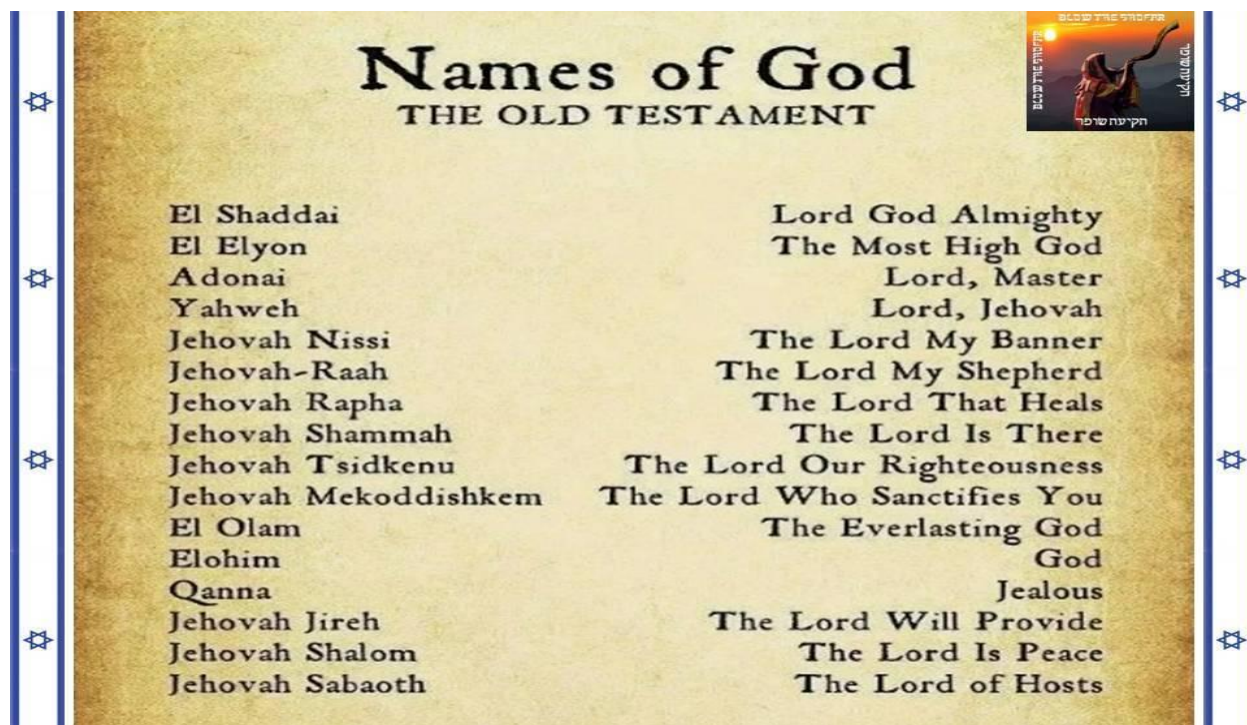
Throughout the Bible, we see evidence of God's desire to be in relationship with his people. In Genesis, we see God walking and talking with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In Exodus, we see God leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and establishing a covenant with them.

God's relationship with his people is described as a covenantal one, characterized by love, faithfulness, and a desire for a personal friendship, even after it was broken by sin.

Throughout history, this relationship has involved God as the creator and redeemer, and his people as those in need of salvation.

The relationship is based on God's enduring love and faithfulness, and for many, it is renewed through faith and a new covenant, established through Jesus, which offers a way back to an intimate connection with God.

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We can also learn a great deal about God's character by studying His various names.

From Genesis to the book of Revelation, we realize that God is a God of people – a God of relationships. This is one of the most reassuring aspects of our Creator.

Each name reveal his attributes, character, and nature.

The phrase "When we know His names, we know Him", means that understanding God's various names reveals His character, promises, and relationship to humanity.

By studying names like

Elohim .. which means "God". The name refers to His incredible power and might. He is the one and only God. Supreme and true

Yahweh.. which means "Lord" Yahweh is derived from the Hebrew word " I AM ", which has it's roots in the meaning " to exist"

Abba.. which means "Father" Abba is the most intimate form of God's name, showing His character as our loving Father.

El Shaddai... which means "God Almighty" which reminds us that He is all powerful, He is the Mighty One.

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Jehova Yireh... which means "The Lord will Provide". God will provide for our all needs. Every one of them, He is faithful, He is able, nothing is too difficult for Him.

Jehovah Rapha... which means "The Lord Who Heals" For I am the Lord, who heals you."

Whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, God is our healer and restorer.

Jehovah Nissi ... which means "The Lord Our Banner" Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner." God is our protector, leading us to victory.

Jehovah Shalom.. which means "The Lord Our Peace" God is the only one that is able to give us the peace that passes all our understanding.

Jehovah Tsidkenu... which means "The Lord Our Righteous Savior" We cannot attain righteousness on our own, but through Jesus, we are made right before God.

Jehovah-Rohi.. which means "The Lord My Shepherd" This name conveys that God provides guidance, protection, and care for His followers, much like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

By studying the names of God, we gain a deeper understanding of His character, power, and promises, which strengthens our faith and personal relationship with Him.

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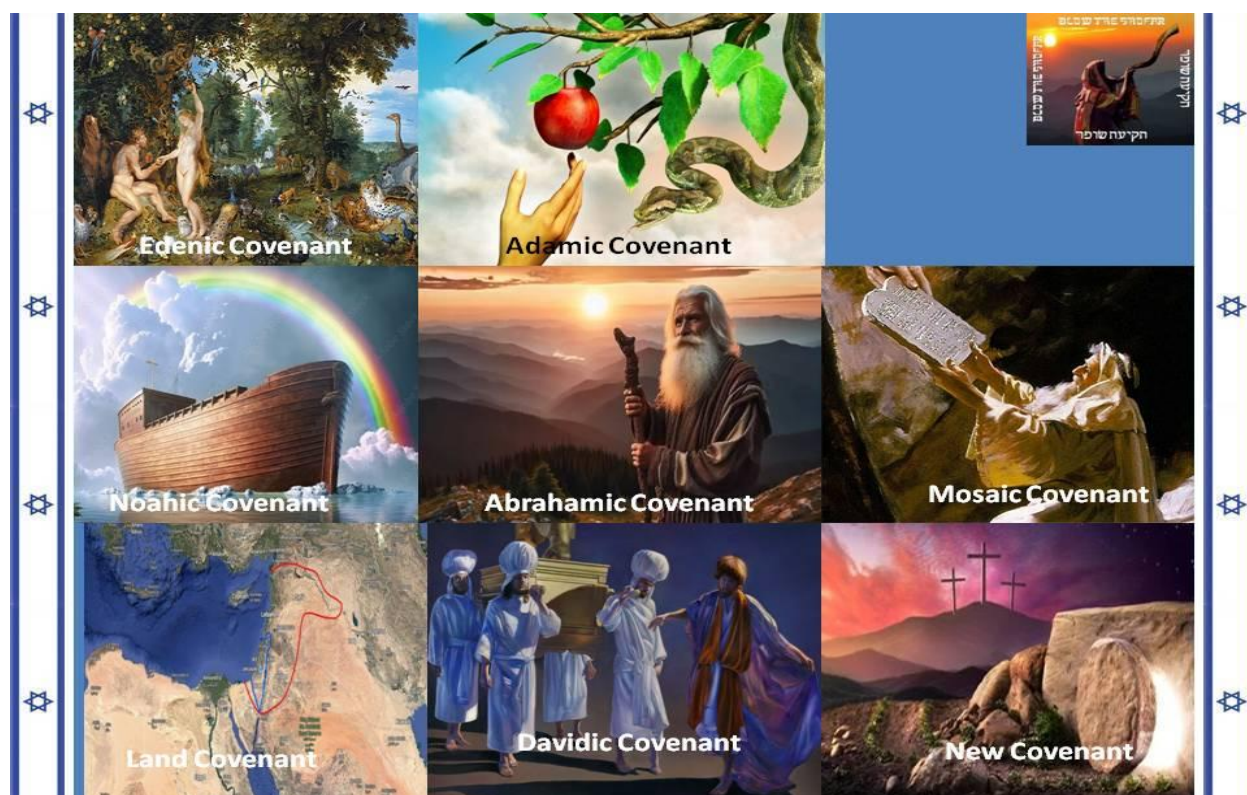
This knowledge transforms how we pray, allowing us to address God more personally and reverently, and helps us to see Him as a powerful and relevant figure in our lives.

In about a dozen places in the Bible, the Lord God is referred to as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (e.g., [Genesis 50:24](#); [Exodus 3:15](#); [Acts 7:32](#)). This name of God emphasizes the covenant that God made with Israel and the Israelites' special place as God's [Chosen People](#).

When God appeared to Moses through the burning bush, he called himself "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Why would God use this name? In fact, this name tells us something vital about God's nature.

When you think of God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, let it be a reminder. You serve a God who sees his word through to the end and will always do what he has said he will do, with His chosen people, as well as You.

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Another way to look at the God of relationships is achieved by studying the different agreements that He made with humankind in general and with the Jewish people in particular.

These agreements, celebrating relationship and commitment, are also known as covenants. Understanding God's covenants is critical to understanding God's plan for humankind and for Israel.

The main purpose of God's covenants is to establish and renew a relationship between God and humanity, restoring a bond broken by sin. They are the framework for God's redemptive plan, demonstrating His commitment to a people, outlining promises and responsibilities, and ultimately guiding humanity toward restoration and eternal life through Christ.

A covenant is a solemn and binding agreement that establishes a relationship, with God making promises to people while also outlining expectations for them.

But the covenants also show God's true and loyal nature.

The concept of God's covenant is central to Judaism and Christianity, though with different interpretation.



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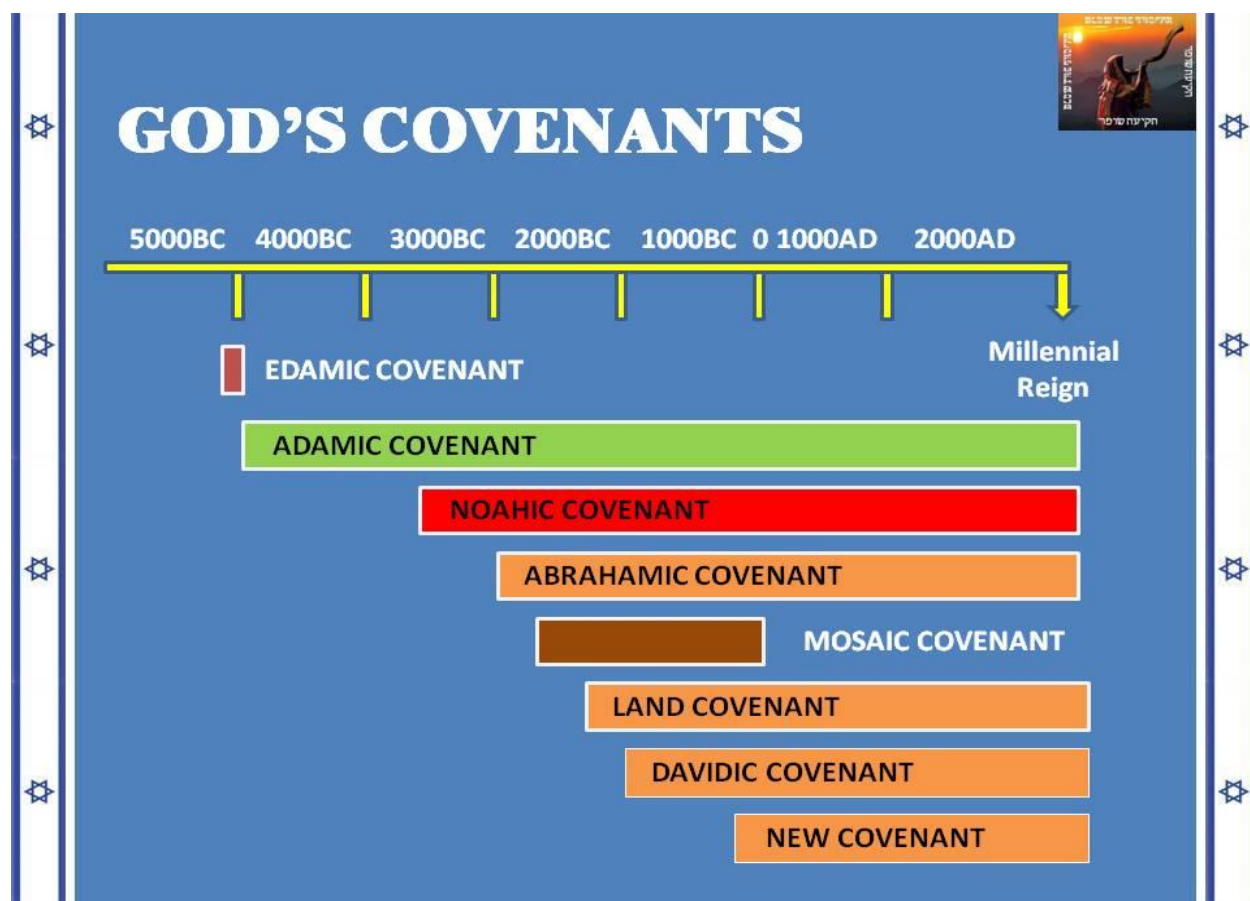
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Take a moment to look at God's Covenants:

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First you have the Edenic covenant (Genesis 28-30 and Genesis 2: 15-17), also called "the covenant of innocents" the "Covenant of Works," "Covenant of Life," or "Covenant of Creation" between God and Adam. It involved Adam's perfect obedience to God's commands in exchange for eternal life.

Key parts included, Adam having dominion over the earth, populating it, and only eating from certain trees, with a single prohibition against eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, under penalty of death.

The Adamic or the covenant of Grace, Also called Protoevangelium, is the covenant God instituted with Adam and Eve after they sinned and broke fellowship with God.

Although, the Adamic covenant includes curses. God included a future and irrevocable blessing when He said,

"I will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" ([Genesis 3:15](#)).

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This is the first promise of redemption spoken directly to humanity from God. It promises Jesus Christ, Eve's offspring, will come to make things right.

Although both the Edenic and the Adamic covenant were literal covenants, the first time the word covenant (Berith in Hebrew) appears in Scripture is in connection with Noah.



THE NOACHIDE COVENANT
Genesis 9:8

Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

In the Noahic covenant God promised that he would never again destroy the earth with water. He made this covenant not only with Noah, but with all of humanity as well as the entire animal kingdom, in effect with all of his creation.

While the Noahic Covenant is not directly redemptive, it preserved the created order so that God's plans to redeem it could continue. It was ratified with the universal sign of the rainbow, symbolizing that God had withdrawn his weapons of war and would only take up his bow again at the final judgment.



The Abrahamic Covenant, which we will cover in detail, includes the Land Covenant, the Davidic Covenant, and the New Covenants.

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After Moses, these promises were more fully realized through the establishment of Israel as a nation, the gift of the Promised Land, and ultimately, the coming of Jesus Christ.

A proper understanding of the Abrahamic Covenant is key to understanding God's purpose for Israel and the Nations, as well as His way of dealing with humankind in general – as this covenant is also the basis for the development of other covenants. In many ways, God's covenants can be seen as legal agreements between the Creator and humanity and/or Israel.



The Mosaic covenant is made up of four main elements: the Exodus, the making of the Mosaic covenant, the giving of the Law, and the ritual of the Law.

The Mosaic covenant is a biblical covenant established between God and the Israelites, delivered by the prophet Moses at Mount Sinai, and also called the Sinaitic covenant. This conditional agreement is defined by a comprehensive set of laws, including the Ten Commandments, which served as civil, social, and religious guidelines for the Israelites.

It established Israel as God's chosen people, with their obedience to these laws being the condition for blessings, protection, and prosperity.

Mosaic Law today is often conflated with Jewish Law, which is made up of 613 laws of which 365 are a negative commands and 248 are a positive commands, which dictate how Jewish people of today are supposed to live their lives.

One of the basic truths about the Mosaic Covenant is that it is conditional, in contrast with the Abrahamic Covenant which is unconditional; their fulfillment is predicated on the faithfulness of God alone. The Mosaic Covenant is based on the faithfulness of both God and the nation of Israel.



Now having covered the eight covenants in general let,s focus in more detail on the Abrahamic covenant.

The Abrahamic Covenant promises land, descendants, and blessings, forming the foundation of Israel's identity.

The Mosaic Covenant, given at Mount Sinai, provides the Law as a guide for righteous living.

The Davidic Covenant guarantees an eternal kingdom through David's lineage, pointing to the messianic hope.

Understanding these covenants is essential for grasping salvation in both the Old and New Testaments.

This foundational covenant in Judaism and Christianity establishes the Jewish people as chosen which is central to God's plan for humanity's salvation and redemption.

The Abrahamic covenant comes from Genesis 12:1-3.

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Genesis 12: 1-3

¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

It reads: “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”

Abraham, formerly known as Abram, was the first Hebrew Patriarch who came from Ur of the Chaldeans approximate 200 miles southeast of Baghdad a region with polytheistic worship.

When we first meet Abram, he was a pagan like everyone else. However, he was different from the rest of his family, so God called him to separate himself and go to the land which God would show him.

Abram and his wife Sarai were called out of Haran, where they had lived and prospered. They were meant to go somewhere completely unknown to them. All the while, Abram and Sarai did not have any children born to them yet. Abram was still waiting for God to provide an heir to them, and in Genesis 15 the Lord appeared to Abram again,



Genesis 15: 1-5



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The Lord reassured Abram that he would have an heir that comes from his own body. And, that his descendants would outnumber the stars in the night sky (Genesis 15:4-5). Abram then believed and it was credited to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6)

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Genesis 17: 3-5

“I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” At this, Abram fell face down, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.”



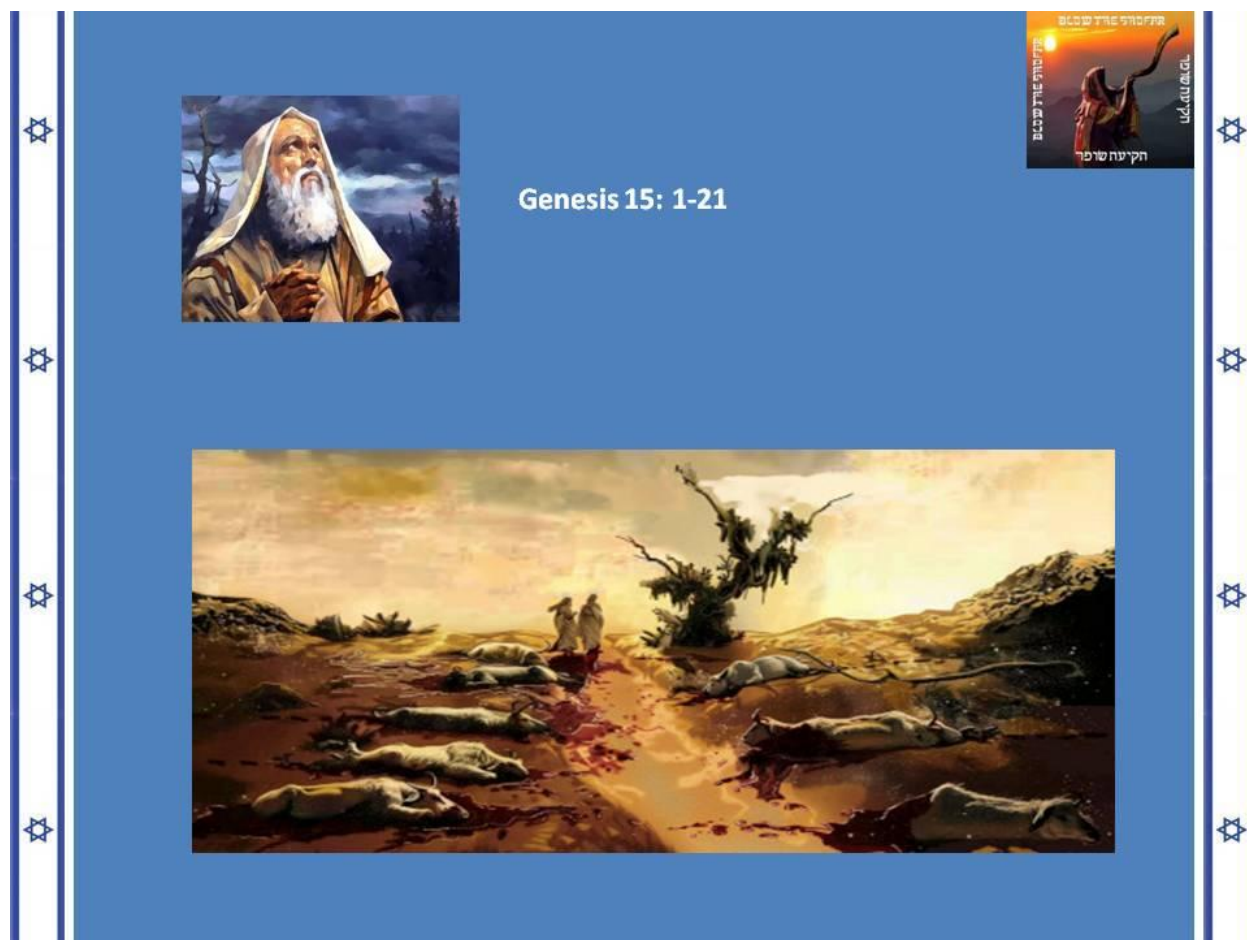
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God again appeared to Abram **“I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”** At this, Abram fell face down, and God said to him, **“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.”**

This quote is a pivotal moment from the Book of Genesis in the Bible, where God changes Abram's name to Abraham and makes a covenant with him. It signifies the start of a new phase in their relationship, establishing that Abraham will be the father of many nations and that kings will come from him and his descendants. This covenant is the basis for Abraham's role as a patriarch in Judaism and Christianity,

The promise emphasizes that Abraham will be the father of many nations, and kings will issue from him. This is fulfilled through his descendants, most notably the twelve tribes of Israel through his son Isaac

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The promises that God gave to Abraham do not require any righteous action on Abraham's part and are fully unconditional in nature. In exchange God bears the full responsibility of covenant fulfillment by participating in a self-maledictory covenantal ceremony, stipulating symbolically that He himself will bear the consequences should the covenant be broken by either party. God, does however, call Abraham to live in loyalty and faithfulness with Him in response to His divine grace.



A Self-maledictory oath is a promise to curse oneself if the oath is broken. This concept is seen in ancient traditions and biblical accounts, where a person would invoke a curse on themselves to guarantee the sincerity of the covenant. God enacts a self-maledictory oath by passing through pieces of sacrificed animals alone, (Genesis 15), symbolizing that the curse would fall upon Him if he failed to keep the promise to Abraham.

This was a solemn way to affirm the absolute certainty of a promise, common in ancient Near Eastern treaties.

In a typical blood covenant, both parties would walk between cut animals to signify that they would be subjected to the same fate as the animals if they broke the agreement.

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Genesis 17: 15





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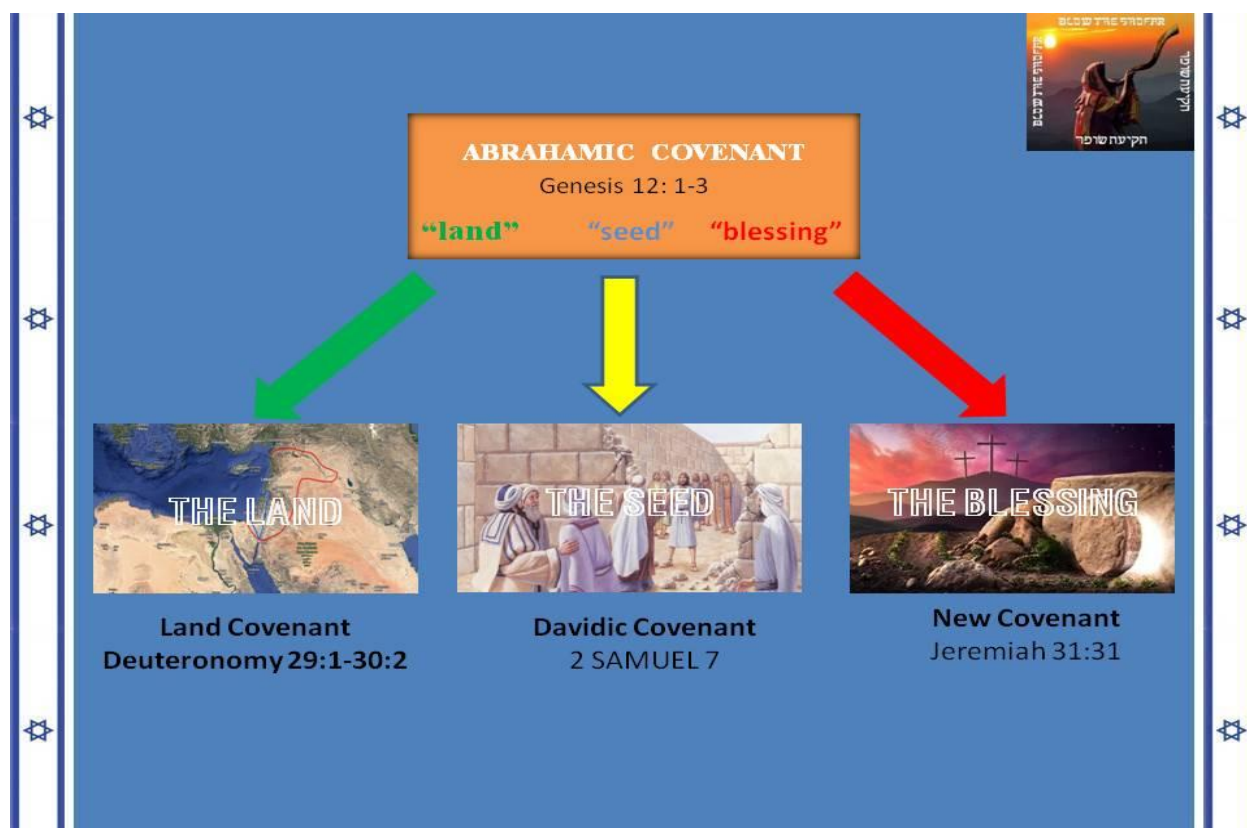
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Sarah, therefore, signifies that her strength does not belong exclusively to her immediate family. Instead, it belongs to the future nation of Israel and even the world-at-large.

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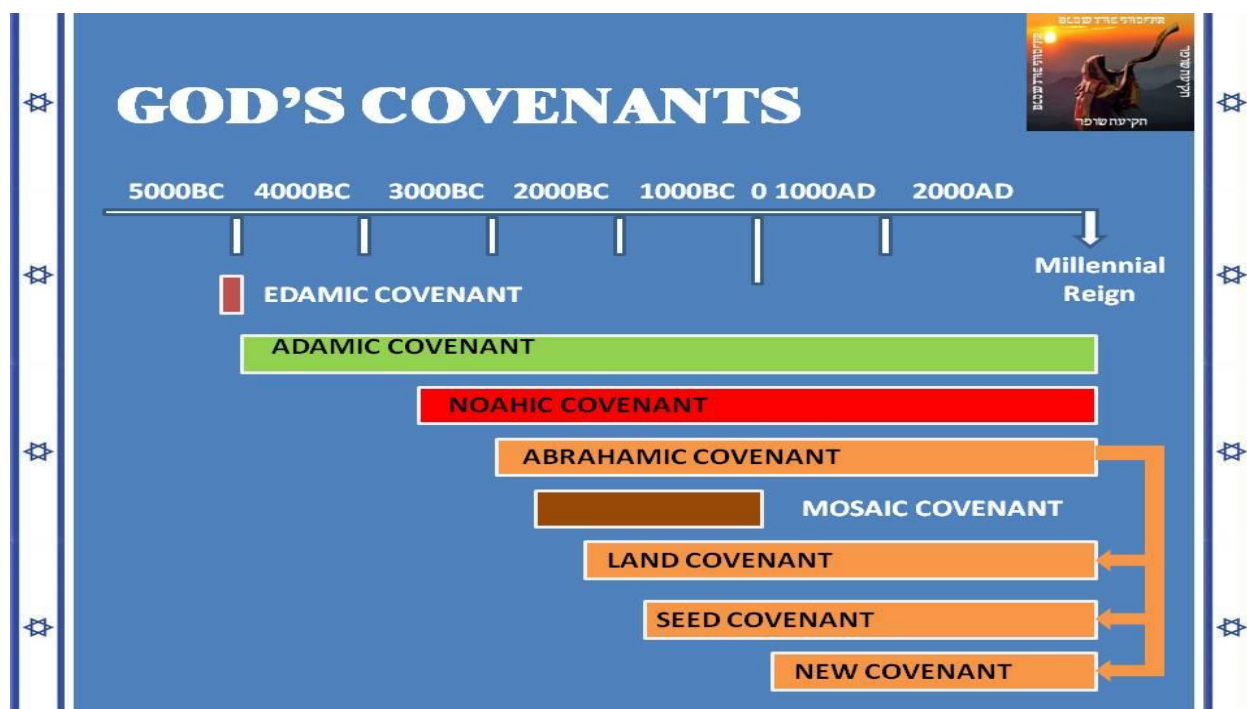


Key elements of the Abrahamic Covenants include God's unconditional promises, a specific physical land, the promise of numerous descendants found in the Davidic Covenant, and the ultimate blessing of the world through Abraham's lineage, fulfilled in the New Covenant through Jesus Christ.

While God gave commands for Abraham and his descendants to "walk before me and be blameless" (Genesis 17:1) and established circumcision as the permanent sign of the covenant, these are generally seen as an expected response of faith and obedience, not as conditions upon which the fundamental promises depended for their ultimate fulfillment.

To fully understand let's go back for a moment to Session 2

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As I mentioned there, Key components of the Abrahamic covenant were fulfilled both before and after Moses.

Fulfilled prior to Moses

- **Promise of a son:** God's promise that Abraham would have a son with his wife, Sarah, was fulfilled with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:1–7). This provided the first link in the bloodline through which God's redemptive plan would unfold.
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Through these interactions, starting in Genesis 12 through the Book of Exodus to the Book of Deuteronomy three overarching promises are made by God:

1. Abraham would be given land (12:1) later called the Land Covenant in Deuteronomy 29
2. From him would come a great nation (12:2 ; 15:2) fulfilled in the Davidic Covenant in Samuel 7
3. Through God's blessing of Abraham and his descendants the whole earth would be blessed (12:3) through the New Covenant found in Jeremiah 31

These three main promises always fall into one of three categories regarding to whom they relate: Abraham, Israel as a whole, or the Gentiles.

1. Abraham is the father of a great nation (Israel). He was to possess ALL the Land promised to him by God. He would be greatly blessed and would be a blessing to others. To this day Abraham's name is greatly recognized by Christianity and Judaism and.
2. Israel as a nation was promised greatness and a myriad of descendants as well as the whole Promised Land. It is important to understand that the mere fact that some of the promises were made to both Abraham and his descendants proves that some of these blessings have yet to be fulfilled, which points to fulfillment in the future age of the Messianic Kingdom.

Unfulfilled Promises

The Abrahamic promises that have not yet happened include the full extent of the Promised Land and the spiritual restoration of the Jewish people to God.

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3. The Gentiles were promised a blessing, for blessing the Jewish people as well as a curse for cursing the Jewish people.

the Abrahamic Covenant contains both physical and spiritual promises for the Jewish people; but as it pertains to the Gentiles, only the spiritual promises apply.

The physical promises such as the Land or circumcision apply only to the Jewish people.

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The three main aspects of the Abrahamic Covenant—the Land, the Descendants or Seed, and the Blessing—are further developed, each leading into an additional, unique covenant.

From the very outset, this covenant was not solely focused on the blessing of Abraham and his descendants, but rather the entire world was seen as the ultimate beneficiary of this covenant— it is universal.

This covenant also finds significance as it is established as an “everlasting covenant” ([Genesis 17:7–8](#)).

The people of Israel across their history hold onto the promises of this covenant and appeal to them ([Exodus 32:13](#)) and [Yahweh](#) himself remembers these promises and acts accordingly ([Leviticus 26:42](#)).

In the New Testament, Mary and Zechariah saw Christ’s birth in terms of God’s covenant with Abraham ([Luke 1:72–75](#)).

The ultimate fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant comes in Jesus Christ, the true “offspring” of Abraham ([Galatians 3:16](#)).

Those who are in Christ are now also considered “Abraham’s offspring” and heirs of the covenant promises through the new covenant. ([Galatians 3:29](#)).

So let’s look at each of those three promises individually.



So lets start with the first: The Land Covenant

The land covenant which includes the promise of permanent possession of the land of [Canaan](#), an everlasting and unconditional guarantee of this land, and the promise that the land would eventually be restored to the descendants of Abraham even after periods of exile.

Scripture has 170 references to the land that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jakob.

God promised the land of Canaan to the Jews as an unconditional covenant –

55 times the Bible records that God confirmed the gift with an oath.

Twelve of those times He stated that the covenant was everlasting



LAND PROMISE

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. (Genesis 15:18-21)

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:7-8)

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19 The land of the Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. (Genesis 15:18-21) 7

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In the Abrahamic Covenant, then, God laid out the extent of the land that would belong to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—a territory including all of Canaan and stretching from Egypt to modern-day Iraq.

Several centuries later, when it came time for the Israelites actually take possession of the Promised Land, God again spoke of a vast area “from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites” (Joshua 1:4,).

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Scripture indicates that the boundaries of the promised land in today's geography would be

In the South, from the Red Sea (today's Eilat) to the sea of the Philistines (today's Gaza) to a point called the Wadi el Arish of Egypt (today Wadi el Arish is a dry river bed in the Sinai Peninsula (not the Nile River)) . (Exodus 23:31, Ezekiel 47:19, Genesis 15:18)

In the West, the coastline of the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea) Numbers 34:6, Ezekiel 47:20)

In the North, through what is today Lebanon and Syria to the Euphrates River in the North. (Genesis 15:18, Deuteronomy 11:24, Ezekiel 47:17, Joshua 1:4)

In the East, from the Euphrates River, extending south past Damascus along the slopes of the Sea of Kinnereth or Sea of Galilee (today's Golan Heights).

At the southern end of the Sea of Kinnereth the Jordan River flows out of the Sea of Kinnereth through the Jordan Valley to enter the Dead Sea. (Numbers 34:11-12, Ezekiel 47:18)

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Although the Lord promised the house of Israel great blessings as the heirs through Isaac and Jacob, these blessings were conditional upon their exercising their obedience to righteousness, as they honored their covenants with God.



Deuteronomy 30:15-18

15 “See, I have placed before you today life and happiness, and death and adversity,

16 in that I am commanding you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, so that you may live and become numerous, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to take possession of it.

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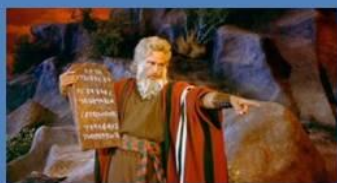
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- **Deuteronomy:** Moses' prophetic warnings to the Israelites anticipate their failure to keep the covenant. He explicitly predicts that if the people "become corrupt and make any kind of idol," they will be scattered among the nations.
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Because of Israel's disobedience to covenant promises with the Lord, the children of Israel were scattered among the nations of the earth, as the Lord had warned.

The Exiles of Israel refer to the periods in biblical history when the Israelites were forcibly removed from their homeland and taken into captivity by foreign powers. These events are pivotal in the narrative of the Old Testament, shaping the identity and faith of the Israelite people.

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The three primary exiles are the Assyrian Exile of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Babylonian Exile of the Southern Kingdom of Judah and the Diaspora in 70AD.

Assyrian Exile (14 YEARS)



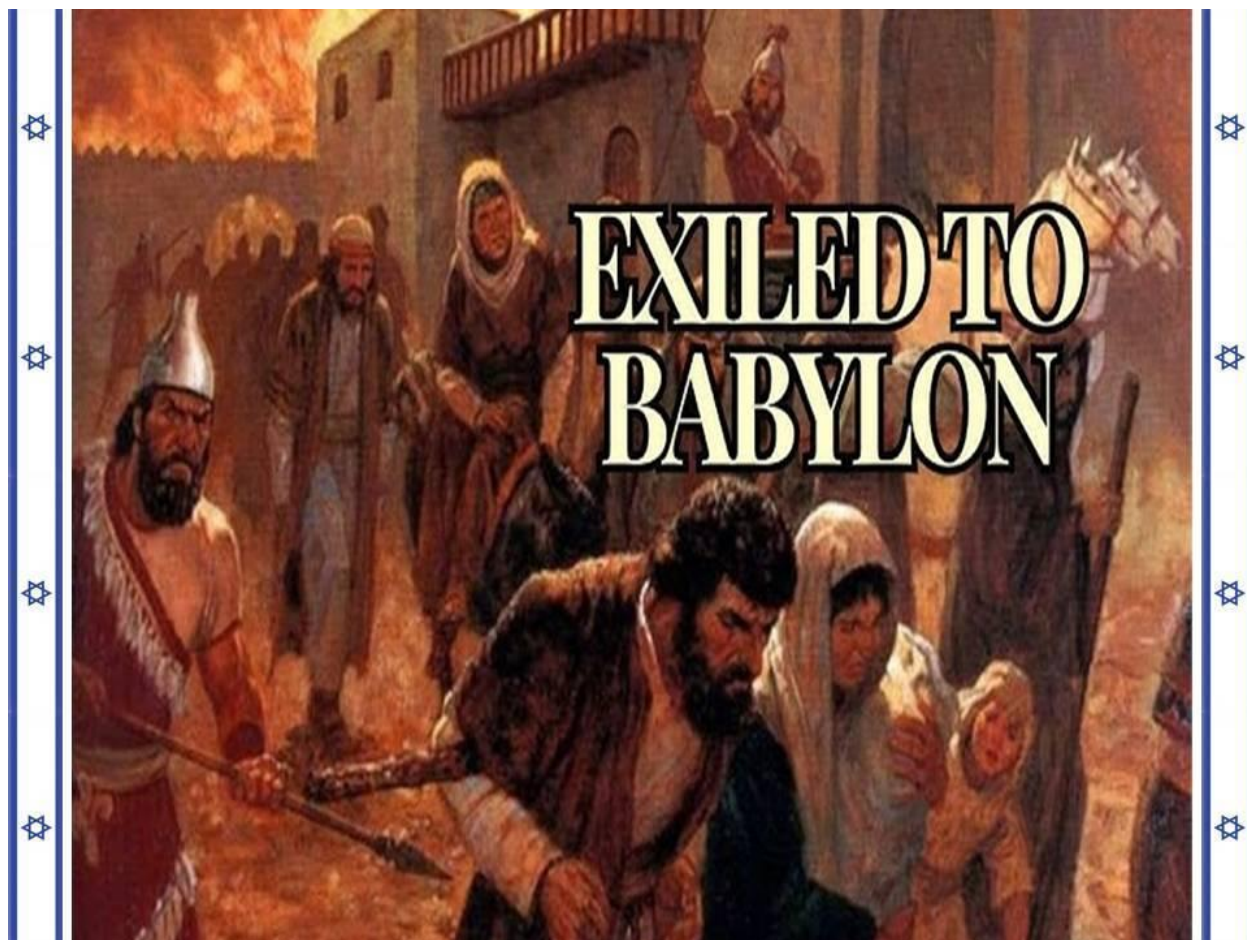
The Assyrian Exile marks the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. After a series of warnings from prophets such as Amos and Hosea, the kingdom fell to the Assyrian Empire under King Shalmaneser V and his successor, Sargon II.

The biblical account in [2 Kings 17:6](#) states, "In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River, and in the towns of the Medes."

The Assyrians' exile was a result of Israel's persistent idolatry and disobedience to God's covenant.

The Assyrians employed a policy of deportation to prevent rebellion, dispersing the Israelites throughout their empire. This led to the assimilation of the Israelites into foreign cultures, contributing to the phenomenon of the "Lost Tribes of Israel."

Babylonian Exile (70 YEARS)



The Babylonian Exile involved the Southern Kingdom of Judah and is one of the most significant events in Jewish history.

Following a series of invasions, the final destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple occurred under King Nebuchadnezzar II. [2 Kings 25:11](#) records,

"Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who remained in the city—the deserters who had gone over to the king of Babylon, along with the rest of the multitude."

The Babylonian exile was a divine judgment for Judah's idolatry, social injustice, and failure to heed prophetic warnings from figures like Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

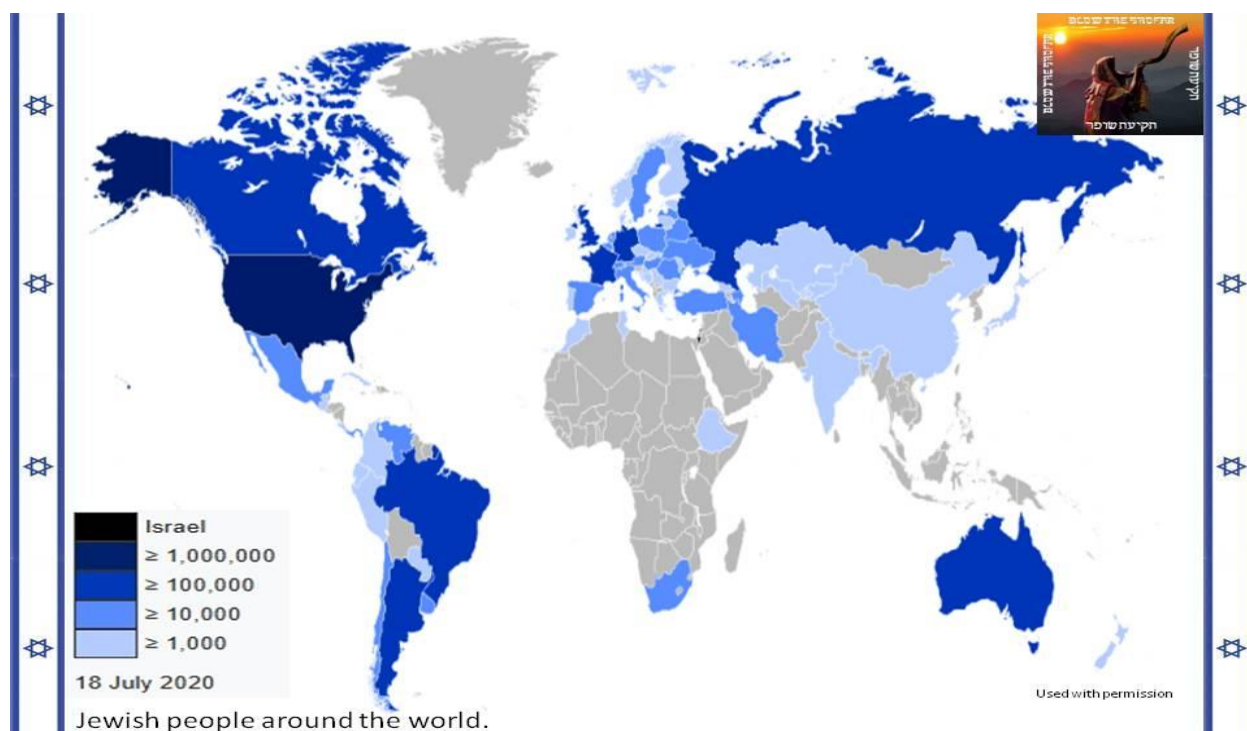
The Babylonian Exile lasted approximately 70 years, during which the Jewish people maintained their identity and faith, as seen in the writings of Daniel and Ezekiel.

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Both the Assyrians as well as the Babylonian exile served as a period of purification and reflection for the Israelites. The loss of the land and the Temple forced a reevaluation of their relationship with God. The exilic and post-exilic prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah, emphasized themes of repentance, hope, and restoration. [Jeremiah 29:10](#) offers a message of hope:

"For this is what the LORD says: 'When seventy years for Babylon are complete, I will attend to you and confirm My promise to restore you to this place.'"

Diaspora 70AD (1878 Years)



The destruction of Jerusalem, and the Second Temple by the Romans in 70AD led to the Jewish diaspora, or dispersion, of Jews from their homeland.

This was a particularly significant turning point, ending the sacrificial system and solidifying the shift to Rabbinic Judaism centered on prayer and study, with the diaspora becoming a defining feature of Jewish history.

The diaspora brought about profound religious changes, leading to the development of Rabbinic Judaism, and the communities in exile adapted by preserving and developing their distinct culture while sometimes facing persecution.

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Rabbinical law, also known as **Halakha**, is the comprehensive system of Jewish religious laws and practices.

It is derived from the Written Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) and the Oral Torah (which includes the Mishnah, Gemara, and subsequent rabbinic commentaries and legal codes like the Shulhan Arukh).

In Jewish law (**Halakha**), the "communal interpretation" of rabbinic laws is a dynamic process where communities, guided by their accepted rabbinic authorities and established customs, engage with and apply the vast body of tradition to their daily lives.

As the interpretation was based on the rabbinical authority of a particular Jewish or community, some interpretations today vary from Jewish Community to Community.

This dispersion has also shaped a resilient community identity, often defined by a shared temporal rhythm and the ability to adapt to new circumstances, despite facing periods of persecution and displacement

These events resulted in the establishment of large Jewish communities outside of Judea that grew into the distinct Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi communities.

The result of this was that Jews eventually spread all over the world, taking their customs and religion with them, although in different countries, these customs would become regionally modified. Thus, the diaspora caused the spread of Judaism all over the world.

Today, there are Jewish communities in every corner of the globe.

JEWISH DIASPORA GROUPS

Ashkenazi Jews immigrated to what is now Germany and northeastern France.

They developed their own distinct language called Yiddish.

In the 21st century, most people who speak Yiddish in their daily lives are Hasidim and other Haredim (strictly Orthodox Jews).

Their numbers are estimated to be between 500,000 and one million—mainly in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Israel.

Unfortunately, because of the regions in Europe where they lived, the vast majority of Jews killed in the Holocaust were Ashkenazi.

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Sephardic Jews, on the other hand, moved to the Iberian Peninsula, either Spain or Portugal.

They were forcibly expelled from Spain by Queen Isabella in 1492 and migrated, some to North Africa, and others to the Netherlands, Britain, France, and Poland.

The Mizrahi Jews are the descendants of Jewish communities that never left the Middle East, living in countries such as Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Morocco, and Egypt. Jews remaining in those countries still speak Arabic or a Judeo-Arabic dialect.

The Beta Israel is an Ethiopian Jewish community that still employs many ancient Jewish practices and traditions.

Many of them immigrated to Israel during Operation Moses (1984) and Operation Solomon (1991), two covert Israeli military operations to airlift Ethiopian Jews from Ethiopia and Sudan to Israel.

The Bene Israel is a Jewish community in India. They claim their ancestors settled there centuries ago but this is difficult to prove. They are now mostly concentrated around the city of Mumbai.

The Romaniote Jews are a population of Greek Jews and one of the oldest European Jewish populations.

They speak a Greek dialect called Yevanic, which also contains Hebrew.

Sadly, most of them were murdered during the Nazi occupation of Greece, and the majority of survivors relocated to Israel.

The Karaite Jews came originally from Persia and Iraq but now have communities in Egypt, Crimea, and Israel.

They follow a unique form of Judaism that relies solely on the [Hebrew Bible](#), and completely denies the authority of later rabbinic tradition.

The Mountain Jews have lived in the Caucasus in countries such as Azerbaijan and Dagestan for centuries, maintaining their own distinct language called Judeo-Tat, a Judeo-Persian dialect.

Their ancestors may have originated from ancient Persia in the 5th century BCE.

Their religious traditions included a commitment to the Jewish mysticism of the Kabbalah.

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The promise of land belonging to the children of Israel is permanent . In all three cases, the promise of the covenant held true: the Jews regained their land and their nation in 701 BCE, 537 BC and again in AD 1948. Israel is still in their land, despite the fact that their conquerors, Assyria, Babylon and Rome, are long gone.

In Jeremiah 31:35–37 God has given His word that the nation of Israel will never cease.

What is widely considered astounding is that the Jewish people retained their national and cultural identity, religion, and sense of peoplehood for nearly 2,000 years without a homeland or political power, despite experiencing repeated persecution, expulsions, and attempts at their destruction and assimilation.

This survival and the re-establishment of the nation of Israel in their ancestral homeland in 1948 is often described as an unprecedented event in world history.



Jeremiah 31:35–37

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And He tells them that in the latter days He will act, not for their sake, but for the sake of His holy name (Ezekiel 36:22-24). And He will bring them back to the land He swore to Jacob, and He will be their God and they will be His people, and the nations will know that it is God who sanctifies Israel (Ezekiel 37:25-28).



“God warned the Israelites when he imposed the Laws: “Disobey and I will scatter you” However, God also promised that He will bring them all back.

The words of the prophet Isaiah 11:11 are unfolding before us in real time:

And it shall come to pass on that day that the Lord will again extend His hand a second time to recover the remnant of His people... and He shall set up a banner for the

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nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel, and assemble the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

“Then Hashem your God will bring back your captivity and have compassion upon you. He will return and gather you from all the nations where Hashem your God has scattered you.

Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the heavens, from there Hashem your God will gather you and from there He will bring you back.

And Hashem your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you good and multiply you more than your fathers.”



(Isaiah 43:1, 5-7)

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

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This means that when God says he made us for his glory, he does not mean he made us so that he could become more glorious in himself. Instead what Isaiah 43:7 means is that he created us to display his glory, that is, that his glory might be known and praised.



In Amos 9:14 God says: "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit."

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In Amos 9:15: God says "[I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,](#)" says the Lord your God.

" This verse emphasizes the permanence and security of Israel's dwelling in the land.

Today's Israel, does not match some of the extensive territorial descriptions found in biblical texts, which outline borders far larger than the current state.

The Bible describes two stages of Israel's return to its homeland:

The first, a physical and political re-establishment;

The modern State of Israel was established in 1948, fulfilling prophecies about the Jewish people returning to their land after a long exile.

This return is seen as a literal, physical gathering of the Jewish people to the land promised to Abraham.

Some believe that the large-scale immigration waves of the late 19th and 20th centuries fulfilled biblical prophecies of multiple waves of return.

However, others believe that in a spiritual and messianic fulfillment that is prophesied to occur with the [second coming of Jesus Christ](#).

Many religious interpretations believe that a final, spiritual return is yet to come, coinciding with the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This is often described as the "gathering of Israel" in which Christ will save and redeem the nation.

Some passages, such as Zechariah 13:8, predict that two-thirds of the Jewish people will be destroyed before Christ's return, while the remaining third will be miraculously saved.

During this period, some traditions believe the Temple will be rebuilt, and the nation will be made holy by the presence of God.

In 1880 only 24,000 Jews lived in Israel. That increased to 650,000 in 1947 before the declaration of the State of Israel to over seven million in 1948.

Jewish people have left their homes and emigrated to Israel , a move which is known as "aliyah".

Biblically, moving to Israel or ascending to Jerusalem is referred to as "going up" the word aliyah means "going up" or ascending.

There was a beautiful song written by Aaron Shust called Zion. Each verse each sentence and each word is taken from the word of God. Listen



The promise of an offspring or seed is the focal point of God's promise to Abraham just as it was in the promise that was made to Adam and Eve and that would be made years later to David. The promise of a righteous seed is the thread running through every covenant promise.

In the Torah, the "seed of Abraham" (Hebrew: *zarah*) primarily refers to his physical descendants through his son Isaac "In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Genesis 21:12). and ultimately to the nation of Israel descended from Jacob.

While the Torah emphasizes physical, genealogical descent for the national promises and inheritance of the land, it also implies a need for faith and obedience, as Abraham himself was counted righteous because of his belief in God's promises (Genesis 15:6).

So first, Abraham's seed was physical. God promised that Abraham would be a father of many nations ([Gen. 17:5](#)).

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Second, the seed was and is spiritual. That God promises a seed more numerous than the stars of heaven or the sands of the sea extends beyond Abraham's physical descendants.



Genesis 12:2 17: 7

12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great;

17:7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

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GOD promised Abraham that He would make Israel a great nation

In the ancient Near East, the idea of becoming a “great nation” implied having many descendants, wealth, and influence. The promise that God would make Abram a great nation comes when Abram is already seventy-five years old and childless ([Genesis 12:4](#)).

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The [promise](#) is reinforced when God later tells Abram, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them. So shall your offspring be” ([Genesis 15:5](#)).

God’s promise was a personal blessing to Abram and the means God used to bless humanity: “All peoples on earth will be blessed through you” ([Genesis 12:3](#)).

In biblical terms, a “nation” is not simply a political entity but a people group bound by a shared covenant with God.

The promise “I will make you a great nation” is a divine initiative in which God promises to create something that did not previously exist—a people chosen to be a unique witness to the world. Through Abraham’s lineage would come the nation of Israel, a people set apart to live in a relationship with God and reflect His nature to the surrounding nations.

The establishment of Israel as a “great nation” was not merely about territorial boundaries or political influence but about being a people through whom God would bless the whole world. The “great nation” would be a channel for God’s purposes, ultimately fulfilled through Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, through whom salvation is made available to all nations.

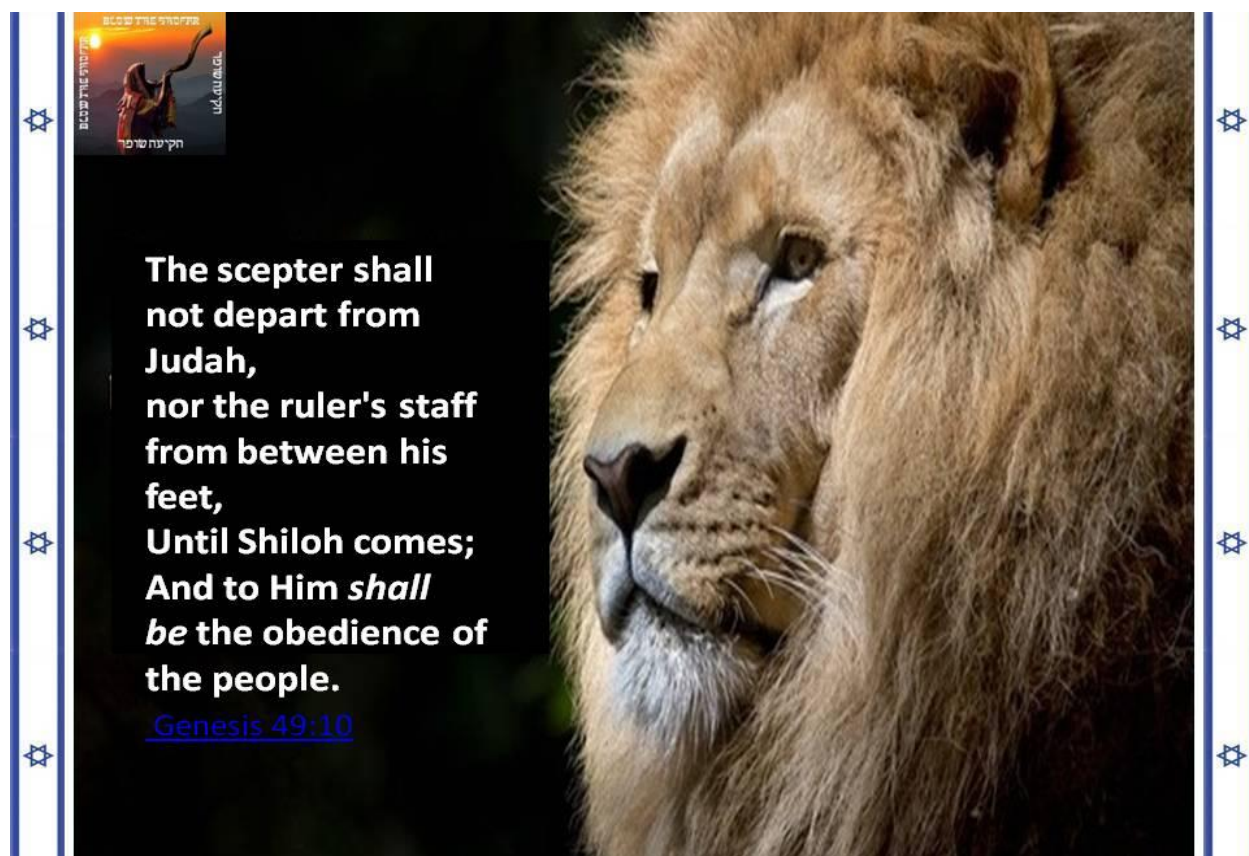


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The Davidic Covenant is a specific, magnified fulfillment of a "seed" promise within the earlier [Abrahamic Covenant](#).

God promised David that his descendants would rule forever, an everlasting kingdom to be established through a special "seed" from his lineage, which ultimately points to the Messiah, Jesus

The Davidic covenant that was made with David actually begins with his tribe, the tribe of Judah. Judah was Jacob's fourth-born son. Reuben, Simeon, and Levi his older brothers, committed serious offenses against their family, which moved the inheritance down the line, right to Judah.



Jacob promised Judah kingship. In [Genesis 49:10](#), Jacob says to Judah,

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.

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" The scepter is a symbol of eminence and kingship, and when a king was seated, the staff would actually rest between his feet, which showed his rulership.

The scepter will not depart from Judah. And it didn't. Always Judah had the pre-eminence, the superiority, the chieftainship.

It was not always equally evident; it had its ups and downs. But it was always there, throughout the Old Dispensation.

In the desert it was Judah, who led the children of Israel in their march to the land of Canaan.

In the wars against the heathen nations it was Judah, who generally took the lead.

The first of the judges, Othniel, was from the tribe of Judah. In the kingship of David, however, this superiority really asserted itself. Jesse's son was from Judah.

During the Babylonian captivity the scepter seemed all but gone. Never after that did Israel have its own king. Even so, the ruler's staff was still in Judah's hand.

The house of David still existed. Until Shiloh comes, in whom the scepter will never depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet.

The tribe of Judah wouldn't just rule over the 12 tribes of Israel. The vision that Jacob has for Judah is much bigger. That through Judah, the tribe of Judah, the king who would rule over Israel, would arise.

So what is the meaning of the phrase: "Until Shiloh come."

Shiloh is a name of Hebrew origin, meaning "tranquil," "He whose it is."

This spiritual title is also the name of the place where Israelites used to live and assemble before Judah. An area of beauty and serenity, Shiloh was the dwelling place for the Ark of the Covenant before it was eventually moved to Jerusalem.

However, "Until Shiloh comes" is a biblical phrase, predicting that the right to rule would remain with the tribe of Judah until the arrival of a prophesied ruler named Shiloh.

Shiloh is widely interpreted to be the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would eventually receive the obedience of all peoples. The phrase signifies a time of waiting for the coming of this final, rightful ruler.

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Now, let's fast-forward several generations and several hundred years to King David.

Samuel the prophet anointed the shepherd boy from Bethlehem King of Israel in 1 Samuel. Bethlehem was in the tribe of Judah.

Through much turmoil and anguish, David patiently waits for God to install him as king, since Saul was still ruling over the 12 tribes of Israel. By the end of 1 Samuel, Saul and his son Jonathan are killed by the Philistines and David is enthroned King of Israel.

By 2 Samuel, David makes moves to unite the 12 tribes and to establish his throne as the king divinely appointed by God. David with God in mind captures Jerusalem from the Jebusites and makes it the official capital of Israel.

After he establishes Jerusalem, he moves the Ark of the Covenant from Shiloh to Jerusalem, which is God's holy throne. He moves it to the new capital of Israel.

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And [2 Samuel 6:17](#) says this, that David placed the Ark in a tent that he had pitched for it, that he pitched for the Ark of the Covenant.

So King David was overjoyed to have the God of Israel in the capital of Israel. David's kingdom was thriving. It was growing. It was unified. It was protected.

It says in the beginning of 2 Samuel 7 that Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Lord, gave David relief or rest from all his enemies on all sides.

Now, David's intentions were to honor God by building him a physical home. The shepherd king from the tribe of Judah who now rules over all of Israel had his heart in the right place.

He moved the true king of Israel's throne to Jerusalem. David recognized that God enthroned him as King of Israel, but that ultimately Yahweh is the true King of Israel. And really what it comes down to is that David understood and David knew his position.



2 Samuel 7:12-16

¹² “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹

⁵ But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ”

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The Davidic Covenant refers to God's promises to David through Nathan the prophet and is found in [2 Samuel 7](#) and later summarized in [1 Chronicles 17:11–14](#) and [2 Chronicles 6:16](#).

This is an unconditional covenant made between God and David through which God promises David and Israel that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) would come from the lineage of David and the tribe of Judah and would establish a kingdom that would endure forever.

The Davidic Covenant is unconditional because God does not place any conditions of obedience upon its fulfillment. The surety of the promises made rests solely on God's faithfulness and does not depend at all on David or Israel's obedience.

The Davidic Covenant centers on several key promises that are made to David.

First, God reaffirms the promise of the land that He made in the first two covenants with Israel (the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants).

This promise is seen in [2 Samuel 7:10](#), “I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore.”

Second; God then promises that David's son will succeed him as king of Israel and that this son (Solomon) would build the temple.

This promise is seen in [2 Samuel 7:12–13](#), “I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name.”

But then the promise continues and expands: “I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever” (verse 13), and “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever” (verse 16).

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What began as a promise that David's son Solomon would be blessed and build the temple turns into something different—the promise of an everlasting kingdom.

Another Son of David would rule forever and build a lasting House. This is a reference to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, called the Son of David in [Matthew 21:9](#).

The promise that David's "house," "kingdom," and "throne" will be established forever is significant because it shows that the Messiah will come from the lineage of David and that He will establish a kingdom from which He will reign.

The covenant is summarized by the words "house," promising a dynasty in the lineage of David; "kingdom," referring to a people who are governed by a king; "throne," emphasizing the authority of the king's rule; and "forever," emphasizing the eternal and unconditional nature of this promise to David and Israel.

It's one that would come to rule the nations of the world. His dominion would be a global dominion that the nations will obey him.



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The Bible indicates two distinctive fulfillments.

1. that Christ will fulfill God's promises to David in the Davidic Covenant by reigning over a literal, earthly kingdom on this present earth.

First, [Isaiah 9:6–7](#) states that when the Messiah sits on David's throne ruling His kingdom, the government will be upon His shoulder, and the increase of His government will have no end. The word *government* implies *literal political rule*.

Second, when the Messiah reigns, He will exercise control over international relations, resulting in peace among the nations ([Isa. 2:4](#); [Mic. 4:3](#)).

Third, during the Messiah's reign His capital city, Jerusalem, will be the legal center of the world. Out of it will issue forth the law by which the nations of the world will be governed ([Isa. 2:1–3](#); [Mic. 4:1–2](#)).

Fourth, just as David functioned as supreme judge over the affairs of his subjects, so the Messiah, when He reigns as the branch of Jesse and David, will function as supreme judge over the affairs of His subjects ([Ps. 72:1–4](#), [12–14](#); [Isa. 11:1–5](#); [Jer. 33:14–16](#)). These are the functions of a political government ([Rom. 13:1–7](#)).

2. The Scriptures also indicate that God's promises to David in the Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled by Christ in the future in conjunction with His Second Coming.

First, Jesus declared that He would sit on His throne, judge the Gentiles, and send believers into the kingdom in conjunction with His glorious Second Coming ([Mt. 25:31–46](#)). Thus, He put His throne and kingdom at the time of the Second Coming rather than before it.

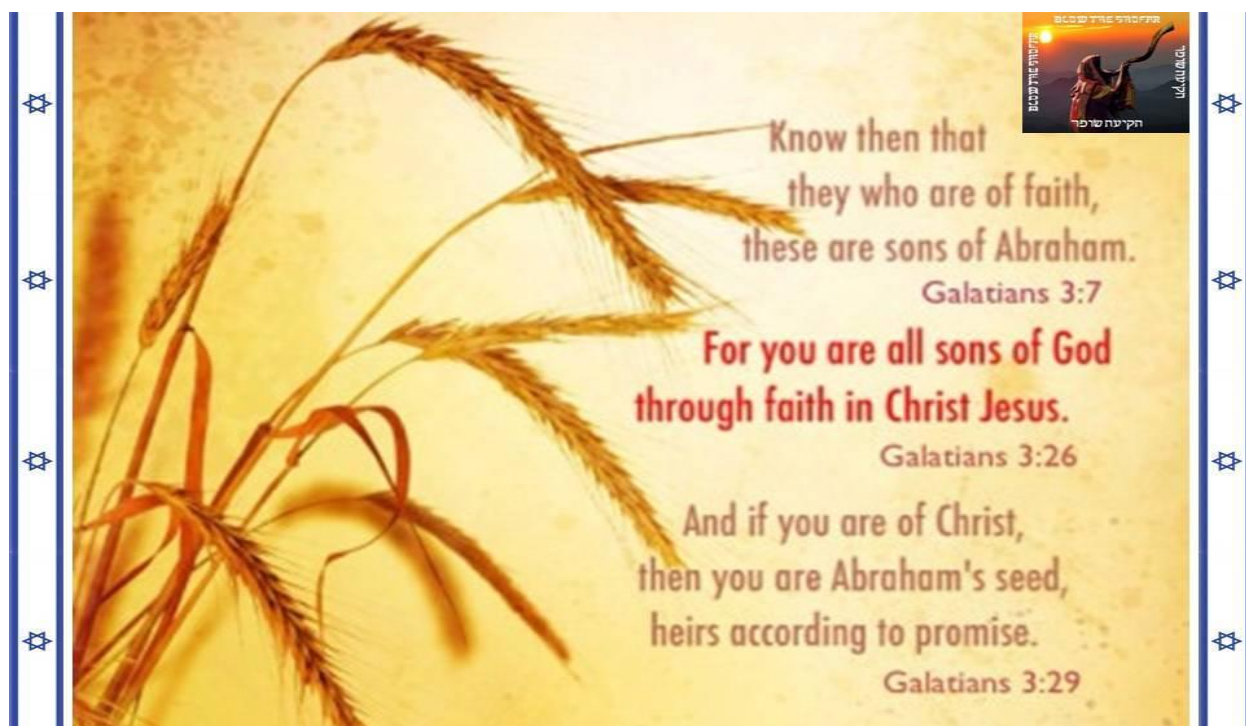
Second, [Zechariah 14:4](#) and [9](#) indicate that the Messiah will be King after His feet touch the Mount of Olives when He comes in His Second Coming and destroys the armies and rulers of all the Gentile nations of the world (cf. [Ps. 2](#); [Rev. 16:12–16](#); [19:11–20:6](#)).

Third, according to [Psalm 110:1–2](#) the Messiah is to sit at the right hand of His Father in heaven until it is time for Him to rule. Thus, the Messiah's rule as King will not begin until after His present session with the Father in heaven.

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Fourth, Jesus stated that He would sit on the throne of His glory as the Son of man when the earth is regenerated (restored to its pre-fall condition after the curse of man's sin is lifted from it, [Mt. 19:28](#); cp. [Rom. 8:18–22](#)).

Such a regeneration of the earth has not yet happened, and Peter indicated that it will not happen until Israel, as a nation, has repented and Jesus returns and is physically present on the earth ([Acts 3:19–21](#)).



All this promises to Abraham regarding His Seed also belong to us.

Galatians 3:7 Know then that they who are of faith, these are the sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:29 And if you are in Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

The verse states that those who belong to Christ are considered Abraham's spiritual "seed" and are heirs to God's promise. This means that faith in Christ makes someone a descendant of Abraham in a spiritual sense, regardless of their physical heritage, and allows them to inherit the spiritual blessings promised to Abraham.



Our **HEARTS** ARE WITH Israel

So You might ask yourself, what has this all to do with me loving Israel and the Jewish People ?

The chronology of Christ matters deeply in understanding God's love for Israel and the Jewish People, because it places Yeshua the Messiah firmly within the context of God's historical covenants and promises to Israel, demonstrating His love and faithfulness to His Chosen People and using them as the vehicle for universal salvation.

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Blessing in the Old Testament sense meant three things: Prosperity, fertility, victory, both physical and spiritual.

That's what God unilaterally promised to Abram. Abram, as the recipient of this great promise, will have prosperity, physical abundance; he will have fertility, and he will have victory, because he obeyed God. God made some wonderful promises to Abraham and to his descendants.

The descendants of Abraham - the inheritors of the promises God made to him - are not only his physical descendants, but his spiritual descendants also.

The fulfillments of God's promises to Abraham were contingent on his faith; not merely on his works.

Not only that, but the Lord promised that in Abraham ALL the families of the earth would be blessed!

Abraham's blessing and promises extend to all the families of the earth. By faith, we as believers, experience Abraham's blessing of being in the family of God.

We believe by faith, just as Abraham believed by faith and it was credited to him as righteousness.

This blessing comes to us through faith in Jesus Christ, Abraham's Seed.

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The Old Covenant believers were blessed and counted righteous as they looked forward to Jesus' coming and the New Covenant believers are blessed and made righteous as they believe and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary!

The only basis we have to inherit these promises, ourselves, is our faith in God's word! Abraham's blessings are yours!



Jeremiah 31:31-34



“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.
For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

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Before, continuing allow me to take a minute to examine the concept of a "New Covenant" as is interpreted differently in Judaism and Christianity.

In Judaism, it is often seen as a renewal and reaffirmation of God's existing covenant with the Jewish people, emphasizing their enduring relationship with God and the continuation of the Torah

In Christianity, it is viewed as a new, transformative covenant initiated through Jesus Christ's death, which is believed to fulfill the prophecy in Jeremiah 31 by providing for the forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for all who believe, both Jews and Gentiles.



Jeremiah 31:31-34



JUDAISM'S PERSPECTIVE

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It is helpful here to compare what Jewish tradition says about the Torah, the Law of Moses. For traditional Judaism, the centrality and eternal nature of the Torah are virtually unchangeable. Traditional Jews believe the Torah as we have it today will never be changed or done away with.

Yet, this is not the opinion of all traditional Jews.

There are various rabbinic opinions that in the “World to Come” or in messianic times, there will be great changes in the Torah.

Talmut (Oral Law, or Rabbinical Law) Nidah 61

“ The mitsvot (Law) will be abolished in the time to come”

In Leviticus 13:3 it says: The holy One blessed is He, said: “ [A new Torah shall go forth from me](#)”

[“A new Torah will be given through the Messiah”](#)

The book of Isaiah contain prophecies about A new Torah will be given through the Messiah, as a light to the nations, which are interpreted by some as a new law or a new way of life.

The concept of a "new Torah" is more directly addressed in Jeremiah 31:31–34, but Isaiah's prophecies are seen as pointing to the coming Messiah who would bring this new covenant.

“From what we have seen so far, it is obvious that there is a significant rabbinic position which declares that the commandments will be abolished in messianic days.

So why is it so important to understand the difference; because it is crucial, it determines how a Christian understands their relationship with God and how they should live today, moving from a system of external law and animal sacrifices to an inward transformation through the Holy Spirit and a relationship with Christ.

It clarifies that the Old Covenant, based on imperfect human obedience, was fulfilled by Jesus and is now obsolete, while the New Covenant, based on God's grace and Jesus's perfect sacrifice, offers direct access to God and lasting forgiveness.

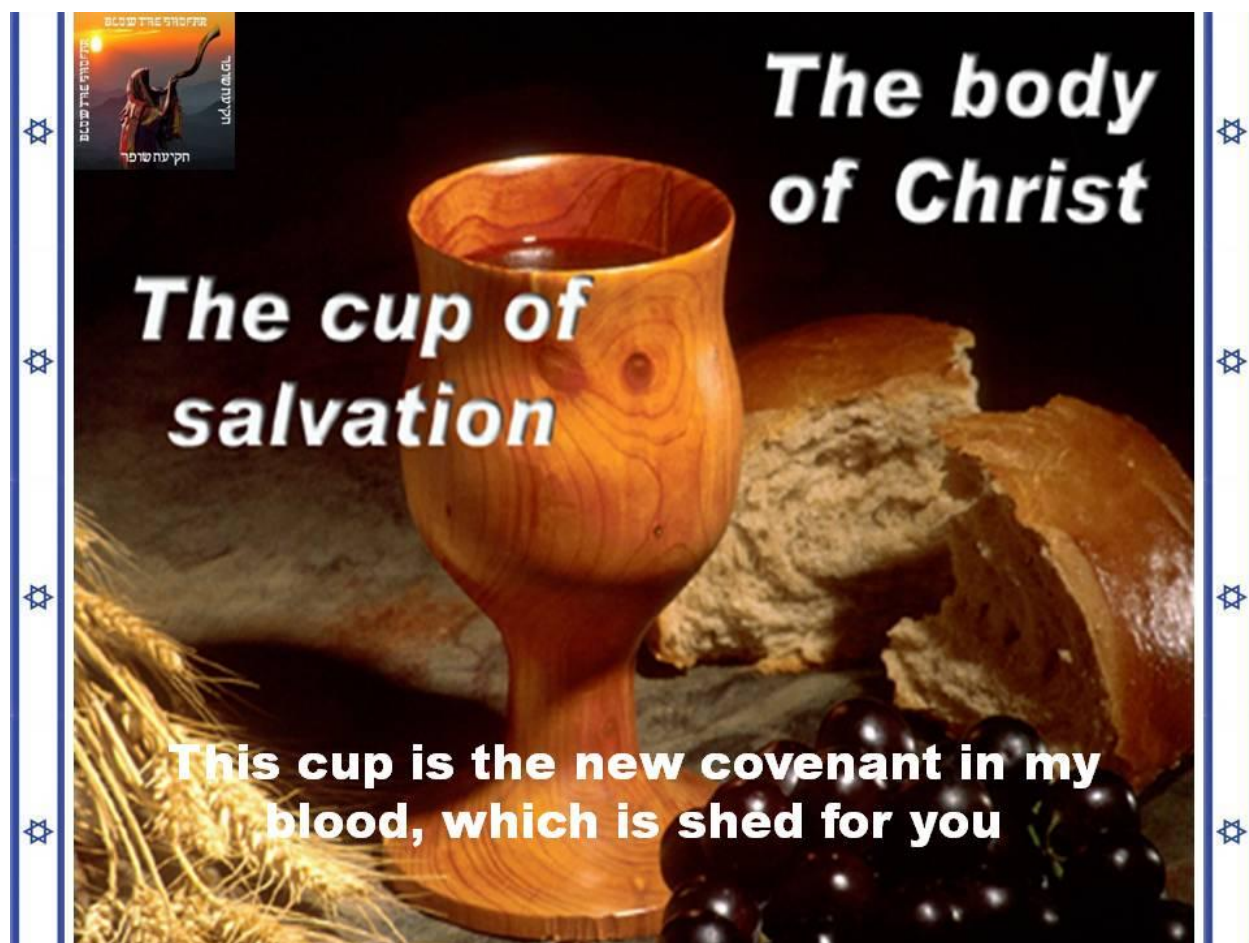
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This understanding is key to grasping the gospel message of freedom from condemnation and eternal life through faith in Jesus.

It is also crucial to understand the Jewish People's perspective of the new covenant when sharing the Gospel.

The New Covenant is the promise that God will forgive sin and restore fellowship with those whose hearts are turned toward Him.

Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant, and His death on the cross is the basis of the promise we find in Gospel of Luke verse 22:20.



Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."**

The Old Covenant that God had established with His people required strict obedience to the Mosaic Law.

Because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), the Law required that Israel perform daily sacrifices in order to atone for sin.

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But Moses, through whom God established the Old Covenant, also anticipated the New Covenant.

In one of his final addresses to the nation of Israel, Moses looks forward to a time when Israel would be given “a heart to understand” (Deuteronomy 29:4).

Moses predicts that Israel would fail in keeping the Old Covenant (verses 22–28), but he then sees a time of restoration (Deuteronomy 30:1–5).

At that time, Moses says, “[The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live](#)” (verse 6).

The New Covenant involves a total change of heart so that God’s people are naturally pleasing to Him.

The prophet Jeremiah also predicted the New Covenant.

“[‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. . . . This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the Lord .](#)

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Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17) and to establish the New Covenant between God and His people.

The Old Covenant was written in stone, but the New Covenant is written on hearts.

Entering the New Covenant is made possible only by faith in Christ, who shed His blood to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

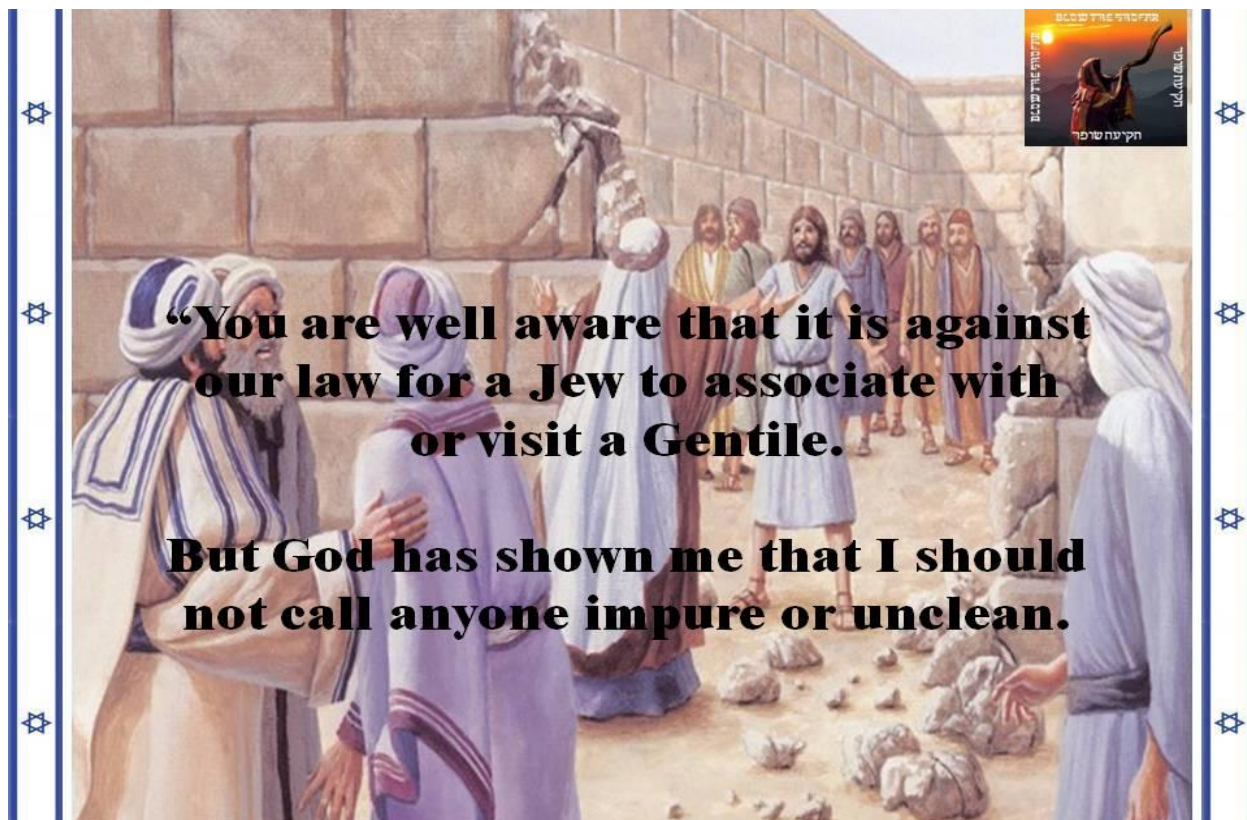
Luke 22:20 relates how Jesus, at the Last Supper, takes the cup and says, “[This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood](#)” .

The New Covenant was originally given to Israel and includes a promise of fruitfulness, blessing, and a peaceful existence in the Promised Land.

In Ezekiel 36:28–30 God says, “[Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. . . . I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.](#)”

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Deuteronomy 30:1–5 contains similar promises related to Israel under the New Covenant.



After the resurrection of Christ, God in His grace brought the Gentiles into the blessing of the New Covenant, too (Acts 10 27-48; Ephesians 2:13–14).

27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

28 He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

30 Cornelius answered: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me

31 and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.

32 Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’

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33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,

40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

46 For they heard them speaking in tongues[b]and praising God. Then Peter said,

47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

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(Ephesians 2:13-14)

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups (Jews & Gentiles) one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

In Romans 11, Paul clearly states that those who are Israelites in the flesh are the branches by nature.

Those among them who believe the gospel, remain as branches in their own tree.

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Gentiles who believe in Christ are grafted into this tree, which is Israel's tree (Israel's family tree).

According to the apostle Paul, Gentiles are grafted into Israel's tree, and are debtors to them because of this very thing.

So what does it mean to be "Grafted In" ?

We see this among Paul's first words to the group of Believers in Rome.

In Romans 1:16, Paul states that the Gospel is first for the Jewish people and then also unto the "nations," or the non-Jewish people of the world.

Paul goes on to explain that God called the first Jewish people to Himself, not only through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Israelites He delivered from bondage to Egypt, but in regard to the Gospel of the Messiah (Romans 1:16).

He explains in Romans chapter 11 that the Jewish people are like a natural olive tree selected and chosen by God. The Gospel came to them first, the Messiah's earthly ministry and was then opened up to the non-Jewish world.

When non-Jewish people come to faith in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, it is as if branches from a wild olive tree were grafted into the natural tree of Israel.

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In horticulture, to be "grafted in" means a plant's upper part (the **scion**) has been joined to the lower part or root system (the **rootstock**) of another plant, allowing them to grow together as a single new plant. This technique, called **grafting**, which combines desirable traits from both plants.

In a spiritual sense, "grafted in" means being joined to Christ and God's family. It signifies being integrated into a divine, spiritual "olive tree" or "vine" (Jewish Faith) and becoming part of God's family through faith in the Messiah.

So does that make a Gentile a Jew. By no means. "Grafted into Israel" does not mean "no longer a gentile."

When you graft an apple branch into a plum tree, that branch will continue to bear apples, but of different, better flavor.

So what does it mean to us Gentiles. Having been welcomed into the family of God, Gentile Believers have a special calling.

Not only are they invited to engage in the Jewish roots of their faith in the God of Israel, but they are also chosen to make Israel jealous for a deeper relationship with Him

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Romans 10:19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: “I will provoke you to jealousy by *those who are not a nation*, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.”

Romans 11:11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come to the Gentiles*.

Gentiles, who were once far off, have been brought near to the God of Israel through Jesus the Messiah (Ephesians 2:13).

Their role is to live out their relationship with the Lord in such a way that helps Jewish people see that Jesus is not the founder of a new religion separate from Judaism, but instead He is the Jewish Messiah promised in the Hebrew Scriptures and the fulfillment of Jewish faith and identity.

As they do, Gentile Believers play a vital role in the coming day when we see “all Israel saved” (Romans 11:25) and the Jewish people saying, “*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*” (Matthew 23:37–39).



This new covenant does not mean that God abandoned His people.

The new covenant is first and foremost made with Israel.

And from there, to the Gentiles

Jewish and Gentile Believers are meant to live in unity, working in partnership to bear a powerful witness to the world of God's promises, love, mercy and grace through Yeshua, our shared Messiah.

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The Grafted In symbol discovered on ancient pottery suggests we once did have such a powerful partnership.

Today, we are living it out again – through Messianic Judaism and Gentile Believers embracing the Jewish roots of their faith in Jesus.

Carrying a heart burden from the Father for Jewish people who are far from Him.

For Jesus Himself brought peace to our differences and has joined us together through our shared faith in Him (Ephesians 2:14-18).

It is wrong to boast against the branches, for though many among the Jews are still are in unbelief, the covenant God gave in Christ came through their ancestors, and in this manner, salvation is of the Jews. ~

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The fulfillment of the New Covenant will be seen in two places: on earth during the Millennial Kingdom , and in heaven for all eternity.



The concept of "Israel, God's timetable" refers to the theological idea that the modern state of Israel's existence and events related to it are considered a fulfillment of biblical prophecy and a sign of the approaching end times.

This viewpoint often interprets Israel's 1948 re-establishment, the recapture of Jerusalem in 1967, and other historical events as key indicators of God's plan for the future.

It also includes the belief that the nation of Israel plays a central role in the final stages of God's redemptive plan, culminating in the return of Jesus Christ.

The modern nation of Israel is viewed as a central player in the end-times scenario, with its fate linked to future prophecies, including the rebuilding of the Jewish temple and the return of Jesus Christ.

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(Isaiah 44:1, 6, 8,)



But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.

Do not tremble and do not be afraid;

Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?

And you are My witnesses, Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.” (Isaiah 44:1, 6, 8,)

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Previously to that, in [Isaiah 43:10](#) God says:

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

Jesus and his first disciples were all Jewish. They saw their movement as a fulfillment of Jewish law and prophecy, not a new religion. Initially, the first Messianic Jews continued to observe Jewish traditions, including worshipping in the temple and following the Torah.

Acts 1:8 says: **⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

The nation of Israel is a witness unto the world of God’s existence and preeminence.

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The statement reflects a theological perspective rooted in the belief that the nation of Israel's history, including its identity, suffering, and survival, serves as a testament to God's existence and supreme power.

This view interprets Israel's story as a divine purpose for it to be a "witness" nation, meaning its very existence and experiences are seen as evidence of God's actions in the world.

In the 18th century, Fredrick the Great, the atheist king of Prussia asked his ministers if they could offer him "one single, irrefutable proof of God." One advisor responded he could prove it in two words: *the Jews*.

Israel not only has a message – Israel is the message. So, What is Israel's role in the end times?

The same role it had throughout the ages: to be a witness. A witness of:



Isaiah 66:8, says, "Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children".

1. Israel,s Rebirth as a Nation

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Jesus prophesied that His return wouldn't occur until Jewish leadership in Jerusalem welcomed Him back with

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 23:37-39).

From AD 70 until May 14, 1948, there was no Jewish authority in Jerusalem. Then, in the aftermath of the Holocaust and World War II, Israel was literally reborn as a nation in a single day - exactly as Isaiah prophesied.

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In 1948, the Jewish people were still reeling from the tragedy of the Holocaust. The enormous scope and depravity of the Nazi genocide against the Jews was still being uncovered.

Two-thirds of European Jewry had been gassed or gunned down *en masse*.

Most of the surviving remnant were on the brink of starvation. Few wanted to return to their homes, even if they had one.

Such calamities were nothing new for the Jews. For centuries they had faced pogroms, blood libels, forced conversions, expulsions and other forms of religious persecution.

But this was the lowest point. The racial anti-Semitism of the Nazis had reduced them to sub-human status, like vermin slated for extermination. As a people, the Jews felt they had reached a dead end.

The prophet Ezekiel spoke of just such a time, when Israel would say as a people:

"Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!"

Yet God declared that all was not lost; that at that very lowest moment He would assuredly "cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." (Ezekiel 37:11-12)

The great miracle of Israel's rebirth in May 1948 is that it happened just three years after the Holocaust ended.

From the ashes of the Shoah, the Jewish people suddenly arose and re-established sovereignty in their ancient homeland.

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Somehow at their time of greatest weakness, they were empowered in a way that had alluded them for centuries. It was nothing less than the resurrection power of God at work.

This miracle is even more astounding when you consider that Israel faced another very serious threat of annihilation even as it was reborn.

When its founding leader David Ben-Gurion declared independence for the Jewish state on 14 May 1948, it was immediately attacked by five invading Arab armies.

These Arab forces were armed, trained and in some cases even commanded by officers from some of the world's major powers.

In contrast, the international community placed an arms embargo on the fledgling state of Israel, and only one small nation – Czechoslovakia – dared defy it by supplying weapons to the desperate Jewish fighters. In many instances, frail Holocaust survivors arriving from Europe were thrown straight into battle without even shoes on their feet. Arab leaders had vowed to “drive the Jews into the sea”, but Israel prevailed.



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2. Israel Military Victories.

Israel is no stranger to war or conflict.

From their 1948 Arab–Israeli War (November 1947 – July 1949, the Palestinian Fedayeen insurgency (1950s–1960s), the Suez Crisis (October 1956), the Six-Day War (June 1967), the War of Attrition (1967–1970),), the Yom Kippur War (October 1973),), the 1982 Lebanon War (1982),), the First Intifada (1987–1993),), the Second Intifada (2000–2005)), the Israel–Hezbollah War (2006), the Gaza War or Operation Cast Lead (December 2008 – January 2009),), the Gaza War or Operation Pillar of Defense (November 2012),), the Gaza War or Operation Protective Edge (July–August 2014)), the Israel–Palestine crisis or Operation Guardian of the Walls (May 2021), to the current war against Hamas, Hezbollah and ultimately Iran.

Across Israel's various conflicts, numerous events have been widely described by many people, both religious and secular, as miracles or instances of divine intervention.

These accounts often point to seemingly inexplicable military outcomes, unexplainable enemy confusion, and improbable escapes from danger.

Key accounts of miracles in Israel's wars include:

War of Independence (1948)

"Davidka" Mortar and the Rain: During the battle for Safed, Israeli forces used an inaccurate but loud mortar called the "Davidka". After several shots, it began to rain in May, a very unusual occurrence.

Believing the Jews had developed a new, devastating weapon capable of changing the weather, the Arab forces on Mount Canaan fled their fortified positions, allowing the Israelis to capture the area.

Six-Day War (1967)

The entire war itself, a victory for Israel against seemingly insurmountable opposition in just six days, is often considered a modern miracle.

Undetected Air Strikes: The Israeli Air Force launched a preemptive strike on Egyptian airfields, flying at an extremely low altitude to avoid radar detection. Jordanian radar did pick up the planes and attempted to warn Egypt, but the Egyptians had changed their communication codes the previous day and the message never went through, allowing Israel to achieve complete surprise and destroy most of the Egyptian Air Force on the ground.

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Enemy Panic and Abandoned Equipment: The Egyptian army, after an initial defeat at a strategic junction, fell into a panic and inexplicably retreated, abandoning a vast amount of heavy equipment and tanks in perfect condition, which the IDF later utilized.

In the Golan Heights the Syrian Army intercepted a message that 240 tanks were approaching causing the Syrian Army's division of 70 tanks to retreat. No such message was ever sent.

A Israeli Infantry Division was trapped in a Jordanian Mine Field as a sudden storm appeared on the horizon, the storm blew over the mine field exposing every single mine.



However, the greatest miracle of them all was the capture of the Old City of Jerusalem, This was seen by many as the fulfillment of biblical prophecy and a major spiritual miracle.

On June 7, 1967, IDF paratroopers advanced through the Old City toward the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, bringing Jerusalem's holiest site under Jewish control for the first time in 2000 years.

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There are sound recordings of the scene, as the commander of the brigade, Lt. General Mordechai (Motta) Gur, approaches the Old City and announces to his company commanders,

"We're sitting right now on the ridge and we're seeing the Old City. Shortly we're going to go in to the Old City of Jerusalem, that all generations have dreamed about.

We will be the first to enter the Old City..." and shortly afterwards,

"The Temple Mount is in our hands! I repeat, the Temple Mount is in our hands!"

General Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of the IDF, sounded the Shofar at the Western Wall to signify its liberation. To Israelis and Jews all over the world, this was a joyous and momentous occasion. Many considered it a gift from God, the greatest miracle of them all.

Yom Kippur War (1973)

The American Airlift: During the 1973 Yom Kippur War, in a moment of frustration with bureaucratic delays in getting military aid to Israel, President Richard Nixon ordered his staff to expedite the process, famously telling his National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger to "Get your ass out of here and tell those people to move," and to send everything that could fly.

A massive, unexpected U.S. airlift of military supplies and materiel was described by then-Prime Minister Golda Meir as a miracle, providing critical resources that allowed for the Israeli counter-effort.

"Valley of Tears" Battle: During a critical tank battle in the Golan Heights, the vastly outnumbered Israeli forces managed to hold off waves of Syrian tanks. One Israeli captain, not a religious man, reportedly described seeing what looked like a "great grey hand" pressing down from the sky, holding back the Syrian forces until the IDF could man their tanks and respond effectively.

More recent conflicts have also generated personal accounts of divine protection:

The "Pager Incident": In a sophisticated attack in September 2024, thousands of Hezbollah operatives' pagers and walkie-talkies exploded in a coordinated strike, crippling their command structure and communication network in an event that stunned military analysts.

Bypassed Explosives: Stories have emerged of soldiers narrowly escaping death. One account describes a platoon commander being stopped from taking a final step by a white dove that landed on a tripwire connected to a large cache of explosives, saving the entire unit.

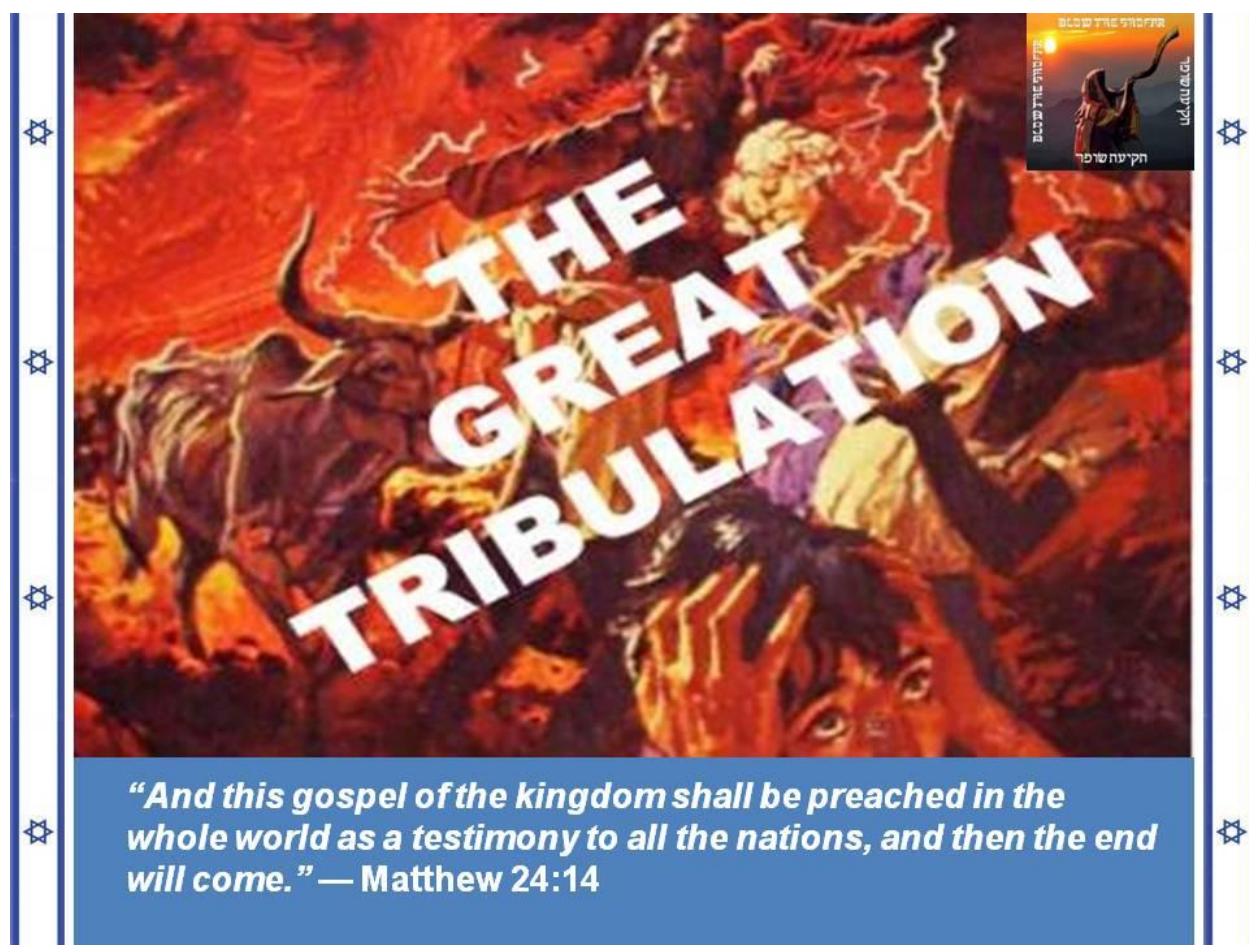
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Foiled Terrorist Attacks: In one instance, timers for explosives on five different Israeli buses were mistakenly set to PM instead of AM, causing them to detonate when empty late at night instead of during the morning commute, resulting in no casualties.

These stories are deeply ingrained in the narrative of Israel's survival for many observers, who see them as evidence of an "unseen hand" guiding the nation through conflict.

God is not merely a passive observer or a "witness" in the modern legal sense during Israel's wars, but is consistently portrayed as the sovereign Lord, the Divine Warrior, who actively leads, fights for, and gives victory to Israel.

The outcome of a battle was seen as dependent on God's will and Israel's obedience to Him, rather than solely on their military strength.



Jesus said that in the days prior to His return, there will be an increase in wars among the nations (Matt. 24:6-7). **6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For**

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nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

This prophesy is closely linked to Israel's role in the end times.

Israel will be involved in two distinct conflicts. The war of Gog at Megog and the battle of Armageddon.

The first: Though its timing is debated, the war of Gog and Magog will happen either shortly before or right after the start of the tribulation period.

Ezekiel in Ezekiel 38-39 prophesied the war of Gog and Magog would be launched by a coalition of nations down from the north to the mountains of Israel, in a day when Israel is dwelling in security.

The most significant element for this battle is God's part in it.

As much as this coalition of nations against Israel is pursuing its own purpose, Ezekiel reveals that God is controlling the situation for His purpose.

He states, "I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out"

This control of the conflict is repeated several times, emphasizing who is orchestrating the battle.

God's purpose is self-revelation—"they will know that I am the LORD" (vv. 23, 39:6–7, 13, 21–22, 28).

God is sovereign over all, even with the invasion of a powerful enemy against His people.

The outcome is a devastating defeat for Israel's enemies by divine intervention, which exalts God as the true victor and safeguards God's people for spiritual blessing.

The Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16, 19) takes place at the **end** of the seven-year Tribulation period, just before Christ's second coming and the start of the Millennium.

The "battle of Armageddon" refers to a climactic, final battle prophesied in the Book of Revelation between the forces of good and evil, which is often interpreted as a conflict between human governments and God

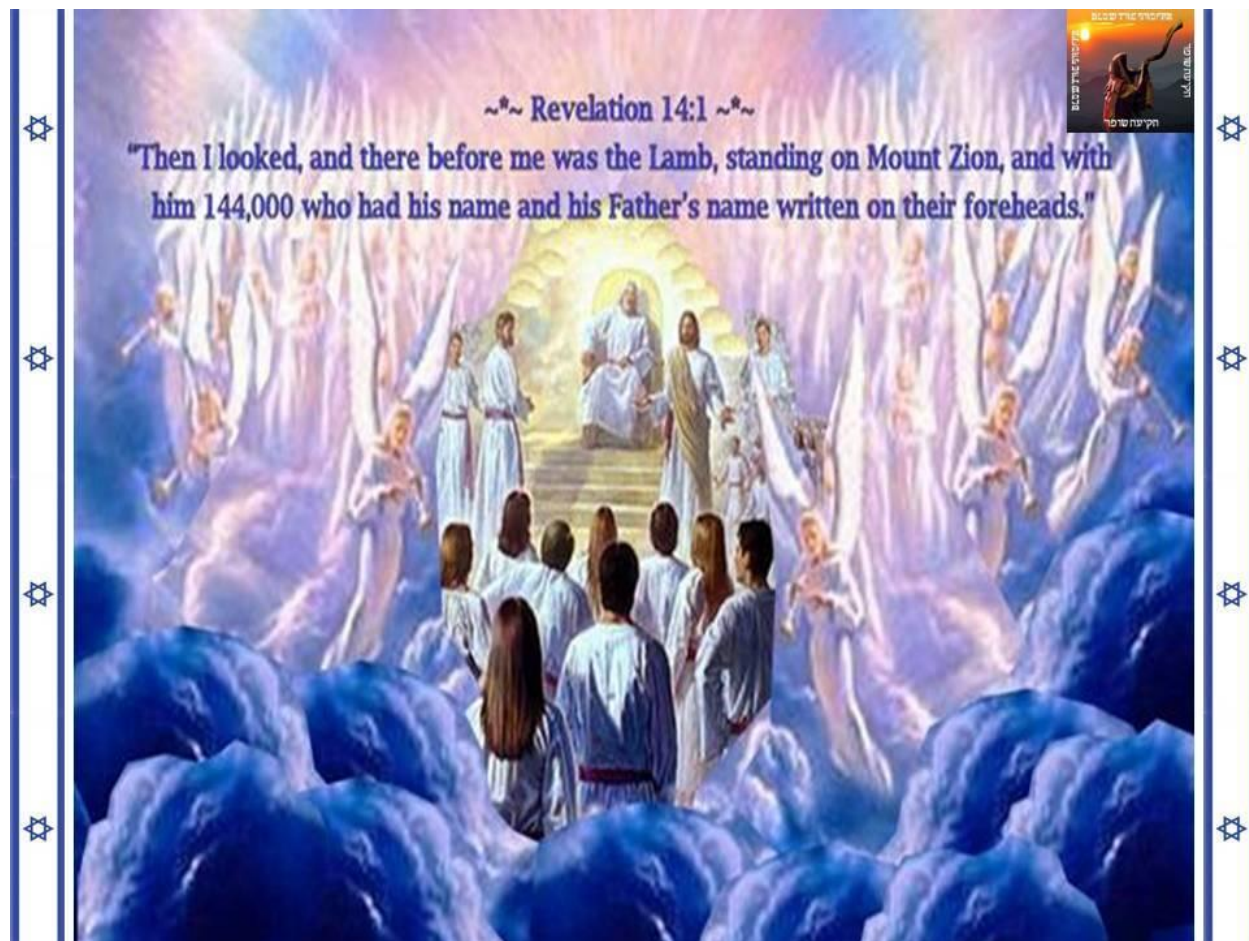
The battle involves the forces of evil, including the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, on one side, and Jesus Christ leading heavenly armies on the other.

The biblical account describes this as a "campaign" that will involve a final gathering of "kings of the earth" to fight against Jesus Christ, who will ultimately be victorious.

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Israel's Message during the Tribulation also called the time of Jacob's Trouble, the seven-year Tribulation period will feature unprecedented global upheaval, yet Jesus declared:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” — **Matthew 24:14**



The 144,000 witnesses:

Revelation 7 introduces a unique group of bond-servants of the Lord: 144,000 Jewish believers who, scholars believe, will be part of the spread of the gospel during that time. It's possible the number isn't literal but represents a full number from within Israel (Rev. 7:4-8; 14:1-6).

The Tribulation will present both a rude awakening and a great awakening. The devastating warfare and judgment will be accompanied by a great harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God (Rev. 7:9-14).

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Revelation 12 speaks of Israel's role in the end times. Israel is portrayed as "a woman" who gave birth to a son whom the great Dragon, Satan, sought to devour. John prophesied that prior to Jesus's return, Satan will be thrown down to the earth and persecute the woman.

"The brethren" will overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and by not loving their lives even when faced with death (Rev. 12:9-11).

Enraged, Satan will pursue the woman; however, God will instruct the earth to supernaturally help her, protect, and nourish her for 3 ½ years. Israel's supernatural protection will be a witness to Satan that he cannot override the Lord's will and purpose (Rev. 12:13-17).



On the day of Jesus's second coming, all Israel that remains and is without faith, will see and understand Jesus's true identity and receive Him as their Messiah unto salvation (Zech. 12:10; 13:1; Rom. 11:26).

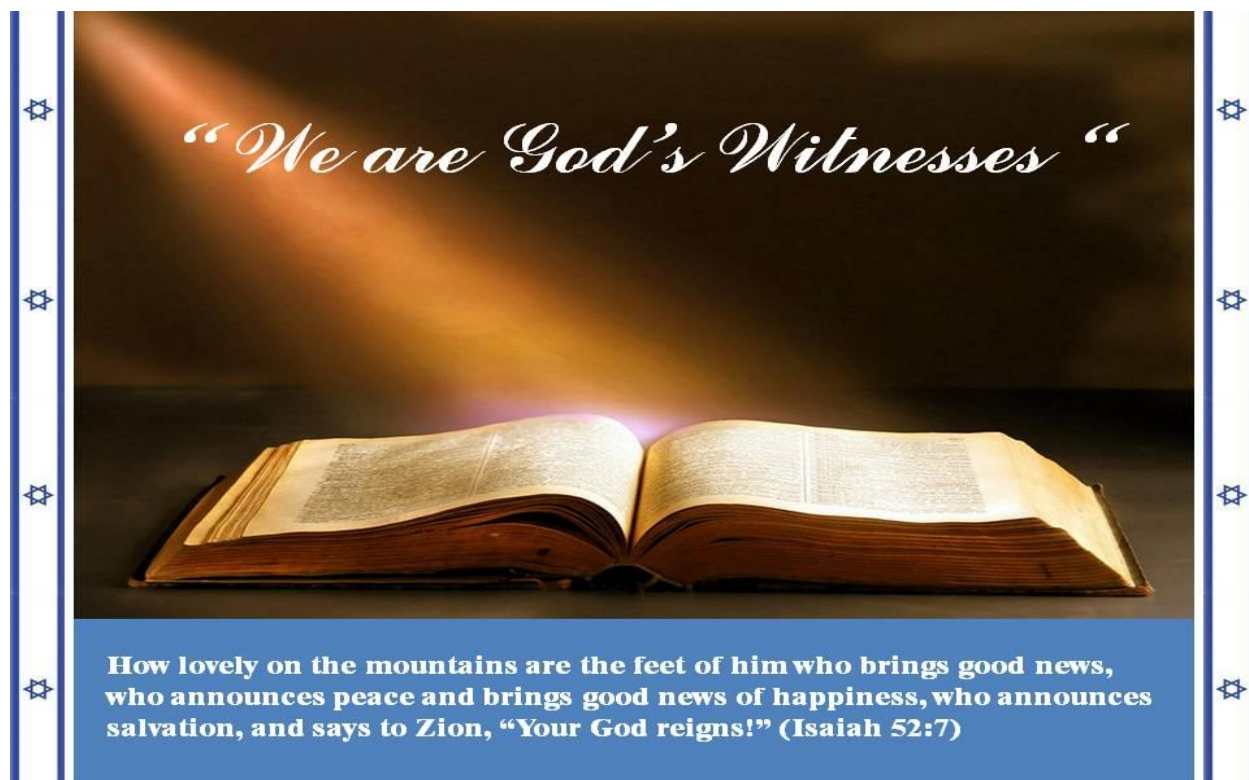
His glory will be renown, and His word will cover the earth. Israel in the end times will be the chief of nations and Mount Zion the chief of the mountains (Jer. 31:7; Isa. 2:2; 11:1-9)

Isaiah 4 tells us the Branch of the Lord, speaking of Jesus and His reign, will be beautiful and glorious.

The Lord will have washed away Israel's sin and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem. He will create over Mount Zion a cloud by day and a fire by night.

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And Paul prophesied that Jesus will present to Himself to the called in all their glory – Jew and Gentile together – having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, holy and blameless.



Let's be people who remain ready and watchful for the Lord's return – no matter the cost. Let's keep our testimony flowing – ready on every occasion to give witness to what we have seen and experienced firsthand of the Lord. To all believers today: *Take the stand!*

Finally, let's be those who pray for the majority of Israel today who have no idea they are His witnesses. As such, our role in the end times is also linked to Israel.

As sure as the return of the King is the soon fulfillment of all the prophets have spoken (Acts 3:20-21), and that includes the gospel given to all people and Israel one day being fully restored to her Messiah.



Messianic Judaism is a movement that combines Jewish heritage and culture with a belief that Jesus (Yeshua) is the Jewish Messiah and the savior of the world.

It is considered a form of Protestant Christianity by mainstream Jewish movements and by some Christians. While Messianic Jews see it as a modern revival of the first-century Jewish followers of Jesus.

Adherents typically observe Jewish customs like Shabbat and holidays, and many believe the Torah is still relevant, though salvation is through faith in Jesus, not through the law.

The term Messianic Jews describes ethnically Jewish people who believe in Yesuah, though some prefer other terms like "Jewish Christian" or "Hebrew Christian".

The movement also includes Gentiles who are invited to embrace their faith in Yeshua within a Jewish communal context.

There are hundreds of Messianic congregations worldwide, with estimates suggesting around 400-500 globally.

While many are located in the United States, where the movement grew significantly, there are also approximately 100 congregations with about 30 000 members in Israel.



Peters first Sermon on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:41

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The early church was a 100 percent Jewish congregation. Peter and all of Jesus' apostles were Jewish. All the people who responded were Jewish. And the person who soon emerged as the leader of the Jerusalem church was the Jewish brother of Jesus named James.

The very first church was founded in Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago when 3,000 people responded to the first gospel sermon that was preached by Peter (Acts 2:14-41).

They continued to live as Jews, and they continued to practice the Jewish religion.

Take Paul for example. He was a trained rabbi committed to the annihilation of the Jesus-believing Jewish sect that came quickly to be called the Nazarenes.

When he experienced his radical Damascus road conversion, (Acts 9:1-9), Paul did not suddenly become a Gentile. He continued behaving as a Jew.

In Acts 22:3 Paul refers to himself as a Jew, not as a former Jew. He continued to call himself a Pharisee (Acts 23:6). In other places in his writings, he refers to himself as an Israelite (Romans 11:1) and a [Hebrew](#) (2 Corinthians 11:22).

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Paul continued to attend synagogue services on the Sabbath (Acts 13:14; 14:1; and 17:1-3). He continued to observe the [Jewish feast days](#) as one “*zealous for the law*” (Acts 21:20).

When he was accused of teaching Jews to abandon the Law, Paul took some men with him to the Temple to observe the Jewish purification rites (Acts 21:18-26).

In like manner, Paul insisted that Timothy (a Jew) undergo circumcision so that he might be effective in witnessing Jesus to other Jews (Acts 16:1-3).

While continuing to be an observant Jew, Paul took every opportunity to emphasize that Torah-observance was not a condition of salvation and should not be imposed upon Gentiles (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

He declared in Romans 3:20 that no one can be justified by observing the Law, and he severely rebuked the Galatian church for teaching such an apostate doctrine (Galatians 1:6-9).

He called it “*a gospel contrary to that which we preached*” (Galatians 1:8-9).

The leaders of the Jewish church in Jerusalem agreed with Paul on this important issue, and they made this clear at the first church conference which was held in Jerusalem in about 48 AD.

Following extensive debate, the church conference issued a ruling that circumcision and Torah-observance would not be required of Gentile converts (Acts 15:23-29).

Over the next 200 years the Church became increasingly Gentile in membership and nature. Greek thought became dominant over the Hebrew worldview, impacting theology, worship, and church practices. Messianic Jews came under attack from both Jews and Christians.

Although the Jews originally viewed them as a sect of Judaism, they were rejected by the Jewish establishment after the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans (132-135 AD).

When that revolt began, the Messianic Jews supported it. but when Rabbi Akiva declared Bar Kochba to be the Messiah, the Messianic Jews withdrew from the struggle.

The result was that after the revolt was crushed, the surviving Jews branded the Messianic Jews as deserters and traitors, and they were thereafter treated as outcasts.



The first Gentile Church in Antioch

What irony! The First Century Messianic Jewish Church had graciously accepted Gentile converts without requiring that they adopt a Jewish lifestyle. Two hundred years later the Gentile Church was condemning Jews and demanding that Jewish converts give up their lifestyle and become Gentiles.

Historical records clearly reveal that Messianic Judaism came under attack from both Jews and Christians, and by the 5th Century it was dead.

The Church became captive to Replacement Theology.

Church leaders argued that God had washed His hands of the Jews when they rejected Jesus. The Church had replaced Israel and had inherited the promises and blessings of the Jews.

God had no purpose left for the Jews. They were a people without hope, doomed to wander the nations and be persecuted wherever they went.

For the next 1,500 years there were Jewish converts from time to time (often forced to convert), but there was no meaningful outreach to the Jews.



1543

Martin Luther anti-Semitic diatribe

And so, dear Christian, beware of the Jews . . . you can see how God's wrath has consigned them to the Devil, who has robbed them not only of a proper understanding of the Scriptures, but also of common human reason, modesty and sense. . . . Thus, when you see a real Jew you may with a good conscience cross yourself, and boldly say, "There goes the Devil incarnate."

At the beginning of the Reformation there was hope this attitude might change.

Martin Luther was initially very sympathetic to the Jews because he believed their rejection of the Gospel was due to their recognition of the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church.

But when they continued to reject the Gospel, Luther turned on them with a vengeance.

In 1543 he wrote an anti-Semitic diatribe in which he referred to the Jews as "stupid fools" and "the great vermin of humanity."

Having dehumanized and demonized them, Luther then proceeded to call for the burning of their synagogues and houses.

He further suggested that their sacred writings be seized, their rabbis be forbidden to teach, their money be confiscated, and they be compelled into forced labor.

Needless to say, Hitler gleefully quoted Luther as he rose to power and launched the Holocaust.

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It is for this reason that to this day, the Holocaust is fixed in Jewish minds as a Christian crime.

As the 19th Century began, there seemed little hope that the Church would ever honor the command of Jesus to be His witnesses to

“Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). To the four corners of the earth, yes, but not to the Jews of the Holy Land.

Nor did the Church seem to have an appreciation of Paul’s words in Romans 1:16 where he proclaimed that the Gospel is

“the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”.

The concept of Messianic congregations lay dormant. But the idea never died.

The attitude was destined to change, in the early 19th Century with the birth of Dispensational Theology in England under the guiding hand of John Darby.

This theology was directly contrary to the Replacement Theology that characterized the Catholic and Protestant churches.

It argued that God had never washed His hands of the Jewish people — that they were, in fact, still His Chosen People.

They were under God’s discipline due to their rejection of the Messiah, but a day would come when a great remnant would accept Yeshua as their Messiah.

That remnant would then be re-gathered to their homeland to receive all the blessings promised to Israel. They would, in fact, serve as the prime nation of the world during the Lord’s millennial reign.

Through them, blessings would flow to all the nations. The Jewish people were suddenly viewed in a whole new light as precious in the Lord’s sight and candidates for evangelization to prepare the way for a great remnant to accept Jesus as their Messiah.

This new viewpoint prompted the establishment of missions designed to reach out to the Jewish people with the Gospel.



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**The finger of God was stirring the leaves of the trees, and the
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The dream was to be revived in the late 1960's by a remarkable man named Martin Chernoff.

Martin Chernoff was born of Russian immigrant parents in Toronto, Canada in 1920.

In 1941 he accepted Jesus as his Messiah after reading Charles Finney's Revival Lectures. As a new Christian, he hit the ground running, convinced that he could "pray down revival" just like Finney.

Marty went to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and did additional study at Toronto Baptist Seminary.

In 1948 he was invited to join the staff of a mission called the Southern Witness to Israel, based in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

That same year he experienced a vision that would change his life and ultimately lead to the re-establishment of Messianic Judaism.

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The trees were loaded with fruit. The finger of God was stirring the leaves of the trees, and the branches were shaking.

Marty interpreted this vision to mean that a great multitude of Jewish people were ready to be saved, and he was to pray for revival.

In 1953 the Chernoffs felt called of God to move north. After much prayer they decided to move to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1954. About a year after their arrival, Marty was offered a full time position with the American Association of Jewish Evangelism (AAJE).

Marty continued with this mission for five years until 1960.

All the time he was conflicted within because he had nursed a yearning for years to break away from the Gentilized Hebrew-Christian world and establish a true Messianic outreach that would encourage Jewish believers to keep their Jewish identity and culture.

At the same time the Chernoffs were putting together the first Messianic congregation in Cincinnati, a young firebrand Jewish evangelist was setting up a new kind of missions organization in the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco.

His name was Moishe Rosen. Moishe had been an evangelist for Hebrew – Christian Mission for 16 years when he was fired in 1973 because of his novel confrontational tactics for sharing the Gospel.

He continued to use those tactics to make his organization, Jews for Jesus, the most high profile Jewish mission in the world.

His highly committed young workers would put on “Jews for Jesus” tee shirts and go to heavily Jewish neighborhoods and confront Jews on the streets.

They were so controversial that even [Billy Graham](#) criticized them, but his opposition did not slow their growth.

Looking back now on these exciting days in the late 1960's and early 1970's, it appears that God was orchestrating a spiritual renewal among Jews worldwide to produce a Jewish first fruits in anticipation of the great harvest of Jewish souls that the Bible says will take place at the end of the Tribulation (Zechariah 12:10).

In 1967 the turning point came for the creation of the modern Messianic Movement.

Following the re-birth of the Nation of Israel, and the stunning victories during the Six Day War many Jewish believers became aware of the fact that the hand of God was upon Israel and that Bible prophecy was being fulfilled.

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They were filled with a renewed pride in their Jewishness, and this, in turn, stimulated a desire to express their Christian faith in a more Jewish style.

The second chapter of Joel says that after the Jews are reestablished in their land in the end times, the Lord will pour out His Spirit on all mankind (Joel 2:18-29).

The Jewish re-gathering to their homeland began in the late 19th Century. It resulted in the re-establishment of Israel in May of 1948.

Since that time, the Spirit has been poured out, as promised, with many manifestations such as the proclamation of the Gospel all over the world through the utilization of modern technology by anointed ministries.

Certainly one of those manifestations of the Spirit is the modern re-birth of Messianic Judaism.



The re-birth of Messianic Judaism is bringing a great harvest of Jewish souls into the Kingdom.

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It is reminding the Church of its Jewish roots. It is helping to counter anti-Semitism.

It is providing insight into the biblical context of the Christian faith. It is bringing new life to Christian worship. And the movement stands as a clear sign that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

Jesus Himself said He would not return until the Jewish people are willing to cry out,

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (*Matthew 23:39*).

Messianic Judaism, through its proclamation of the Gospel to the Jewish people, is planting the seeds in Jewish hearts that will one day produce the salvation of a great remnant.



The difficulty in witnessing to Jewish people stems from their fear of losing their Jewish identity, historical trauma from Christian persecution (anti-Semitism), and the perception that believing in Jesus is fundamentally un-Jewish.

Jewish people take religious observance seriously even though they themselves don't believe in God.

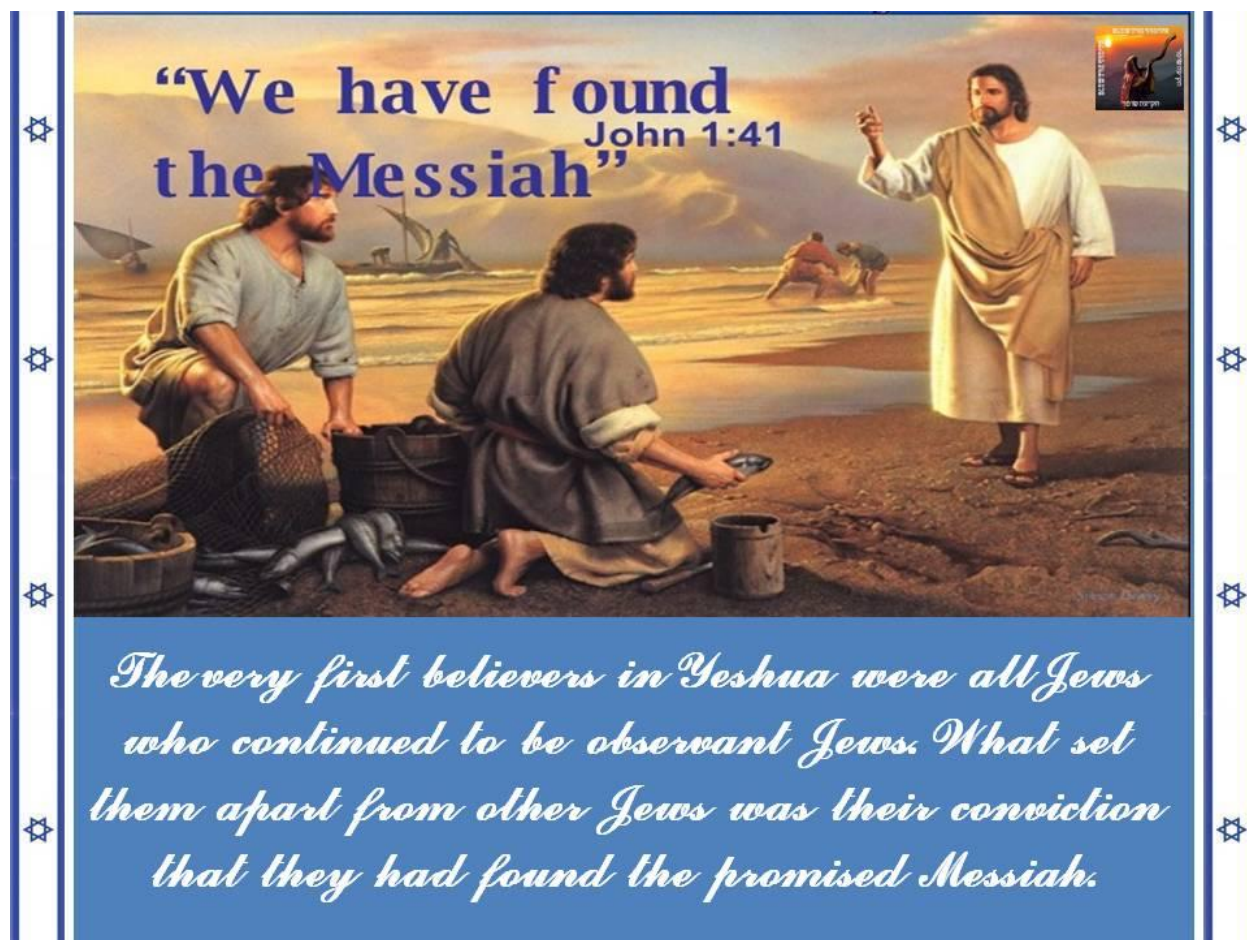
"How could anyone believe in a God who would allow the Holocaust?"

When you ask them why they still went to synagogue, they say with a puzzled look, "Because I'm Jewish!" "

Your asking them to join Christianity may seem as alien or as distasteful as asking them to join a local neo-Nazi party."

Overcoming these hurdles requires building genuine friendships, demonstrating mutual respect, and avoiding condescending attitudes.

Effective strategies often involve using the Old Testament, choosing sensitive language like "Messiah" instead of "Christ," and emphasizing that faith in Jesus does not require abandoning one's Jewish identity.



“We have found the Messiah, These are the words of Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

On that day he had talked with Jesus, and he was so excited that the first thing he did was find his brother Peter to tell him about it. He said: **“We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ”**

Early messianic Jews, starting with Simon and Andrew, were observant Jews who continued to practice Jewish law and customs. They saw no conflict between their faith in Jesus as the Messiah and their identity as observant Jews, continuing to worship in synagogues, keep the Sabbath, and adhere to other Jewish traditions.

These early believers maintained their Jewish identity, their synagogues were the center of their community, and they continued to observe Jewish law like circumcision, the Sabbath, and Jewish feasts.

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Paul's mission to the Gentiles involved spreading the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to non-Jewish people, emphasizing that they did not need to follow the Mosaic Law or be circumcised to become part of God's people.

This was a revolutionary concept in the early church, as it broke down cultural and religious barriers and laid the foundation for a global church by affirming that God's message was for all humanity, fulfilling a prophetic role.

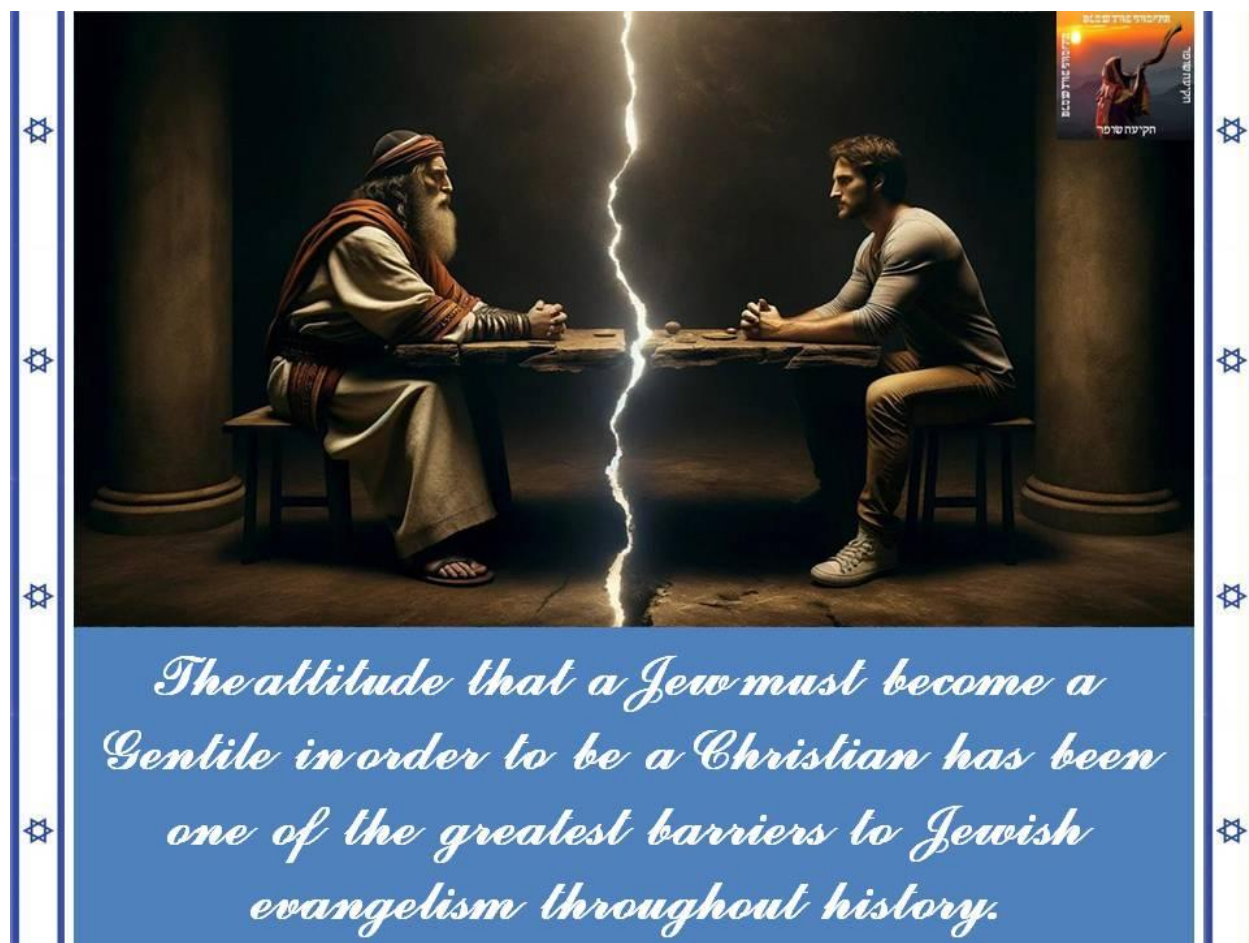
Paul taught that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for everyone's sins and was resurrected. He stressed that all people are sinners and need a Savior, and this salvation is received through faith, not by observing laws.



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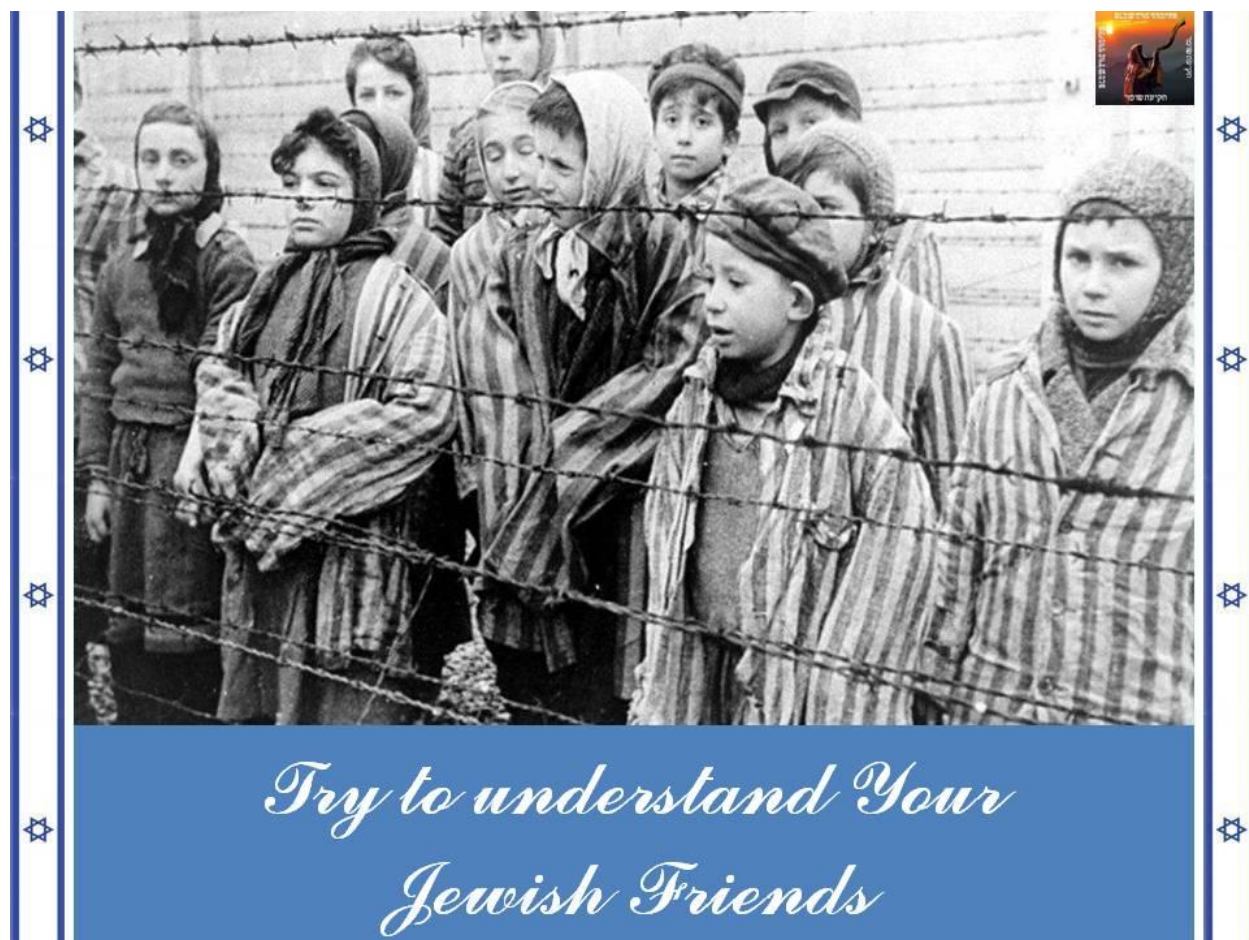
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The belief that Jews must become Gentile to be Christian was a significant historical barrier to Jewish evangelism, creating a perceived need for Jewish converts to abandon their cultural and ethnic identity.

This attitude was exacerbated by antisemitic interpretations of the New Testament, the historical "parting of the ways" between Christianity and Judaism, and teachings like supersessionism, which wrongly suggested the church had replaced Israel as God's chosen people.

So let me say it again "The attitude that a Jew must become a Gentile in order to be a Christian has been one of the greatest barriers to Jewish evangelism throughout history".

So, what is the best way to present the Messiah to the Jewish People.



Try to understand Your Jewish Friends and their perspective

Have you noticed that Jewish people are frequently negative towards Christianity?

You might be too if your people had been persecuted over the centuries in “Christian” countries and in the name of Christ!

Many Jewish people believe that to become a Christian is to side with those who have mistreated their people. This is tantamount to treachery to one’s ancestors.

I would say that this aspect is one of the most critical, as we still live in the first and second generation following the Holocaust. Many Holocaust survivors are still alive, and their children experience the pain their parents live on a daily basis.

Understanding and supporting a Jewish friend who experienced the Holocaust first hand, or who is a descendant of survivors dealing with intergenerational trauma, requires **empathy, education, and sensitivity**.

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The trauma can be deeply personal and extend across generations, so focus on being a supportive presence and using your voice to combat antisemitism.



Judaism is the culture of the Jewish people, not a Religion

For many Jews, Judaism is a culture, ethnicity, and people hood, often seen as a complex identity that is bigger than any single category.

While it is a monotheistic religion, many individuals who identify as Jewish may not be religious or may even be atheist, and still deeply connect to the cultural aspects of shared foods, languages, traditions, and history.

Surveys show that a majority of American Jews believe being Jewish is primarily about culture and ancestry, but identify religiously as atheist, agnostic, or nothing in particular.

In Israel, as of 2024, 73.6% of the population was Jewish. Of these, categories of religious self-identification include (secular, 33.1%), (traditional, 24.3%), (religious, 8.8%), and (ultra-Orthodox, 7.3%). This shows that even within Israel, the majority of Jews are not strictly observant believers.

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Jews believe that God's primary covenants were made with Israel as a **nation**, or collectively with the Jewish People, rather than individual, while still having implications for individuals.



“Jewish people already have a covenant and can get to Heaven without having to believe in Jesus”

Jewish people have their own covenant with God and a tradition that believes in an afterlife, so they do not need to believe in Jesus to get to Heaven. In Jewish belief, the covenant is a valid and ongoing relationship, and salvation is achieved through living according to God's laws and the covenant God made with Abraham and the Israelites.

Orthodox Judaism holds that people who follow Jewish law will go to Heaven after death.

Romans 1:16 is clear that the Gospel is not only to the Jew but to the Jew first.

Paul cried out in Romans 9:1-4 that he would give up his own salvation for the sake of his brethren, the Jews.

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Considering both the emotional, cultural and spiritual background the question becomes: how do I effectively share the Messiah with the Jewish People.



I once heard someone say that “people don’t care what you know until they know that you care.”

And it’s true. **Be a friend.**

Don’t make your interest in people conditional on whether or not they accept your message. If you are there for them consistently over time, they will eventually want to know why you believe and act the way you do.

Witnessing to a Jewish person goes far beyond reciting the facts of the Gospel message.

Witnessing must become a dialogue between two individuals, each with mutual respect and a genuine interest in the well being of the other.

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Because the best witness is the witness of a friend the first step in sharing the Gospel with a Jewish person is to develop a friendship. Your witness will do best as it grows naturally out of a deepening relationship.

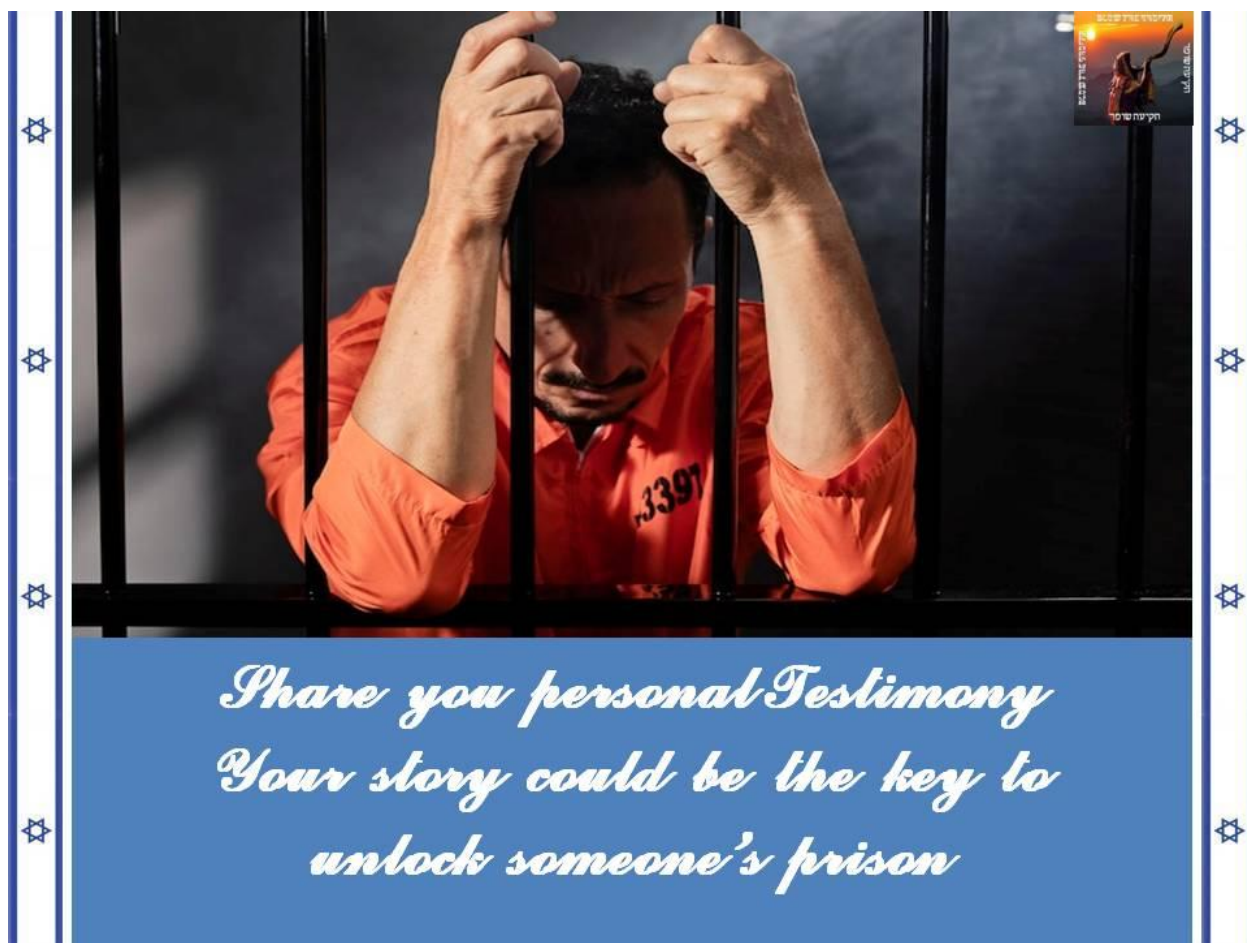


By **affirming your friend's Jewish identity**, you will be showing your love for him and making the statement that he can be Jewish and believe in Jesus!

You can do this tactfully by sending greeting cards on the Jewish holidays, showing an interest in current events that concern the Jewish people and especially by showing some sensitivity to what is happening in Israel.

Many of the Jewish holidays, such as Passover and the Fall Feasts, appear in the New Testament and can give you an opportunity to present the Gospel. Your friend will be intrigued that your belief in Jesus gives you an appreciation for Jewish heritage.

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Jewish people love the supernatural.

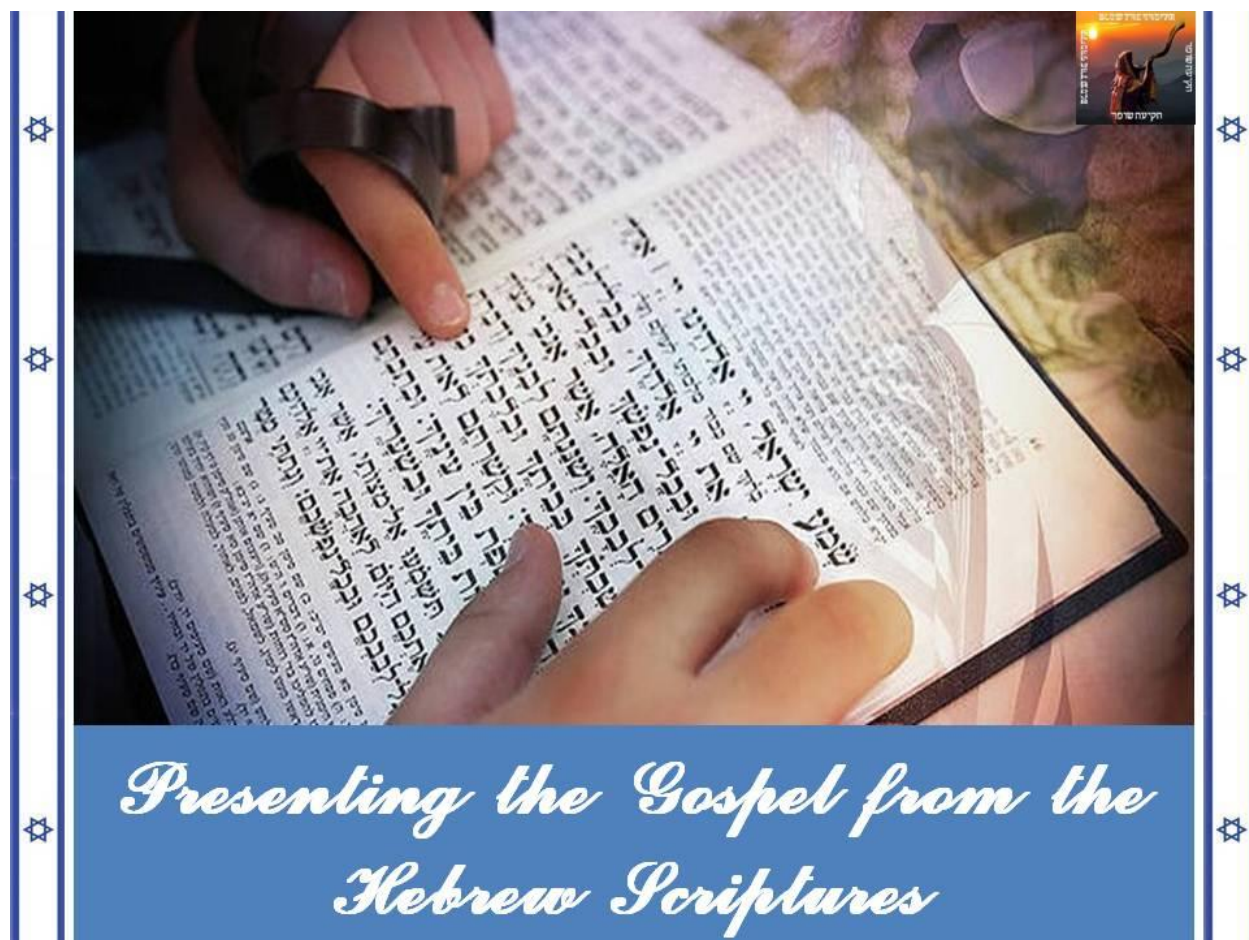
I find that very often people who don't want to be preached at or discuss the Bible are still very interested to hear what happened in your life that caused such a drastic change. **Share your testimony**

Let them know that the same God who touched you and changed your life can do the same for them!

A personal testimony is a story about your life before, during, and after a significant faith experience, shared to explain how you came to know Jesus Christ and how your life has changed.

To share your testimony, focus on three main parts: your life before your faith journey, the circumstances of your conversion, and how your life is different now.

Be honest, conversational, and concise, using personal pronouns like "I" and "me" instead of religious jargon.



Use the Hebrew Bible

The Scriptures tell us that faith comes through hearing the Word of God

Because most Jewish people are not familiar with the New Testament or even with the Old, we tend to use reason and logic more than God's Word.

The Bible has self-authenticating authority that can touch hearts:

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" ([Isaiah 55:11](#)).

The Scriptures should be the key benchmark of truth when we are witnessing.

A good way to study is to review Old Testament Messianic prophecy—which paints a picture of the Messiah—and then look to the New Testament for the fulfillment of those prophecies.

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Remember, your Jewish friend is beginning his study with little background, even in the Old Testament. Begin with some of the major Messianic prophecies.

Some of these:

The birth, ministry, and victory of the Messiah in Genesis 3:15.

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Found its fulfillment in:

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman ”
([Galatians 4:4](#)).

Being a descendant of Abraham Genesis 12:1-3

“Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’”

Found its fulfillment in:

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of Abraham.” Mathew 1

From the Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”

Found its fulfillment in:

“the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah.” Luke 3:33

From the House of David 2 Samuel 7:12-13

“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

Found its fulfillment in:

“...the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David.” Luke 3:31



Isaiah 53 is perhaps the strongest Messianic Prophecy.

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

From a Messianic perspective, Isaiah 53 is understood as a prophecy of the suffering and death of the Messiah, Yeshua who is the individual "Servant" of the Lord.

This interpretation holds that the chapter is a literal, singular prophecy of one person's sacrificial death for the sins of others, fulfilled in Yeshua's crucifixion and resurrection.

Key verses are interpreted as direct references to events in Yeshua's life, such as his silence during questioning, being "pierced for our transgressions," and his subsequent resurrection.

He might go back to a rabbi and hear that the prophecy refers to the nation of Israel, but the text does not support this interpretation.

Notice verses 5 and 8, where the servant suffers for "our sins" and the "sins of my people."

Someone is suffering for the sins of another group. In Isaiah, the "group" can only be Israel. Therefore, the one suffering for Israel has to be one other than Israel.

It can only be Messiah.

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Other scriptures pointing clearly to the Messiah



Other Prophecies from the Tanach and their fulfillment in the New testament		
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Son of God	Psalms 2:7	John 3:16-17 Heb 1:5
Born of a Virgin	Isa 7:14	Matt 1:18-22
King of Israel	Zech 9:9	John 12: 12-15
He will Ride a Donkey	Zech 9:9	Mark 4: 1-10
He will be Rejected	Isa 53:3	John 1:11
He will be Beaten	Mic. 5:1	Mark 15:19
He will be Betrayed	Psalms 41:9	Mark 14: 17-20
He will be Condemned	Isa 53:8	Matt 27:1-2
He will be Crucified	Psalms 22:16	Matt 14:17-20
He will be Pierced	Zech 12:10	Luke 23: 33-34
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Finally you can use Zechariah 12:10

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as a biblical prophecy that states God will pour out a "spirit of grace and supplication" on the house of David and the people of Jerusalem.

This will cause them to look on the one they have pierced and mourn for him with deep grief, as one mourns for an only child or a firstborn son.

Messianic interpretations view this "pierced one" as Yeshua, and the prophecy as a foretelling of the Jewish people's future recognition of him as the Messiah after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled

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No human – Jew or Gentile – can be held responsible for the death of the Messiah. He died because it was the Father's plan for Him to die. The Jewish people will clearly see that the One whom God sent to deliver them was Yeshua.



Throughout Israel's 3,800 year-long history, Israel has sustained the brunt of unjust assault.

War is no stranger.

From the Egyptian exodus, through the wilderness wanderings, the passing into the Promised Land, one surrounding nation after another assailed Israel.

The nations' war with Israel is ultimately their war with Israel's God.

The relentless animosities of sectors of the Arab world are not merely political causes.

Spiritual powers drive these causes. They will not be satisfied until Israel ceases to exist. The hostilities and animosities are just as leveled at believers as they are at Israel.

Because there is a spirit of the world that is against "all that is called God", and all things testifying to His existence, love, worth and glory.

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Ephesians 6:12 says:

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

King David captured this dynamic perfectly in his psalms: “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His anointed” (Psalm 2:1-2).

We are caught in the stream of spiritual forces greater than humanity.

In other words, forces that cannot be overthrown, politically or by the power of persuasion.

Jesus states specifically "this kind" of powers, can only be overcome by prayer and fasting.

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Even unbelievers recognize the uncanny patterns of vehement anti-Semitic rhetoric.

The likes of Adolf Hitler and modern-day Arab leaders such as Ahmadinejad, Khamenei and their successors share this. The forces opposed to Israel cannot be defeated simply be those who don't like Jews.

These forces break down only by fasting and intercessory prayer, casting down principalities and powers.

So "How do I pray for Israel and the Jewish people?" "How can I provoke Israel to jealousy?"



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Pray for the Salvation of the Jewish People.

And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written: *'The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.'*" Romans 11:26

We need to pray for their salvation. It requires us to pray that the veil that covers their eyes will be removed.

Paul said: *"Their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ"* (2 Corinthians 3:14)

More than just praying for Israel's salvation, the church is called to intercede for and stand in the gap for Israel.

In the book of Joel, we see a picture of the church crying out for the salvation of Israel and their return to the land, even pleading with God to remove the defilement of His name.

As it is written, *"Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, Spare Your people [Israel], O LORD,*

And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?" (Joel 2:17).

The next day Moses said to the people, *"You have committed a terrible sin, but I will go back up to the LORD on the mountain. Perhaps I will be able to obtain forgiveness for your sin."* Exodus 32:30

Moses famously interceded for the Israelites, pleading with God to spare them from destruction and showing a selfless concern for his people.

So Queen Esther answered, *"If I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it pleases the king, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare the life of my people—this is my request!"* ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, for destruction, slaughter and annihilation. If we had simply been sold as male and female slaves, I would have remained silent, for such distress would not be worth disturbing the king." Esther 7:3-4

Queen Esther's courageous intercession for her people in the book of Esther is another example, leading to the salvation of the Jewish people from a planned massacre.



We pray for the fulfillment of this divine promise—the continued return of the Jewish people to their Promised Land and for spiritual and national unity. We ask for God’s hand to guide and protect them as they navigate attacks from different directions, trusting the Lord to bring them together as one nation, under his rule and for his glory. This goes beyond physical restoration alone. God longs to bring his Kingdom purposes to Israel

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Pray Peace over Israel - [“For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’”](#) Psalm 122:8

The psalmist encourages us to actively pray for the peace of Israel, not as a distant request but as a very personal one. Praying for Israel should come from a heart of love for both the Jews and our own family and friends. The desire for peace includes healthy families, communities, and nations. Through praying for Israel, we align our hearts with God’s desire for reconciliation and stability.

Hebrew word shalom goes beyond simple peace or a lack of conflict. Shalom encompasses a holistic sense of completeness, well-being, and harmony.

We pray for both physical and spiritual peace, that hearts will turn to God and experience inner peace from a right relationship with him.

This prayer calls us to join with God’s purposes for his people, seeking peace within Israel’s borders and for the wider region.

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Pray for Protection over Israel- Zechariah 2:8

“For this is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whatever touches you touches the apple of his eye.’”

As we pray for Israel, we ask for God's protection, both from external enemies and internal divisions. Israel faces challenges from many surrounding nations, as well as from within, where conflict and unrest rear their heads. We ask God to shield them from physical threats while also granting wisdom, unity, and strength to overcome struggles in their midst. God has promised to fight for his treasured possession.

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Pray for the comfort over Israel Isaiah 40: 1-2

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins”. Isaiah 40:1-2

God calls us to bring comfort to Israel. The verse expresses God’s compassion for his people, who have endured hardship and suffering, both in the Bible and throughout history. God has forgiven their sins and desires to restore and heal them. Israel’s time of punishment has passed, and God offers peace, healing, and comfort.

Israel face difficult times, political conflict, violence, and terrorism.

Let us also pray for their hearts to be comforted by God’s love and forgiveness. Let us ask for God’s mercy and tenderness to encourage and support the nation, bringing healing for pain and hope for despair.

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Pray to make Jerusalem a Praise Isaiah 62: 6-7

“ I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.”

God calls his people to be “watchmen,” people who intercede day and especially at night, crying out for the Lord to fulfill his promises. Praying for Jerusalem to “be a praise” to God on the earth asks for God’s will to be established and for the nation to become a light of righteousness and truth for the world to see.

Israel a Light unto the Nation, a Light that shall never be extinguished.

Jerusalem remains central to God’s plan, and praying for Israel joins the Father’s desire to transform it into a place where his glory extends to all nations. As Christians, God calls us to persistently pray, asking God to bless and protect Jerusalem so it reflects the Lord’s greatness.



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

To pray for the peace of Jerusalem, ask for safety for its inhabitants, peace within its walls, and the prosperity of its people, echoing biblical verses like Psalm 122:6-7. You can also pray for reconciliation and justice between Israelis and Palestinians, an end to violence and hatred, and for all people in the city—Jews, Christians, and Muslims—to find a shared future of safety and dignity.

We must pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for in doing so, we are praying for the return of Christ. He is the Prince of Peace, and only when He returns to the earth shall all of Israel be saved and the Kingdom of God established in Israel from Jerusalem.

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On that day, the Lord declared: *“I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication”* (Zechariah 12:10).

I love using Psalm 122 as it focuses on the joy and importance of **worshipping in the house of the Lord**, emphasizing the unity of believers and the prayer for peace in Jerusalem

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

4 That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

5 There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.

7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”

8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”

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So how do we pray for Israel and the Jewish People

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First, give thanks to God for Israel and her place in redemptive history.

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The Bible is the history of redemption, primarily dealing with one covenant nation (Israel).

The reason why it is so important to understand this principle is because when you understand redemptive history, you understand redemption, salvation, reconciliation, deliverance and restoration.

You understand what your salvation is about and what God did to secure it for you. The Bible also shows us the wisdom of God in using a nation that had broken covenant, a nation so full of rebellion and disobedience to show us the way to covenant with God.

In the book of Acts, after the coming of the Holy Spirit, we see that salvation began in Jerusalem. The entire church was Jewish. God used this group, or remnant, to evangelize and bring salvation to the rest of the known world.

Paul talks about the remnant in Romans 9 and 11. They are also called the elect. There was always a remnant within Israel—a small group that never forsook God. They always kept covenant.

Like in Elijah's day with the seven thousand who remained righteous, there is always that group who will not bow the knee to Baal or kiss his feet. So from the remnant the light of God was shown, and all the nations came into salvation. And here we are saved because of what God did more than two thousand years ago.

So let us thank God and say as David did in Psalm 122

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Second, Pray for the physical seed of Abraham to know the peace of complete salvation

Headlights might lead us to pray simply for the end of hostilities and stop there. But a mere negotiated peace is not what God has in mind for Israel.

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This peace from the word shalom involves much more than an end to conflict. This peace is nothing less than the complete stability and security of the people of God resulting in the untold gladness and unbridled worship. The point is not the strength of the walls, but the safety of the people. This security is only possible with the

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transformation of the people within the walls into people who love the Lord with all their hearts, mind and soul.

Third, Pray for the salvation of Israel

Jerusalem is the focal point of Psalm 122. But with a closer look, we see that the psalmist has much more than the city of Jerusalem in focus. Particularly the two houses for which Jerusalem came to be known.

What was the second house in Jerusalem, mentioned at the center of this Psalm.

4 That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

5 There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Here is what this means. There is no peace for anyone apart from Jesus Christ and His shed blood on the cross. Where God's justice does not reign, there is only the reign of terror. There is no peace where there is no justice. There is no peace apart from Jesus Christ and the peace that the cross will afford.

As we pray for the peace of Jerusalem we must pray for the salvation of the Jewish People. Jews today, and all Gentiles, must confess that there is no salvation apart from Christ and His cross.

Finally, Thank God for His answer to His ancient prayer

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

4 That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

God's people went to Jerusalem to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

The ancient temple in Jerusalem is rubble. Jesus predicted it and brought it to pass.

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. (John 2:19)

From this day, the day of His resurrection, forward God has not abandoned His purpose for Israel. Rather through the destruction of His own body Jesus brought salvation peace to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to the end of the earth.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

So what then becomes of the temple? Eph 2:19-22 gives us a clear answer.

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19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

So let us faithfully pray for the peace of Jerusalem according to Psalm 122 let us pray now specifically for Israel and the Jewish people.



As Christians, we know who will return to reign physically over this global focal point.

Even though this region has been dominated with strife and violence since the days of Abraham.

Why, then, should believers be so concerned over such a tiny speck of land?

What does it really matter? What does the Bible say about standing with Israel?

I am convinced one of Satan's greatest tools is to minimize or negate the role Israel plays today.

It keeps the Western church in the dark concerning God's end-time plan for our world.

Perhaps the most pointed statement regarding the importance of the Jews is from the lips of our Lord and Savior Himself.

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In His conversation with the Samaritan woman, recorded in John 4:1-26, **Jesus is very definitive: "Salvation is of the Jews"** (v. 22).

Almost every nation refuses to make an abiding commitment to stand by the Jews and Israel.

Only a few remain, but the Bible says God will honor those who do. God states in Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you"

Our biblical assignment and a divine promise, summon our stand in faith, our intercession with expectancy and our support with promise.

(Eph. 6:10-20). ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Scripture declares there will come a time when all the nations of the world will turn against Israel (Zech. 12:1-14).

The Jewish people have suffered persecution and pogroms; they have outlived Pharaoh's slavery, Haman's gallows, and Hitler's final solution.

And I have no doubt that long after Hamas, Hezbollah, and ISIS have been added to the bone yard of human history, and long after the crisis with Iran has been resolved, the flag of Israel will still fly over the ancient walls of the sacred city of David.

Jerusalem will continue to be the praise of all the earth and the Jewish people will remain the "apple of His eye" for Israel

Our calling is to stand with Israel today because we could be people of the last hour.

The Lord has called us to be people with moral and biblical conviction, walking wisely and knowing His Word.

He honors those who make an abiding commitment to stand with Israel, He calls uniquely His.

If you are a believer, you cannot be consistent with the whole of Scripture and take a passive position toward the Jews and Israel.

As Christians, we stand with Israel, because they are forever linked with the spiritual promises of God.

We have been grafted in and our Messiah brought us closer to Israel, for His name sake.

Every believer is charged to make the Jews a priority in his or her value system.

Why?

Because God has.

So how can we stand with Israel ?

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"For the lips of truth shall be established forever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment." - Proverbs 12:19

Get the Truth Out There

Truth is a powerful weapon, especially when lies are spreading like a plague. Anti-Israel narratives dominate mainstream media, and many people blindly believe them.

Why does it matter? Because when lies go unchallenged, they become the accepted version of reality.

A simple social media post can start a ripple effect, educating dozens or even hundreds of people who had no idea they were buying into lies.

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Let that verse sink in. We are called to stand for truth, not convenience.

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When we see new generations becoming indoctrinated with misinformation and hatred against the Jewish People, it becomes clear that we as believers must stand for what is right.

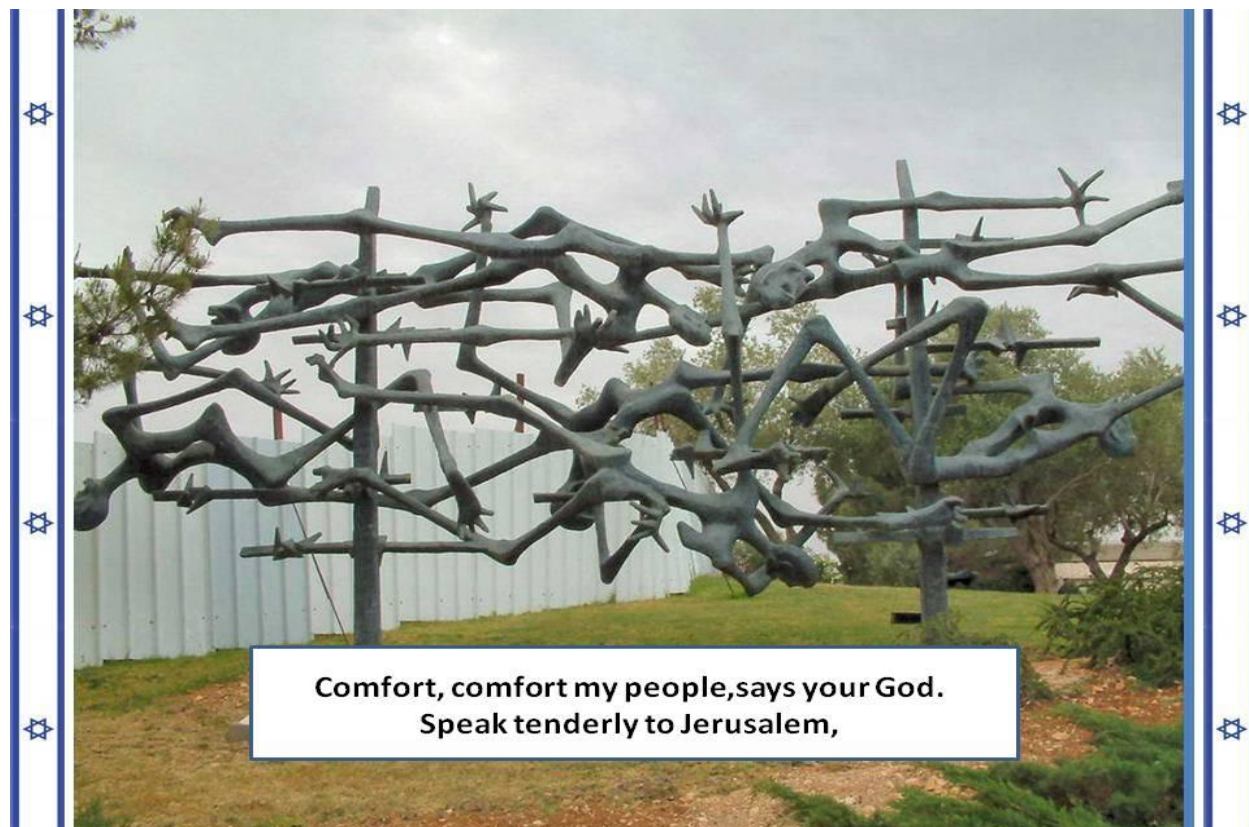
Educate Yourself — Then Educate Others

It's hard to fight for something if you don't know the facts. Study Israel's history, its legal right to exist, and the real stories behind the headlines.

Learn about the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) code of ethics, humanitarian efforts, and how Israel's military operations are aimed at protecting civilians—both Israelis and Palestinians.

Once you've educated yourself, become a walking, talking truth advocate. Host a local event or a Zoom call. Invite a speaker who knows the facts or share a powerful video that breaks down the issues in a way people can understand.

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Isaiah delivers this divine imperative, saying “[Comfort, My people’ says your God.](#)” ([Isaiah 40:1](#))

Comfort Yea my People One of the Reasons we need to bless Israel because God commands us to do so.

This is clearly not a call to the Jewish people, otherwise they would be comforting themselves.

Rather, it is a call to a Gentile people who serve God to stand alongside Israel and bless and comfort her. It is a command for a time when Israel’s warfare has ended, a set time when God is restoring Zion.

And Isaiah 40 also is clearly not a suggestion or discussion point where He invites our opinion.

God Himself, the Creator of heaven and earth, who calls out the stars by name (Isaiah 40:26), tells us to arise and stand with His people in comfort and love.



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Your government has a responsibility to stand with Israel—or at least not undermine it.

Write to your representatives and senators. Urge them to support Israel's right to defend itself.

Make it clear that you vote for leaders who protect freedom and democracy, not those who enable terror.

If your country's leaders lean anti-Israel, your voice matters even more. Get involved, organize letter-writing campaigns, and put the pressure on. They need to know that you see through the lies and that your vote is on the line.

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To get involved in organizations that promote Jewish-Christian relations, you can connect with several prominent national and international groups. Involvement can range from as small as subscribing to their newsletters, signing their petitions to governments or attending dialogue sessions and educational programs to volunteering for social action and advocacy.

Here are some key organizations and ways to get involved:

B'nai Brith Canada is the country's oldest human rights organization. They are a principled grassroots voice dedicated to eradicating racism, anti-Semitism, and hatred in all its forms, championing the rights of the marginalized while providing basic human needs for members of our community. It is recognized as a vital voice in promoting Jewish unity and continuity, a tireless advocate on behalf of senior citizens and a leader in combating anti-Semitism and racism. Our support comes from thousands of Canadian families with diverse backgrounds and interests that empower the organization to speak

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to government, to media and to the public at large, on issues of concern to the Jewish community. Start by signing up to their Newsletter.

United Jewish Appeal I have joined the Canadian Jewish Appeal Foundation for two reasons.

First, it is the second most powerful advocate for Israel's Interest at Parliament Hill after B'nai Brith Canada. And second it is the only organization with a walk for Israel.

I have been part of the Walk for Israel for the last 6 years helping the United Jewish Appeal raising more than 1.2 million in 2024 and 1.4 million in 2025.

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ): I am an active member of this philanthropic organization. It focuses on promoting understanding and cooperation, and raising funds primarily among Christians to provide humanitarian aid to Jews in need, particularly holocaust survivors both inside and outside of Israel.

It also organizes the Aliyah program, referred to as "On Wings of Eagles", by bringing Jewish people from around the world to their homeland in Israel.

They arrange and often fund the flights for immigrants from various countries, including the former Soviet Union, especially from areas facing poverty or rising anti-Semitism.

Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries (FIRM) is on a Mission to Empower Local Ministries to transform lives in Israel with the love of Jesus.

They serve a network of 80+ ministries and organizations in Israel that share a passion for reaching Israelis with the Gospel. These local ministries are the true heroes, and together, we have a vision for a stronger and healthier Body of Messiah in Israel.

FIRM was started by Canadian Pentecostal Pastor Wayne Hilsden in 1983 when God called him to Jerusalem to start the King of Kings Messianic Ministry. I cherish the honor of knowing Wayne personally.

The International Christian Embassy (ICEJ) founded in 1980, represents global Christians standing with Israel and the Jewish people based on Biblical principles.

The Christian Embassy sponsors the traditional Jerusalem March during the Feast of Sukkot also called the Feast of the Tabernacle. Over 2000 pro Israel Christians from over 75 countries paraded with their national flags and engaged with thousands of Israelis gathered there for the Sukkot activities. This year's Feast gathering constituted the largest solidarity mission to Israel since the war began 2 years ago. I had the great honor attending my first Jerusalem March in 1982.

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Stand Up and Be Counted

It's easy to feel helpless when you're not on the ground in Israel. But you are not powerless. Words matter. Actions matter. Faith matters.

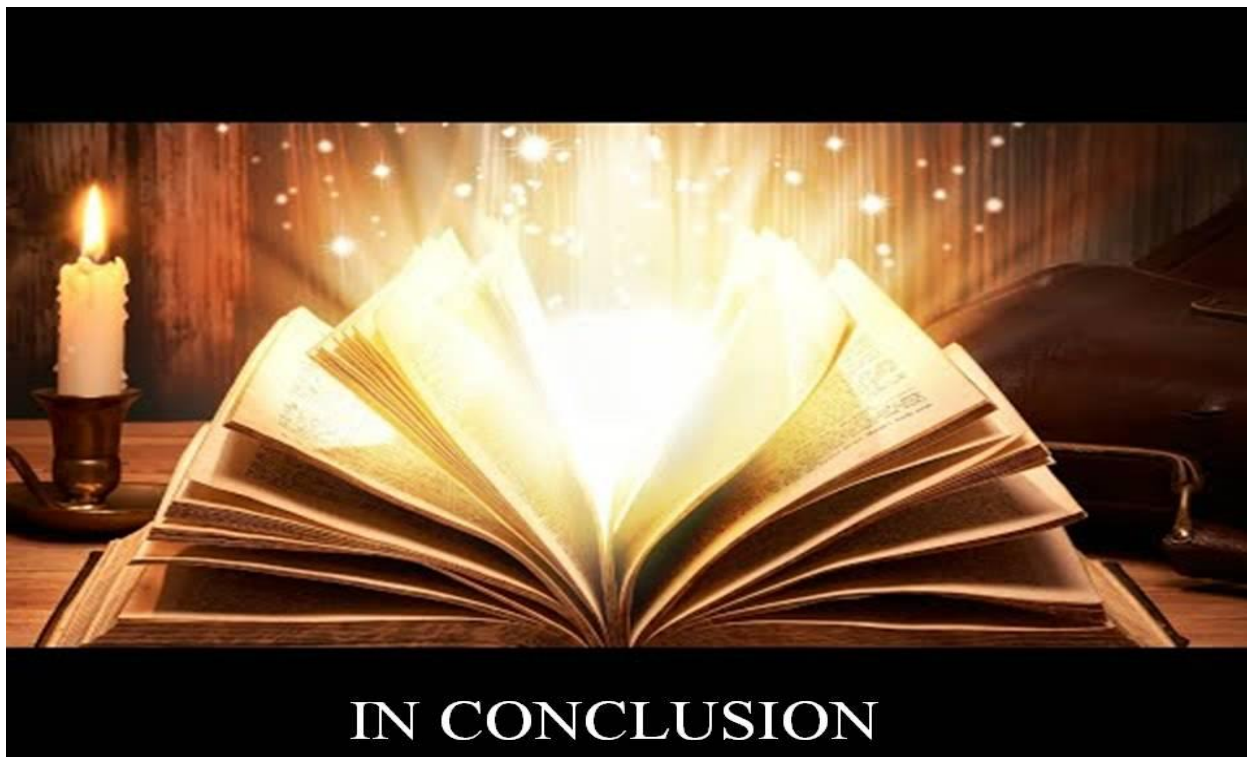
Whether you're praying, advocating, or buying Israeli products, you are standing with the people of Israel.

God's chosen nation needs your voice. It needs your prayers.

Pray for the safety of Israeli civilians, the protection of the IDF, and the wisdom of Israel's leaders. Pray for the defeat of those who plot Israel's destruction.

The Bible says, **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"** This isn't just a suggestion; it's a command. Your prayers matter. They reach heaven and stir the heart of God.

Don't underestimate your impact. Stand up, speak out, and support Israel right now.



In Conclusion let's review God's plan for Israel from Paul's perspective in the book of Romans



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In Romans 11:26 Paul states that all of Israel will be saved. How can this happen ? What assurance do we have that it will happen ?

²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

²⁷ For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

These verses refer to a future event where the Deliverer will come out of Zion to turn away ungodliness from Jacob, resulting in the salvation of all Israel.

It refers to a time when many Jewish people will turn to faith in the Messiah.



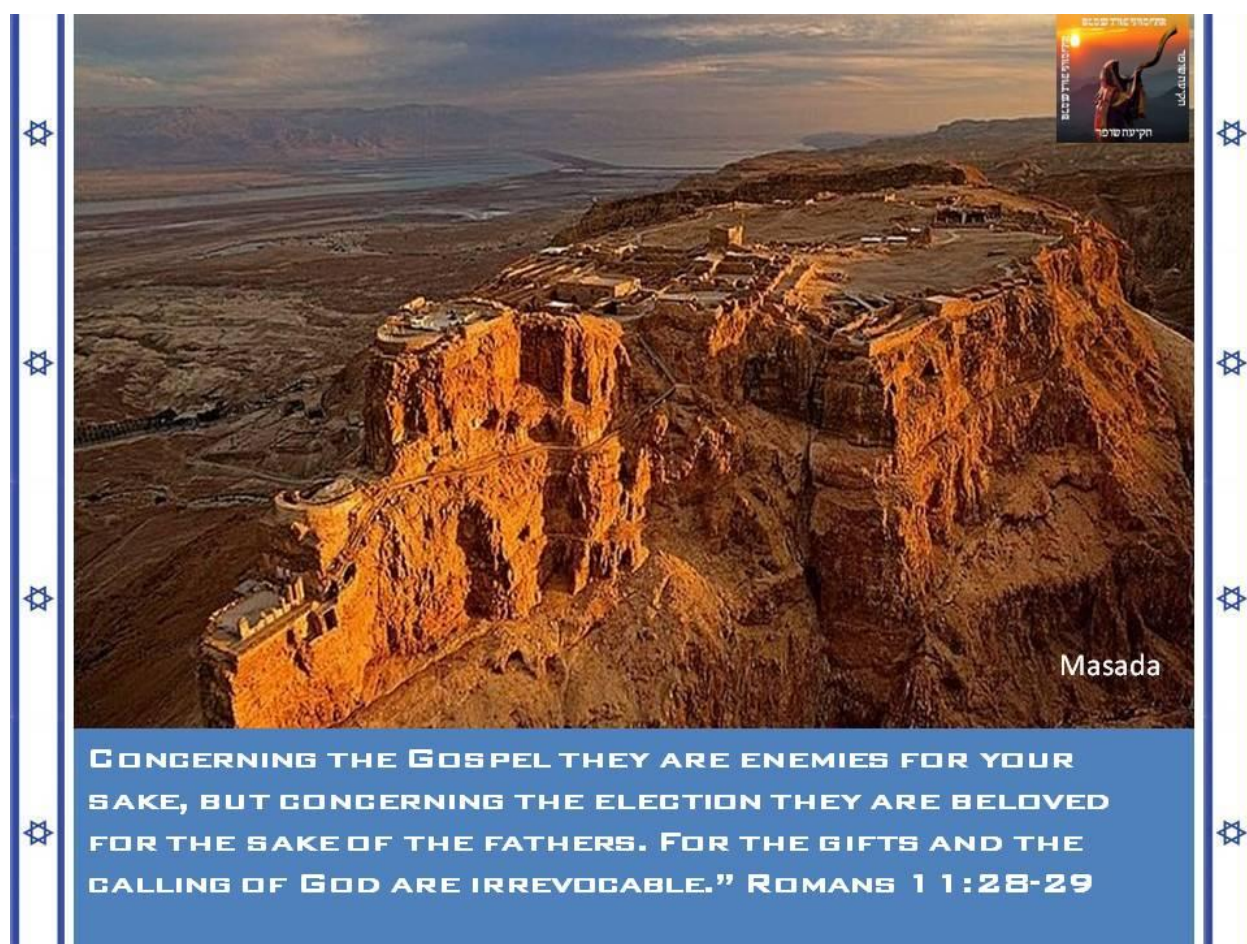
"...Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: the Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Romans 11:25b-27

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This passage is from [Romans 11:25-27](#), and it describes a theological concept in Christianity known as "the mystery" of Israel's blindness and eventual salvation.

It explains that some Jews experienced a partial, temporary spiritual "blindness" to Jesus, but this period would end when a specific number of non-Jews (Gentiles) had come to faith, at which point "all Israel" would be saved through a Deliverer from Zion.

This is interpreted to mean that all the Jewish people will eventually be saved when Jesus returns, which will be a key part of the salvation of all humanity.



So, what does that mean regarding the older covenants in the Bible?

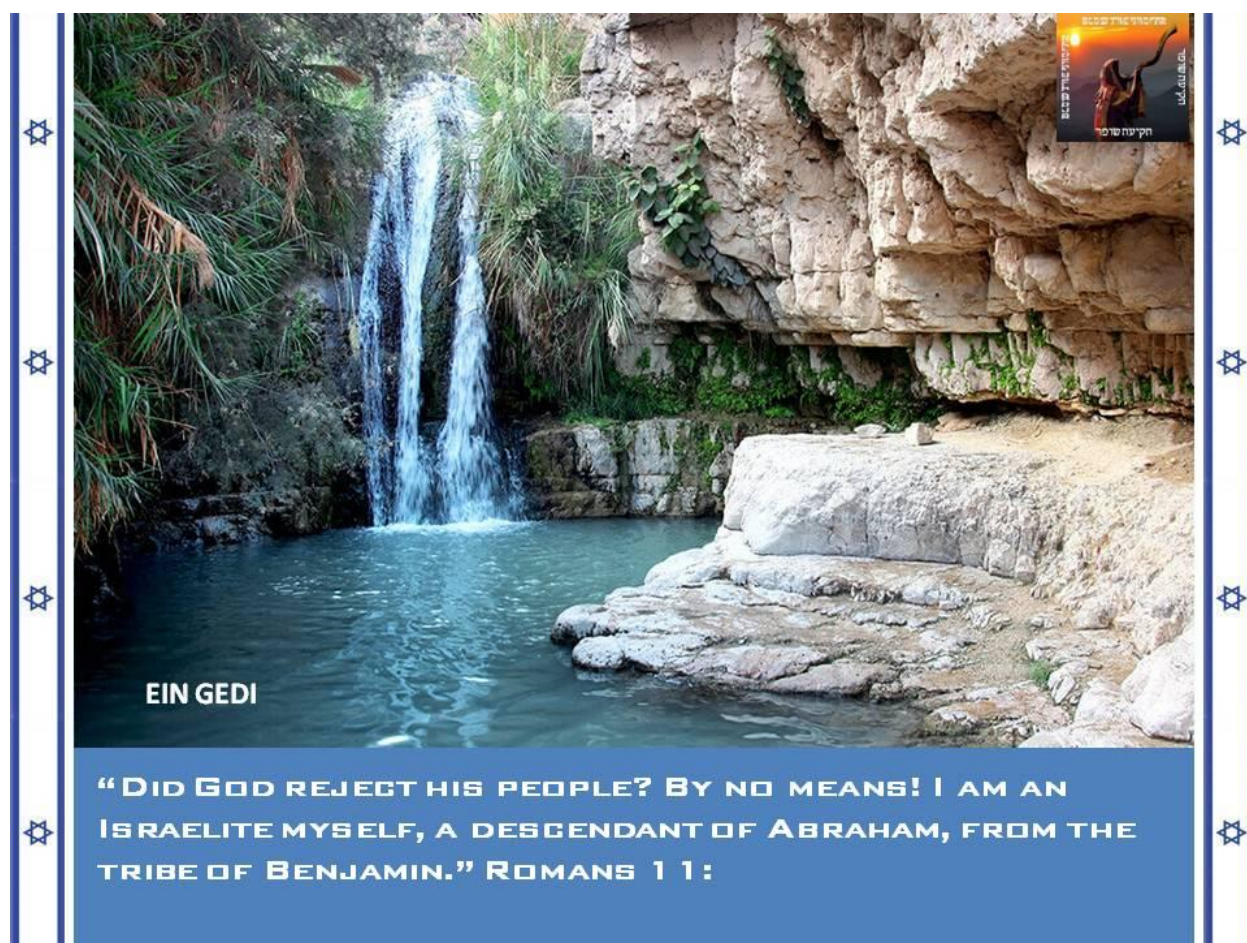
"Concerning the Gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." Romans 11:28-29

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This passage from [Romans 11:28-29](#) explains that while many Israelites were seen as "enemies" for rejecting the gospel, they remain "beloved" by God because of his promises to their patriarchs like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

This is because God's gifts and promises to Israel are irrevocable and He has a plan to show mercy to all through their past and present actions.

Paul highlights the fact that Israel still has a purpose. And they need to fulfill their God-given calling.



"Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin." Romans 11:1

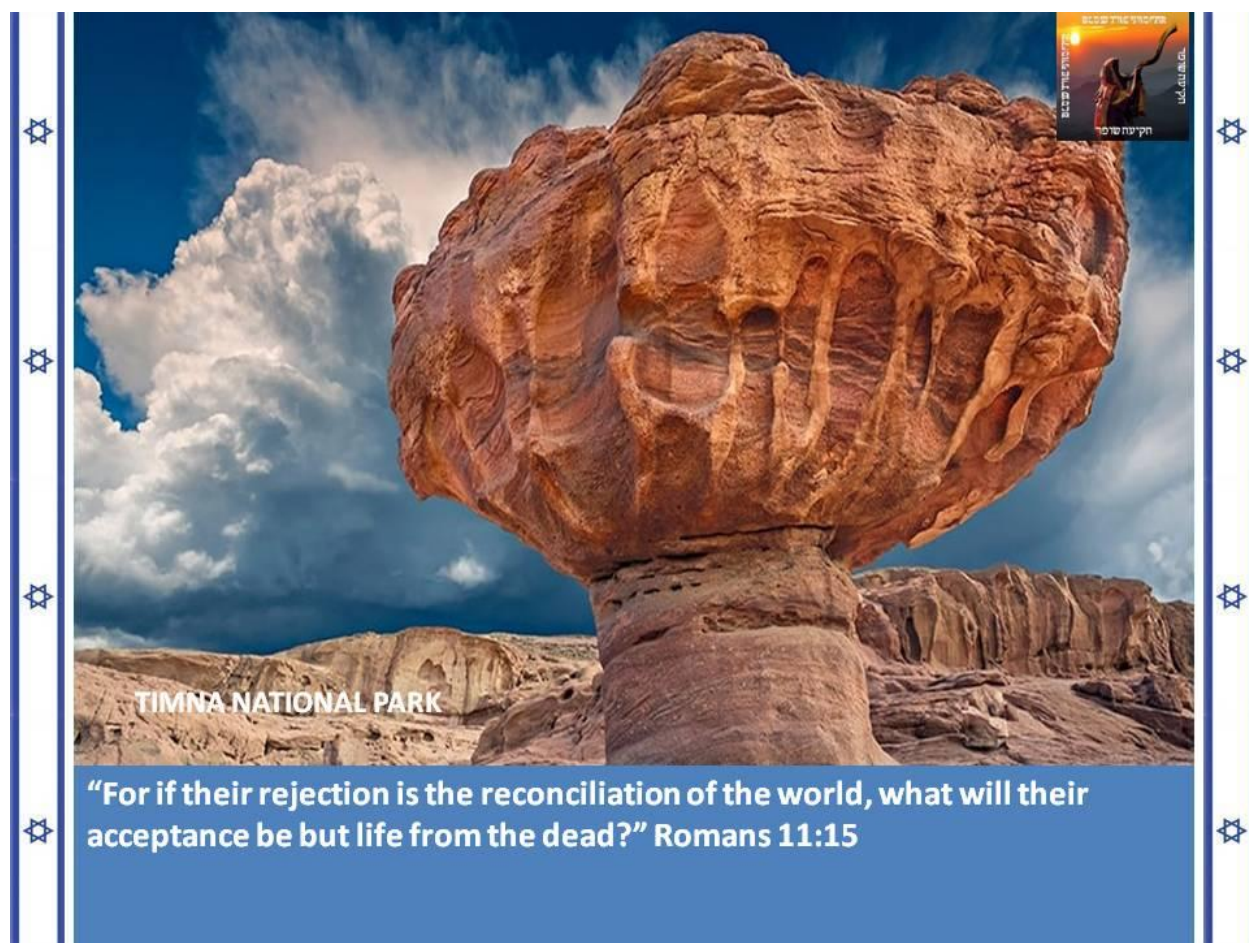
Romans 11:1 asserts that God has not rejected His people, using the author, the apostle Paul, as a key example because he is an Israelite himself, a descendant of Abraham, and from the tribe of Benjamin.

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Paul's statement serves as a rhetorical question and answer to address the perception that Israel's rejection of Jesus's message meant a total rejection by God.

The verse emphasizes that Paul's own identity as an Israelite is evidence that God's relationship with Israel continues.

Paul stresses the fact that the people of Israel are the recipients of God's election, gifts, and calling – all of which are irrevocable.



"For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?" Romans 11:15

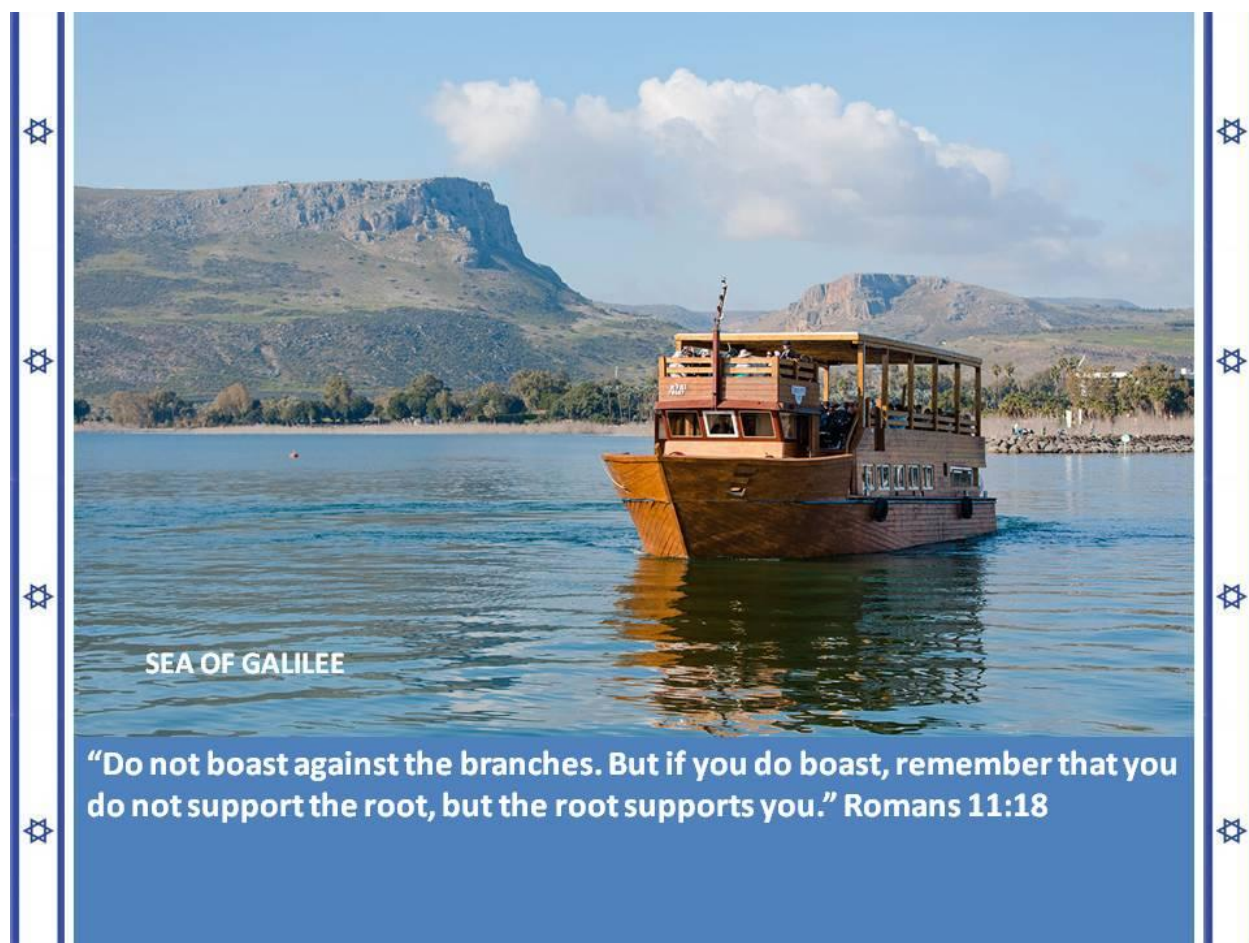
Romans 11:15 suggests that the rejection of the Jewish people led to the reconciliation of the world with God through the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles.

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Therefore, their future acceptance will be even more significant, bringing about a greater spiritual renewal, or "life from the dead".

This concept illustrates a larger divine plan where Israel's current rejection is a means to a greater future reconciliation and salvation for both Jews and Gentiles.

From Paul's vantage point, God's specific purpose for Israel combines with the purposes He has for the nations – for the entire world.



"Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you." Romans 11:18

This passage from [Romans 11:18](#) advises believers against arrogance by reminding them they owe their spiritual place to God's grace, not to their own merit.

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It uses the analogy of grafting a wild olive shoot onto a cultivated tree: the grafted "branches" (Gentile believers) should not boast over the original, "natural" branches (unbelieving Jews) because they are completely dependent on the "root" (God's promises and covenants) for their life and sustenance.

The verse serves as a warning that just as natural branches were broken off due to unbelief, the grafted branches could also be cut off if they are not sustained by faith.

When the fullness of the Gentiles comes in, God will turn his gaze towards Israel.



"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy." Romans 11:30-31

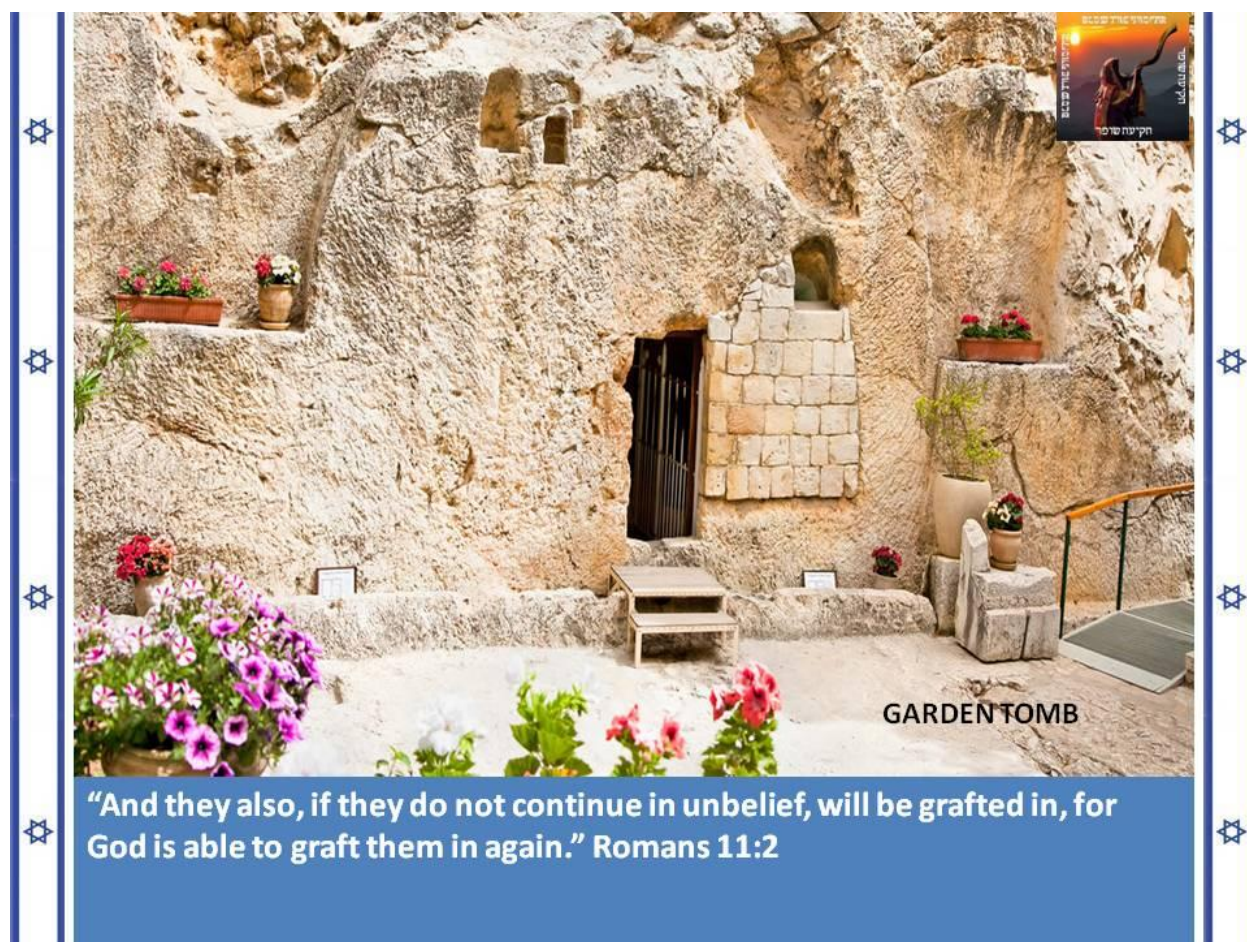
[Romans 11:30-31](#) describes a reciprocal relationship between Jews and Gentiles in God's plan for salvation.

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The text explains that just as Gentiles, who were once disobedient, have now received mercy through the disobedience of the Jews, the Jews are currently disobedient so that they, too, can eventually receive mercy through the mercy God has shown to the Gentiles.

The salvation of Israel is not an end in itself – nor is it for Israel's sake alone.

The salvation of Israel is a key to world redemption. Because God's love knows no bounds and is never changing, the covenant keeping God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob watches carefully over all the nations.



“And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.” Romans 11:23

[Romans 11:23](#) explains that even if Jewish people remain in unbelief, God has the power to re-graft them into the olive tree of faith if they turn away from their unbelief.

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The metaphor compares the people of God to branches of an olive tree, and it is possible for those who have been "broken off" (the Jews) to be grafted back in, just as it was contrary to nature for Gentiles to be grafted in.

The day is coming when the eyes of the Jewish people will be opened to see in living color that Jesus of Nazareth is their only Messiah and Savior

Once Israel comes to faith in her true Messiah, a revival will send shockwaves through the nations, turning their eyes to Jesus.



So....

Should we as Christians care about Israel?

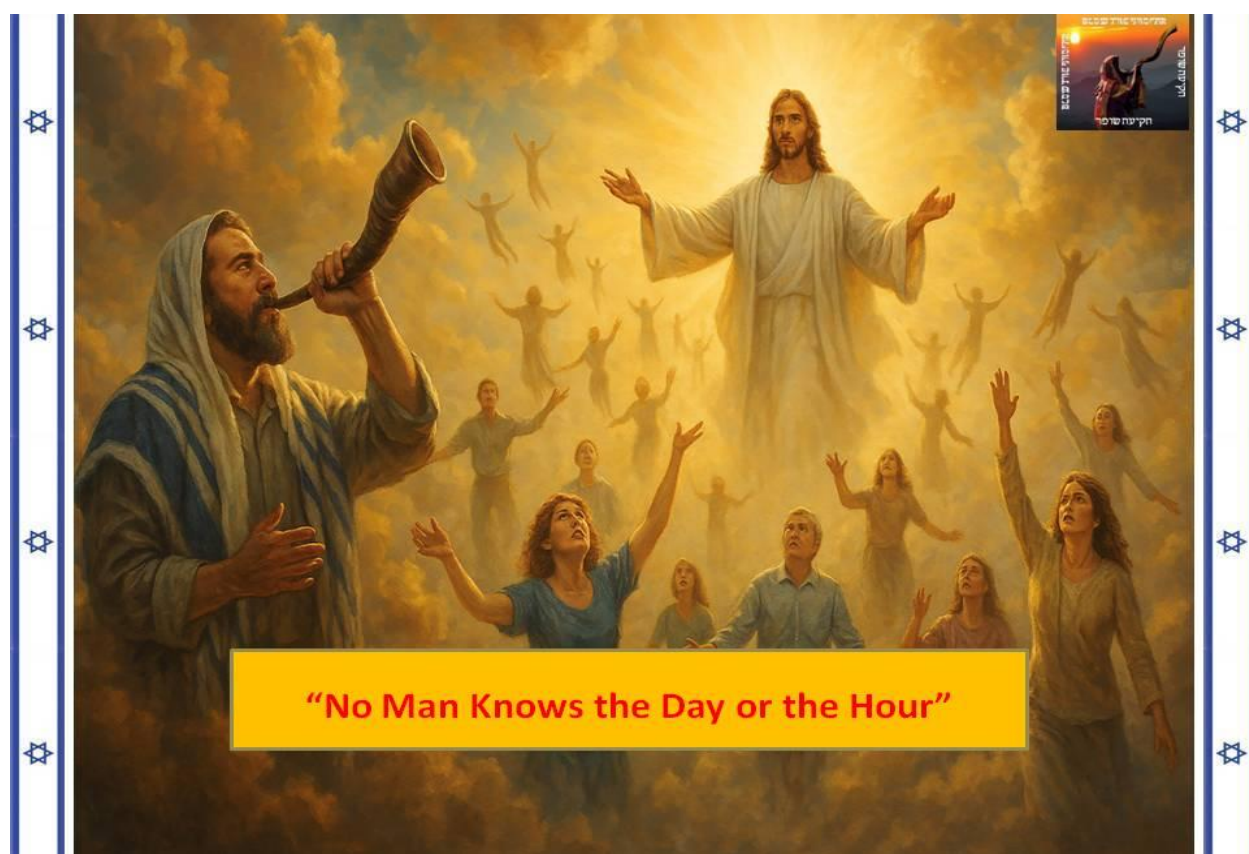
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Our place in God's present order links us with the Jews as a people and to the land of Israel.

When we put our faith in the Redeemer who came through the Jews, we enter into a line of those who have trusted God according to His revealed grace and purpose.

Scripture declares that, spiritually speaking, when you receive the Lord, you inherit the Jewish legacy. If you are a believer, you cannot be consistent with the whole of Scripture and take a passive position toward the Jews and Israel.

As Christians, we must stand with Israel, because they are forever linked with the spiritual promises of God. We have been grafted in and our Messiah brought us closer to Israel, for His name sake.



Our calling is to stand with Israel today because we could be people of the last hour. The Lord has called us to be people with moral and biblical conviction, walking wisely and knowing His Word. He honors those who make an abiding commitment to stand with the land He calls uniquely His.