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(Caption on the slide reads: "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet..." Isa.62:1)

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As we have said- We are living in a unique time in history. We're seeing Biblical prophecy being fulfilled even as we read our newspaper headlines.

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I think you will agree- There is no piece of real estate more contested than Jerusalem.

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No land evoking stronger emotion than Israel.

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And no people with a more miraculous history of survival than the Jews.

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It is a land and a people with a prophetic destiny of whom the Christian world is eternally indebted.

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(Caption of slide reads “Israel amidst an Ocean of Islam”)

We read of disturbing world events with Israel often at the epicenter

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- rise of anti-Semitism, a demonization of Israel by much of the world community,
- a denial of Israel’s right to exist and a church too often silent and at times hostile to God’s covenant purposes for His first people.
- And a church too often silent, and at times hostile, to God’s covenant purposes for His chosen people

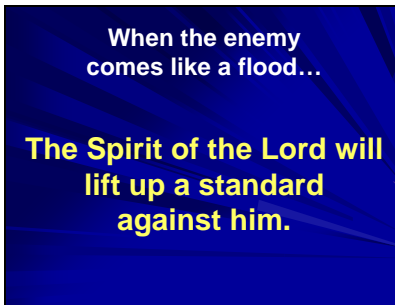
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As we look around at world events, observe new alignments of nations,

- hear the increase rhetoric of hatred,
- the hour is fast approaching when all nations will be aligned against Israel. It's becoming all too real.... Zech 12:1-4, Zech 14:12, Eze 38:16

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As the forces of darkness coalesce, so too have the heavenly forces. God has set His plan in place. "...when the enemy comes in like a flood,

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the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." Is 59:12b



We give
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And so God calls us, as Christians who seek to be obedient to the Word, to give honor (and comfort) to those from whom we have inherited much

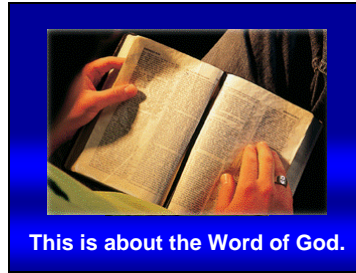
Though “because of unbelief some of them were broken off we are warned not to become haughty, **‘For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.’**”

Therefore, in humility as we stand with Israel and the Jews, waiting expectantly for that time when, as the fullness of the Gentiles is completed, **“All Israel will be saved.”**

Honoring them,

- not because they are perfect,
- or that Israel as a nation is without fault,
- but because our Heavenly Father loves them with an everlasting love
- and they have a destiny yet to be fulfilled.

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As Dr. Jack Hayford wrote,

“This is not about politics, this is about the word of God” Yet fully understanding that the political ramifications are extremely dramatic.”

So through **this** seminar we will examine how Israel has been

- effected by her past,
- impacted by the politics of today,
- and poised on the threshold of her destiny.

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We value them because God has!

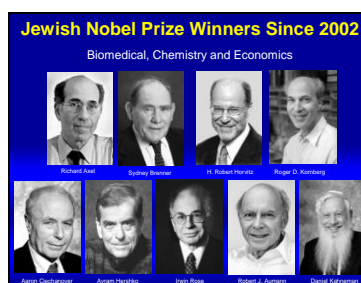
The Lord chose Abraham and his seed, and that thru them all the nations of the earth would be blessed.... Thru them the messianic blessing would come

Romans 9:4,5 **“Theirs is the adoption as sons, theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the Temple worship, the promises. theirs are the Patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all.”**

Now- As spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham, we offer thanksgiving because through them we too have access to the divine blessing of God

They are a “chosen” people...not a “Favorite”

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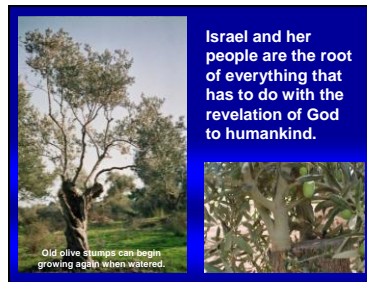


The blessing through the Jewish people is not just for Christians but for all peoples.

An example is the The Nobel Prize, perhaps the most distinguished award for human accomplishment in the six fields for which it is given. Since 1900 23% of all Nobel winners have been Jewish

This, in a world in which Jews number just a fraction of 1 percent of the population.

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Israel and her people are the root of everything that has to do with the revelation of God to humankind.

The plan of God: from the seed of Abraham would come the Messiah who would redeem all peoples from the effect of sin,

- God calls the Jews the “root” of Christianity and the Gentiles are nourished by the root

God has preserved this root, His people, because He is not finished with them and with Israel

- His preservation of them a witness to the miraculous power of a sovereign God!
- If God's covenant with Israel and the Jewish people were made null and void for any reason, what hope do we have?
- how much more so should He break covenant with a Church who has been given the revelation of Jesus Christ and that has rarely been a loving reflection of and a faithful witness to the Gospel message?

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2. The Word of God forever links us with the Jews and the land of Israel

-When we receive the Lord spiritually speaking we become a Jew

-Gal. 3: 29 **"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."** Romans 2:28-29

-therefore, if we are to be consistent with Scripture, we cannot be passive toward the Jews and the land of Israel

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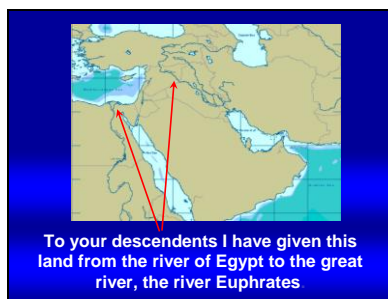


3. God has made unique declarations regarding the land of Israel which has never been rescinded

-3 times in Joel the land is referred to as belonging to the Lord

-It belongs to God and He gives it to whom He chooses....it is His to assign and His to dispose of

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Genesis 15:18 “ To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

-And to His offspring thru Isaac forever

-Genesis 26:1-4 (.....And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.”)

-To Isaac’s son, Jacob:

(Genesis 28:13-15 “And behold the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendant”)

-God confirms His promise with Moses- “Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self...I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance FOREVER.” (Ex. 32:13)

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God’s covenant concerns both the people and the land.

-Even when the people rebelled and turned away from the God of Israel and were scattered among the nations God’s commitment to them and to the land never changed.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 (NIV) “ This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD Almighty is his name: "Only if

these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me." This is what the LORD says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the LORD. "

-So we as believers, sons of Abraham by rebirth, are forever linked with Israel and the Jews

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4. Israel's present conflict is neither by their initiative nor perpetuated by expansionism on their part

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-Israel is defending land covenanted to them in 1917 through the Balfour Agreement and established in the world community by the United Nations in 1947.

- So they have a legal right to the land, not just the right by divine decree
- Palestine was part of northern Africa originally, and for 400 years the Ottoman Turks ruled the land.

- Secret talks between England and France at the beginnings of WWI, resulted in new post-war Middle East borders.

Most of the modern Arab states owe their borders to that agreement.

Arab leaders initially endorsed the Balfour plan, hoping to be granted, not only independence, but Arab control over vast parts of the former Ottoman Empire.

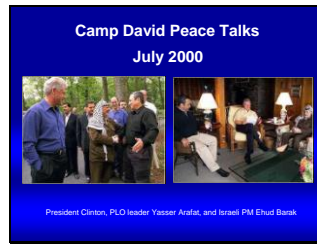
The Oslo Agreement, forged in 1993, created the Palestinian Authority and put Palestinians in charge of their own security, educational and civic institutions in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestinians were also given charge of their own media. Israel handed over two fifths of the West Bank and the entire Gaza Strip to the Palestinian Authority. Less than 5 % of the Palestinian population now lives in territories under Israeli control.

Furthermore, the only time Israeli soldiers enter the territories is when Palestinians launch attacks against Israel, and the Palestinian Authority is either unwilling or nable to stop them.

Contrary to the attitude of much of the world today, the Palestinians are not the victims of aggressive Israel seeking a homeland, but rather aggressors in their desire to drive out Israel altogether.

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-No better example of that: the July 2000 Camp David Peace talks with Israeli PM Ehud Barak, Pres. Clinton, and PLO leader Yasser Arafat

- The Palestinian state would occupy 96% of the West Bank; that is Samaria and Judea.
- Arafat would have had sovereignty over east Jerusalem, and the Temple Mount
- 50,000 Palestinian refugees would be allowed to return over the next 20 years;
- And \$30 billion dollars would be given in compensation to rebuild the infrastructure of the new Palestinian state

-Arafat turned it down

Evidence once again:

- **It is not about ending the suffering of a people, the Palestinians**
- **It is about using them by militant leaders to garner world sympathy**
- **And, in doing so, portray Israel as the oppressor**

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A blue rectangular graphic with the title "Eight Reasons for Standing with Israel" in yellow text at the top. Below the title is a list item: "5. To stand with Israel does not mean to oppose the right of Arabs to fully enjoy a secure, peaceful and prosperous life in Israel." To the right of the text is a small image of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) standing in a desert landscape. Below the image is a small inset of a document titled "The Arab Climate to Israel: Status, Opportunities and Challenges for Israeli-Palestinian Peace".

5. To stand with Israel does not mean to oppose the right of Arabs to fully enjoy a secure, peaceful and prosperous life in Israel.

- To stand with Israel does not require an anti-Arab stance
- neither does it deny God's heart and blessing for the offspring of Ishmael
- God is not against any people group

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6. Spiritual powers, not merely political ones, are at work in the Middle East

- spiritual forces are at work in the Middle East that will not be satisfied until Israel ceases to exist
- these forces cannot be overthrown by politics or persuasion... ONLY by intercession where principalities and powers are cast down
- a strictly "political solution" will never be a solution

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7. The same spirit driving these animosities is equally opposed to Christians as to Jews and in time will eventually bring persecution to both.

- -the same spirit coming against the Jews is coming against Christians....
 - it is about opposing and shutting down the voice of those who speak truth for and about the only true God.....
 - it is against all that is God and everything about Him

There is increased persecution of Christians living in Muslim dominated areas:

Saudi Arabia- It is illegal to wear a cross or to utter a Christian prayer. Christians cannot even worship privately in their own homes.

A Prof of Islamic Law in S.A. told his TV audience to hate anyone "who worships Christ, son of Mary" and added that "whoever says 'I don't hate him [i.e. a Christian]' is not a Muslim..."

In 83% of nations where the majority of the population are Muslims, there is systematic government persecution of Christians. This persecution includes imposing the death penalty for sharing the Christian faith with a Muslim; national

laws prohibiting conversion from Islam to Christianity; destruction of churches; and murder or expulsion of Christian missionaries

The Voice of the Martyrs listed Syria among three dozen or more nations where Christians face "arrest, imprisonment, physical torture and death."

3 Christian men, leaders of a Bible study, were tortured and murdered in Turkey by young Muslim extremists

In Burma- pastors are arrested; some disappear and are never seen again

The Saturday People and the Sunday People are targeted by spirits wanting to silence their voice

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Headlines regularly report the harassment and murder of Jews by radical Moslems. (wait of the list to scroll)

The list continues to grow

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8. We have a Biblical assignment and a divine promise

-we are called to stand with Israel and to pray with expectant faith for the fulfillment of God's promise for the Jews and for Israel.

-that is the assignment of every believer

-God honors those who commit to stand with the land He has called uniquely His and the people **He calls the "Apple of His eye."**

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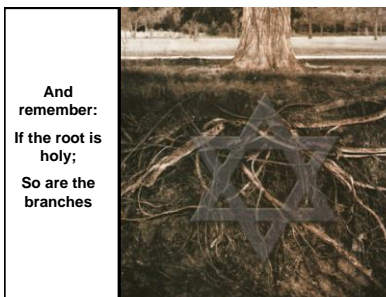


Now- with new understanding....

**My prayer is that we will be stirred with renewed commitment as we respond
with God's heart-**

**To stand with and pray for: Israel, the Jews, the Peace of Jerusalem, her
destiny**

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And as we do- remembering the blessing for the church as well :

For If the root is holy; So are the branches