

Israel: Past, Present, Future

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I want to say hello to all of our dear friends at Aglow. I wish I could be with you in the conference there, but I am there with you in spirit and digitally. I just want to bring you love from all of our team Tikkun Global in Jerusalem and Habat Yeshua congregation and all of our friends in the Messianic community.

We have so much to go through so I thought, I would just jump right into it. So pray with me.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Grace and anointing Lord of love and power and revelation and encouragement and Truth. We thank You for that Lord, to come out right now in Yeshua's Name. Amen.

Well, how can I start? We have been at war for 13 months now as you are hearing me.

Let's just start off with one verse in the book of Revelation 12:7-9 which says, "Then war broke out in Heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back, but he, the dragon, was not strong enough, and they, Satan and all of his angels lost their place in Heaven. The great dragon was hurled down. That ancient dragon called the serpent - the devil, Satan, who leads the whole world astray in deception. He was hurled down to the earth and his angels with him. (vs 10-12) Then I heard a voice and saying, 'Now salvation and power, and the Kingdom of God, and the authority of His Messiah. For the accuser of the brethren who has accused us before God day and night has been hurled down, and they triumphed over him by the Blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony, that they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you. He is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short."

John's Vision in Revelation

Wow, there's so much going on. I want to remind you that this is coming from the book of Revelation, which the Apostle John wrote 2000 years ago. 2000 years ago, he wrote in the past while he was looking toward the future. He saw things happening in the future.

A Time of Great Difficulty

Among that, he saw a group of people, Israel and the believers in Yeshua around the world, living in this world in a time of great difficulty while on the earth, yet experiencing God's power and the reality of Heaven while they were on earth. Now he was looking forward toward someone, and you and I were just beginning to walk.

Equipped to Walk by Faith Today

And the things that John saw 2000 years ago, he wrote it in the past. What he saw was in the future, but for us, this is beginning to be present time. We are walking into the very things. And I want us to read the Book of **Revelation** from now on. I understand this **is a book to** equip us not to understand future things, but equip us to **walk now practically in faith**, during these apocalyptic things that are going on around us. And they really are starting.

We will come back to that in just a moment. Here it says there is a war going on in the heavens. Well, there's been a war going on here in the Middle East as well.

Three Levels of Warfare

I've often told people that we have three levels of warfare. We have - and I use the name, AIM. I am telling you, to remind you that 'A' is for angels, 'I' is for information and 'M" is for military.

- So angelic warfare is what we just read. There are good angels and bad angels. Michael and the good angels fighting against Satan and the bad angels. And that is going on in Heaven. And we understand that our prayers and our actions here on earth can affect the outcome of that warfare in the heavenlies.
- Then there is a second level down here which has to do with information. There is an **information** war going on. Probably this may be the most significant part of it is the lies that have come into the thoughts and minds of human beings, that their understanding is exactly the opposite.
- And then the third level down is the military warfare. We need to understand that our faith is connected to the **military.** I'm beginning to realize that believers around the world are not used to relating their faith on a day to day basis to what's going on in a war situation. There is so much in the Bible about that going on in a war situation that we need to get an understanding a theology of war.

Our First Prayer is for Arabs to be Saved

Now, let me start out by saying this. Our first prayer as Messianic Jewish believers in the land of Israel is that we are praying for our Arab cousins, our Arab neighbors, who are around us right now. We're particularly praying for revival in the land of Lebanon. We'll talk about that more in a little bit. We are praying for Arabs in Egypt, in Jordan, and, of course, here in Israel, in Palestine and territories, going all the way over to Iran, who are Persians and not Arabs. We are praying for revival in the Middle East and we put our prayer for our neighbors first before us.

You know how much we want for all Israel to be saved and of course, that is where we are at. But we understand the Biblical pattern is what we pray for, as Abraham did, "Let Ishmael live before You." So there is a pattern, a timing in the Lord's plan as the Gospel went out to the ends of the earth, and now it is moving backwards toward that or moving around coming back here toward the Middle East.

Revival in Muslim World Leads to Revival for Jews

I believe that there is to be a revival in the Muslim world around us before it gets here into Israel. Then they actually help bring - Arabs, Christian Arabs, or MBBs - Muslim background believers - come in and they will help bring the Gospel and explain the Gospel to our people. So our prayers are first for that.

We are not Jews against Arabs. That is not what this is about. We are fighting for a battle in the Kingdom of Heaven. There are **Heavenly aspects** of this, there are **information aspects** of this, and there are **military aspects** of this. I want to cover a little bit of all of them so that you can be praying together with us.

Angelic Warfare

Let's go in that order first - angelic warfare. Let's understand that there are angels above us and all around us. **There are good angels and bad angels**. Good did not create demons. All He created was good angels. Good angels look sort of similar to the way we do. Well, all angels look similar to the way we do. They are a little bit larger, but basically the same size. You could talk to an angel and might not know it even.

A third of those angels the Bible says rebelled when Satan rebelled and they became the bad angels or the demons. Those are the ones fighting against Michael and the good angels who are siding with him.

Now, I want you to notice here that Satan is not on an equal level with God. This is not God fighting against Satan. It is not even — he is not even on the level of Jesus - not even on the level of Yeshua. This isn't Yeshua fighting against Satan. The battle is between Michael and Satan, and in fact, Satan loses in this battle. So Satan reigns really on the fourth level down. God, Yeshua, Michael and the good angels, and then **Satan and the bad angels who lose**.

- God
- Yeshua
- Michael and the good angels
- Satan and the bad angels

Let's remember that (Satan and the bad angels LOSE.) because when you are in middle of the warfare, you get a lot of losses in it, and it's difficult. But let's remember it says that he loses here because he's losing in the heavenlies. He's being torn down and pulled down. He recognizes that his time is short here, and that brings all the trouble and the tribulation that we have in this world.

We have to stay in faith and keep our victory. We rejoice in the spirit because we understand that there is heavenly victory going on, and we have to hold on to that faith and victory in the midst of the difficult circumstances that we live in today during this war and this tribulation time. This is when we need to have the most victory, the most joy - shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the righteous. Well, that is not when you are on vacation. That is when you are in the middle of warfare.

I want to encourage you, no matter how difficult the situation is, we need to maintain a place of love and generosity and faith and victory and shining as light into the world.

For a lot of us here in Israel, for all this whole year, we have been really reminded of tha, beautiful prophecy in Isaiah 60 to arise and shine, the Glory of God's light is shining upon you. Behold, around us is darkness and deep fog. But upon YOU the light of God will shine.

In Times of Darkness, God's Light Shines Through Us

For us here in Israel and for the Arab Christian community around us, and for internationals, for you, but wherever you are, the time of darkness is the time when our light should shine. I interpret that to mean, darkness means evil - that's the killing, the lies. Then the fog is confusion that comes from all the lies and the

misinformation. We need to know that we fight against both the evil of the darkness and the confusion and deception of the lies.

That's part of our spiritual warfare. So we know that our warfare, according to Ephesians 6, is against powers and principalities of evil in the heavenly places, and we fight against them, as I said through our prayers and through our good works, and of course, of sharing the Gospel around wherever we go. That's what wins the war.

Now, that part of the war is that the rest of our nation in Israel have not come to know Yeshua yet and haven't come to have a revelation of this type of spiritual warfare. They can't fight that. And that is something that the international Christian community - we need you to be doing that - to be fighting this spiritual warfare together with the Believers in the land. Let's remember that we win as we pray and we stand together with all the prophets interceding. As we pray, we see there's a clash in the heavenlies and the good armies always win.

It's interesting, this case where the prophet Daniel said that Michael is the angel over the nation of Israel. Back in Daniel's time Michael was fighting against the against the Prince of Persia. Amazingly enough, Persia - that's Iran. It was deemed to be the same battle, but at that time it was only Michael who was assisting Yeshua who was speaking then and He said, "Only Michael is standing with Me to fight against this principality of power" that was of evil that was over Persia at that time.

And it seems strange to us here in Israel that we are almost standing alone in this battle. It's coming up not totally alone, but it's moving in that direction. In the Spirit something is happening that's parallel. What happens in the Spirit is parallel to the natural, and the natural is parallel to the Spirit. As we pray the principality of Michael, the good principality, the good angels that are guarding Israel, they're fighting a battle on behalf of all the rest of the nations.

Here in Israel, we feel that that this battle, of course, is for our survival so we have to fight it in any case. But it is also a battle for the good of all the rest of the nations of the world to protect Christians, to protect democracy, to protect sanity, to protect light over darkness. And we want you to, join in, together with us. So that's the battle that's going on in the heavenlies.

Information Warfare

The second level there that we mentioned was information. Paul said in Second Corinthians 10:3-5 that we battle not against flesh and blood, but against **the strongholds in the minds of men**. And he says, *logismos* in the Greek, in the Hebrew it's *tokbulok* (not spelled correctly) - clever devices.

But what's happening is, there are **so many lies** going out about this warfare in the Middle East **that people are believing the wrong things**. You know, if you believe that what is wrong is right and you want to fight for the right, you are going to end up fighting for the wrong thing. If you're told that light is darkness and you want to fight for the light, then you're going to be fighting for the darkness. **You can get your values exactly reversed in what you've been lied to about.**

Now that is what we just read in Revelation 12:7-4, that it is the devil who deceived the whole world by accusing the saints of God. So there is an accusation going out around the world against the righteous, against Christians, and about the nation of Israel. Just lies of accusation and it is a deception going out over all the

nations of the world and that's what we need to fight against. That's a war of information. I'll share a little bit about that in just a little bit more.

We have to talk about the information that is going out that is a lie, a deception. In some way that is where the fight is more. If people are not deceived, then the devil just drops out completely. When people understand the truth, the devil loses his stronghold and he begins to fall. So that is what we fight.

Military Warfare

The last part, of course, is the fighting here, militarily on the ground.

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We have to say that we have seen unbelievable Grace and favor from God during this. Of course, when the war started - really, for the first six hours on October 7th, over a year ago, we were caught totally off guard and by surprise.

We have to say first, we didn't start this war. We didn't want this war, and embarrassingly so, we were totally caught by surprise. So, the idea of accusing Israel of aggression just doesn't make any sense. We were stunned by it and it took us a while to react, but we totally failed for the first six hours. I don't know how you want to interpret that. And there's a lot of different ways I don't want to get into it all this now.

I believe that God is Sovereign. Somehow God allowed that. There was a door open in the spirit, and God allowed for this to happen, for our nation to be attacked and to be humiliated and killed. It took 1200 on the first day, just slaughtered mercilessly, and another 4 or 500 to the battles. And then, they've gone on this year. But other than those six hours, once the people here began to realize the level of the attack was all the Israelis, the soldiers, the policemen, the reservists, just everybody jumped up and began to run toward where the fighting was.

You could cry if you could hear all the stories of heroism. People that just left from their homes and ran directly into a battle where the people were getting slaughtered. And a lot of them said goodbye to their families before they left, they said, I don't know if I'm going to come back from this, but they ran straight in.

As terrible as it was on that first day with over 1200 being killed - just on that one day, it could have been thousands. It could have been much, much more than that. And people gave their lives. I heard one rabbi say it was almost like a parallel of when Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

They hear all the families were willing to sacrifice their first-born sons to go out and fight. And of course, in Israel, all of the messianic young people, all the sons, all the brothers, all the husbands, everybody's in the war, and are going through very, difficult fighting there. And one of my sons was in one of the worst incidences inside Gaza and the Islamic Jihad filmed it - they were so proud of it. They just massacred the people in the situation, but they got out! Nobody was killed. I think a dozen people were injured, but they got out. The supernatural protection of God was on our people all over it.

I begin to think that as believers, we don't have an understanding of war.

We do not Have an Understanding of War

The Bible says in, Ecclesiastes three, there's a time for peace and there's a time for war. Well, you can ask yourself, is this a time for peace or is this just a time for a war? It is time for war right now. **Peace comes after war.** It is an obvious fact. That is a principle of scripture. I don't know why people don't see that.

Peace does not come by making compromises. Peace comes by fighting evil. When evil is destroyed, then that leads to peace. **Peace follows victory and warfare.**

That's the element of faith that most believers don't understand. The Bible says the fear of God is not just to love God, it is to hate evil. You fear God. You have to hate evil. If you love God, we want to overcome evil with good, but it also means **we have to fight evil.** That's what the Bible says.

And here's another thing. Some believers are, mistaken. They think, well, didn't Yeshua should say not to take up the sword. Well, he meant by that not to take up the sword in rebellion or in crime or just in, in in being in opposition against the government. That is not what he is saying here.

In this case. He's talking more - this is a Romans 13 situation. He said, those who bear the sword under the authority of the government which are the policemen and the soldiers. The police are to stop criminals within your country. The soldiers are to stop, enemies outside the countries. You have two types of militant evil - crime within the country and the police handle that, and you have enemies outside the country that is handled by the soldiers.

The way you have peace and righteousness in a society is you have to have police fighting the crime, and the soldiers fighting the enemies. Now, of course, within the soldiers and within the policemen, you have to have laws of integrity.

Weapons Purity

One of the first rules in the Israeli army is that they learn what we call weapons purity. That doesn't mean keep your weapon clean. That means you don't shoot anybody unless there's a reason to. You have to use it with integrity. And a lot of the training of Israeli soldiers and of officers is learning how to operate with integrity and in righteousness even during a warfare situation.

If you have a military or a police force, that is being used for evil, that is much, much more evil. But when that happens, then you have to have a righteous army come and fight them. You can't just ignore it. You can't compromise with forces of evil.

So, what you have - and this is what we're dealing with now in the Middle East, a force of terrorism, which is even a third category. It's a crime and it's a war and it's a terror as well. It's a type of evil that is emerging in these end times. It is so satanic, and it has to be fought.

Right now, I don't know how it's happened - how is this little tiny country, Israel in the Middle East is fighting this war against global jihadism, and the rest of the world is accusing us. It's insane here.

But I want to say this, **this military part of the war has to take place**, and God has been fighting supernaturally for us.

It's made me over this past year, rethink, some of the Biblical principles about war itself. I'm realizing how much of the Bible is passages about war. A lot of the Psalms, for instance, is David crying out for God's help,

comfort and protection in the middle of a war situation, and he's crying out for God to come and rescue him in the war, meaning winning the war situation. He said, "Now I'm for peace, but they're for war."

You always want peace. First we want peace. I mean, it would be crazy to think that we would want war. How could we possibly want war?

One of the things I tell you about just simple facts about the Middle East, and I give these numbers 1, 22, 49 Got that, easy.

One 22,49 There are **22 Arab Muslim nations surrounding Israel. They are in the midst of 49 total Muslim countries.** And **in the midst of all that is one nation, Israel**, the only democratic sort of Western liberal democratic nation, Jewish nation in the middle of all that. How could we possibly want war? We are fighting for what we call an existential war there which means that we can exist in the middle of the situation.

No one in here in Israel wants a war, other than the fact that we see that it has to be done. And we are in a situation where we don't have a choice. We either have to fight or we are being slaughtered. And it doesn't matter what people's opinion is. We are not going to allow ourselves to be slaughtered and I don't think God wants that.

In the meantime, there have been so many miracles in this war. Starting out, as I said, I'm talking about military miracles. People are not used to seeing that God works miracles through an army. But our soldiers are serving the Lord to whatever ability they have and God has protected.

Certainly, there has been supernatural protection on the messianic soldiers, but in all of the nation we see it. There were missiles shot into Israel from Iran and God stop them. In every single part of the warfare, it's been the miraculous hand of God upon us, upon our nation. And that ought to be giving us faith in God, because God says in the end times that He is going to protect Israel militarily.

This is what's happening in this war that in some sense this is another great proof that the Bible is true. Thank God. God is fighting on our behalf. We are too weak to do this ourselves, but people are being brave and going out to fight it.

Faith in the Military

Let's talk a little bit more about this idea of having faith in a military situation.

Let me ask you a question. What was the first praise meeting? Do you like to have a praise meeting? Dancing, singing? What was the first praise dancing, singing meeting? It was in Exodus 15 in response to God supernaturally with angelic armies coming down and destroying the army of Pharaoh.

Egypt at that time was an empire that was ruling the whole world. It was horribly evil. It was so evil that the present, the king of the nation, the Pharaoh, was wearing snakes on his head. It was so evil that his cabinet members knew how to turn sticks into snakes, and turn water into blood. It was a demonic empire that was ruling the world. But eventually it came down.

Praising God Brings Military Victory

The praise meeting was in response to their army coming out to attack the Israelites and the mixed multitude, the group of Egyptians that had come out as well, and people from every nation around the world. It wasn't just Israelites. It was the first Ekklesia.

It was the first church that came out of Jews and people from every nation and Egyptians - were coming out to follow the God of Israel, the God, Yahweh Jehovah. And they were coming and this army came out to kill them. God supernaturally intervened and destroyed an army. And that's when they began to worship the Lord.

You remember there was another worship time when the daughters of Zion began to dance with timbrel and why? When **David had killed Goliath**, all the Israelite armies jumped up and ran, and they slaughtered the enemy. And that was another praise time in response to that.

When people begin to learn that, that they would praise God and see victory in the military as God's intervening - the Sovereign God of Israel intervening in a military situation is a miracle. Then they realize - the prophets begin to realize, why wait till after? Why don't you praise Him beforehand?

That is what happened with **King Jehoshaphat**. The prophets came and said, look, you're surrounded. You're about to get killed again. But why don't you just go out on the battlefield, stand there, and then begin to worship God? And they begin to sing, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy lasts forever." When that happens, God caused divisions among the enemy. They killed themselves. Israel didn't touch anyone. They just picked up the spoils to make that happen.

In every situation, there was an intervention of God. God is intervening in a military situation by supernatural miracles. I think, by just the number of miracles throughout the whole Bible is more than anything else.

I'm thinking about what was the greatest physical miracle that there ever was? It was when Joshua commanded the sun to stand still. Now that is a pretty big miracle. That's not the type of thing that happens every day. But this miracle happened. And what was the miracle on? When God told Joshua to go in and conquer, take possession of the land of Canaan. Take possession of it.

When that happened, all of the surrounding nations begin to attack them, because they were inspired of the devil to stop God's plan, bringing a God-fearing nation to come and live in the land of Canaan. When that happened, Joshua fought back. And when Joshua fought back, God said, "Now, look, with all of these miracles, I don't really need you to fight. I've got angels here in Heaven. They can do the fighting. But for Me to fight, I need someone to go stand and believe. Stand and believe." Because if not — if no one is standing and believing, then God doesn't have leverage - He doesn't have a covenantal partner for Him to come and save. His job is to come and save us.

So He says, "Look at what I can do. I can do a miracle for you, but here is what I need you to do. Go and stand on the battlefield. Praise Me. Believe. And when it looks like you are going to get slaughtered, **then** I'm going to save you."

This happens in every single situation. The people of Israel didn't really have to do most of the fighting.

God went ahead of them and did the fighting for them. Their military was in cooperation with God.

Does God ALWAYS Fight for Israel

Now, here's another question for you, does God always fight for Israel? You say, "Amen!" No, that's not true at all. He fights for Israel half of the time. He fights for us when we're standing in righteousness, and the other nations are evil. And He fights against us when we are in sin.

It's not an issue that God has an ethnic preference for Israel. It's not what's going on here. It's a question of who's being righteous or not. When Joshua saw Yeshua in Joshua 5, he said he saw Him as the angel of the Lord, the Commander of the host of Heaven. And he said, "Are You for us, or are You against us." So we think, God is always fighting for Israel. And then, the Lord said, the Commander of the armies of Heaven said, "No, no, no, no, no. Are you submitted to Me?" When Joshua submitted to Jesus - the big J, the little J submitting to the big J. Then they were aligned and so that Yeshua and the angels fought for Joshua. And He said them, "Now look, you go in and you fight the battles and you're going to win." And Joshua hadto fight a lot, but the majority, at least 51% of the battle was won by the angels going ahead of them by barad coming down from Heaven, hell – some things were going on supernaturally.

They were cooperating on the ground with a supernatural fight from Heaven. These were miracles going on.

And that was true of David, and there was a beautiful situation with King Hezekiah, who was a righteous king. And he got attacked by Assyria, who was the evil kingdom of their generation. And then they came to destroy them and King Hezekiah prayed and said, "God save us?" And God said, "All I need to do is for the daughters of Zion to shake their head. With that much covenant faith, I can destroy the armies of Assyria." At that time, Assyria was the greatest nation of the world. And people pray that, and the Bible says that the angel of the Lord, that's Yeshua, came out in one night. He killed 185,000 people and the evil nation, the evil empire of the world was destroyed in one night and they ran home in defeat! This happens every single time.

Now, Asher, are you saying then that Israel is righteous and that we're doing everything right politically?

That is two questions. Let's answer both of them.

The question of whether Israel is doing everything right politically is ridiculous. No government at any time has done everything right politically. That's what we're saying. I mean, nobody in Israel would say that. I mean, you know what I say? You got two Jews, you got three opinions. We don't agree here.

We have 12, 13 different political parties, just like there was 12, 13 tribes in ancient Israel. We don't think we're doing everything right. It's an amazing principle.

The next question is, are we righteous? God told our people in Deuteronomy 9 - I know I'm quoting a lot of verses here, but, I'm quoting and not having you turn to it because I have a lot of information to get to you, and you have to go over it and go look up the verses yourselves.

In Deuteronomy 9 God said to the people, "Look, you are not winning this battle because you are righteous. I'm going to win this battle for you because it's My Grace to you, number one, and because the enemies are so evil." Do I think Israel is such a righteous nation right now? Look me in the eye? No, I don't think that.

I think global jihad that is surrounding us is so murderous that God is fighting to destroy that evil. It is not because we are so righteous, but we are standing in the place of righteousness by faith, and we are standing here and something is happening that is allowing God to fight that.

Pre-revival in Israel Because of War

Another thing I want you to pray for is that since the beginning of this war, there has been kind of a revival among the people of Israel, not yet a revival in faith in Yeshua, but it is kind of a pre-revival. Because of all

the attacks, I mean, 90% of our people are praying. They are reading the Psalms. They are turning to God. We have secular, atheist news broadcasters saying. "We're praying for this and we're praying for everything."

So something is happening where God, through this terrible disaster in pain, God is turning the hearts of our people toward God little by little. I believe that is going to end up ultimately in a great, revival in the end times.

Yes. These times have been incredibly difficult. I don't want to deny that. As you are praying for our people, the first prayer that we already have is the return of the hostages, I hope. And just a little bit of time that takes between when I can record this and get this to you that will be able to return the hostages back. Wouldn't that be a great miracle? Pray with me now. That is the heart of everyone.

Remember when this happened, that there was an invasion by around 3000 jihadists coming in from Gaza into these peaceful settlements on the Gaza border.

At that time, there was 1200 people killed. And I remember 254 people were taken hostages. Now of that, just over half have been able to be brought back in hostage deals. At the time that I'm recording this, there are 101 hostages that are still there and there is a good chance that a large majority of those are already dead. So we don't know how many they are going to return as live or how many will return as corpses.

In Jewish culture, respecting the dead is very important. It is very important for the families to be able to mourn the dead, so they want the corpses back. They say that bringing our child back, even if it's just the corpse, they want to have the corpse so that the family can come together and remember and honor and weep and go through the mourning process.

Hamas is a Jihadist Group Wanting an Islamic State

It is interesting just on this first part, that those attacks that came in are by Hamas. Hamas is a jihadist group. They are not pro-Palestinian. That's ridiculous. They are for an Islamic State. They are not for the political freedom for the Palestinians. They use that as language because they know that is what the Western media and the Western diplomats want to hear. It is not what they are about. They are for establishing an Islamic state.

Let's just touch upon that for a moment. Then we will come back to the issue of the hostages.

Hamas is part of the modern movement of, jihadism, which is to established an Islamic state all over the world, with its capital in Jerusalem or Mecca, depending on which part of the Islamic theology you're talking about. But, this has happened. It's part of extremist Islam, which means you go to conquer your enemy and you kill everyone that doesn't believe like you.

Israel Belongs to the Jews for At least 3000 Years

The first conquest of this area here where we are in Israel today happened 3000 years ago. At the time of Joshua and Moses and taking the land, we conquered a group of 5 or 6 people here called the Canaanites.

There's no one alive today of the Canaanites. There's no one else that can claim they have rights to this land. And, we came in and fought that, and we took over the land.

3000 years ago there was a great empire that was set up here, a good empire by David and Solomon. There is consistent evidence, Biblical evidence, documentary archeological evidence that we have been here. The

idea that Jewish people were here for 3000 years is absolutely indisputable. If anybody is willing to look at any kind of facts, you can't say that we have newly come here in this recent period. The Jewish people have had residence here for a long time.

Then, of course, you come up to the period of time in the ancient times, where there was a group of people called the Philistines. I don't believe that the Philistines, then, are the same people as the Palestinians today. Certainly not as Arabs. The Philistines were not Arabs. This is a different group of people now.

Then you come up another thousand years and you look at the New Testament. Let's say you don't believe in Jesus. You don't believe in God. But the New Testament and documents are clear, literally proof that there were people living here and on every single page, every page of the New Testament, it speaks of Jewish people living in the land of Israel. The New Testament is absolute proof. Jesus went into the temple at all of the events of the Passover, and the crucifixion and the resurrection all took place inside of Jerusalem. He preached and did miracles in the Galilee. They walked all over the country. There is so much documentary and archeological proof of Jewish residents in the Land of Israel. At that point they were conquered by the Romans.

And how many times does it mention Palestinians in the New Testament? Well, there aren't any. There is zero. Zero, which means there is no continuity from the Philistines. In the past, at the time of the New Covenant, there were no Palestinians. There is no such thing as ancient Palestinian residents in the land of Israel. That's just not true. It wasn't here.

As a matter of fact, when Israel was in destroyed 70 AD and then 35 AD, we were exiled into the whole world.

There was always a small community of Jewish people that were living here. But to the time that we were exiled. At that time, the Roman emperor wanted to totally destroy any Jewish identity. And it was a total act of colonial imperialism that he changed the name of this land here from Israel to Palestina. There were no Palestinians there. He called it then, taking from the name of the Philistines just to remove Israelite and Jewish identity. That was colonialism. That was the first act of colonialism, their very name to call this instead of the land of Israel, even the land of Canaan, to call this Palestina. It was a colonial act of the Roman Empire to come against it.

Now, let's just take a moment and mention things about empires. Empires can be good, or they can be bad. Not all empires are good or bad, they can be one or the other.

Seven Ancient Empires

For instance, there were seven great empires of ancient time, but the **first one was Egypt**. Egypt was a good empire, not a bad empire. In the time of Joseph, the empire of Egypt in the Book of Genesis was a good empire, and in the time of Exodus, the time of Moses, it was a bad empire. So God bless them during the time of Joseph and punished them during the time of Moses. The Egyptian Empire was good and then turned bad. Interesting to note there that at the highest point of glory they had a prime minister who was Jewish. He was Jewish and he was a believer in the covenant God of Abraham. So by him serving as prime minister, he was able to bring the covenant blessings of our God onto the people of Egypt.

The **second great empire** that came was the **empire of David and Solomon - the Israelite Empire.** When they came and they conquered the land, and they set up a righteous empire.

But then we were divided amongst ourselves, and our nation began to sin after the time of David. They begin to sin. And at that time God looked to a different people, the people of Assyria.

So He sent a prophet who was Jonah. He sent the prophet Jonah, to Assyria. He preached the Bible. The people turned to God. At that moment they, **Assyria** turned to be a more righteous nation then Israel. And so they were the **Third Empire.** And so God brought them down into Israel. The Empire of Israel then had been split into Judah and Israel, and Israel had sin more. So the forces from Assyria came in and God fought on their side. And then the northern tribes were then destroyed and sent out into captivity. God was fighting for the Assyrians. But then they went into pride and they began to sin. And Israel had a revival during the time of Hezekiah. They came and fought. And then God fought for Israel and then Assyria was destroyed.

At that time God raised up **another empire**, which was **Babylon or Iraq**. And they came in and they had a basic system of justice. They weren't super righteous, but they have a basic system of justice. And Israel sinned. So they came in and God fought on Iraq's side on Babel's side. He fought against Israel and destroyed Israel because of our sin and sent us out into exile. It's amazing to note there that at the height of Iraqi, the **Iraqi Babylonian Empire**, when it was good, before it turned bad, they had a prime minister named **Daniel**, who was Jewish, and he **brought the covenant blessings upon them**.

And during the time before that, when it was the time of the empire of Assyria, I said, it's because they receive the, the preaching of Jonah. And when David and Solomon were at the height of the greatest Israelite empire, our empire was in covenant together with Lebanon, the Lebanese. **The Lebanese and the Israelite Empire were the same.** The glory generation of Lebanon was the same glory generation of Israel when they were in covenant together with Israel at the time of David and Solomon. This was and this is why we're praying so much. We love Lebanese, and we want to see that Hezbollah broken off of them so we can come back into a time of beautiful peace and prosperity. There would be so much peace and prosperity in Lebanon if their glory age was when we were in our glory together.

Now then, after that, the Iraqi Babylon Empire turned evil and God raised up another nation. **Persia**, which is where **Iran** is today. And Persia conquered. They were the good nation at that time. They rose up and they became the great nation over the whole world. Amazing thought also at that time you had a Persian king and you had a Jewish prime minister whose name was Mordecai. Amazing. Over all of ancient history, over these thousands of years, each nation has a turn coming to its point of glory. And when it does, at every single point, it was a Jewish, covenantal, a prime minister that was able to bring God's blessing into the nation at Persian, at its **greatest empire**, was so huge, covering 120 nations of the world.

It was not only that had a Jewish prime minister. Oh my goodness, it had a Jewish queen. The Queen of the Persian Empire was Jewish. I want to tell you something else. The Persian people and the Israeli people love one another. Do you know that lots of Jews in Israel are of Persian background, still even speak Farsi?

The Jewish people and the Iranian people - we love one another. Give us a chance. Get rid of this demonic Ayatollah regime and you'll see how much the Persians and Israelis love one another. If we get a chance to love one another, you're going to see the blessings that there were at the time of Mordecai and Esther. That's what we're saying to the Middle East, to Lebanon. Let us be in the glory as it was in the time of David and Solomon, the glory of Israel and Lebanon, together with Iraq. And let it be at the time like it was in Daniel,

with Persia. Let it be in the time like it was in Mordecai and Esther. In Egypt, for goodness sakes, let it be like it was in the time of Joseph.

Let us make peace with one another, and we can come under the blessing of God. And the Middle East could prosper tremendously with great peace. But it all depends on where the people's hearts are at.

We come back now, that's all bringing us up. After that, the Bible tells us that then, the Persian Empire was then conquered by the **Greek Empire**. The Greek Empire came and conquered the Middle East between the Old Testament, the New Testament and they became Greek speaking.

That is why the New Testament is written in Greek, because the literary, philosophical culture of the whole world, including the Middle East, was Greek, so that the Tanakh of the law and the prophets was translated in the Tigron (?) of the translation of the seventy of the Septuagint into Greek. And so you have when the then when the Bible, the New Testament was written in Greek, you had half of the Bible written in Hebrew, reading from right to left and half in Greek from left to right.

Now that's all bringing you up. Then they were conquered by **Rome**, in the generation seven years before the time of Yeshua's birth. Yeshua was born then in the **Roman Empire**. So, if there was a colonialism then, it was the Romans ruling over Israel. We sinned and God punished us for all of us wanting to be patriotic and fighting against the Romans.

And now I'm going against what is the Israeli Jewish narrative. I don't think how you can see that if you believe in God's Sovereignty, God's hand was with the Romans. We sinned and God punished us and He destroyed the temple a second time. And our people were brought into a huge exile again. It was at that moment of that colonial imposition by the Roman Empire that the land, this land was changed from Israel to Palestine. We're dealing with the issue of the misinformation about colonialism.

Now, after that, the country was basically devastated. And then it was conquered by - the beginning of **Islam** was in the early 600 A.D. now we're talking after the time of Yeshua - and they became a conquering empire, an **empire called the Rashidun**. And they conquered the Middle East.

The area of Israel was conquered by the Arab Muslims around 650 - late in the in the seventh century A.D. That is when the Muslims conquered this area. They were the colonial force that conquered it. The Jewish people are the original indigenous people of the land. We were sent out in exile. The Muslims conquered it in the late seventh century.

Jihadist Mentality, Once Conquered, Always Islamic State

At that time, the nation was basically destroyed. And, it wasn't rebuilt. It was conquered, but it was left devastated. Now, according to Jihadist and Muslim mentality, once a nation is conquered by Islam, it always remains an Islamic state. And so therefore in that thinking, this land of Israel, Canaan, Palestine has to be an Islamic state. That's what the thinking is.

Now, when you say it's a colonial power - that comes from Islamic extremist theology, that a conquered land always remain servants, and the land belongs to Allah. That's where it came from.

Now let's move it up quickly and jump all the way up. Now, the land of Israel when you talk about the Middle East here and colonialism, you need to understand this, Israel was conquered by the Muslim Turks, **Ottoman Empire in the year 1517**. They ruled this area for exactly 400 years, from 1517 to 1917.

This was the great Ottoman Empire. In other words, the majority of this last half a millennium was in - when you talk about the Middle East - was totally the Ottoman Muslim Empire, **not Arabs, not Shiites from Iran. Muslims from Turkey - they conquered the area.** Now they also, took on a Jihadist mentality, not all the time, but toward the end. And then at the end of it, they began what became **the first modern Islamic jihadist slaughter.**

Modern Day Jihadism Began in 1916

This happened in the year 1916, when you had a Muslim jihadist from Turkey, from the Ottoman Empire, crossed over into Armenia. Armenia was a Christian nation, and they crossed over and they slaughtered the people. This is very important. This is where the modern Jihadism begins. In 1916 jihadists Turks cross the border into Armenia, which was a Christian nation. This was not Turkey fighting Armenia. It was not a political war. It was jihadist murdering Christians. They just slaughtered them because they were Muslim fanatics murdering Christians. That's all it was. It was a religious holy massacre war. They killed - the best estimates we have are 1.2 million Christians there.

You can see pictures in the museums. I saw that there in Armenia of them coming in and taking Christian girls, and telling them either to convert to Islam or die. And they said, no, we're not going to. We're not going to give up our faith in Yeshua. They stripped them and crucified them on the street in Armenia, naked in the air.

This was this was the first modern jihadist massacre. It's called **the Armenian genocide**. This still hasn't even been recognized by the UN. This is very important. The story was in 1916.

The next year, the whole Ottoman Empire was conquered by the **British Empire 1917.** That was with Allenby and Lawrence of Arabia and all that stuff came in. The British came in and set the entire Middle East free from the Turks. The Turks are not Arabs. They set it free and also set it free, basically to, allow freedom for Jews and Arabs coming in at that time. The British ruled this area from 1917 to 1947, and that's when Israel became a nation. The partition plan, the first two state solution, took place.

Now up until the time right before that, into the middle of the 1800s, there was basically nobody living there. It was a wasteland. People that visited here, like Mark Twain and others came here, and they said that it was a wasteland. It wasn't like this was fully populated with either Turks or Arabs or a prospering nation. That's not what happened.

In the late 1880s particularly, there was a breakthrough in 1881, was the **first Jewish Aliyah**, which was mainly supported by Christian Protestants, Evangelicals, and Pentecostals - well, evangelicals were later supported by Pentecostals - and all believing in prophecy that the Jews were supposed to return. About that time in 1880, the Jews and the Arabs both began to come back to this nation. That's when the repopulation of this area, whether we call it Palestine or Israel, they started coming back and that has populated all that since 1881. Now nobody was really there before that.

The modern conflict has come up with the tension between Jews and Arabs after 1881. That's come up and then it was immediately conquered by Britain. Then the Arabs and the Jews lived here fighting against one another and fighting against the British in those 30 years. Until then, you break open into the modern period, since with the **State of Israel in 1948**. This just gives you a little bit of the background of the history that's leading up into this conflict that was here.

I know there was a lot of information. You can go back and look. Anything's up in the history books. It's easy to find that information.

Now, one little bit more I want to give you is some background about this modern conflict. Then let's go back to our biblical theology and close in prayer. God, give us help.

Now, as we said, there has been horrible conflict in this area, but there have also been peace efforts are being made. One of the first **peace efforts** that was made was, a peace **between Israel and Egypt**. That was made by Israel giving back all of the Sinai, which we conquered during the 1973 war when we were attacked by Egypt. And when we responded back to that, we took the Sinai.

Then a few years after the war, I believe, in 1979, we made a peace treaty. We gave that all back. There were Jewish settlements living there, a place called Yamit, and we brought our soldiers in and we physically, forcibly dragged them out, destroyed the Jewish settlements in the Sinai, brought them back in so that the Egyptians could receive the Sinai back with all of its resources and so on, with no Jews in it.

I don't know why there has to be a peace treaty if there are no Jews in it, but that is the way it was. The only condition was, is that there wouldn't be armament to come back and attack Israel again.

Has this been successful there? Yes or no? There hasn't been a war between Egypt and Israel since then. That's pretty good. That's a lot of years, 1979 to the present. So it has worked somewhat.

On the other hand, in the past 20 years, they (Egypt) were allowing secretly for the Hamas and the Islamic Brotherhood – that is the Islamic fanatics inside in Egypt to begin to build tunnels going from Egypt into Gaza. That's where the Gazans received a lot of the weapons that they used to stock up, and then to attack Israel coming out of it.

Now, let's deal with **Lebanon** because we had two big wars in Lebanon. This ended up in a treaty - a ceasefire in 2006 with Israel agreeing to pull all of its forces back and the only agreement was that the whole area of southern Lebanon, south of the Litani River, according to UN resolution 1701, had to be free. There would be no Hezbollah armament in that area so that we could maintain peace with one another.

Well, under the supervision of UNOGIL from the United Nations, Hezbollah just totally broke it and the UN help them break it. And they came up and then just restocked and rearmed the entire area of southern Lebanon with a plan to come and destroy Israel.

Now in Jordan, we also have a peace treaty. One of the reasons we have a peace treaty is that the Jordanian government, led by King Hussein, has had peace with Israel off and on. And they are not jihadists. The government, in fact, they are concerned about a Jihadist movement coming in with the Palestinians that could threaten and destroy Jordan from within.

When the Palestinians tried to do that and Arafat was there, King Hussein - the father of the present King Hussein, brought the army in, and they slaughtered what was estimated as 23,000 Palestinians. The Jordanian Arabs killed, 23,000 Palestinian Arabs because they thought they were trying to overthrow their country. And that was what was called Black September.

All that was going on in those nations. Within the nation of Israel, we made a treaty, the Oslo Accords, in which we divided up the area which we call Judea and Samaria, which they called the West Bank, or and gave that under the Palestinian Authority in which the idea was there was just don't have it be militant jihad and

don't try to destroy us. Israel would patrol it, security wise and all the rest of the civilian government would be in the hand of the Palestinian Authority. That's been a difficult story. No time for me to go into it. I think there's pros and cons politically, very complicated.

But over the past few years, threatening the Palestinian Authority is the jihadist movement of Hamas has gotten stronger and stronger, so there's a struggle within that. The Palestinians in the West Bank of Judea and Samaria are suffering. There's no doubt about it. We have compassion for them, and we want to see a beautiful movement of life and peace come to them. It's not clear how that's going to happen.

Now, let's come over into Gaza. Gaza, you know, we controlled Gaza for a number of years. Now, Ariel Sharon led something which he called the disengagement plan -Heshek HaTargor, in 2005. We pulled out all of the Israelis living there. There were 8,600 Israelis living in that area was called Gush Katif. They had prosperous farms in the beautiful area next to the sea there. And we said, look, just to try to get an arrangement where we're not going to be in tension, we're going to pull all of our people out.

There was such division in Israel. The Israeli army and police went in and dragged those people out, bulldozed their homes. All they did was leave the farms because we thought the farms would be good for them. But the jihadists, they were so delighted, they came in and destroyed even the farms.

Now we turned that over Gaza in 2006 to the Palestinian Authority. Within a year, Hamas rose up. This is very important. And in the next year, 2007, Hamas came and they murdered the PLO leaders. We pulled all of our people out, turned Gaza over to the PLO. The Hamas jihadis came and they slaughtered the PLO leadership, and then they took over the country. That's what we're fighting. Hamas is not pro-Palestinian. It is for an Islamic jihadist, murderous state. They've taken it over.

Now at this time there is one other thing from **modern history** you have to realize. In Iran, going back now, in every nation of the world, there has been **Islamic State movements of terrorist**, that's come up in every nation. And, one of the largest movements was, of course, **ISIS**. You had, **al-Qaida**, you had many different groups. **Boko Haram** in Africa, the **Islamic Brotherhood** in Egypt. And **Hamas** is just the Islamic State in the Palestinians. The **Hezbollah** Islamic State in in Lebanon. The larger group was ISIS in Syria and Iraq. al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

But these people are not for their nations. They are not for Lebanon. They are for an Islamic state in Lebanon taking over Lebanon. ISIS was not for Iraq or Syria. They are for an Islamic State takeover of Iraq and Syria. The same thing for Hamas. They killed the PLO. They're not for the Palestinians. They're for an Islamic state taking over that.

Now, all these groups are very dangerous and they are murderous. They use murderous techniques. Horrible blood thirsty people. The most evil things. I don't understand why anybody doesn't want to try to fight them.

Now the only difference was that in Iran, this group, the ayatollahs, under the under the time of Khomeini, they managed to take over the country. They became the government. This is the only time except for a brief time like one year when the Islamic Brotherhood took over in Egypt, the only time the Islamic State jihadist group has taken over the government. Why is that important? Because it means they have the tax resources. They have the legal resources, they have the court resources, they have the oil resources, they have the military resource.

So, you had this **evil, jihadism** that **now has all the resources of this incredibly beautiful country,** Persia, Iran. And they come and they captured it. That is not what the Iranian people want. The Iranian people don't want them today, but they've taken it over. And now this has become dangerous because you've added two Islamic State militant murderers, murderous jihadism, the forces that you have in a government with all of the resources of that.

And it was out of that that they began to then fund all of these jihadist forces from the oil sales that were coming out of Iran. They were funding all of these terrorist groups around the world.

Now, there you have to realize again that the Shiites in Iran, first of all, they're not Arabs, they're Persians. Most people say that the Persians pretty much look down upon Arabs and they think of them as being second class to them. Most of the Arabs are Sunni Arabs, not Shiite Arabs. So you have Shiite Persians imposing an Islamic state on Sunni Arabs. That's why a lot of the Sunni Arabs around Israel, including Saudi Arabia, really are looking forward to a time when we can have more normalization with Israel. There is a lot of hope in the middle of this difficult situation, but the only hope is that we have to get rid of the ones - if Hamas and Hezbollah and ayatollahs are not there, we would have peace and prosperity and normalization across the Middle East immediately.

Now, when these forces came in, they began to fund things. One of the things I want to get on about, the **funding** that was coming in from **Iran** and also, unfortunately, from **Qatar**. And those two nations gave huge amounts of money and funding it into Hezbollah and into Hamas - Hamas in Gaza and in the Palestinian territories and Hezbollah in the north. Unfortunately, **a lot of this money also came from, Western European UN and from the United States, giving to what they thought was giving to humanity or aid organizations, which was a total phony.**

The Hezbollah and the Hamas took these billions and billions of dollars. More money was given in to the Hezbollah and to the Hamas than to any other people group in any type of history. And they took all of that money instead of causing prosperity - Why was Gaza not the Riviera of the Middle East? Because Hamas stole the money that these useful idiots from the from the Western world and taking that and using that money to build a terrorist system. From the time they took it over until this present war, 18 years, they took all that money to build an infrastructure of war. 40,000 trained warriors in Hamas alone in Gaza. 15,000 rockets. They build 600 km of underground terror tunnels. And they plan for 18 years to attack Israel.

This had nothing to do with liberating Gaza. It had to do with conquering all of Israel from the river to the sea, slaughtering all of the Israelis and taking over the Al-Aqsa mosque with an apocalyptic, Muslim fanatic, jihadist, end times scenario. That's what it's all about. That's what it was for. The same money that was given billions and billions of dollars to Hamas. They used it to build just huge, even much more. Ten times more, ten times more that was in Hamas was put in the spot. Israel is facing a mass murderous organization in Hezbollah that was there, was trying to kill us, and they were planning this for 18 years. And we found since we came into Hezbollah, into Lebanon and began to attack the southern areas - we found all of the plants, all of the armaments. There is no doubt about it. A fully funded, fully armed 18-year-old plan to a massive attack into Israel, which was supposed to come in at the same time as this Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthi's from Yemen, Iraq and Syria, the West Bank and from Iran. It was all supposed to be together. By God's Grace they had miscommunication and they didn't fight it all together at once. And we were able to come back and take it on top of all these areas.

Now, Israel wants peace, and I believe that peace can happen if these murderous terrorists are done away with. I want to see freedom and liberation for Lebanon, for the Palestinians, for the Egyptians, for the Iranian people. We love you. Israelis, we don't want war! We want to have peace and prosperity. Goodness gracious. What do you think we want to live in this with 22 Arab Muslim nations and 49 Muslim nations around us, and 220 million Arab Muslims around us and a billion Muslims around us? You think we want to go to war with that now? We want peace, but we are not going to be slaughtered and we're not going to have it within Israel. We are for freedom of religion.

So we just got five more minutes. This demands for us to change. Let's come back to the Bible now. We have got to take a position now as believers. Israel is physical Israel. The church is spiritual Israel. We are national Israel. The Ecclesia is international Israel. What happens to international Israel happens to national Israel happens in national Israel happens internationally Israel. What happens to spiritual Israel happens to national Israel - physical Israel. Physical Israel is what happens to a spiritual Israel. We are in this together. I want to tell you that every born-again spirit filled Christian that reads the Bible and sees this spiritual warfare and identifies themselves with Israel, you are Israel! You are the spiritual extension, the spiritual international extension. We are a nation and God is turning us back to Him. You are the spiritual citizens of our nation from every nation of the world. We are the Kingdom of Yeshua on earth.

(Note here about **replacement theology – the Church at large does not replace Israel.** We, together with the believers in Israel ARE Israel. We don't replace them, we become them.)

Yeshua's Return

Now **Yeshua** is not coming back as a lamb. He **is coming back** the Bible tells us in Revelation **19 as the Commander of the armies of Heaven**. Then the Heavens will open, Yeshua will descend, leading the armies of Heaven, and He will destroy the armies of earth who have come to attack Israel.

Every single prophecy that speaks of the end times, of the second coming of Yeshua, all say that all of the nations will attack and try to destroy Israel in the end times, and that is when Yeshua will intervene and come down and destroy those nations and set up His Kingdom on earth and rule for a thousand years with His Capital in Jerusalem and peace from Jerusalem until the ends of the earth.

Now that is what we believe in, and that is what you believe in. That (end time) war is already starting. How could this even have been possible? How could it be possible that what we have seen in these last ten years, this rise of international global jihadism with its desire to wipe out Israel - total genocide from the river to the sea, and to take Israel over, then to kill Christians all over the world, and destroy all of Western civilization. It's not something I made up. They're declaring it publicly and that they have a forum of all the nations gathered together where they can cooperate - where the nations of the world can cooperate with an Islamic jihadist mentality in the U.N. it's crazy. And that is being backed by academics and Western liberals. It is crazy.

Here is another thing I want to tell you about that. When this attack came from Hamas into these settlements around Gaza, these settlements were liberal, secular, atheists. They were having a party, a trance dance, all night party. This wasn't militant Israeli religious right-wing people. That's why so many people were taken captive by Hamas. Also, the people that were killed in that first wave and then taken captive was from that group of people. This attack was not against the militant Israel. This was against the liberal, secular atheist

Israelis that were just slaughtered and then taken captive, brutally raped, mutilated, and burned in this Islamic mentality.

Well, that is what we are here for, and we need you to join together with us.

Last point is, folks, all of this ends up in a good story. The Bible says that during all these attacks, that's when God will pour out His Spirit on the people of Israel. That the attacks are also what brings us to a revival. There will be love between Arab Christians and international Christians and Jewish believers and between the Church and Israel. In the midst of all these difficulties, God will give birth to a tremendous revival. Yeshua returns, sets up a Kingdom of peace and prosperity on the earth for a thousand years. And then Paradise, the garden of Eden, is restored and rededicated, and we will rule and reign with Him forever and ever and ever.

Folks, yes, there's a time of tribulation and war, but it ends up with Yeshua as the head Commander of the armies of Heaven. He wins the war. He comes back as the Commander of the armies of Heaven and then takes His place, changes roles to the King. And then He is the King of Kings, the King of Israel, and the King of all the kings, and sets up His Kingdom on this earth. And we are to be here believing, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, every nation, praying together, bringing love and cooperation, harmony between righteous people all over the world. Good is happening. Don't be afraid. We win. God is all powerful. We are on the winning side. Don't worry about the numbers. Don't worry about what they are saying in the news. Believe and stand and God's right arm will do mighty works in Yeshua's Name. We love you and give you a blessing from Zion. In Yeshua's Name, Amen.