

GLC Weekly

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Discerning Truth, Including Related to Israel

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Discerning truth is challenging! When receiving any information or news, including about Israel or the Jewish people, it is important to discern the spirit influencing or directing the words and perceptions. From the beginning, with the first man and woman, the serpent came and distorted what was true and then spoke outright lies (Genesis 3:1-7). The apostle Peter, who had just declared that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God," was then influenced by Satan with thoughts contrary to the will of God to the point that Jesus "said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan!'" (Matthew 16:15-23) The apostle John, closest to Jesus' heart, warned: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God" (1 John 4:1-6; Ephesians 2:1-2).



Anyone who recognizes Israel as the chosen people of GOD, who have a right to exist in safety with secure borders on the land that Almighty GOD gave to them is being guided by the Holy Spirit of GOD. (This does not mean

agreement with everything the government or military does.) But those who have contempt and hatred for Israel, or who are trying to annihilate them, or who dismiss Israel as irrelevant after the birth of the Church, are being influenced in their minds by contrary spirits. Further, most (not all) major media, universities, governments, and the United Nations abundantly demonstrate the influence of evil spirits compelling them to oppose and hate Israel. Hatred for Israel and the Jewish people is hatred for GOD, inspired by Satan, or is the result of ignorance or false doctrines influenced by demons.

To accurately discern truth requires hearing and discerning truth by the Spirit of GOD and being rightly informed by the Word of GOD. For us who have believed in and received Jesus, the Messiah – who is a Jew with Gentiles in his ancestry – the Spirt of GOD dwells in us. And if we study the Bible and believe what GOD says about Israel, its people and land, then we can love, rightly discern truth about, and stand with Israel. This can be true for anyone, including Arabs.

Regarding Israel, keep these questions, facts, observations, and perceptions in mind:

1. Who attacked who? And who is telling the story? In reading major media stories about Israel over the past 40 years, a common pattern is to present Israel as the attacker, the

- aggressor, the one to blame. Yet when I read deep into the story, or find the truth through other sources, I realize the opposite is true. Most media sources lie and betray the truth about Israel, and actions Israel takes against those attempting to annihilate them.
- 2. Indiscriminate annihilation verses precision targeted justice: For decades, Hamas and other enemies of Israel have conducted suicide bombing missions and fired tens of thousands of rockets and missiles to indiscriminately murder anyone, civilian or military, in Israel. The 7 October 2023 massacre was the most egregious and glaring example since World War II. Yet for decades I have watched Israel respond with self-control, carefully planning precision attacks to take out only those who are trying to annihilate them to render justice.
- 3. The United Nations, its agencies and media are anti-Israel and cannot be trusted. For 10 years, I was the representative to the United Nations for a pro-family organization. The anti-Israel attitudes, statements, and resolutions were so prominent that I was amazed at how little Israel could stand in the face of such great and unending hatred.
- 4. Why is Israel hated so much? Why is the land of Israel and city of Jerusalem the most fought over in history? I believe it is because it is a spiritual battle that manifests in hatred and violence to Israel and the Jewish people. It is a continuous focus of Satan's hatred for and rebellion against Almighty GOD, which his demons express through people under his authority, influence and control. This is not normal warfare or nation conflicts.
- 5. Perception: I don't know if this is an accurate perception or not, but it seems to me that how a person views Israel reflects how well they know and study the Bible, the Word of GOD, and whether they believe His Words and promises, and whether they fear Him?

Family Research Council is consistently standing on Biblical truth. Go to their website (www.frc.org), and type in "Israel" in the search box. Tony Perkins, Pastor Jack Hibbs and Michele Bachmann discussed Israel at the recent Pray Vote Stand Summit. Also, Tony Perkins wrote an article titled: "Perkins: Tucker Carlson's Mockery and God's Irrevocable Call."

CBN has consistently stood with Israel, reporting through CBN Israel and <u>a web page focused on Israel</u>. Gordon Robertson keeps Israel as a primary focus on the daily <u>700 Club</u> show.

TBN also stands steadfastly with Israel, has a broadcasting studio in Jerusalem, and many programs focused in part or whole on Israel (may require membership, though free):

- Boots on the Ground from Israel;
- October 7th, 2023 a 4-part docuseries;
- Insights: Israel & the Middle East;
- <u>Israel Under Fire</u>;
- Israel At War;
- Stakelbeck Tonight with Eric Stakelbeck;
- The Watchman with Eric Stakelbeck;
- The Stakscast with Eric Stakelbeck;
- Route 60 The Biblical Highway 4 part documentary;
- The Abraham Accords 4 episodes;
- The Chosen Unveiled with Rabbi Jason Sobel;

• Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis.

PRAY that we would see Israel as The LORD sees Israel, and would have His heart toward Israel and the Jewish people. Continue to pray that He will guide Israel and give their leadership, military, and people great courage to do all that is wise and necessary for them to conquer Hamas and Hezbollah, show mercy to those who lay down their arms and to innocent civilians, and not stop until they have gained full control and dominion over the Promised Land.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and standing in the gap for Israel,

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