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## ***Reasons to Support Israel, Part 1***

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It has been challenging to get accurate news about the brutal and inhumane war that Hamas launched against Israel, the Jewish people, and foreigners in their midst. That's why I sent out a Special Report last Friday with two trustworthy news sources. Another trustworthy source is Joel C. Rosenberg and *All Israel News* (<https://allisrael.com/writer/joel-rosenberg>).

It is vital to see Israel today as Almighty GOD sees Israel. Yet most church denominations believe in "replacement theology," that the Church has replaced Israel. Scripture and history reveal this is not true! I encourage you to read this entire article (Reasons 1-5 below, and 6-10 next week) written by the President of International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (<https://www.icej.org/understand-israel/biblical-teachings/ten-reasons-to-support-israel/>).

### ***Ten Reasons to Support Israel (1-5)***

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"There is no doubt that Israel enjoys growing support from the Evangelical movement today. At times this support is little understood, especially since the Church struggled for centuries to accept the Jewish people and even engaged in antisemitic actions against them. Many Church fathers taught that God was finished with the Jews, and left them in exile as a sign of their divine rejection. However, this all changed dramatically with Israel's restoration as a nation back in its ancestral homeland. Yet the question remains: Why should we support Israel today?"

"I invite you to consider the following ten Biblical reasons why all Christians should support, bless and stand with the Jewish nation and people."

#### **Reason #1 God loves Israel!**

"The prophet Jeremiah states very clearly: 'The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness... The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness, I have drawn you. Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! ..."' (Jeremiah 31:2-4). After a season of judgment ('the sword'), God is motivated by His 'everlasting love' to restore Israel. Note that it is an everlasting love... unceasing, never-ending! It was this love that birthed God's plan with Israel (Deuteronomy 7:7), and this love also will bring it to a glorious end (Romans 11:25-28).

"Someone once asked me: 'How can God love a sinful nation like Israel?' The answer is simple:

By the same unconditional love, the Lord has towards the Church. Indeed, 'while we were still sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8). So here is a simple rule for all believers: We should love what Jesus loves. How is your love for Israel? Just ask God to give you His love for the Jewish people!

### **Reason #2 God is a covenant-keeping God!**

"God affirmed His promise to give Israel the Land of Canaan with a sworn covenant. In Genesis, we read how God appeared to Abraham to promise him a land and descendants as innumerable as the stars in the heavens. Abraham replied: 'How can I be sure You really will do this?' God answered by coming down like a burning torch which passed through sacrificial animals to seal the land promise with Abraham by covenant oath (Genesis 15:17-18).

"One of God's main character traits is that He is a covenant keeper. In the past, some Christians insisted God had changed His mind about Israel, gave up on them, and established a new covenant with the Church – the 'New Israel'. But that would be catastrophic news for every Christian believer today. With our every sin, lukewarmness or lack of commitment, do we need to fear that God will change His mind about us, too? No, for 'even if we are unfaithful, He remains faithful; since He cannot deny Himself' (2 Timothy 2:13). Thus, the great hope for both Israel and the Church is that God always keeps His covenant promises – forever!

### **Reason #3 God hallows His name!**

"In Ezekiel chapter 36, the prophet powerfully described how God will restore the Land and people of Israel in the last days. When Ezekiel sees them returning from the nations and being filled with God's Spirit, he gives a clear reason why God is doing this: 'I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went' (Ezekiel 36:21). Then he declares to Israel: "...not for your sake but for My holy name's sake I will restore you... And I will sanctify My great name ... the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land'" (Ezekiel 36:23-24).

"It is rather astonishing that the world media is still so preoccupied with Israel even [75] years after its establishment. As the Swiss theologian Karl Barth stated in 1967: 'Now you can read it in the newspapers; God is fulfilling His promises.' Or as Ezekiel said it, God is sanctifying His holy name before the whole world. By looking to Israel, the world can see that God is still alive and He is a promise-keeping God!

### **Reason #4 Israel is key for revival and blessing for the Church!**

"According to the Apostle Paul, Israel's full restoration will release an unprecedented blessing to the Church. In Romans 11, Paul makes two most amazing statements: 'Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!'

(Romans 11:12); and, 'For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?' (Romans 11:15).

"Paul presents it as almost a mathematical formula. Looking at Israel's stumbling and casting away, he still sees blessing released of 'riches for the Gentiles' and 'reconciliation of the world.' Then he looks to Israel's future fullness and acceptance, and foresees an even greater release for the world of 'life from the dead.'

"John Wesley commented on these verses: 'So many prophecies refer to this grand event, that it is surprising any Christian can doubt of it. When it is accomplished, it will be so strong a demonstration, both of the Old and New Testament revelation, that will doubtless convince many... It will release overflowing life to the world, which was dead.'

"In Acts 3:19-20, Peter also sees that a spiritually restored Israel will release 'times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,' and the 'times of the restoration of all things' which the Hebrew prophets spoke about concerning Israel and the worldwide family of God in the last days. That means Israel's restoration is key for everyone who thirsts for the outpouring which God still has in store for the Church. Or to put it another way: If you thirst for revival, pray for Israel!

#### **Reason #5 We owe it to the Jews!**

"In his letter to the Romans, Paul recounts his time with the churches of Macedonia. They lavishly poured out a love offering for the 'poor saints' in Jerusalem. It was such a substantial gift that Paul decided to deliver it personally to Jerusalem. But why did they give so much? Paul explains: 'For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things' (Romans 15:26-27).

"The believers of Macedonia understood an important principle. Salvation came to the Gentile world through Israel, and they were obligated to return a gift of thanks. We, too, need to remember that Jesus was Jewish, the authors of the Bible were all Israelites, and everything that defines our faith today – even the sacrifice of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – took place in Israel through Jews. Thus, Jesus Himself declared: 'Salvation is of the Jews!' (John 4:22) Have you ever shown your gratefulness to God's people for the way He used them to administer to us the means of His eternal grace? If not, I encourage you to follow the Macedonian example and express your appreciation to Israel."

**Pray** that the Church, comprised of all believers in Jesus Christ worldwide, will understand and support Israel in the light of Scripture and GOD's everlasting covenant with Israel. Pray that believers will understand the relationship between Israel and the Church, and see as GOD sees. Pray that "replacement theology" will be replaced with true Biblical theology.

For the sacred gift of every human life and remembrance of children unborn,

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