

## Why We Must Stand With Israel

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Genesis 12:3; Psalm 122:6

Israel holds a special place in the plan of God. It is called “the apple of God’s eye.” In the O.T. God was “married” to Israel.

God has blessed the world through Israel (Gen. 12:3). We are indebted to the Jews for Aspirin (Friedrich Bayer)... chemo therapy... Polio vaccine (Jonas Edward Salk)... Novocain (Alfred Einhorn)... the theory of relativity (basis for all modern science today) Albert Einstein. God sent our Savior through Israel. Israel gave us the Bible.

Only about 13.3 million Jews make up the world’s population. How do you explain that only ¼ of 1% of the world’s population has had such a profound effect upon the entire world’s population?

1. Israel is the GEOGRAPHICAL center of the world (Ezek. 5:5— *Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.*). Some rabbis have called Israel, “**the navel of the earth.**” Israel **joins three great continents** together representing the descendants of all the races.
2. Israel is the SPIRITUAL center of the world. The founders of each of the three major religions of the world came from Israel (Judaism; Christianity; Islam).
3. Israel is the PROPHETIC center of the world. If you want to know what time it is on God’s clock, look at Israel (Mt. 24:32-33; Luke 21:24).
4. Israel is the POLITICAL center of the world. No other nation is as relevant to the world, or to the Christian, than Israel. All history converges on Israel. The last world war will be fought there.

No one can understand history... the Bible... apart from an understanding of how Israel fits into the plan of God.

The U.S. has been Israel’s best friend and ally. Therefore God has blessed the U.S. according to His covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12:3).

But, since the election of President Obama, U.S. support for Israel is waning. The foreign policy of the current White House concerning Israel is very troubling.

On Hillary Clinton's, first visit to the Middle East as Secretary of State on March 3, 2009 she announced, "The United States will be vigorously engaged in the pursuit of a two-state solution every step of the way... I feel passionate about this..." She declared the creation of a Palestinian state as part of a peace agreement with Israel "seems inescapable." She added, "There is no time to waste."

In May of this year, President Obama boldly called for Israel to agree to negotiations for a Palestinian state that starts with borders established before the 1967 Six Day War. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reacted with fury, asserting that Israel would never retreat to "indefensible" 1967 borders and branded Obama's plan a radical departure from past U.S. policy.

There are times in life when we must take a stand. Remaining neutral is not an option. Sometimes we are "forced" to take a stand.

I'm preaching this sermon out of a **deep conviction** in my heart.

**I love our country** and I'm concerned for the welfare of America. I also **love God**, and want to be faithful to His calling in my life. Therefore, I feel compelled to preach this message.

God commands us in Psalm 122:6—"*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*" Why didn't God say, "Pray for the peace of the world?" Because there will be no peace in this world until there is peace in Jerusalem! And there will be no peace in Jerusalem, until the "*prince of peace*" is sitting on His throne in Jerusalem.

## **I. God CHOSE Israel in the past** (Dt. 7:6; 14:2).

- A. ORIGIN—Only Israel can trace it's origin to a single man. Who was the first Englishman? Frenchman? Russian? Spaniard? Who was the first Hebrew?
  1. It started with a miracle birth (Gen. 18:1, 9-14—Isaac). Abraham was the president of **H.A.R.P.** (Hebrew Association of Retired People).
    - Sarah laughed. (I would have fainted.)
    - To put it in common language, "Their got up an go had got up and gone."

- Abraham (100 yrs.) looks at Sarah and thinks, “I’m gonna get this old woman pregnant?” Sarah looks at Abraham and thinks, “This old man is going to get me pregnant?”
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Reminds me about a 95 year old man who married a young 25 year old woman. After the wedding, they returned home and she said, “Darling, would you like to go upstairs with me and spend some time with me?” He answered, “Sweetheart, I’d love to... but I can’t do both.”

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2. There was no possible way they could have a baby—They didn’t have any vigor... vitality... or viagra! The only thing they had going for them was God’s promise... and that was enough! And a nation was born.

B. APPLICATION—Just as every Jew owes their origin to a miracle birth, every Christian owes their salvation to a miracle birth.

## II. God CARES for Israel in the present.

- There is only one way to account for Israel’s existence today as a nation— The sustaining hand of God upon it.
- A. God’s PROVISION to Israel—What God gave Israel:
    1. A **Land**, but Israel defiled the land
    2. A **Law** ...despised the law
    3. A **Language** ...deserted the language
    4. A **Lord** ...denied the Lord.
  - B. God’s PUNISHMENT on Israel (Dt. 28:15, 25, 36-37).
    1. For hundreds of years Israel was dispersed... dispelled... despised by surrounding nations.
    2. But they were never assimilated among the nations. They retained their identity through the centuries even though they were scattered among the nations. (There are no Babylonians, Hittites, Philistines, Amorites, Amalekites. But Israel remains!)
  - C. God’s PROTECTION of Israel:
    1. God’s PEOPLE cannot be **destroyed**.
    2. God’s PROMISE cannot be **denied**.
    3. God’s PURPOSE cannot be **defeated**.

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Jeremiah 31:10, 35-36— Why could not they be **assimilated**? Why Hitler couldn't **exterminate** them? Why couldn't Osama Bin Laden could not wipe Israel off the map? Why Yasser Arafat could not push Israel into the sea? BECAUSE God is faithful to His promise to care for His people in the present!

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D. God's PRESERVATION of Israel.

- On May 14, 1948, after thousands of years of being dormant, Israel was “reborn” as a nation.
  - Immediately after Israel was recognized as a nation, six Arab nations rebelled and attacked Israel. Israel was outnumbered in soldiers (40:1), outnumbered in population 100:1; outnumbered 1000:1 in military equipment. But miraculously Israel won the war! How??? **The fight was “FIXED.”** And Israel has won two more wars since that one. And she will win any future wars. **Don't bet against Israel!** Because God CARES for Israel in the present!
  - Today, Israel is the third strongest military power in the world
  - Israel is the only Middle Eastern nation that produces it's own tanks, planes, and weapons.
  - How do you explain that? The promise of God!
  - If God said a cow would lay an egg, don't waste time debating the possibility—Just get out a skillet and turn on the stove. It's gonna happen!
1. The **Land** has been revived (Amos 9:14-15)
  2. The **Law** has been reinstated (Sabbath)
  3. The **Language** has been resurrected. At the time of Christ, Hebrew language was considered a dead language. They spoke Chaldean, Aramaic, and Greek. Up until 1918, no one spoke Hebrew as their common language in 2500 years. Now, it is official language spoken in Israel.
  4. What about the Lord? **The Lord is still being rejected.**

**III. God will CONVERT Israel in the future.** (Jer. 31:33-34)

- 70% of Jews today claim no religion at all.

- How is it going to happen? Zech 12:3, 10; 13:6; 14:3-4; Rom. 11:25-26

**SUMMATION:** Things to consider:

1. If we have half a brain, we will stand with Israel.
  - The relationship between Israel and the United States is so interwoven that our very fate rests upon how we deal with Israel.
  - You cannot honor God without honoring God's chosen People!
  - The greatest single thing our country can do to secure God's blessing is be a friend to Israel (Gen. 12:3).
  - The greatest danger the United States could do is turn it's back on Israel and side with it's enemies. If America turns it's back on Israel, it will be the beginning of the end for our country!
  - Next time you go to vote, make sure the candidate you vote for is PRO-ISRAEL!

➡If you want to be on the winning side, you better side with Israel.
2. If we expect to be saved, we must received Christ as our Lord and Savior.