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The Mark of the Intercessor

“...Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it” (Ezekiel 9:4, NIV).



“Behind some of the greatest spiritual awakenings in history was an unseen, unsung force known as ‘intercessors’...those who knew the “secret place of prayer”. It is a specialized ministry, and God could be calling you to it. Even though your limbs may not carry you beyond your own front door, through prayer you can limit satan’s movements and defeat his best-laid plans. No wonder satan downplays the power of intercessory prayer and will do whatever it takes to keep us from giving ourselves to it. When what we declare on earth lines up with what God has decreed in heaven – it will be done!” (Matthew 18:18). (*Word for Today* devotional)

In the book of the Jewish prophet, Ezekiel, there were abominations in or near the Holy Temple. At one point in Ezekiel 9:4, the Lord told the man clothed with linen, to make his way through the city of Jerusalem. He asked him to particularly look for certain men who would be grieving, weeping, shedding tears with broken hearts. In the Jewish world when pain has afflicted one’s heart, often there is a beating of one’s breast or tearing of a garment to show the degree of pain. The Lord asked that these men be marked with a special mark so that they would be protected and kept from the angel of death. (Read Ezekiel 9:1-11). The men God honored were expressing their grief and

disappointment, perhaps some sobbing in their cries, for the evil that was taking place before their eyes. So it is today. When we walk with the Lord Yeshua (Jesus), there is a sense of sorrow and pain within us when we see ones we love walking in blatant sin. Likewise, God grieves over the current disgusting actions of those within Israel’s borders walking in the deception of homosexuality and free sex and other like abominations. For this we cry out for the Lord’s Beloved Land and People. We are sad when we see how many thousands of Arabs hate the Jewish people and attack and murder anyone Jewish, whatever age. We are shocked when we see the *depth* of hatred (as we see also being shown in other nations of the world) coming from fanatic Islam. While thousands of Muslims face away from the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem, let us as Jews and Christians pray toward the Coming Seat of Power of Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus, the Messiah). The problems are getting more severe as war looms on the horizon. When we choose to express our grief through heartfelt intercession and prayer, be it individually or in a prayer group), God will mark us, as He did the ones who were expressing their sorrow over Jerusalem. Intercessors hold a special place in God’s Heart. Let’s not take lightly the amazing role He has assigned to so many. God bless you all as you pray.

Let's Enter the Throne Room of Prayer:



War with Hamas looms on the horizon. "Hamas has amassed an army of 27,000 men in preparation for its next war with Israel, including a unit dedicated to attacking civilians inside Israel." (Avi Issacharoff, TheTower.org, June, 2017). There are reports that Hamas has built a huge army, of brigades, battalions and companies who are infiltrators by sea, land or air, cross-border tunnels have been built up, and also that they have created virtual cities underground, safeguarding rocket operation and command control centers. They have rearmed on every level in order to inflict heavy damage on Israel.

- **Seek the Lord** for supernatural deliverance for members of the ISIS communities around the world and particularly in the Middle East to have a revelation of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus). Those who have are now safe and clean from the devil's deceptions and forgiven. Those who are the majority have sold their souls to the devil and fall into the category chiefly of : ***"...them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities...these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption"*** (2 Peter 2:10-12, KJV).
- **Believe in Prayer** for the preparations of evacuations, in case the conflict begins with Lebanon. Many in the northern part of Israel especially, will be in great danger. May those who have a strong faith in the God of Israel, those in the military who are believers in Yeshua, help their comrades to be dressed in readiness and keep their lamps lit at all times. ***"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."*** (1 Corinthians 16:13, NASB).
- **Proclaim** victory for the allied forces of the US, UK and Jordanian forces who entered Southern Syria on Sunday, May 14th. Pray for wisdom.
- **Give Thanks** that Saudi Arabia called on Qatar to cut ties with Hamas, who went into shock over the demand. Even if measures are not taken to cut the ties permanently, isolation of supporters of terrorism needs to be in place. May many more caught in the web of Islamic fanaticism be courageous enough to see the deception in terror and constant fighting of Israel.
- **Pray** that UNRWA in the Gaza Strip (UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency) (camps we visited once and which serve as a cover up for terrorist activities) will be dismantled and totally demolished. ***"But transgressors will be altogether destroyed; the posterity of the wicked will be cut off"*** (Psalm 37:38, NASB).
- **Stand on Behalf** of the Yehuda Territorial Brigade and all battalions of the brigade which are training in preparation for possible disturbances and terrorist attacks. Pray that they will be thorough in their preparations of medical, intelligence and gathering forces, and to have clear goals of being ready. These are special forces that need special prayer. For too long the international community has turned a blind eye to the undercover terrorist activities it supports. ***"The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm"*** (Exodus 14:14, NLT).

- **Bless the Lord** for the wonderful and brave Christian Aramean soldiers from Nazareth, led by Father Nadaff, who implores them to serve in the Israeli armed forces to help Israel. Father Nadaff, an Orthodox Priest sees that their future lies with Israel. Full stop. Pray that more Arab Christians will see the light of the Bible's blessings upon those who bless Israel. ***"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"*** (Genesis 12:3, NIV).

The mark of the intercessor is a mark of love between God and His prayer warriors. Let us continue on in this great work of toiling in prayer on behalf of the beloved nation of Israel.

Until He Comes,

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