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# The Brilliance of the Lord

*The glory of the LORD rose up from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the Temple. The cloud filled the Temple and the court was filled with the radiance of the LORD's glory (Ezekiel 10:4, NLT).*



Day Star (*helel ben-shachar, in Hebrew*) literally means "light-bringer." It is applicable, therefore, not only to the planet of Venus, seen as a morning star, herald of the dawn, but the sun itself, and is used here as a title of the Lord – literally, "light-bringer." It is applicable, therefore, not only to the planet Venus, seen as a morning star, herald of the dawn, but to the sun itself, and is used here as a title of our Lord." (BibleStudyTools.com). With all of the accomplishments, start-ups, advancement in technology, medicine, science, music and arts, sports and other achievements that Israel is excelling in today, our prayer must be that she will arise fully to be a "light to the nations." "He says: ***"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth"*** (Isaiah 49:6, NIV). For the Christians, the culmination of Israel's redemption is when the veil is removed from the eyes toward their own Jewish King and Messiah (Yeshua). Let us always remember Israel will not become a "Christian" nation, but Israel will become a nation redeemed who will welcome Her King and see who He is. In this edition of OnWatch, let us see the beginning of the rays of light that Israel is showing to the world already. When Messiah returns, the City of Jerusalem will be a shining City on a hill seen around the world. Life in God's Kingdom on earth will be one of peace, love and loving one another, through our actions and work of helping others and pleasing the Lord God of Israel. Rejoice that even though the Temple of the Lord is not built, that the court of Heaven must rejoice, and we must be glad along with God, that the "rays of brilliance" of "loving thy neighbor as thyself" is shining brighter here in Israel, already, than anywhere else on earth. ***"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself"*** (Luke 10:27, KJV). No nation is doing what Israel is doing now to help others. For this we thank the LORD!

**Martin Haueter, a Swiss brother from Latrun, Israel, had a prophetic word given to him, not long ago, before he went to be with the Lord:**

***"Don't be afraid, Watch and Pray, be prepared to rejoice.***

***Live in the anticipation and the brilliance of the first rays of light of My New Day."***

***This prophetic word is a joyful sign of the Lord's Return and the rising of Israel.***

***Carry this hope in your heart.***

# LET US GO TO THE THRONE ROOM OF PRAISE TOGETHER

- **Pray for Israel** as she offers some help to her northern neighbors. Since 2013, the IDF has taken in some 3,000 wounded Syrians for treatment. Generally working at night, soldiers have provided initial medical care and then evacuated the wounded to nearby hospitals. **“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:17).**
- **Thank God that** the President of Israel promised that Israel would “continue to do everything it can with responsibility and wisdom in order to alleviate the suffering of the people who experience daily slaughter on the other side of our border.” Israelis have contributed hundreds of thousands of shekels to help Syrian refugees. The Torah teaches that we are not to stand by while our neighbor bleeds. **“...neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the LORD” (Leviticus 19:16, KJV).**
- **Rejoice** for the thirty Arab and Jewish pastors who recently attended a conference sponsored by Israel College of the Bible, held in Hadera on the coast of Israel.
- **Be glad that** Israel sends thousands of Israeli experts in agriculture, hydrology, regional planning, public health, engineering, community services, medicine and scores of other fields throughout Africa between 1958 and 1973. They lived among the Africans they went to assist. Today in 2018, they are still sending more volunteers, many of whom have helped to dig and set up new water well systems for drinking water for Africans. It is a true testimony of “helping and serving thy neighbor.” “Many people think of Judaism as the religion of cold, harsh laws, to be contrasted with Christianity, the religion of love and brotherhood. This is an unfair characterization of both Judaism and Jewish teachings. Love and kindness have been a part of Judaism from the very beginning. When Jesus said, **“love thy neighbor as thyself,” he was merely quoting Torah and he was quoting the book that is most commonly dismissed as a source of harsh laws: Leviticus 19:18.** The point is repeated in Leviticus 19:34: love [the stranger] as thyself. (Judaism 101) Thank God for Israelis willing to live among the native peoples and work to repair the world and promote brotherhood among the nations.
- **Thank Him** in Prayer that millions of Christian pilgrims are coming to Israel throughout the year to see the City of God, which it will become, when Messiah Jesus returns. It will then become a City of Praise. **“Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion” (Psalm 147:12).**
- **Give praise unto God for** the world’s largest field hospital in Israel, for the development of standing wheelchairs for invalids, for medical gauze that stops bleeding in seconds for wounds, for major advancements in breast cancer, and most recently a personal story: Israeli doctors performed a complicated delivery for a Syrian woman. She was told by Syrian doctors that she had to decide whether to die or allow her baby to die. She decided to save both by entering Israel to be treated. The decision was good as she returned home with a new healthy baby boy. (March 2018, TheTower.org). What can be more precious than saving a life, right? The Israelis are wonderful people who deserve some praise instead of criticism from the nations. Stand and praise God for what they are doing and that they will become the LIGHT that GOD wants them to be to the world. **Praise from the Heart** that Jews and Christians are studying the Bible in the Israeli Knesset. It is the first time in history and another “sign” that God is working on both Christian and Jewish hearts, as they bond together with one common bond: the Bible. Israeli teachers are sharing, from the Hebrew, the translation and deeper meanings of the Torah, **again a fulfillment of Bible prophecy that is beginning to come to pass. We are seeing, with our very eyes, the fulfilling of God’s Promises. “Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).** It is another sign, and ray of light, that GOD is at work here!

This is just the beginning. Let us go on praying through, that the Church around the world, will begin to see the actions and responsibilities that Israel has taken to help her neighbors, and even her enemies....will we learn from her and join hands with her, in redeeming the world. As Christians, we not only go forth with Good News but with actions and hard work to show that our faith is real. Our prayers of praise unto God will make even brighter the brilliance of His Return.

Until He Comes,  
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