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# Standing Our Ground

*“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (1 Thessalonians 5:3, NIV).*

*“The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords” (Psalm 55:21, KJV).*

We live in a world today where everyone is talking “peace”-“peace” and yet, leaders of nations are threatening one another almost daily with words that appear to be drawn swords, or, as if they are about ready to pull the gun out of the holster. Daggers are out and threats are looming between one nation and another. Surrounding Israel, are Arab nations who daily threaten the life of this tiny nation established, scattered, and then brought back home, by Almighty God. This difference in opinion, standing against the truth of God’s Holy Word regarding Israel, is an unwillingness to acknowledge her existence. It is a resistance that is in direct opposition and contrast, to the truth. This deception is everywhere in the Arab world. We rejoice that there are some Arab nations who are now acknowledging Israel and telling their people to wake up and let Israel alone; however, millions of fanatics with dangerous ideologies of wanting to rule all of Israel, as well as the rest of the nations, still have their swords drawn and hands on the trigger. They have an eagerness to destroy the newly restored nation and anyone else who differs from their point way of thinking. Fanatic Islam just will not give up in its evil plans and schemes. It seems it will not rest, until Israel’s demise (which is not going to happen).

All the rhetoric and threats in the world are not going to destroy God’s Nation and People. Israel is honoring God, by honoring its 70-year birthday, in returning the people home, from the nations. What has been built is nothing short of super miraculous! As we who love the Lord, and His Nation celebrate with Israel, let us not be deceived by lulling ourselves to sleep with “peace” songs, but instead remember, that the Lord has warned us about sudden and dangerous destruction so let us remain in constant prayer and stand our ground for true *“shalom”*, (*Hebrew for “peace”*).

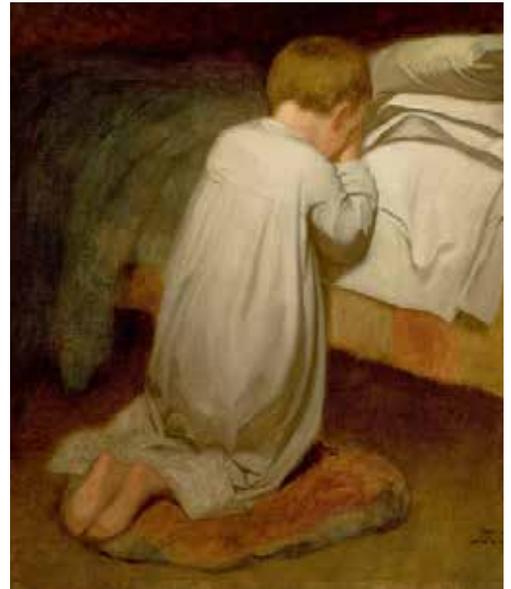


*Celebrating Israel Independence Day (Yom HaAtzma'ut) in Sacher Park - Jerusalem on April 19th 2018*

**AN ONLY IN ISRAEL MOMENT!** Before entering into prayer, I hope that all of you meeting together, or praying alone, will take in the most recent story from Israel which should serve as a model for the nations. "It was Friday, just before Shabbat...in Ramat HaSharon, the weather was so stormy that a local supermarket lost all electrical power, leaving the clerks unable to check out any customers...everyone would have nothing for Shabbat if they closed down. Israel's supermarket manager had to make a decision. So, he did. He told his customers "Take your groceries and go home. Come back and pay next week". About 100 people walked out without paying a cent. Abraham wondered if his decision would cost him his job. On Sunday 70% had already paid what was owed....more are coming. It was not only a good deed, but it made his supermarket famous. These are "Only in Israel" moments. How many of our supermarket managers in our nations would do this? Good for discussion. Israel is on her way to becoming a "light" to the nations! Another reason to praise God for Israel! (Information gathered from *Israel Today*).

## Let's Enter the Throne Room of Prayer Wherever We Are

- **Pray for** the United Nations to awaken to protecting Israel instead of harming her. The UN has dug a hole for themselves regarding Israel and supporting her existence. Truth will prevail, but pray for those speaking out at this international body. May hearts awaken to Israel's importance to this world. ***"The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; in the net which they hid, their own foot is caught"*** (Psalm 9:15, NKJV). Pray for all slander in the UN to cease. ***"For I hear the slander of many...while they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life"*** (Psalm 31:13, NKJV).
- **Intercede for** Mahmoud Abbas to turn from his denunciation of Israel and his anger toward her. Pray that he will be pricked in his conscience to fear God and to know that one day he will give an account of his actions to the Jewish people. ***"Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, You will not require an account"*** (Psalm 10:13).
- **Fervently pray that** Christianity will wipe out "Christian" anti-Semitism. May it be rejected in our churches. We need to inform our congregants that there will be no anti-Semites in the coming Kingdom of God. ***"...I will curse those who curse My People"*** (Genesis 12:3). No one who curses God's Chosen People will be allowed in God's perfect kingdom of peace and love.
- **Declare that** ISIS, Hamas, Hizbullah and the PLO will all come to the truth of God and His Word and that they will not war against the Jewish nation. ***"...that the man of the earth may oppress no more"*** (Psalm 10:18, NKJV). May all vileness be put down and not exalted from Arab lips. We want so much to love the Arabic peoples, but they must turn from wickedness to peace with God's People. Hate the wickedness, but love the Arabic people. ***"The wicked prowl on every side, when vileness is exalted among the sons of men"*** (Psalm 12:8, NKJV), pray for the day when the back of deception will be broken and peace truly reign.
- **Proclaim Together that** the nations of the world will fear the One True God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Pray that your nation will make the right decision to support Jerusalem, as Israel's eternal capital which is God's Will. ***"Put them in fear, O LORD, that the nations may know themselves to be but men"*** (Psalm 9:20).



Until He Comes,

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