



## PLEADING BEFORE THE KING: The Role of Intercession

*“Esther again pleaded with the king, falling at his feet and weeping. She begged him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the Agagite, which he had devised against the Jews. Then the king extended the gold scepter to Esther and she arose and stood before him” (Esther 8:3-4, NIV).*



*Esther pleading before the king*

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The situation the world, and in particular Israel, faces with the regime of Iran is no small matter. As this evil regime continues to produce stronger nuclear capabilities on a continual basis, the possibility of world war, and Israel caught in the middle, is a reality. I keep thinking of the verse **“Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh” (Proverbs 3:25)**. And again, **“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)**. When one pleads with God, they absolutely cry out to God!

Many great people of faith over the centuries knew about pleading before the Lord and faithfully met with the Lord to stand in the breach, on behalf of Israel, God’s Chosen People, i.e., Rees Howells, of the Wales Bible College, and countless more prayer warriors. All through the Jewish Scriptures God searched for intercessors but rarely found them. (Isaiah 59:16). He considered those who entreated and appealed to Him on behalf of Israel, as righteous and marked them for Himself. Sometimes Christians are taught that emotions in

prayer should be shunned, while emotional appeals for money are o.k. Perseverance in prayer and pleading with God, standing upon His Promises in His Word are few and far between today. **“Yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice. Otherwise, she will keep coming and wear me out” (Luke 18:5)**. This is just one story of perseverance and determination that Jesus taught.

Intercession for Israel does require perseverance before God. It is going to Him who has the power to help and move based upon their faith in prayer. The Apostle Paul’s exhortation to Timothy specified that intercessory prayers can be made for those in authority – taking hold of God’s Promises. When we lift up Israel before the Lord, we are dealing with a real battlefield on earth, in which the enemy threatens to try to destroy the very people who are fighting the battles of the Lord (for Him). When we cry out in faith, utilizing God’s Precious promises for His People, we are “standing” on the Eternal Words of God. Queen Esther pleaded before the King, for her people even at the risk of her own life. **(Esther 4:14-16)**. This took courage to step into the middle of the problem the Jewish people faced. Moses stood in the gap for Israel, **(Ezekiel 22:30)**. We are told to **“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13)**. Isaiah **59:16; 53:12; Romans 8:26; Hebrews 7:25, 29** are additional Scriptures to read on prayer.

As we go before the King of the Universe, let us be the ones who carry Israel in the spirit of God’s Will, from His Word, **“for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14)**. May our prayer be that God’s Will becomes Israel’s will. When Israel cries, we who love her, should taste her tears and cry out to God. Do not grow weary in doing so. Stay at your prayer stations and watch. Let us not fail God, nor His Chosen People, in lifting Israel before God. It is quite obvious that Iran is at least one of the world powers founded on evil intentions to destroy the People of God, so let us be strong in prayer and as Winston Churchill once said during war time, **“...never, never, never give up!”**

# Let us Pray “At Such A Time”



Through our prayers, and intercessions, we can counteract the evil plans in many places throughout the Middle East against the Jewish people. Israel has every right to defend herself, and she will. God has also promised to defend her. How as Christians, can we sit by and not pray for God's special nation? Christianity lost its way during the Holocaust, and few stood to defend her. Let us not make the same mistake in today's war-hungry world, especially threats from Iran. ***We are needed more than ever at our prayer stations.***

- **Pray for** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, that if God desires him to stay in power, as he possesses the God-given skills and knowledge necessary to deal with international leaders, is well respected by the nations, and understands Israel's destiny (plus he studies the Bible every week)...then pray God's Will to be done. A man is partly valued by what others say of him and the world respects Bibi. ***“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan” (Proverbs 29:2). “Should one who hates justice govern?...” (Job 34:17a).***
- **Intercede for** the Coming Kingdom to earth as we continually pray, “Our Father Who Art in Heaven...” In the coming kingdom it is God's Name that will be praised and glorified throughout the earth from Jerusalem. “The great God who formed everything.” Jerusalem will one day be the ***“joy of the whole earth” (Psalm 48:2).***
- **Beseech the Lord** to bring out of deception many Muslims who need to turn to the One Living God.
- **Cry out to God for** the many Iranians who are helping Jewish people to go home from Iran. Some 30,000 have come to the Lord over the past six months in Indonesia.
- **Claim the Promises of God** that He will defend Israel, and Jerusalem, in the coming days. **(Zechariah 12:8).**
- **Thank Him with Heartfelt Praise that** once they see the Lord, and turn over their lives to Him, many Moslems worshipping Allah are asking forgiveness from IDF soldiers, as they were former Hizbullah fighters involved in terrorizing Israel. Thank Him for these spiritual breakthroughs and reports coming directly from Indonesia. We can testify to this personally having met some of them a few years ago telling us “please tell the IDF we would help them, if we could!”
- **Ask Earnestly for** supernatural and Divine Protection for the sea coast of Israel, as there are many military dangers, i.e., enemy submarines are hard to track. ***“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).*** At the time this was written, the scripture was meant entirely for Israel. We can also claim these scriptures as believers in Israel's Messiah, but pray this for Israel today.
- **Call Upon the Lord that** more Christians around the world will see Israel's role in the Coming Kingdom of God to earth and that God's Glory will arise over Jerusalem even in the darkness, before He Returns. ***“Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come” (Psalm 102:13).***
- **Pray for** the great Aliyah which will come from Spain. ***“And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south” (Psalm 107:3).***

It is so easy not to pray. Today's world distracts us with many things rather than focusing in on prayer for Israel. Let us shake off the dust, awaken from our slumber, and walk in tune with the Holy Spirit of God who wants to use us as vessels of mercy and compassion through prayer. God stands with arms wide open for the intercessors waiting for us to turn to Him for help for His Beloved nation. Heaven will rule in the end and God's Ways which are perfect will be followed by the nations of the world, from Jerusalem. Protect her, love her and stand with her in the earnestness of prayer. God's blessings will follow, and escort you throughout your day.

Until He Comes,  
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