Guarding The Gates

“And he said, Listen you, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, “And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy!” (Nehemiah 13:22, KJV).

Our hearts and minds have gates, can listen or take in wrong or false teachings about Israel. We need to shut the gate to any form of Replacement Theology which is a barrier to Godly prayer for Israel. Gates are erected for safety. Satan erected fortresses of lies through Replacement Theology through the centuries, this is the way Christian anti-Semitism developed. As my friend, Donna Jollay says “the Church has been stewed and marinated in it”. We must watch over Israel’s gates through serious and continual prayer.

Yeshua (Jesus) tells us to cleanse ourselves from all paganism, false teachings, not to be deceived in the latter times and wants us to keep our garments from being defiled. We do this by guarding our own gates, so that false teachings do not enter into our lives. Learn all you can from Godly Bible scholars, and teachers about the Second Coming of Christ, the Coming Kingdom to Israel, and the Role and Rise of Israel in today’s world. God’s Word is at work and He is fulfilling it daily in this Land, and will throughout the earth. We are to be (in Hebrew, a Shomer, or Shomrim (plural) a guard or watcher or like mounted guards, in care of Israel.

Let Us Enter the Throne Room of Prayer

• **Thank God that** we guard our hearts and that we do not hate any people group, including those who persecute and terrorize Israel but, we do hate the spirit that is driving them to commit murder and terror and violence against God’s People. We know it is pure deception. **“Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put devious speech far from you. Let your eyes look directly ahead, and your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established”** (Proverbs 4:24-25).

• **Proclaim that** as Christians we will not speak against the Jewish people, even as feuds are going on between the two people groups in the Old City after property was sold to Jewish people. After selling property to a Jewish investor, the Church turned against Israel and hostilities began. The Orthodox
Church’s nefarious relationship with Israel with the Jewish people needs to be healed. “And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:31, KJV).

- **Fix your eye gates** and gaze upon Jesus. We all need to prepare for His Return to Jerusalem. Israel’s foreign minister, (as reported on July 18, Jewish News Service, JNS, Breaking Israel News.com), is going to announce a plan to have all world embassies to move to Jerusalem. “Jerusalem stands built up, a city knitted together” (Psalm 122:3).

- **Pray for** the family of the student-soldier found stabbed to death in the Gush Etzion terror attack August 7th, 2019. He was on his way to study the Torah at Ohr Torah Stone in Migdal Oz.

- **Thank God for** the Palestinian hero and family granted Israeli residency for helping terror-attack Jewish victims. He faced death threats for saving the lives of Israeli children following a terrorist attack that killed their rabbi father near Hebron on July 1, 2016. “You belong here”, Israel told him.

- **Thank God** Jews and Christians came together this past Tisha B’Av.

Serving Him With Gladness,
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