

Watchman's Prayer Letter



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Celebrating God!

“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee” (Psalm 9:10).

“This is the story of churches. Every single move of the Spirit has, within a generation, been robbed of its inner content and values, because we have never learnt the simple lesson that we are called to be watchmen. We are called...to enter into the purpose of God to go forward not to go backward, not to go downwards, not to go up, but to stand, to withstand, and having done all, to stand...The people of God (in the Body) must learn to intercede. If they don't learn this lesson then all is lost... My dear friends, God calls us to be watchmen for Israel. It is a call.” (Lance Lambert)



Preparations for the Feast of Tabernacles - Mea Shearim (one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem)

The month of October, in the Jewish world, is a joyous month of ordained times of the year to remember God and His Mighty Works. It is such a joy to live in Israel because this nation is charged with the responsibility of never forgetting Almighty God and what He has done in the past for them and how He is working today in modern times. I cannot think of a nation anywhere else that celebrates GOD so much...as this tiny Jewish nation. It is not only a miracle nation existing today out of the vestiges of WWII in Europe, but also of a past history when they had to fight wars for survival against the nations. Today's battles are still aimed at their total destruction. I write this Watchman's Prayer Letter on the afternoon before Yom Kippur, the most holy day in the nation of Israel, where an entire nation comes to a full stop – everywhere. As a Christian who follows Jesus, we spend our time also confessing our shortcomings and taking stock of ourselves. How thankful we are for the Master and we use this day to also pray for Israel. As Israel goes to prayer and repentance before God, my prayer is that the “Church” and all believers in Jesus (Yeshua) will also come to grips with historical as well as present sins against the Chosen People of God. Few spiritual leaders today realize that they are outside the realm of the Commonwealth of Israel, on their own, totally separated and divided from God's People. What a shame, because the richness from the nourishment of our mother root system is being missed in so many places and yet, we see such an interest in many nations in being a part of the end time restoration of “all things” (Acts 3:21). We must remind ourselves, that in the first and second centuries, believers in Jesus NEVER separated nor divided themselves from the synagogue, but in fact,

attended synagogue with the Jews. It was not until Constantine and Antioch that the most horrific division of separation occurred, which brought about a widespread gap as wide as the Royal Gorge in Colorado. It was then that believers stopped celebrating the Feasts of the Lord. We are thankful to God for all Christians today who do not see Israel as a threat to their faith, but see Israel as necessary for the fullness of the faith and the hope of His return. For if there is no Jerusalem, no Israel, to return to, then He will not come back. Let's rejoice in the Feasts of Israel and celebrate with Israel, wherever it is possible – in your own living room, your place of prayer, or your intercessory closet. God hears us and sees our hearts, and will help you enter into the fullness of your living faith!



We say **“Hag Sameah!”** – **Happy Holidays** in Israel. From Jerusalem with love, we shout from the mountain tops (Ray and I actually live on a mountain around about Jerusalem) keeping our eyes upon the Eastern sky for the Great Shofar to sound. May He hasten the day when, we as Gentiles, will not only *“rejoice with His People”* (Romans 15:10), but we will stand side by side in Jerusalem with them during the reign of the Kingdom of God on earth, or standing with them in spirit, knowing that we wait from one feast to another, to celebrate GOD!

Let's Enter Into Our Chambers of Prayer Together:

REFLECTIONS: During these days of reflection, repentance and joy, there are many issues that face this beloved nation. Issues that are not new, not uncommon to this part of the world. However, they are events and circumstances which continue to develop and which could bring great harm or devastation to the chosen nation. Therefore, we cannot afford to relax or sleep, with heads in the sand, during these radical and dangerous days. While Israel is outstanding in many areas of life, in service, in medical, scientific, technological and humanitarian ways, she is still hated by many nations, especially under the strong influence of Islamic hatred. While we know that the war is a spiritually motivated one bent on Israel's total destruction in order to prevent the Messiah (Jesus) from coming to Israel, we must realize it is our duty as Watchmen on her Walls, to stay stationed at our posts UNTIL the calamity is over. Thank you for standing strong. Please share this prayer guide with as many prayer warriors all over the earth that you can. Mobilizing additional troops is our goal. Now let us go to prayer.



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- **Seek the Lord**, for the shofar, like a knife, tears open the hearts of many Jewish people during these days of repentance and awe of the Lord God of Israel. One day the Great Shofar will blow and He will return. This is our challenge: to either remain complacent and apathetic toward God's Chosen People, the Jews, or we can pick up our own Shofar and blow the news of Jesus' return (to Jerusalem), which may open new horizons in the lives of others. We must ask forgiveness for not being active, but too passive, in standing and doing something to show the Jewish people we care. **“For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great” (Psalm 25:11).**
- **Thank the Lord that** He perseveres and never slumbers, nor takes a siesta, when it comes to His People, Israel. **“Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:4).** Neither should we, for as He watches, so must we, His children.

- **Intercede fervently for** the new era into which Israel and the world has entered. In the Torah portion, the great prophet Moses got ready to hand over the reins of power to Joshua. It is a vulnerable time for Israel and not easy at this moment, as one great Israeli leader passed on recently – the last of the “founding fathers” of the nation. Moshe Herman wrote that “another era, the era of the Land of Israel is emerging.” Israel is on the rise; let’s pray that the King of Glory will soon enter Israel’s gates and bring redemption. **“Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in” (Psalm 24:8,9).** Thank you Lord for your Promise to Return.
- **Speak God’s Promises of Divine protection** over His People in these days when Yoav Zitun recently asked the question, *“Have you ever looked down the barrel of a cocked gun? It is not a good feeling. We here in Israel are currently looking down the ‘barrels’ of some 23,000 missile launchers, according to IDF sources.”* (CFI Israel News Digest, 26 September, 2016, YnetNews article). **“In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God...”** (Zechariah 12:8).
- **Believe in Prayer that** Israel will be guided, by God’s Hand, to uncover terrorist plots and to capture terrorists *before* they kill and murder. Recently IDF soldiers captured 14 wanted Arab fugitives in various parts of the PA-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria. Pray for the Jewish families of Judea and Samaria who have built their homes and lives in the Biblical heartland of Israel. **“Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria...”** (Jeremiah 31:5).
- **Pray that** Israeli bulldozers will continue to search and locate terror tunnels, which, if allowed to be operative, would end up with thousands of terrorists coming into Israel to kill many innocent Israelis.
- **Intercede for** all Israelis to turn back to God during these High Holy days, for the veil to be lifted and that the Hand of God will be clearly seen during times of trouble in the Land. **“Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people”** (Psalm 77:14).
- **Pray that God** will protect the many Christians in the Middle East who are being persecuted at the hands of ISIS and Islamic terrorism. May many of us learn from the strong faith and belief that is deep within the hearts of so many victims of evil treatment. Especially pray for the little children who are suffering and are now alone without parents or guardians. **“Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger”** (Psalm 8:2).
- **Thank the Lord that** Israel has reached out to many to assist in their days of grief and suffering. Embattled Syrians, wounded enemies, injured children from Syria and Gaza, and many suffering peoples surrounding the tiny nation have been helped in the healing process of their bodies and given back their lives, because God has used His Chosen People to reach out in human love and compassion to help. This is the story that most people never hear about in their lands.

Once again, thank you to each of you in your prayer groups, Bible study classes, Sunday school classrooms, prayer closets and individual watchmen (men and women) who utilize these prayer bulletins that come directly from Jerusalem each month. Send them on everywhere and help us mobilize the troops in an effective way for a greater far-reaching effect. Please write me if these bulletins are a help to you and your prayer groups at prayer@cfijerusalem.org.

Until He Comes,

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