

Watchman's Prayer Letter



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The Heart of World Focus

“This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her” (Ezekiel 5:5).

Zion, in Hebrew **צִיּוֹן** (*Tzion*), comes from the verb **לְצַיֵּן** “*letzayen*” which means “*to mark something*” or “*to emphasize something.*” Zion, therefore, describes Zion as God’s focus and impact upon the nations of the earth. The reason Zion is called, “Zion,” is because God has singled out this place from all other places in the world. When we do simple Hebrew word studies the depth of Scripture, previously hidden behind the English translation, opens up to us in a new and beautiful way! “To read the Bible always and only in translation is like listening to Bach always and only on harmonica. You will get the tune, but you will miss everything else.” (Israel Study Center, Dr. Eli Lyzorken-Eisenberg, www.israelstudycenter.com)



How wonderful that today we have available to us, Bible scholars straight from Jerusalem willing to teach those in the nations, especially Christians, all about context, circumstances, background and the meaning of the original texts of our Bibles. Because of this, our churches and fellowship have become so much more educated in the root of our faith, the Torah. I encourage everyone to begin to learn more about the deeper interpretation from Jewish lenses. More and more you will see the name Israel in the newspapers and on the news through television and the Internet. Jerusalem will continually be the center of world controversy and contention. Israel seems to be a minefield of explosive issues for radical Islam because it is in direct opposition to what the Lord God of Israel has destined for the Jewish people in the latter days. Fanatical Islam will be the greatest opposer to The City of Zion (Jerusalem) becoming completely under Israeli sovereignty. By the way, under Israeli rule, all citizens of Jerusalem and the three major faiths of the world, have complete freedom to worship. This is not enough as the devil himself, wants this City “*marked for God’s throne*” (**Jeremiah 3:17**) for his rule. He wishes to emphasize his importance, not the One True God’s. Therefore, God’s eyes are watching over Zion at every moment, His Focus is upon this specially marked City. His signature is written all over it. As you study Bible prophecy, read from the original Hebrew wherever and whenever you can. Find a place like the Israel Study Center online. Learn more about the most important City upon the earth: Zion, the Holy City of God! (**Psalm 48:1,8; 48:1-3; 46:4-5; Hebrews 11:10; Revelation 21:2; Ezekiel 40:2**).

Let’s Go to the Throne Room of Prayer

- **Thank God** for the recent, well received, rainfall in Jerusalem, and across the Land. Pray for the beautiful Sea of Galilee (current water is still low) to be raised this year to a magnificent level. Thousands in Israel prayed and also around the world. **“He waters the earth to make it fertile. The rivers of God will not run dry! He prepares the earth for His People and sends them rich harvests of grain. He waters the furrows with abundant rain. Showers soften the earth, melting the clods and causing seeds to sprout across the Land. Then He crowns it all with green, lush pastures in the wilderness; hillsides blossom with joy”** (Psalm 65:9-12, The One Year Bible).
- **Pray for** the young people, many secular, that they will mend their ways of life, for in many ways, they have followed the youth of the nations. (**Jeremiah 7:3**).

- **Intercede that** Israel will find their identity in the Lord and no one else. **“And they shall be my people, and I will be their God” (Jeremiah 32:38, KJV).**
- **Intervene in prayer for** Israel to turn and obey the Voice of God, **Jeremiah 7:23.** Pray that they may go forward and not backward in their spiritual journey with God.
- **Ask God** to forgive them for polluting the precious Land He has given to them with abortion, drugs, promiscuity, transgenderism, homosexuality, and corruption.
- **Pray that** all corruption be exposed and dealt with. **And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. (2 Kings 23:13, KJV).** Israel is to be “holy unto the Lord.” Let us pray for this.
- **Pray fervently for** the “snorting of war horses” can be heard from fanatic Islam, the Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah, Lebanon – on all of Israel’s five fronts. **“The snorting of His horses was heard from Dan. The whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones...” (Jeremiah 8:16, KJV).**
- **Pray** with compassion for the families who have lost loved ones, brutally murdered by terrorists. Their eyes have been a constant fountain of tears, and weeping day and night, for their innocent slain as death came through their windows. **“Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” (Jeremiah 9:1, KJV).** “For death has come through our windows, has entered our palaces, to kill off the children...”. (Jeremiah 9:21, KJV). May the Lord give Israel strength to bear the pain of losing so many loved ones. May He give them a boldness within to not stop, but to keep building and growing. May He cause them to have more faith than ever before and to trust in the Lord their God, with all of their hearts, souls and strength. God is going to do the rest. .
- **Pray hard for** the prophesied circumcision of heart to come. (Study Ezekiel 36).
- **Pray for wisdom for** Israel to handle the African refugee problem. Solomon’s **wisdom** was greater than the **wisdom** of all the people of the East, and greater than all the **wisdom** of Egypt. **(1 Kings 4:30, KJV).** Many lovely Africans would like to stay; however, it puts the State of Israel in a difficult place in order to retain the Jewishness of the Land. Let us pray that GOD will give the leaders much wisdom regarding those remaining in the Land.
- **Intercede for** the 70th Anniversary celebrations this year and that Divine protection will be upon all of the activities, festivities and celebrations. May everything move forward without any dangerous incidences. **“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.” (Psalm 121:7, JV).**

The Bible tells us that we are to rejoice with His People! **“And again, he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” (Romans 15:11).** This is a year to rejoice that God Himself has brought Israel to the place of being recognized as one of the most advanced, happiest and safest places on earth. We are to delight, and take pleasure, in the fact that HIS WORD is coming to pass just as He said it would. All of God’s Promises are taking place all around us. We need to “look up” and see that the Coming of Messiah Jesus may be very soon. Thank God with all of your heart that we can trust in His Word, love His People, and have faith in His Promises! Let’s continue to keep Zion as our focal point, when praying for the nations. It is the City, Land and People of God!

Until He Comes,
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