



# Watchman's

## Prayer Letter

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## The God of the Armies of Israel



*David and Goliath* (by Osmar Schindler)

***“David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” (1 Samuel 17:45 NIV)***

Is the One God truly the God of the armies of Israel today? If you have never visited Israel, then you must visit the Elah Valley, the location described in the Bible where the Israelites were encamped when David fought Goliath. “The Philistine army had gathered for war against Israel. The two armies faced each other for battle on opposite sides of the valley. A Philistine giant (Goliath) measuring over 2.7 meters (9ft) tall and wearing full armor came out each day...mocking and challenging the Israelites to fight. Saul, the King of Israel, and the army were terrified of Goliath. David volunteered to fight Goliath. It took some persuasion, but King Saul finally agreed to let David fight against the giant. As Goliath moved in for the kill, David reached into his bag and slung one of his stones at Goliath’s head. The stone hit the giant’s forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. David took Goliath’s sword, killed him and then cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.” (*Wikipedia*)

Many giant enemies of Israel still fight God’s Chosen People today. They fight in the name of *their god*. While young David made the above statement recorded in the book of Samuel, when he was anointed to fight the Philistines, today it’s the Palestinians. Our question remains, is God still the God of the armies of Israel, or did he suddenly become the God of another army? Can God change? The modern army of Israel is God’s right arm in many ways. Even if there are atheists, or nonbelievers within the army, many Christians are in the army of Israel and as every man signed up on his own accord, he essentially is serving Israel’s God (the Creator of the whole earth) whether they acknowledge it or not. Some may be serving because they live in Israel, but still they are being a blessing as Israel’s protectors, and guardians, and by desiring to serve, both Arab and other minorities, are fighting in the name of the Lord. I personally think God’s way of “defending” the nation, is through the IDF, and other branches of soldiers in today’s modern Israel. God has indeed planted Israel and promised to defend them. He defends them through those serving to protect the Land and People. ***“Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.” (Jeremiah 32:41). “...the Lord of Armies will defend Jerusalem like a hovering bird. He will defend it and rescue it. He will pass over it and protect it...” (Isaiah 31:5).*** Also Zechariah 12:8, Jeremiah 51:36, and Psalm 20:2).

There are always new problems that come every day for Israel’s soldiers and they must find new solutions to try to stop the deep-seated hatred that propels every rocket, as well as attack, on innocent Israeli families and their children. In many cases, while Israel’s enemies send firebombs, Israel’s children have sent back balloons with candy. In the case of Iran, who wants to wipe Israel out and kill every Israeli citizen, what in God’s Name are they thinking? Israel’s Prime Minister in return for the threat, has offered Iranians water solutions. As Israel’s enemies from Gaza, send rockets into Israel, Israel sends aid into Gaza. As Israel’s enemies enjoy killing Israelis, Israeli’s take the terrorists who survive an attack, to the hospital and save their lives, where possible. When Israel’s enemies in places such as Syria are fighting their own battles, Syrian refugees recently gathered on



*IDF soldiers patrolling near Gaza border*

Israel's Golan Heights border area and took shelter as they knew Israel would do all they could to protect them. Israel's medical experts have helped many pregnant mothers from Syria who crossed into Israel, for medical help. While Israel's enemies love hatred and death, Israelis continue to pursue peace, and life. I believe that we, as Christians, have a duty and responsibility to stay at our own posts, as Watchmen, planting the flag of peace, in the Name of the Lord and pray for the protection, security, and success of Israel's military, be it army, navy or air force. All are fighting for the Land which God promised the Jewish people. Only God can usher in true peace, when Messiah comes, but until then, we need to be known as God's Guardians over Israel in the spiritual world of prayer and intercession. Onward Christian prayer warriors! Our numbers around the world, are the unknown, unaware army, fighting, in the spiritual realm, for her! All nations must come to grips that there is only One True God: the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

If you have never fought as a soldier, one lone soldier described real life on the Gaza Front. "...words cannot describe the situations my comrades and I have been through...the most difficult border in Israel...it is not the fact we did not take off our shoes the past week nor shower, not the fact we didn't talk to our friends and family the past week, it's not the fact we sleep an average four hours a night, let's not talk about when was the last time we went home...it was the fact we did all of this, and at the end of the week, we saw in the media only criticism, how we kill innocent Palestinians. Well, I want to put things straight, since I'm actually here...have you ever seen 4,000 people running toward you full of hate, yelling "Allahu Akbar"?...this is the daily threat on the border...people run toward us with knives and axes and mean to kill us....we have the right to defend our people, family and friends. We know if they pass us they are going for them...The IDF first sends pamphlets describing that we will shoot, but that we don't want to. We send smelly bombs to keep them away--no country in the world does that. After all this, they keep coming...you see things you will never forget....every shot we take is to protect the people we love." (IDF soldier Matan Barad/JNS.org/Unit-edwithisrael.org, 9/6/18). Defending your people in the power of the One True God, is the only way to fight a enemy. Also pray for the honey industry, and the many agricultural fields that produce food for the country, to be restored from the fire kites sent over our border by the Palestinians.

## Let's Enter the Throne Room Together

- **Pray for** mercy on Israel's northern border, near Lebanon, as her largest hospital in the north has prepared for war with a 2000-bed medical facility. Also a huge earthquake has been predicted by Israeli authorities, which could take place in the north, or other parts of Israel. A number of smaller quakes have already taken place.
- **Intercede for** the Israeli army and other branches of the military so that they continue to operate as a team. The platoons are like family, like brothers, far more than friends. The IDF has been the people's army since its inception and 65% of Israeli-Arabs are proud to be Israeli.
- **Thank God for** Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu and his cabinet. Please pray God will give them supernatural wisdom and clarity on every threatening situation. (Proverbs 8:12; 14, 15-16). ***"When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt... For the LORD your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you"*** (Deuteronomy 20:1-4, KJV).
- **Pray Fervently for** the back of the severe drought in Israel to be broken. Unusual summer rains flooded Israel's south in June, when June rainfall is usually zero. The Sea of Galilee is still going through a punishing drought also. Pray for Israel to turn to the Lord for healing, and for sin in the Land.
- **Call upon His Name** and truly stand in the gap for Israel. Not one person is perfect, but, even though we ourselves are imperfect, we often need to repent of our actions and sins of omission, and commission. Pray for the shortcomings of Israel as they have high requirements and expectations by Father God, which they are not meeting in certain areas. As Moses stood between the Judge and the Accused (**Exodus 32:9-12, 13**), we need to stand in prayer for repentance of religious hypocrisy, and gay people parading on God's streets (just as in many of our nations).
- **Thank God for** the Iranian people who sent messages to Israel "We love you, and know you love us."

Until He Comes,

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