



# Watchman's

## Prayer Letter

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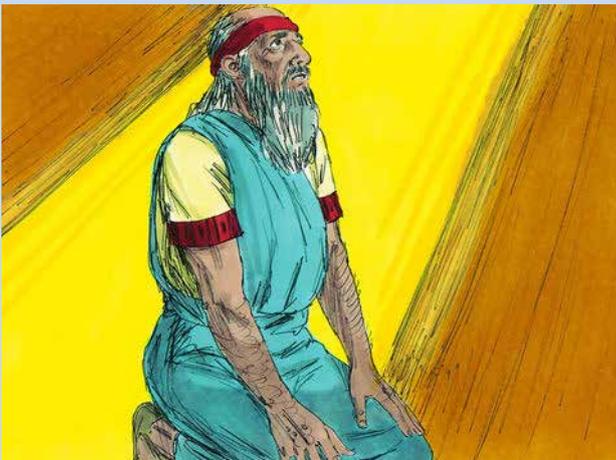
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## The Call of Ezekiel as Watchman

*“Ezekiel, I have appointed you to stand watch for the people of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7, CEV)*



**Ezekiel's Call**

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“You can love Israel, but my question to you...is “How much do you really pray for us?” and, “How much are you prepared to suffer in the place of prayer for us?” The rest is superficial. Unfortunately, in charismatic circles, this whole question of intercession has been devalued. People tell me that they’re going to have a time of intercession. It’s anything but intercession. Intercession is the deepest form of prayer, because we shall see, I believe... that it is no small thing, no light thing, and no not an easy thing. **The need for intercessors, for watchmen...in particular to do with Israel and the Jewish people, is vital.** The intercessor is the key to everything...

In Ezekiel the Lord wrote off everything in the land, prophet, priest, king, nobles and people, everything, wherever you looked there was nothing that came up to His standard, nothing that His blessing could rest upon, nothing that His

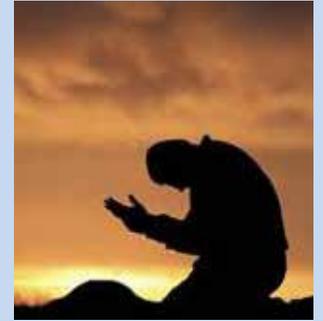
smile could be given to. What does He say? “I looked for the King?” No! “I looked for a prophet?” “I looked for a priest?” No! “I looked for the church?” No! “I looked for a **man**,” he says. “One solitary man who would stand in the gap, and build up that wall, and I found none.” One man!...the key to any national situation, or any international situation is the intercessor...the Lord looks upon that matter as so strategic and the enemy knows it”. (Lance Lambert on Intercession, excerpt from a talk given by Lance Lambert at the Christian Friends of Israel Teaching Conference in Jerusalem, May 28, 1987). This word from Lance is as important, if not more important today, than when it was delivered to an international audience years before. As someone once compared themselves to a salmon fighting its way upstream, we with a Watchmen Call upon our lives, can continue to “swim” until the Lord Jesus returns to Jerusalem, or until the Lord calls us to our eternal home.

“Watchmen in the Bible were guards responsible for protecting towns and military installations from surprise enemy attacks and other potential dangers. Ancient Israelite cities often stationed watchmen on high walls or in watchtowers. Their job was to keep watch and warn the townspeople of impending threats. The Hebrew word translated “watchman” means “*one who looks out...one who watches.*” Sometimes watchmen were scouts who looked out for approaching friends as well as enemies. There are many references to watchmen who kept an eye out for physical threats in the Bible: “Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came and said, ‘I see a company.’ And Joram said, **‘Take a horseman and send to meet them, and let him say, ‘Is it peace?’” (2 Kings 9:17b, ESV).**

As Lance said at the CFI conference, “It seems as if Israel is always in some critical situation and so for this reason we have to pray – we need more intercessors who understand what the objective of the Lord is, what the end of the Lord is. If the powers of darkness have their way there will be no House of Israel to be saved. There will be no nation here to be redeemed...Dear friends this is the call to be Watchmen.”

Won't you consider raising up a Watchmen on the Wall prayer group in your nation, and city? Even though the above scripture, in context was for Ezekiel personally to stand in the gap for his nation, it is for all who love the God of Israel, and His Chosen People. Praying God's Word over Israel is prophetic and timely. The call goes out to rebuild the walls of prayer that have been broken down in many places... NOW is the time to step up in prayer for Israel.

# Let us Pray Together in the Spirit



- **Thank God for the rain!** The prayers of our Watchmen were greatly answered with torrents of rain in Israel this winter. The desert, Jerusalem and surrounding cities and towns are green, and are abloom with multi-colors of beautiful fields of flowers across God's chosen Land. ***"Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field"*** (Zechariah 10:1).
- **Intercede for** the area of the Golan Heights which belongs to Israel. God will judge all nations who continue to poke Him in the Eye in regard to the Land, which He has granted to Israel. Those who split up, divide, or cut up the fields, cities, and portion of Land belonging to Israel which have been allotted to her by God, will pay a huge price. ***"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land"*** (Joel 3:2).
- **Pray fervently for** Israel's military branches who are the modern day warriors of this nation. Everyone's hearts long for the day when swords will be beaten into plowshares, and the Lord God Almighty of Israel, will be worshipped and praised by all nations. Pray for soldiers on the frontlines, in the supply centers, behind the computers and those who have boots on the ground and are daily in harm's way from the extreme hatred surrounding them. ***"And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded"*** (Zechariah 10:5).
- **Pray diligently for** the Arab nations who hate Israel (for God loves all nations, but hates the cursing of His People). May they come to grips with the millions of square miles they already have and as Esau once said to Jacob, may they utter from their lips also: ***"And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself"*** (Genesis 33:9). This was a moment when Esau realized he had enough space in which to live.
- **Beseech God for** Israel to pass through her sea of troubles, that God will deliver Israel from all of her enemies and that those who rule the nations who hate Israel will drop their swords, and that the hardened hearts and pride would become soft. Only the Coming of the Lord is going to do this, so let's add a longing for Yeshua/Jesus to come again to usher in true peace. ***"And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away"*** (Zechariah 10:11).

With elections coming up in Israel, it is imperative that prayer is raised to God to ensure that His Choice of leaders will arise. We will need supernatural alertness on all of our borders, as well as decisive and wise leadership decisions in any explosive situations that might arise in the future. As we pray, let us thank God for all that He has done for Israel in the past, how He has brought them through every situation, returned them home from 2000 years of dispersion, signaled to them to return to the Land, gave them the stamina, strength and insight to build. Come and visit the Land. Come and see what God is doing to make certain that His prophetic Word is fulfilled. Let us remember Lance's words--that it is the intercessor who is the "key" to victory in any given situation. We all have an important post to fill, and to stand strong during the storms.

Until He Returns,  
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