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The Amazing and Breathtaking Land of Israel



“But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live”
(Numbers 33:55, NIV)

As Christians living in Israel many years now, we can truthfully say that Israel does not try to drive anyone from their Land, but currently many Palestinians do not want to live in peace with Israel, a Land which God is growing, developing and making beautiful as He said He would do once His People came home. There will be a day coming when there is no more terror in the Land, once the Lord returns. May the hearts of Israelis not grow faint, and may they not be afraid of daily reports in the Land, for the reports come year after year, and violent attempts at removing the Jewish people continue to be made. Removing God's People from their Land will never happen because it is against God's Will. ***“I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up, from the Land I have given them,” Says the Lord your God”*** (Amos 9:14-15). For further study on the permanence of the Jewish people once back in their Land, please take the time to study the following Scriptures: Jeremiah 24:6; 7:7; 12:2; 2 Chronicles 33:8. Perhaps, read them aloud together to see how God feels about returning His People home. All peoples who wish to live in peace with them are welcome!

There WILL come a day when the threat of terror is no more. God promises this to His Chosen People: Israel. ***“No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise”*** (Isaiah 60:18, NIV).

Just think! One day in the future, when Messiah returns, the very walls of the Old City of Jerusalem will be called SALVATION! Yeshua's name literally means salvation. There will not even be a mention of disturbance of the wonderful peace brought by Messiah. When you enter Jaffa Gate, or Lion's Gate or New Gate praise will be written above it, or coming from it. It will be wonderful. Joshua Hasten is the International Spokesperson for Gush Etzion, and he reported recently, in *Inside Israel* as follows: "...In response to the launch of US President Trump's upcoming peace plan, PA officials are threatening to launch a "popular uprising" later this month... The language used is essentially a threat of violence and terror. Ironically...when a third party such as the US initiates a plan that they don't like, that violence is somehow always directed at Israel...Israel must fight to maintain her God-given orders. Each day is a continual struggle against infiltration... and the complex issue which often follows is retaliatory raids. As the President of Israel said recently at a Christian conference, "We are on God's side!" which makes us unique in our fight against our enemies. This should not be underestimated.

Another prayer concern is the repeat election due on September 17th, the drafting of Yeshiva students, and arguments between politicians. What are the answers? We must stand with Israel through all of her

outside, and inside struggles in the spirit of prayer. The September 17 repeat election will most likely be a lot more complex than people expect. We must pray that God's choice for a leader for Israel at this time will become the will of the people's choice. Some believe that Bibi Netanyahu has walked into a mine field and that his party is doomed. However, GOD will have the last say as He tells us: As in the days of Jeroboam, God Himself will raise up a king (a leader) to lead Israel. ***"The LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel...."***

When the Jewish people decided to return to their homeland (especially after WWII, 1948) and began to rebuild their lives there, the first Zionists dreamed of a beautiful land of "milk and honey" (Exodus 3:17) as mentioned in the Jewish Bible. From one Jewish source it is termed "a land of milk and honey" because when Messiah is ruling and reigning from Jerusalem one day in the future, there will be no more bloodshed and violence. Cows give milk without pain nor bloodshed. Bees give honey without pain and bloodshed; therefore, it is thought that this is one meaning of this wonderful term. There were swamps before the beautiful fertile land we see today. If one visits, they can see many fields of wheat, corn, oranges, lemons and much, much more. The exporting of many varieties of Israeli agricultural products abroad to other nations is a dream that started years and years ago. (Information from Lp.rosenhebrewschool.com). When my husband and I arrived in 1985, even what we saw back then, some thirty years ago, was the start of a portrait of a Land truly blessed by the God of Israel's Hand. He promised the Land would thrive and bloom once He brought his scattered people back to their Homeland, His Choice for them forever. Enjoy a few verses from God's Eternal Word which will encourage anyone who is reading them that the God we also love, is fulfilling His Promises for all the world to see. The marvelous Land and People are for everyone in the nations to come and visit. Don't put off a trip to Israel before God calls you home. See what HE is doing: the people have been given a "mind to work", they have been given a desire to "rebuild", and He has put within their hearts the creative ideas to paint His Land with color and dimension as they plant and restore. Only a visit of your own to Israel will make Israel come alive to you; then your Bible will become even more alive, living, dynamic, and current.

Let us Beseech the Lord in Prayer

- **Pray for** God's Word to continue to come to pass just as He said it would. God would never make a promise that He would not keep as He is not a man that He can lie. Derek Prince always said, "God never makes a mistake!" ***"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19, NIV)***. Israel is certainly a miracle straight from God, and proves that what God says He means.
- **Intercede fervently for** hatred to be removed from the hearts of many Palestinians who have been fed a continual menu of lies against Israel since they were born. The stories of Palestinians meeting Jesus in dreams and visions have changed them completely as they often receive a love for Israel immediately. ***"His talk is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords" (Psalm 55:21, NIV)***. ***"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28-30, KJV)***. May the Palestinians who hate so deeply find rest for their souls.
- **Thank God for** the abundance of harvest and wonderful products which the Land is producing at the Hand and love of God. ***"In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit" (Isaiah 27:6, NIV)***.
- **Pray the Promises that** God will cause the Jewish people to continue to "build" as they continue making their way home from the nations of the world. Thank the Lord that His Love endures forever for Israel and that as long as His Creation in the Heavenlies last, so will Israel live. ***"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. For His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1, NIV)***.
- **Implore the Lord** to cause His Holy Spirit to pass through Israel and bring a great revival here of repentance, reading of God's Word, and a vision which God has for the nation for the future.

As long as God is in control and He will ALWAYS be in control of His World, His Word will continue to come to pass, the nation of Israel will continue to thrive and grow (even amidst war and terror), and His Plans and Purposes for the nation will come into being at His Exact Timing. As Christians, let us pray for Yeshua's soon return in which all will hear the Word of the Lord "from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3)

Until He Arrives,
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