

On Watch Jerusalem



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Keeping Watch Upon His Gates

“Blessed is the man who will listen to me and will keep watch upon my gates all day and guards the posts of my gates.” (Proverbs 8:34, Aramaic Bible in Plain English).



“In the Book of **Daniel 4:13, 17, 23**, there are three references to the class of “watcher, holy one” (watcher, Aramaic *`iyir*; holy one, Aramaic *qaddiysh*). The term is introduced by Nebuchadnezzar when he saw “**a watcher, a holy one come down...from heaven.**” (*Wikipedia*). Watchers sometimes foresaw, and decreed, the future, at other times they sounded the trumpet, and they prayed through until heaven moved. It is important to continually remind those who are “Watchers” on the Walls of Jerusalem from the nations, of just how crucial, essential and valuable are the prayers of the believers from the nations for this chosen Land and People. Watchers are more than spectators or observers. Each praying person is a beholder of the promises of God, for His Chosen People, coming to pass in our day. You are someone who collects reports and information on the plans of the enemy aimed against God’s People. Some in today’s modern world might call you **an intelligencer**, one who gathers intelligence from God’s Word on how to pray to bring down the enemy’s plans, schemes and strongholds. You are one who informs others “how to pray” and passes on information so that armies of intercessors may mobilize in your nation, and around the world, for Israel. “The Bible uses the word “watchers” in only a few special places but...they are awake like a watchman in a watchtower...in a state of wakefulness...” (Jack Wellman, *Christian Crier*).

Watchmen remain in a state of holiness in order to be able to see and hear from God. You are vigilant, alert and attentive at all times to what is happening in God’s Land, among God’s Chosen People, Israel, and with loving hearts and compassionate souls, **you pray...you intercede...you cry to God and you stand in the gap for Israel**. What a privilege to know each of you “in the spirit, even if we have not yet met. Your faithfulness of staying at your posts, at the gates of the House of the Lord, on a daily and regular basis, has earned you the rightful title of a **“Watcher” for the Lord** on the ramparts and places of battlement (in the spirit) realm. **You are bastions of strength in the power of prayer**. You are fortifying Israel through prayer and defending her in the spirit. Thank you for keeping watch upon His Gates! You are God’s Watchers indeed!

Let's Enter the Throne Room of Prayer:



Israel is a nation of survival, one who must stay covered in prayer for her continued existence. Every day since the formation of the Jewish state, 70 years ago this year, Israel's Watchmen in the army, air force and navy, have had to look out on all of her four fronts, to the north, south, east and west, to spot the moves of her enemies, before they strike and cause innocent deaths and irreparable damage to the people, and the Land. While God is Israel's Defender and has been since her birth; He looks for those who will **"stand in the gap" (Ezekiel 22:30)** so that she will be strengthened in the spirit. Always, year round, her borders need prayer, so that infiltrators do not slip through. Her ground coverage must be watched because of terrorists building underground terror tunnels to penetrate, and invade, civilian territory in the state of Israel. The skies must also be watched and as you will see below for prayer. There is plenty of reasons at this time to pray for her safety, Divine protection, and security on all of her borders and frontlines.

Frontline Prayer Points:

- **Pray that** Israel will not rely on any other nation to save her from her enemies, that she, as a Nation will turn only to God. **"Still our eyes failed us, Watching vainly for our help; In our watching we watched for a nation that could not save us" (Lamentations 4:17, NKJ)**. God Almighty wants Israel to look to Him alone and not to rely on other nations. He alone is their source of power and protection. **"Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your strength" (Psalm 54:1, NKJV)**.
- **Thank God that** He is showing Israel how to thwart the plots against her, from terrorists who lie in wait to murder without blinking an eye. **"Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens, they pursued us on the mountains, and lay in wait for us in the wilderness" (Lamentations 4:19, NKJV)**. Thank the Lord that He can give them supernatural wisdom and intelligence to uncover hidden places of destruction throughout the Land.
- **Pray fervently that** Israel turns to the Lord, alone...and does not follow the ways of other nations. **"Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored..." (Lamentations 5:21, NKJV)**. Unfortunately, it has been almost impossible because of the Internet, high technology, and blasphemous movies being shown – available throughout the world – that Israel has taken on the "ways" of the nations. Please pray that every form of vice, evil and wicked way of our nations, be brought under control and outlawed in this nation. May Israel become the "holy" nation to which she has been called. Only through righteousness, repentance, and a true desire to be holy, can this come. It is the LORD who has promised, and will do it. **(Read Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, and Jeremiah 33:8, NKJ)**.
- **Beseech the Lord** for the annual CFI Conference to be held April 16-19, 2018. If you have not sought the Lord about coming up to Jerusalem during Israel's 70th anniversary, please do, or perhaps help someone who wishes to come. Thank you for your prayers.

These are exciting days where Bible prophecy is coming to pass so quickly, that it makes one's head swim. We see the words of the Lord jump off the pages of our Bibles, when we include Israel in our daily prayers and thoughts. We know that Jerusalem will be the City of His Coming Kingdom. It is so exciting to think about this in our days. Your Bible study groups, prayer meetings, fellowship times and church services that include Israel in their times of worship and prayer, will be blessed in the days to come.

Until He Comes,
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Israel's 70th Birthday
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in Jerusalem
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