



Wall of Prayer

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Tekoa, Gush Etzion



Tekoa, Israel, is a settlement located about 20 km northeast of Hebron. It is also about 16 km south of Jerusalem and is in the immediate vicinity of the Palestinian village of Tuqu. It is under the jurisdiction of Israel under the Gush Etzion Regional Council. Two years ago its population was about 3,750 people. Established as a Nahal (army) outpost in 1977, it was handed over to civilian residents. It is named after the home of the Prophet Amos, as the neighboring town of Nokdim indicates he was a shepherd. See Amos 1:1. It is also close to Bethlehem and the foot of the Herodium (Herod's Tomb).

As usual, the international community contests Tekoa as a legal settlement, but then again, “what’s new?” The entire Land of Israel is given to the Jewish people by the Lord God Almighty, written clearly in the Book of Books, the Bible, but the world still disputes it. Therefore, it is a “target” for terrorism at times.

The wonderful people who live there are raising their families, many according to the Torah, the Jewish Scriptures, as God has instructed them. It is an important place to visit when you come to Israel, and a high priority city for which to pray. There is an unnamed figure, a woman, from Tekoa mentioned in the Bible.



View of Tekoa from the Herodium (CC BY-SA 3.0, by Deror Avi, Wikipedia)

She appears in 2 Samuel 14, after Absalom has been banished following his murdering of Amnon. Joab wants David to be reconciled to Absalom, and he sent men to Tekoa to find a wise woman.

All over Israel are the Biblical towns, villages and cities from the Bible, some raised up again, some with archeological digs and work still going on but the Land of Israel is rising, and it is raising up its Biblical foundations, confirming the Bible to be as true as when it was given to the world. Thank you, wherever you are, for praying for Tekoa.

Let Us Come Together in the Spirit of Prayer:

- **Thank God for** Tekoa being mentioned in God's Word, something we can base our prayers upon. See **Jeremiah 6:1; 2 Samuel 14:2; and Amos 1:1**. Also mentioned in **2 Chronicles 20:20**.
- **Praise Him for** protecting the citizens who are called to fulfill God's commandments to possess the Land. ***"But I said to you, "You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has set you apart from the nations"*** (Leviticus 20:24, NIV).
- **Pray for** each family to be kept safe from harm and danger, and that Israel's IDF soldiers will stand in the gap for her day and night. ***"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty"*** (Psalm 91:1).
- **Quote God's Word** against the forces of evil, Hamas (which means "violence" in Hebrew), and against terrorism of all kinds coming from surrounding Arab villages, the children and youth who have been taught from birth to hate the Jewish people, instead of living with them in peace. ***"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day"*** (Psalm 91:5, KJV).
- **Stand in the Gap** as farmers farm the fields, children ride buses to school, families celebrate Shabbat and God's Biblical festivals in their homes, and for Shabbat services to not be interrupted by evil intentions to kill, maim and murder. Pray for the roads to Tekoa, and surrounding areas, that they will be safe and that security forces will be on supernatural alert. ***"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong"*** (1 Corinthians 16:13, NASB).
- **Claim the Promises for** Tekoa to be fully included in the inheritance of the Land of Israel and to know the peace in their home town that will be in the Coming Kingdom of God, when all weapons of military warfare are turned into implements of agriculture rather than for taking someone's life. ***"He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore"*** (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

Tekoa has had numerous instances of terrorism over the past year with innocent people being murdered by the spirit of hatred. Surround her with God's Promises, claiming them, and quoting them in your prayers. God's Word is final – and all of the hatred being spewed out from surrounding Palestinian villages, will not change God's Mind – Israel belongs to God and His Chosen People. Let us walk in tune with the Spirit of God and in truth.

In His Service,
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