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Dear Partner in Ministry,

The questions I'm asked most frequently are about the modern nation of Israel:

- *Who are Israel's enemies, and why do they hate Israel so much?*
- *How did the Middle East conflict begin, and how might it end?*
- *How has Israel survived for so long, against so many enemies?*
- *Do the events in Israel and the rest of the Middle East tell us something about the End Times and the return of Yeshua?*

I'm sure you're aware that support for the nation of Israel—and the role of Israel in God's plan for all humanity—is a critical concern in the ministry of Jewish Voice. I'm very pleased to be able to send you this edition of our *Jewish Voice Today (JVT)* magazine, in which we seek to answer these and many other questions about Israel.

I firmly believe that Israel continues to hold a primary place in God's plan for all of us. He is using—and will continue to use—Israel to fulfill the prophetic promises made to His people until the final return of Yeshua and the establishment of His Kingdom.

That is our hope. It is what we pray for above all else and look forward to, even as we do all in our power to bring more Jewish people to a saving knowledge of Messiah.

As you read this edition of *JVT*, please pray for Israel and that the Church will become more aware of how Israel—in the past, the present, and the future—is critical to the fulfillment of God's will for all of us. And as you pray for Israel, please continue your prayers and financial support for the ministry of Jewish Voice. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

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Where Did It All Start?



THE ORIGINS OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT By Jonathan Bernis

It's not about the land

The creation of the State of Israel in 1948 didn't take a significant amount of land from Middle Eastern Arabs. Israel comprises 0.2 percent of the Middle East's land mass. (That's two-tenths of one percent!) Clearly, that tiny sliver of land that is Israel is not a significant amount of real estate. Even when Israel relinquished the Gaza Strip to be ruled by the Palestinian Authority in exchange for peace, the promised peace never materialized. Under Hamas' rule, Gaza has deteriorated substantially since the 2005 agreement, while its government invests resources to build up arms for attacking Israel rather than improving the quality of life for its citizens.

It's not about dispossession of a Palestinian people

Palestinian Arabs are not a separate people group. They have no distinguishing cultural identity setting them apart from other Arabs, and there is no distinctly Palestinian language. Palestinians are Arabs living in a region formerly known as Judea. They are no more distinct as a people from other Arabs in the Middle East than are residents of the state of Wisconsin distinct from residents of Iowa.

Some would have us believe that the Arab-Israeli conflict is little more than a skirmish over property boundaries and national alliances.

But the battle is so much more, rooted in true injustice and misrepresentations. Thousands of lives have been lost in the half century since Israel became a nation.

In order to understand what the conflict is about, it helps to understand what it *isn't*.

It's not about a Palestinian state

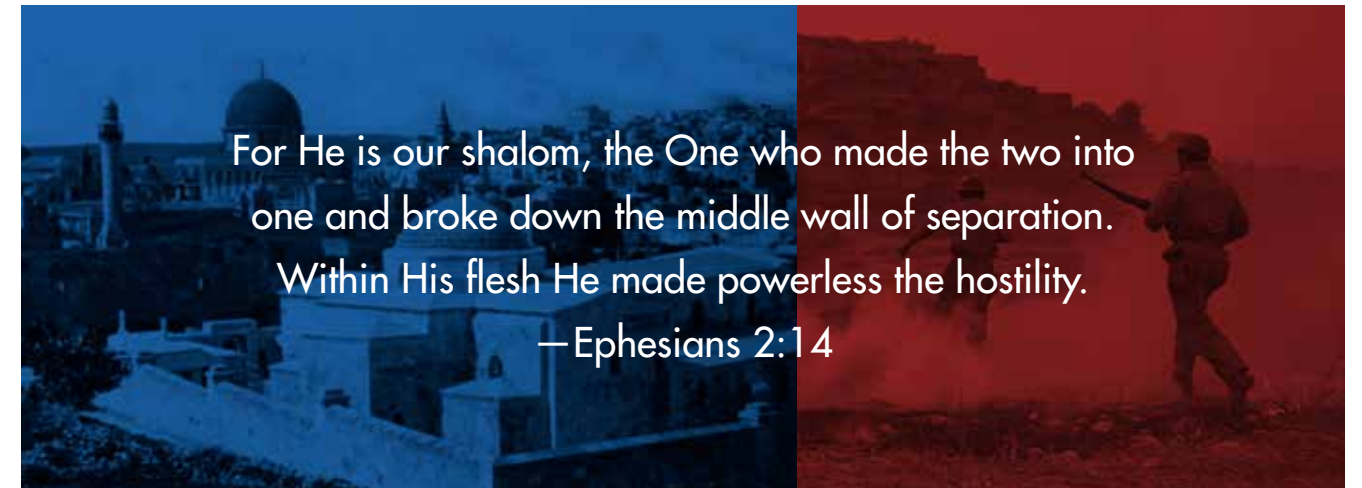
Israel did not usurp a nation known as "Palestine." When the Romans conquered Judea and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D., they drove out the Jewish people. To add insult to injury, they gave Judea the name of Israel's ancient enemy, the Philistines. The Arabic form of the name is Palestine. Palestinian Arabs were never self-governing.

Since the time of Yeshua (Jesus), Arabs living in the region have been ruled successively by the Romans, Byzantines, Muslims, Crusaders, and the Ottoman Empire. Then, in 1922, Great Britain gained control of the area.

For centuries, Palestinian Arabs did not demand an independent state and self-rule. United Nations Resolution 181, the 1947 agreement dividing the Land, made provision to offer the local Arabs their own state called Trans-Jordan. But they refused the Partition Plan, rejected the formation of a nation of Israel, and demanded the whole region, which was never originally theirs, be given to them.

It's not about the refugees

Several months later, Israel declared its independence. Palestinian Arabs living in the region





Silhouette of a Jewish man standing in front of blazing riot fires, Jerusalem, Israel

were offered citizenship, but they declined. That same night, surrounding nations attacked the brand-new nation. They urged Palestinian Arabs to seek refuge in their countries, assuring them they could return in no time since they believed Israel would quickly fall.

When Israel stood strong, hundreds of thousands of people remained in these neighboring Arab nations. While Israel received Jewish people who had been expelled from Arab countries, the vast Arab world refused to assimilate the Arab refugees they'd created and began calling them "Palestinians." They could have welcomed their Arab brothers into their nations, but instead have allowed the growing refugee population to become a humanitarian crisis, while casting blame at the feet of Israel.

It's not about "apartheid"

Israel is not an "occupying nation" forcing "apartheid" on Palestinians. True apartheid is described as officially sanctioned racial segregation along with economic and political discrimination. That is not true of Israel. Arab Israelis are full citizens, bearing the same rights as Jewish Israelis. Arabs hold political and military positions, including among Israel's courts and governing body, the Knesset. Arabs participate freely in the Israeli economy without segregation of facilities or services. Israel protects the religious freedom of all its citizens, regardless of their faith. In fact, research shows that most Israeli Arabs prefer Israel's rule to that of the Palestinian Authority.

These are the accusations that circulate in the headlines and in speeches by Arab rulers, educators, and religious leaders, but none of them are true. Nor are any the real reason for the conflict.

So, what *is* the cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict? The driving force behind these attacks is a violent hatred of the Jewish people along with an insistence that the State of Israel has no right to exist. The single goal of many Palestinians and other Arab leaders? The elimination of Israel.

It is about destroying Israel

The Palestinian charter calls for the eradication of Israel by armed struggle. It also calls for the promotion and protection of its fighters, as well as the mobilization of Arabs. Is it any wonder that the Palestinian Authority refuses to condemn terrorism, discourage incitement, or stop paying terrorists for attacking and killing Israelis? Their founding charter expects those very things of them. It even calls for bringing up Palestinians in a "revolutionary fashion," preparing them to sacrifice their lives for the cause.

Why such hatred?

What lies at the deeper root of the Arab-Israeli conflict? The absence of legitimate reasons gives us a clue. It's a spiritual issue, and the animosity goes back to the book of Genesis, to the strife in Abraham's household over the promised son.

Ishmael vs. Isaac

When Hagar (Sarah's Egyptian handmaid) conceived a child by Abraham, she despised Sarah. When Hagar was sent away, she fled to the wilderness where God spoke to her about her child. This child would become the father of the Arab nations:

"... you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

—Genesis 16:11-12 NIV

It's easy to see that this prophecy has come to

pass. From the beginning, Arab nations have relied on aggression and violence to subdue their enemies.

God took compassion on Hagar and proclaimed that He would also make Ishmael a great nation, and he has done so. But God's promise was clear: He would establish His **covenant** with Isaac (Genesis 17:21).

The conflict, however, reaches further back in history than the time of Ishmael and Isaac. The battle goes all the way to the Garden, and it is Satan's battle against God.

Satan vs. God

In the Garden, after Satan's deception and man's fall, God proclaimed Satan's ultimate demise. Genesis 3:15 reveals that the Messiah will crush Satan's head in final, eternal victory. Satan has been interfering in human history from the beginning, always attempting to disprove God's promises and prophecies.

Scripture promised the Messiah would come through the Jewish people (Genesis 12:3). Through the ages, Satan used men and nations in his efforts to destroy the Jewish people and prevent Messiah's coming. He also knows that in the Last Days, Yeshua will return as the conquering King to Jerusalem in the Land of Israel. Trying to delay his final ruin, Satan continues to assault God's people and the Land of

Israel, seeking to annihilate them.

The true source of the Arab-Israeli conflict is Satan's fight against God. And he is using the Palestinians, Arab terrorist groups, and worldwide propaganda in his ongoing efforts to exterminate God's people and delay his own doom. Satan is the great deceiver. He is deceiving all who follow him, infusing them with a hatred they may not even understand. They are pawns in Satan's battle against God Almighty.

Will there ever be peace?

Because I know that Satan's war against God fuels this conflict, I am certain Yeshua is the only hope for resolving the issues in this troubled region. Scripture instructs us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and promises God's blessing on those who bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:3).

Let us pray that God will open the eyes and hearts of both Jewish people and Arabs to believe in Yeshua. He Himself is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). Although complete peace seems unlikely before Yeshua's return, personal peace and transformed lives will be the result as increasing numbers become Believers in the Middle East during these last days. 🇮🇱



People come from around the world to offer up their prayers at the Western Wall, Jerusalem, Israel

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Longtime JVMI Partner
and Music Icon

Glen Campbell

Dies at 81

By JACK ZIMMERMAN
JVMI Staff Evangelist



Jack Zimmerman with Glen and Kim Campbell

Longtime Jewish Voice Ministries supporter and Country Music Hall of Fame member Glen Campbell died in Nashville on August 8th. He had been struggling through the final stages of Alzheimer's disease. He was originally diagnosed with the disorder in 2011.

The superstar of rock and country music had not performed since his farewell tour in 2012, but his last album, *Adiós*, was released just weeks before his death. That final effort was recorded after his final tour.

Glen became a performer in 1952 and was a chart-topping, Grammy-winning singer in the 1960s and '70s, considered the ultimate crossover performer between Country and Pop genres. He sold 45 million records and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005.

His biggest hits included "Wichita Lineman," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" and "Galveston."

Glen and his wife Kim became involved in the Messianic Jewish movement in the 1990s.

After some highly publicized problems, all-too common side effects of stratospheric stardom, Glen sought help for drug abuse and became a Believer in the 1980s.

"It was the early 1990s when Glen and I saw a

teaching about the Festivals of the Lord on Trinity Broadcasting Network," Kim explained. "We were blown away to learn how intricately they pointed to the work of the Messiah in His first and second comings.

"I immediately became a voracious student of the subject and ordered every book I could find written from a Messianic perspective."

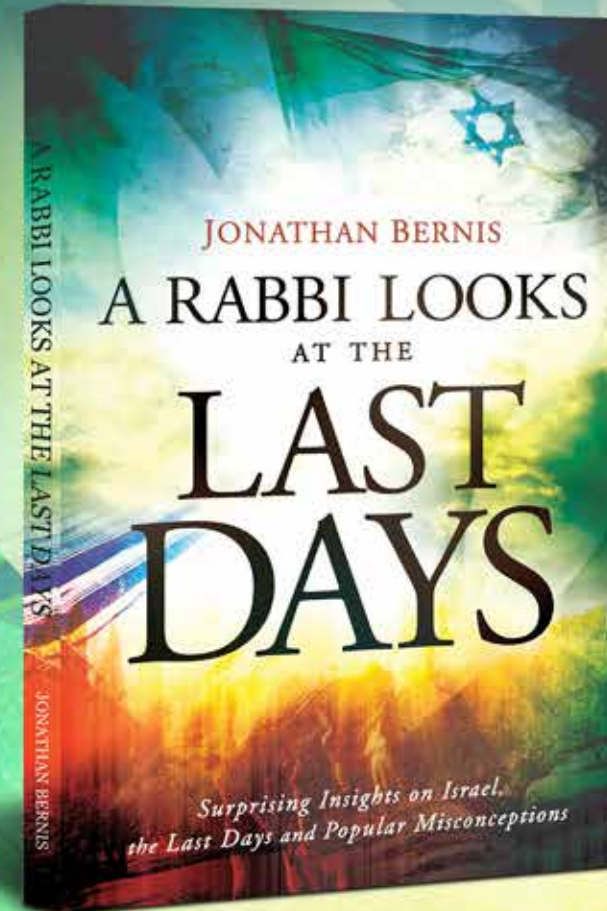
The Campbells then took their family to Israel, where they participated in Yeshiva classes. On their return to their home in Phoenix, they enrolled in Fuller Theological Seminary to take a class at the Messianic Jewish Theological Institute.

Since there was no Messianic congregation in Phoenix at the time, they started a teaching foundation called Torah Study Chavurah, bringing in scholars from all over the world to teach the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

When my wife, Sandie, and I moved to Arizona shortly after that, they invited us to participate. Our families became close friends and when I went to work for Jewish Voice Ministries in 2004, I introduced them to Rabbi Jonathan Bernis, and they became generous supporters of JVMI.

I was honored to officiate at my friend Glen's funeral on August 9th. He will be greatly missed. 🇮🇱

WHAT IF EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW ABOUT THE END TIMES WAS WRONG?



Few topics captivate our minds, or fill our hearts with fear, like the End Times. Books and sermons on the book of Revelation are plentiful. Yet uncertainty and misunderstanding continue to abound.

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- Unpack the mysteries of this unique time with Jonathan's unique perspective.

Bernis' surprising insights, drawn from both Old and New Testaments, will challenge almost everything you thought you knew about the End Times—and show how you can actually help to usher in God's Kingdom.

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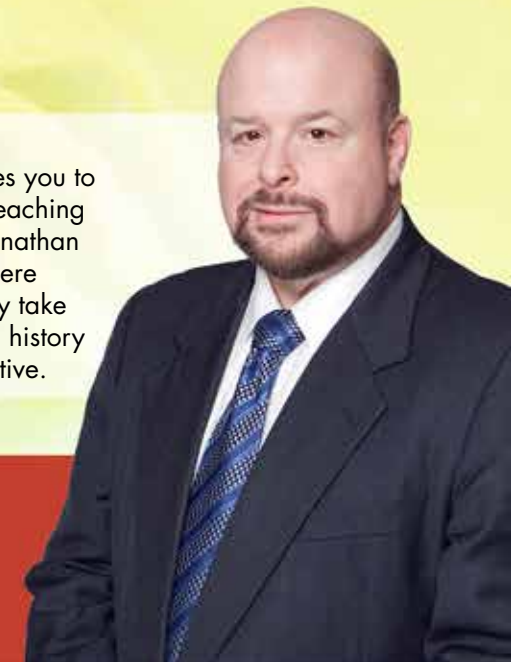
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A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ISRAEL'S ENEMIES



BY DR. JOSEPH FARAH

Do YOU want to understand the conflict in the Middle East?

Let me simplify it for you; look at a map of the United States.

Maybe you're thinking: "Farah, why should I look at a map of the U.S. to understand the Middle East?"

Bear with me. With misinformation, disinformation, and faulty premises prevalent in Mideast assumptions, this fresh analogy will really put things in perspective.

Imagine the state of New Jersey is Israel and the United States is the entire Middle East.

Israel and New Jersey are about the same size. The U.S. and the Middle East are also in the same ballpark.

New Jersey has a nice coastline on the Atlantic Ocean, just as Israel has a beautiful one on the Mediterranean.

New Jersey represents about 0.2 percent of the land mass of the U.S., with the other 49 states controlling 99.8 percent. The same is true for Israel and the Middle East.

New Jersey and Israel have about the same population – 8.5 million. The other states have about 320 million. (The Middle East population is higher at close to 400 million. This figure doesn't include non-Arab Iran, which I'll address in a moment.)

Now imagine there is a "grievance" between the 49 other states and little New Jersey. The grievance is that New Jersey has too much land. The other states want to slice New Jersey in half and create a new state with foreign refugees, while also chopping the capital of Trenton in half, making it the dual capital of New Jersey and the new state of foreign refugees.



Anyone who believes that the Arab nations' grievance with Israel is primarily about land is living in a world of make-believe.

If you can imagine such a scenario, you've now got an understanding of what is commonly referred to as the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But it's actually much worse than that—and even more absurd.

For this to be a serious analogy, we have to picture the 49 American states with the "grievance" in a near constant state of war with each other. Pennsylvania is consumed in civil war. Hundreds of thousands are dead. There are close to one million refugees who have fled the conflict. It's a breeding ground for terrorists. The battle is spilling over into Delaware and part of New York.

Meanwhile, there are other wars taking place between Texas and Oklahoma. And faraway

California is developing nuclear weapons and threatening to destroy New Jersey. California is also sponsoring terrorism all over the rest of North America.

Sometimes, missiles from

Delaware are fired into population centers in New Jersey. New York

sometimes sends terrorists through the Lincoln Tunnel to attack civilians in Union County.

While the 49 states are in conflict with each other, there is one thing on which they agree. New Jersey has to go. Over the past 70 years, the 49 states have waged wars of annihilation against New Jersey four times. All four times, New Jersey has miraculously

prevailed. In moments of candor, the leaders of the other 49 states will admit their ultimate goal is to destroy New Jersey and that cutting it up is just an interim step to their real objective.

If you can picture such a scenario, you are very close to understanding the realities of the Middle East conflict.

It's really that simple. Anyone who believes that the Arab nations' grievance with Israel is primarily about land is living in a world of make-believe. The



Israeli security wall built to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks.

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But the Middle East remains in a seething cauldron of hatred, violence, and war—and Israel has nothing to do with any of it.

First, remember there is a blood feud within the Islamic Middle East. Islam is generally divided into two camps: Sunni and Shia Islam. These two camps hate each other and have been involved in horrific wars for 1,200 years. Each camp considers the other “infidels” and “apostates.” Saudi Arabia is the stronghold of the Sunnis and Iran the base of Shia Islam.

Syria, a client state of Shiite Muslim Iran, is wracked by a civil war, with Sunni terrorists supported by ISIS as its biggest challenge. The war has cost hundreds

of thousands of lives and created a refugee crisis affecting nearly one million people—many of them Believers. There is no end in sight to the violence. Israel shares a border with Syria. Israel’s only real involvement in the conflict is protecting its territory and offering humanitarian relief to the victims of this carnage.

That war has spilled over to Lebanon, where Shiite Iran-sponsored Hezbollah controls the southern border with Israel. If Hezbollah wasn’t preoccupied with its battle with ISIS and propping up the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad, it would probably be firing missiles into Israel as it has many times in the past.

Jordan, a stone’s throw across the river from Israel, is also on guard against ISIS and other terrorist threats. It is a Sunni-dominated state at relative peace with Israel. But the stability of the moderate regime of King Abdullah is always threatened by more extreme Sunni terrorism as well as expansionist Shia Islam.

How about Egypt? During Barack Obama’s administration, the president of Egypt was overthrown and replaced briefly by an extremist

Muslim Brotherhood leader who sought to abrogate the nation’s peace treaty with Israel. But the military stepped in and installed a moderate general in power. Because the forces of extremist Sunni Islam are powerful inside the country, another coup could turn Egypt into a dangerous, well-armed enemy of Israel at any time.

Another major player in the region is Iran, which is working hard toward developing nuclear weapons, exerting influence over Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon, and is just as relentless in its existential threats to destroy Israel as her Arab neighbors have been.

If all of those challenges aren’t enough, we must also factor in Turkey, which had long been under the control of moderate, secular leadership. The country

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is now moving rapidly toward dictatorship under a leader who dreams of restoring a Sunni Islamic Caliphate and a new Ottoman-style empire in which it controls the entire Middle East, including, of course, Israel.

That’s a bird’s-eye view of the larger Middle East, without even mentioning the current war

between Saudi Arabia and Iran quietly taking place in Yemen, far from Israel.

Yet, the world has deluded itself into believing the only chance for peace in the Arab-Israeli stalemate is the roadmap laid out long ago for a two-state solution that involves carving up the peaceful, democratic state of Israel. 🇺🇸

Arabs and Iran have 99.8 percent of the landmass of the Middle East even with the current Israeli borders. Israel really does have 0.2 percent, just like New Jersey. And the Muslim nations of the Middle East all agree on just one thing: Israel controls too much land.

Who in their right mind would believe it? Would you accept the conventional wisdom that dividing New Jersey in half from north to south and handing over the western half to the other 49 would actually result in peace? Would you accept the premise that this “compromise” would make the remaining sliver of New Jersey more secure? Would you think appeasing the aggression of the 49 in this way would really provide a permanent solution to the conflict?

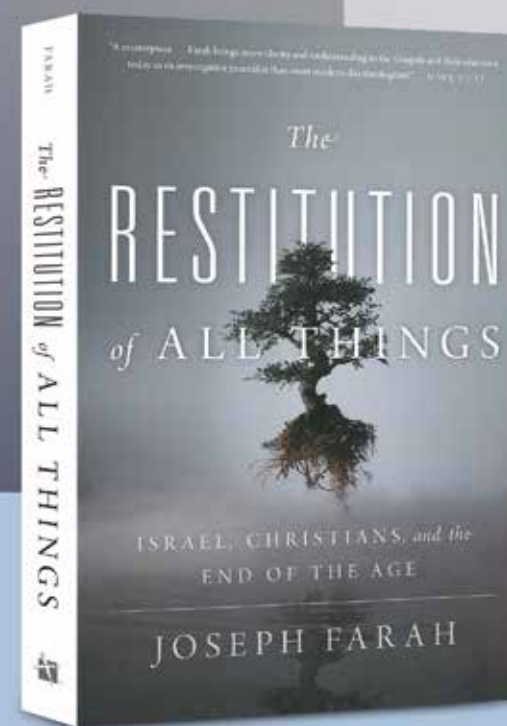
It’s an old cliché, but there’s a lot of truth in it: The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again while expecting different results.

That’s what the U.S. and the rest of the global elite have been doing in pursuit of an elusive peace in the Middle East for at least the past 30 years.

The problem, of course, is not that Israel doesn’t desperately seek a meaningful and lasting peace with its neighbors in the region. It’s hard to imagine any nation in history that has tried harder to achieve it.

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Few sermons teach about it. Few authors expound on it, and few Bible studies explore it. It is the coming Kingdom of God.



While prophecy books abound, few others have focused on the redemption of the earth in this coming Kingdom and what life will be like for mankind. In his book, *The Restitution of All Things: Israel, Christians, and the End of the Age*, veteran journalist and bestselling author Joseph Farah uses Scripture as his primary resource to give you a clear picture of what the coming Kingdom of God will be like. *The Restitution of All Things* also exposes the spiritual traditions of men that often overshadow the commandments of God. It lays bare the pernicious lie that has become known today as “replacement theology” and is a wake-up call to the world regarding the ever-present truth of the Bible, and of the reality of Jesus-Yeshua, the Messiah, the King, the High Priest, the Redeemer, and Son of God. 9281

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JVMI STAFF WRITER

EVEN A WINDSTORM COULDN'T STOP THE WORK OF OUR GOD AT THE WOLISO, ETHIOPIA, CLINIC.

Before the arrival of our Outreach team, advance staff and crew had prepared for their arrival, including setting up massive white event tents. These enormous tents house our Clinic departments, waiting areas, examination rooms and our worship area. But then, overnight, a windstorm blew many them down – where they lay flattened on the Ethiopian soil.

Outreach partners

immediately pitched in to resurrect the tents. By the next day, the whole team was in high gear, stocking supplies and making final preparations for the Clinic to open that afternoon to kick off yet another life-changing Outreach.

Bob Aiken is a Jewish Voice Ministries partner who has volunteered as our photographer on many Medical Outreaches.

This time, as he prepared for

Woliso, Bob had packed a new piece of equipment...a drone! (Some of the amazing photos he was able to capture with the drone are included with this article.)

“The people were watching in amazement as the little quad-copter took off from the ground. The children were especially excited to watch the little aircraft almost disappear from sight at 400 feet above the ground.” – Bob Aiken



On this trip, Bob arrived at the Clinic site early each day, taking pictures of the long lines from his drone camera.

One morning, an Outreach partner, a registered nurse named Mala, called Bob to the nursing station. She and her assistants had just prayed for a patient, and she was particularly excited. The patient, Jemel, was a professing Muslim from the area who came to the Clinic on crutches and brought his little boy. Jemel had been injured when a tree limb fell on him resulting in neuritis, a severe nerve inflammation that was affecting both sides of his leg.

Jemel couldn't walk at all without his crutches. Once he arrived, the nurses in the station not only gave him medical care, but shared the Gospel with him.

As a result, he accepted Yeshua! Mala and the others also prayed for him to be healed.

By the time Bob arrived at the nursing station, he saw Jemel walking without the crutches!

“At first Jemel was afraid to walk without them, but when he left the clinic, he did so with no crutches or assistance!” – Bob Aiken

A few days later, Jemel's wife came to the Clinic to speak with Mala. She was stunned by the changes she had already begun to see in her husband's life since he had accepted Yeshua.

As Bob was documenting the story of Jemel, Mala came and told him about another Muslim who had professed Messiah Yeshua, a 75-year-old man named Nasiv who came to be treated for a hearing problem. Before he left the nursing station, Nasiv was proclaiming, “I love Jesus!”



Joy like Nasiv's was evident throughout the week. Everywhere we went, members of our team were greeted warmly, with hugs and tears of gratitude.

Signs of God's favor weren't limited to the Clinic grounds. Lee Weeks, JVMI Spiritual Affairs Manager, led the prayer team up the side of the mountain to visit a Messianic congregation to pray for the Gefat tribe of Woliso. During the meeting, Lee called the children up front to pray for them and bless them in the name of Yeshua.

“When we arrived at the Gefat congregation, we were met by the sounds of worship as we walked the hill. Once inside, the worship was infectious and there was a profound presence of Adonai.”

– Lee Weeks

Lee took the prayer team to a

second Messianic congregation of the Gefat, about a 45-minute drive away.

The beautiful Gefat children welcomed the JVMI team in their meeting hall. There were many children, but they were all actively engaged in the service, singing, dancing and praying, very much a part of all the worship.

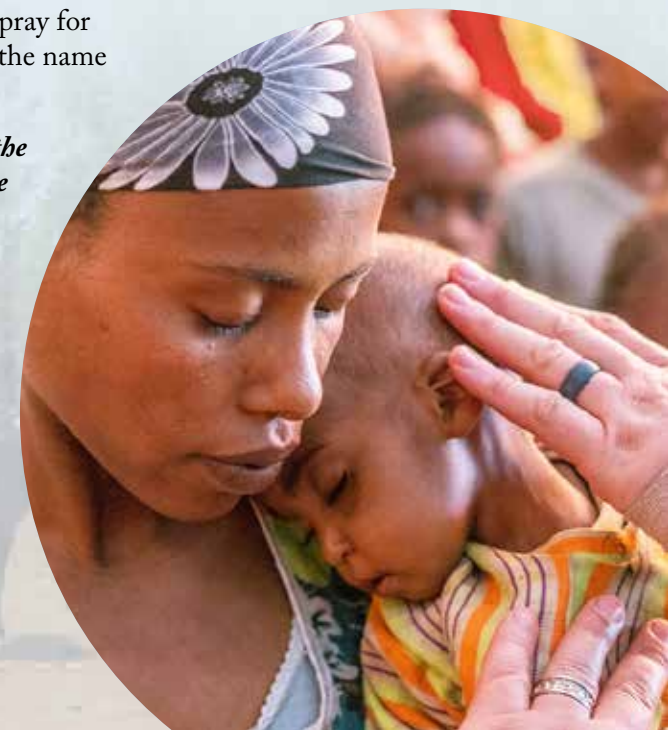
The children were escorted down to the front for prayer. The team prayed for blessings and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the children.

Next, they called for the sick to come forward, and the team prayed and anointed them with oil.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of Messiah's community, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

—James 5:14

Please be in prayer for these congregations. Because of the severe poverty, there is scarcity of basic needs such as water, electricity, and building supplies. Many of the children can't even go to school.





that, unfortunately, the treatment she needed isn't something we're able to do at the Clinic.

He prayed for her and asked her to come back on Friday for a referral to see a specialist in a hospital.

When she came back to the clinic for the referral, the lump was already gone!

Praise the Lord!

Because of your support, Jewish Voice and our partners were able to treat more than 10,000 patients during the five-day Clinic in

Woliso.

Many of them received much-needed dental care, eye care, and even free reading glasses.

Doctors performed hundreds of eye surgeries and other minor surgeries as well.

And thousands received

LifeStraw® filtration devices, helping their communities understand the importance of clean water and hygiene for preventing disease.

But, most importantly, hundreds of people accepted Yeshua as their Savior! And, because of your partnership in this ministry, thousands of Bibles in their local language were distributed.

We were thrilled to be able to help so many, but the more than 500 patients we had to turn away at the end of the Clinic remind us of the great need and why God keeps sending us to places like Woliso.

Through your support of Jewish Voice Ministries, you made a lasting impact on every single life.

Each one experienced the love of Yeshua as he or she passed through the Clinic and received care. Your support provides the equipment, medical supplies, and other components necessary to

But their faith in Yeshua is strong. And, thanks to you, we were able to encourage and bless them.

As the JVMI team left the congregation, the children showered them with hugs and kisses as they said goodbye.

A woman named Buzu came to the clinic on a Monday. She had a lump in her breast. She was sick, in pain, and barely able to eat or even drink water. After the doctor examined her he told her



meet their needs. And, even more importantly, it provides the means by which we can share the Gospel of Yeshua.

With your continuing support,

we can keep taking medical care and the Good News to Jewish people around the world. Together we will watch God move to both physically and eternally transform lives. 🇲🇵

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A PART OF THIS WORK!

WOLISO, ETHIOPIA CLINIC BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL PATIENTS **10,679**

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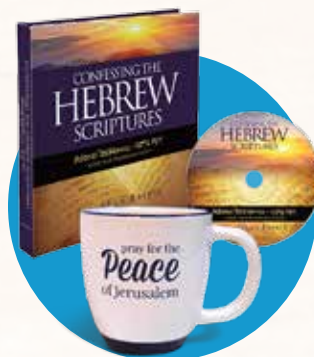
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THE PROMISE OR THE CURSE?

BY DR. MICHAEL YOUSSEF

Believers often quote 2 Chronicles 7:14, which contains a promise that begins, “If my people, who are called by my name . . .” It’s a beautiful promise, but we shouldn’t forget the *context* of that promise. Soon after King Solomon had constructed the temple in Jerusalem, the Lord said to him:

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land, or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I

will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. . . .

But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled . . .

—2 Chronicles 7:13-14, 19-21a (NIV)

Yes, God has promised to heal our land if we turn to Him, humble ourselves, and pray. But God also promised that if we are unfaithful to him, he will bring the disciplining hand of disaster upon us. Why is the threat of terrorism increasing?

Why does God seem to have removed His hand of blessing and protection from our land?

I believe it’s because we have forsaken the Lord and embraced false gods.

We don’t like to admit that the calamities shaking our civilization might be the result of our own sin. We like to point fingers of blame at non-Believers and

rail against abortion and sexual depravity. We do not operate abortion mills, pornography websites, or houses of prostitution. Our hands are clean—aren’t they?

But what if the depravity in secular culture is not so much the *cause* of our decline as a symptom of a deeper sickness? If the Church turned back from its apostasy, wouldn’t God heal our civilization of abortion and sexual depravity? And of the debt that will collapse our economy? And of the lies, influence peddling, and corruption of our public officials? And of the racial strife that divides our society? And of the violence that destroys our communities?

What should we repent of? What are the sins of the Church?

They are the same sins Israel committed in the Hebrew Scriptures—sins of spiritual adultery, of unfaithfulness to God and His Word. You may say, “But I love God. I go to church faithfully. How am I guilty of spiritual adultery?”

This is the same question unfaithful Israel asked before God’s judgment fell upon the nation. When the Israelites said, “God, we acknowledge you,” God replied through the prophet Hosea, “Israel has rejected what is good. . . . With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction” (See Hosea 8:3-4).

How have we, as Believers in the 21st century, been unfaithful to God? We have replaced the pure Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus) with an array of false gospels: the Prosperity Gospel, the Social Gospel, the Emerging Church, the All-Paths-Lead-to-God Gospel, the Self-Help Motivational Gospel, and all the other alternatives to the Good News.

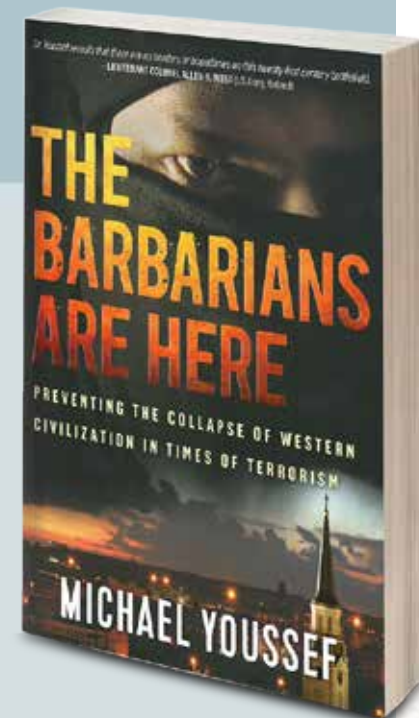
Yeshua gave the simplest formulation of His Gospel when He told Nicodemus, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). If we, as Believers, return to the crystal-clear purity of God’s Word, God has promised to heal and bless our land. 🇲

Adapted from *The Barbarians are Here: Preventing the Collapse of Western Civilization in Times of Terrorism* by Dr. Michael Youssef (Worthy Publishing, 2017). Dr. Youssef is the founding pastor of the Church of the Apostles in Atlanta, Georgia, and the author of more than 30 books. Find him online at www.ltw.org and follow him on Twitter: @MichaelAYoussef.



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The Middle East Shift in the Sands: A NEW ALIGNMENT

BY BILL MCKAY



On the morning of May 14, 1948, the relentless Middle Eastern sun was as predictable as the Arab world's heated response to the birth of the nation of Israel. Their collective reaction: This infant must die!

As the votes were being recorded by the United Nations and carried live on radio around the world, seven Arab armies were marshaling their military plans for the annihilation of Israel.

On that day, Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion announced the first Jewish state in 2,000 years. In an afternoon ceremony, he told the listening world: "We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine, to be called Israel," prompting applause and tears from the crowd gathered at the museum. Ben-Gurion became Israel's first Prime Minister.

As he spoke, gunshots could be heard in the distance. The Arabs were serving notice: This "declaration of independence" will not stand.

Fast Forward 61 Years

President Barack Obama traveled to Egypt on June 4, 2009. He said:

I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world. One based upon mutual interest and mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap and share common principles—principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings....

So let there be no doubt: Islam is a part of America. On the other hand, it is also undeniable that the Palestinian people—Muslims and Christians—have suffered in pursuit of a homeland. For more than 60 years, they have endured the pain of dislocation.

Many wait in refugee camps in the West Bank, Gaza, and neighboring lands for a life of peace and security that they have never been able to lead. They endure the daily humiliations—large and small—that come with occupation.

So let there be no doubt: The situation for the Palestinian people is intolerable. America will not turn our backs on the legitimate Palestinian aspiration for dignity, opportunity, and a state of their own.

On that June date, President Obama ceded America's moral leadership in the Middle East and completed our nation's overwhelming shift from a full-fledged ally of Israel to a supporter of the Palestinian cause, which led to a collection of military

and political blunders that set America's interests, and those of Israel, back several decades.

These blunders included the withdrawal from Iraq by American troops that, in the political and military vacuum, gave birth to ISIS and the ill-conceived overthrow of Libya, resulting in a mass migration of displaced Africans to Europe, leaving Libya a failed state.

President Obama then embarked on setting a "Syrian red line." This line codified Syria as a literal killing field, sending an endless stream of refugees into Europe and America.



If these diplomatic and military failures were not enough to destabilize the seething cauldron of the Middle East, Obama attempted to put the nail in the coffin of the Jewish state by crafting a deal with Iran, allowing them to, over time, acquire nuclear power.

Eight Years Hence, The Gauntlet Has Been Thrown Down

On Sunday, May 21, President Donald Trump rose to address 50 Arab heads of state in the Saudi Arabian government, after receiving a King's welcome. This moment was unprecedented for an American president.

Among those present were the president of Egypt, Al-Sisi, and King Hussein of Jordan. They, along with the other 48 heads of Arab states, were yearning for American leadership. And they got it in dramatic spades.

Former President Obama had left the Middle East in a vacuous shambles. Every American ally had been left to scramble for survival against the relentless threat of ISIS and the ever-expanding Persian Empire.

President Trump called for aggressive repudiation of Islamic extremists:

Drive them out....Drive them out of your places of worship. Drive them out of your communities. Drive them out of your holy land, and drive them out of the earth.

He went on to lay down a hard marker when he said:

There can be no tolerating it, no accepting it, no excusing it, and no ignoring it. Every time a terrorist murders an innocent person and falsely invokes the name of God, it should be an insult to every person of faith. **Terrorists do not worship God; they worship death.**

If we do not act against this organized terror, then we know what will happen and what will be the end result. Terrorism's devastation of life will continue to spread, peaceful societies will become engulfed by violence, and the futures of many generations will be sadly squandered.

If we do not stand in uniform condemnation of this killing, then not only will we be judged by our people, not only will we be judged by history, but we will be judged by God.

This is a battle between barbaric criminals who seek to obliterate human life

and decent people, all in the name of religion. People (who) want to protect life and want to protect their religion. This is a battle between good and evil.

But we can only overcome this evil if the forces of good are united and strong, and if everyone in this room does their fair share and fulfills their part of the burden.

President Trump has laid the ground work for the establishment of a NATO-style organization to face ISIS and Iran head on. Upon its implementation, it will be the single biggest game changer since Churchill carved up the map of the Middle East in the 1930s. The President's mission: a direct assault on Persian hegemony.

Where Does This Leave Us?

In the 69 years since Israel was "born in a day," there has been a notable shift in the region. The once lethal enemies of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia are developing close ties and points of military cooperation and intelligence sharing. Ten years ago, this would have been politically unthinkable. And yet, the Arab idiom, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend," has proved true. The common enemy is Persia.

And now, President Trump steps into the role of the undisputed leader. America is back. Israel is now fortified. The rules of Middle East engagement are being rewritten.

The road ahead will be fraught with many trials and tribulations, to be sure. However, there is hope in Jerusalem. Let us be vigilant and persistent in prayer for our leaders as this realignment takes shape to deal with the Persian threat and the daily violence of ISIS. 🇮🇱

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WHAT WE CAN DO IN A WORLD GONE MAD

WHAT CAN WE DO IN LIGHT OF ALL THAT IS TAKING PLACE REGARDING ISRAEL, THE EPICENTER OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE WORLD? WE CAN:

RECOGNIZE the true nature of the battle in Israel

It is, at its root, a *spiritual* battle. In addition to being well informed, speaking up on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people, and supporting responsible aid organizations like Jewish Voice Ministries, we must not neglect the most basic of spiritual measures to address this spiritual conflict: prayer.

Prayer is God's design to bring about His will on the earth. That's what Yeshua taught and Scripture exemplifies. When we engage in the quiet revolution of intercession, we experience that reality first-hand. And if we are overwhelmed regarding how to pray, Scripture gives us direction.

PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem and Israel's salvation

In Isaiah 62, the people of Israel are told to give the Lord no rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. As Believers in Yeshua, we should take the same stance on her behalf. And because we also desire Israel's protection and salvation, we cry out that none should perish (2 Peter 3:9) and all Israel be saved (Romans 11:26). We may wonder how these things will be achieved, but our part is to pray and God's is to answer according to His perfect timing and will. May our intercession be unceasing until Yeshua, the Sar Shalom ("Prince of Peace" in Hebrew) brings true peace (Psalm 122:6) and God's desires for Israel are fulfilled.

PRAY for the nations surrounding Israel

Inherent in God's plans for His relationship with Israel is that the nations would KNOW He is God (Psalm 46:10). Our prayers for

the nations, even the ones seeking Israel's destruction, will one day be answered in every tongue and tribe and nation declaring together that "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10).

PRAY for Israel's enemies

ISIS, Iran, Al Qaeda. The names may change over time, but the fact that Israel has enemies is a constant. Since the Garden, God's enemy has sought to work through the actions of mankind to thwart the purposes of God. Those under his influence make Israel, the Jewish people, and Believers their targets. So, we intercede for the Holy Spirit to restrain evil (2 Thessalonians 2:6). May the fear and loving-kindness of the Lord compel evil-doers to repent and acknowledge Him (Romans 2:4). We ask the Lord in His mercy to give them revelation of Yeshua, leading to salvation and radically changed lives. Pray for "opposers to become Believers!"

PRAY for those in authority in Israel and the nations

The mantle of leadership is fraught with demonic opposition. May we faithfully pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), that they would be drawn to wisdom from God's Word and surrounded by righteous, astute advisors who also seek the Lord.

PETITION God on behalf of the Body of Messiah in Israel

The Body of Messiah in Israel needs our ongoing prayers (Ephesians 3:14-21). They face the challenges of imminent threat from enemies such as ISIS and Iran, an intense spiritual climate, and religious persecution. Pray for their well-being and that they would be in

healthy community with other Believers. When physical threats come into the Land, the Body of Messiah is a source of help and hope for fellow followers of Yeshua as well as unbelievers. Whether Jewish, Arab, or Gentile, may Believers in Israel and the Middle East be strengthened, encouraged, and unified in sharing the Good News and remaining faithful under persecution.

PRAY that we ourselves would stand firm no matter what comes

As Believers and people of prayer, we, too, are in the battle. It takes spiritual stamina and the armor of God to stand in faith and effectively intercede (Ephesians 6:10-18). Praise the Lord that He gives strength

when we feel weary, and He prays for and through us when we are at a loss for words (Romans 8:26-28). Let us be diligent and confident in prayer. Ultimately, the answers will all converge when Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah, takes His place on the throne in Jerusalem amidst a chorus of worship from every tongue and tribe, and from every nation that is so full of unrest and uncertainty now. 🕊️

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Shalom everyone! Welcome to another opportunity to examine a word from Scripture and discover its deeper Hebrew meaning.

Since the focus of this issue is on supporting Israel (particularly as she continuously defends herself from neighboring enemy nations), it's only fitting we look at Ezekiel 39:25 to begin this study.

In Ezekiel 39:25, we read:

Therefore the Lord God says, "Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob..."

At least, that's what one Bible translation says. Another translation says this:

"I will restore Jacob from exile..."

So, which is it? Is Jacob (Israel) returning home or "making bank"?

Actually, in a greater sense, none of the above, because it's a bit more involved than that. To understand the deeper meaning, let's take a closer look at the Hebrew

word used for "restore." The root word looks like this (remember, this is Hebrew, so we read from right to left):

שׁוּב

This word is pronounced "shoov." While it speaks of Israel's restoration, its primary meaning refers to turning away from sinful behavior and turning toward God. As we do, our relationship with the Lord is restored!

So you see, the term, "restore the fortunes of Jacob" is actually an idiomatic expression. While it can and does refer to one receiving, say, monetary restoration (as in Job 42:10), and while it also can and does refer to the Israelites returning from exile and thus being restored to their land (as in Deuteronomy 30:3), in its greatest sense, it refers to a people and a nation being restored in right relationship to a Holy God.

So then, how does "shoov" relate to our theme? Simply, while the Bible mentions on numerous occasions that God will restore Israel and her people from her enemies, we can take comfort in knowing that an even greater restoration awaits! It is no wonder then that surely no weapon formed against her shall prosper: God always has the final word. Hallelujah!

We can take comfort in knowing that an even greater restoration awaits!



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