

FOUNDER'S TESTIMONY

THE VISION AND THE CALLING

When first visiting Israel in 1983, I believe that God gave me these scriptures in (I Kings 8: 41-43), a vision (Oil for Israel) and, as a Christian Zionist and New Covenant believer (Isaiah 65:1), the calling to render assistance to the Jewish people and Nation of Israel and to aid them in the Restoration of the Land by providing the oil and gas necessary to maintain their political and economic independence.

In the Bible, God sovereignly declares that Israel is His chosen people (Exodus 4:22); and we can gain some understand of God's choice, His vision and purpose by reading (Deuteronomy 7).

As a Christian Zionist, I declare "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16); and I believe that, as true Christians, we must identify with Israel; as we are the "wild olive branch" grafted onto the olive tree by the grace of God (Romans 11). Moreover, I identify with Israel in their struggle and understand a little something of their pain - confusion, and their hope in the midst of continued media misrepresentation and the world's disdain of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel - even and perhaps more so today, when Israel appears to be coming under greater for taking those very steps of self-defense which we in America take for granted as our sovereign moral right to defend of ourselves and our interests.

As a believer, I have, and can have no doubt, that mankind must learn that obedience toward God and His commandments are the key to progress, whether personal or corporate, national or international. Disobedience, on the other hand, can lead only to great difficulty. This too is the story of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. And, indeed, it appears that God's chosen people have ascended to heights and descended to depths far beyond our experience - in both blessings and curses - in progress and disaster.

In considering the history of Israel, however, this principle alone is insufficient to explain the great magnitude of Israel's sufferings. There is another dimension. Through the centuries, the millennia, Israel has been, and continues to be, a tangible and visible target for dark spiritual forces which are directed against the living God, himself. No one can touch God, but the individual Jew and the national of Israel are within reach of those whose hatred is directed against God, and who would foil the fulfillment of his purposes and disrupt His plan for the people of His covenant and the nation of Israel.

This hatred toward the Jews has been manifested time and again throughout the ages. To name only a sampling, there have been the crusades, the inquisition, and the pogroms. In this century, we have seen the Holocaust, as well as the humiliation of, and later renegeing on, numerous agreements regarding the Land of Promise. Since the re-establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, there have been many wars and many more terrorist attacks. Most recently, there has been the Gulf War with scud missiles, threatening chemical mayhem. Then there was, and continues to be, the forced pressure of "peace" negotiations and calls for "land for peace" - despite that fact that Israel is the only nation on Earth that was created by a sovereign act of God (Genesis 15) and whose borders are clearly defined by God (Numbers 34:1-12). For in Exodus 32:13 He said, "...all of this land which I have spoken of will I give to your descendants and they shall inherit it **forever**."

And when in the summer of 2000, the Prime Minister of Israel indicated that in return for the much prayed for "peace", Israel would be willing to give most of the territory of the Holy Land re-conquered in the 1967 War - a war commenced by the Arabs with declared purpose of destroying Israel - to the Palestinians for them to be a state, those very Palestinians rejected the offer, declaring that the Jews had

no right to Jerusalem or to the Temple Mount, that the Bible was “forged” to show such a connection between the people of Israel and the site of His House, and then commenced a wave of terrorism, sending human bombs to kill and maim teenagers at discotheques and families at pizza lunches.

The recent events in the land of Israel notwithstanding, with sorrow and regret, we must admit the truth and confess that the greatest suffering imposed on the Jewish people and Israel throughout history have come from the so-called Christian church and from those confessing the Christian faith. **For this we must all ask their forgiveness.** The forces directed against the Jews have misrepresented God and have wrongly interpreted His Word in an attempt to rob Israel of its inheritance which is based on (Genesis 17:7-8) a sovereign promise from God (Exodus 6:4) and an everlasting covenant (Deuteronomy 4:31). Despite the fact that these expressions of evil are totally contrary to God’s everlasting covenant, His unchanging nature and purpose, these actions were and continue to be “justified” by these evil men and nations for their own ends.

But as the Bible declares, **God HAS NOT forsaken His covenant people** (Jeremiah 31:31-40); “as new covenant believers,” we are commanded by God in the Bible to stand together with the Jewish people whom the world has abused. As the fulfillment of prophecy is for the Jewish people - for them, the realization of their covenant and for them, the answer to their prayers of countless generations:

“And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord the God.” (Amos 9:15)

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