



Jewish Believers and Christians working together for Israel's salvation since 1963



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As I write this letter, the situation in Gaza between Hamas and Israel is changing rapidly. Right now, over a thousand rockets have been launched at Israel, hundreds of Palestinian civilians have been used as human shields and killed, Israel has begun a ground assault into Gaza, and an unmanned drone was shot down over Ashdod. I

realize that by the time you read this, things may be considerably better, far worse, or exactly the same. But regardless of the present and coming events, we know that Israel is the apple of God's eye, His prophetic timepiece, and the Scriptures teach us how to understand the situation.

Getting to the Heart of the Israel Crisis

At the center of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East is a fundamental, socio-religious ideology that says Jews should not exist—anytime or anywhere—much less as the modern State of Israel. As a result, the tiny nation faces a constant threat to her national sovereignty and safety, and the world continually demonizes every effort she makes to defend herself. Despite this perpetual crisis, however, we need not be concerned that ADONAI will fail to protect and preserve His people. Eventually, Israel *will* have peace and safety; in the end, Israel *will* survive (Zechariah 12:1-9).

But what of Israel *today*? What assurances do we have that during the present era, God will protect and preserve the State of Israel from her ever-present foes? And what is *our* role and responsibility as we watch these events transpire?

When the modern State of Israel was founded—and again when Israel's enemies were defeated in 1967—many pointed to the unfolding of Scriptural prophecy. In Jeremiah 32:37, ADONAI says, "I will surely gather [Israel and Judah]

from all the lands where I banish them.... I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety." And in Ezekiel 34:28-29, ADONAI declares, "...[Israel] will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid.... they will no longer... bear the scorn of the nations." Unfortunately, these words currently fall far short of describing the condition of the modern Israeli State. Those residing in the Land today do *not* "live in safety"—they do have reason to be afraid, because they continually "bear the scorn of the nations."

Why is this so? Why aren't the people of the Land yet enjoying the life of peace promised for the Regathering? At her founding, ADONAI promised Israel that she would live securely *only* if she would follow His decrees and be careful to obey His commands (Leviticus 26:3). Israel's peace and safety have always been *conditional*, depending in part on Israel's collective faithfulness to God. Indeed, in Deuteronomy 4:25-26, Moses warned that "after you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt... you will quickly perish from the land.... You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed."



Sadly, the Jewish people—both those in and outside the Land—have wandered far from the decrees and commands of our God. Half of us are still assimilated into and dispersed throughout the nations, while many of us living within the modern Israeli State are just as secular, worldly, and permissive of sin as the rest. How will we ever become the faithful Israel Moses instructed us to be?

Before Israel can nationally count on the enduring safety promised by God, more is required than just our physical regathering to the Land... we must also be regathered to *Him* through the Son of David—the Messiah Yeshua, our Salvation! (See Ezekiel 37:21-25.) As we watch the relentless bombardment against the State of Israel, we should be pierced with an urgency to reach the Israel in our

own backyards—our Jewish families, friends and neighbors—with the truth of Yeshua. Let us no longer simply pray for the peace of *physical* Jerusalem, but also actively work to revive *spiritual* Jerusalem in the hearts and minds of every Jew... *everywhere*.

Now Is the Time!

In times like these, people are more ready to think about questions of life and death. We have the answer, and we must be ready to give it! This is especially true of our ministry friends in Israel who are literally on the front lines, seeing many opportunities to proclaim Yeshua.

My friend, your financial support is vitally important, now more than ever. During this time of turmoil in Israel, I am asking you to lock arms with me and with all of our MJMI ministry friends in the Land. In addition to your **regular giving of \$10, \$25, \$100 or more to help us cover our normal monthly expenses**, please also consider an extra gift which will go directly to help meet the needs of those in Israel who are being affected at this time. Please use the enclosed card and envelope or visit www.mjmi.org to send your much-needed donation today, and prayerfully consider becoming a ministry partner, so that we can know we can count on your support each month.

I am once again reminded of the mission that Manny Brotman put on paper when he founded this ministry over fifty years ago: “to bring the Good News of Messiah Yeshua to every Jewish person in the world.” This is still our mission today, and we must not miss any opportunity to move forward. Now is the time!

For the sake of the Messiah,

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Update from Israel

Our ministry friends in Israel are being directly affected by the current events in Israel—one is currently serving in the IDF, and another has an eighteen-year-old daughter who just began her service. From Ashdod, Israel P. sent this first-hand report:

“This morning we are again under heavy rocket fire, with two buildings hit and alarms going off non-stop. During these difficult days we can’t express enough how grateful we are for all your prayers, care and support. It’s not easy living under constant

rocket fire, sometimes having to run to shelter again seconds after coming out. No matter how much we have adapted to our harsh reality of things, sirens always catch you off guard and it’s very stressful, especially when children are involved.

“God is our almighty protector and we have seen his supernatural hand in action when a rocket fell about forty meters from our congregation building

precisely during a prayer meeting, rattling the whole building and causing damage in the children’s classroom (part of the ceiling came off [see photo left]). What a miracle there were no children in the classroom at that moment!

“All of us here in Ashdod have been in the line of fire. Two rockets exploded just outside my apartment building, and another exploded next to the apartment of one of our evangelists. It’s a harsh reality, but we know that the greater the darkness, the brighter God’s light shines. And we believe this is the time to allow God’s light in as never before.

“We are working more than ever to plan and carry out special projects during these days of war when our nation needs it most. We can do more evangelism, more house visits, more encouraging people—the ‘comfort, comfort My people’ ministry. We are expanding our humanitarian aid as well, trying to offer people some additional help with food packets.

“We are counting on your support as never before to help us carry God’s message of hope farther than ever. Your prayers make a world of difference now when we need them most, and your gifts assist us in reaching more and more Israelis in these days, showing them that Believers who love Israel are standing by their side during such a time as this. That expression of love never fails to touch and change people’s lives!”

