



ISRAEL!

GOD'S WITNESS



ISRAEL, God's Witness !

The inspiration for the writing of this booklet came from hearing, Benyamin Netanyahu's impassioned oratory when he was in Australia. He said that the greatest weapon we have against anti-Semitism, is the truth. He challenged us not to be silent, and to make known by word, writing, or through the media, the truth about Israel. The challenge was taken up, and the result is this booklet. Originally, it was destined to shed light amongst the secular community, and also the Christian Church, where many are being led into error by the media. As time passed, it was realized that many Jewish people themselves were in need of understanding the truth of the Scriptures. The Jewish people are perceived as "the people of the book," even so, it became evident that many have not even read the book for which they are renowned! We all urgently need to know the hour in which we are living. May we have faith to believe in God's unshakeable promises to Israel, which no manmade, national, nor governmental resolutions can ever annul!

CHAPTER 1.

THE DISPERSION AND INGATHERING OF ISRAEL

God created the nation of Israel that He might bless all of mankind through the Hebrew lineage. This is confirmed in the opening pages of the 'Tanakh', the Hebrew Bible.

God entered into Covenant with Abraham saying he would be a father of many nations. He was given great promises that through his descendants, God's laws, blessings and final redemption would be poured out upon all the nations of the earth. This nation called Israel, and her people were created to be God's instruments, through whose witness, He would redeem mankind and reveal the nature of the one true God of creation. Therefore, He wrote down on stone tablets, and also communicated through the prophets and the written word, the strictest commandments for the daily lives of His people.

He delivered the Hebrews out of Egypt, leading them into a land that He promised would be theirs as an everlasting possession. God determined that at an appointed time His purposes would be fulfilled. On account of the awesome nature of God's universal intentions that would come forth through the Jewish people, even the redeeming Messiah, He watched over them wherever they went.

We will go on a journey tracing the footsteps of the Israelites out from Egypt, through their glorious history and the reign of Kings, to their unfaithfulness and eventual dispersion. The Bible declares that God would eventually bring the Jews back and restore Israel in the of end days. This is where we will begin this study!

One of the greatest modern day miracles is the establishment of the State of Israel and the ingathering of the Jewish tribes. The Jewish people have returned from over a hundred different nations from the farthest ends of the earth. The odds of this happening by coincidence exactly as recorded in Biblical prophecy are inconceivable.

This miraculous re-gathering is a witness to all the nations and peoples of the world, that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is the true God of creation. Isaiah prophesied the restoration of the His people thousands of years before it

took place. This miracle was to be a sign to the world of the nearness of the coming of Messiah, when He would reign in glory from David's throne.

It is written: Isaiah 11:10 *In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a ensign for the peoples; the nations will rally to it, and his resting place will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea....*

He will raise a ensign for the nations and gather the outcasts of Israel; He will assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Israel regathered and restored is God's witness to the nations of the earth, that He is the Creator of all mankind and that the Bible is the true Word of God. The Almighty One of Israel, He is the one who keeps His promises that He made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore Abram was instructed to leave the Chaldeans as God instructed and led him to a special land that would be given to him and his descendants (through Jacob) as an everlasting possession.

THE LAND OF ISRAEL PROMISED

Genesis 48:4 *God Almighty said to me, "Behold I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and make of you a multitude of people; and **I Will give this land to you and your seed after you for an everlasting possession.** Genesis 28:13 And behold, the Lord, stood above it and said: "I AM the Lord, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. **The land on which you are lying I will give you and your seed.***

Genesis 35:9-12 *Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. Also God said to him:*

*"I AM God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. **"The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to You; and to your descendants after you I give this land."***

Even so, God gave a warning that if the Israelites were unfaithful to Him, they would be exiled from this land for a

long period of time. The history of the Israelites shows that a significant proportion of people continually fell away from the statutes laid down in the Torah [law, first 5 books of the Bible.] The Israelites sinned by seeking after the false gods of the nations that surrounded them.

Rebellion opened the door for the children of Israel to become seduced into worshipping these false gods. Many practiced the idolatry of the heathen nations. Their disobedience brought them much bitter experience. Many prophets sent by God, warned the Israelites of the punishment that would befall them if they did not repent and return to their own faithful God, who had led them out of Egypt with signs and wonders.

However, they did not heed the warning and Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom (~721 BCE). Years later, Nebuchadnezzar captured the southern kingdom of Judah (~604BCE). Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed in this latter attack and the Jewish survivors were marched off to Babylon. Only a remnant and the poor were left in the land. This captivity lasted for seventy years as prophesied. After 70 years, a remnant returned to Jerusalem leaving many people who preferred to remain in the pagan land of Babylon (modern Iraq). Even so, God had promised that there would always be a Jewish remnant and He would never utterly destroy the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 46:28 *Do not fear, O Jacob My servant, for I am with you, declares God. "Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished. "*

The second great expulsion of the Jewish people, began in 70 C.E. and ended finally in 135 C.E. [Common Era.] This captivity lasted approximately 1900 years, after the Roman army destroyed the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. They killed approximately one million Jews in the siege, taking thousands of the survivors captive. This is according to the writings of Josephus, the first century historian. Those who escaped with their lives fled the country and sought refuge in foreign lands. These events were prophesied from ancient times through the writings and the prophets. Yet God promised to re-gather the Hebrews back to their own land in the fullness of time

Ezekiel 37:21 *"Then say to the children of Israel, "Says the Lord your God: Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and I will gather*

them on every side to bring them back into their own land; I will make them one nation in the land, on the Mountains of Israel.

CHAPTER 2

THE EXILE OF ISRAEL PROPHESIED

Deuteronomy 28:15 *But it shall come to pass, if you do not listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and do all His commandments; all these curses will come upon you, and overtake you, **The Lord will scatter you among the nations, from one end of the earth to the other.** There you will worship other gods - gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. Among these nations you will find no repose, no resting-place for the sole of your feet. There I will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart.*

These prophetic utterances concerning the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Hebrew people came to pass. That which had been foretold throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, took place in 70 B.C.E, and the final dispersion in 135 B.C.E. The Roman army brutally conquered Israel and destroyed the Temple, crucifying almost one million Israelites. The surviving remnant was marched off to Rome as slaves. The Hebrew nation was driven from their homeland that God had given their forefathers. This exile prevailed for over 1900 years, until this century, in 1948 when Israel was re-established and recognized as their legitimate Biblical homeland by the UN. It's most likely the curse regarding the exile written in Deuteronomy 28 was completed at this time! Cut off from the security of their homeland, the Jews wandered throughout the nations living as unwanted squatters often in ghetto conditions. They carried with them into exile their special way of life and the holy writings, their ancient Biblical festivals and traditions handed down by their forefathers. Through the experience of deep suffering, they clung together in the lands where their disobedience to God's commands and the bitter winds of persecution had driven them.

They survived: - **CAPTIVITY, EXILE. PERSECUTION. SLANDER, AND ATTEMPTED EXTERMINATION**

For over 1,900 years, the Jews clung to life through horrific times of great despair where they became victims of racial hatred and anti-Semitism. After almost two millennia according to the prophetic word, a remnant of the scattered tribes of Israel has returned to their own homeland. Over a lengthy period, the people of Israel had preserved their distinctiveness as a separated people. Throughout the Bible, it was commanded that the Israel people were not to assimilate into other nations by absorbing their customs, or their gods. Neither

were they to marry foreigners amongst whom they lived, but to remain as Israelites, holding fast to their Biblical Judaic faith. For it is written, in the fullness of time, the Divine plan was to re-gather His people back to the land God had promised them.

He verified this by making an oath, confirming His promise with an uplifted hand. If the scattered tribes had not retained their identity, but had assimilated into other cultures and nations, the promise of God to restore them to their own land, would have been impossible to fulfill. Through assimilation God's purposes would have been nullified, as there would have been no identifiable Jews left to re-gather when the Lord restored and redeemed Israel in the end of days.

THE MIRACLE OF THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL

The fulfillment of God's purposes through this incredible plan has been revealed to us in our lifetime. We are the generation that has witnessed this event! The ingathering of Israel has taken place after almost two thousand years. How long had the Hebrew descendants of Abraham cried out to God, when they were persecuted in the countries where they had been driven. For many, their heartfelt cry was '**Next year in Jerusalem**' for others it seemed an impossible dream. The dispersed people were in possession of the Torah and the writings of the prophets who declared at an appointed time, the Lord would bring the Jews home. For it is written that when they were back in the land of Israel, He would forgive them and pour out His Spirit upon all Israel. It is amazing that the Jews held on to that forlorn hope for almost nineteen hundred years without seeing a result. What faithfulness on the part of the Jewish people, who continued to believe in the promises of God in the midst of such hopelessness.

The national anthem of the Jewish people is a prayer in itself, called **Hatikvah**, the Hope! What was the cement that held them together? What was the determining factor that preserved this people from extinction? Why did they survive, when down through the centuries many great nations, dynasties and empires have dissolved into oblivion? Where are the Moabites, the Amorites or the powerful dynasty of Egypt? Even the mighty Roman Empire has crumbled into the pages of history. However, this battered Hebrew remnant denied a homeland, living in foreign lands and separated by the differing cultures and languages **HAS SURVIVED!**

The re-gathering and restoration of Israel, is the fulfillment of Scripture, which is taking place before the coming of the Messiah. What has preserved and encouraged the Jewish people to keep their faith and endure through the many diabolical attempts of extermination and persecution?

THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE FINALLY BEEN RESTORED TO THEIR RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE PROMISED BY GOD. HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL IN KEEPING HIS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

Biblical References Proclaiming the Ingathering of Israel

Jeremiah 31:10 *Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; proclaim it in distant Coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over His flock like a shepherd.'*

Isaiah 11:12 *He will raise an ensign for the nations and gather the outcasts of Israel; He will assemble the scattered people of Israel and Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

Micah 5:3,7 *Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind.*

Zechariah 8:6-8 *This is what the Lord Almighty says: "It may seem marvelous to the remnant of this people at that time, but it will seem marvelous to Me?" declares the Lord Almighty. "I will save My people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be My people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."*

Isaiah 49:6 *He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be My servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the nations, that you may bring My salvation to the ends of the earth."*

Jeremiah 32:37 *I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in My anger and fury and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and cause them to dwell in safety.*

Ezekiel.39:28,29 *"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will now bring Jacob back from captivity and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for My Holy Name. Then they will know that I AM the Lord their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.;*

I will no longer hide My face from them, for I will pour out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Sovereign Lord.

INGATHERING OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Regathered - Rebuilt - Restored Replanted - Redeemed.

The appointed time for God to execute His purposes for the Jewish people came to a climax during the 1940's. The circumstance that caused souls from a multitude of nations to seek refuge in Israel, their Biblical homeland, was World War Two.

THE HOLOCAUST WAS THE HISTORICAL EVENT THAT RE-ESTABLISHED ISRAEL AS A NATIONAL HOMELAND FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

The Jewish people have been persecuted beginning with their enslavement in Egypt, and coming to a head during the Nazi regime, when six million Jews were exterminated in a most horrific manner. This happened in an age of so called enlightenment by one of the most cultured and sophisticated nations at that time. The adversary fueled this ancient hatred, towards the Jewish people, who were chosen by The Creator to receive and preserve God's Torah and Holy Scriptures for the benefit of all mankind. The pinnacle of Israel's election is to bring forth the Messiah and through him, the redemption of mankind. Throughout history, men driven by wickedness have attempted to eliminate the Jews. The Israelites to whom were given the Covenants, and the nation appointed to be God's witnesses to all the earth, that He is the Master and Creator of the universe; The one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In the days when Israel was in slavery in Egypt, Pharaoh issued a decree that all baby boys under two years old were to be put to death. His plan was, that Moses the deliverer of the children of Israel might not achieve what God had pre-ordained. Ironically, the very household that sought his destruction rescued Moses. The Torah tells us how God's plans and purposes were accomplished. He delivered the Israelites out of the hands of the enemy and brought them into the Land of Israel, which He promised to Abraham and his descendants as an everlasting possession. The wicked Haman also attempted to eliminate all Jewish life through his evil plot, however, God raised up Queen Esther who was willing to surrender her own life to save the Jewish people from extinction. Today, Arafat, the Egyptian is imitating Pharaoh, Haman, Herod, Antiochus, Titus and Hitler. The evil plans of wicked men have attempted to destroy Jewish life, but they have not succeeded. In every

generation the evil one raises up an adversary in an attempt to eliminate those who witness of the true God of Israel. Even so, God has preserved His people, despite the schemes of the wicked. Today it's the Muslims who are coveting the tiny slice of land that God gave to the Jewish people. Once again in the first half of the 20th century, Europe erupted into a fanatical peak of anti-Semitism. A sinister plot was contrived by Adolf Hitler to execute a mighty assault upon the Jews of Europe. Hitler titled this extermination "**The Final Solution**". He did not succeed, as the Jewish people still live as God promised! We know by faith in God's Word, that only He has the final solution for Israel and the Jewish people. That is, love, peace, redemption, and great joy in their own Promised Home Land. Israel's evil adversary knew the appointed time to re-gather Israel was at hand; therefore the holocaust was a determined bid to exterminate the entire Jewish race so God's promises to the Hebrews could not come to pass. For how could God fulfill prophecy regarding their ingathering and redemption, if there were no longer any Jews left alive. Yet Israel has been raised up out of the ashes of the holocaust, in preparation for the coming of Moshiach Ben David; the King.

Ezekiel 28:25 *'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered, I will show Myself Holy among them in the sight of the nations. **Then they will live in their own land, which I gave to My servant Jacob.**'*

Ezekiel 37:12,21,24 *Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **O My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them. I will bring you back to the land of Israel.** 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. **I will gather them from all around bringing them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel.** There will be one King over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. "My servant David [The Moshiach] will be King over them, and they will all have one shepherd."*

Blessed be he. We wait for his coming!

CHAPTER 3

RE-POPULATING ISRAEL WITH THE INGATHERING OF THE JEWISH TRIBES FROM A 100 NATIONS.

In 1947, the United Nations assembly met to discuss the tragic plight of the Holocaust survivors. When the allies liberated Germany they uncovered the diabolical deeds perpetrated upon an innocent people. This assault was targeted against the Jews, but also any that would not cooperate with them. The survivors of the concentration camps had been reduced to human skeletons. The Nazis had sent millions to the gas chambers. The Jewish remnant had nowhere to go and no homeland to return to. The attention of the world focused on their plight. The U.N. seeking to resolve the issue put forth a solution. A vote was taken in favour of restoring Israel for the Jewish people, thereby acknowledging their rightful God homeland.

ISRAEL WAS TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED AS A NATION, A HOMELAND FOR WORLD JEWRY. THIS WAS DECLARED NOT ONLY BY GOD, BUT ALSO THE UNITED NATIONS.

PROPHECY OF THE INGATHERING OF ISRAEL FULFILLED

Isaiah 66:8 *Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labour than she gives birth to her children.*

Zechariah 10:9 *Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember Me. They and their children will survive, and they will return.*

Hosea 6:1 *"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. "*

After two days He will revive us, on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence."

According to Psalm 90:4, one day, can be understood to be as a thousand years to the Almighty. The two days mentioned could possibly represent the 2000 years of the Hebrew dispersion. Note, on the third day, the Almighty said He would restore Israel. This third day referred to, surely is the 3rd millennium

currently in the process of being fulfilled. The vision given to Ezekiel around 585 B.C.E, approximately twelve years after he went into captivity, is almost certainly, a prophetic picture of the literal piles of bones of the death camps of the holocaust. This horrifying extermination took place some two and a half thousand years after Ezekiel's prophetic vision. Ezekiel saw the bones come together and they were completely formed. Yet, there was no life in them! Then the Spirit of God, the 'Ruach' breathed life upon them. The whole house of Israel came to life and was 'reborn!' Prophetically, the first portion of Ezekiel's prophecy has been fulfilled as the people of Israel, '**Am Yisrael.**' God indeed has raised up the Jewish nation because of the circumstances of the six million deaths during Hitler's attempted extermination of God's Covenant people. By His Sovereign will, He opened a way for the surviving remnant to be brought back into Israel, their Biblical homeland. He brought the remnant back when their hope was gone and the Jewish race had almost been wiped off the face of the earth. However, the personal redemption of those who died in the holocaust will be raised up on the 'last day', according to the writings in the 'Tanakh'.

EZEKIEL'S VISION - THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *...This is what the sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath come into you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord. "I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them but there was no breath in them. 'Then he said: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them; 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:' O My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; **I will bring you back to the land of Israel.** Then you, My people, will know that I AM the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put My spirit within you and you will live, **I will settle you in your own land.** Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, I have done it, declares the Lord. "*

The fulfilment of prophecy had come to pass! Until this day, we await the final portion of Ezekiel's vision to be literally fulfilled. This is when the Lord our God declared, He will pour out the Ruach HaKodesh, His Holy Spirit, in the 'last days.' Restoration, revival and redemption will come to the seed of Jacob. Since the exile only a small number of Jews remained in Israel, yet there was always a remnant left in the land. Early

this century, under the British Mandate the numbers of people entering Israel were greatly restricted because of opposition. Within only seven months of becoming a nation, a total of 100,000 refugees arrived. By the first eighteen months, numbers had risen to 340,000 and by three years, the total Jewish population was some 655,000. ...

Ancient biblical prophecy was being fulfilled!

These are but a few of the statistics from several key nations. The people from Ethiopia are descendants from the reign of King Solomon. These Israelites who were scattered from those ancient days, still lived in hope for the day when they would once again dwell in their own spiritual homeland. They had retained their Hebraic way of life for literally thousands of years. They continued to have steadfast faith in the promises of God to restore them to the land of Israel.

Micah 5:3 *Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she [Israel] who has travailed has bought forth, **then the remnant of his brothers shall return to join the children of Israel and he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.***

Many from the nations have also returned to call Israel home. From **Ethiopia, the U.S.A, Germany, England, Russia, Yemen. South Africa, New Zealand, Australia** and many other lands they return. With over 100 different nations represented, there is still a specific mighty nation yet to yield up its Jews - Russia!

This latter day harvest of Jewish home-comers was foretold in the Scriptures. Many Jewish people are making Aliyah [going up] to Jerusalem as was prophesied. This homecoming is in the process of being fulfilled.

SECOND GREAT EXODUS FROM THE NORTH

God speaks of Russia as the land of the far north. In fact, it is directly due north of Israel. For many hundreds of years the Jews of Russia have intermittently been the target of anti-Semitism and many lived as second-class citizens. In what was known as the Pale Settlements they huddled in ghettos, forced to eke out an existence. Since the fall of communism, anti-Semitism has grown in the fertile soil of hunger, discontent with the government, high unemployment and the Chernobyl pollution of the environment. This has left many Russians in such poverty they seek an outlet for their misery, needing someone to blame. Many vent misdirected anger and frustration

at the Jews who are an easy target. The new democracy dominated by greed based on capitalism, with the Mafia rife in corruption; this has not helped Russia out of the problems the majority of the country is in. There is a tide of rising voices, which sound far too similar to those in Germany 50 years ago. According to God's promise, He is about to cause a multitude of Jews living in the former USSR, to those who heed His warning, to flee that land and return to their inheritance. Although hundreds of thousands have returned, there is possibly over a million Jewish people remaining in Russia! However, it was discovered some 3,000 who have made Aliyah to Israel were not Jewish. This is a problem, which is in the process of being resolved by the Israeli government at this present time.

PROPHECY CONCERNING RETURN FROM THE NORTH

Jeremiah 31:8 *See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labour, a great throng will return.*

Isaiah 43:5-7 *Do not be afraid, for I AM with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth. Everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.*
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Zechariah 2.6 *"Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the Lord, "For I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven, " declares the Lord.*

Jeremiah 23:7 *"So then, the days are coming, " declares the Lord, "When people will no longer say, 'As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' but they will say, 'As surely as the Lord lives who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where He had banished them.....
THEN THEY WILL LIVE IN THEIR OWN LAND."*

This mass exodus will be so great, that God declared that He will no longer be remembered for the first exodus out of Egypt, but for the great end time re-gathering of the Jews from all nations from where they were dispersed. The fulfillment of His plans for the worldwide ingathering of the Jewish people will supersede the former coming out of Egypt.

As we examine the prophecies, we can ascertain that God is not speaking about the small return from Babylon, a single country. The Jewish historian Josephus of the first century estimates about 83,000 people returned at that time. Conversely, these Scriptures refer to those returning from the farthest corners of the earth and also the rebuilding of the desolate places, which had been devastated for many generations.

Isaiah 61:4 *They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; They will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.*

The Jewish agencies and some Christian organizations such as Exobus and Ebenezer, are working together to penetrate into the deepest parts of Russia to help bring out the Jewish people before they become victims of the rising anti-Semitism. The government could at any time reverse the open door policy that exists at present. Once again this could trap Jewish people in a land that has, at times been inhospitable to them. The Bible commissions Gentiles to assist the Jews to make Aliyah, and return to their ancient homeland. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes today! This also coincides with the current events of today, where the rebuilding and establishment of Israel as a Jewish homeland has become a reality. However, some Russians who have made Aliyah were found not to be Jewish. This is causing a problem with Russian immigration, as some are taking advantage of Israel's policies.

Isaiah 49:22 *This is what the sovereign Lord says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentile nations, I will lift up My ensign to the peoples; **they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.**" [Also see Isaiah 66:19-20]*

CHAPTER 4

ISRAEL'S DESTINY

REVEALED THROUGH THE BIBLE OF THE JEWS, HAS BEEN PLAYED OUT UPON THE STAGE OF WORLD HISTORY, AS A WITNESS TO ALL MANKIND.

One of the best examples of the epic journey of the Jewish nation, from conception to her final redemption, is encapsulated by Ezekiel'. Winding down the eventful path, Israel progresses from election, favour, to unfaithfulness, exile, punishment, eventually leading to forgiveness, cleansing and ultimate redemption. There are also many promised blessings, which are apportioned as their inheritance. The following is a biblical overview of the history of the Jewish people, recorded by Ezekiel, a prophet to Israel.

EZEKIEL 36:17-29

17. DEFILED

... "Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and actions

18. WRATH

....so I poured out My wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols."

19. DISPERSED - JUDGED

I dispersed them among the nations and they were scattered through the countries. I judged them according to their conduct and their actions.

20. PROFANED

"Wherever they went among the nations they profaned My holy name, for it was said of them, 'These are the Lord's people, and yet they had to leave His land.'

21. CONCERN

"I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where had gone.

22. THE SAKE OF GOD'S HOLY NAME

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:' It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of My Holy Name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.

23. HOLINESS OF GOD'S NAME SHOWN

"I will show the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I show Myself holy through you before their eyes.

24. INGATHERING

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.

25. CLEANSED

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

26. NEW HEART AND SPIRIT

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

27. HOLY SPIRIT (RUACH HA KODESH)

And I will put My spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws.

28. RECONCILIATION

You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be My people and I will be your God.

29. SAVED/REDEEMED

I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you."

37. BLESSED

Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them. I will make their people as numerous as sheep, so that the ruined cities will be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I AM the Lord.

ISRAEL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD RESTORED

In accordance with the Tanakh, the Hebrew biblical Scriptures, there are other examples of the Master's plan, to re-gather the children of Israel from the nations. The Lord declared at that time, when the Jews are finally gathered together in their own land, He will pour out His 'Ruach', the Holy Spirit, to cleanse, heal and redeem 'Am Israel'. Today,

many people in Israel have become secular. Through persecution and memories of the holocaust, many Jews question the existence of a loving God. Many had lost hope and belief, yet God promised to redeem Israel at the appointed time! In the book of Ezekiel, God repeated 14 times "Then you will know that **I AM THE LORD**," He spoke twenty times, "Then you will know," and fifty-seven times the proclamation, "**I AM THE LORD**." These words all refer to the blessings and redemption of the Jewish people. God continually states His Sovereign will to perform these promises. Note, "**I will**" is pronounced 307 times by Ezekiel. Of these instances, 303 are God's declaration, not of man, neither the people of Israel, the U.N. Muslims, nor those of Christendom. Could any mere human being of any religion or denomination, stand and willfully oppose these awesome declarations, and challenge the Sovereignty and Divine will of the Almighty....

Who is the King of the Universe?

ISRAEL RE-ESTABLISHED IS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD.

From the time of the destruction of the temple and dispersion of the Jews, the evidence of Israel lying deserted and abandoned seemed proof enough to the Gentile world, that God had permanently rejected, exiled and punished His people for idolatry, unfaithfulness and disobedience. For two thousand years Israel seemed forsaken! It was a barren land without the sounds of laughing children in the streets, or thriving communities of the Hebrew people. The nations could well scoff and say, "Where is their God?" It was difficult to prove the truth of the Scriptures, which proclaimed the restoration of Israel, and her people, especially when the events prophesied, had not taken place. The Church system along with the world could scoff at the Jewish people who continued to believe and have faith in the restoration of their ancient homeland. For over 1900 years, the Church came to believe she had replaced Israel, and had to produce a new theology to validate the Scriptures of the ancient Hebrew Biblical writings.

The Church introduced a new doctrine which became known as '**replacement theology**', which claimed that she was now spiritual Israel. They assumed that the promises made to the Jewish people had been forfeited because of Israel's disobedience, which led to her exile, and also for the rejection of Jesus. Tragically, this doctrine is erroneous and has been the cause of Anti-Semitism within the Church.

The establishment of the State of Israel has validated the promises made to the Jewish people regarding their ancient

homeland and future redemption, which is still binding and in the process of being fulfilled. Despite the fact that many within the land are living secular lives, God promises are unshakeable and He will deliver and redeem Israel according to His Word. As long as the sun and the moon are in the sky, God said Israel would always be a nation before Him.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 *Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”*

It is crucial that the doctrines of Christendom be reconciled with the truth of the Scriptures. The persecution of millions of Jews over thousands of years, has caused great suffering to the collective Jewish soul. There needs to be an extensive repentance from the Church today. Christianity needs to acknowledge the land of Israel as legitimate biblical homeland, of the Jews and ordained by God as an everlasting possession. It is important for the Church to accept the destiny of the Jewish people in the true context and also see they are a pivotal concerning the Divine purposes of God in these times. Those people, who call on the Name of the God of Israel, must not dismiss this epic event of the re-gathering of Israel, merely as a cultural or politically inspired event. On the contrary, it is a mighty biblical occurrence, confirming the Prophets words. To reject this truth is to deny God's Word, and the eternal unbreakable blood Covenant. All God fearing people would be unwise to challenge God's blueprint regarding His choosing of Israel and the Jews as His instruments, the eternal destiny of this land. God also commands all who are called by His Name to repent (Heb. Teshuvah) and turn from foreign gods amongst you. Turn from sin, occult practices, compromise, unbelief, and secularism before the '**great day of the Lord!**'

Israel is God's time clock and barometer for the nations. God is raising up Zion, the place He has chosen for His Name. Let us not be in error or be blinded to His workings in this late hour of history. We all need to surrender our personal denominational doctrines, our own theologies and manmade traditions, to serve the living God. Biblical and historical events relating to the establishment of Israel and world history has verified the truth! Israel is a nation that has been restored to life out of the desolation of centuries. This is a miracle! If you require proof that God lives, then look to Israel. She is God's witness to the nations that Y-H is the one true God, He neither slumbers nor sleeps, and is faithful to His promises.

Israel's establishment as a nation also confirms that God has not rejected the Jews as many people mistakenly have been taught. The prophecies yet to be fulfilled remain binding, and will come to pass at the appointed time.

Zechariah 8:1-9 *Again the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.' "Thus says the Lord: 'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, she shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the Lord of hosts, The Holy Mountain.' "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.'" Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, It will also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the Lord of hosts. "Thus says the Lord of hosts: '**Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, in truth and righteousness.** "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Let your hands be strong, You who have been hearing in these days...These words by the mouth of prophets who spoke in the day the foundation was laid for the house of the Lord of Hosts...*

CHAPTER 5

ISRAEL! WHOSE LAND IS IT?

SPIRITUALLY-BIBLICALLY-HISTORICALLY-POLITICALLY

The land of Israel Belongs to God!

Psalms 24:1 *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it....*

'In the beginning' the Divine Creator made the heavens and the earth, therefore, everything belongs to Him. He allotted specific lands in the Middle East to the descendants of Lot, [Abraham's nephew], Ishmael, Isaac and the six sons of Keturah [Genesis 25]. God divided up the lands and designated Israel's borders. He gave portions to Ishmael's descendants, the Arabic people, and portions to Isaac and Jacob's descendants, the Hebrew peoples.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Genesis 13:15 *All the land that you see, I will give to you and your offspring forever.*

15:18 *On that day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.*

COVENANT CONFIRMED WITH ISAAC

Genesis 17:19 *God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish My Covenant with him as an everlasting Covenant for his descendants after him.*

Gen 26:3 *Stay in the land, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.*

COVENANT CONFIRMED WITH JACOB;

Genesis 28:13 *[spoken to Jacob] I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.*

Gen 35:10 *God said "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob, Israel shall be your name, so He named him Israel.*

Genesis 15:8-18 *But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?" So the Lord said to*

*Abram "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, with a dove and a pigeon." Abram brought all these to Him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking fire pot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram and said, **"To your descendants I give this land."***

Leviticus 26:42-44 *I will remember My covenant with Jacob and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected My laws and abhorred My decrees. Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, **I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them utterly, and break My Covenant with them, I AM the Lord their God.***

Jeremiah 31:35-36 *This is what the Lord says, He who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, the Lord Almighty is His name: **"Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the Lord, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before Me."***

The God of Israel has not broken His Covenant, nor is He ignorant of Israel's shortcomings, or the transgressions of the Church, even our personal weaknesses have not annulled the eternal Covenant promises. God knows all things, and will fulfill His purposes. The 'land of Israel' was given as a free will gift from God, not as a reward for faithfulness or their worthiness. God confirmed the land as a Covenant promise, and swore by an oath, it was not dependent on man's faithfulness, but on God's. Abram was put to sleep, and then God Himself went between the offering with fire. God loved Abram His friend, and made a Covenant with him.

O YOU NATIONS HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Ezekiel 47:13 *Thus says the Lord GOD: "These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel Joseph shall have two portions. "You shall inherit it equally with one another; for raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and **this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.***

Ezekiel 48:8-9... *"by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west, shall be the district which you shall set apart, 25,000 cubits in width, and in length the same as one of the other portions, from the east side to the west, **with the sanctuary in the center.** (The Temple Mount is now in the hands of Islam)*
*"The district that you shall set apart for the LORD shall be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width. **And you shall not sell or exchange any of it, nor transfer this best part of this land, for it is Holy to The Lord.***

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CHAPTER 6

THE LAND GOD GAVE TO THE ARABIC PEOPLES

THE LANDS GOD ASSIGNED TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF ABRAHAM'S HOUSEHOLD: THROUGH ISHMAEL, LOT, KETURAH'S SONS AND ESAU -WHO ARE ANCESTORS OF THE ARABIC PEOPLES.

Genesis 25:6 *But while he [Abraham] was still living, he gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from his son Isaac to the land of the east.*

Genesis 32:3 Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Genesis 36:1-6,8 *This is the account of Esau [that is, Edom] Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob. Esau [that is, Edom] settled in the hill country of Seir. [In the Jordan Valley].*

Deut 2:5-9-19 *Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, not even enough to put your foot on. I have given Esau the hill country of Seir as his own. Then the Lord said to me, "Do not harass the Moabites or provoke them to war, for I will not give you any part of their land. I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession." When you come to the Ammonites, do not harass them or provoke them to war, for I will not give you possession of any land belonging to the Ammonites. I have given it as a possession to the descendants of Lot."*

Edom, Seir, Moab, Ar, are all located in Jordan (The Jewish people do not inhabit any of these lands.)

The lands where the descendants of Lot dwelt were East of the Jordan River. This area is approximately the whole Jordan valley, and halfway down the Dead Sea. From ancient times until today, Arabs were not to claim any part of the land of Israel. This is what God declared this, when He allotted lands for the descendants of Abraham's sons to dwell. The Arab peoples of today trace their ancestry from these other sons and nephews of Abraham. They have now intermingled, so it is impossible to identify which Arabian tribe they belong to. This is also predominantly true of the Hebrew tribes.

Arab nations have spread out to occupy some five million square miles of territory. To Ishmael's descendants, Esau and Lot, God gave to them and their descendants, the land Eastward of the Jordan Valley. Moab began at the Arnon River, down the East Coast of the Dead Sea. This land is called Jordan. The Palestinians are influencing international politicians, by pressuring Israel to relinquish parts of land within their own borders. This is achieved through cruel terrorist acts. The secular world ignores that God designated this land for the Jewish people as an everlasting possession.

The 1922-48 partition plan created two States. West as Jewish Israel, East as Jordanian Palestine! Even so, the Arabs living in West 'Jewish Palestine' were enraged. Today, the Arabs want both East and West of this entire region which is clearly within Israel proper! It is acknowledged that a number of Arabs were living in the land at the Jewish homecoming, but God **NEVER** assigned this territory to the Arabs as their own inheritance!

Ezekiel 47:13 *The Sovereign Lord says: "These are the boundaries by which you are to divide the land for an inheritance among the 12 tribes of Israel, with two portions for Joseph. You are to divide it equally among them. **Because I swore with an uplifted hand to give it to your forefathers, this land will become your inheritance**".*

Ezekiel 48:14 *They must not sell or exchange any of it. This is the best of the land; it must not pass into other hands, because it is holy to the Lord.*

This portion of land Ezekiel describes is the area of the Temple Mount, which at this time has an Islamic mosque ensconced upon it. Jews are prohibited from worshipping there. It is also restricted to all other religions. Mount Moriah where the Temple stood is the centre of Jerusalem. Ironically, this very site is not in Jewish hands. Despite man's interference, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Jewish Moshiach will rule and reign from David's throne in Jerusalem from this very place. This is the reason why Islam desires to have control of this city, the most significant piece of 'real estate' in the whole world. Note; that God commanded that the land must not fall into other people's hands.

Israel is not being stubborn, as many media reporters would have us believe. Rather, their very survival is at stake. The Jewish people are retaining the land and ensuring the everlasting Covenant and eternal the destiny given to them by God Himself. Meanwhile, the international community is pressuring Israel to agree to the creation of another Islamic

State. This in fact would be their 23rd. country, whilst Israel has only 1 country, one-third the size of Tasmania for her 12 tribes to dwell in! Furthermore, Palestinians are also demanding East Jerusalem as their capital. An area God did not allot to them! Many are forcing this issue, by the means of murder and bloodshed! If this land falls into the hands of Islam, they would prohibit religious freedom of all other faiths within Israel.

Unbeknown to most, for the sake of peace and cessation of terrorism, Arafat was offered this very deal by Ehud Barak in July 2000. This included 96% of the territories and also the creation of a Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as their capital. Arafat refused this proposal. The PLO's propaganda machine states, "**the reason we are fighting Israel, is for the territories and a Palestinian State**". Yet, they could have obtained this without any need for further mass killing of civilians and the utter cruelty of suicide attacks. Arafat refused Barak's offer of almost all they asked for. So what is the truth of the matter? Israel, be warned! No matter who gets into power, militant Islam's agenda is to disinherit you of your land and expel you, just as the many other nations have done throughout history. When they say '**Peace Peace**' there is no peace! The Scriptures state in the book of the prophet Daniel, that the false Messiah will appear in these last days and make a covenant of peace with Israel and many in her midst will be deceived! Beloved Israel, do not believe his persuasive words, or signs and wonders, for the adversary has plans for your destruction! Hear the word of the Lord seek His face and return to Him. Then He will deliver you from your foes!

Proverbs 26:24 *He who hates, disguises it with his lips, and lays up deceit within himself; When he speaks kindly or(condescendingly) do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; Though his hatred is covered by deceit his wickedness will be revealed before the whole assembly.*

Many want to denigrate Israel in the eyes of the world. Arafat is the one responsible for sacrificing the lives of his own people, and he's the one using them as dispensable pawns. What do the Palestinians truly desire to achieve through hostility and bloodshed is domination over all Israel to satisfy the will of Allah! After the creation of a Palestinian State has been accomplished, the next phase of the plan is to use the area gained to launch a final assault to take over all of Israel, and if possible extinguish or subjugate Jewish life! This progressive plan is likely to follow with equally deceptive rhetoric and terrorist activities. For the Islamic religion, it is essential for Muslims to possess all of Israel to validate the Koran. This victory would endorse their belief in **the supremacy of Islam**

over Judaism and Christianity.

It would vindicate Islamic claims and alleviate embarrassment by proving to themselves and to the world, that 'Our Muslim god Allah, and our religion is superior to all other faiths and has superseded Judaism and Christianity, and therefore the democratic system of the Judaic/Christian West. The UN is aiding and abetting their mission.

This struggle is not only a political one, but has a religious agenda. The method is one of infiltration and bloodshed through Jihad. Fanatics believe that by this method they will drive the world into subjection to Islam and triumph over Jews and Christians for Allah's name! Although they may not promote violence, many moderate Muslims also share the tenets of the supremacy of Islam over all other religions. This is a fundamental teaching of the Koran. When the West understands this truth, it will clarify the mystery of why a mighty struggle over Jerusalem is being waged.

The Almighty God of Israel said, "I am your Creator, The God of Israel and the Father of mankind. You shall have no other gods but Me." The contention between Islam and other Biblical faiths, whose focus is Jerusalem, has not only physical or religious aspects but also is also being waged in the spiritual realms. The agenda is to gain control of the most politically and spiritually significant piece of Real Estate in the world. Israel is like the plug in the world, or the proverbial 'thumb in the dyke', holding back the tide! Western nations must continue to support the democratic principles that Israel endorses, those of human rights tolerance to all religions.

Ezekiel 28:24-26 *No longer will the people of Israel have malicious neighbours who are painful briars and sharp thorns. Then they will know that I am the Sovereign Lord. This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered, I will show Myself holy among them in the sight of the nations. Then they will live in their own land which I gave My servant Jacob. They will live there in safety and will build houses and plant vineyards; they will live in safety, when I inflict punishment on all their neighbours who maligned them. Then they will know that I AM the Lord their God.***

Ezekiel 36:2-5 *This is what the Sovereign Lord says: The enemy said of you, "Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession." Prophecy and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because they ravaged and hounded you from every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations and the object of people's malicious talk and slander, therefore,*

O Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Sovereign Lord: This is what the Lord says to the mountains, hills, and valleys, to the desolate ruins and the deserted towns that have been plundered and ridiculed by the rest of the nations around you.In My burning zeal I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against Edom, for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made MY LAND their own possession so that they might plunder it's pasture land.'

WHO ARE THE ARAB PEOPLE?

Genesis 16:11-12 *The angel of the Lord also said to her: [Hagar] "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; [untameable] his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility towards all his brothers."*

Gen 17:20,21 *As for Ishmael I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation,
.....BUT MY COVENANT I WILL ESTABLISH WITH ISAAC.*

God promised Israel, as an everlasting possession to the Jews. He also desired to bless Ishmael and his descendants. God loves the Arabic people; therefore He also made provision for them. He multiplied the Arabians and they inhabited Edom, Moab, Ammon, today's Jordan, and the Arabian Peninsula. One might ask, has God been unjust to Ishmael's descendants? Let us examine some facts of which most are unaware. The 12 tribes of the Arabic peoples are in possession of over twenty countries or states, spreading over some 5 million square miles in the Middle East. This vast area covers 11.5% of the earth's surface and many have vast oil reserves.

God has designated lands for the Arabic people to dwell in. His blessings for the 12 tribes of Arabians, descendants of Ishmael, have been more than fair, In comparison, Israel is a slither of land, one-third the size of Tasmania. Even so, the international community is pressuring Israel to give even more land to the Arabians. Must Israel conform to this demand? It would seem inevitable that a Palestinian State might eventually be created, or a full-scale war could be foisted upon the Israelis. Surely the Jewish people have experienced enough persecution and bloodshed! Why won't the world let them inhabit that tiny piece of earth and live safely in their own land?

The majority of these Middle Eastern countries have virtually a predominant Arab population, yet they covet Israel's tiny slice of earth. Many also have at their disposal enormous wealth from their oil soaked lands. They already have a mighty inheritance. These resources produce billions of 'petro' dollars. It would seem that this wealth is not often shared or used to raise the living standards of their needy brethren or neighbours. Refugees or citizens are at times kept in utter poverty, or used as political pawns by corrupt governments. Oil Sheikhs are renowned for using the wealth of their country's resources for their personal gain. The international community has handed over to the Palestinian authority via Yasser Arafat, many millions of dollars. Yet on news broadcasts they tell of Palestinians not having enough food to eat! One might ask, whom has all the international aid been spent on? These financial grants are presumably to be for the people to provide hospitals, food, shelter, and schools.

The recent seizure of a shipload of military weapons confirms this truth. It is not Israel who is keeping these suffering people oppressed, but their own corrupt leadership and Jihad! Israel in fact supplies much employment and health care for the Palestinians. It is only when their terrorist organizations blow up innocent civilians, or their ambulances are used to carry suicide bombers, that access to Israel proper, is denied for a time.

The army does not occupy only enters the 'territories' to control terrorist activities and then they withdraw. What country in the world would stand by and allow terrorists to blow up its people? Certainly if this happened in Trafalgar Square, 'down town' New York, or this kind of carnage was perpetrated in the St Kilda cafe strip day after day, there would be an outcry from the government and its citizens. We would not tolerate such atrocities yet, the U.N. and many other nations expect Israel to continue tolerate suicide bombings and do nothing. They condemn her if she acts in defense of innocent civilians by rooting out bloodthirsty fanatics who commit these premeditated atrocities.

The West has had a taste of terrorism on its soil, and consequently America and her allies have used massive force against countries suspected of harboring such terrorists. Hundreds of innocent Afghans have been killed and thousands have died in the refugee camps, yet the Americans are heralded as heroes. Israel targets the masterminds of terrorism and their bases of terrorist operations within her own borders, yet is brutal condemned. One must conclude, that the world views Jewish live as cheaper than they do other peoples? Israel never intentionally targets innocent civilians, in fact, they apologize

publicly when there are accidental deaths. The Torah forbids murder, and Judaism upholds the sanctity of all life. Most Israelis deplore the fact they are being forced into a needless war in defense of their own homeland!

Yet, Palestinians militants on the other hand endorse death, and have stated, "we love death more than the Jews love life!" It is a common practice of the Palestinians to use the cover of civilian community or Church buildings, and many deliberately place their children in the front lines for propaganda purposes. Fanatics raise the children in hatred and train them to become martyrs for Jihad. The religious belief of Jihad and the disdain of the Western culture is their real downfall. This prevents Islamic nations from developing into a democracies of the 21st century to improve the lives of millions of their citizens.

During Israel's almost 2,000-year absence from their land, not one of the conquering nations, including Arabs, have significantly built up, or cultivated the land of Israel. Why, because during that length period of Israel's dispersion, these nations didn't consider Israel their own homeland.

CHAPTER 7

CONQUERORS WHO HAVE RULED OVER ISRAEL

ROMANS AD 63-614

PERSIANS AD 614-629

BYZANTINES AD 629-640

ARAB/ISLAM AD 640-1099

MAMELUKES AD 1291-1517

OTTOMAN TURKS AD 1517-1917

THE BRITISH AD 1918-1948

In 70 C.E. (common Era) the Romans conquered Israel crucifying near to a million Jewish people, the survivors fled the land or were taken into slavery to Rome. The land of Israel remained under Roman domination after the Hebrew dispersion. The Jews were exiled from their God given homeland because of disobedience.

Even so, God said that the land of Israel would remain as their everlasting possession. So **HE** has preserved the Jewish remnant, who have maintained a continual presence in Israel. During the lengthy absence of Jewish life, Israel had become a cracked parched wasteland. It was denuded of its trees and bereft of its native animals. The foreign conquerors had no love for the land itself; they were only interested in its strategic position. Then Islam conquered it! Only one ruler named Caliph Suleima, ever chose to live within her borders from 715-717 C.E. Others governed from Damascus. Baghdad, Egypt, Istanbul, England and other nations.

No other nation has ever claimed Jerusalem as their capital except the Jews. In 1867 after a trip to the Middle East, which included Israel, Mark Twain wrote a book entitled "The Innocents Abroad." In his account, he describes the land he visited.

...."The further we went, the hotter the sun got and the more rocky and bare, repulsive and dreary the landscape became. There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere, a desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over to weeds. A silent mournful expanse, desolation is here, that not even imagination can grace. Of all the lands that are dismal in scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince, it sits in sackcloth and ashes." Israel was almost deserted of any inhabitants, as history documents! The presence of Arabic and Hebrew people was scarce.

WHY THE NAME OF ISRAEL WAS ALTERED TO PALESTINE

According to most encyclopedias, Palestine is an English interpretation of the name derived from 'SYRIA PALAESTINA' and was changed by the Romans after they conquered the Israelites. They adopted the name of Israel's ancient enemies, the PHILISTINES. The motive was to eliminate any connection or claim of ownership the Hebrew people had to Israel. From 1917-1948 the British who occupied the land after the First World War, referred to this entire region as 'PALESTINE.' This incorporated the now two distinct lands of Israel and Jordan. The British used the name 'Palestinians' to identify all the peoples living in this area. Jews, Christians, Turks and Arabs all were under one classification. After Israel became a nation, the 'Jewish Palestinians,' freed from foreign domination, reverted to their rightful name, Israelites or Israelis, while the Arabs retained the name the British had given them, Palestinians. As a race, these people were a new ethnic creation. Historically, before the 20th. century, there was no such a cultural race, nor a people known as the Palestinians.

The Arabs were simply identified as Arabians who originated from differing countries of the Middle East. Today, the concept of a 'Palestinian people' has been marketed by Yasser Arafat and achieved by the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Yasser Arafat, who is in fact an Egyptian, heads this up. Arafat the infamous hijacker, bomber and terrorist, was awarded **The Nobel Peace Prize** for his efforts!

The Palestinian people have been led to believe that the Jews are occupying 'their land,' and have sworn to liberate it from the 'Zionist infidels.' Numbers of Arabs were living in the land, and did lose their homes in 1948. However, this was the consequence of six Arab nations attacking Israel in a determined bid to destroy her. This wouldn't have happened if they had kept the U.N. resolution. During this battle for Israel's survival, some Arabs were forced to leave their homes, but the Arabic military armed assault was mainly the cause of this. However, the truth is, the large majority were absorbed into Palestinian Jordan, just as the Jews who fled their homes in Jordan were absorbed into Jewish Israel. Over thousands of years, the Jews have had to flee many lands leaving their homes.

Never have we seen Jews returning to countries where they once lived, resorting to killing citizens to regain their homes lost in war. The PLO terrorist group has gained

international respectability whilst suicide bombings and shootings of innocent civilians continue daily. The U.N. community gathered together in 1947 and voted for the restoration of the land of Israel to be a Biblical homeland for the Jewish people. The world seems to be suffering from a memory loss about this fact. The Hebrews are not occupying Arab land, it was inhabited by the tribes of Israelites thousands of years before Islam existed. Furthermore, only the return of the Jewish exiles (Aliyah) has restored the land, and they alone have made her wastelands bloom and re-established her cities.

BEGINNINGS OF ISRAEL'S REBIRTH

After thousands of years of intermittent persecution, a situation developed in France in 1894. This became a 'catalyst' underscoring the need for Jews to return to their own Biblical homeland. Captain Alfred Dreyfus was falsely charged with treason and was cruelly prejudiced against, simply because he was a Jew. The glaring anti-Semitism and injustice stirred the heart of world Jewry and in particular, an Austrian journalist, Theodore Hertzl. The plight of this single Jewish brother seemed representative of all Jewish peoples. This motivated him to call the first worldwide gathering of Jews since the dispersion. In 1897 the first Zionist congress gathered in Switzerland under the inspired leadership of Theodore Hertzl. He is recognized as the father of modern Zionism. It was his goal to restore Israel as the national homeland for all Jewish people dispersed throughout the nations by the Roman legions. In 1917 the British signed the Balfour Declaration that stated.....

"His Majesty's government views with favour the establishment of a Jewish State, as a homeland for the Hebrew people." Their heartfelt cry at last had been heard. For centuries their prayers at the Passover, had been **"Next year in Jerusalem"**. The Jewish return begun in the late 1800's, whilst the Ottoman Turks were still in occupation and increased into the 19th century. Much neglected tracts of desolate areas were purchased from absent landowners. For the first time in almost 1900 years the soil was tilled and cultivated over vast tracts of formerly barren land.

These dedicated settlers worked the earth which responded to the love that the Jewish people had for the precious soil of their ancient homeland. The restoration process was very hard, most worked a 16 hour day. They labored tirelessly watering crops with buckets and often scraping the cracked earth with their bare hands. Hundreds of settlers died when they drained the swamps that had lain stagnant for centuries and were infested with malaria. They ingeniously used Australian eucalyptus

trees, which soaked up the swamplands making them suitable for farming. Relations with the locals were mostly positive and friendly. The Arab people enjoyed the new prosperity and the paid work the Israelis provided through their resourceful restoration. Even so, there were some marauding bands of Arabs who were hostile and many Jews lost their lives in attacks by these renegades.

In the mid-nineteenth century, many Arabs hearing of the financial opportunities of paid work began to migrate from neighboring Egypt, Syria, Jordan etc. The word Arab means 'nomad', and throughout history, this people have lived as Bedouins, roaming through North Africa and the Middle East. For the most part, the Jewish return did not displace the sparse number of people, the majority of whom were living a nomadic life there. Since those early days the numbers of Arab people have increased through immigration and high birth rate. Thousands of Arabs also entered Israel illegally from neighboring Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan and other surrounding lands.

BRITISH 'PALESTINE' DIVIDED UP

When the mandate for the Middle East was determined by the U.N, it was agreed to give the French control over Lebanon and Syria regions, while the British were given control of Palestine and Iraq. The British handed Trans-Jordan over to the Palestinian Arabs as being the land designated especially for them. This became the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.

The result of that decision? 77% of the entire area named Palestine, was allotted to 'Palestinian Arabs.' This left a mere 23% of the area WEST of the Jordan river, designated as a homeland for the Hebrew people. Arabs called parts of Israel

'THE WEST BANK' OF THE RIVER JORDAN. BEING A NATURAL BORDER BETWEEN THE NOW TWO STATES. JEWISH ISRAEL AND ARAB JORDANIAN PALESTINE.

This has always been the best solution for both peoples!

The Bible does not mention the name Palestine even once, nor is it the legitimate name for the Holy Land. God said He would re-gather the Jewish people to Israel, not Palestine. God states 108 times, that He, is the God of Israel! The deliberate use of another name for God's land deceptively conceals the legitimacy of Jewish sovereignty. Jesus, who the

world knows to be a Jew, was born in Bethlehem, as was King David, this area is now called the 'occupied territories'. Those who quote Jesus as living in Palestine or as being a Palestinian are in error. We have no reason to believe that Jesus ever left the borders of Israel, and He was a citizen of Israel. These historical facts are further proof to an unbelieving world of Jewish habitation centuries before Mohammed's birth of Islam in the 7th century. Israelites today are not foreign occupiers as history reveals, but legitimate owners.

ISRAEL BECOMES A NATION IN 1948:

In November 1947, the United Nations put forward another partition plan that would divide the remaining portion even further. It was agreed this land was to be given to the Jewish people. Yet, Samaria and parts of Judah were designated as proposed Arab areas. Yet, they disputed this generous division favouring the Arabs five to one. After the U.N. agreed on the division of Israel and Trans-Jordan, the Arabs rejected the partition plan and wanted the entire area for themselves, all of Jordan and all of Israel. Rejecting the U. N. resolution, they warned that they would resist this decision forcefully. This exploded into the war of independence.

THE BATTLE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

The very day after Israel's rebirth, on May 14th. 1948, six Arab nations mobilized to destroy the infant Jewish state: Lebanon, Syria. Egypt, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, and Jordan, also the highly disciplined British trained Arab legion. These aggressors all attacked newborn Israel. The struggle for Jewish survival was not yet over! Israel's foes came at them with weapons of destruction, yet they were unable to defeat the ill-equipped infant nation. Some of its defenders were a surviving remnant who had barely recovered from the holocaust, yet they miraculously overcame the assault to retain the land.

God's Word continues to speak through Israel in the 21st. century, just as it did in the days of King Jehoshaphat: Israel faced possible annihilation. Yet the Defender of Israel has reversed the Arab attacks into a decisive victory. Even so thousands of courageous men and women gave their lives to retain Israel. Although the major battle was won, the Jordanian Palestinians captured parts of Judah and Samaria (West Bank). These areas are now those in conflict, and are incorrectly named. They should be called 'disputed territories' as they are clearly within Israel proper.

Isaiah 66:8 *Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? **Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?** Yet no sooner is Zion in labour than she gives birth to her children.*

Psalms 83:2-8 *For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people {Israel} And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, "**Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.**" For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab (Jordan) and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, & Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria has joined them; They have helped the children of Lot. (Philistia is the area where the Philistines dwelt, and is today's Gaza).*

Israel made concessions to the numbers of Arabs living in the region to remain in the land. They offered Arabs citizenship in Israel, inviting them to participate in the rebuilding of the country together, for the good of all. Yet, within Israel they were to be governed under Israeli sovereignty, as Jordan was under Palestinian Arab sovereignty! God and also the U.N. have allotted the sons of Ishmael a legitimate State called Jordan!

TODAY 75% OF JORDANIANS ARE PALESTINIANS, THEY HAVE A LARGE STATE. WITH A REIGNING KING.

Israel and Jordan - East and West of the Jordan River. The Palestinians claim there were multitudes of Palestinians living in Israel at the time, yet the records don't show this. This situation has escalated into a major security problem with Palestinians demanding their own sovereign state within Israel proper, with Jerusalem as their capital! The world ignores the historical and biblical right of Jewish legitimacy of Israel and especially Jerusalem. Hundreds of thousands of Jews fleeing from Arab nations have been absorbed into Israel. Conversely, Palestinians are purposefully not fully resettled in any of the 22 Arabic States or Palestinian Jordan, but deliberately kept in 'refugee camps' to create leverage to disinherit the Jews and also to foster global condemnation of Israel so as to validate their claims to the land!

THE 1967 SIX DAY WAR: LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM

In 1967 the Arab nations once again executed an attack on Israel. On June 5th, Jordan opened fire from East Jerusalem against West Jewish Jerusalem. A violent defensive battle took place to withstand the attack. If you visit Jerusalem you can see the evidence of the events of those days. Scarred into the ancient walls of Jerusalem are bullet holes that etch forever a silent witness to her turbulent past. After a bloody battle the Jews miraculously won. They were finally in possession of the old city of Jerusalem for the first time in almost 1,950 years. The world stood aghast at their unbelievable victory! Israel also regained the territory captured in 1948 and annexed by Jordan. The Golan Heights, Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula which had been used for terrorist activities, and rocket bombardment from the Golan Heights into Israel. Some 6,000 attacks in 19 years had been made.

Under international pressure, many Jewish areas have now been given over to the Arabs, and Israel has been made increasingly more vulnerable. Nevertheless, in every attack against them, the Israelis have prevailed by the power of God and given the victory over their would be destroyers. In 1967 for first time in almost 2000 years ancient Jerusalem was in their sovereign possession.

The soles of Jewish feet were able to walk on that precious earth. At long last, access had been restored to their holy sites. Jews were able to pray and kiss the ancient walls. God's promises, spoken through the ancient Prophets, had proved true!... **Israel is God's witness!**

Psalms 72:13,14 *For You will arise and have mercy upon Zion, for the time to favour her, Yes the set time has come. For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity.*

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ISRAEL TODAY

The basis of Palestinian claim to this parcel of disputed land is made by inference! By altering the terminology for the Bible land known as Judah and Samaria, implies this region is the 'occupied' **West Bank** of the Jordan River. Yet, this area is clearly within the boundaries of Israel. Arabs have, and may sojourn in the land, but sovereignty and ownership is rightfully of Jewish inheritance. The U.N. partition plan was more than fair toward the Arabs. The disputed areas of land are in fact the

Biblical '**Mountains of Israel**' which Jews and Arabs now both claim. During Israel's exile, small numbers of Arabs did live in the land. However, all Jews were evicted from Jordan in 1922. Today, most Jews are willing to share their land, if the 'peace partners' would cease their cruel terrorist activities, but militant factions are inciting Palestinians to war against Israel. This is whilst retaining the 77% of the total landmass - referring to 'Palestinian Jordan,' as the Arab Palestinian State. The conflict has been exacerbated since the PLO began its aggressive movement called the intifada [uprising] during the 1980's.

Before Arafat used the plight of the Palestinian people to piggy back his own agenda, the majority of Jews and Arabs got along reasonably peacefully with each other. Israel would readily have made concessions for true peace, if the Hebrew people could be assured the safety of civilians. There needs to be a trust that the Palestinians will agree to live side by side without the fanatical mentality of suicidal Jihad. Tragically this seems to be an intrinsic part of the militant Islamic ideology. The final objective is to turn Israel into the 23rd Islamic State. A deceptive strategy is underway to dispossess Jewish people, 'piece by piece', by so-called 'Peace agreements', agreements to which no Muslim is bound because they are made with 'infidels'.

The destruction of the Jewish State and the Hebrew people has been attempted many times over the centuries. Differing peoples, cultures and nations have perpetrated evil, through diabolical regimes. To defend her tiny homeland, Israel is forced into a war against her will. Islam has been described as a peace loving religion. However, despite '**political correctness**', this is not completely true. Many nations and millions of people in developing countries have experienced severe atrocities perpetrated by Muslim radicals. Worldwide, there are dozens of wars raging at this present time and most of them involve Muslim fanatics making 'Jihad' on Christian or other ethnic communities. In most of these places land is not an issue. So what is this Islamic phenomenon, rising up worldwide?

Sudan, Algiers, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Somalia. Pakistan and dozens more countries have been the scenes of attacks on vulnerable civilians. These are perpetrated against those who are considered infidels, specifically people who are non-Muslim! These radicals also inflict unspeakable cruelty upon their own people, who they deem as not living according to Islam's religious Shari'a laws. Yet, some Palestinian 'moderates' who are not directly involved in acts of terrorism have been caught on camera cheering, dancing and applauding the suicide bombers deeds. These actions reveal the

'so called moderates' true convictions. Tragically many Palestinian children at a very young age are trained to become suicide bombers, being taught to lust after blood and death to satisfy Allah. This produces entrenched hatred and intolerance, not only against Jews but also other faiths.

From the mosques, some religious leaders indoctrinate their people to believe that killing Jews is their religious duty. Blatant lies are propagated such as: Jews inject Arab children with the aids virus, and give them candy laced with poison. They also teach that a plan of genocide against them is being conducted. Yet, the Jews do not desire to harm their Arab relatives, rather to get along with them. There is a righteous path to eternal life, which does not require their blood to be spilt, nor for murder to be taught as a means of gaining glory or redemption.

Conversely, there are millions of honourable Muslims who live " the West, especially Australia, who are distressed by this brutal conduct. They also condemn these violent acts and live peaceably alongside peoples of other faiths. It is mainly in developing countries where we see incitement to Jihad where such atrocities are perpetrated. There needs to be a major reform! This would free millions of people from their suffering. Some portions of Islamic ideology cause poverty and repression especially for the women and children. This reform would achieve their hopes of a place to live, restoring sanity and well being to the Palestinian people.

CHAPTER 8

ISLAM'S THRUST TO OVERTHROW ISRAEL

There is a quest by militants to conquer the world for Islam, and to establish Allah's authority not only in Israel, but in the whole earth! The historical method was by the sword, yet today, they are gaining Jewish land by the 'pen', so called peace treaties, and suicide bombs. The same loss of the Hebrew homeland will result. Their intent is to disinherit the Jewish people from their land. The secular world will obviously oppose, or ignore the authority of the Bible. Yet, God has declared, He will establish Israel, and punish all those who come against her.

Islam is now in possession of the most holy and significant site in the whole of Israel, in fact in the entire world. That is the Temple Mount! This is where the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa mosques came to be built. Today, the Muslims are digging under the Temple Mount to remove and destroy historical artifacts that prove thousands of years of Hebrew civilization in Jerusalem, eons before Islam was established as a religion.

The site works being done under Jerusalem are to eliminate the truth, so Palestinians can lay claim to the Temple Mount. Priceless archaeological history is being destroyed in the process. Islamic leaders want to bring holy water up from Mecca to establish their claim to Jerusalem and save them from having to make a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, the Jewish people are denied access to their ancient Temple Mount. As it stands, Islam has '3 holy sites' the Jews are left with a remnant of the broken walls of Solomon's Temple.

THESE COMMENTS ARE IN NO WAY PREJUDICED AGAINST THE CULTURAL ARABIC MUSLIM PEOPLES WHO DWELL IN THE NATIONS, BUT RATHER ADDRESSES THE ACTIVITIES OF MILITANTS AND JIHAD TERRORISTS WHOSE AIM IS TO DESTROY THE JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL.

Historically, the Islamic faith revolved around Mecca and Medina. Their claim to the Temple Mount is based upon a mystical superstition, that in the 7th. century Mohammed supposedly jumped off his horse and flew into heaven from the Temple Mount. Yet, this story was propagated six hundred years after Mohammed's death, when an Islamic cleric named Al Quads, said he had a vision which generated this notion. The reality is, history has no record of Mohammed ever setting foot

in Israel. Islam now possesses many significant places to both Judaism and Christianity. By increments, the Muslims are possessing the land of the Hebrews. However, Biblically, historically and politically it is proven to be Jewish. Judaism's claim to Jerusalem comes through King David who reigned three and a half thousand years ago.

Furthermore, Jesus was born into a Jewish family in a Hebrew town called Beit Lechem. He was a Jew, who taught in King Solomon's Temple six hundred years before Mohammed took his first baby steps. Jesus is not a Palestinian, a Catholic or a Gentile. He was a Hebrew Israelite. Yet today, Bethlehem is part of the so-called 'occupied territories'! Furthermore, Muslim leaders prohibit Jews and even Christians from accessing the Temple Mount because they say they will 'defile their holy place.'

One might be bold enough to ask the mystifying question, why does Islam brand Jews and Christians as infidels if we all have the same God? Ironically, at Christmas, Arafat the Muslim goes to Bethlehem to pay homage to Jesus the Jewish Israelite! Fact is stranger than fiction! Israel is the only democracy in the entire region of the Middle East, and strategically and spiritually important to all nations on earth. One factor that unites the Muslim world is their common hatred of Jews and more specifically, Jewish sovereignty over Israel, it is like a blot in the Middle East and many want to take control of the entire area once conquered by Islam.

Psalm 5:4-8 *For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand in your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors bloodthirsty and deceitful men. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; Make your way straight before my face.***

Islam fervently declares that Allah of the Koran is the one true God. Therefore, in their eyes, it is unacceptable not to be the dominant religious power over Israel, and even the world. The method being used is infiltration and Jihad. Islam today is the fastest growing religion in the world and they are converting many people to their cause, for example; the American and Australian converts to the terrorist network, Al Qaeda. Today, terrorist fundamentalists employ this phenomenon called Jihad, a new buzzword around the globe. This has caused many atrocities around the world. We hear of terrorism, but radical Islamic militants are involved with numerous accounts of these abuses of humanity. We have seen extremists burning the

American flag, but if anyone was awake, they would have also observed an anti Western demonstration that took place in Indonesia.

Australia became the target of hatred and they burnt our flag. Not so long ago, a suicide bomb was detonated in Bali, targeting Australians and other westerners. This kind of atrocity, Israel has had to endure for years! Now it has been brought to our very door. **In Indonesia there are 200 million Muslims.**

The importance of Jerusalem is paramount to the Jews! **Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the Hebrew Bible!** The Koran, which is the holy book of Islam, **does not mention Jerusalem even once**, in all its pages!

If it was considered holy and of such importance to Islam, why didn't Mohammed make mention of it? The Koran doesn't even once hint that it is a holy place for Islam. The Muslim religious centers are Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia? Mohammed never once set foot in either Israel, or Palestine. From the time when Al Quds had the 'vision', Muslims have laid claim to Jerusalem as their 'third' holy place. To the Jews, Jerusalem is the ultimate Holy place. Note that when Muslims pray, they bow towards Mecca and Medina, not Jerusalem. The cultural name for the Arabs denotes their origins. Arabs are Arabians who come from Arabia! Arabia in North Africa! In contrast, the name Jews denotes their origin, which is Judah. Jerusalem is within Judah, which is the heart of Israel. Jews are NOT the occupiers and the names of these two peoples say it all! For two millennia Jews have set their hope upon returning to Jerusalem and their ancestral homeland, and have directed their prayers towards this beloved city; for at least three thousand five hundred years.

For Arabs, during this time, Arabia was their spiritual homeland. Some traveled to Israel and settled there but it was not considered their national homeland until the Jewish homecoming. This motivated their claim for the land of Israel as their own, not simply as individuals, but as an Islamic inheritance. By calling this area of Judea/Samaria (the West Bank), 'occupied territories', they have endeavored to legitimize their claim. The Gaza 'strip' is the only area that could be disputed by some.

Arab nations have compiled a document which declares, **'We do not recognize the State of Israel.'** They have sworn to destroy Israel and push the Jews into the sea! One cannot make peace with a nation who employs terrorism, and whose desire is to obliterate the very people they are presumably negotiating

peace with. Palestinians obviously want control of the Temple Mount for the worship of Allah.

He is clearly not the God of Israel as written of in the Hebrew Scriptures. Mohammed deviated from the original faith of the Arabs when he devised this new theology! He wrote the book of new teachings called the Koran. Before this time, Islam did not exist. Ishmael's descendants were identified by the nations where they dwelt. Today, many Muslims want to live in peace with the nations and raise their children in safety. These comment are not referring to the millions of peaceable Muslims, but referring to radicals. Many of whom themselves, have also become victims of fanaticism, repression, and unspeakable cruelty.

May God help us to respect one another so we can all live in a 'safe' world. The Jewish people have been entrusted by God to retain this land and preserve it for the coming of the Jewish Messiah who will reign on David's throne in Jerusalem. For this cause, Jews are sacrificing their lives defending the land. Israel needs our prayers, the Middle East situation is highly complex. As fallible human beings the Jewish people do not always do what seems to be correct in the eyes of the world. They can and do sometimes make unpopular decisions. Even so, many of the decisions made to ensure Israel's survival, are dismissed or not understood. Israel has to protect herself against merciless acts of terror where hundreds have been murdered or maimed for life. No sovereign nation should have to endure this.

Why are Israeli defenders strongly condemned, and Palestinian terrorists sympathetically encouraged? Terrorism against Jews is tolerated, even acceptable. Palestinian 'terrorists' are not identified as terrorists by world definition. This is utter hypocrisy since the world is fighting against terrorism. There are hard times ahead as a tide of condemnation against Israel is growing. The responsibility for this Anti-Semitism is largely attributable to the distortions of the media coverage of events in the Middle East. It is imperative we understand the true nature of this struggle! This is especially important with regards to the Church. The church must not also lend its voice in protest against the Jewish nation. This would be contrary to the Word of God. We are commanded to be watchmen on the walls and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. There are curses and blessings God has promised to the nations. Many will be judged for the way they have treated the Jewish people. God said, 'I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you'

Use wisdom and discernment when you consider aligning yourself in this disagreement. ‘...**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom**’!

CHAPTER 9

REBUILDING JUDAH

Nehemiah confirmed ownership of Israel for the Jews and specifically Jerusalem. This remains true for today. After the return from Babylon this is what Nehemiah said as he began restoring the walls of Jerusalem, which had remained broken down for many years. He rebuked the interference of the Arabs when it came to meddling in Hebrew matters. To question the right of ownership or Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem was not permissible! Ironically the conflict today over Jerusalem is similar to the battle Nehemiah had to deal with when God returned the captives from Babylon. Just as Nehemiah built up the walls of the Temple and constructed housing settlements, so it is again today for the Modern State of Israel!

Nehemiah 2:19-20 *When Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" They asked. "Are you rebelling against the King?" I answered them "God of heaven will give us success. **We are His servants, we will start rebuilding, but as for you, [speaking to Arabs] you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.***

THEY CREATED FEAR, DECEPTION, CONFUSION AND THEY ATTACKED AND MOCKED THE JEWS.

Ezekiel 28:24 *"No longer will the people of Israel have malicious neighbors who are painful briars and sharp thorns. Then they will know that I Am the Sovereign Lord. "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered, I will show Myself Holy among them in the sight of the nations. Then they will live **IN THEIR OWN LAND**, which I gave my servant Jacob. They will live there in safety and will build houses and plant vineyards. They will live in safety **WHEN I INFLICT PUNISHMENT ON ALL THEIR NEIGHBOURS WHO HAVE MALIGNED THEM.** Then they will know that I AM the Lord their God."*

WHY DO THE ARABS HAVE ANIMOSITY TOWARD ISRAEL?

We will turn to the original Hebrew Scriptures, known as the Tanakh, to discover the source of this ancient hostility expressed towards the Jewish people by their Arab relatives. To

this very day, the descendants of Ishmael are not only at times hostile to towards each other, but the militant faction within Islamic countries lift their hand against many other peoples. Jews, Christians and Gentiles of the west are called 'infidel', meaning unbelievers. Yet Jews and Christians believe in the biblical God of Israel written of in the Tanakh, the Hebrew scriptures of Judaism!

Genesis 16:11 *The angel of the Lord said to her: You (Hagar) are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard your misery. **He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand will be against him, and he will live in hostility against his brothers.***"

THE TINY AREA OF LAND THAT THE JEWISH NATION IS LEFT WITH TODAY.

Ezekiel 36:1-11. *"And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, '**O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!** Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,'" therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"—therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—therefore thus says the Lord GOD:*

*"Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country." "Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame. But you, **O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.**"¹⁰I will*

*multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. **Then you shall know that I am the Lord.***

Psalm 83:1-8 *O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. **"Come," they say, "let us destroy them (Israel) as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more."** With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you - the tents of Edom (descendants of Esau) and the Ishmaelites, of Moab (Jordan) and the Hagrite, Gebal, Amman and Amalek, (regions of Philistia, Gaza strip) with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them to lend strength to the descendants of Lot.*

These verses of Psalms and Ezekiel were written thousands of years ago. Even so, they remain true today. These countries have formed a confederacy of Arab nations, an Islamic brotherhood, united in a common hatred and sworn purpose to annihilate Israel. The prophet Ezekiel speaks about this very attitude. God explains why He was against Edom [Lot] & the Arab forefathers. In our generation we can see the identical spirit operating, with the same animosity. Ishmael's agenda hasn't changed nor has the locality of dispute. The 'occupied territories' are in fact 'The Mountains of Israel' This is the area that Palestinians are now trying to possess by terrorism.

Ezekiel 35:2-10. *Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it, and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, And make you most desolate; I shall lay your cities waste, And you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. **"Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword (shed blood) at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end, therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD,** "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it the one who leaves and the one who returns. And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall. I will make you perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited; then you shall know that I am the*

Lord. "Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries (Israel and Judah) shall be mine, and we will possess them,' although the Lord was there, therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

SUMMARIZING GOD'S COMPLAINT

Verse 5

THEY HATED ISRAEL AND HARBORED HOSTILITY.

Verse 5

THEY SHED THE BLOOD OF ISRAEL AND WANTED TO DEVOUR THEM

Verse 10

THEY PLOTTED & CONSPIRED TO TAKE ISRAEL'S LAND

Verse 12

THEY SPOKE BLASPHEMIES AGAINST GOD

Verse 13

THEY BOASTED AGAINST THE LORD WITH OUT RESTRAINT

(From The Mountains Of Israel.' by Norma Archbold)

CHAPTER 11

JIHAD AND INTOLERANCE

THE KORAN'S TEACHINGS

THE KORAN STATES:- Quran, Surah 5:51 Take not the Jews or Christians for friends. They are friends one to another. He among you who takes them for friends is one of them. Lo! Allah guides not these wrong doing people.

Quran, Surah 2.191 And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from whence they drove you out, and persecution is severer than slaughter, and do not fight with them at the sacred Mosque (in Mecca until they fight with you in it, but if they do fight you, then slay them: such is the recompense of the unbelievers. (There are many more verses but these are several examples)

THE RELIGION OF ISLAM

Some passages in the Koran are contradictory in their message. In one verse, we all have one God and to be at peace with the people of the book, (Jews and Christians) then in another portion it states, go and drive them out and kill them, the 'infidels'. In the days of Mohammed when the Jews refused to convert, Islamic followers rode out with the sword and massacred six hundred Jewish people by beheading them. These kinds of actions are not new to Islam. In the past it has been known as a religion of the sword and of blood. For extremists this is their creed, and fanatics adhere to these doctrines that instruct radicals to wilfully murder. In Gaza, suicide bombers are trained and indoctrinated by these selective teachings where they believe they are glorified for killing Jews. Radicals believe they are satisfying Allah by the elimination of other faiths.

Ironically, those who are moderates can also be severely punished sometimes having their hands and feet cut off, or are killed for not submitting to the strict Islamic laws. Hence thousands of traumatized people predominantly from Islamic nations, seek asylum in other Western democratic countries. It's not necessarily terrorism that is the major problem for world security, but religious fanatics who use violent methods as a means to force submission of the people to the 'will of Allah!' Tragically, many young people are brainwashed into becoming martyrs through this teaching of fanatical ideas. They are

convinced that they will go to paradise where 70 virgins and other lustful pleasures are awaiting them. Thousands of these young men are incited to become martyrs. Their doctrine states belief in the one god; yet many of the teachings in the Koran, are contradictory to the Biblical God of Israel. One must conclude Islam's god is not the same God of the Hebrew Scriptures!

Originally, Arabic tribal peoples adhered to the Abrahamic faith, however, many declined into paganism over the centuries. Mohammed departed from the ancient tradition when he introduced the new doctrines of Islam and started a different religion. He departed from the faith of his forefathers as written in the Abrahamic Covenant. Mohammad formulated these doctrines after he had a vision, which he assumed to be from the angel Gabriel. Yet, God does not send angels with conflicting theology and distorted versions of His eternal Covenant.

The **Tanakh** and the **Koran** are incongruent. Conversely, there is also another angel; the angel of darkness and he can deceive by appearing as an angel of light. He is the master deceiver! This new 'revelation' must be a falsification, as it usurps the Torah and is distortion of God's word. This, visitation cannot be from God but the evil one, as Islam despises Jews and Israel. He extracted some elements of the scriptures from the Tanakh and the New Testament and mixed with other ideas of his own, birthed a new religion called Islam. Where verses referred to the Abrahamic Covenant regarding the land of Israel, these portions were rewritten in such a way as to distort the truth and benefit the Arab peoples. These descendents of Ishmael have their own God-given blessings without usurping those of the people of Israel.

Genesis 35:9-12 *Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. "The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."*

Ishmael has a great inheritance of more than 20 lands and has been richly blessed. **However the land of Israel was NOT assigned to Ishmael as an inheritance**, neither by the Divine Creator, nor the U.N. who voted Israel to be a specific homeland for the Jews. The world today is demanding to make Israel into a two-state country, but they already divided up the

area into two parts in 1922-47. The West of the Jordan River is for the Jewish people, and East of the Jordan River is for Palestinian Arabic people. Even so, there were still areas within Israel proper that the Arabs disputed, namely the "West Bank." The world is going along with this thrust to confiscate Jewish land. They will come up against the Might of the God of Israel. The truth is, that Allah as presented in the Koran cannot be the same god as the Hebraic God of Israel, as their Koranic writings clearly conflict with biblical truth. Many Arabians in Mohammed's time worshiped a black stone, most likely they believed to be a moon god, hence the symbol of the crescent moon, the symbol of Islam, mounted on the spire of each the minarets of mosques throughout the world. There are many pagan gods yet Adonai said, "You shall have no other gods but Me." The God of Israel - is the Divine Creator and King of the Universe. There is no reference in all of the Bible to the 'God of Palestine' but rather scripture confirms at least 108 times that the God of the Jews is the 'God of Israel'.

Millions of Muslims living in western nations around the globe have total freedom to practice their Islamic faith; they are not restricted in our democratic Western societies. Yet, this freedom is not offered in Islamic countries! While Muslims demand equality and religious freedom in the West, they do not tolerate it in the East! It is grievous that several verses in the Koran instruct followers to kill members of other religious faiths, and 'jihad' is fostered as a way of life by some more radical streams of Islam. It is of grave concern that the leaders of the Islamic world appear to do nothing to prevent this. In some instances the doctrine of Jihad is even promoted. Neither is there any condemnation by the U.N. when Muslim extremists around the globe, slaughter minority ethnic and religious groups. Islamic rebels have brutally killed literally millions, and are still massacring Christians and other ethnic groups living in Islamic countries. We are witnessing the Palestinian Jihad, using similar fanatical methods, executing horrific deaths and creating acute fear among Israel's people. Islam is said to be a 'peaceful, loving' religion and although it would be deemed politically correct to state this publicly, it is not completely the truth. Jihad massacres are now being perpetrated systematically in many countries worldwide. In Sudan, Algeria, Somalia, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines and many other lands.

Jewish people, for the most part do not now live in Muslim countries, therefore they have been mercifully spared from these cruel practices which other minority religious groups are experiencing. The Palestinians declare... 'we are forced to become suicide bombers to gain our land.' Yet, Islamic fanatics around the globe are massacring people of

other faiths. So what explanation can there be for this phenomenon where land disputes are not an issue? What deranged mindset shapes these ardent radicals who carry out atrocities to appease their god? Where is their god of love, and mercy?

There was silence from the International community regarding the long term multiple suicide attacks perpetrated by the Palestinians against Israel. In comparison, the U.N. and the Vatican and many within the Christian church hastened to strongly oppose Israel after only a few days of defensive action to rout out terrorists. This action by Israel's Defense Force was in response to 18 months of carnage from attacks on its own soil. Why do they refuse to address Palestinian terrorism, or send neutral observers into these camps to at least see firsthand the networking that produces these murderers. It seems that it is easier to berate Israel and let her be the scapegoat. Ironically, a similar silence and lack of condemnation from the international community took place during the 'holocaust'.

In our day, once again, we are witnessing the Church and the nations' weak response to such atrocities on Israel soil almost as if Israel is responsible for her own dilemma. Without the state of Israel, there is no safe place for Jewish people as history has shown. Worldwide persecution in the form of anti-Semitism is on the rise once again and could become overt at any time.

It is long overdue for the UN to denounce the murderous nature of the Islamic Jihad among its member nations. Meanwhile, the Imams(Religious Islamic leaders) need to use their influence over what is taught in their mosques and prohibit the endorsement of such violence by extreme elements. This responsibility lies with Islamic leaders if they wish to project an image of peaceful coexistence. This is a serious worldwide problem for Muslims and is unacceptable to the civilized world. Many Islamic newspapers, TV programs, and some religious centres promote and incite young Muslims to become 'Shaheed', that is suicide murderers. It is a crying shame that there are many that are teaching an entire young generation of Arabic children, breeding them in hatred, suicide and murder, such as is the case on Israel by Arafat and his associates. The leaders seem to do nothing to prevent these warped aspirations nor do they condemn the atrocities taking place around the world. These religious bloodbaths in the name of Allah are threatening global stability. It would be expedient for the clerics to cease from the inflammatory rhetoric. These barbaric activities are not the will of the one true God of Creation. Surely, their god also tells Arabs thou shall not kill!

Reform is needed and moral teachings of moderation, which would cultivate peace and tolerance towards differing ethnic groups and faiths. These statements are not directed toward the Muslim people, but rather the doctrine of death and violence perpetrated by militants. All peoples of the world should cooperate to make life better for all of humanity whatever their religion may be! Israel desperately wants to live in peace and if the Palestinians were to cease their terrorist activities, there would be peace. However, if the Jews were to stop defensive action, there would be no Israel! When Arafat entered the arena, his goal was to build up an army of terrorists just like himself. If justice were to prevail, this man would not be free to do what he is doing, but at the very least to be behind bars.

Many refer to him as the father of modern terrorism. It is to be kept in mind that the Palestinians were offered 96% of the land plus their own capital in Jerusalem by former PM Ehud Barak, but Arafat refused it! He has proved to be a pathological liar. He promises and then reneges, just as Pharaoh, his Egyptian forefather did with the Israelites in Egypt, so many years ago.
.....**Same mindset, same people, same spirit!**

He speaks one thing in English and then in Arabic calls for 1 million 'Shaheed' (martyrs) to continue suicide bombings against Israel! His deceptive doubletalk cannot be trusted and he remains a prime instigator of terrorism. He is the one who is causing his people terrible harm, and has replaced hope with death. Palestinians are being deceived into believing that the sacrifice of their young men's lives is the gateway to paradise. A distortion is taking place in the minds and lives of Palestinian people, whom Arafat is supposedly governing. Yet in all honesty, they are being used as dispensable pawns in the plans of this regime. The majority of the world is mostly unaware of the Palestinians' true agenda... the expulsion of all Jews to gain sovereignty over all Israel. How can one negotiate a land agreement, with a people who do not recognize Israel's right to exist?

It is a great deception and international politicking. In spite of this, God's Divine purpose will not fail! We must pray for the plight of millions of Arabic peoples around the world, to be freed from this insanity, that they might turn from the destructive direction many of their leaders are taking them. This is a spiritual battle against forces which have taken over the minds of many Arab peoples causing them untold suffering. We need to reconcile these differences and continue to have mercy on all the diverse families of the earth! What can we do about this situation?

Pray, intercede, say Tehillim, and recite Psalms for the situation in the Middle East. God desires to bless the Arabic peoples and for them to find true redemption, and not by the blood of Jihad. We need to pray for Arab brothers and sisters to be freed from this dark deception, and cruel bondage so that they may find true peace, hope, prosperity and blessing. Israel's restoration is a sign of the coming of the Jewish Messiah. This event will impact the whole of mankind whether you are a believer or not! Scriptures refer to this time as the birth pangs of Messiah. Today, Israel is in birth pains to bring forth the Moschiach, ben David, the King.

Micah 4:10. *Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth pangs...*

CHAPTER 12

WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS THE END OF DAYS

Ruth, who was from Moab, was an example for the nations for anyone who desired to be included in the eternal destiny of Israel. She declared to the Jewish people in ...

Ruth 1:16 . *'For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die And there will I be buried.*

The attitude demonstrated by Ruth who expressed oneness with the Hebrew people, is biblically symbolic. God said, through Isaiah in Ch.56:7,

".....For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

It would be prudent for the world and also the Church to understand this precept and to comprehend the very real threat to the survival of Israel and the Jewish people who have suffered many attempts to destroy them.

We really must seek God's perspective regarding Israel in the Middle East. We must resist anti-semitic propaganda, Islamic aspirations and anti-Israel media bias in our search for truth on the ground and indeed in the heavenlies.

Psalms 9:11-14 *Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. **For He avenges blood, He remembers them. He does not forget the cry of the humble.** That I may tell of your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made, in a net which they hid, by which their own foot is caught. The Lord is known by the judgments He executes; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.*

Zechariah 2:12-17 *"And the Lord will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.*

*BE SILENT ALL FLESH, before the Lord, for **He is aroused from His Holy habitation. On account of Judah, God will arouse Himself from where He dwells.***

GOD WILL INHERIT JUDAH AND THE MOSHIACH WILL COME AND REIGN AS KING ON DAVID'S THRONE IN JERUSALEM.

Is it any wonder that such an intense struggle is being fought between good and evil, the sheep and the goat nations? Are we seeing the beginnings of Zechariah's prophesy being fulfilled today? (Zech 2:12).

After September 11, 2001, the Islamic nations including many prominent countries of the world are now working together against terrorism. Only Israel, a nation who experiences terrorism on a daily basis, was excluded! Will Israel be pressured to concede to their demands for fear of upsetting the Arab oil nations? At this present time, America is standing with Israel, but this could change at any time. In the Bible it is written, "all nations will come against Israel". At this time, God will send the mighty Lion from the tribe of Judah, His deliverer, the Moshiach to save Israel from all her enemies. God will enter into judgment with all nations and peoples for sin and the bloodshed upon this earth. Also for those nations who contend with Israel and who have persecuted Israel and the Jewish people over hundreds of centuries! He who touches Israel-touches the apple of His eye! The international uprising in these end days is not simply a political or historical matter, but indicates mankind's spiritual condition of rebellion against God. Humanity will be given a time to repent and turn from opposition against God, before Messiah comes to judge all the earth.

BIASED MEDIA REPORTING AGAINST ISRAEL

It is confusing trying to understand the truth about the Middle East conflict. Israel is an ancient land and has been occupied by conquerors throughout much of its history. Therefore, the only real authority to determine the truth and validate the legal ownership this territory is through historical events and the authenticity of Bible and the accuracy of prophecy. For the most part, television viewers evaluate the Middle East conflict according to the news media coverage. The Palestinian bias of the reporting is usually clearly evident, showing ample footage after Israeli response to terrorism of Palestinian pain and suffering.

Conversely, in almost every incident, Israel is made out to be the aggressor, as the provocation of the attack on the Israelis is ignored or underplayed. Naturally, this one sided view evokes the international audiences sympathy, while disdain and aggression towards Israel is fostered. Some

Palestinians stage incidents specifically for the press cameras to misrepresent the truth. The press swoop on these opportunities for the 'trendy' next wave of Israel bashing. The anti-Israel media is largely responsible for the increase of anti-semitism worldwide! The footage used is deliberately and selectively manipulated in its presentation as it is beamed across the globe. The news coverage often commences with footage of Israeli tanks and soldiers moving into the 'occupied territories' however, it is vital to note that they don't occupy any area permanently, only those containing militants who pose a real threat to Israel's security. Footage of tanks firing on Palestinian terrorist stronghold lends to the presentation the impression that Israel precipitated the act of aggression, and that they are inciting the Palestinians. The newsreader numbers the dead and vivid pictures are flashed around the world.

THE HUMAN FACE OF ISRAEL'S SUFFERING IS RARELY SHOWN.

The reporting on Israel is vastly different! Instead of seeing the carnage inflicted upon pedestrians and civilians running out of restaurants, their bodies on fire, having been turned into human torches, or with legs blown off or nails embedded into their flesh. Instead, we are shown the back ends of ambulances driving away from the scene, or sometimes an interview with some bystanders. All we as viewers see is Israel's military defensive response to the deliberate and wanton mass murder of babies, children, Mums and Dads.

The anguish and long suffering of this devastating fear, pain and injustice to the Jewish people is largely dismissed. There are some 4,497 permanently maimed victims up to date. These lives will never be the same! The world demands of Israel to exercise restraint in dealing with these murderers, while day after day this very restraint is facilitating the wanton massacre of its precious people.

You put yourselves in Israel's position. Imagine how you would react if your cities became targets of suicide bombings, which killed or maimed your friends and families on a daily basis, leaving in its wake heartbreak and devastation. Tiny Israel is real the victim here! With a minute population she is surrounded by volatile Islamic nations who seek her destruction. The Arabs have mounted every assault since Israel's rebirth as a nation in her ancestral homeland but The Almighty has defended Israel again and again.

The Jewish people do not display their dead: they honour and sanctify the life of all people. In comparison, the PA use the dead as propaganda, purposefully displaying those killed to gain worldwide sympathy and further condemnation so they can legitimize their gruesome mandate. Women and children are used as human shields and strategically placed in the forefront of combat zones. This ploy is being put to use so they can allegedly 'prove' to the world, Jews are killing our women and children. How is it that these young children are on the front lines and not at school? Is the world blinded to this? Palestinian parents are the ones callously exploiting their children for Allah, offering them as 'a sacrifice on the altars of Islam.' The militants do not sanctify life, but promote death as a way to paradise, deceiving their people and leading them down a pathway of tragedy for their race. This practice is reminiscent of the ancient pagan human offerings, where parents sacrificed their children in the fire to satisfy their pagan gods like Molech.

THE STRUGGLE TO RETAIN THE LAND OF THE HEBREWS.

The truth is, the Jewish government is not the initiator, but defenders of a legitimate military operation to counteract terrorism on its soil. Every nation's government has a duty and an obligation to protect its citizens. Israel's government is no exception! They target terrorist infrastructure, pinpointing the masterminds of these atrocities. This is comparable to what America is doing, hunting down terrorists and destroying their regime with the approval of many of the nations. Yet America is seen by many as the heroes, whilst Israel is portrayed as a military dictatorship? This is hypocrisy! Anti-Semitism is once more on the rise worldwide! Colin Powell stated that "America reserves the right to defend itself against terrorism." Why is it that Israel doesn't have that same right to defend its innocent civilians against terrorism?

While America fights terrorism. Israel is expected to be the 'sacrificial lambs' of international politics and suffer continual premeditated murder of its people. Israel knows 'their Osama bin Laden's address,' he's just down the road calling for suicide mass murders daily. Should Israel have to endure this onslaught and international condemnation as well? Why do the nations or the UN not put pressure on the perpetrators to cease their evil activities.

The massive sums of money given to the Palestinian authority by the international community is simply being used to sponsor the murder of Israeli citizens. Arafat also rewards the families of suicide bombers by paying their families \$25000

each for killing Jews. Israel is blamed for 'Arafat's people' being on the bread line, while his personal bank accounts have grown into multimillion dollar reserves.

SUICIDE IS AGAINST ALL OUR BASIC HUMAN INSTINCTS

The fundamental nature of our human spirit has an inbuilt instinct for self-preservation. When the ethos of any ethnic population has become so corrupted that they believe that suicide, and the horrendous resultant carnage is a glorious honour nobly rewarded, this testifies to the effects that the Islamic teachings of 'Jihad' are having upon the psyche of this group of people. They are being misled by unsound leadership both spiritually and politically. Palestinians have been invited to participate in a political solution, but this is futile unless they cease from the cruelty of these religiously based practices.

Many nations and peoples throughout the ages have been persecuted, exiled and have had to fight for what they believe. However, never has history seen such a people emerge, whose religious culture glorifies needless acts of mutilation and self-destruction instead of civilized negotiation. This indoctrination and 'theology' produces Mums and Dads who are proud to send out their children with their blessing, to murder innocent civilians by the means of blowing themselves up. Many cheer, dance and clap at the outcome.

These people could achieve their goal through dialogue, but tragically they have been indoctrinated in terrorist camps, and prefer martyrdom, believing this is most honourable. Ironically, the world does not perceive that this barbarism is a gross deception of humankind! Surely someone with a sound mind should identify this deception for what it really is, and inform the Palestinians, that they need to act very differently if they wish to prosper and be trusted'

Ezekiel 25:6.. *'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you clapped your hands, stamped your feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your disdain for the land of Israel, indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My hand against you, and give you as plunder to the nations; I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you, and you shall know that I am the LORD."*

[Palestinians are doing the same acts]

The 'do gooders' exacerbate the problem by not addressing the issue, and therefore they are reinforcing the destructive rewards that Palestinians need to commit suicide

and murder to get they want. In fact, the reward is quite the opposite! If they would cease from the Jihad mentality and terrorism, then an agreement might be reached. While the world, and Israel is empathetic to the plight of the Palestinian people, and seek justice for them they need to show that they can conduct themselves in a trustworthy and civilized manner. To cease from exploding your neighbour's bodies apart, would be a good place to start. We all need to seek the face of God and pray that He will answer our prayers for a way of peace for both peoples.

Isaiah 62:1-2 *For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The nations (Gentiles) shall see your righteousness and all kings your glory, You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest until He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the ends of the earth: **'Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him, They shall call them The Holy People, Redeemed of the LORD: A you shall be called Sought Out, (Jerusalem) A City Not Forsaken.***

CHAPTER 13

THE MIRACLE OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY THIS CENTURY!

Hundreds of predictions have come to pass this century. This is God's way of proving to an unbelieving world, that He is true. It is imperative to take counsel from the God of the Bible. He not only tells of the past and the present, but also the world's future destiny. Read it and believe in Almighty God, who created all peoples of the earth. It was He who elected Israel as His nation. There is growing worldwide expectation of the coming of the Biblical Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures, as the prophet Daniel prophesied.

One who is coming in the clouds of heaven. Many people are expecting his coming. Many among the nations and especially Israel are awaiting for the Moshiach to redeem the Jewish nation and His people at that time. The believing Jews and Gentiles from the nations of the earth have a messianic expectation of the nearness of the coming of the Jewish Messiah as the Scriptures foretell.

He will bring redemption for those who are waiting for Him, but judgement upon all the inhabitants of the earth who rebel against God. We are living in very significant times which the Scriptures refer to as ...

THE END OF DAYS.'

The following prophecies have been fulfilled in the past 50 years to prepare mankind for the Messiah. Israel is God's prophetic time clock, and the re-gathering of Jewish people and Israel's rebirth is God's witness to the nations that The Salvation of the God of Israel is about to be revealed to all mankind! We are living in the days of the birth pangs of Messiah!

Psalm 102:13,16, *You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory....*

For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

SEVEN SIGNS HAVE OCCURED IN RECENT HISTORY TO SIGNAL THAT THE MESSIAH IS ABOUT TO APPEAR

**ZION HAS BEEN REGATHERED & REBUILT!
PROPHECY FULFILLED!**

1. Israel re-gathered. The Jewish national homeland of the Hebrew forefathers is a witness to God's truth.
2. Israel's cities have been rebuilt out of the ruins of the centuries
3. Israel's land has been replanted, the deserts now bloom.
4. Israel's ancient Hebrew language has been restored.
5. Israel's army has become a strong military force as in King David's reign.
6. Israel has become the focus of world politics and a time clock to the nations. Many will attempt to interfere with Israel's Divine destiny. God's plan will prevail over man's.
7. Israel will experience all the nations of the world coming against her, and they will attempt to divide up the land.

ISRAEL IS GOD'S WITNESS. HE HAS GATHERED JEWS FROM THE NATIONS TO THEIR ANCIENT HOMELAND.

God was faithful to His promises and has re-gathered the dispersed tribes of Israel, from over 100 countries. This land He swore by an oath to give to Abraham and the descendants of Jacob, as an everlasting possession. This promise has been fulfilled this century.

Jeremiah 31:7-8 *This is what the Lord says: shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel. " See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. a great throng will return.*

Ch.32:37 *I will gather them from all the lands I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety.*

Ezekiel 11:17 *"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will*

give you back the land of Israel again.'

Ezekiel 28:25 *"This is what the sovereign Lord says: When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered, I will show Myself holy among them in the sight of the nations. Then they will live in **THEIR OWN LAND. WHICH I GAVE TO MY SERVANT JACOB.***

God declared He would re-gather the Jewish people to Israel, not Palestine. The name Palestine is not mentioned in the Bible, nor was there a Biblical people called Palestinians who have any right of ownership over Israel! People who are promoting this are acting directly against God's explicit Will.

ISRAEL'S ANCIENT RUINS HAVE BEEN REBUILT.

The ground once leveled and strewn with stones from the multiple invasions over 1900 years has now become thriving towns. Cities have been re-established with homes, libraries, schools, municipal buildings and synagogues. Hebrew life has been restored! The land has been resurrected from the ashes of the holocaust in accordance with Biblical prophecy. God promises have been bought to pass in our lifetime.

Isaiah 58:12 *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called repairer of broken walls, restorer of streets with dwellings.*

Isaiah 61:4 *They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.*

Ezekiel 36:36 *Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the Lord have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.'*

III. ISRAEL'S LAND REPLANTED IS LIKE A GARDEN

For almost 1900 years. Israel was a barren wasteland, a desolate rock strewn landscape of dry cracked earth and malarial swamplands. This was the legacy of foreign occupation. In comparison to the Jewish people the gentile 'occupiers' had no love nor desire to restore Israel's desolate cities and farming lands.

IV. LABOUR:

When Israel returned to their ancient homeland, it required 3 major elements for the restoration. To reclaim the land, took not only a miracle, but the commitment and resources of the pioneer settlers. The mystery of their success was their unity as a family, to see Israel once more a land flowing with 'milk and honey'. Jews from many different nations joined together in work teams, which eventually grew to become kibbutzim (collective farms). 'Kibbutz' is Hebrew for together. It was primarily these kibbutz communities, which did so much to restore the land. These courageous men and women demonstrated their love for the land by nurturing it back to life. They achieved an impossible dream! Their love of the soil of their forefathers resulted in great productivity. In contrast, the nations who had conquered Israel for almost 2,000 years, only used it for strategic political gains, none cared about the dust and earth itself. This also refers to the Arabs, whose homeland is in Arabia, this is where their major religious centers are situated in Saudi Arabia. Not until the Jews restored Israel, did the neighboring Arabians find it a desirable place in which to stay permanently. Only then did they lay claim to Israel as their national homeland. Whilst numbers of Arabs were living in the land at the time of the Jewish return, it was not considered 'their Promised Land,' but rather they were dwellers there! Before PLO tactics of terrorism to claim ownership, many Arabs were positive about the Jewish return, and understood prophecy was being fulfilled.

II. WATER

Israel has developed the world's most advanced technology in irrigation and water conservation. Agriculturists from around the world have gone to Israel to learn these innovative techniques in reclaiming the desert. This has been achieved by what is known as drip irrigation. This method delivers only the requirement for the particular plant with virtually no water loss, thus conserving this precious life-giving resource. Today, Israel has a desperate water shortage and has to buy water!

Isaiah 41:18,20. *I will open rivers in desolate heights and fountains in the midst of the valleys; **I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.** That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.*

Isaiah 51:3 *For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, thanks giving and the voice of melody.*

Isaiah 35:6-7 *Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs....*

III. REPLANTING THE LAND

Many varieties of crops were planted and vineyards re-established. One of the most significant replanting was that of trees. When Israel conducted a survey they found only 15,000 trees remained in the desolate land. In Biblical times however, there were great forests inhabited by native wild animals. The Ottoman Turks placed a heavy tax on trees, which meant that people cut down the trees to avoid the taxes.

The British counted the few that remained when they took over. They discovered only stunted specimens remained throughout the entire land. Since the Jews have returned, they have planted some 300 million trees. This has had an astonishing effect. The rainfall in Israel has increased 300%. This has watered the dry ground causing it to break forth into bloom. In springtime beautiful wild flowers and fruit trees clothe the land in glorious colour. The grapevine is producing: the fig tree has blossomed and produced much fruit. God spoke of the early and latter rains. Spiritually, we are living in the days of the latter rains.

God is causing rain to fall on Israel in the physical sense, but also in a spiritual sense as well. A spiritual revival is in the process of being fulfilled amongst the people of Israel.

Hosea 6: 3 *Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, **He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.**"*

(Prophetically, referring to the events of the Moshiach ben Yoseph and ben David the King)

Zechariah 10:1 *Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone.*

Amos 9:14 *I will bring back My exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant*

vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. (This has come true)

Ezekiel 36:34 *The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it.*

IV. ISRAEL'S LANGUAGE RESTORED:

Throughout world history, the Hebrew language is the only ancient tongue that has been restored as the common language of a people. The land like the nation has been raised from the dead. Hebrew as a common language of the people had barely been spoken for nineteen hundred years. The only place in which it had any significance was in the reading of the Torah in the synagogues or for religious study. Eliezer Ben Yehuda undertook the enormous task of resurrecting the Hebrew language for use in the modern world. He dedicated his entire life to this task, painstakingly translating every word, keeping the Hebrew root letters that relate to each specific subject.

Others have continued his work as new technology such as radio, television, telephones etc. have been invented. His work was scoffed at by modern secular society who had no desire to learn to speak Hebrew. The religious sector regarded it sacrilegious to bring the language of the sacred writings into public use as a common language of the streets. The passion for the work he had undertaken was inspired by The Almighty. Scripture was being fulfilled for God's purposes at this appointed hour in history. When the people from 100 different nations united under one banner of Israel, they could not understand each other, so a common language was a necessity. It was decided to reinstate the Hebrew language to unite the State of Israel as one people. It is an interesting fact that Hebrew was the only language in the world that did not have any swear words being a pure language as the Bible states Prophecy was therefore fulfilled when this language was restored during the last century.

Zephaniah 3:9 *"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the Name of the Lord and serve Him shoulder to shoulder. (In one accord)*

V. ISRAEL'S ARMY IS ONCE AGAIN A MIGHTY FORCE:

In the days of Joshua and King David, the Israelites were a mighty armed force. They battled against strong enemies and

won many victories. God was with them, going before them into battle to ensure victory. Since those glorious days, the Jews had lost their ability to overcome their oppressors. They had become a weak and crushed people. The Jewish people have been made scapegoats for the nations for thousands of years when they were forced to dwell in lands not their own.

Pharaoh made the Israelites captives, subjecting them to excruciating hard labour where hundreds of Hebrews died or were killed. The Roman legions attacked and conquered Israel and crucified approximately one million Jews. They destroyed Jerusalem and bought the remnant into slavery in Italy.

The Spanish inquisition caused hundreds to be persecuted, tortured and exiled. Europe's Crusader armies marched into Israel and in their wake slaughtered thousands of Jews in every city they entered. The Russian persecution of Jew took the form of Pogroms, where thousands of Jews were brutally killed. In the last century, enlightened Germanic people through Hitler's 3rd. Reich diabolically exterminated six million Jewish souls. When finally after the holocaust, the U.N permitted return to the land as a safe place for the Hebrew people to dwell.... Then six Arab nations attacked them with the agenda of extermination 6,000 were killed.

The same anti-Semitic hatred and atrocities are continuing to be perpetrated upon the Jews today. At this point in history, the thrust once again to eradicate Jewish Israel is coming from the PLO and the Arab Islamic brotherhood and being championed by world nations, the U.N. while the many in the Church observe in silence!

For the past 50 years the Arabs have attacked Israel with the financial backing of the world. How much more persecution do the Jewish people have to suffer from the anti Semitism of the Gentile nations. Surely after 2,000 years of the horrendous torment and near extermination of this people, true justice should prevail within the nations. Those who stand for human rights, should they not allow the Jews to live in peace, and for Israel to be recognized as a Jewish State for Am Israel (the people of Israel) to dwell safely upon that tiny slice of God's earth. Common sense should confirm that the Arabs don't need more land! Any of the 22 Islamic States could have absorbed their brothers into their vast landmasses if they really desired to help them. Jordan should be held responsible for not absorbing her own people, the Palestinians. Meanwhile, Israel has shown commitment to their Hebraic kinsmen by the absorption of millions of Jewish exiles from many nations. These Jews are of the Hebrew tribes of Israel. One may ask

why over the past 50 years, haven't the Arab tribal brothers done a similar thing towards the sons of Ishmael whose original homeland is in Arabia? The truth is that their agenda is not only about land, Islam wants to exert domination over the world by gaining Israel the most significant region on planet earth. Hence, they would like to be able to exercise control over the entire Western civilization. Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the Jewish nation is once more at the forefront of military prowess. The time has long past when Jews will silently go to the ovens as lambs to the slaughter, allow her citizens to be murdered in the streets by bloodthirsty militants. The Jewish people have had enough! God is not going turn a blind eye forever regarding Israel's bloodshed! He will execute judgment on these aggressive nations for the persecution centuries of abuse.

**The Arabs have initiated five wars
against Israel since 1948!**

The Jews defending their land have won all five wars perpetrated against them. In all these cases, it has been the Arabs who started the aggression. The people of Israel are entitled to defend themselves and ensure their own survival. The Torah permits the Jews to protect their homeland and defend their citizens from attacks.

**GOD GOES OUT BEFORE ISRAEL AND SECURES
THE VICTORY AGAINST HER OPPRESSORS - GOD
WILL PUNISH THOSE WHO CONTEND AGAINST
HER FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S.**

Samuel 5:4-10 *David was thirty years old when he became King and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.*

Isaiah 41:8-13 *"But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called from its farthest regions, and said to you, 'You are My servant. I have chosen you and have not cast you away: Fear not for I Am with you: Be not dismayed, for I AM your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' "Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish. You shall seek them and not find them, Those who contended with you, who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing. For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand. Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'*

Deut 28:7 *God will grant that the enemies of Israel will be defeated before you. They shall come at you from one direction, but flee from you in seven.*

King David captured the city from the Jebusites 3,500 years ago. He then purchased the threshing floor and made Jerusalem his capital. Jews have documentary evidence to prove their ownership; the Holy Scriptures is an authentic historical record! There is a dispute today that Jerusalem does not belong to the Jews and many want it to be an international city. In fact the U.N. in recent times voted that the Jewish people should not have sovereignty over Jerusalem as their capital. Yet God has declared it so!

The U.N. has acted very negatively towards Israel. In fact, in the past 175 resolutions, 95 have been anti-Israel. Scripture reveals in Daniel's interpretation of the King's dream that the ten toes described represent the revived 10 Nations who reunite as one to come against Israel in the latter days. (Daniel 2) This unity of nations is in fact the re-emergence of the old Roman Empire of Nations, which is like today's European Union. Throughout history, almost every dominating empire has attempted to conquer Israel and set up a statue in Jerusalem to be worshiped instead of God! This pattern will also be repeated in the end days. The false Messiah will emulate the same abomination that was repeated throughout history. He will make a peace treaty between Israel and those who oppose her. His charisma and miraculous signs could deceive Israel.

Now that Israel has their own minuscule country to live in, the nations are still hounding the Jews, verbally blasting them while condoning and pandering to cruel terrorists and their agendas. Suicide bombers are somehow legitimized by the world, while Israel is vilified. Documentation has been unearthed to prove conclusively, that Arafat has been using vast amounts of international funding to pay terrorists to murder Israeli's. In fact more than 619 have been murdered since this intifada began. Yet, Arafat pays these killers families for these heinous crimes, while the world chats cordially with Arafat. By any standard of international law, he should be arrested and charged with genocide! Instead, he hosts dignitaries who appease him, albeit not to jeopardize their oil supplies.

Israel they suppose will just have to be the sacrificial lamb; the 'fall guy' for the nations! Contrary to what Arafat speaks in front of the media, this man is a terrorist of terrorists, and a liar of all liars. Yet, the world runs to kiss him on the cheek and believe his deceptive words. The world was pleased

that Arafat said 'no' in Arabic, to suicide bombings. Apart from the fact he has lied for decades, why should we be pleased about him telling another lie to appease international politics. Ariel Sharon has presented to the world conclusive documented proof that Arafat's PLO is not only instigating terror but also paying for it with their own funds. Arafat and Pharaoh, are both Egyptians and seem to have a propensity to persecute Israelites! Nothing is new under the sun. The 'theology' of Jihad is responsible for expending the lifeblood of Palestinians and keeping them in utter poverty. They could have settled the disputed territories years ago. However, it would seem this would not be in their best interests, as they don't want just some areas but they are creating an international forum, which will be a platform to fulfill their true aims. This is to eventually take over all Israel, which was once conquered by Islam. The rhetoric of Islam makes no secret about this assertion! The world appears blinded, even mesmerized, by Arafat's duplicity. Everyone waits to see if he will denounce terrorist attacks, then they will be satisfied. In eight years of the Oslo accords this has not happened, in fact more deaths have occurred during this 'peace process' than before it began. Meanwhile this leadership is causing acute suffering for the Palestinian people. May the Palestinian people be delivered from this oppressive regime its mindset that perpetuates hopelessness, desolation, and promotes a doctrine of death to thousands of Arabians. God told Israel "Do not go down to Egypt to make agreements with the Egyptians. Muslims are not obliged to keep any deal they sign with the 'infidels' according to the Islamic religion.

Any peace treaty the Arabs agree to now or in the future will only be conditional until they choose to break the agreement. Alliances are made and broken regularly. Of course they will speak peace to appease the west, but only until they have gained a stronghold and are strategically in a position of strength before resuming the thrust to take over all of Israel. Islamic law requires them to take all the land once conquered by Islam. Adherents are obligated to fulfill the requirements of the Koran. If Muslims acquiesce and agree not to expel the Jews they would be acting explicitly against the Koran and disobeying the very foundations of Islam. This is something cannot do! If some did attempt to be lenient, then they could be severely punished for not abiding by the laws of their religion.

The world today is viewing Islam in the light of the thinking of Western civilization. Yet, most Islamic countries are not democratic, but totalitarian regimes. For many radicals, what the book says, they do! The nations urgently need to understand fully the ethos of fundamentalists and the end goal of their agenda, which is the furthering of the Islamic religion even to Westerners and regaining all territory once conquered

by Islam. Unfortunately many within the Church are also being misled and even the Jewish community, generally are naive about this truth

Many people reject Israel's just cause, and choose to believe the pro Palestinian and anti-Israel media reports, rather than the ancient Scriptures that remain true forever. When God judges the nations, these may also be judged along with the unrighteous. God says he will contend with the nations who contend against Israel not to say that Israel is always right in it's decisions. However retention of the land of Israel is biblically inspired and rightfully theirs!

Israel and Jerusalem are the plumb line for today. People will either fall one way or the other over God's Holy nation, which He chose. Are we for or against? By this means, the Spirit of God expose sin, pride, lawlessness, and rebellion, which are hidden in the secret places of our heart. Believe God, or believe man. Judgment begins with the house of God! There are only two Kingdoms; The Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. The choice is up to us, where we will spend eternity?

Jeremiah 10:10 *Y-H is the true God: He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. For the Lord chosen Zion and desired it for His dwelling forever.*

VI: PROPHECY AGAINST DIVIDING UP GOD'S LAND

Ezekiel 48:14 *...they must not sell or exchange any of it. This is the best of the land and **MUST NOT PASS INTO OTHER HANDS, BECAUSE IT IS HOLY TO THE LORD. THIS CITY MUST NOT BE DIVIDED.***

CHAPTER 14

ARE WE LIVING IN THE DAYS OF THE FULFILLMENT OF ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY?

God's punishment will fall on all peoples, nations and individuals who are involved in any plans to divide up of the land of Israel. Much of this land has already fallen into other people's hands. God is Sovereign and He is testing our hearts. This caution is not said in judgment, but that we might receive the promises written in the Abrahamic Covenant, **"I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you."** This people are My people, and I AM their God.

Zechariah 12:2-9 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples, and it shall also be for Judah and Jerusalem. "And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome heavy stone for all the peoples. All that burden themselves with it will surely be grievously hurt, and all the peoples of the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it. "In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a fire pan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place Jerusalem. The Lord will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. "In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like a divine being, like the Angel of the Lord before them. "It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy ALL the nations that come against Jerusalem.

From this city the Almighty commanded a blessing, even eternal life for the world. For Zion's sake He will not keep silent, and He will show Himself Holy to the entire world through this nation. God has chosen Jerusalem for His dwelling place on the earth. It is where His law and His Word went out into all the earth. The Lord will defend Israel. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. He will defend this city and save it. He hovers over Jerusalem like a bird to shield it and deliver her. Jerusalem will sit enthroned in garments of splendor. The Divine Creator is Jealous for Jerusalem. This city will be the focus of all the nations of the earth. God has posted watchmen on her walls, who will not keep silent until He has made Jerusalem praise in all the earth. God has set Jerusalem in the centre of the earth. God commands us to pray for

Jerusalem, the city where the Messiah of Israel will appear in His glory. Jerusalem is Holy to God and her wellbeing is crucial to Him. He shares His heart about this land "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, comfort her, rejoice with her and mourn when she is in mourning." He commands us to pray for Jerusalem until He makes her name 'a praise' in all the earth. Jerusalem is the Sovereign Lord's inheritance, His chief joy.

GOD IS CHOOSING BETWEEN THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS; WE MUST DECIDE IF WE ARE GOATS OR SHEEP, WHEAT OR CHAFF, TRUE OR APOSTATE.

ISRAEL IS HUMANITIES' LITMUS TEST! ONE CANNOT BELIEVE IN THE BIBLICAL GOD OF ISRAEL, MANKINDS CREATOR, AND STAND AGAINST HIS ETERNAL PURPOSES, FOR THE NATIONS, THE JEWS, AND FOR ISRAEL'S RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE IN THE PROMISED HOLY LAND.

The secular world, Islam and the Church must not negate Israel's significance or spiritualize the land into irrelevance. The Lord will hold those who do this accountable. Nor should one evaluate Israel using biased media reports. This is especially true of the shepherds of the flock, of whom some will not allow the truth about Israel's destiny to be taught in their congregations. Its time for all righteous God fearing people, to acknowledge the importance of the physical Jewish State, and not trivialize or spiritualize her destiny as if it is irrelevant. Rather, God has commanded us to pray for Israel, so that God's purposes for mankind might be fulfilled.

Ezekiel 36:1-11 *"And you son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say to the mountains of Israel, (now called occupied territories or West Bank) hear the word of the LORD! 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,' "therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people," therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations and all around, 'therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in my burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole-hearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country." Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the*

*hills, the rivers and the valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and my fury, because
you Israel, have borne the shame of the nations." Therefore
thus says the Lord God "I have raised my hand in an oath that
surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own
shame." "But you, O Mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth
your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel for they
are about to come. "For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to
you, and you shall be tilled and sown. **"I will multiply men
upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall
be inhabited and the ruined cities rebuilt "I will multiply
upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear
young and I will make you inhabited as in former times, and
do better for you than in your beginnings. Then shall you
know that I am the Lord".***

CHAPTER 15

JUDGEMENT UPON THE NATIONS

Joel 3:1-21 *'In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. **There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink.*** 'Now what have you against me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? (today's Gaza) Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland. 'See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far away.' The Lord has spoken. **Proclaim this among the nations (Gentiles): Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, 'I am strong!' Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord!**

*'Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow-- so great is their wickedness!' Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. **The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.*** 'Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; **never again will foreigners invade her.** 'In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house and will water the valley of acacias. **But Egypt will be desolate, Edom a desert waste, because of violence done to the people of Judah, in whose land they shed innocent blood.** Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem

through all generations. Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon.' The LORD dwells in Zion!

**ANTI-SEMITISM IS AN UNRIGHTEOUS ACT OF
REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND IS AN
ABOMINATION IN HIS SIGHT.**

Therefore, let us repent and humble ourselves before the living God, that when His judgment is poured out upon the nations, we ourselves will not be judged along with the unrighteous. The Jewish nation and the Hebrew people are called by God to be His witnesses; that He is the One True Eternal God, Creator of all living souls. The pagan and secular world has attempted to destroy God's witness on earth, the Jewish people and Israel, His nation. Even so, by the will of the Almighty, they have prevailed against every assault against them since their slavery in Egypt. Anti-Semitism is ultimately the rejection of The Holy God of Israel Himself, and the people who are called by His Name. This is why the unrighteous, fuelled by the evil one, have persecuted, condemned, despised, criticized, slandered, and have attempted to eliminate the Jew from the face of the earth. These are the apostates, rebellious, doing evil against God and His witnesses, the Jewish people called Israel. From the days when the Israelites were in Egypt, and King David made Jerusalem his capital 3,500 years ago, her neighbours have desired her downfall.

The situation Israel is facing today is not much different from that in ancient times. The identical nations and peoples are using the same bloodshed and evil against her. God opposes paganism which unfortunately, is alive and well today! The God of the Hebrews proclaimed Himself to be the God of all creation. The nations who despise this truth, are actually opposing the true God and father of all humanity. The least of the nations, tiny Israel is like a plug in humanity. The democracies of the world need to stand with Israel, for if she, falls the earth would come under the control of Islam.

**PSALM 135:4 FOR THE LORD HAS CHOSEN JACOB
UNTO HIMSELF, AND ISRAEL FOR HIS PECULIAR
TREASURE.**

Jeremiah 31:35-37 *Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): "If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, and the*

foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the LORD.

Isaiah 43:1-3 *But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.....*

For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior

“You are My witnesses,” says the Lord, “And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; therefore you are My witnesses,” Says the Lord, “that I am God...

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”

God has an everlasting destiny for Israel and the Jewish people as He does for the entire family of man! However, He also requires all mankind to turn to Him and cleanse ourselves from sin, rebellion, and idolatry where we become slaves to our idols.

In the days in which we are living, many have become corrupt. We, God's children, have become defiled by our deeds. He requires us to search our souls, and repent of our corrupted ways before the awesome time of **THE DAY OF THE LORD** when judgment of the nations will come upon us!

Earthquakes, famine, fire, floods, disease, lawlessness and rebellion, we are experiencing the end days perversion of justice, truth and clean living. There is only one hope for mankind, that is to humble ourselves and repent (tshuvah). We must acknowledge God's sovereignty over all creation and pray for His mercy on all mankind.

Our world needs redemption. The Messiah will soon appear and He will bring forth Judgment and Justice, to all people living on the face of the earth. Therefore let each one of us return to our maker. Cleanse our hearts our minds and turn

from evil. Pray that your name may be written in the book of life!

Daniel 12:1-4.10 *“At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”.... And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.*

IN CONCLUSION

A TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL'S DEFENCE FORCE

To the courageous men and women who defend Israel and give their lives in the defence of our God given land, Eretz Yisrael! Thank you heartily from the Jews from the nations, and all those who stand for truth and justice. May ha'shem bless you all abundantly and fill you with His strength.

PEACE BE UPON ALL ISRAEL

Our world is in trouble! All the plans and attempts by men, have not been able to solve the ills of humanity. God is our only hope and our Redeemer. He is the only answer for the human race.

2 Chronicles 7:14-16*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 will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually*

PSALM 96:1-8 *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens. Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His Name; O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, The Lord reigns; the world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Bring an offering, and come into His courts. For He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.*

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM! MAY HE HAVE MERCY UPON US ALL! REDEEM US O' LORD... COME SPEEDILY IN OUR DAYS.

The indelible images used on the front cover of this booklet are acknowledged. There have been many celebrated photographers who have captured Israel's history down through the centuries. The work of these varied photographers is recognized.