

AND THE TRUTH SHALL KEEP YOU FREE

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f you're reading this, you likely live in a free country. A land where, at least according to the laws, you are free to think for yourself and believe what you want without threat of imprisonment or death. If you live in such a land, you are a privileged minority. Most of the world's population does not enjoy this freedom and is working hard for you not to be able to enjoy those freedoms either.

It may come as a surprise, but historically, the more a society became aware of and engaged the God of Israel and His Word, the freer the society became. If over time they drifted from the truth of the Scriptures—whether by ignorance or neglect—the more corrupt and controlling the culture became.

That is why your faith in God is more than simply believing Yeshua died for your sins and now you get to go to heaven. He has a plan for this lifetime and Israel is a significant part of that plan. How you and your community and your nation engage in that plan will affect your life and the life and freedoms of your children and grandchildren significantly.

So for this issue, we have listed numerous scriptures that point to one major part of God's plan for the ages—the promise of a land for Israel, removal of the people after disobedience and the eventual return and restoration of Israel to her land and to Himself! That all happens, of course, to the backdrop of massive opposition by the Kingdom of Darkness to this plan.

GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

FROM ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH

To Abram

He passed through the land to the place of Shechem... then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, To your descendants I will give this land. Genesis 12:6-7

To Abraham

Your name shall be Abraham...Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlastina possession; and I will be their God. Genesis 17:5,8

To Isaac

Then the Lord appeared to him and said: Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands. Genesis 26:2-3

To Jacob

I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac: the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Genesis 28:13

From Joseph

[He] said to his brethren, I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, Genesis 50:24



GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

FROM MOSES TO KING DAVID

To Moses

I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you. Exodus 6:8

To the children of Israel

The Lord said to Moses, Command the Israelites and say to them: When you enter Canaan. the land that will be allotted to you as an inheritance is to have these boundaries... Numbers 34:2

To Joshua

Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to themthe children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you. Joshua 1:2-3

From King David

Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance...

I Chronicles 16:15-18

GOD'S PROMISE OF RETURN

FROM THE PROPHETS TO PAUL

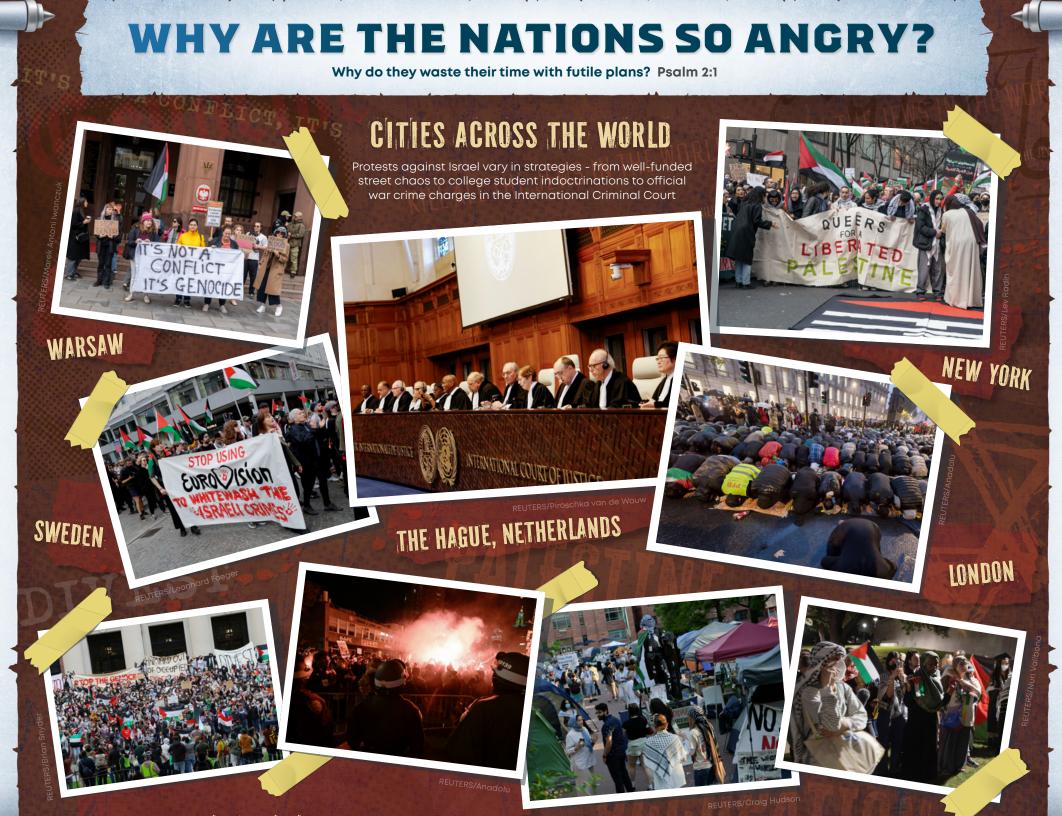
I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul. Jeremiah 32:41

As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them. Once more fields will be bought in this land. Jeremiah 32:42-43

They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. Ezekiel 37:25

I will bring my people Israel back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God. Amos 9:14, 15

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. Zechariah 8:7-8



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I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them. Zechariah 10:6

I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them. Zechariah 10:10

The days are coming, says the Lord, That it shall no more be said. The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, but, The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them. For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. Jeremiah 16:14-15

I will rescue you for My sakeyes, for My own sake! I will not let My reputation be tarnished, and I will not share My glory with idols! Listen to Me, O family of Jacob, Israel My chosen one! I alone am God, the First and the Last. Isaiah 48:11-12

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Left to Right: Anti-semetic protests at Harvard, Colombia University, UCLA and University of Texas

FOR RETURN, RESTORATION & SALVATION

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. 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. 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.

And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

I will resettle your towns, and the ruins

will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited. 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.

Ezekiel 36:24-28,30, 33b-36





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Shalom from Jerusalem!

You may have heard the term 'Righteous Gentiles." It's a name bestowed upon those who during WWII stood up for the righteous act of protecting Jews from slaughter. Righteous Gentiles put their own lives and livelihood at risk—and sometimes lost everything while saving Jewish lives. There are children and grandchildren who exist today because someone who didn't have to—chose to protect the apple of God's eye when destiny called.

Today, you know that Israelis are fighting for their very existence within her borders. But even now the plight of Jews to exist anywhere is being fought worldwide. Thankfully, once again Gentiles and—especially Evangelicals—are choosing to stand up for Israel in a hostile world environment.

Our people are broken and hurting. The hostages in the tunnels are slowly dying. Every day we hear of massive protests around the world, together with world leaders, crying, "From the River to the Sea...", meaning Israel should be destroyed and replaced by an Islamic Palestinian state.

Many of you have contacted us to tell of the opportunities you've had to stand for Israel in your circles of influence! We are so proud of you!

Others among you have asked us to share ways to stand.

Destiny is once again knocking. There is a task for everyone in every age and life status.

YOUR VOICE. You have a sphere of influence. You may be surprised how many in your sphere really don't know what is happening in Israel. Make it your mission to study the truth about Israel from Scriptures and stay updated with what is happening currently and how to pray into it.

YOUR MEANS. Your giving allows Maoz to be a light to Israelis physically, mentally and spiritually. From distributing Bibles to war-relief supplies to worship music to our network of over 100 congregations, our mission is not just to see Israelis survive—but thrive—and fulfill their destiny of being a light to the nations.

YOUR HANDS. Work the very ground promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We have volunteer opportunities in a kibbutz (village) near Gaza that survived October 7th. You'll live on the property and be tasked with caring for the various needs of the kibbutz with the locals. (See page 8)

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