

## **Families Are Blessed By Israeli's The Descendants Of Abraham**

God said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, your father's house and go to the land I will show you. I will make of you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse you. In you (Abraham's descendants) all of the families of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:1 to 3). God said to Jacob, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your grandfather and the God of (your father) Isaac. The land where you rest, to you will I give it and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as (numerous) as the dust of the earth and you (your descendants) will spread abroad to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south. In you and in your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 28:13 & 14).

'The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our forefathers has glorified His Servant Jesus ... You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant God made with our forefathers saying to Abraham, "In your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed." God raised up His servant Jesus and sent Him to you first to bless you' (Acts 3:13, 25 & 26). 'The blessing of Abraham came to the Gentiles through Jesus so we could receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith' (Galatians 3:14). The Lord promised Abraham and his descendants they would be a blessing to everyone on earth. Jesus came from the bloodline of Abraham (Matthew 1:1) and anyone who accepts Jesus is blessed with eternal life.

Eternal life is wonderful and we delight in it but there are other blessings that constantly come from Abraham's descendants, the Israeli's. Some of their activities impacting the world most are their humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. During natural disasters Israeli's are often the first to offer assistance to the country struck by a natural calamity, blessing the people with their help and expertise. What they have achieved during times of natural disasters is beyond what other, wealthier countries do. Israel is often one of the first to arrive at a disaster and is often one of the last to leave and one of the few nations to follow-up on their patients. They have brought support, aid, compassion and resourcefulness to the world. They have taken their expert knowledge of water management to Africa so they can grow crops, have clean water to drink and generate an income. Israeli's took their knowledge to help with small business training to South America so they can be self-sufficient. They are doing what they can to help eliminate illiteracy, poverty, hunger, disease and to help educate people so they can be independent. Israel is standing up for the needy, impoverished and disaster-struck people around the world and for that we thank the Israeli's.

The carnal world and especially world leaders usually ignore the good things Israel does to help the world. The Israeli's are a nation of inventors. Per capita, more Israeli's have earned the Nobel Peace Prize than any other nation for bringing peace or blessing people with their abundance of discoveries and amazing inventions. Other nations use the items the Jewish people have invented or co-invented and people all over the world are blessed by those items. Computer programmes, the Internet, mobile/cell phones, various technologies, telecommunications, environmental technologies, water technologies, drip-irrigation, many medicines, medical procedures, medical breakthroughs, prosthetics, medical research and medical treatments plus the inventions and discoveries made by Israeli people are immeasurable. This world is a better place because of Israeli input.

Israeli intelligence is more advanced than many other countries, mainly because Israel has so many violent enemies it has to keep watch. 'I (God) have set watchmen on your walls Jerusalem. They will never hold their peace day or night. You who call on Yahweh take no rest' (Isaiah 62:6). While some countries are busy developing nuclear weapons that could annihilate neighbouring nations, Israel's intelligence observations are given to peaceful Western countries. Many think the West's battle with Islamic extremism is because of the West's support of Israel but the reality is opposite. Israel is warning and informing the West. For example, Iran's desire to destroy Israel is also putting Europe and United States in grave danger. Iran's sights are aimed far beyond Israel, straight towards the US because the Iranians believe America is the 'Great Satan'. Iran wants to wipe Israel off the map and remove all memory of Israel and the Jewish people entirely. 'Behold, Your enemies are stirred up. Those who hate You have lifted up their heads. They conspire with cunning against Your people. They plot against Your cherished ones. The enemies of God say, "Come and let us destroy, oppress or cut them off as a nation so the name of Israel may never be remembered any more"' (Psalm 83:2 to 4). These enemies are actually named in the Bible as being other descendants of Abraham known as Arabs and Philistines, now called Palestinians (Psalm 83:6 to 9). Israel is in reality the West's greatest ally and should be given more credit for how much they are helping the world avoid nuclear war. The Lebanese terror group Hizbullah are capable of firing missiles at the US and Israel is able to thwart those wicked plans. Israel's military is the most modern in the Middle East and has great concern for Western and European countries. In cooperation with Western allies, Israel has taken great steps against the anti-West regimes and terror groups. Israel works on improving their own defence system that will prove helpful to the Western world. Israel stands in the gap between the peaceful West and radical Islamic terrorists. Without their help, the West would have been attacked again and again by Islamic extremists.

Sadly, the media almost never report on the good things Israeli's do, nor do they give them credit for 'loving their neighbours' (Leviticus 19:18) even if the 'neighbours' are citizens of nations thousands of kilometres away on another continent. Wake up media, tell the truth about Israel and stop making them out to be the bad ones when they are not. Israel has to constantly defend itself against terrorism in a way the West rarely has to. It seems as though the truth of Israel does not make the news but fabricated stories of violence do. The Western media has become a willing partner in the slander of Israel, often repeating accusations and retelling untrue stories. Fabricated tales of atrocities that never happened produce strong negative reactions against Israel and the damage is immense. The media are as the Bible says, 'Forgers of lies' (Job 13:4). 'God will destroy those who speak lies. He abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man' (Psalm 5:6).

Here are a few of the wicked 'big lies' made up and spoken by the media, Arab Palestinians or anti-Semitic world leaders who constantly distort or misrepresent the truth. Social media has evolved as one of the worst perpetrators. There are daily attempts to de-legitimise Israel. The "biggest lie" is the erroneous belief that Israel has no right to exist. The enemies of Israel and the media know if they repeat that wicked lie often enough, eventually the world will believe it. The truth is, Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people and they have a divine right to live in the holy land. Their religious, spiritual and political identity was formed over 4,000 years ago when God gave the entire land to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob for the purpose of forming a holy nation who would bring forth our Messiah. God did not give His land to any other nation and especially not to the enemies of Israel. Jewish people gave us our Messiah/Saviour, the Bible and many of our laws come from the Bible. After being forcibly removed from their land for thousands of years, they never ceased to pray and hope for a return to their ancient homeland to which they were deeply attached, which is both traditional and historic attachment formed by a covenant with God Himself (Genesis 15:18). In 1897, or 5657 in the Hebrew calendar, the First Zionist Congress met and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to reside in and rebuild their traditional homeland. This legal right was recognised by the Balfour Declaration and reaffirmed by the then League of Nations, which gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel. Israel has a right to live in peace and security in their own homeland, but true peace cannot be achieved until Hamas, Iran, Hizbullah and other terrorists accept Israel as a peaceful neighbour. The recent Abraham Accords, which are Israel's agreements with four Muslim nations, show us peace is certainly achievable. Other Muslim nations live peacefully near Israel and regard Israel as an independent State so why do Hamas refuse to live in peace alongside Israel? An American President said recently, there would not be peace in Israel until everyone acknowledges Israel's right to exist as an independent nation.

Palestinian towns and cities are referred to as 'refugee camps' when they are not. The Palestinians choose to live there when they could live in Jordan that has places built and ready for them to occupy. The Jewish people have rightly returned to their original homeland of Israel and have reclaimed the land legitimately returned to them. Israeli's have irrigated deserts and made Israel an agriculturally thriving community but the media call the hard work of the Israeli's 'occupied territory'. They call the areas of Judea and Samaria, legitimately within the Land of Israel, 'Palestine'. These erroneous figures of speech make out Israel is a terrible place for the 'poor, hapless Palestinians'. That concept is completely wrong. The Palestinians are a made up group of people that are actually Arabic. Those Arabs who live in Israel actually prefer to live there under Israeli laws rather than the terrible repressive laws of Hamas.

The Arab Palestinian leaders consistently lie about their so-called 'history'. They promise one thing to the Western leaders but their wicked actions are entirely different. 'Everyone (Palestinian leaders) lie to his neighbour. They speak with flattering lips and with a double heart' (Psalm 12:2). 'They delight in lies. They bless with their mouth but they curse inwardly' (Psalm 62:4). 'Day and night they (some Palestinians) prowl around ... Malice and abuse are within. Destructive forces are within. Threats and lies do not depart from their streets' (Psalm 55:10 & 11). 'The sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them be caught in their pride for the curses and lies which they utter' (Psalm 59:12). 'God hates a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness who utters lies and he who sows discord among brothers' (Proverbs 6:16 to 19).

Other lies being touted by the enemies of Israel states Israel is actually the aggressor and the obstacle to peace in the region, or that Israel is an Apartheid State, or that there never was a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount. Those things are completely untrue. Israel wants peace. They want to live in peace with their Palestinian neighbours but Hamas refuse. In 1947 when Jewish people won Israel, Jews celebrated the world over and many began making plans to return to their homeland. It was the Palestinian leaders that rejected peace and started a war in an attempt to drive the Jewish people out of their homeland again but we all know that did not work and it will never work because Almighty God, King of Israel and the universe wants Jewish people back in their homeland to usher in the Messiah, Who will rule from Jerusalem. Time after time some Palestinians have chosen wicked aggression forcing Israel to retaliate to protect their people from

Palestinian militants. The Palestinians create conflict where good and evil are clearly distinguishable. Of course there are exceptions and there are some Palestinian people within the general population who want peace and are completely non-aggressive. The anti-Semitic Western media usually portray Israel as a negative place and accuse them of warring and bloodshed but refuse to acknowledge the violent Palestinian leaders are the warmongers and love the bloodshed, using their own children as human shields. They make their young children pose for shocking staged photographs then splash their wicked propaganda photos across the world. Peace can only come when Palestinian Arabs love their children more than they hate Jewish people. Instead, young Arab children are used as suicide bombers revealing the demonic hatred the Arabs hold, preferring to murder their own children than to live in peace. How can Palestinian leaders claim Islam is a religion of peace?

The crime of Apartheid is inhumane and cannot apply to Israel. All citizens, including Arab citizens living in Israel are able to vote, join political parties, share in law making, hold seats in the Knesset Parliament, sit on the bench in the Israeli Supreme Court, join the police service or IDF, teach in schools or universities, fulfil roles as medical practitioners, attend hospitals or clinics as their children attend the same schools and universities as Israeli children and they are free to do their shopping. There is no systematic oppression or domination of any minority group in Israel. Israel is not perfect but they are God-fearing and law-abiding, which their Palestinian leadership neighbours are not. As for their Temple – the first Temple was built on Mount Moriah by Solomon and destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. Their second Temple was re-erected on the same site by Ezra and Nehemiah then destroyed by the Romans but parts of the second Temple are actually still standing. Archaeology has proven many times the Jewish people built their Temple exactly where and when they said they did and only a fool could refute all the evidence. It is beyond dispute. Dozens of ancient literary sources have confirmed the existence of the Jewish Temple, including some Muslim sources describing the Temple in detail. The Temple Mount was the site of the Jewish Temples long before the Muslims claimed it! The Temple site has been holy to Jewish people for about 4,000 years. Christians claimed it was a holy site only about 2,000 years ago. Muslims claimed it was holy to them only very recently but only because they wanted to compete with Jewish tradition. The holy Temple Mount is the place erroneously referred to as the Al-aksa Mosque. Islam's own false prophet Muhammad never ever considered the place to be holy so why should any Muslim claim the Jewish site is holy to Muslims?

It is very important for supporters of Israel to get the truth out there to the world and for the world to appreciate the good Israel does and stop vilifying them. They should not have to keep on justifying themselves. When the USA came under attack from Islamic extremists, they correctly fought back. When Israel comes under similar attacks from Islamic extremists, some Western leaders expect Israel to give up some land. That concept is wrong. Israel has every right to defend itself from attacks and they are attacked almost every day. Israel is doing a lot for poorer countries and the media should be looking at the good they are doing around the world. Israel has great human resources, Godly integrity, national ingenuity, an inventive powerhouse and heavenly blessings that have made it a significant ally to the West in the international struggle against terrorism and they bring their blessings to people in need wherever they are across the globe. The world is a much better place because of the contribution the Israeli's have made and the entire world needs to know about it. The media needs to, "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies" (Psalm 34:13). 'Blessed is the man who makes God his trust and does not respect the proud nor those who turn aside to lies' (Psalm 40:4).

We are genuine Bible-believers, modern-day disciples, supporters of Israel and the Jewish people wherever they are in the world. It is our responsibility to counter these wicked lies with the truth. It is extremely important for all genuine Christians to stand with Israel and speak out against the lies perpetrated by the enemies of Israel, which the Bible calls the enemies of God Himself. We also need to advise our government leaders to stand with Israel for the sake of the population. If leaders stand alongside Israel, the population is blessed. If government leaders stand against Israel, the population of that country suffers. God blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who are against them. One voice may be small and seemingly insignificant but a multitude of voices will be heard and together we can make a difference. We must stand with Israel because Jerusalem is where our Lord Yeshua our Saviour and Messiah will come to rule the earth and all true believers will rule and reign with Him! How incredibly exciting that will be. Oh, yes come Lord Yeshua (Revelation 22:20).

Amen and may the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless you abundantly as you speak the truth and stand up in righteousness on behalf of our brother Israel.

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