

# Mortal Danger

The Condition of Jews in Exile

by Eliyahu Ben Haim

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# Introduction

What you have in your hands are transcriptions of two of Eliyahu Ben Haim's last messages preached in June, 2019, shortly before he was taken home to His Lord, Messiah Yeshua.

Eliyahu and I were leading the *Intercessors for Israel* annual Scotland prayer conference at the Ellel Ministries base in Blairmore House outside of Huntly. It was only after Eliyahu's graduation, when speaking to his wife Hanna that she told me that several months before this, Eliyahu had said to her that with a heavy foreboding he sensed the Jews who lived outside of Israel were in "mortal danger," thus the title of this booklet.

Eliyahu was clear that the rise of anti-Semitism, particularly in the West, is connected with God's desire to gather His scattered people back home – to the modern Jewish State, Israel. We agreed that God is now withdrawing His hand of restraint (Romans 1:24, 26, 28), allowing this centuries old Jew-hatred, which is in essence, a hatred of God (Psalm 83:1-4), to come to the surface (Jeremiah 16:16).

I hope these messages move you deeply although I understand that a written manuscript of a preached word very rarely carries the same burden that the spoken word has. If it does move you, then do what my brother Eliyahu would recommend – pray into it and then do that which God is guiding you to do.

The time is short. The danger is real. The return of the Lord is near.

May we all be found doing our Father's business.

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# Anti-Semitism

by Eliyahu Ben Haim

This is a heavy message. It's heavy for me to deliver. And I trust it will be heavy for you to receive.

It's a message about anti-Semitism. We need to be aware of the reality of what is happening in the world.

Some of this information may be familiar, some may be shocking. But I believe if you are intercessors, and if you are children of God, even if you don't have a relationship with the Jewish people, it's something you need to know. Because it's staring us right in the face and howling at us like a ravenous wolf.

Anti-Semitism is more than a spirit. It's a world power or ruler that has existed from the time the Lord called out to the Jewish people to be a people unto him. It's a spirit that operates through human flesh.

A few examples are: the Pharaoh who did not know Joseph, Haman from the book of Esther, Hitler, Islamic fundamentalism, and today both the extreme right and the extreme left in the Western world.

A classic definition of anti-Semitism comes from the book of Esther, chapter 3: 8 – 9:

<sup>8</sup> “There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom (who keep themselves separate); their laws *are* different from all *other* people’s, and they do not keep the king’s

laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. <sup>9</sup> If it pleases the king, let *a decree* be written that they be destroyed."

It's somewhat unique concerning the Jewish people that if one Jew does you wrong, all the Jews are to blame. If an Italian does you wrong, you don't blame all the Italians, do you? For the Jewish people, it seems to operate differently.

What does the Lord Himself say about a sinful Israel?

They sinned before He said this, and they sinned after He said this, but His Word remains true. His Word is from His heart.

Balaam was called to curse Israel. This ungodly prophet had some type of a relationship with God. As much as he wanted to curse Israel, he could only say what God put on his lips.

Numbers 23: 8 – 9, 19 – 21:

"How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?  
And how shall I denounce *whom* the Lord has not  
denounced?

<sup>9</sup> For from the top of the rocks I see him,  
And from the hills I behold him;  
There! A people dwelling alone..."

So that charge against Israel was also how God has called the Jewish people. And you need to recognize that He has called you the same way. He has called His body to be a

people dwelling alone with Him, not reckoning itself to be among the nations.

“God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.  
Has He said, and will He not do?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?  
<sup>20</sup> Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;  
He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

<sup>21</sup> “He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,  
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.  
The Lord his God *is* with him.”

We have to recognize that this statement was a prophetic statement, because in natural reality there was much iniquity in Israel at that time, as it is to this day.

Anti-Semitism is endemic in the world, and most certainly it is endemic in the continent of Europe and the United Kingdom.

There are seasons where it may seem that it was eradicated, but it's always there, sometimes visible, sometimes just below the surface. Today it has risen to the surface with power. It's as if we are reliving the time of the 1930s, but in this case, nation-wise, it's not Germany leading this evil. Nation-wise, it is Iran, and in the West, it is very much the radical left.

Many in the extreme right wing who are also involved in this actually consider themselves Christians. As in the 1930s, it's all over Europe and the United States.

Anti-Semitism is really anti-Christ. The devil hates the Jewish people, because through them came the revelation of the one true God and the walk of faith, Abraham our father, the giver of the law, and the calling out of the people to bear his name, the Scriptures, the living examples of God's dealing with men— the consequence of sin, the promise of redemption, the historical and the prophetic books. Through the Jewish people came the Savior, the New Covenant and the living example of God's faithfulness and love.

There are levels and progressions of anti-Semitism:

1. The rejection of the Jews because of certain qualities, including jealousy of some of those qualities.
2. Some who identified as Christians believed that the Jewish people are cursed because they are guilty of deicide. And the Church said, “You have no right to live amongst us as Jews” with some exceptions. When I say Church in this context, I'm speaking specifically of the Catholic Church, and, at times, the Lutheran as well. There are some exceptions, as we will see when we look at Augustine.
3. Secular authorities said, “You have no right to live amongst us.” The 1492 expulsion of the Jewish people in Spain made them a homeless and stateless minority. You have to realize that the



Jews had lived in Spain for thousands of years, and they considered it the New Jerusalem.

The racist Nazi progression asserts that the Jewish people are a disease. Jews are a lower and dangerous breed, not really human. It's a total rejection. It says they have no right to live, and such an evil community must be removed from society by all means possible. This is the type of anti-Semitism that promotes not only the rejection of the Jewish people, but their extermination.

This violent ideology is equally promoted today by militant Islamists, the radical left, and white supremacists. Actually, the greatest danger to Western society is the radical left.

The past years have seen a re-surfacing of anti-Semitism unparalleled since the end of WWII. Much of this anti-Semitism is in the form of anti-Israel and anti-Zionism.

Today it is still somewhat taboo to be anti-Semitic, but it's now fashionable to be anti-Israel, although it's the same thing. Recently, Germany became the first nation to equate BDS to anti-Semitism, although it's not a law. It's just a sense of the Bundestag. And even today the Bundestag voted not to illegalize Hezbollah.

Israel has become the pariah of the world. Israel is accepted as a victim but not as a victor. When we give

in, we're OK. When we stand for our survival, we are portrayed as the bullies—instead of being David, we've become Goliath.

What a radical change, especially in Europe's attitude toward Israel in 1967. When it looked like we were hanging on by the skin of our teeth and surviving, we were OK. But when we defeated Egypt, Syria and Jordan in six days, this changed the attitude of much of Europe.

There is a definition of the new anti-Semitism that was declared by the Union of Jews and Christians at the German Evangelical Church Day and was sent as a proclamation to the West German government in 1981, almost 30 years ago. It is as accurate today as it was then.

It stated that behind the criticism of the Israeli government, which is of course open to criticism as much as the policies of any government, the old anti-Semitism is visible.

1. It's anti-Semitism when Israeli politics is judged without regard for the special position of the state of Israel: a small nation in a state of war for 30 (now it's 70 years), surrounded by enemies and denied recognition and peace. A state whose people would not survive military defeat.

(Just as a side issue, Joe Biden, who was a senator at the time and now one of the many candidates for the Democratic nomination for

US President, was there right before the Yom Kippur War. It was obvious something was going to happen, and he was concerned. Actually out of all the American Democratic candidates, he's the one who is most positive toward Israel today— maybe not tomorrow). The delegation met with Prime Minister Golda Meir, and she said to him, "We have a secret weapon. We have nowhere else to go.")

2. It's anti-Semitism when erroneous actions by the Israeli government are judged one-sidedly, without regard for the action of Israel's enemies, and are pointed out and judged more sharply than similar actions by other governments.

This was 1981, and in 2019 it's happening right in front of our eyes. The world was warned and has ignored this.

3. This is Germany – it is anti-Semitism *when the* special relationship between the Bundesrepublik and the state of Israel, which were the consequences of the persecution of Jews perpetrated by Germans and in the name of the German people, are denied and the responsibility of German politics for the existence and security of Israel is denied or forgotten.

I would say this declaration has been forgotten and ignored even today by Germany and by many other countries as well.

In 1974, at the International Socialist Meeting, a meeting called by Golda Meir right after the Yom Kippur War, she was asking that their fellow Socialists would stand by Israel, but they refused. And Golda Meir's response was, "Of course they can't talk, their throats are stuffed with oil." You may remember, there was an oil embargo at that time.

The vast majority of Security Council resolutions and debates concern Israel, not the million+ dead in Afghanistan, the previous genocides in Cambodia and Rwanda, not the streams of blood that are often flowing around the world, not Syria—just Israel.

The UN so-called Human Rights Council has a standing agenda, number 7, concerning "Palestine", which means that every year they single out Israel for condemnation. Many years ago, William Buckley, who was an American delegate to the United Nations, characterized the United Nations as the most concentrated assembly of anti-Semitism since Hitler's Germany. That hasn't changed; it has actually gotten worse.

We know that the senior Lapen, Marie Lapen's father, called the Holocaust a minor detail, a footnote of history. And people go way beyond it. The revisionist so-called historians deny that the Holocaust ever happened.

Britain after World War II refused to allow many survivors of the Holocaust to come to Israel. And when they were caught in the high seas in the ocean, they were either sent to displaced camps in Europe, sometimes even in Germany, or they were sent to camps in Cyprus and Mauritius.

How quickly the world has forgotten the horrors of 70 years ago and how they started. History is once again repeating itself.

There was a Jewish poet murdered in Auschwitz. He was a French citizen, and while he was kept in a concentration camp in France, prior to his transfer to Auschwitz, he wrote concerning the Holocaust:

"Sure enough the nations did not interfere, nor did they protest, nor shake their heads, nor did they warn the murders. Never a murmur. It was as if the leaders of the nations were afraid that the killings might stop."

March 1996, the president of Lithuania visited Israel, and Dov Shilansky, who was a Knesset member at the time, walked out. He was a Lithuanian born Holocaust survivor, and this was his statement:

"I speak as a Jew, as a remnant snatched from the great conflagration in which Lithuanian Jewry was consumed." He recalled watching Lithuanians torture and humiliate the town butcher and the rabbi before burying them alive." This was not Germans, this was Lithuanians."

He spoke of seeing his friends and classmates, as the commanders of a death march, doing nothing to save him. He spoke of 13 pits dug in a lovely forest where he played as a youth, one meant to be his grave.

There is some redemption to this particular story, because, to his credit, the president of Lithuania took responsibility and confessed the sins of his people. I don't know if this man had any relationship with Yeshua, but this should give us hope that politicians can step up to the plate and actually do the right thing.

Here is a summary of what he said before the Knesset: "Honorable representatives of the Jewish nation. If I could, I would address you with the words with which you begin every day and repeat thereafter: "Hear O Israel". From this podium on which many heads of state have stood, at the very heart of your history and your state, I, the president of Lithuania, bow my head to the memory of the more than 200,000 Jews of Lithuania who were killed. I ask for your forgiveness for those Lithuanians who ruthlessly murdered, shot, deported and robbed Jews. The memory of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who lived in Lithuania and of their suffering does not allow many men in my decent country to remain at peace with themselves."

Would that there will be more world leaders who have that measure of integrity and honesty.

It's not just the world. Anti-Semitism exists in the Church as well as the world. And so-called Replacement "Theology," actually a demonic deception, has provided the religious foundation for much of secular anti-Semitism.

The Church has seen fit to distort the Word of God concerning Israel to make it fit humanistic thinking, and that's actually the beginning of New Age thinking in the Church—God is not sovereign, but man's thinking and reason is.

The Church consistently over-spiritualizes God's Word. The Church has looked at Israel as an example of God's judgment and has not wanted to see His forgiveness and restitution.

In Israel we don't have a very bold public witness of the Lord Yeshua, in part, because we have 2,000 years of one-sided church history to explain. And it's difficult to explain. It's difficult to say, "Oh they were not born again." What do they know about "born again"? It's just a bunch of words.

They look at the traditional Church, the state church, charismatic church, and they see the Church. They see Christians. It's very difficult to explain to them the difference between someone who is born again and someone who is just a member of a church. Although, I have to say that there are people who consider themselves born again who also have anti-Semitism deep in their being.

The Church which Yeshua called to comfort Israel (Isaiah 40) and provoke her to jealousy in order to bring Israel to faith (Romans 10 and Deuteronomy 32) has been one of the biggest stumbling blocks to faith for the Jewish people.

Let's look at a few examples:

Origen was a Christian philosopher in the 2nd and 3rd century. He began the separation of the Jewish people and Christians, and the Jewish people and God, by an allegorical interpretation of prophecy. He attempted to harmonize the New Testament with the philosophy of Plato. And where Hebrew thinking, which obviously includes the authors of the New Testament as well, exalts the sovereignty of God, Greek thought is humanistic and molds everything into a dimension of human understanding.

This was the beginning of the Replacement "Theology" Deception, and in its own way, New Age thinking.

Augustine systematized the allegoric teachings into a concise so-called theology. According to him, the Church was the inheritor of Israel's promises. He taught that Jews should be restricted in their privileges and continually humiliated, but they should be allowed to live among Christian communities, because their wretched circumstances were evidence of the truth of the Old Testament prophecies that predicted their rejection and dispersion. Constantine made Christianity the official



state religion in 313. He made it illegal to be a Messianic Jew. He separated Easter and Passover. He forbade Jews to be converts or to marry Christians. And it became doctrine that along with other promises of the kingdom, Israel now belonged to the Church.

This denied the biblical promise that it would belong to Abraham and his descendants as an eternal covenant (Gen. 12, 15, 17, Ps. 105:8-11).

The Crusades were ungodly, and yet, even today, evangelistic meetings, for some reason, are called by the most abominable name. Crusaders, as they marched through Europe on their way to the Holy land, took Jewish communities hostage to pay for their crusade. And they slaughtered Jews wherever they went. There were some bishops, especially in Germany, who tried their best to protect the Jewish people, but they weren't successful.

They were out to kill the infidel, to kill the Arabs and liberate Jerusalem, and since there weren't many Arabs in Europe, and there were a lot of Jews, a lot of Jews died.

We can speak for hours about the abomination of the Crusades. When they finally conquered Jerusalem, they gathered all the Jewish people and put them in the main building in the city. As they marched around it with the cross, singing hymns to God, they burnt it to the ground with every man, woman and child inside.

The Orthodox Christians and Middle Eastern Christians looked more like Jews than Europeans, so they slaughtered them as well.

The Spanish Inquisition actually started with a persecution of Jews who either nominally, by force or actually by faith had converted to Christianity 100 years before and during a wave of persecution against the Jewish people. But when it came to the Inquisition, many Jews chose death rather than conversion. And when they were expelled, most of Europe said: "No" to the Jewish people trying to find another place to live. There were some exceptions, Holland and Germany, but not France, not Italy. And it was the Ottoman Empire—Muslims and the Muslim sultan who allowed Jews to settle in the Ottoman Empire. He didn't do it because he loved Jews. He did it because he recognized that they would benefit his kingdom. And for hundreds of years, while the Jewish people didn't have many rights, they at least had a place where they could live in the Ottoman Empire, in Greece, in Bulgaria, all that part of the Ottoman Empire that was theirs for about 600 years.

I spent over three seasons, spread over three years, with a team in Spain leading up to the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the expulsion in 1992.

At the first conference, a Spanish woman who had gotten saved said, "I need to tell you a story about what happened during Easter time in my church in this village. The pastor/priest had an oak table brought into the sanctuary before the altar, and he

said to the people: 'This oak table today represents the Jews, and we're going to do to this oak table what they did to our Lord.'

And he sent the people out. They got farming implements. They broke off branches from trees, and found big rocks. They came in and pulverized this oak table until nothing was left but scrap.

She said she had gone back to her village some years before, trying to lead an evangelistic team, and the gates of brass were closed. There was no way that they could do anything.

Martin Luther, three years before he died, wrote in a tract, "Let me give you my honest advice, (speaking of the Jewish people), set fire to their synagogues and schools. Bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn. Do this in honor of our Lord and Christendom. Their houses all should be razed and destroyed. Take from them all their prayer books and Talmudic writings. Rabbis should be forbidden to teach on penalty of loss of life or limb. Safe conduct on the highway should be completely abolished for the Jews, usury forbidden to them and all cash and treasure of silver and gold taken from them. Make them earn their bread by the sweat of their brow."

Short of the Auschwitz oven and extermination, the whole Nazi Holocaust is outlined here. And Hitler and Julius Striker, his propagandist, quoted Luther as justification of the Final Solution.

The Catholic Church, up until recently, has officially, doctrinally considered that they are Israel today. And of course, that is total Replacement “Theology” Deception.

What I'm going to talk to you about is basically historical, and it has changed a little bit. But just this Resurrection Sunday in Poland, a bishop gave an anti-Semitic Easter Sunday message. And in some village in Poland they created a very large effigy of a Jew. And the town's children beat it until there was nothing left of it.

Remember Spain and the table? This is similar to what is happening today in Poland. Old hatreds take a very long time to die. It is my observation that anti-Semitism in the West is based in the heart more than the head.

Up until 40, 50 years ago, most Jewish people acquainted Christendom with the Catholic Church. Catholic Church legislation against the Jews was so all-encompassing that the Nazis actually used it as a model for their anti-Semitic legislation.

The Third Synod of Orléans in 538 legislated that the Jews were not permitted to show themselves in the streets during Passion week.

The Nazi decree of December 3, 1938 authorized local authorities to bar Jews from the street on certain days.

The Trullo Synod ruled in 692 that Christians were not allowed to be treated by Jewish physicians.

On 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1938, the Nazis did the same.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Lateran Council in 121 decreed that Jews must mark their clothes with a badge.

4 September 1941, the Nazis decreed the same.

The Synod of Passau in 1267 confined the Jewish community to compulsory ghettos.

Starting in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Church helped enforce Jewish ghettoization throughout Europe. The first ghetto was in Venice.

24 September, 1939, Heydrich issued the Nazi order confining the Jewish people to ghettos.

During the Holocaust, the Catholic Church was almost totally silent.

After the war, they assisted high ranking members of the S.S. to flee from justice, mostly to South America. They were often helped by the International Red Cross.

Until fairly recently, the Jewish world has viewed Christianity as being represented by the Catholic Church.

In 1973, during the Yom Kippur War, there was a declaration by the American National Council of Churches and a call for the immediate mutual cessation of arms shipments. The United States was supplying arms to Israel, and the Soviet Union was supplying arms to the Arab world. Who did they think might listen to them? Thankfully America did not. But, David Stow, an

official of United Church of Christ, said to an American Jewish Congress observer at this meeting – Israel might have to die for the cause of world peace.

There was a movement called Kingdom Now, or Dominion Theology. I want to quote a couple of leaders, no longer living, but I don't think their deceptive theology has changed.

David Chilton in his book *The Days of Vengeance* said,; “Modern apostate Jews have absolutely no theological and therefore no historical right to the land of Palestine.”

He also said, “As Christians we see both Jews and Muslims as groups that have rejected Christ as the Messiah and who have opposed a true faith. If they want to convert, we would rejoice. If they want to will kill each other off, that's too bad, but let them have at it. There's nothing we can do about it.”

Is that the heart of our Messiah?

Earl Paulk, another leader in that movement, said, “Praying for the peace of Jerusalem is to patronize a nation that has rejected Jesus Christ.”

This not only exhibits an evil hardness of heart, hatred, but it's a total rejection of the Word of God (Psalm 122:6).

Perhaps these influential theologians have themselves been victimized by the demonic deception of wrong interpretation and cultural bigotry. But bad theology and wrong prophetic interpretation can be deadly, especially to the Jewish people.

All of this has been done by the Church under the sign of the cross in the name of Yeshua.

Is it any wonder that to be a Messianic Jew has been a shameful and even traitorous thing to the Jewish community?

During the Holocaust, most of the nations and the Church remained quiet in the face of Hitler's resolve to annihilate the Jewish people. Rees Howell was one of the sterling examples who did not do that, but they were few and far between.

With the hindsight of 80 years, we see that if the Church had interceded and protested vigorously against Hitler and against their own government's callous attitude to the plight of the Jewish people, many, perhaps even millions of Jews could have been saved.

We read in Ezekiel of the Valley of the Dry Bones. We know that something terrible, the Holocaust, was happening, but there is no figure given in that. My personal opinion is because the Church was silent, and the nations did nothing, it rose up to 6 million when finally the Lord Himself said: "Enough!" and cut it off.

But if there had been voices and prayers and demonstrations? Actually, the bishop of Canterbury was very deliberate about it. He tried to raise the consciousness. He saw what was happening and he knew this was evil. But he was ignored. He was one of the few.

During the Holocaust, a Polish Jew appealed for help to the papal ambassador in Poland. He asked him to

intervene on behalf of innocent Jews, especially children. He was told that there is no innocent blood of Jewish children in the world. All Jewish blood is guilty. They have to die. This is the punishment that has been waiting for the Jews because of that sin, (meaning the crucifixion of Yeshua).

At times, the face shown to the Jewish community by the Church has not been the face of our Lord, but the face of the devil masquerading as our Lord. Still today much of the church is ready to abandon Israel to the forces of Islam, even when those are the same forces that are seeking to destroy the Church. The persecution of Christians in the Muslim world today is higher than it has ever been. There is actually a slaughter going on, and we don't hear much about it in the West.

The Church doesn't realize that its destiny is linked to the Jewish people, and anti-Semitic persecution has always preceded Christian persecution. It's a warning to the Church that they are next.

Throughout the ages there have been Christians who loved and protected the Jewish people. Yad Vashem is our memorial to the Holocaust, and we've done an honorable thing. As you come in and walk toward the main building, you're passing through the Lane of the Righteous Gentiles. Surrounding Yad Vashem is the Forest of the Righteous Gentiles. And there, every tree is planted by Israel to honor someone who risked their lives to save a Jewish person, for no gain, but out of a pure heart and intent.



Not every righteous Gentile was a believer, but I believe every true believer should be a righteous Gentile. I would say the relationship between the true Church and Israel has never been as good as it is today, taking baby steps toward fulfilling the calling upon the Church. Actually, its first evangelical calling is not “don't preach to the Jews.” It's to provoke them to jealousy.

During the festival of Succoth, the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles, there is a march through Jerusalem, and the Christian Embassy has a part of it. There are believers coming from all over the world who are boldly proclaiming: "Israel, we love you." And I've seen Orthodox people weeping when they saw that. Baby steps, but going in the right direction.

To look at the present day, American Jews have in the past year experienced near historic levels of anti-Semitism. That year, 2018, saw more than double the number of anti-Semitic violent assault compared to 2017.

More than half of all the hate crimes In New York city in 2018, and so far in this year, have targeted Jews. This in the city with the largest Jewish population in the world.

German security officials said that anti-Semitic incidents rose by 20% to 1,800 in 2018, with 90% of them involving what they call the far right. Violent attacks on Jews were up more than 70%.

Islamophobic crimes In Germany were down, and anti-Christian attacks were down. However, this is a politically correct statistic.

The German newspaper *Die Welt* did their own investigation on this, and they realized that:

“For some time now experts criticize that the most cases of anti-Semitic incidents are a clear assignment. Extremists are not consistent and Islamic and Muslim circles are neglected or politically protected. The problem also is that the crime clearance rate is really low.”

In Berlin, out of 324 recorded anti-Semitic incidents in 2018, only 111, 34% were clarified.”

Some of the criticism came from the American Jewish committee and the anti-Semitic commissioner of the German Federal Republic: “On the basics of objective numbers concerning noticed suspects, it can be said, that the majority comes from a foreign ideology, anti-Semitic Hamas or Hezbollah in Germany.” They concluded: “if you want to fight anti-Semitism you have to proceed systematically and consistently to outlaw Hamas and Hezbollah in all of Europe.”

Just today in the Bundestag, the far right put forth a bill to illegalize Hezbollah in Germany, not just the military wing, but the so-called political wing, having the same objectives. The only people who voted for it was the AST. The other parties objected to it.

Britain, the Netherlands and other countries in Europe have illegalized Hezbollah, which is a start.

A commissar made a statement to the Jewish people a few weeks ago that it's not safe for them to wear kippot in certain places in Germany. He was castigated from every

corner, not just the Jewish community. The government criticized their own commissioner. He was being politically incorrect. He was telling the truth, but the government and even the Jewish community could not face it.

The German president and the foreign minister, who profess to be friends of Israel, recently congratulated Iran on their 40th year of revolution. There is not a week that goes by when Iran does not publicly proclaim that Israel will be exterminated. What kind of friends are these?

The deputy foreign minister actually went to the embassy and celebrated with them on the 40th anniversary!

Germany's UN ambassador, Christoph Heusgen, compared Israel to the terrorist entity of Hamas in March at the UN Security Council.

Chancellor Merkel who said in 2008 that the security of Israel is non-negotiable for her administration, voted against Israel with Islamic Republic 16 times in 2018 to condemn the Jewish state at the UN.

With friends like this....

Anti-Semitic acts in France soared by 40% last year with more than 500 attacks. President Macron called it the worst level of anti-Semitism since World War II.

In the UK, the number of recorded anti-Semitic events rose 16% in the last year to 1,600 incidents, breaking the record for anti-Semitic incidents for the 3rd year in a row.

Jeremy Corbyn's views should sound a clear warning of the presence of dangerous ideologies.

The Netherlands saw a 19% increase in recorded anti-Semitic incidents, and although Jews only represent 0.2% of the Dutch population, in 2017, out of all complaints of punishable discrimination, 41% were anti-Semitic crimes, and most of them were soccer anti-Semitism.

This is the text of a classic anti-Semitic song chanted on Dutch football fields:

"My father served with the commandos. My mother was with the SS. Together they burned Jews, because Jews burn best." We're not talking 30 years ago or 70 years ago; we're talking today.

The Church cannot disregard its calling to be a watchman, not only over Israel, but your own nation to warn people in your nation that he who touches Israel touches the apple of His eye—Zechariah 2:8. That has not changed.

History does repeat itself, but we as the redeemed children of God have been set free. We do not have to repeat the sins of our ancestors. I believe that God the Father in His kindness and mercy has purposed to give His body, the Church, another chance to stand with and bless the Jewish people. And I believe this has to be the last chance.

Now is the time for the Church of the living God to take a bold and courageous stand, both in prayer and in the council of the nations, for the fulfillment of God's eternal

purpose for Israel according to His Word. You, my dear brothers and sisters, are part of the remnant that understands your responsibility and the calling of the Jewish people. Actually, you are as much of a sign of the last days as is the restoration of Israel. It was God's heart from the very beginning that those who came in from the nations would provoke Israel to jealousy. You stand with the Jewish people, not against them. You recognize that the Word of God is sure and true. The New Testament has not revoked in any way the Hebrew Scriptures. Actually, you should be interpreting the New Testament through the eyes of the Hebrew Scriptures, not the other way around.

Remember, Yeshua preached solely from the Old Testament. Those who were writing the New Testament were quoting the Old Testament as justification for what they were writing.

Perilous times are upon us, and the darkness that we see now is going to grow at an alarming rate. If we think things are bad now, I believe we haven't seen anything yet.

John 9:4 says:

"<sup>4</sup> I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work."

The prayer of Ruth is remarkable. The Scriptures have told us before that a Moabite cannot enter the holy place even for ten generations. Ruth became the great grandmother of King David, and this is her prayer:

"Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

With this prayer, Ruth became one of the Jewish people. I'm in no way suggesting, and actually, I'm totally opposed to Christians becoming Jews. The Scriptures are clear - be who you are, and I will find you. Do not change your identity. You get a new identity and a new family in Yeshua. But, in the commitment of Ruth to the Jewish people, she says, first, your people are my people before she says your God is my God. That is a commitment. And my challenge to the churches is, "With whom will you stand? With the world or with Israel?"

Finally, one of the Lord's promises to Israel of many is Isaiah 41:8-16:

- <sup>8</sup> "But you, Israel, my servant,  
Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
you descendants of Abraham my friend,  
<sup>9</sup> I took you from the ends of the earth,  
from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, 'You are my servant';  
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.  
<sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

<sup>11</sup> “All who rage against you  
will surely be ashamed and disgraced;  
those who oppose you  
will be as nothing and perish.

<sup>12</sup> Though you search for your enemies,  
you will not find them.

Those who wage war against you  
will be as nothing at all.

<sup>13</sup> For I am the Lord your God  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.

<sup>14</sup> Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob,  
little Israel, do not fear,  
for I myself will help you,” declares the Lord,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>15</sup> “See, I will make you into a threshing sledge,  
new and sharp, with many teeth.  
You will thresh the mountains and crush them,  
and reduce the hills to chaff.

With whom would you stand? With the world or with  
the Lord and Israel?

Fear not, you worm Jacob, I am with you.

Amen?





# Aliyah

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Worldwide anti-Semitism is on the rise. Statistics reveal a mind-boggling increase in the frequency and severity of verbal and physical assaults. Anti-Semitic attacks were most prevalent in Germany, but there were only about 200 more attacks there last year than there was in Britain. Britain had the second highest, about 1,500 or 1,600 attacks, in one form or another, against Jews in the UK.

They now have a labor MK from Peterborough who has made various anti-Semitic remarks. Jeremy Corbyn's position of leadership highlights the growing acceptance of virulent anti-Semitism in the UK. It could have a positive aspect, because it will get the Jews to move out of Britain, and that's what they need to do. They need to come home. So, this message is the answer to the problem of anti-Semitism.

This is a message on *aliyah*. Aliyah is the Hebrew word for "going up." A Jew who leaves Israel, from anywhere in the world, makes "yerida." They "go down." And even if you make aliyah from the Himalayas, you're still "going up."

Jer. 31:8 – 10: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, *among* them the blind and the lame, the woman with

child and the one who labors with child, together. A great throng shall return there. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn. "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock.'"

Not every detail that happened in the world is in the Bible. But I see a detail in here which is something you may not have seen. In 1992, I happened to be with a prayer team in Spain. It was coming up to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Spain, especially at that time, was not a friendly nation to Israel or the Jews. But I woke up one morning, and all the major papers in Spain had banner headlines: "Ethiopian Jews Come Home." In less than 48 hours, over 35,000 Jews from Ethiopia were airlifted to Israel during Operation Solomon.

What I'm referring to here is the blind and the lame, a woman with child and the one who labors with child together. An interesting fact was that more Ethiopian Jews got off the airplane in Tel Aviv than got on the airplane in Addis Ababa. Even some babies were born in that transit. I wonder what's on their passport—Israel Air Force? I don't know.

I want to begin by sharing with you my personal walk with aliyah which began in 1969. I was a hippy and was

fed up with the United States, and I knew I was a Jew. Hippies at the time (at least some of us) were open to the spiritual world. And that included, at least for me, a search for God.

So, I began my worldwide search for God in Israel. It seemed the logical place for me. And after a couple of months there, I decided I'd become an Israeli. So, on Memorial Day, I went to the Ministry of Interior, and I changed my status from tourist to resident.

Then I decided among the people I was with that I would form a spiritual organic community. Not the Orthodox Jewish, much more New Age than that.

All the fellow hippies I talked to, whether they were native born Israeli or immigrants like me, thought it was a great idea and suggested that I should contact them once I got something going. So, I went to an organization called the "Jewish Agency." They are a semi-governmental, semi-private organization that's existed for well over 100 years. And their responsibility was settlement.

In 1969, I came in with my beard down to here, my hair down to there, and I said, "I want to form a spiritual organic community. Can we work something out?"

And they said, "Sit right there." They explained that if I wanted to settle in pre '67 Israel, I'd need a core of 20 to 25 people. But if I was willing to go to Sinai or the Golan, 10 or 15 would get me in the door. It sounded great to me, but I went back to the people I knew, and they were all interested, but no one was willing to do the

foundation work with me. And I couldn't do it by myself.

Later that year, something happened at a bus stop in Jerusalem that turned me against Israel.

In the past before I was saved, I've given a bad report about the land. I've repented of that, and I'm not going to share the details, but as a result of my time in Israel and this event, I felt that God's fire had scorched the earth. My original plan had been that if I didn't find God in Israel, I'd continue to India searching for God. But if I was burned out, I'd go back to the States for what it was worth. I said I was glad Israel existed, but I would never come back again.

You know that word? Never. Never say never. In 1971, on my way home via Britain, I met Hanna, who was to become my wife. We married in '74.

In 1975 we both came to the Lord—she a few months before I did. And a couple of days after I accepted Yeshua as my Lord and Savior and His finished work on the cross, I knew His forgiveness of that little bit of sin that He had revealed to me. (We're in process. And I hope you're still in process, because none of us are perfect).

I stopped on my way home from a Bible study I'd been attending on the book of Revelation, and I stopped where I was the week before and challenged the Lord. (I want to show you if you are honest with the Lord and you're willing to receive His answer, He is not offended or upset by any kind of challenge that we could bring

Him. And I challenged Him). I said: "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I do believe you're God. I don't know about this Jesus. I mean, my friends tell me that he is the Messiah, the King of the Jews. They're Gentiles. What do they know?"

I'm sorry. That was my attitude. I said, "I can't accept their faith, because it's in the New Testament. I don't know that that's the Bible. You have to speak to me; You have to show me."

What happened in the next few days was He showed me the darkness in my heart. I always knew I was not a nice guy. I actually knew I was lost, but I didn't realize how bad I was. I'd been going with my wife to church about 50 miles away in Montana winters. I went there because I liked the singing (I didn't call it worship), I liked the ex-hippies who were there, and I liked the fact that Pastor fed me steak every Sunday. So, God uses all methods. The pastor rarely preached the salvation message, but on that Sunday he did.

I recognized Yeshua was the Father's provision for this sin in my heart, and three days after I accepted Yeshua as my Lord, I stopped again on the same spot where I had challenged Him the week before, and I started to thank Him for my salvation for what He had provided for me. And then the heavens opened up. He spoke to me audibly, and I was shaken. He told me that all these Gentiles (whom I had questioned) were now my family—a new family.

I was living in Montana, and the main thing He said to me was, “Montana is not your home. There is nowhere on the face of the earth that is your home except the land of Israel, the only home for the Jewish people. I’m taking you there.” (I can assure you I did not know any Scripture or any reason that I’d be back there. I had been a believer only three days. I hadn’t read any of the prophetic books of the Bible which speak of the return of the Jews to Israel).

Before that, He had told me that I had come to Him through His only begotten Son, Jesus. (We use the Hebrew name for Jesus, which is Yeshua, but if he had said Yeshua, I wouldn’t have known whom He was talking about). Then, He told me I was still Jewish and the only place for me to live was the land of Israel, and He was taking me there.

I thought I was already living in the garden of Eden, western Montana with beautiful mountains, forest, lakes, rivers. I was a hunter, and the mountain and valleys were full of large and small game, the rivers full of trout. Hanna had an acre of garden that was her garden of Eden.

God in His compassion and mercy didn’t tell us to pack that night, but He gave us a number of years to begin to learn His Word, to be discipled. Then, the day came when He said: “Time to go home.”

So, in August 1984, Hanna and I, our two oldest children and one who was on the way made aliyah. In 1991 came the first Gulf War. I was called up to active duty in the

IDF from the beginning of the war. It started a day or two before one of our January International Prayer Conferences.

That year, 120 people from the nations fought their way to Israel while that war was raging, and we were under threat of attack. These 120 precious brothers and sisters were finding their way to Israel while many missionaries and many Israelis were fleeing the other way. And they gathered in the Holy Land Hotel, and when the sirens went off, which meant that a missile was headed toward Israel, they all had to grab their gas mask, go to one of the shelters in the hotel, put on the gas mask and then pray. Imagine praying in a gas mask; it's not fun.

During one of these alarms, while praying in his gas mask, a dear brother, Gustav Scheller, who I'm sure is with the Lord now with a heavy crown upon his head, sensed that the Lord spoke to him, saying: "Now is the time I want you to help bring My people home."

And that was the beginning of Operation Exodus, also called Ebenezer Operation Exodus, now based in Bournemouth, England.

That was also the start for me. For the next 18 years I served on the International Board, and I travelled much of the world preaching the prophetic calling to the church, to help bring the Jewish people home.

At that time, besides the prophetic dimension, the main thrust was to build up Israel as a nation. You know, we

were surrounded by millions of Arabs who declared they wanted to destroy us. We're a tiny nation and we were a lot smaller then. So, besides the prophetic dimension that God is calling His people home, we knew that the immigrants were going to come. They have strengthened the land amazingly. When God does something, He does it well in all dimensions.

In a few years we have absorbed over 300,000 new immigrants. At that time, Jewish people were approximately 3,500,000, maximum 4,000,000, and we increased our population by one fifth. And instead of going bankrupt, our economy flourished. Many of these Russian immigrants and their children and grandchildren have been part of Israel's high-tech revolution. They're scientists. They're medical people. Some of them are simple people who are not that well educated. But their coming has been a phenomenal blessing to the land; it has strengthened us enormously.

So, it wasn't just good for them, it was good for Israel. The Jewish people, mainly in the former Soviet Union, suffered much persecution, but basically their lives were not at risk, and that's what has changed today in my understanding. Israel only had 600,000 Jews in 1948; today we're just under 7,000,000, and the total population is just about 9,000,000!

When I was a young believer in the Charismatic church, and I already knew I was going to Israel someday, one night a pastor said, "Oh you don't want to go there. There's war there. Where the war is, the Holy Spirit is not there." (This is not biblically correct!)



In 1991, we knew we were going to war, yet the month before, the month of the war and the month after the war, we had some of the greatest return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel. More than 1,000 people a day during this 90 day period came to the land of Israel. Were they deterred by the war? They may have been a little scared, but it didn't stop them. They got off the plane, they went to register and get their immigration papers and they were given a gas mask because of the war. More than 1,000 people arrived each day. The heavy immigration continued for more than a year, not 1,000 people a day, but from that aliyah alone, about 1,400,000 people.

For me, the thrust of aliyah today has changed. The prophetic dimension has not changed; it's God's clearly stated will that the Jewish people need to come home, but now it's to save the lives of the Jewish people in the exile. To me, it's become a matter of life and death, not for Israel, but for the Jewish people in the nations.

Ezekiel 39, verses 27 – 29:

"<sup>27</sup> When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, <sup>28</sup> then they shall know that I *am* the Lord their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. <sup>29</sup> And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord God."

The NIV translates the central verse in this way: "I will gather them to their own land leaving none behind." To me it's interesting—I'm not a Hebrew scholar at all—but when He says: "for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," it's a done deal.

It's said in the past tense and yet it's coming in the future. But, as I understand that central verse that He will not leave any behind, to me it very simply means that the Jewish people will come home, or they will perish in another conflagration of bestial anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism will probably be the passion that will unite the world in the last days, and the spark that plunges the world into a murderous and bloodthirsty darkness that will only end with the return of the Lord. After all, the nations are not going to come up against Jerusalem because they love us, and Zechariah 14 promises that the Lord will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem.

Elie Wiesel, a brilliant Holocaust survivor who wrote many books about the Holocaust and his experiences, said that the lesson of the "Shoah" (Holocaust), is that we must believe the threats of our enemies much more than the promises of our friends.

How is the Lord working today to bring the Jewish people home?

Jeremiah 16:16:

Whenever it says "Behold!" pay attention.

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the Lord, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.”

I would say that aliyah in the 1990s was primarily fishing. But I hope you realize that now the hunters have been released. Unfortunately, most of the Jewish people who are living in exile still have not learned the lessons of history, and they refuse to open their hearts and minds to the fact that the Lord is calling them to come home to save them. Not just spiritually, but physically as well.

One of our main mandates as Intercessors for Israel is in the physical battle—security. And sometimes people come to us and say, “You guys are not very spiritual. Why don’t you pray more for the salvation of Israel?” We do, and the answer is very simple: in order for all of Israel to be saved, they need to be alive! Dead people don’t get saved.

Even though we know the last battle will take place in Israel, that will be the safest place in the world for the Jewish people, and I believe it’s already the safest place in the world for the Jewish people.

Unfortunately, we have been in a very similar situation before. In the 1930s, Jews with an understanding of the times went throughout Jewish communities, mostly in eastern Europe, calling the Jewish people there to see

what was beginning to happen to them and to the world in which they lived.

They were mostly met with derision, with tomatoes and sometimes even rocks thrown at them. The German Jews proclaimed very proudly, "We've been here for a thousand years! We've had good times, we've had bad times, and this too shall pass." And we know how it passed, in the smoking ovens of Auschwitz.

While we are called to expose, denounce, and fight anti-Semitism wherever it rears its monstrous head, we cannot bind this world ruler. It will be here until the Lord himself deals with it.

We also can't bind the hunters, though we can fight them on a human level. Please don't be confused—while the Lord is sending for the hunters, He did not put hatred for the Jewish people in their hearts. The devil did that, although these people were willing to let that spirit find a welcome home in their spirit.

Our battle is to call and help the Jewish people home—it's very simple. Some of us are physically called to be fishers of the Jewish people in exile, while some of us are called to be fishers in prayer and engage the enemy in battle as the Lord leads us.

There had been a great awakening of Jewishness in the Soviet Union after Israel's miraculous victory in 1967. In the Soviet Union and most other western European nations, many of the Jewish people were groaning and desiring to come home. Those who groaned too loudly or protested too much ended up in prison in Siberia.

And it's interesting, in Jeremiah, the Lord compares the exodus that we are in process of right now with the exodus of Egypt. And in Exodus 2: 23 - 24:

"<sup>23</sup> Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. [That was the one who knew Joseph] Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. <sup>24</sup> So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them."

Today most Jews, certainly the ones in America, think that even if they are groaning, they are supposed to "tough it out" where they are. And if necessary, they will move to Canada or Australia. If that happens, the hunters would be quickly on their heels, for even in those countries, the hunters are already there.

Many of you are very evangelistically minded, and that's a good thing—people need to be saved. Obviously, if you love the Jewish people, you want them to be saved, perhaps even more than making aliyah. God does command us to go to all the world, and I believe that does include the Jewish people in exile. But God Himself made a promise, that He would bring the Jewish people to know Him (Ez. 37:13 - 14). If you have an opportunity to bring a Jewish person in exile to Yeshua, wonderful!

But what if you don't have that opportunity? The physical place for the biblical promise of the salvation of the Jewish people is Israel, and, in particular, the mountains of Israel (Ez.34:13, 36:8 – 10)—Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, what much of the world calls the “West Bank”, and where they want to see every Jew expelled from that place. You can see that this movement for a Palestinian State is anti-God.

I believe personally that the redemption of Israel in the largest part is going to be a sovereign work of God, a work in which no flesh will boast. We hear stories of a revival in Iran that is not being spread by people, but by people having dreams and visions of a Man in white, and they instantly know—this is the Lord Yeshua.

If He can do that in Iran, don't you think He's going to do it in Israel?

Christian efforts to bring the Jewish people home, even without any open testimony, is what I call prophetic evangelism—evangelism with a worldwide dimension. You are bringing the Jewish people home to that physical place that He mentions in the Scripture, where He's got an appointment to meet with His people. Is God able to do it anywhere in the world? Of course! But why does He emphasize that He is bringing them home for them to know Him? ”(Ez. 37:12 – 14).

Some of these advocates of deceptive Replacement “Theology” – it's not theology, it doesn't come from God, it comes from the enemy of our souls—they say, “All the Jewish people are coming home in unbelief,” which is

what Scripture tells us is going to happen. Two verses in Scripture mention believers coming home: "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return to Zion with joy and thanksgiving." (Is. 51:11)

But, the vast majority of the Jewish people, it's clear from the Scriptures, come home in unbelief, and it's there that God meets with them. Do you trust God? Do you believe what the Scriptures tell us? The Lord says: "I will, I will, I will." We're going to look at a few verses in Ezekiel 36, verses 22 – 38. Over 30 times there was an individual expression of God's sovereignty concerning His promises to Israel.

And basically, they're in four different sections: one is the return of Israel from exile, one is the restoration of the land of Israel, one is the redemption of the people of Israel, and one is concerning the lifting Up of God's holy name in the nations because of what He is doing.

Again, you have this situation—God is bringing His people home, Israel is growing, Israel is prospering, yet so many Christians refuse to see the hand of God.

Ezekiel 36 verses 22 – 29:

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. <sup>23</sup> And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the Lord,"

says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. [the return of the Jewish people.] <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. [The salvation of the Jewish people] <sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> I will deliver you from all your uncleanness. [The restoration of the Land]. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that *were* not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> Not for your sake do I do *this*,” says the Lord God, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!” [more restoration of land]. <sup>33</sup> ‘Thus says the Lord God: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable *you* to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup> The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. <sup>35</sup> So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the



garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities *are now* fortified *and* inhabited.' [The Lord lifting up His name]. <sup>36</sup> Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*."

And somehow in God's grace, mercy and lovingkindness, a lot of that is restoration, and an enormous amount of restoration is actually of the land, of physical Israel, yet the number of saved Israelis is quite small. But Israelis are coming to faith in Yeshua!

I can't say that every day someone comes to the Lord, but the body of Messiah in Israel is growing, not just from those who come already knowing the Lord, but from those who are living there and don't know Him.

How does all this relate to the Church?

Isa. 49:22:

"<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord God:

'Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations [the Gentiles],

And set up My standard for the peoples;

They shall bring your sons in *their* arms,

And your daughters shall be carried on *their* shoulders."

Who are these nations that the Lord is talking about?

Do you think they are unsaved godless governments? I believe that the nation He's talking about here is the

Church. Aliyah is a proof text of the Word of God: aliyah is the sign of God's covenants, of God's faithfulness. Aliyah is the sign of God's love and His character. Aliyah is also a clear Scriptural responsibility of the Church.

Isa. 60: 10 – 12:

<sup>10</sup> “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls,  
And their kings shall minister to you;  
For in My wrath I struck you,  
But in My favor I have had mercy on you.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore your gates shall be open continually;  
They shall not be shut day or night,  
That *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles,  
And their kings in procession.

<sup>12</sup> For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you  
shall perish,  
And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.”

I think that biblically, you owe a debt to the Jewish people.

Romans 11:11-15, speaking of Israel:

<sup>11</sup> I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall?  
Certainly not! But through their [\[a\]](#)fall, to provoke them  
to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles.”

Did you realize that your first responsibility as a believer is to provoke the Jewish people to jealousy? That's not by wagging the Bible under their nose. It's not by telling them: "You killed the Lord." It's by living a life full of God's love, a life that is transformed, by your salvation in the Spirit of God, and I assure you—not only will Jewish

people know that you're different, everyone will know you're different.

Continuing in Romans 11:

"<sup>12</sup>Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! <sup>13</sup>For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, <sup>14</sup>if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?"

In Romans 15:26-27:

"<sup>26</sup>For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things."

I'm not talking about money here. In those days it was money, but I'm talking about physical things also, helping the Jewish people home.

Aliyah is actually a work of restoration. And you could say that in part, it's a way of repaying the debt that you owe the Jewish people, by saving their life, and by bringing them to the place where God says: "I have an appointment with them to reveal Myself to them."

Aliyah is mentioned over 150 times in the Bible, and I'm being super conservative. Some people have counted 250 times, others 350 times.

But 150 times! Isn't that significant enough? It's quite a bit of repetition, isn't it? God has given an oath 46 times to give the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants.

If He repeats it 46 times as an oath, there should be no question of His intent. According to the book of Hebrews, God swearing an oath settles every issue. Sometimes it's not the word oath, only 3 times out of the 46. He often says: "I swore" or "For the Lord swore to me," which is an oath.

Hebrews 6:17:

"<sup>17</sup>Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath."

An oath seals it. It's never going to be changed. I'm just going to give you a few examples:

Genesis 24:7:

"<sup>7</sup>The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, [This is obviously Abraham] and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son [Isaac] from there."

In Exodus 6:8:

"<sup>8</sup>And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you *as* a heritage: I *am* the Lord.' "

When Moses is interceding for Israel before the Lord, the Lord is ready to destroy Israel and raise up a people from Moses himself, because of their gross sin, the golden calf.

This is Exodus 32:13. Moses says:

"<sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.' "

Forever!

Judges 2:1

"Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.'"

The Angel of the Lord is obviously the Lord Yeshua in a pre-incarnate form.

1 Chronicles 16 and Psalm 105 are identical:

<sup>15</sup>"Remember His covenant forever,  
The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

<sup>16</sup>*The covenant which* He made with Abraham,

And His oath to Isaac,  
<sup>17</sup> And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,  
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,  
<sup>18</sup> Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan  
As the allotment of your inheritance”

Jeremiah 11:5:

“<sup>5</sup> That I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them ‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ as it is this day. And I answered and said, “So be it, Lord.”

Finally, this last Scripture is not an oath. However, it's the only place in the Bible where the Lord proclaims that what He is doing, which is planting Israel in the land, He's doing it with all of His heart and with all of His soul.

Jeremiah 32:37-41:

<sup>37</sup> Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. <sup>38</sup> They shall be My people, and I will be their God; <sup>39</sup> then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. <sup>40</sup> And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. <sup>41</sup> Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I

will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.’”

I don't believe that standing with God's covenant promises to Israel has to be every believer's number one priority. I do believe, personally, it has to be in your top five priorities' list. It's a foundation. It's not just going to the whole world and then the Lord will return. Israel has to exist. The Jewish people need to be back in the land for the Lord to return. It's one of the two foundation blocks for the return of the Lord.

Maybe it has to be in your top two or three priorities. I do believe that it at least has to be part of your prayer life, and as you pray for Israel, the Lord will tell you what you're called to do in a practical sense to bring your prayer to fruition.

The old Pentecostals used to call that “putting your feet to your prayers.”

Don't you want to stand with the Lord with what He is doing with all His heart and all His soul? He's restoring Israel to the land; He's bringing His people back to do them good. Amen?

