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# International Prayer Conference, Jerusalem

## 20-27 January 2020

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This is the invitation that our brother, Eliyahu, wrote before he went to glory in May 2019.

*"Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

**(Ephesians 6:10-12)**

While there are many demonic forces roaming the earth at the present time, there is a very ancient one that is more than a demon; it is what some translations have called a world ruler. The New King James calls it a "ruler of the darkness of this age".

It is the demonic "world ruler" of Anti-Semitism often disguised as Anti-Israel in politically correct places where it is not yet (but getting there) ok to be openly Anti-Semitic.

Who would have thought 74 years ago at the end of the Second World War and the open intentional slaughter of more than six million Jewish people - men, women and children - that this demonic ruler would once again be prowling the earth in such power and passion? Surely this is one of the more obvious signs that we are nearing the end of the age.

*"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, 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. 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."*

**(Ezekiel 39:27-29)**

The NIV translates part of the above this way: "I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind." How is He doing this?

*"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."*

**(Jeremiah 16:16)**

Unfortunately, most of the Jewish people who are still living in exile have not learned the lessons of history and refuse to open their hearts and minds to the fact that the Lord is calling them home to Israel to save them - both physically and spiritually.

We have been in this situation before when Israeli Jews with vision of the times went throughout the European Jewish world calling the Jewish people to see what was beginning to happen to them and the world they lived in. Often they were met with derision, with tomatoes and even rocks. The German Jews proclaimed, "We have been here for a thousand years. We have had good times and we have had bad times, this too shall pass." And we know how it passed - in the smoke of the ovens of Auschwitz.

Some of us are physically called to be "fishers of the Jewish people in exile"; some of us are called to be "fishers" in prayer and intercession and to engage the enemy in battle as the Lord leads us. We don't know what particular situation Israel will be facing in January 2020 but we do know that the battle to bring the Jewish people home is already happening.

The latest official statistic of Israel's Jewish population is from 2017 when the number of Israeli Jews was 6,554,500. We know of that number more than two million are first generation Olim (immigrants). With a worldwide Jewish population of between 14,500,000 and perhaps 20,400,000 there is still much to be done.

As I understand the verse that says the He will not leave any behind, it simply means that the Jewish people will come home or they will perish in another conflagration of bestial, murderous Anti-Semitism.

***Eliyahu Ben Haim***

As those who are returning to our conference know, we pray about many issues that impact the coming of God's Kingdom here on earth. Eliyahu's burden of anti-semitism leading to Aliyah will be one of our major prayer topics. There will be others as well, as we open our ears and hearts to hear how the Spirit of Messiah leads us.

Baruchim habaim - we welcome you to join us.

***Chuck Cohen***

## **Eliyahu Ben Haim Memorial Fund for the next generation**

People have sent in donations specifically to honor our brother who has gone home to our Lord. We will use these monetary gifts for a project that was close to Eliyahu's heart - to bring younger believers to the conference with the hope that they will catch the burden for intercession and also an understanding of Israel's place in God's plans.

If you also share this burden consider bringing a younger person with you to the conference or sponsoring someone. We offer a discount on the conference package for those 30 and younger by January 2020. Please contact us for details.

## **Invitation to the post conference prayer tour:**

As many of you know, with this being a prayer tour - we often revisit the same area on consecutive years. The Iranian threat is growing and is still Israel's only "existential threat" but for God's promises (Jer. 31:35-37). We will again stand physically between Iran and its anti-Israel proxies in Lebanon and Syria - and this nation. We will revisit the Golan Heights and Northern Galilee as we intercede for Israel's protection. We will also cover the Gaza area in the last day.

While all of this is "Lord willing," we still need to plan and then trust God to fill in the details or to change our plans to be in line with His will come January 2020 (Prov. 19:21).

We are very grateful that the places where we have prayed in on previous prayer tours in the North have remained basically peaceful, and even with the many months of Friday riots on the Gaza border, very few Israelis have been killed - although the mental and emotion trauma are very real, as is the destruction of much of Israel's land through Hamas' incendiary devices.

Many of the other issues needing prayer in Israel will be covered during the conference, we see the prayer tour as an integral part of the mandate that IFI has received from God to watch and pray over the physical security of the Land. As we often say, "For all of Israel to be saved, they need to be alive - and living in the land of Israel."

With places on the tour limited, please book early to reserve your spot and join us in this very beautiful part of God's biblical inheritance to Israel. In fact, do you know that one of the cities of refuge is the city of Golan, in the area of Bashan, which is the area we call the Golan Heights today (Deut. 4:41-43); Josh. 20:8-9)?

\*IFI reserves the right to change the tour itinerary if the security situation makes this necessary.