

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

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Romans 9:1-8; 10:21-11:5; 11:13-26

"I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen." Romans 9:1-5

God created the Jewish nation through whom came Jesus, the Messiah, our Savior and Lord!

- ❖ The church, at its inception on the Feast of Pentecost, was virtually entirely Jewish!
- ❖ God gave to the Jews His Word, His covenants, His prophecies, His promises!
- ❖ God chose the land of Israel:
 - Leviticus 25:23 "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity [eternity], for the land is Mine. ..."*
 - Psalms 85:1 "Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob." (NKJV¹)*
 - Ezekiel 38:16 "In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes."*
- ♦ When we talk about Israel, we are dealing with a people as well as a property given them by God.
 - Genesis 17:8 "And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."*
- ❖ God warns *"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Genesis 12:3
- ❖ God calls His people to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
 - 📖 Psalm 122:1-9

"Throughout history, the Jewish people have been dispersed throughout the nations and have endured relentless harassment, persecution, and near annihilation. Even at the birth of a safe Jewish Homeland in 1948, the new nation of Israel was welcomed by war. Jewish people still fight for survival as Israel is surrounded by adversaries, foreign and domestic. Israel's desire and hope for peace remains as constant as her enemies' desires for her death and destruction. Israel needs continued prayer..."²

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm 122: 6-9

Endnotes:

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² "Eagles' Wings 2013 Prayer Points For Jerusalem & Israel." *The Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem*. Eagles' Wings. Web. <http://www.daytopray.com/getattachment/Resources/ministryresources/Prayer_Points_for_Israel_-_2013.pdf>.

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