

STAND WITH ISRAEL

Why, you ask. What's Israel to me? The answer to that involves a mystery, one of God's mysteries.

'Way back yonder, in the dark ages of my teenage years, Israel's name and political involvements began to surface on the evening news, so that I had heard of David Ben Gurion, the Suez Canal, and Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, in the fringes of my consciousness. The span of years was about 1959-1967 and beyond. During those years, I was age 10 to 18.



I don't know why I noticed, but I did, at a very low level. Israel was in the Bible. This involved Israel. So of course it mattered and I cared.

In 1967, when I was 18, Israel fought the famous Six Day War in June. The neighboring Arab countries attacked Israel from all sides - Syria from the north, Jordan from the east, Egypt from the south, with far larger militaries than Israel had. Nevertheless, Israel defeated them decisively in six days.

My intense interest and love for Israel was awakened at that time, for reasons I still don't know. I followed the news, read books, and created a new gallery of heroes to add to my existing gallery of heroes: our Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, and other major American figures.

I read the novel Exodus, written in the mid-fifties, less than a decade after the events described in it. About 35 years later (Oh, how I date myself!), I read it again, after I asked God to show me stuff to read that would re-ignite my spirit and push me to grow in the Spirit.

Exodus was the first of several things He showed me, and in the years since, I have found that it is an accurate account of the events leading to the founding of the modern state of Israel on May 14, 1948, and told a story every bit as exciting and filled with miracles as that of the United States.

This began my intense interest in Israel. Not Jewishness. Not their headless religion, missing the boat of their own Messiah, Jesus. Just modern Israel, the miracle that happened in 1948. In Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister with the funny name that I have admired since the first day I heard of him.

What does this have to do with "Standing With Israel"? Well, it's my personal story of the beginnings of my love for Israel and why I fiercely support Israel. God's hand pushed me in that direction. Why? It's one of His mysteries that I can't explain and that I hope to understand some day when we are with Him eternally.

Here are some considerations as to why we should support Israel.

1. Israel is mentioned in the Bible dozens of times, often with reference to God's promise to Abraham that that land belongs to him and his descendants. Yes, there is the complication of Isaac vs. Ishmael, the two sons by his wives, and which one did God mean? He clearly stated that Isaac's descendants are the people of God's

promise, but God also provided a different promise to the descendants of Ishmael, today's Arabs.

2. If we reject that part of the Bible as silly, or mythical, or just plain untrue, then why should we believe ANYthing in the Bible? Throw out the whole thing, and hang there, suspended in space, with no connection to a Creator or to THE Creator, with only yourself and the cold, dark universe to comfort you.

3. I never particularly cared for American Jews, because they seemed to be arrogant jerks in my contact with them. But I didn't hate them, either. In my years in Indianapolis schools (6th to 12th grades), there were many Jewish students, all of whom were SMART, talented, and most of whom I admired, except that I always came AFTER the Goldsteins and Goldbergs on the class rosters.

4. Israeli Jews seem to be a different type of Jew, and worthy of our support. Israeli Jews have had to earn everything they have the hard way - one tough war after another, step by hard-fought step. They have built a miraculous nation and culture from scratch, revived a dead ancient language to become a modern national language (Hebrew), and have invented all or part of many of the technological marvels that make our lives easier. American Jews seem to be political leftists who hate God and participate in many of the God-hating activities and institu-

the way and to minimize civilian deaths and injuries. They offer medical help to those who hate them, including some enemy fighters. They brought incubators to the main hospital in Gaza to keep preemie babies alive as they were being moved, at the risk of losing their soldiers.

6. Israel's moral convictions place them in an unenviable position of "damned if you do and damned if you don't." If they don't extend the ceasefire, in order to finish the job of utterly destroying the demonically evil Hamas forces, they are damned as murderous monsters, the very description that should be applied to the Hamas monsters. If

"Billions of people around the globe are about to celebrate the birthday of a Jewish man, born 2000 years ago in Bethlehem, a town with a Hebrew name, but don't think Jews lived there before 1948."

~ Amir Tsarfati

Israel does extend the ceasefire in order to get more hostages out of Hamas' clutches, they give Hamas time to regroup and reform their systems in order to attack Israel again. Hamas has every intent to butcher more Israelis as they did in October. And Hamas is obviously playing games with the hostages, manipulating world opinion in their own favor and taking advantage of Israel's God-based merciful approach.

7. Israel cannot win in world opinion since the mainstream media the world over serve as mouthpieces for the elite leftists who hate Israel because they hate God Himself. Joe Biden and Barak Obama and the whole leftist group controlling the American government (including most of the deep state) are securely rooted in that group of God-haters, and frankly, it makes me SICK!

Please, if you want honest, up-to-date reporting from Israel, from the eyes of one who loves our God and our Savior Jesus the Christ, check out Amir Tsarfati's channel on Telegram. Or try "The Hot Zone" with Chuck Holton on YouTube, The Watchman with Eric Stakelback on YouTube, orr CBN News. There are lots of places to get honest reporting about what's going on in this war and in Israel in general.

And trust me, you want to be on God's

side as the end times draw near. If you listen to the lies about Hamas or the oppressed Palestinians, or fall for the huge demonstrations in various places in support of the demonic terrorists, you can know that you are not on God's side. If you care at all about Him, you will ferret out the truth and

get on His side. No, Israelis are not perfect, and they have been guilty of injustice and unfairness at times. Nonetheless, they and we who choose to be ARE God's people, the only place for us to be!

Linda Gommel



Here are some of the released hostages.

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5. If you don't know this I'm about to say, then you are deaf or blind or watching the wrong media for your news. The Israelis fight their wars in the most humane way possible. They warn civilians of impending attack to give them a chance to get out of

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