

Blessing and Cursing

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“I Will Bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3)

The hottest geopolitical topic on earth right now is Israel. In 1948, Israel was praised in the world media for making the desert bloom like a rose, for standing up to Russia and Arab armies in a series of wars where the Israel Defense Forces accomplished the impossible. Israel was the shining city on the hill. Not so today!

Today, Israel is vilified globally by the liberal media with a “blame Israel first” mentality. The ghost of Hitler is walking across the stage of history once again. Israel is openly mocked on our college and university campuses as the vicious oppressor of the Palestinians. This is simply not true! What you hear in the media is not the full story, and in some cases...not the *real* story. The Palestinians have certainly been oppressed, *but* not by Israel. They have been oppressed by their own leadership since their very inception.

Many pulpits are filled with pastors lacking the courage to stand with Israel, lest they be attacked by the press for not doing what is considered politically correct. When the White House can ask the Prime Minister of Israel to stand and wait for a meeting...we are no longer honoring God’s people in the highest office of our land. It’s disgraceful!

But I ask again...why be politically correct when you can be right according to God’s Word? It’s time for people everywhere to have what I call a Dietrich Bonhoeffer moment. Bonhoeffer said, “Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

If the pastors of your area aren’t preaching from the Word of God, then find a new church. God isn’t interested in religion. He’s interested in a relationship. It is up to the Church to make a Kingdom difference, to shine the light of Christ on a world that is in a moral freefall.

The United Nations spends much of its time searching for bizarre ways to accuse Israel of “war crimes” for defending themselves against terrorists who attack them. Let’s be clear on this:

- Israel has the right to exist.
- Israel has the right to secure her borders.
- Israel has the right to defend herself without Washington’s approval...or anyone else’s approval for that matter.

The deal with Iran is the most absurd that I have ever seen in my lifetime. As a nation, we are positioning ourselves to fund terrorism by giving 150 billion dollars to Iran. Are we foolish enough to believe that they won’t use the money against Israel and against the United States? Have you seen the newsreels where they are chanting, “Death to America?” Is this the country you want to send billions of dollars to? I think not!

Any attack on Israel should be considered an attack against America. If there is a line to be drawn, let it be drawn around all of us...Christians AND Jews, UNITED AS ONE!

The God who created the heavens and the earth, who measures space with the span of His hand and calls the stars...THAT God has promised that He will crush every nation that lifts its hand to harm the state of Israel and the Jewish people. God’s foreign policy is stated very clearly in Genesis 12:3, “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Are you listening America? Are you listening nations of the world?

Israel is *not* a political issue. Israel is a Bible issue. God, as owner of the earth, entered into an eternal blood covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants...that the land of Israel would be theirs *forever*. That covenant still stands today. They are not occupying the land. It was given to them by Almighty God... the One who keeps covenant for a 1,000 generations.

May 14, 1948 was the day God made good on His promise to return the Jewish people back to Israel following the Diaspora of 70 A.D.

Just a few minutes before 4:00 p.m., David Ben-Gurion drove down Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv, Israel to a ceremony being held at the Tel Aviv Art Museum. There he announced, "We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine, to be called Israel."

As an eight-year-old boy, I was listening to the radio with my father at our kitchen table when President Harry Truman announced over the airwaves that Israel had been declared a nation. I can still see my father with tears in his eyes as he said, "This is the greatest miracle of the twentieth century."

Ezekiel 36:24 says, "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land." That is exactly what happened in 1948. Isaiah 66:8 says,

"Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children."

What Isaiah was talking about here is Israel...the nation that was born in just 18 minutes.

I urge you to join me each and every day in praying for Israel and the Jewish people. As a nation, we are continuing to turn our back on Israel, and I fear that the judgment of God will be upon America if we do not turn back to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as a nation. Our time is growing short, and though no man knows the day nor the hour of His return, we must prepare like never before.

In my greatest teaching on Israel, I give a clear picture of what believers can expect in the future and how the power of prayer can revolutionize your life!

Stand up for righteousness! Speak up for truth! And pray! What you do in your prayer life affects the rest of your life. Prayers can move mountains of impossibility not only in your personal life but in our country and around the world!

Because of His commission,

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