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Israel's Three Blessings to the World
(Gen 12:3b)

- 1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)
- 2) Savior (John 4:22)
- 3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



Overview

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1. The Divine Purpose for Israel

Isaiah 43:1-But now, thus says the LORD, your **Creator**, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Isaiah 43:15- I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King.

Ezek 5:5-Thus says the Lord ^[f]GOD, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her **at the center of the nations**, with lands around her.’

Ezek 38:12-to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, **who live at the ^[k]center of the world.**

The Hebrew word translated "center" is literally the navel or belly button, which refers to the center of the body.

Rom. 11:17-18- But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the ^[h]rich root of the olive tree,¹⁸ **do not be arrogant toward the branches**; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.

Rom. 15:26-27- For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the ^[m]saints in Jerusalem.²⁷ Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. **For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.**

II. The Divine Protection of Israel

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Exod. 4:22- Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Zech. 2:8- For thus says the LORD of hosts, “After ^[e]glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, **for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.**

On August 18, 1790, congregants of the Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, warmly welcomed [George Washington](#) to both their place of worship and their city. Washington’s letter of response to the synagogue, delivered on the same day, has

become famous for reinforcing the ideal of religious liberty in American life...From its publication to the present, Washington's letter has remained a touchstone of American Jewish life. More than one historian has described the letter as the single most important document in American Jewish history...Its words have been cited by Supreme Court justices in at least three religious liberty cases.

Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island *August 18, 1790*

"I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport...the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Dora Von Lehe-As a young boy growing up, Richard Nixon's Christian (and a Quaker) mother told him that one day he would be in a powerful position, and a situation would arise where Israel and the Jews needed his help. When it did, he was to help them. It is reported that Nixon said he heard the voice of his mother saying these words to him when he responded to the call and plea for help from Golda Meir at 3 a.m. in October of 1973 during what is called the Yom Kippur War...Then came the attacks on October 6, 1973-a coordinated surprise attack on Yom Kippur, the holiest of days in the Jewish calendar and a time when the entire nation comes to a virtual standstill. Even

non-observant Jews honor this holyday by fasting, staying home or going to synagogue, and refraining from the use of fire, electricity, and communications systems. Israel could not have been more vulnerable. There had been concern about possible attacks, but until just shortly before the attacks began, "Israeli intelligence was not able to determine conclusively that an attack was imminent." To demonstrate how much Israel was up against: 180 Israeli tanks faced over 1400 Syrian tanks; closer to the Suez Canal, a mere 436 Israeli infantry were poised to fight over 80,000 Egyptian soldiers. The attacks by Egypt and Syria were backed by nine Arab states, as well as the Soviet Union. By the second day, the slaughtering of Israeli troops and destruction of their equipment had been such a blow, Moshe Dayan the minister of Defense, who had been a hero in the Six Day War, started talk about pulling back and even possible surrender. Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, resisted this, but she did have an aid secure lethal pills from her doctor; just in case her Arab enemies prevailed, Meir would take her own life...U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Meir's relationship was to say the least a bit rocky. When assistance was requested from him, Kissinger's reported response was to let Israel 'bleed a little.' So, at 3 a.m. Golda Meir picked up the phone and called President Richard M. Nixon and asked for help. It is reported that Nixon heard the prophetic word and the voice of his mother as he listened to Meir. By the time she hung up, Golda Meir had the weapons help her country needed that swung the pendulum to Israel's favor and to bring an end to the Yom Kippur War...To this day, Richard Nixon is highly regarded in Israel. Prime Minister Golda Meir and Nixon kept in frequent touch throughout the ordeal. For the rest of Meir's life, she referred to Nixon as "my president," and said, "For

generations to come, all will be told of the miracle of the immense planes from the United States bringing in the material that meant life to our people."

Ben Shapiro, "A Complete Timeline of Obama's Anti-Israel hatred," online: <http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2015/03/20/a-complete-timeline-of-obamas-anti-israel-hatred/>, March 20, 2011, accessed 30 May 2015.

3. The Power of Your Voice Concerning Israel

Matt. 23:38-39- Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

Ezek. 36:24-26-For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

Ezek 37:1-14- The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out ^[a]by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. ² He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.

³ He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord ^[b]GOD, You know.” ⁴ Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’” ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause ^[c]breath to enter you that you may come to life. ⁶ I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.’”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a ^[d]noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.’”” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are ^[e]completely cut off.’” ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. ¹⁴ I will put My ^[f]Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,” declares the LORD.’”

John 16:7-11- But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ^[c]Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

The website "**Middle East Facts**" puts things into proper perspective when it says:

"Unlike Islam's *Koran*, which commands Muslims to force the entire planet to submit to literal control by Islam, the Jewish *Torah* promises the children of Israel a modest and reasonable allotment of land. Israel...is a democratic nation 1/19th the size of California, surrounded by 22 hostile Arab/Islamic dictatorships with 640 times her size, 60 times her population and ALL the oil. How dare Arab propagandists call Israel "expansionist!" And how dare anyone believe them! How can Israel, which occupies one-sixth of one percent of the lands called Arab, be responsible for the political dissatisfaction of 22 Arab countries? How can the 13 million Jews in the world (almost 5 million fewer than they were in 1939!) be blamed for the problems of the 250 million Arabs, who have brotherly ties to 1.4 billion Muslims worldwide? Israel is an oasis of Western Democracy and Judeo/Christian morality in the middle of an otherwise totalitarian Arab/Muslim Middle East. For over 55 years since she became a nation in 1948, Israel has sought peaceful coexistence with neighbors dedicated to her destruction. Thus far only Egypt and Jordan have formalized a

peace treaty. In reality, these two peace treaties are questionable."

http://www.mefacts.com/cached.asp?x_id=10190

For example, in 1867, **Mark Twain** visited Israel. He wrote about his experiences in his book *Innocents Abroad*. In this book, he hardly describes the vibrant and prosperous Israel of today, but rather a desolate country that was devoid of both vegetation and human population. He observed:

"..... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse.... a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action.... we never saw a human being on the whole route.... there was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country."

Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad, Complete*, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869), 267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.

Joel 3:2-I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of ^[b]Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And **they have divided up My land.**

Sadly, when you look at the current Administration and the current trajectory of our government, we have to wonder would

our own President even take this kind of a call? Beginning with George Herbert Walker Bush, America's 41st President, America's relationship with Israel has become progressively strained. It was Bush who cut off American loan guarantees from Israel to retaliate against Israel's settlement practices. It was also Bush's Secretary of State, James **Baker**, during this era who infamously quipped, “[Expletive] the Jews. They don’t vote for us anyway.”

Conclusion

Numbers 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.