

**We Stand With Israel**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**October 15, 2023**

**Big Idea:** We Need to stand **united** with Israel and pray for all the Jewish people.

**We Stand With Israel Because:**

**1. God Gave An Unconditional Covenant With Israel**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a **great nation**. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will **bless** those who bless you and **curse** those who treat you with contempt. **All the families** on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT2)**

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14 (NASB)**

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and **bring you back** from the countries where you have been scattered, and **I will give you back the land of Israel again.**' <sup>18</sup> "They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols. <sup>19</sup> I will give them an **undivided heart** and put a **new spirit in them**; I will remove from them their **heart of stone** and give them a **heart of flesh**. <sup>20</sup> Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God." **Ezekiel 11:17-20 (NIV)**

**Friday, May 14, 1948**

"Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children." **Isaiah 66:8 (NIV)**

"I will bring my exiled people of **Israel back** from distant lands, and they will **rebuild** their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant **vineyards** and **gardens**; they will eat their **crops** and drink their **wine**. <sup>15</sup> I will firmly plant them there in their **own land**. They will **never again be uprooted** from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God. **Amos 9:14-15 (NLT)**

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, **the one they have pierced**, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son." **Zechariah 12:10 (NIV)**

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**2. We Use To Live Without Hope**

<sup>11</sup> Don't forget that you **Gentiles** used to be **outsiders**. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. <sup>12</sup> In those days **you were living apart from Christ**. You

were **excluded** from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the **covenant promises God** had made to them. **You lived in this world without God and without hope. Ephesians 2:11-12 (NLT2)**

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### **3. We Have Been United With The Jewish People In Christ**

<sup>13</sup> But now you have been **united** with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him **through the blood of Christ.**

<sup>14</sup> For Christ himself has **brought peace to us.** He united **Jews and Gentiles into one people** when, **in his own body on the cross**, he broke down the **wall of hostility** that separated us. <sup>15</sup> He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made **peace between Jews and Gentiles** by creating in himself **one new people** from the two groups. <sup>16</sup> **Together as one body**, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. <sup>17</sup> He brought this **Good News of peace** to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. **Ephesians 2:13-17 (NLT2)**

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### **4. Together We Are Members Of God's Family**

<sup>18</sup> Now all of us can come to the Father through the same **Holy Spirit** because of what **Christ has done for us.** <sup>19</sup> So now you **Gentiles** are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are **citizens** along with all of God's holy people. **You are members of God's family.**

<sup>20</sup> **Together**, we are his house, built on the foundation of the **apostles and the prophets.** And **the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.**

<sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Through him you **Gentiles** are also being **made part of this dwelling** where **God lives by his Spirit.** **Ephesians 2:18-22 (NLT2)**

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- Will you stand for Israel?

**Moran Rosenblitz** is with **Hope for Israel, PLEASE PRAY:**

- For an immediate cessation of the attack by Hamas
- For Hizballah to remain outside the conflict
- For protection over **Israeli citizens**
- For protection over **Israel's soldiers**
- For wisdom for Israel's government & military leaders
- For a stable and unified emergency government
- For continued international backing
- For an immediate release & return of kidnapped Israelis - military and civilian
- For the LORD's peace to rule over our land and in the hearts of all in Israel!

**My next right step, I will:**

- [ ] Pray for the people of Israel for the next 5 days
- [ ] Post on social media positive supportive messages for Israel
- [ ] Believe and accept Jesus as my Savior

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

**Big Idea:** To stand united with Israel and pray for all the Jewish people.

**Open in Prayer.**

**Icebreaker:** What famous people have you met?  
Have you ever been around a famous person but didn't realize it until later?

**We Stand With Israel Because:**

**1. God Gave An Unconditional Covenant With Israel**

**Read Genesis 12:1-3**

What does God ask Abraham to do? How difficult would this be?

What promise is given to Abram if he does this?

What promise is there for the world?

**Read Isaiah 7:14**

Who does God promise to send?

How is this different than any other religion?

**Read Ezekiel 11:17-20**

Because Israel was disobedient to God, He scattered them, but God never gave up on them. What does God promise to give Israel? 20:17

How will Israel respond? 20:18

What does God promise? 20:19-20

**Read Isaiah 66:8**

What shocking prophecy does this verse give?

What happened on Friday, May 14, 1948

How unique is this in world history?

### **Read Amos 9:14-15**

What does this verse prophecy?

What was the land like when Israel purchased it in the early 1900's?

What does God promise when they come back?

### **Read Zechariah 12:10**

What will God pour out on His people?

Who will the Israelites look to?

## **2. We Use To Live Without Hope**

### **Read Ephesians 2:11-12**

How does this describe us before we knew Jesus as our Savior?

## **3. We Have Been United With The Jewish People In Christ**

### **Read Ephesians 2:13-17**

What has Jesus done with us and the Jewish people?

What unites us?

How does God see us now?

## **4. Together We Are Members Of God's Family**

### **Read Ephesians 2:18-22**

What invitation is given to us here?

How does God see us?

What is the foundation of our faith?

Why is Jesus the Cornerstone of our faith?

How will this study help you pray for the people of Israel?