



SERMON SINGLES

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Why We Support Israel

Psalm 122:6

INTRODUCTION

Today's message is without a doubt one of the most important sermons I've ever delivered. This is not a political sermon; rather, this is Biblical instruction. As believers, we need to be linked with the nation of Israel. We need to support them. We need to pray for them because God's Word instructs us to do so. But why is that the case? That's the exact question we're going to be answering today.

KEY POINTS

1. Israel was where the entire ministry of Jesus occurred.

Jesus did His ministry and teaching in Israel. He was also persecuted, arrested, tortured, crucified, and killed in Israel. He died shedding His blood on the cross for your forgiveness and my forgiveness. He was buried in the area where the cross was located. On the third day, He rose from the dead; He made Himself known in His post-resurrection appearances in Israel. Finally, He ascended into heaven from Israel, specifically from the Mount of Olives, and He is coming back to that same place. Everything that God did through His Son, Jesus, was in Israel.

2. Israel will be the location where Jesus will return.

Jesus is coming back to the very same place He carried out His earthly ministry. If you want to be an eyewitness to Jesus' second coming, you must be in Israel. Specifically, He will set foot on the Mount of Olives. According to the Old Testament, it will split in two and be separated from north to south.

3. Israel was where the church started.

The early church started in Israel, and after Pentecost, it kept growing. The people in the church were engaged in fellowship, and they were connected. They were involved with each other, praying for each other, and longing to hear what God was speaking to them through the apostles' teaching.

They were sharing with the believers what Jesus did, all the things He said, and how the Old Testament was fulfilled in Christ. They were a very eclectic group. They didn't have a church building; rather, they met in each other's homes. Many people were saved and gave their lives to Jesus through the work of the early church, and it all started in Israel.

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4. Our faith roots come through the Jewish people.

There is no room for any animosity or opposition to the Jewish people. You need to thank the Lord for the Jewish people because our faith roots came from them. Our Christian faith is a Judeo-Christian faith. We wouldn't have one without the other.

5. Israel resides on the land God gave them.

God created the world, and it all belongs to Him. Specifically, the Promised Land was given to Israel. God made them stewards of that land. And just because the Jews were dispersed doesn't take away their ownership of the land. They still own it. It is still theirs because God gave it to them, and He hasn't changed His mind.

6. Supporting Israel is what we are to do, but it doesn't mean we stand against all who oppose them!

God wants every Palestinian to get saved. He wants every Scotsman to get saved. He desires every person who lives in Russia to get saved. God's plan is for all people to be saved. Therefore, when we support Israel, it doesn't mean that we are against everyone else who is not a Jew. God loves the whole world; He says that in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

We need to understand that you can support Israel without having to oppose everyone. Supporting Israel is what we are to do. When we support Israel, we stand against the evil forces that are behind the terror.

7. When we support Israel, we stand on the prophecy of the Bible.

The Old Testament prophesies say that God's plan is for the entire nation of Israel to be saved. They are going through a difficult time now. But ultimately Israel is one of the safest places to be. God says it will stand, even though it will see much opposition.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What did you learn about Israel from today's message that you didn't already know?
2. Have you ever been to Israel before? If so, what did you think of it? If not, do you have a desire to go in the future?
3. What is one practical way you can support Israel in your own walk with Jesus?
