

The Crisis in the Middle East

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Genesis 13:14-17

1. What does God promise Abram in these verses? How and when was this fulfilled?

Read Genesis 14:18-20

2. What possible problem does this passage raise in relation to the previous passage above?
3. Who is Melchizedek? Who is the God Most High? What does this tell us about the inhabitants of the land?

Read Leviticus 19:33-34

4. Why were these verses important? What reason did God give for why they should be followed and obeyed?
5. What relevance do all of the above passages have for today?
6. What do you know of the current crisis in the Middle East?
7. What do you know of the recent history of the area? Why is the area so fraught with tension, bloodshed and controversy?
8. What role should followers of Jesus play in this situation?
9. How? What can we do from where we are? How can we act effectively and appropriately?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine:
 - For peace to prevail, and soon.
 - For the political and military leaders of the area.
 - For the civilians caught in the middle of the conflict.
 - For those who have lost family members and loved ones.
 - For long term solutions to be adopted and agreed to.
 - For Jesus to be the centre of bringing peace and stability to the land of his birth.

