

## Nation of Focus: Myanmar (Burma)



Continent: Asia Capital City: Naypyidaw

Government: Parliamentary republic

Population: 57,069,099

Major People Groups: 53% Burmese (Bamar); 8% Shan (Tai Yai, Tai Long); 4%

Rakhine (Arakanese); 4% Sgaw Karen (Paganyaw); 2% Yangbye (Yangye)

Religion: Buddhist 76%, Ethnic religions 8%, Christian 8%, Muslim 4%, Hindu 2%,

Confucianist 1% GDP Per Capita: \$4,500 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 83.4%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for peace and justice to reign
- Pray for effective evangelism to a staunchly Buddhist majority.
- Pray for those believers who face tremendous harassment and persecution
- Prayer they would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

Myanmar, formerly Burma, has more than 100 ethnic groups, and is the largest country in Southeast Asia. The land is mostly covered in forests with a tropical climate and is rich in natural resources such as gems, oil, and natural gas. It shares borders with Bangladesh, India, China, Laos, and Thailand. Over 2,200 Buddhist temples, pagodas, and monasteries (built primarily between the 10th to 14th centuries) are found in the city of Bagan alone, reflecting the immense presence and influence of Buddhism in this country.

The Burmese people have suffered the horrific effects of ongoing warfare since 1942. Formerly a British colony, Myanmar gained its independence in 1948. From 1962 to 2011 it was under the control of a military junta. The military still holds great influence in the government, forcibly repressing popular democratic movements and exploiting the country's rich natural resources. This has left the nation's economy in shambles, trapping many in poverty. Additionally, Myanmar suffers the second highest HIV/AIDS rate in southeast Asia, with a reported 54% of adults and 78% of children receiving treatment! The creation and use of illegal drugs is a contributing factor to this epidemic. It has been reported that at least 200,000 households are involved in the production of poppies, the source of illegal opiates. Recently, the largest human exodus since the Vietnam War began as Rohingya Muslims desperately fled what the UN described as "ethnic cleansing at the hands of the military." The Rohingya have been denied citizenship in Myanmar since 1982, and suffer a long history of conflict with the Burmese militia. Hundreds of thousands have left their homes to seek refuge in areas such as Bangladesh, where their suffering has only continued.

Freedom of religion is restricted, and any group the government considers a threat, including Christians, is harassed, persecuted, and often imprisoned. Buddhism, though no longer considered the state religion, is actively promoted by the military regime. Although the military has attempted to remove Christianity from the nation, it continues to grow. Foreign missionaries have been prohibited from working in the nation, but this has not stopped indigenous believers from sharing their faith. It is even estimated that thousands of Buddhist monks have become followers of Yeshua!

Information from [prayercast.com](http://prayercast.com)

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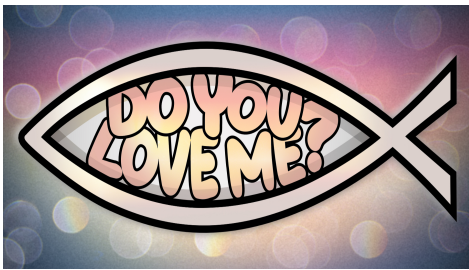


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## DO YOU LOVE ME?

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? Can God redeem our greatest failures, even when we deny him?

### Sermon Questions

#### Read John 21:1-6 ; Luke 5:1-11

- How are these stories Similar? Different?
- What is God doing for Peter? What part of his life does this story remind him about?

#### John 21:6-14; John 18:18-27

- How quickly does Peter respond? How quickly do you respond to God?
- What is the significance of the coal fire?
- How many times does Peter deny Yeshua?

#### Read John 21:15-17 ; Matt 26:33; Mark 14:29; John 13:37

- How many times does Yeshua ask Peter?
- Are there any times in your life that God has redeemed or restore?
- Is there something in your life that you would like Him to restore
- What do you think he wants you to do?
- Pray for each other about the places in your life you want to give back to the LORD.

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer of Music Today

Where Woodwinds Go,  
Treble Follows!  
with Nathan Colbert  
& Nancy Kingsbury

Percussion  
with Henry Rivera

#### Next Week

##### Muslim Evangelism

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative  
August 5th  
Sign up in back for the meal

#### High Holidays

Sept 15th - Oct 7th

New Calendars and Holiday  
Post Cards Coming Soon

### Our Mission

To Be and Make Disciples of  
Yeshua the Messiah

### Our Values

Love God  
Love People  
Pursue Excellence  
Eager to Grow

### Our Distinctions

To the Jewish people First  
And Also the Nations  
The Biblical Calendar  
The Bible as One-Story

### Torah Portion

#### Va'etchanan “I Pleaded”

Deut 3:23-7:11

#### Our Readings

Deut 6:4-9  
Isaiah 40:21-26  
Matt 22:33-46



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