

## Nation of Focus: Bahamas



Continent: North America Capital City: Nassau  
Government: Parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy  
Population: 352,655 Major People Groups: 67% Black; 14% Mulatto; 7% British; 7% Haitian Black; 2% American White Religion: Christian 93%, Agnostic 4%, Spiritist 2%  
Language: Bahamas Creole English, English, Haitian Creole, Jamaican Creole English  
GDP Per Capita: \$30,800 Literacy Rate: 95.7%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a hunger for God's riches rather than material wealth.
- Pray for righteous lawmakers who will not neglect the poorest residents.
- Pray for believers to humbly serve the Haitian immigrants in their midst.
- Pray this nation would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

An archipelago consisting of roughly 700 islands and islets and around 2,400 reefs and rock formations, the Bahamas is located in the West Caribbean and is over 700 miles long. The name Bahamas comes from the Spanish words "baha", meaning shallow, and "mar", meaning sea and was first occupied by Lucayans, who were captured as slaves by the Spanish. Before the British claimed the islands in 1629, they were a haven for pirates. The nation has a parliamentary government and is governed by the British monarch, who is the head of state, and the constitution of 1973.

With beautiful coral reefs, lush vegetation, and many different species of animals, the Bahamas is one of the most popular resorts in the Western Hemisphere. Tourism is the islands largest industry and accounts for 60% of the nation's income and the majority of jobs. The government is also a source of many jobs. The Bahamas is one of the wealthiest countries in the Caribbean and has its own currency, the Bahamian dollar. The islands are home to thousands of illegal Haitian refugees, who make up roughly 25 percent of the economy, and Bahamian citizens often view them as uncivilized and dangerous because of their voodoo beliefs and practices. The Haitians are among the poorest people in the nation and are forced into jobs that are considered "undesirable" by the rest of society. The remainder of the population is generally of either African (80 percent) or European descent.

Bahamians enjoy religious freedoms, with the majority of the population being Christian (95%). Protestantism is the largest Christian segment (61%). Wealth and material things have become extremely important in Bahamian culture and have contributed to a rise in crime – mainly armed robbery and petty theft. Standards of morality have decreased, especially more births out of wedlock and drug use. While the majority of the people claim to be Christian, fewer are committed to the Church, and many churches lack pastoral leadership. The people need spiritual guidance and encouragement to continue the Lord's work and to minister to the younger generation and the Haitian refugees..

<https://www.prayercast.com/bahamas.html>

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## MANLY LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? David and Jonathon loved each other deeply giving us a model for how men can love each other well.

**Read 1 Sam 18:1-7**

**Read 1 Sam 19:1**

**Read 1 Sam 20**

### Sermon Questions

**Read 1 Sam 18:1-7; Gen 44:30-34**

- What does it mean to have your life bound to another's life?
- What does it mean for one Man to love another man as himself?
- Read Gen 41:42; 1 Sam 17:38; Esth 6:8
  - What does it mean for Jonathon to give David his robe and armor?
- What are the effects in their lives?

**Read 1 Sam 19:1-7**

- What happens when Jonathan speaks well of David?

**Read 1 Sam 20:1-42**

- What does it mean to vow and make a covenant with a friend?
- What must it be like to go against your father because he is choosing evil against a friend?
- What does it mean to be concerned with a friends safety?
- What does Jonathon ask in return?
- What would it look like for you to love someone as your own life?

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### Upcoming Events

#### Volunteer Table

Sign up for all the Volunteer opportunities

#### Purim Party

Our Party is after Service  
March 4th, Biblical Costumes

#### How to Passover

March 18th & 25th  
12:45pm

#### Passover

First Night is April 5th  
Sign up to receive your Haggadahs.

#### Resurrection Choir

Try Out Today

### 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

### Today's Portion

Mishpatim:  
Judgements

### Our Readings

Torah: Ex 24:4-8  
Haf: Jer 33:19-26  
B'rit: Heb 9:15-22



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