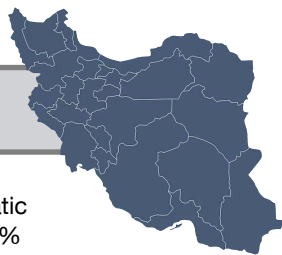


Nation of Focus: Iran



Continent: Asia Capital City: Tehran Government: Theocratic republic Population: 85,888,910 Major People Groups: 34% Persian (Irani); 20% Azerbaijani (Turk); 5% Gilaki; 5% Mazanderani (Tabri); 5% Southern Kurd (Carduchi) Religion: Muslim 99%, Christian 1% Language: Persian, Azerbaijani, Kurdish, Gilaki, Mazandarani GDP Per Capita: \$12,400

POPULATION IN UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 99.6%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a great harvest resulting from sharing bold accounts of their faith.
- Pray for the growth of believers amid persecution against non-Muslim peoples.
- Pray for Christians to capitalize on unprecedented opportunities to spread the Gospel via Internet, TV, and media.
- Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

Known as Persia until 1935, today's Islamic Republic of Iran is predominately Muslim (98%), mostly Shi'ite. With its proximity to Arabic speaking countries, it is often perceived to be Arabic, but Iran is Persian. The Elamites, descendants of Noah's son Shem, first settled in the area and were followed by the Medes and Persians who established an ancient civilization and world empire. The Bible records the names of some of its most famous: Cyrus the Great, Darius, and Xerxes. Over the centuries, the Persian language (Farsi) and culture have prevailed even with many conquerors crossing through this land.

The 1979 Islamic Revolution overthrew the twenty-five-hundred-year-old monarchy and converted Iran into a Shi'ite Muslim, cleric-ruled country. A year later, Iraq attacked Iran and an 8-year war followed, helping solidify the rule of the Muslim clerics (Ayatollahs) and worsening the already hurting economy.

In Iran all ethnic Persians and those from Muslim backgrounds (even if not practicing) are considered Muslims. Anyone who converts to Christianity is declared an apostate and could face death. The Iranian constitution recognizes the historic minority religions of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, and Christianity, but it does not allow churches to preach or distribute materials in Farsi and proselytizing is forbidden. Yet, the number of Muslim background believers coming to Yeshua in Iran continues to grow greatly regardless of certain persecution. Believers and non-believers are having Holy Spirit-inspired dreams and visions and are seeing wonders. Many are curious about the Bible, but Bibles and Christian printed materials in Farsi are illegal. Smuggled Farsi Bibles and materials are quickly put to use. The Internet and broadcasts by radio and satellite TV are providing encouragement, resources, and training for believers as more come to Messiah and more underground house churches are established.

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HIDDEN LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? What is the one hidden place God is mentioned in the book of Esther, Love.

Esther 1:1-9 The Setting

Esther 2:8-9, 15 Tov and Hesed with Hegai

Esther 2:15 Hen with all who saw her

Esther 2:17-18 Ahav and Hesed and Hen With the King

Esther 5:1-8 Hen and Tov If I have found favor then...

Esther 10:3 Leads to Acceptance Tov and Shalom

Sermon Questions

Read Esther 1:1-9

- Just like the people were far from Israel are there things or situations in your life that make you feel like you are in an impossible place?

Read Esther 2:8-9, 15, 17-18

- What does it mean to be loved or favored? with others? at work?
- What can this lead to? Talk about a time that favor with one person also became favor for someone else?
- Talk about a time that God showed his love for you that changed a situation?

Read Esther 5:1-8

- What ways in the past have goodness, love, and favor given you the ability to ask for something? with others? with God?

Read Esther 10:3

- Lets ask God to reveal to us past situations where his love and favor lead us to peace and how he can do it again.

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Volunteer Table

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Purim Party

Our Party is after Service Today! Have Fun!

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

Our Portion

Tetzaveh “Command”
EXODUS 27:20-30:10

Our Readings

Purim Play!



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