

## Nation of Focus: Seychelles



Continent: Africa Capital City: Victoria  
Government: Presidential republic Population: 96,387  
Major People Groups: predominantly Creole (mainly of East African and Malagasy heritage); French, Indian, Chinese, and Arab populations  
Religion: Christian 95%, Agnostic 2%, Hindu 1%, Muslim 1%  
Language: Seychelles Creole French, English, French, Hindi, Swahili  
GDP Per Capita: \$24,400 Literacy Rate: 95.9%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Holy Spirit illumination for Seychellois who claim to be Christian but practice voodoo-like spiritism.
- Pray for the Seselwa New Testament to be available to all native speakers.
- Pray for more Christian outreach to people living on the outer islands.
- Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

Located in the Indian Ocean north of Madagascar, the Seychelles are a group of over a hundred granitic and coralline islands. The fact that 41 of these islands are granitic, mountainous, and located on top of a small continental shelf technically makes them a micro continent. The islands were uninhabited when the French first settled in 1770. After the Napoleonic Wars, in 1814, Great Britain gained control of the islands, which became independent in 1976. A 1977 coup brought about a socialist government which held onto power until multiparty elections in 1992. Marked by a history of plantations with a white upper class and black slavery, the Seychelles still show signs of social stratification based on skin color.

Since 1976, the economy of Seychelles has come from a near subsistence level to an upper middle income; per capita output has grown around seven times. Seychelles ranks on various extremes in Africa: it has the lowest population, the highest HDI (Human Development Index), and the most unequal distribution of wealth. The tourist sector is very important to the economy, employing roughly 30% of the labor, as is the tuna fishing industry. The Seychelles' government is trying to lessen the dependence on tourism by promoting farming, fishing, and small-scale manufacturing.

The majority of Seychellois (96%) are Christian, with most Roman Catholic and roughly 6% evangelical. Despite this, nominalism and superstition are very high, and many Christians mix spiritism with Christian beliefs. Surveys reveal that only 2% of the population believe Yeshua is the Son of God, and 95% mix Christianity with animistic concepts. Denominational relationships can be tense, and the outer islands have had little chance to hear the message of The Messiah. While the evangelical population is small, they have a large vision and are actively trying to make an impact.

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# MESSIANIC

## MESSIANIC LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? How does God’s love play out over time...the Messiah!

### ISAIAH

|                      | The Judgment of God   | The Deliverance of God    |   |                             |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|                      |   | THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD | THE SERVANT OF THE LORD                   | THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD |
|                      | CHAPTERS 1-39   | CHAPTERS 40-48            | CHAPTERS 49-53                            | CHAPTERS 54-66              |
| Emphasis             | The law and judgment for disobedience   | Comfort . . .             | God’s grace and deliverance Promise . . . | Hope . . .                  |
| “Bible within Bible” | Old Testament   | New Testament             |   |                             |
| Theme                | The justice and mercy of God  |                           |   |                             |
| Key Verses           | 2:3-5; 6:1-3; 53:1-12   |                           |   |                             |
| Christ in Isaiah     | His first and second advents are prophesied throughout the book (child of a virgin in 7:14, the shoot from the stem of Jesse in chapter 11, the Suffering Servant in chapter 53). |                           |   |                             |

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## Sermon Questions

### Read Isaiah 16:5

- How can God judge his people but still give us hope?

### Read Isaiah 41:8-14

- If the Judge and King has chosen you, how should it affect your life?

### Read Isaiah 43:1-7; Ex 14:13-31; Dan 3:16-28

- Where is God when we go through hard things?

### Read Isaiah 53:1-6; Rom 4:23-25;

- What does it mean to you to have the Messiah suffer for you?

### Read Isaiah 54:4-17

- How long does God’s lovingkindness last?

### Read Isaiah 56:1-8, 63:7-14

- Who does God choose to bring to himself?

### Read Isaiah 63:7-14

- How does Isaiah summarize the Gospel?
- How has God shown His lovingkindness to you in the past?

If the Judge, King, Redeemer, and Creator has chosen you, how should it affect your life?

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## Upcoming Events

### Volunteer Table

Sign up for all the Volunteer opportunities

### 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

### Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm

## 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

Ki Tisa “When You Take”  
Ex. 30:11-34:35

### Our Readings

Exodus 34:29-33  
1 Kings 18:30-39  
Mark 9:1-10



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