



The Church and Israel: How Disciples of Jesus should Respond

1. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 portrays a specific image of Israel. What message about the people of Israel and God's choice of them as His people does this scripture convey?
2. As you read aloud Psalm 122, consider how this song inspires feelings toward God's people and Jerusalem. How does it affect your perception of them?
3. How can the ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza teach us about loving our enemies? In what ways does this love reflect God's nature and intentions?
4. Islamic terrorist organizations are known for "loving death like you love life." How does Proverbs 8:36 shed light on the role of this love for death in the schemes of the enemy (Satan)?
5. In the current conflict, some followers of Jesus appear either excited or fearful as they watch the events unfold. How do these extreme reactions contrast with the way God would want us to respond to worldly events?
6. Reading Matthew 24:3-14, what events precede the "end of days" mentioned in verse 14? In light of these events, how should we live and what actions should we take as we anticipate the glorious return of Jesus?
7. Pray
We pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
We pray for Israel to see their Messiah.
We pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones.
We pray for those who are caught up in this terrible tragedy.
We pray for our enemies.
We pray against fear.
We pray for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be preached to all of the world.
We pray that we put feet to our faith.