



Should We Support Israel?

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Ice Breaker

If you could visit any country in the world for two weeks, where would you go and why?

Key Verses

- Obadiah 1:10-12
- Obadiah 1:15
- Genesis 12:1-3
- Matthew 25:31-40
- Hosea 3:5

Questions

- Before this sermon, how much did you know about the book of Obadiah, and what surprised you most about its message?
- The pastor explained that God condemned the Edomites not only for actively harming Israel, but also for simply standing by and doing nothing while Israel suffered. How does that challenge the idea that staying neutral or passive is always a safe or acceptable choice?

- Genesis 12:3 says God will bless those who bless Abraham's descendants and curse those who curse them. How does this promise shape the way you think about your own attitudes toward Jewish people and the nation of Israel?
- The sermon pointed out that God announced His protection of Israel even when the Jewish people were in a terrible spiritual condition and under His own judgment. What does that tell us about the nature of God's love and His faithfulness to His promises?
- The pastor referenced Jesus's parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25, explaining the care of "the least of these brothers of mine" is the treatment of Jewish people during persecution in the end times. How does that parable challenge or encourage you personally?
- The sermon emphasized that anti-Semitism, whether active hatred or passive indifference, carries serious spiritual consequences for individuals and nations. In what practical ways can Christians in their everyday lives stand against anti-Semitism?
- The pastor spoke about living with an awareness that the Rapture could happen at any moment. How does that sense of urgency affect the way you think about sharing your faith and loving those around you, including Jewish people, right now?

Life Application

This week, take one concrete step to grow in your love and support for the Jewish people. This could mean learning more about the history of Jewish persecution and God's plan for Israel, having a conversation with someone who holds anti-Semitic views and gently sharing a biblical perspective, writing to or calling a government representative to express support for Israel, or simply praying daily for the peace of Jerusalem as Psalm 122:6 encourages. Ask God to give you a heart that reflects His own love for the Jewish people, regardless of their current spiritual condition.

Key Takeaways

- God's condemnation of Edom in Obadiah makes clear that nations are accountable not only for actively harming Israel, but also for standing by passively and celebrating her suffering.
- The Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12 remains in effect throughout history: God will bless those who bless Israel and bring judgment on those who curse her, regardless of Israel's spiritual condition at any given time.

- The spiritual state of the Jewish people is never an excuse for anti-Semitism. God loves Israel even when Israel is disobedient, and He calls us to do the same.
- Jesus's parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 connects the treatment of His brothers, understood as the Jewish people during times of tribulation, directly to how people relate to Christ Himself.
- Christians should actively work to influence their communities and nations toward love and support for the Jewish people, understanding that this is both a theological conviction and a practical way to seek God's blessing on their nation.

Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for the time we have shared together today around Your Word. Thank You for the clarity You give us through the prophets and through the teachings of Jesus about Your unchanging love for the Jewish people and Your unstoppable plan for Israel. We confess that it is easy to be shaped by the noise of politics, media, and culture rather than by the truth of Scripture. Forgive us where we have been passive, indifferent, or even dismissive toward those You love. Give us courage to stand against hatred in all its forms and to be people who bless rather than curse. May our lives, our words, and our influence in this world reflect Your heart. We trust You with the future, knowing that Your plan will not fail and that Your kingdom will come. In the name of Jesus, our Jewish Messiah and coming King, amen.