How Should We Respond to Recent Events in Israel Deuteronomy 7:6-8

1- <u>Remember</u> that Israel is God's Chosen People.

God loves Israel.

For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth." **Deuteronomy 7:6**

1 have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." **Jeremiah 31:2-3**

God <u>blesses</u> those who bless Israel.

"I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you..." Genesis 12:3

2- Reflect Upon Why Israel is Hated by its Arab Neighbors

"To your descendants I will give this land" Genesis 12:7

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." **Ephesians 6:12**

3- Recognize that Israel is the Birthplace of Our Faith

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- Our Christian <u>Roots</u> are in Israel.
- Our <u>Salvation</u> came from the Jews.

4- <u>Respond</u> by Supporting and Praying for Israel.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." **Psalm 122:6-7**

5- <u>Ready</u> Yourself for the Return of Christ.

"And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it." **Zechariah 12:3**

"For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle." **Zechariah 14:2-3**

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn." Zechariah 12:10