



Everlasting Covenant

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Part 5

Why Jerusalem?

Recap – Part One through Three

- “Everlasting Covenant” is “Brit Olam” = Covenant Forever!
- If Gods “Everlasting Covenant” with Israel and the Land can be erased, then using that logic, all “Everlasting Covenants” could be obliterated, fulfilled or done away with... Like the New Covenant **Heb 13:20**, the Davidic Covenant **2 Sam 23:5**, the Covenant with Noah **Gen 9:15-17**, the Sabbath **Exo 31:16-17**, the Torah **Deut 4:26**.
- God, Moses & Yeshua all tie “Forever” “Olam” to Heaven and Earth Passing away: **Deuteronomy 4:26-31, 30:19, 31:28, Jeremiah 33:20-21, Matthew 5:17-18** & 35+ EX.
- Abraham marked 4 spots memorializing Gods Everlasting Land Covenant: Shechem **Gen 12:5-7**, Beit El **Gen 12:8-9**, Hebron **Gen 13:14-18** & the Land of Moriah (Jerusalem) **Gen 22**.
- Non-Jewish believers are grafted into the New Covenant with Judah & Israel
- They were to be treated the same as a citizen: **Num 15:15-29** & **Exo 12:48-49**
- The mystery revealed to Paul was: Gentiles are Joint heirs, fellow members and co-sharers of the Covenants! **Ephesians 3:1-6** “One New Man” **Ephesians 2:11-19**
- Grafted into Israel, Israels partial hardening is temporary (Timing) the gifts and callings are irrevocable **Romans 11**. As it is in Heaven, Israel = all peoples. 12 Gates **Rev 7:9-10 & 21:12-14**
- The New Covenant contains the restoration of Israel & Jerusalem **Jeremiah 31:38-40**

THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 15:18–21

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River.”

Genesis 15:18

BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COVENANT LAND

GENESIS 15:18

- From the River of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.

EXODUS 23:31

- From the Sea of Reeds to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates River.

DEUTERONOMY 11:24

- From the wilderness to Lebanon, from the River, the Euphrates, to the western sea.

These passages describe the same covenant land using broad natural boundaries rather than surveyed borders.

KEY BOUNDARY LANDMARKS

- **SOUTH** – From the River of Egypt / Sea of Reeds (Natural southern frontier)
- - **NORTH** – To Lebanon (Toward Hamath) (Natural northern frontier)
- - **EAST** – To the Euphrates River (Natural eastern frontier)
- **WEST** – To the Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea) (Natural western frontier)

RIVER OF EGYPT (NAHAR MITSRAYIM)

Genesis 15:18 uses the Hebrew *nahar* (“river”). Later inheritance passages (Numbers 34:5; Joshua 15:4; Isaiah 27:12) use *nachal* (“wadi” or “brook”). Because different Hebrew words are used, the precise identification of Genesis 15’s “River of Egypt” is debated.

Genesis 15:18
First Promise



ALTARS OF COVENANT IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

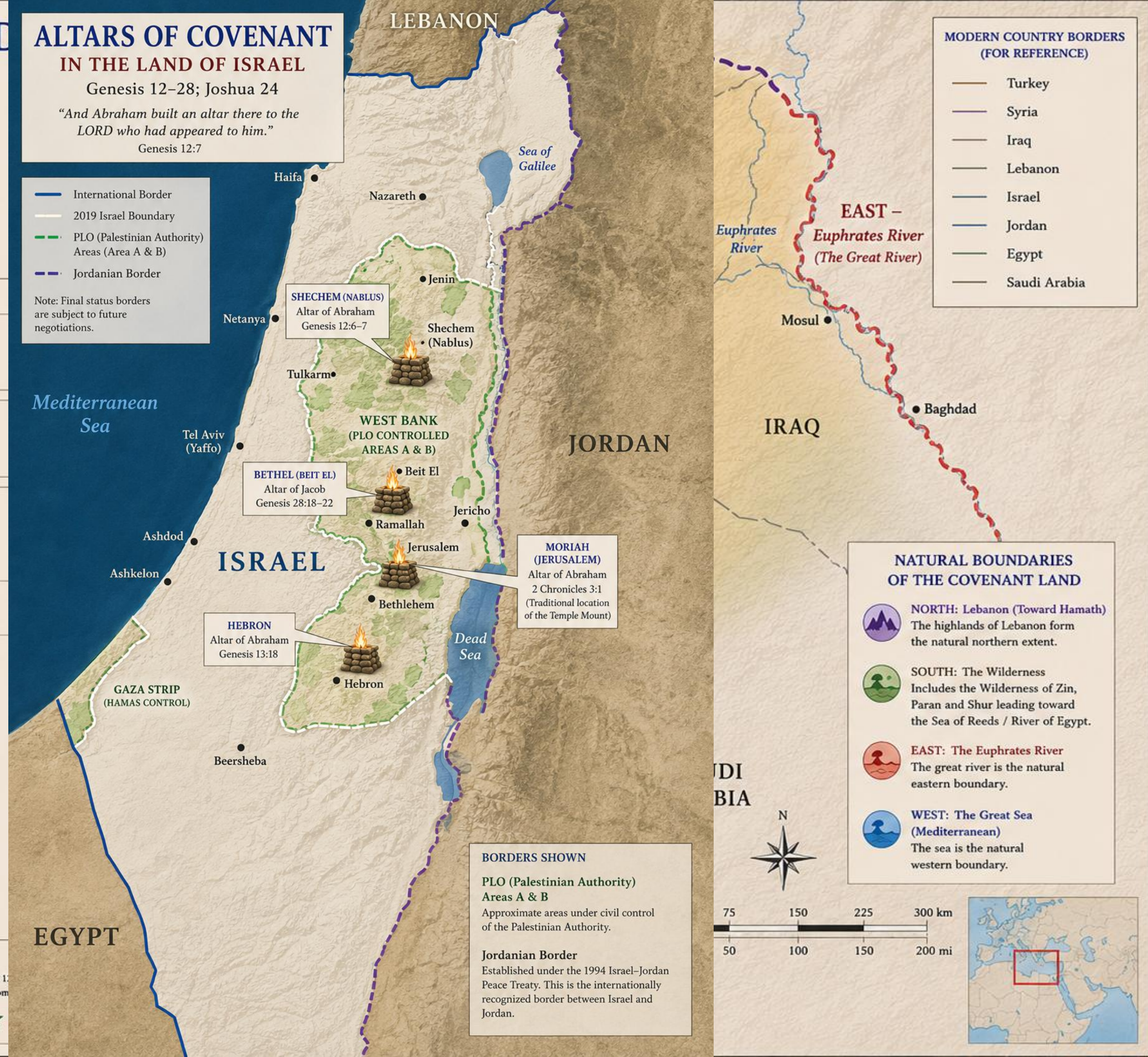
Genesis 12–28; Joshua 24

“And Abraham built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.”

Genesis 12:7

- International Border
- 2019 Israel Boundary
- - PLO (Palestinian Authority) Areas (Area A & B)
- - Jordanian Border

Note: Final status borders are subject to future negotiations.



MODERN COUNTRY BORDERS (FOR REFERENCE)

- Turkey
- Syria
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Israel
- Jordan
- Egypt
- Saudi Arabia

NATURAL BOUNDARIES OF THE COVENANT LAND

- NORTH: Lebanon (Toward Hamath)**
The highlands of Lebanon form the natural northern extent.
- SOUTH: The Wilderness**
Includes the Wilderness of Zin, Paran and Shur leading toward the Sea of Reeds / River of Egypt.
- EAST: The Euphrates River**
The great river is the natural eastern boundary.
- WEST: The Great Sea (Mediterranean)**
The sea is the natural western boundary.

BORDERS SHOWN

PLO (Palestinian Authority) Areas A & B
Approximate areas under civil control of the Palestinian Authority.

Jordanian Border

Established under the 1994 Israel–Jordan Peace Treaty. This is the internationally recognized border between Israel and Jordan.

Part Four: When? God's Timelines

- Gods promises & Covenants are His choice, election. The Land is a gift, condition based on obedience! (**Deuteronomy 4:1, Exodus 20:12**).
- Gods perfection in timelines is demonstrated in Jeremiah's prophecy: 70 Years in Babylon **Jer 25:11-12 / 29:10**. Daniel remembers **Dan 9:1-5**, It happens **Ezra 1:1-4**
- Israel's exile, **Ezekiel 4**: $390 \times 7 = 2,730$ years
- If from the Assyrian Exile: 723/721 BC + 2,730 years = **2008 AD to 2010 AD**.
- If from Ezekiel's prophecy: 593/592 BC + 2,730 years = **2137 AD to 2138 AD**.
- God divorces Israel: **Jer 3:6-10** & **Isa 50:1** & promises to remarry: **Hos 2:19-20 (2:21-22)**. God does this through Yeshua's death! **Rom 7:1-5**. Cup of the unfaithful: **Eze23:31-33 = Num 5 & Exo 32:20** = Yeshua took **John 19:3**
- The death triggers Hosea's timeline: **Hosea 5:14-6:3** = **John 2:19-22**. 2-days = **2030-2033**, 3rd day begins **2031-2034**.
- Judah's timeline: **Dan 9:24-27** Temple rebuilt, Messiah's coming, the Temples destruction. Yeshua confirms: **Mat 24:15-16** and ties Jerusalem's destruction to the fulness of the Gentiles **Luke 21:24 = Rom 11:25**. Messiah's return tied to Jerusalem **Mat 23:37-39**.
- Land first, then Spirit: **Deut 30, Ezek 36, 37. Hos 3, Zech 12, Jer 31, Mat 23, Rom 11**
- Never to be removed again: **Amos 9:15, Ezek 37:25, Jer 31:40** + 25 additional verses!

Cornerstone Text:

Psalm 105:6-7 O seed of Abraham, His servant, O children of Jacob, His chosen ones. He is Adonai our God. His judgments are in all the earth.

- Whatever God is about to announce, impacts all people of the earth!
- Every human, in every land is accountable to God on this matter!

Psalm 105:8-11 He remembers His covenant forever—the word He commanded for a thousand generations— which He made with Abraham, and swore to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, “To you I give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance.” (Gen 17:8)

- Some consider this to be of no value. Replaced in Christ, or already fulfilled, some say the land covenant “is done away with”.
- Others have strong opinions against God on this.
- If a generation is 20 years = 20,000 years. If a generation is 40 years = 40,000

Where did God Choose?

- Where did God Choose?

Deuteronomy 12:5 Rather you are to seek only the place Adonai your God chooses from all your tribes to put His Name to dwell—there you will come.

Deuteronomy 12:11-14 “Then the place Adonai your God chooses to make His Name dwell, there you are to bring all that I command you—your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes, the offering of your hand, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to Adonai. Then you will rejoice before Adonai your God—you and your sons and daughters, your slaves and maids, and the Levite in your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance among you. Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in any place you see. Rather do so only in the place Adonai chooses in one of your tribes—there you are to offer your burnt offerings, and there you are to do all I am commanding you.

Where did God Choose?

Deuteronomy 14:23 You are to eat the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, before Adonai your God in the place He chooses to make His Name dwell, so that you may learn to fear Adonai your God always.

- **The highest Court:**

Deuteronomy 17:8-10 “Suppose a matter arises that is too hard for you to judge—over bloodshed, legal claims or assault—matters of controversy within your gates. Then you should go up to the place Adonai your God chooses, and come to the Levitical kohanim and the judge in charge at that time. And you will inquire, and they will tell you the sentence of judgment. You are to act according to the sentence they tell you from that place Adonai chooses, and take care to do all that they instruct you.

God Chose Jerusalem:

1Kings 11:36 To his son I will give one tribe so that My servant David may have a lamp every day before Me in Jerusalem, the city that I chose for Myself to put My Name there.

1Chronicles 22:1 Then David said, “This is the place where the House of Adonai Elohim will be, along with the altar for burnt sacrifices for Israel.”

2Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the House of Adonai in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah—where Adonai appeared to his father David—at the place that David prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

- He will again choose Jerusalem:

Zechariah 1:17 Again cry out, saying, thus says Adonai-Tzva’ot, “My cities will again overflow with prosperity and Adonai will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem.”

Zechariah 2:16 Adonai will inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land and will once again choose Jerusalem.

Why Jerusalem/Moriah?

- If God was going to give His only son as a sacrifice for Humanity, He was looking for a partner from Humanity that would do the same:

Genesis 22:1-2 Now it was after these things that God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham.” “Hineni,” he said. Then He said, “Take your son, your only son whom you love—Isaac—and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains about which I will tell you.”

- On the third day:

Genesis 22:4 On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

The third day: **Hosea 6:1-2 & John 2:19-22** – He saw the resurrection of Yeshua and the restoration of the kingdom!

John 8:56-58 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day; he saw it and was thrilled.” Then the Judeans said to Him, “You’re not even fifty years old and you’ve seen Abraham?” Yeshua answered, “Amen, amen I tell you, before Abraham was, I am!”

Why Jerusalem/Moriah?

Genesis 22:5 Abraham said to his young men, “Sit yourselves down here with the donkey. As for me and the young man, we’ll go over there, worship and return to you.”

- Abraham fully expected to both Sacrifice Isaac and return with him. I know that sounds like a paradox, but its true!

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son—the one about whom it was said, “Through Isaac offspring shall be named for you.” He reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead—and in a sense, he did receive him back from there.

- Yet, fully committed to obedience:

Genesis 22:10-12 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of Adonai called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham! Abraham!” He said, “Hineni!” Then He said, “Do not reach out your hand against the young man—do nothing to him at all. For now I know that you are one who fears God—you did not withhold your son, your only son, from Me.”

Why Jerusalem/Moriah?

- In this place, God provided a sacrifice:

Genesis 22:13-14 Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and behold, there was a ram, just caught in the thick bushes by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place, YHWH Yireh,—as it is said today, “On the mountain, Adonai will provide.”

- Because of this, Abraham's descendant will redeem humanity from this place:

Genesis 22:16-18 and said, “By myself I swear—it is a declaration of Adonai—because you have done this thing, and you did not withhold your son, your only son, I will richly bless you and bountifully multiply your seed like the stars of heaven, and like the sand that is on the seashore, and your seed will possess the gate of his enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed—because you obeyed My voice.”

Why Jerusalem/Moriah?

- Abrahams obedience in the Land of Moraiah, in particular on Mount Moriah, set forth a redemption plan for all of Humanity through Abrahams seed from that place (Jerusalem/Moriah).
- Because Abraham gave up his only son here, so did God!

John 19:17 Then they took Yeshua. He went out, carrying His own crossbar, to the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

- You can read it from the city walls: **John 19:20**
- Because Abraham received his son back from the dead here, so does humanity receive the resurrection at Mount Moriah!

Acts 1:11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you keep standing here staring into heaven? This Yeshua, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Zechariah 14:4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a huge valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Why Jerusalem/Moriah?

- The Name of Jerusalem is a combination of Hebrew words:

- **יֵרֵחַ (YRH)**

- Yarah: Teach
- Yireh: Provide
- Roi: Shepherd/See

- **שָׁלֵם Shalem**

- Peace
- Wholeness
- Completion
- Integrity

Jerusalem's Peace means World Peace

Psalm 122:6-9 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem—“May those who love you be at peace! May there be shalom within your walls—quietness within your palaces.” For the sake of my brothers and friends, I now say: “Shalom be within you.” For the sake of the House of Adonai our God, I will seek your good.

- **If you Love God and your neighbor, you should pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!**
- **There will be a Peace that comes from Jerusalem and goes to all the earth: Isaiah 2:2-4, Micah 4:1-4, Zechariah 14:9, Psalm 72:7-8, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:6-9, Jeremiah 3:17, Zechariah 8:20-23, Isaiah 27:13.**

Jerusalem's Peace means World Peace

- Three Pilgrimage Feasts:

Deuteronomy 16:16 Three times a year all your males are to appear before Adonai your God in the place He chooses—at the Feast of Matzot, the Feast of Shavuot, and the Feast of Sukkot. No one should appear before Adonai empty-handed

- **Passover/Unleavened Bread:**

- Betrothal, Deliverance, Redemption, Salvation & Kingdom **Exodus 6:6-7**

- **Shavu'ot - Power to go forth:**

- Giving of the Torah **Exodus 19**, Giving of the Spirit **Acts 2**, Torah on our Hearts **Jeremiah 31**, Sent forth with Power **Acts 2**

- **Sukkot – Final ingathering:**

- The Spirit gathers **John 7**, Torah/Gospel returns completed **Isaiah 2**, final ingathering **Exodus 34:22** & **Matthew 13:30**.

Jerusalem

Zechariah 2:12 For thus says Adonai-Tzva'ot, He has sent me after glory to the nations that plundered you—because whoever touches you touches the apple of His eye—
Psalms 137:5-6 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I cease to remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Jerusalem is:

- The Place God Chose (**Deut. 12:5; 2 Chr. 3:1**)
- The Highest Court (**Deut. 17:8-13**)
- The Place of the Pilgrimage Feasts (**Deut. 16:16**)
- Where Torah Goes Forth (**Isa. 2:2-3; Mic. 4:1-2**)
- Where the Gospel Began (**Luke 24:47; Acts 2**)
- Where the Spirit Was Poured Out (**Acts 2:1-4**)
- Where Messiah Died (**Luke 23; John 19**)
- Where Messiah Rose Again (**Luke 24; Matt. 28**)
- Where Messiah Ascended (**Acts 1:9-12**)
- Where Messiah Will Return (**Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11-12**)
- Where Messiah Will Reign Over All the Earth (**Isa. 24:23; Zech. 14:9; Jer. 3:17**)
- The New Jerusalem Will Descend from Heaven (**Revelation 21:2-3**)



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Demonic Opposition to Jerusalem

- Because God picked this spot and placed His name there, because redemption comes from Zions Hill. Because when He returns all those who die united with Him will arise, meet him in the air, and touch down with Him on the Mount of Olives. There is going to be enemy resistance against Gods plan, calling and Covenant with Jerusalem:
- East Gate, through which messiah will return is stopped up (**Zech 14:4, Ezek 43:1-2, 44:1-2**)
- Satan opposes Jerusalem, especially the Temple Mount, Mount Moriah.
2Thes 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you in any way, for the Day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the one destined to be destroyed. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in the Temple of God, proclaiming himself that he is God.

Demonic Opposition to Jerusalem

- There is no city in human history that has been conquered, destroyed, rebuilt, and remained the focus of world attention for over 3,000 years quite like Jerusalem. The Bible itself anticipates this.

Zechariah 12:2-3 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples when they besiege Jerusalem as well as Judah. Moreover, in that day I will make Jerusalem a massive stone for all the people. All who try to lift it will be cut to pieces. Nevertheless, all the nations of the earth will be gathered together against her.

- History seems to bear out that description. Depending on the historian: Approximately, 44 times captured, Besieged Around 23 times, Attacked Over 50 times, At least 2 complete destructions, with many partial destructions.

Demonic Opposition to Jerusalem

Timeline of Jerusalem

- **1000 BC** David Captures Jerusalem: **2 Samuel 5**
- **960 BC** Solomon Builds the First Temple: **1 Kings 6**
- **925 BC** Pharaoh Shishak Invades Temple treasures taken: **1 Kings 14:25-26**
- **701 BC** Sennacherib (Assyria) Besieges Jerusalem. God miraculously delivers the city: **2 Kings 18-19**
- **586 BC** Babylon Nebuchadnezzar, Destroys: Jerusalem & First Temple Carries Judah captive: **2 Kings 25**
- **538 BC** Jews return.
- **516 BC** Second Temple completed. Ezra.
- **167 BC** Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Temple desecrated. Abomination. Maccabean Revolt.
- **AD 70** Romans General Titus Destroys: Jerusalem & Second Temple Exactly as Yeshua foretold. **Matthew 24 & Luke 21** from **Daniel 9**
- **AD 132-135** Bar Kokhba Revolt Rome destroys much of Jerusalem again. Hadrian rebuilds it as: Aelia Capitolina Jews largely expelled.
- **AD 614** Persians capture Jerusalem. Many churches destroyed.
- **AD 629** Byzantines retake city.
- **AD 638** Muslim conquest. Caliph Umar.
- **1099** Crusaders.
- **1187** Saladin retakes Jerusalem.
- **1219** Walls demolished.
- **1244** Khwarazmians sack Jerusalem. Major destruction.
- **1517** Ottoman Empire.
- **1537-1541** Suleiman, Builds today's city walls. Seals Eastern Gate.
- **1917** British capture Jerusalem. General Allenby.
- **1948** Jordan captures Old City. Jews expelled from Jewish Quarter.
- **1967** Six-Day War. Israel reunifies Jerusalem, Temple Mount captured. Western Wall accessible again.

Demonic Opposition to Jerusalem

- The enemy opposes:

Joel 3:1-2 (4:1-2) "For then, at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Y'hudah and Yerushalayim, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Y'hoshafat [Adonai judges]. I will enter into judgment there for my people, my heritage Isra'el, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided my land.

- God's restorative plans:

Isaiah 2:3 Many peoples will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of Adonai, to the house of the God of Ya`akov! He will teach us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Tziyon will go forth Torah, the word of Adonai from Yerushalayim.

Demonic Opposition to Jerusalem

- The enemy opposes:

Zechariah 12:9 "When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim;

- God's restorative plans:

Psalms 67:2 so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Psalms 72:11 Yes, all kings will prostrate themselves before him; all nations will serve him.

Demonic Opposition to Gods Completion

Matthew 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Luke 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

- The Torah, Gospel, Salvation, Forgiveness and Holiness come out of Jerusalem! And will return to Zion to complete Gods word and plan!
- If you take the message from Zion with you, you will experience opposition and persecution. Satan hates all who are associated with redemption.
- Those that are lukewarm, wont experience opposition or persecution.

A Praise in the Earth

- A promise to be fulfilled:

Isaiah 62:1-7 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness shines out brightly, and her salvation as a blazing torch. Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which Adonai's mouth will bestow. You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Adonai, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will you be termed "Forsaken", no longer your land termed "Desolate". Instead you will be called, "My Delight is in Her" and your land, "Married". For Adonai delights in you, and your land will be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, so your God will rejoice over you. On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen. All day and all night, they will never hold their peace. "You who remind Adonai, take no rest for yourselves, And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Read Zec 14:20-21)

“until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth”

- You can't “spiritualize” away this promise by saying it will be fulfilled in “Heaven” or “New Jerusalem”. A praise in this Earth is a promise that's tied to heaven & earth, as it's tied to the Everlasting Covenant.
- Since 1948 we've seen Satan do everything within His power to stop Israel from existing and stop Jerusalem from being in Israeli hands, and he continues to keep an abomination (Dome of the Rock + Al Aqsa Mosque) on Moriah.
- God made a promise to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and He has every intention of keeping that promise!

Isaiah 62:8-12 Adonai has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm: “Surely I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies, nor will foreigners drink your new wine, for which you have labored. But those who have garnered it will eat it and praise Adonai, and those who have gathered it will drink it in the courts of My Sanctuary.” Go through, go through the gates. Clear the way for the people! Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner over the peoples. Behold, Adonai has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes! See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.” Then they will call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of Adonai, and you will be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Holding Jerusalem in High Regard: Aaron Shust

My morning view - September 23, 2025

I woke up in Jerusalem on Rosh Hashanah, the Biblical Feast of Trumpets, in September of 2025. I was staying with my friends Joshua and Rachael Swanson in their apartment that overlooks the Old City, the Temple Mount, and the Mount of Olives (where Jesus intends to step foot again.) Not your run-of-the-mill morning view! Over a lovely breakfast of coffee and smoked salmon, I marveled at the vista before me.

“Do you ever take for granted that THE Temple Mount is out your kitchen window!?”

“It’s pretty remarkable isn’t it?” Joshua replied ponderously, in-between sips of coffee. We gazed out the window for a moment, looking at the very place God plans to reign from for 1,000 years.

“We should go!” He suddenly determined. *“You wanna go?!”*

“Now?! Absolutely.”

I grabbed a small bag and off we went, practically skipping toward the Old City.

But, what we were about to experience was *not* on our bingo card!



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Just before His arrest, Jesus revealed this shocker to His disciples, ***“Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the age of the Gentiles has run its course” (Luke 21:24).***

40 short years later, Rome destroyed the Temple. Jewish People have been banned from praying or worshiping on the Temple Mount ever since. Even after Israel’s Independence in 1948, the Old City and the Temple Mount had been ***“trampled on by Gentiles”*** for 1,900 years.

Then 19 centuries later, in 1967, Israel won back sovereignty of the Old City, including the Temple Mount. Jews were ***finally*** allowed to visit the Temple Mount with limited access, but prayer was still strictly prohibited.

THEN, just as recently as 2018, the status quo began to shift. Whispered prayers to the God of Israel were ***not*** being stopped. In even more recent years, rumors began to circulate of Jewish People being given ***permission to pray aloud!*** I even heard about a Rabbi named Yehuda who led a coalition designed to expand Jewish access to pray at this location—where both Jewish Temples once stood. This Rabbi survived getting shot four times at point blank range for being an ***“enemy to Islam!”*** I heard he kept visiting the Temple Mount, with just a slight limp.

September 23, 2025. Joshua Swanson and I arrive at the Temple Mount entrance and wait in line, full of excitement. We were ***about to literally ascend to the PEAK of the Mountain of the LORD!***

- Right where God provided Abraham’s ram!
- Right where Solomon built the Temple!
- Right where Jesus taught day after day!



Siege and
Destruction of
Jerusalem by the
Romans... AD 70
David Roberts
1850



Taking of
Jerusalem by the
Crusaders, 15th
July 1099
Émile Signol 1847



Britain given
power by League
of Nations 1917
Gen. Allenby
enters Jerusalem

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Then I saw him. 20 people ahead of us stood Rabbi Yehuda Glick! Leading a select group of Jewish worshippers, Yehuda was being escorted by heavily armed Israeli Police Officers to the Northeast corner of the Temple Mount complex to PRAY on one of the most holy days on God's Biblical Calendar.

We decided to follow as closely as possible!

We had no clue what to expect. We're just two Gentile, American boys who love the God of Israel (and believe the Messiah already made His first appearance).

Finally, the inevitable happened. As we neared our destination, the policemen with their assault rifles politely blocked our path, extending their hands toward us, and grunting with deep, heavily-accented voices, *"Please. Stop here, please."*

Not a full second passed before Rabbi Yehuda, with his salt & red-pepper beard, spun around like an angry prophet, waving his finger to the skies and shouting, **"NOOO! Let them come!!! This is a House of Prayer for ALL NATIONS! LET THEM COME!!!"**

I couldn't believe my ears or hold back my tears. I felt as if Jesus Himself had said it. Like God the Father was announcing it. **FOR US!**

They began singing their prayers, punctuated by unison shouts of **"KADOSH! KADOSH! KADOSH!"**

"Holy Holy Holy!" was being proclaimed, in Hebrew, in the Temple Courts, to the God of Israel, by Jewish men and women for the first time in almost 2,000 years!



A Praise in the Earth

Over the past several weeks we've followed God's covenant from Abraham to Isaac, Jacob, Israel, the prophets, Messiah, the apostles, and the nations. We've seen that God keeps His Word, remembers His covenant, and fulfills every promise in His appointed time. But the story isn't finished. Isaiah doesn't tell us to speculate. He tells us to watch. He tells us to pray. He tells us to remind God of His promises, not because He forgets, but because He delights in fulfilling what He has spoken. So, until Jerusalem becomes a praise in all the earth...we pray and remind God!



Everlasting Covenant בְּרִית עוֹלָם

Part Four:
Why Jerusalem?
Questions & Comments!