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Why Every Christian Should Stand With Israel

Ephesians 6:12

INTRODUCTION	NOTES
If you've been raised in America, you've heard over and over again that we stand with Israel. You've heard it from presidents and politicians and preachers across this nation. But today, I want to address the question: Why? Why should we, as a nation, or better yet, why should we as Christians stand with Israel? Some would say it's because they're a strategic bridge to the Middle East, or because they're America's strongest political ally, both of which are true. But are these the reasons Christians should stand with Israel? NO! Standing with Israel is more than a strategic partnership. It's a biblical mandate. With that in mind, I'd like to show you from God's word give reasons why every Christian should stand with Israel.	
KEY POINTS	
1. God loves Israel. God loves every single person from every single nation. But there's only one nation, one people that God says is "MINE," and that is the nation of Israel. Don't get me wrong: God loves us all. But the Bible clearly shows that there's a special place in the heart of God for the people of Israel. So why should this compel us to stand with Israel? Because our God loves Israel, and our hearts should look like His heart.	
2. God blesses those who bless Israel. In Genesis 12:3, the LORD says (in speaking to Israel), "I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt" In this passage, God was speaking to Abram, and He promised to make Abram a great nation, to bless him, to give him a great name, and to make him a blessing to the world. And today, God continues these promises by saying, "I will bless those who bless you." He clearly tells us that if we bless Israel (as a person, as a people, as a nation) those blessings will be returned.	
3. Our Christian roots are in Israel. Sometimes we forget that Jesus wasn't a Christian. Jesus was a Jew. Paul said it this way in Romans 9:5 "and from them, (the Jewish people) by physical descent, came the Christ, who is God over all, praised forever. Amen."	

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As Americans, sometimes in our minds, we imagine Jesus being this blonde-haired, blue-eyed Savior who came to the world to eradicate sin. But the truth is, Jesus was a Jew. He came from a Jewish lineage. He embraced His Jewish heritage. He lived like a Jew. He dressed like a Jew. He looked like a Jew. Therefore, if our Christian roots came from Jesus, that means they came from Israel, which is all the more reason for us to stand with the nation of Israel.	NOTES
4. Our Salvation came from the Jews. In John 4:22, Jesus said, "Salvation comes through the Jews." And 700 years before Jesus made that statement, the Prophet Isaiah delivered a message about the coming Messiah. He said in Isaiah 27:6, "In days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and bloom and fill the whole world with fruit."	
Both of these verses remind us that everything we have that's worth having as Christians came to us through the Jewish people. Our Bible is a Jewish book. Our Savior is a Jewish Savior. Our Salvation came through the Jews.	
5. The Bible commands us to comfort Israel. In Isaiah 40:1, the Lord says, "Comfort, comfort my people,' says your God. 'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." Notice that he begins this verse with an insistent double imperative. He repeats himself and says the word "comfort" twice. God emphasizes this point and makes sure we understand His expectations when it comes to comforting His people. He tells us, 'I want you to stand with Israel. I want you to bless Israel. I want you to comfort them, and I want you to speak up for them."	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	What did you learn in today's message that you didn't already know?
2.	What is one practical way you can bless Israel?
3.	What is one practical way you can comfort Israel?