

# SUMMARY

Pastor Frank shared the first of a two-part exhortation regarding the current state of affairs in Israel. He took us back to Genesis to help us understand why God cares about the nation of Israel, and why we should as well. The title of his sermon was "Shoah", which means 'a tragic catastrophe' in Hebrew.

## 1. Have someone read Genesis 12:1-4.

- In verse 1, what did God promise to give Abraham?
- In verse 2, what did God promise to do through Abraham?
- In verse 3, what did God promise to do to other nations as it relates to Israel?
- Have you ever considered the Lord's curse on nations that oppose Israel? Why or why not? Why is neutrality not an option?

#### 2. Have someone read Genesis 15:18-21; Genesis 17:7-8

Note: 'The river in Egypt' is the Nile River. The Euphrates River is the same as present day.

- What was the covenant God gave to Abraham and his descendants?
- How are modern day Israel's borders different from what the Lord gave in this account?
- Share a time when you've taken 'far less' than what God intended for your life?

## 3. Have someone read Genesis 16:1-4

• When have you, like Sarai, grown tired of waiting on God and decided to do your own thing? What happened?

#### 4. Have someone read Genesis 21:13

• What was the *promise* given about Ishmael? How is that different than the *covenants* regarding Isaac's decendants and the land?

**PRAYER** 

**APPLICATION** 

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6)







