

SCRIPTURE DECLARES...

- a blessing for those who bless Israel and a curse for those who curse Israel (Gen 12: 3; 27:29)
- God's intention for Jews and Gentiles to be united as "one new man" through faith in the completed redemptive work of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God (Eph. 2:14-16)
- the Church has not replaced Israel as God's chosen people (Rom. 11:1), but both have a prophetic destiny in God's plan
- the Church has been grafted into the root or commonwealth of Israel (Eph. 2:12) through the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31) established by the atoning death and resurrection of our Messiah, Jesus (Rom. 11)

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In an age where anti-Semitism, hatred of Israel, and anti-Jewish racism in all its forms prevail, it is crucial to understand where your church stands on these issues.

Some churches and movements have acknowledged and sought to redress historical harm perpetrated against Israel.

This document seeks to open dialogue about the relationship between the Church, Israel, and the Jewish people, grounded in the eternal Word and promises of God.



Restoring a
Biblical
understanding of...

Your Church, Israel and the Jewish People

“Did God reject His
people? God forbid!”
(Rom. 11:1)

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE...

- that any attempt to separate or imply separation of the Jewish people or Judaism from the land of Israel has no Biblical basis.
- the Church has been grafted into the 'root' of Israel (Rom. 11) through the New Covenant foretold by the prophet Jeremiah (31:31) and ratified by Yeshua when he declared the new covenant in HIS blood at the Passover/Last Supper (Matt. 26:28) for the redemption of all humankind.
- Jesus, the Jewish Messiah was foretold by the prophet Isaiah to be the suffering servant and redeemer; also by Daniel, who declared Messiah would die to redeem us from sin before the destruction of the Temple in 70AD (Dan. 9:26).
- Jesus, his disciples and the early Church were Jewish and formed the first Messianic movement, which has been revived and growing since the 20th Century, and which is part of the modern Church.
- that standing with Israel includes prayer, dialogue, practical and verbal support for the Jewish community, but does not exclude sharing the truth of their Messiah, Jesus.

WE PRAY FOR ISRAEL

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving the land of Israel to the Jewish people and all their descendants as an everlasting covenant. Thank you for the Jewish people through whom you chose to bring Yeshua, Jesus, our Messiah and Saviour into the world to pay the price for our sin and to reconcile all humankind with God - both Jewish and Gentile.

Enable us to be instrumental in showing the Jewish people the love of the Messiah, living such lives that point them to their own Messiah, Jesus. May we continually bless Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps, 122:6). We pray for courage, strength and growth for all Messianic congregations in Israel and around the world.

We commit to pray for and include the Jewish people in our work to obey the Great Commission, since the Gospel is the power of God for salvation, first to the Jewish people (Rom 1:16, John 3:16).

WE BLESS ISRAEL

We bless the people and their land - Israel. Please reveal to us how we may be a greater blessing to the people and the land of Israel.

WE REPENT OF CHURCH HARM AGAINST ISRAEL

We acknowledge and are grieved by the long and shameful history of antisemitism associated with the Christian Church. We repent of these actions and pray for forgiveness for any part the Church has had in carrying out these deeds by action or omission, including hatred-based attacks, pogroms, crusades, the Holocaust or simple indifference.

We pray for Israel's deliverance from harm through Iran's proxy terror groups and for the salvation of all people who have chosen to hate Israel.

WE AFFIRM THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL

Based on Scripture, and confirmed by over 3000 years of archaeology, we acknowledge the impossibility of Israel being interlopers or 'occupiers' of the land that they own.

We point all who deny Israel's right to the land God gave them to the Hebrew Scriptures that confirm this fact.

We acknowledge that the land of Israel is God's place of habitation and future rulership, given to the people of Israel as an everlasting covenant, affirmed in 152 Scriptural references.

