

Endeavoring to Support:

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- International Conferences
- Forum for Debate
- Emigration to Israel
- Dispute Mediation
- International Affiliations
- Monthly Essays
- Theological Papers

Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

"Let it happen after my lifetime." Not so, under the current aggressive interpretation of Islamic doctrine by some extremists.

Iran's leaders and others believe their savior will come only after a great mass destruction. So, they want a great apocalypse -- and the sooner the better. They believe they go to hell to pay for their sins before going to heaven, but martyrs for their cause will be exempted from penalty and go directly to heaven. Hence, the West is running from the great conflict to come, and aggressive Moslems are running towards it.

So, where is the United States in all of this? Some have interpreted portions of Revelation 17 and 18 as New York City. Others consider this highly speculative.

Whether we are specifically identified in Scripture or not, recent history has the U.S. closely tied to Israel's fate since its re-establishment in 1948.

It has been frequently observed that Israel can win only a short war. It does not have great natural resources, and only America's political influence can keep its enemies at bay.

Suppose the United States is neutralized and we would be forced to lick our wounds, because of our own disabling problems? Israel would be vulnerable, and its ancient enemies could prey upon its weakness.

Consider this: If you were planning to wipe Israel off the map, wouldn't you strategize to take away the Zionist entity's most ardent and powerful supporter? For many centuries, Scripture was interpreted as having only universal meaning, by way of analogy and figurative meaning. During the Twentieth Century, a material nation was "born in a day" (Isaiah 6:8)

Increasingly, Bible believers are likely not to see Israel as an outpost of world wide geo-politics, but the center of the Biblical drama. This little sliver of real estate is primary and we are secondary. Of no other nation or people do the Scriptures say:

Behold He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep
(Psalm 121:4).

In Messiah,

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Dear Fellow Workers,

In Western culture, there seems to be a reluctant and unstated acceptance of an eventual nuclear debacle. Even among secular people who are not Biblically oriented, this estimated probability is accepted. After all, there are nine countries at present that have "The Bomb," some of whom have tenuous relations with the West.

Moreover, there is a highly profitable arms trade with terrorists. Knowledge of nuclear know-how has proliferated. It seems more a matter of "when," rather than "if." Admitted or not, most people just hope it won't take place in our lifetime.

We, who are of a Biblical belief, are even more certain of this inevitability. The Scriptures more than suggest that the center of such devastation will be in the Middle East.

"Never again" is a common expression among Jews, when there are public threats to survival. Many in the Land are aware of the prophecy given in Zechariah 12:3:

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

Could this be in response to a preventative or pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear capability? There are many places in prophecy which tell us of the recompense to those who come against the Promised Land. One example of this happens to Gog, an invader from the North, as mentioned in Ezekiel 39: 11-12:

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

“So that they shall gather wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire...I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers, and there shall they bury Gog, and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Ha'mon-gog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the Land.”

It takes an intense heat to “melt” a tank. Other passages tell of the fate of Israel’s surrounding neighbors

Egypt

Ezekiel 29: 9-12, 15

“And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste...I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries...”

Syria

Isaiah 17:1

“Behold, Damascus [is] taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.”

Lebanon

Zechariah 1:6

“Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord; but lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor’s hand, and into the hand of his kings: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.”

This all sounds pretty nuclear, doesn’t it? Interestingly, the ancient lands of Edom, Moab and Ammon (Jordan today) are not mentioned in the destruction, but are conquered.

“But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. (Isaiah 11:14)”

Perhaps, this is about the promise to Abraham about his land inheritance eastward of the River Euphrates (Genesis 15:18).

Iraq (Babylon or Chaldea)

Jeremiah 50: 23-26

“How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken, how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou has striven against the Lord. The Lord hath opened his armoury and hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.”

Jeremiah 51:35, 37

“The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea shall Jerusalem say. And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.”

Isaiah 13: 19-21:

“And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation, neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and the owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.”

Assuming this extensive Middle East destruction is the result of Israel’s attempt to prevent annihilation, it does sound quite severe. But what about the provocation that might lead up to it. We in Western culture strive to delay, if not prevent, such a calamity. Commonly, people hope

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

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