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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Psalm 122:6

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Dear Canadian Partner in Jewish Missions,

The first few days of May have brought tremendous pain to the people and the land of Israel. Thousands of missile attacks from Gaza and Lebanon (Fox News, May 13, 2021) have fallen in the major Israeli cities of Ashkelon, Tel Aviv and even Jerusalem. These attacks have been planned and executed by Hamas, the Islamic terrorist organization that has subjugated the Palestinian people. Hamas has sworn they will not stop their attacks until Israel and the Jewish people are annihilated.

Both Israel and the people living in Gaza have suffered casualties. As I write this letter, the Israeli government has warned Hamas that, if the attacks don't stop, they are prepared to launch a full response by land and air until the terrorist group is destroyed. It has even mentioned entering and recovering the Gaza territory as a possibility, annexing this portion of land to Israel's territory as it was in 2004.

The words of Psalm 83:1-4 came to my mind as I was trying to process all the news:

*“God, do not keep silent.
Do not be deaf, God; do not be idle.
See how Your enemies make an uproar;
those who hate You have acted arrogantly.
They devise clever schemes against Your people;
they conspire against Your treasured ones.
They say, ‘Come, let us wipe them out as a nation
so that Israel’s name will no longer be remembered.’
For they have conspired with one mind;
they form an alliance against You.”*

A History of Destruction

These schemes to destroy Israel are nothing new. One of the sermons I'm often asked to preach is titled *The Survival of God's People*. The content of the message includes an overview of events from the beginning of Biblical history until our days.

It all started in Genesis 3:15 after the fall of man, when God promised He would send someone from the seed of the woman to “strike the head of the serpent [Satan].”

From that moment onward, the Devil has attempted to destroy Israel so he could stop God's plan of redemption for mankind. His attempts have included using Egypt, the Chaldeans, the Philistines, Babylon, Assyria, the Greek and Roman empires. He has used religious persecution at the hands of the Crusaders, Islam and the Spanish Inquisition. He has used community persecution in nations such as Russia, Germany, Austria, Poland and Ukraine. He has used ideological persecution from Communism, Marxism and Nazism. Who among us can forget recent history – the pogroms in Europe and Russia and the horrendous massacres during the Holocaust?

Each of these attacks on our people caused tremendous pain, suffering and loss, yet the Jewish people were not destroyed. Why? Because God is faithful to His promises and His covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to Moses and David. He said to them, “To you and to your descendants I will give this land as an eternal covenant” (Genesis 17:8). And what the Lord says, the Lord does!

Though we may fail, God remains faithful to His word. He has obligated Himself to fulfill His



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promises, even putting His Name and His word at stake.

As the Bible recounts, Israel has not been faithful to the Lord. As a result, the people were exiled at various times from the land the Lord gave them. But, God promised He would regather them back to their land in His time. Although there were always small numbers of Jewish people in the Land during the various exiles, the most recent return began to take place about 300 years ago, culminating in the rebirth of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948.

God is true to His word and His promises are eternal and unchanging (Romans 11:29)!

The Peace of Jerusalem

In light of what is taking place today, how should you pray for *the peace of Jerusalem*? Here are some practical suggestions:

1. Pray that, as Israel defends her people from terrorist attacks, the casualties will be minimal on both sides.
2. Pray that the missile attacks from Gaza and Lebanon will cease immediately.
3. Pray that God will protect the men and women of the Israel Defense Force (IDF), as well as the police forces who deal with the revolts and protests in the Land.
4. Pray that the government of Israel will seek wisdom from the Lord in every decision.
5. Pray that, if the IDF enters Gaza to destroy Hamas, it will be successful and with minimum casualties.



6. Pray for the protection of our Chosen People Ministries representatives, their families and ministries in Israel.
7. Pray for all believers in Jesus who live in Israel, including Jews, Arabs and Gentiles. Pray that their faith and witness will remain strong during this time.
8. Pray that, as a result of this conflict, many will give their lives to Yeshua the Messiah.
9. Pray that Canadian churches, pastors and Christian leaders will have a clear Biblical understanding of God's plan for Israel and His chosen people.
10. Pray that the media will resist an anti-Israel bias. Pray that they present the facts truthfully.

Thank you for standing with Israel, the Jewish people, and your Mission to the Jews. Your continued prayers and financial support allow us to spread the Good News of the Gospel here in Canada, in Israel and around the world. Your contributions allow us to bring assistance to those in need in the Land of Israel through food distribution, medical assistance and special programs for children, youth, adults and seniors. We bless families in need including Holocaust survivors and families who have lost loved ones in previous and present wars.

Please consider becoming one of our Kotel Prayer Partners through which you will be part of a large number of believers from across Canada who are praying for the peace of Jerusalem. Just send us a quick note expressing your interest to kotel@chosenpeople.ca or check the appropriate box on the attached response form. *Thank you!*

Until all Israel is saved,

Jorge Sedaca
Executive Director



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