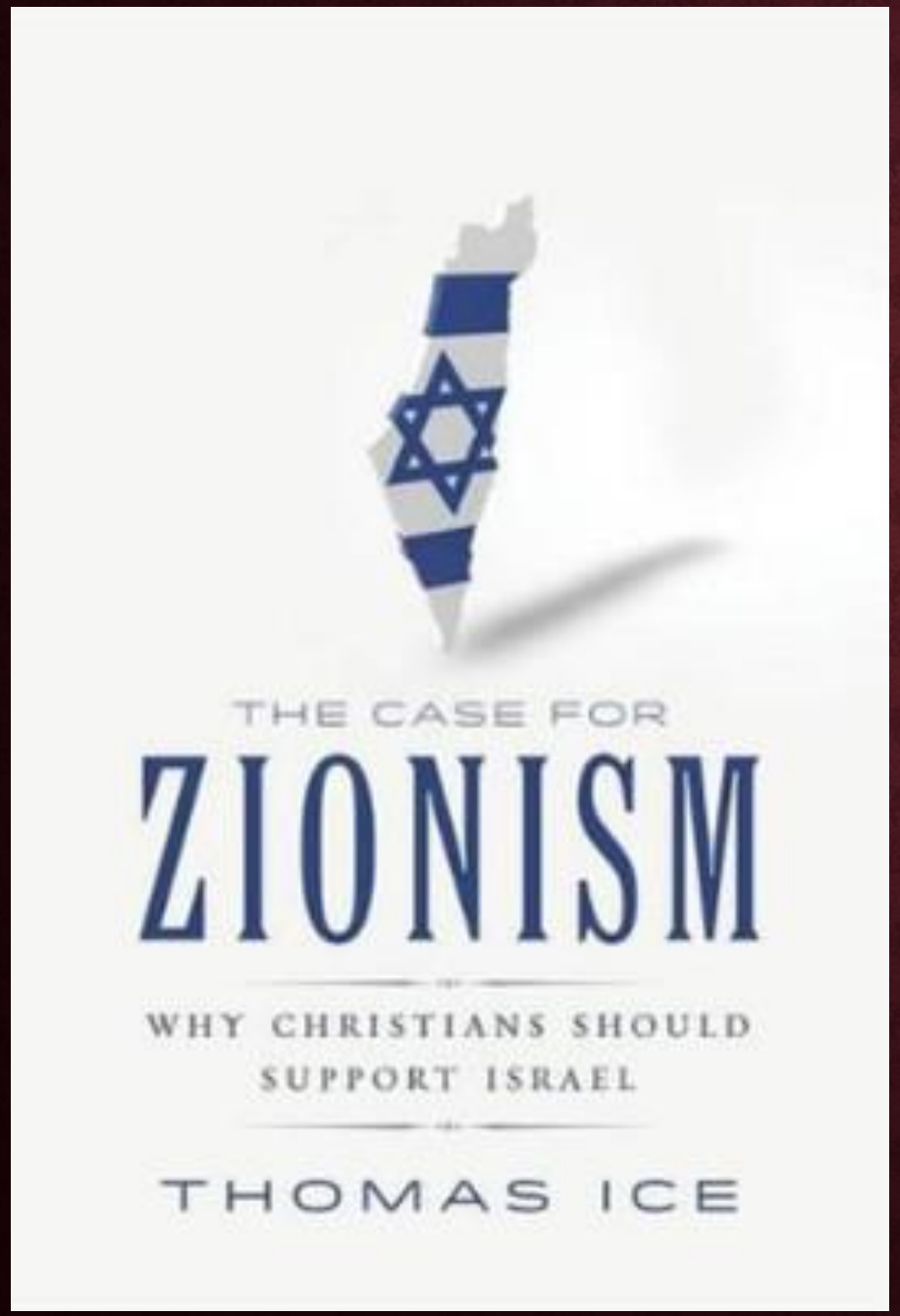
Modern Israel

Rejecting Jesus: Israel's Road to Ruin and Restoration

Chaos in the Middle East. To what end?



WHAT IS **ZIONISM**?

Zionism is understood to mean a modern Jewish movement aiming at resettlement in the land of Israel and the revival of an independent Jewish nation.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN **ZIONISM**?

"Christian Zionism is a religious belief among some Gentiles of Christian faith that the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the restoration of a physical ethnic Israel is in accordance with Biblical prophecy. Furthermore, it is a motivated Biblically based religious conviction that the Jewish people are <u>still</u> God's chosen people and are entitled to possess the land of Israel for all time."

Still God's Chosen people?

"I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit--that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen."

(Romans 9:1-5; written around 57 AD)

What is the future for Israel?

Satan's Curse?

or

God's Salvation?

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*“And so **all** Israel will be saved,*
as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion; he will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”
(Romans 11:26; Isaiah 59:20-LXX)

The polarization in the church

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"As these things bear upon the re-establishment of the State of Israel, we must say that this project, carried out almost exclusively by unbelieving Jews, is not of God in the sense that it was foretold by His prophets or that His blessing is upon it. Rather it is a humanistic project, which in all probability is headed for increasingly serious trouble. Although the Jewish people have a consuming zeal for the land of Palestine, their real need is not Palestine, but Christ. And never will they find real peace, individually or as a nation, until they turn in faith to Him."

Loraine Boettner- *The Millennium* (1957), 382-383.

A BIBLICAL APPROACH TO MODERN ISRAEL

- God's chosen people FOREVER
- Based on God's promises to patriarchs
- Gathered in unbelief (Ezekiel 36-37)
- Recognizes imperfections of modern state
- Acknowledges rejection of Jesus <u>currently</u>
- Israel presently in a state of rebellion
- Paul… "that they may be <u>saved</u>" (Rom 10:1)

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL?

Five Strategic Reasons for U.S. Support of Israel
(These aren't religious reasons)

1. **Geopolitical Stability in the Middle East**
2. **Military and Intelligence Cooperation**
3. **Technological Innovation Hub**
4. **Countering Authoritarian Influence**
5. **Shared Democratic Values**

The Blessing and Cursing of Israel
(Genesis 12:3; 27:29; 28:4; Num 24:9)

Six ways to Bless Abraham, Isaac, and Israel

1) Share the gospel (Rom 11:25… partial; elect obtained it)
2) Pray for Jerusalem (Israel)- Ps 122:6… "those that love you"
3) Embrace and defend the promises of God which includes a hope for national Israel and their future repentance in Jesus.
4) Bless Israel tangibly (Rom 15:27) *Friends of the IDF*
5) Bless Messianic Jewish ministries tangibly
6) Lobby against antisemitism and BDS movement

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Five ways to Curse Abraham, Isaac, and Israel

1) **Deny the promises of God about Israel's future restoration; Most replacement churches are declining.**
2) **Engage or tolerate antisemitism**
3) **Participate in BDS movements**
4) **Condemn Israel disproportionately… UN is perfect example**
5) **Advocate for dividing the land (Joel 3:2).**

UN Condemnations 2015-2024

- Israel: **173**
- Russia: 29
- Syria: 12
- United States: 11
- North Korea: 10
- Iran: 10
- Myanmar: 9
- Afghanistan: 1
- China: 0
- Cuba: 0
- Venezuela: 0
- Turkey: 0

Note that many dictatorships and conflict-involved nations (e.g., Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Venezuela) have zero condemnations in this period, highlighting bias noted by observers.

For full historical context, UNGA archives show Israel as the focus of over 500 critical resolutions since 1948, but comparable counts for others are sparse.

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YES!

Does Israel deserve to be in the land?

"Do not think to yourself after the LORD your God has driven them out before you, "Because of my own righteousness the LORD has brought me here to possess this land… It is not because of your righteousness, or even your inner uprightness, that you have come here to possess their land.

Instead, because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out ahead of you in order to confirm the promise He made on oath to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Understand, therefore, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is about to give you this good land as a possession, for you are a stubborn people!

(Deuteronomy 9:4-6)

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- 1948 – founded as a secular state (non-theocratic)
- Mostly atheist/agnostic leaders
- Socialistic and communistic tendencies
- 1948- 90% secular and only 10% religious
- Today- this figure is closer to 75% secular / 25% religious
- Very western in their secular morals today
- **<u>Secular</u> groups and <u>religious</u> groups have major tension**

Many religious were opposed to the founding of modern Israel by “wicked atheists”

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict spills into Europe

An honest question by a viewer:

Linda wrote, "I have some friends who go to a national denominational church. When I talk to them about prophecy and the nation of Israel, they say that the remaining promises to Israel were given to the church because of Israel's disobedience and murder of Jesus. They also point out that the modern nation of Israel is far from perfect. It is socialistic, secular, promotes LGBTQ, and is unfriendly to messianic Christians. They ask me how I can support such a godless nation that rejects Jesus and hinders Christian evangelism. What can I say?"

https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/israeli-soldiers-raise-pride-flag-in-gaza-reignite-pinkwashing-debate-4593165

“But Israel has a large and influential LGBTQ community, particularly in Tel Aviv, widely dubbed the "gay capital of the Middle East".

“Legislatively, Israel is a pioneer in LGBTQ rights in the region, despite homosexuality being deeply rejected by conservative religious parties.” - November 13, 2023

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The first ever pride flag raised in Gaza 🏳️‍🌈

Yoav Atzmoni who is a member of the LGBTQ+ community wanted to send a message of hope to the people of Gaza living under Hamas brutality.

His intention was to raise the first pride flag in Gaza as a call for peace and freedom.

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Israel's Interior Ministry turns against Evangelicals, refuses to issue staff visas for pro-Israel groups like Christian Embassy

I ask Netanyahu to intervene ASAP

Joel C. Rosenberg | Published: August 18, 2023

“MIDBURN”

The Israeli version of Burning Man

Counterfeit Israel: How Satanism is Running Rampant in the Holy Land

Israel has more Satanists, occultists, and Luciferian initiates per square foot than any nation on earth

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2 Chronicles 33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.
2 **And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel**.
3 For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and **he erected altars to the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them**.
4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem shall my name be forever."
5 **And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.**
6 **And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers.** He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.
7 And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God,

9 Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.
10 **The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention**.

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“*For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?*
And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life…” (Deut. 4:7-9) Luke 12:48… to whom much is given…

“*The LORD said to me: "Do not pray for the welfare of this people. Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.”* (Jer. 14:11-12; see also 11:14)

“*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*” (Hebrews 10:31)

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What about those that are religious?

YESHU or YESHUA?

Y- yimchok

SH- shemo

U- ulam

YESHU

Y- be blotted out

SH- may his name

U- forever

Rabbinic views of Jesus

- Jesus was bastard son of adulteress Mary
- Was a sexual deviant like His mother
- One of four people never to be saved
- Was a magician who seduced Israel
- Blasphemer, idolater, and false prophet
- In hell forever in boiling excrement

Jesus in the Talmud by Peter Schäfer

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2) Can a Jewish person have a relationship with God the Father if they reject Jesus?

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3) Are the Jewish people who seem sincere in their desire to build a Third Temple pleasing God if they still try to please God apart from a faith in Jesus

4) Is modern Judaism a genuine religion that God accepts? A genuine or authentic religion/faith is one that is based on the truth of God's Word.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. <u>No one</u> comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is <u>no other name</u> under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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Luke 10:16 *"Whoever listens to you listens to Me, and whoever rejects you rejects Me, and whoever rejects Me rejects the one who sent Me."*

John 5:23 *"That all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."*

John 15:23 *"Whoever hates Me hates My Father also."*

1 John 2:21-23 *"I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Messiah? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also."*

John 15:18-21 *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you... Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me."*

NT summary of national Israel presently

"As regards the gospel, they [national Israel] are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

Romans 11:28-29

"Did God's people stumble and fall beyond recovery? Of course not! They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles. But He wanted His own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.

Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of Israel turned down God's offer of salvation, think how much greater a blessing the world will share when they finally accept it.

For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead!" (Romans 11:11, 12, 15)

How we get from here to there?

What is the Purpose of the Tribulation for Israel?

1) **70 weeks of Daniel** (but specifically the final 70th week)

A) Finish the transgression (rebellion)- Daniel 9:24

B) Ending of sin as a dominating influence (still sin in 1000 yrs)

C) Atone/cleanse iniquity in Israel/Jerusalem

D) Bring in everlasting righteousness (Dan 2:44; Isaiah 9:6-7)

E) To seal (authenticate) vision and prophecy

F) Anoint the most holy place (Ezekiel 45:3)

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“*… that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.*” (Dan. 12:7b)

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“Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it”
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“That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, `This is My people'; And each one will say, `The LORD is my God”

(Zechariah 13:8 -9)

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“*And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.*”

(Zechariah 12:10)

National Israel is gathered first in unbelief and then later cleansed

22 *"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: **It is not for your sake**, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.* 23 *And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.*
24 ***I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land."***

GAP OF TIME BETWEEN GATHERING AND SALVATION

25 *"**I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.***
26 *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*
27 *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.* 28 *You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."* (Ezekiel 36:22-28) For more gaps see Luke 4:17-21 and Isaiah 61:1-2.

Timeline of the End Times

Jesus said,

"What I say to you, I say to everyone,

WATCH!"

(Mark 13:37, 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Jesus said,

"Occupy until I come!

(Luke 19:13)