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- To stand with Israel in support and friendship;
- To equip and teach the worldwide Church regarding God’s purposes with Israel and the nations of the Middle East;
- To be an active voice of reconciliation between Jews, Christians, and Arabs and to support the churches and congregations in the Holy Land.

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- To reach every segment of Israel’s society with a Christian testimony of comfort and love, and
- To reach and actively represent to Israel the support of denominations, churches, and believers from every nation on earth.

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Nicole Yoder, ICEJ Aid Director (left) along with Israelis in front of an ICEJ donated bomb shelter.

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During this historic presidential election, one of the key issues facing the USA is our relationship with Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East.

BY SUSAN MICHAEL
ICEJ-USA DIRECTOR

The vast majority of Americans support Israel, and it is our responsibility to make sure that the next President of the United States reflects the will of the people and stands in friendship with the nation and people of Israel.

The US Branch of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem has initiated a letter to the Presidential candidates highlighting five principles that fortify the relationship between the United States and our great friend, Israel.

Based on biblical truths and the mutually beneficial relationship between the US and Israel, we are asking both candidates to agree to these five principles:

✔ Recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the US Embassy there
✔ Renew the ten-year Memorandum of Understanding between the US and Israel which provides aid in response to Israel's growing security needs
✔ Oppose the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel
✔ Sanction Iran's relentless actions as the world's leading sponsor of terror
✔ Reject third party solutions to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict not negotiated by the two parties

Help us to reach thousands of Christians who will sign this letter and exercise their right to express important views to our leaders regarding Israel.

Follow in the footsteps of Moses, Esther, and Nehemiah who appealed to their leaders on behalf of the Jewish people. Their success is obvious to this day.

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FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEXT US PRESIDENT

Recognize Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel
In 1995, the 104th Congress overwhelmingly passed The Jerusalem Embassy Act calling for the relocation of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel’s capital, Jerusalem. But, for the last twenty-one years, every successive president has used a six-month security waiver to postpone moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem. In keeping with US policy to locate its embassies in the capitals of all nations, we are calling on the next president to implement the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and establish the US Embassy in Israel’s capital city, Jerusalem.

Help Fund Israel’s Growing Security Needs
Israel is forced to spend more than any other nation on defense. That’s why they need assistance from the United States, and since 2007, they have had that through the 10-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU recognizes the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel which benefits the security of both nations. Israel is America’s best ally in the Middle East, and a strong Israel, standing on the front line of the fight against militant Islam, makes America safer as well. We request that you commit as President to supporting the renewal and strengthening of the MOU.

Combat the anti-Semitic BDS Movement
The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is a global effort to isolate Israel politically and economically. Simply put, the BDS movement is just another way to wage war on Israel using false accusations, such as Israel being an Apartheid State, despite all of the evidence to the contrary. These false narratives, which are often anti-Semitic in their demonization of Israel, are gaining momentum. While proponents of BDS believe their efforts benefit the Palestinian community, they are in fact a detriment to them as well. We request that you commit as President to combatting any effort to boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel.

Toughen Sanctions on Iran
The State Department has once again designated Iran as the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism. Instead of living up to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear deal signed in 2015, Iran has stepped up its terror campaign by financing, arming, and training terrorist groups throughout the Middle East and around the world. We request that you commit as President to counteract Iran’s ongoing violations of the JCPOA nuclear agreement, and their noncompliance of existing sanctions, with the implementation of tough, extensive sanctions where needed.

Stop Attempts to Impose a Solution on Israel
Israel has proven its willingness to make peace, signing lasting agreements with both Jordan and Egypt, and it has repeatedly reached out to the Palestinians in an attempt to find a resolution to the conflict between the two peoples. Unfortunately, the Palestinian Authority President refuses to negotiate with Israel and is calling upon the international community to enforce a de facto solution upon Israel so as to avoid any recognition of Israel’s right to exist as the national homeland for the Jewish people. That’s why we are asking the US Presidential candidates to oppose any third party intervention that tries to enforce a solution upon Israel.
Several hundred people gathered in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, June 16-18 for the ICEJ’s US summer conference. The opening evening was a worship concert with special guest artist, Paul Wilbur, a favorite of many in the ICEJ’s family of friends. Known for his Messianic style music and heartfelt worship, Wilbur has ministered to millions of people around the world over the last 40 years. The ICEJ partnered with him and Integrity Music in the production of four live recordings in Israel: Shalom Jerusalem, Arise Jerusalem, Lion of Judah, and Desert Rain. Wilbur warmly commended the Christian Embassy’s extraordinary work for Israel over the years.

The conference also enjoyed the gifted worship of Claren McQueen and Nancy Howard McQueen. Claren was previously the ICEJ’s Music Director in Jerusalem and led worship at the Feast of Tabernacles where he first met Nancy who was a guest harpist. It was wonderful having them back with the ICEJ sharing their repertoire of Hebraic style music as well as leading the audience into the presence of the Lord. Other special music was provided by Andrew McKain who sang from the Psalms of Ascent in both Hebrew and English.

The theme of the conference was from Isaiah 2:3 “Come Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord,” and through the worship of these gifted guest artists the participants were able to ascend into His presence in a mighty way. Isaiah explains in chapter 25 that the Lord has prepared a Feast for His people on that mountain (vs. 6), and when we enter our eyes are opened, our perspective is changed (vs. 7), and He teaches us His ways (2:3). While a taste of this experience was had at the weekend conference, the participants were encouraged to go to Israel with the ICEJ and experience these blessings in an even greater way.

David Parsons, ICEJ Media Director, represented the ICEJ leadership in Jerusalem at the conference and brought a stirring message about the significance of the Mountain of the Lord and how all of scripture comes together around the centrality of Jerusalem and the Lord’s choice of that city on which to place His name. David has recently been on a sabbatical during which he completed writing a book to be published later this year.

Juliana Taimoorazy, founder of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council, gave a moving presentation on Saturday morning about the plight of her fellow Christians in the Middle East. Taimoorazy is a Chaldean Christian and descendant of the
Another speaker at the conference was Shmuel Bowman, the Executive director of Operation Lifeshield which partners with the ICEJ for the purchase and placement of portable bomb shelters in vulnerable communities in Israel. So far the ICEJ has placed over 50 bomb shelters throughout Israel bringing not just safety, but a sense of security, to communities. Bowman shared that rockets continue to fall on southern Israel even though it does not make the news in America, and analysts agree that the next war will include even more sophisticated and longer reaching rockets than before. So the need for portable bomb shelters grows daily as more and more communities fall within the reach of rockets from Hamas in Gaza as well as Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Taimoorazy was born in Iran and at the age of 15 was smuggled out to the West. She explained how she admires the Zionist return to the land of Israel and wants her people to have the same right to return to their ancient homeland. The conference responded to her presentation with a generous offering for her work amongst the Christian refugees in the Middle East.

Other speakers included Pastor Allen Jackson, World Outreach Church; Michael Hines, ICEJ USA’s Outreach Director; Dr. Brad Young and Dr. John Swails of Oral Roberts University; Daryl Hedding, ICEJ USA’s Deputy Director; and Susan Michael, ICEJ USA’s Director.

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ancient Assyrians who were converted to Christianity in the first century by the Apostle Thomas. They have existed for centuries in the region of ancient Assyria, which is northern Iraq, northeast Syria, northwest Iran, and southeast Turkey, but most are now refugees and face extinction if not allowed to return to their homes and rebuild their churches. Their language is Aramaic, which was the common language in the time of Jesus.

Juliana Taimoorazy
ENGAGING YOUR PASTOR ABOUT ISRAEL

At the ICEJ’s USA Conference a special panel of pastors discussed the ways to effectively engage pastors about Israel.

The panel was moderated by Susan Michael, ICEJ US Director, and the panelists were, Pastor Jerry Dirmann, Dr. Dean Haun, and ICEJ’s Michael Hines.

For Pastor Dirmann and Dr. Haun, their love and understanding of Israel began with a trip to Israel. It’s not surprising, therefore, that both men urged ordinary church members to get behind the ICEJ’s Israel Encounter program that has already taken almost 100 pastors, spouses, and seminary students to Israel this year. “Raise the funds, and send your pastor and his wife to Israel this year,” said Dr. Haun, recognizing the importance of helping pastoral couples share the rich experience of visiting the Holy Land for the very first time. Anything that enriches a pastor’s love of the Word of God builds the Kingdom of God, continued Dr. Haun, who is leading a sold-out ICEJ Israel Encounter trip for fellow Baptists next February. And, nothing engages them with Israel, he added, as much as a first-hand experience under the leadership of the ICEJ.

In echoing Dr. Haun’s enthusiasm, Pastor Dirmann also cautioned that, sometimes the enthusiasm of congregants to share their revelation of Israel with their overworked ministers causes tension. They are busy, tired, and need to know you are with them, supporting them and behind them, he urged, not bombarding them with long books or sermon critiques. That’s why giving them a chance that blesses them with something they most likely would never be able to afford on their own is the greatest way to encourage them, help them, and serve them, he added.

“These trips are half price,” said Hines speaking of the significant investment the ICEJ has made in starting the program. “For close to $2,000 you can send your pastor to Israel and enable him to experience the richness of the Word of God unfold before his very eyes. He’ll be refreshed, his teaching will be enriched, and the entire church will be blessed!”

Pastor Jerry Dirmann
is the founder and Senior Pastor of The Rock, a multi-language and multi-congregation church that is one of the fastest growing in Orange County, California. One of the leading voices in the Foursquare Church, and one of the foremost Bible teachers in the nation, he now serves on the US Board of the ICEJ and is hosting a tour of Israel for Foursquare pastors in partnership with the ICEJ in March 2017.

Dr. Dean Haun
is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Morristown, Tennessee; Founder of Harvest of Israel; and serves on the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as well as Chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention’s International Missions Board (IMB) Committee for Missions to North Africa and the Middle East. He also serves on the ICEJ’s US Advisory Board and is hosting a tour of Israel for Southern Baptist pastors in partnership with the ICEJ in February 2017.

Michael Hines
worked as a journalist and news editor for ICEJ in Jerusalem, then moved to the Nashville area where he served as the ICEJ’s US Media Director for another six years. After two years as Associate Pastor at CrossWalk Community Church in Williamsburg, VA, Michael returned to a full time position with the ICEJ, and serves as US Outreach Director, speaking in churches and leading in-depth pastors tours to Israel.

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Photo: Michael Hines, ICEJ Outreach Director, teaching pastors in April 2016.

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HOW DOES IT WORK?
Gifts of any amount for the Forest of Life are welcome and all are used to support the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors. For each donation of $500 the ICEJ also plants an olive tree in the Jerusalem Forest in their honor. As an additional sign of our appreciation, your name or the person you chose to honor or commemorate, will be included on the Wall of Supporters located at the Haifa Home. You will also receive an official certificate as a confirmation of your contribution.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?
By supporting this great cause, you directly impact the lives of elderly survivors of the Holocaust. Your donation will cover some of the expenses of running the Haifa Home, where the survivors receive the care and attention they need and deserve.

WHY DO THE TREES MATTER?
Survivors of the Holocaust who made their way to Israel were met with a barren waste land, and one of their first tasks was to plant trees. These trees soaked up malaria infested swamps, invited more rain into the area, and made the desert bloom. By planting trees in their honor we are creating a living monument in their name. Olive trees live for hundreds of years, so this is a monument that will be visited by generations of young people who never knew a survivor personally.

HAS IT ALREADY STARTED?
YES! National representatives of the ICEJ, as well as private donors from many countries took the initiative and have already supported this great cause. We have begun planting trees in Jerusalem, while continuing and improving the great operations of the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors.

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There is another way!

Educators from Jewish and Arab towns transform their classrooms by working together.

BY ESTERA WIEJA

“We believe in living together in harmony,” said Salim Jaber, Mayor of Abu Gosh, an Arab village just outside Jerusalem. “In spite of the political pressures, we can create a new generation that will choose a different way – to live peacefully.”

Mayor Jaber speaks for more than himself. Teachers from his town, in partnership with educators and officials from the neighboring, predominantly Jewish town of Mevaseret Tzion, joined hands in a project that strives to shape the worldviews of a new generation of Jewish and Arab Israelis. To move forward, they called on the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem to back them up.

Selected schools from both towns engage in a broad spectrum of endeavors in the area of art, music, and sports, where the students begin to see each other as teammates and partners, rather than enemies. The entire program is bilingual, but it allows the students to put their languages – Hebrew and Arabic – aside, as sports and arts become a language of its own.

“Our vision is for every child in Israel to go through this experience,” said Omer Beziony, the manager of the project. “There is a vacuum in the society, because every ethnic group follows a different school system.”

The schools are the agents of changes. The initiative was able to get off the ground because of the involvement of the teachers, but also the parents and city representatives. At the ICEJ, we believe that enabling the Israeli youth to work together is the best way to combat prejudices and fear between different groups in society.

You can be a part of this venture and similar educational projects by supporting the ICEJ aid work in Israel.

To send a gift, go to our website: www.icejusa.org/learning-all
ISRAELI YOUTH MEET CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AT ICEJ

BY MATTHIAS IMMENDORFER

The ICEJ headquarters in Jerusalem recently hosted a group of 25 students and teachers from Karmiel, who are supported by our educational program to help Israeli youth reach their full potential. These young men and women, about to graduate high school, will soon be drafted into the Israeli army. By investing in their lives, the International Christian Embassy is investing in the future of Israel.

Through the ICEJ-sponsored Touching the Horizon program, students visit the "Friends of Zion Museum," where they learn the stories of Christians who have stood with the Jewish people over the years, especially in the 20th century, and supported the modern-day State of Israel. Then they came to the ICEJ Head Office in Jerusalem, to meet the friends of Zion of today – the international staff and volunteers at the Christian Embassy.

As an ICEJ volunteer, I was privileged to address the group, sharing with them who I am and why I decided to come to Israel. I am convinced of God’s ongoing purpose for the Jews, and I see His hand and covenant-keeping nature in the regathering of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland. I believe in the Scriptural call to stand with God’s chosen people. I do not find it to be a burden, as I consider aligning with God’s plan to be a great privilege. The students said that in a world where anti-Semitism is on the rise again, they are encouraged that young people like myself choose to stand with Israel today.

The ICEJ currently funds several educational programs throughout Israel that reconnect Israelis with their Christian friends. Over the summer, the ICEJ will host five additional groups from different parts of Israel. The students left Jerusalem touched by the care and commitment of the global family of churches, and they are encouraged to have met Christian supporters of Israel in person!
From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth

BY SERGUEI POPOV

Situated in the far east, just north of Japan, Sakhalin is the largest island in the Russian Federation. The shape of this beautiful island resembles the Dead Sea, and its size is four times that of entire State of Israel. Many years ago the Tsar of Russia used Sakhalin as an exile, and there were no churches there until 40 years ago. Now, the island is home to more than a hundred churches, most of them Protestant.

Recently, the ICEJ held a series of ten meetings on the island, to help the churches there understand biblical teaching about Israel, God’s chosen people, and also to encourage people to attend the ICEJ annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem.

During one event, Pastor Elena Eremeeva of ICEJ-Russia was appointed as the official Representative of the ICEJ in Sakhalin Island, reflecting the increased interest in Israel among the local believers.

March of Life in Northern Ireland

Over 200 people gathered in Belfast to participate in Ireland’s first March of Life to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, this past May. The event began with violinist Vicki Schmidt’s beautiful performance of the theme song from Schindler’s List; marchers then began their walk, carrying the flags of the nations to demonstrate that the march was part of an international commemoration.

The march ended at the city hall in the center of Belfast, where “The Silence of the Bystander” by Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize winner) was read, followed by a corporate prayer in which the participants made a promise to lift their voices against every form of anti-Semitism and racism.

The commemoration concluded with singing of Hatikvah (The Hope), Israel’s national anthem. A reception was later held at Belfast Castle. The list of distinguished guests included Mr. Melvyn Goldberger, son of a Holocaust survivor, Otto Goldberger, and Rabbi David Singer.
Washington, D.C. Welcomes ICEJ’s Serguei Popov

Recently internationally-known Concert Master violinist, Serguei Popov, spoke and performed in the Washington, DC area. Serguei, who along with his wife Helena and daughter Elizabeth have been part of the Feast of Tabernacles worship team for years, travels the world giving concerts and raising awareness to the growing need to assist Jews making Aliyah to Israel. A major element of Serguei’s mission was to raise awareness of the ICEJ’s mandate as well as raise support for the Aliyah work he oversees.

While in the D.C. Area, Serguei’s ICEJ hosts, Michael and Robin Hoehn, kept him busy. Serguei’s first event was a performance in Frederick, Maryland where he performed before a packed house. In addition, he was treated to a picnic at The Cedars, an estate on the Potomac river overlooking Washington owned by the organization that hosts the National Prayer Breakfast. The Cedars is a venue used by U.S. Presidents to meet with visiting dignitaries in a more informal setting. Finally, Serguei gave a performance, once again to a packed house, at an estate in Great Falls, Virginia hosted by friends of his ICEJ hosts. At each event, Serguei’s message of God’s love for His people and the urgent need to help them resonated with his audience and was effective in raising awareness.

David Parsons USA Speaking Tour

The ICEJ-USA branch hosted David Parsons, ICEJ Media Director, for its summer conference in June, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and for a speaking tour following. In Tennessee he spoke on the vision in Isaiah 25 that God will again accomplish great things “on the mountain of the Lord” in Jerusalem, such as hosting a great Feast for the redeemed, removing the spiritual veil cast over all nations, and bringing millennial rest to the world.

Parsons then traveled around the country on a speaking tour which included stops in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, and Virginia. The array of speaking venues included not only churches, but also current affairs briefings and pastors’ luncheons. One highlight was a special diplomatic luncheon in Atlanta with the Israeli Consul General to the Southeast, Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer, which was hosted by ICEJ USA Advisory Board Members John and Sally Howard.

Another high point was an invitation by CBN in Virginia Beach to speak to their entire staff during a weekly chapel session about the prophetic significance of Israel’s restoration in our day. David was warmly received at these venues and welcomed back on future tours.
Y
ears after Wilhelm Hoschke’s passing, Tobi discovered that his beloved grandfather was an officer in the Waffen SS serving in the 1st SS Tank Division Adolf Hitler, a division which was involved in the murder of Jews during the Holocaust.

When stationed in France during the days following Operation D-Day Hoschke stopped a British officer from shooting himself, because he incorrectly assumed SS forces would execute him. When British troops later captured a seriously injured Hoschke, his life was spared by that same British officer who recognized Hoschke as the SS Officer who had saved him. Hoschke was brought to Britain, where he spent several years in a POW camp.

“I knew he was fighting in World War II and was deployed to Russia and France, but I did not know anything about the war crimes. I recently learned about the mass murders committed by his SS division. I do not know if he was responsible for them directly, but he must have known about them. So, I see him as responsible for the atrocities and I am ashamed of what he did,” said Tobi.

Tobi’s parents embraced evangelical Christianity and taught him to love the Jewish people. Tobi’s grandfather accepted Jesus just a few months before his death and was able to die in peace. In the light of German history in general, and his grandfather’s story in particular, Tobi is committed to building bridges between the Jewish and German people, and to bring healing to the survivors and their families, including their descendants. (☞)

Tobi’s story was also shared on the Israeli news and can be found here: news.walla.co.il/item/2958131
Today, ICEJ TV is a name you can trust. Our rich collection of reports, interviews, short documentaries, and appeals have traveled the world, showing what God is doing in Israel and how Christian love is impacting the Jewish people. Under the leadership of Ray Ramirez, ICEJ’s Creative Director, video production became a key part of ICEJ’s communication ministry.

In pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement, the leadership of ICEJ decided to expand the video team. At the 2015 Feast of Tabernacles, seasoned TV producer Amanda Joy Gross joined the staff of ICEJ and brought to Jerusalem her enthusiasm, expertise, and most importantly, her great faith in what God can do with willing hands.

When Gross visited Israel back in 2012, she felt God opening a new direction to her life. While praying at the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem she had a memorable experience with the Lord, remembering how at the age of 12 she prayed, “Here I am send me,” willing to serve God anywhere He placed her.

“I was loving my time in Israel and could even see myself living there one day, but I couldn’t figure out how it could all work. It brought me to this moment of surrender, making a commitment to the Lord again with the words: ‘Here I am send me,’” Gross recalled.

At the time, her Christian TV programs were broadcast into every nation, but she missed the experience of personally visiting these nations. “That’s when I heard Him say, ‘I’ll keep sending you if you keep being available.’ So, I returned to the USA with a new mindset: To be available for when Jesus would open this door.”

Today, Gross says living and working in Jerusalem is a daily reminder that God is faithful – to His Word, to His promises, and, to us personally.

You can watch the ICEJ Report on Israel Now News on Daystar Television Network. The Word from Jerusalem program airs on the following networks: Alfa Omega (Romania), LMTV - Lumieredumonde TV (Ivory Coast), TV Genesis (Brazil), TBN Russia (Russia), IRR TV (Finland), Evantel TV (Nigeria), CMTV - Christian Missionary Television (Nigeria). For air times please check the network’s website. The work of ICEJ TV is constantly expanding and we want to partner with you! Whether with your talents or your finances, you can support this work.

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ISRAEL?

By Susan Michael

Millions of Christians support Israel. You don’t have to be a biblical scholar to understand why. The biblical basis for Christian support of Israel (known as Christian Zionism or Biblical Zionism) is found in the Abrahamic Covenant from the book of Genesis. This sacred covenant is confirmed throughout the Bible, including in the New Testament. Biblical Zionism existed 3,000 years before the modern political Zionist movement.

It is through this covenant that the Land of Canaan was given to the Jewish people as an everlasting possession for the purpose of world redemption, and that God initiated a spiritual law of blessing so that those who bless the Jewish people will be blessed, aligning themselves with God’s eternal redemptive plan. Similarly, those who oppose His people will find themselves in direct opposition to God’s redemptive plan.

The Bible instructs Gentiles to pray for the people of Israel. Genesis 12:3 tell us to bless them, Psalm 122:6 and Isaiah 62:6 tell us to pray for them, Isaiah 40:1-2 tells us to comfort and encourage them, while Isaiah 60:10-12 tells us to assist them. The list goes on but the pattern is clear: God wants Christians to cultivate strong relationships with the Jewish State and her people.

Jesus affirmed that everything the prophets foretold – including the Jews’ return to Israel — will be fulfilled.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17-18).

Jesus affirmed the Disciples’ hope of future restoration.

Right before Jesus’ ascension into Heaven, the disciples asked Jesus if he was going to restore the kingdom to Israel to which he replied “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power” (Acts 1:6-7). His answer was clear: God would restore the kingdom to Israel; but the timing is not mankind’s concern.

The calling on the Jewish people is irrevocable.

In Romans 11:1, Paul exclaims “God has not cast away His people;” and in verses 25-29, adds that "...as far as the election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts, and his call are irrevocable."

In short, the Bible has much to say about Israel and how we, as Christians, have a responsibility to bless her.

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- A special year-end gift of appreciation

Join the growing number of Christians worldwide who are partnering with the ICEJ to help Israelis in need and who understand the biblical significance of the modern ingathering of the Jews to the land of their forefathers.

Send in your commitment today to icejusa@icejusa.org or go to www.icejusa.org/partner or call us at (615) 895-9830. You will receive a beautiful partnership certificate.

BE A PART OF THAT FUTURE GENERATION SPEAKED OF IN PSALM 102, AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE PARTNERING WITH THE LORD IN HIS WORK TO RESTORE ZION, FOR THE SET TIME HAS COME!

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The Lord will call her walls Salvation and her gates Praise. As we walk together side by side, the ICEJ would be honored if you would become a Builder of Zion Partner at a giving level of $2,500 a year or more. Together, He is increasing our efforts to restore His people, and bless the nation of Israel. In appreciation, you will receive from the ICEJ the following resources:

- A beautiful partnership certificate
- Receive the *Word from Jerusalem* magazine
- Online access to free teaching from the ICEJ’s annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem
- A special year-end gift of appreciation
- Exclusive access to the ICEJ’s quarterly Mid-East Update conference call from Jerusalem
- An invitation to attend our annual ICEJ-USA Leadership Briefing
- Special invitations to meet with ICEJ Leadership or receive personal briefings on ICEJ projects.
- Personal news updates during times of escalating news from the region
- An additional gift acknowledging you as a Builder of Zion Partner
Make it a Priority!
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**SUMMER 2017**
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