Blessed are those who bless Israel?

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In the previous message I provided a brief history of the Covenant Land, and the modern State of Israel that currently exists in the Land.

We examined the issue of Zionism as a political movement seeking land for Jewish people.

Zionism is not a swear word or a pejorative term. It’s simply an ideology that drives and motivates certain people.

The question that each person must grapple with is whether they support, oppose or are ambivalent to the ideology of Zionism.

That political vision has been manifested through the modern State of Israel. There is currently a Jewish State called Israel that I have visited nearly 60 times for over two decades. It is a reality that exists, whether you agree with it or not.

There are certainly tragic stories regarding the displacement of Arabs that have simmered to a boil, once again. Many of the people in Gaza are descendants of those who live outside the fence. As they look across the barbed wire at the land they used to inhabit, it is understandably disturbing.

I used to hire a Palestinian driver named Ihab who told me how the Israeli Defense Force constructed a security fence between his home and his family olive groves. They had to get clearance from the IDF to tend to his trees and pick his olives.

Of course, this is just one simple example of many thousands of stories that describe the effects of the Arab displacement from their homes when the Jewish State was established.

There are a lot of hard feelings and it is important to fully understand all aspects of this dispute, because it is not simply black and white.

The subject of Zionism is particularly complicated because it involves a diverse range of people with different motivations and objectives.

Sadly, there has been a strong implication that anti-Zionism is the same as anti-Semitism.

In other words, if you disagree with Zionism or are critical of the modern State of Israel, then you must hate Jews. If you question the actions of Israel then you might as well be a Holocaust denier.

Of course, these correlations are ridiculous and disingenuous. They are weaponizing anti-Semitism as a tool for intimidation. These arguments are part of the propaganda that dominates the conversation and attempts to silence the discussion.

To begin, it is important to understand that not all Jews are Zionists, not all Zionists are Jews, and not all Jews are citizens of the modern State of Israel.

Let that sink in for a minute.

Most people are completely oblivious to these distinctions, yet they are vital to understand in order to have an honest and forthright conversation.

There are Jews all over the world who subscribe to the religion of Judaism, but they reject political Zionism.

There are actually more Jews who live outside of Israel, than those who live in the nation. While they may voice support for the modern State of Israel, if they were truly Zionists, they would move to the Land.

Many actually have dual citizenship with Israel. I challenge you to research how many US Officials, Senators and Representatives have dual citizenship with Israel. It has to make you wonder if they have a conflict of interest when voting to give Israel billions of dollars in aid.

In any event, it is important to understand that a large number of Israeli citizens that live in Israel are secular. They are not religious.

There are also secular Jews who support Zionism as well as those who oppose it.

Take for instance the group called Jewish Voice for Peace. They are a secular Jewish organization that opposes Zionism.

Here is their stated position on the issue.

“Zionism is a nineteenth-century political ideology that emerged in a moment where Jews were defined as irrevocably outside of a Christian Europe. European antisemitism threatened and ended millions of Jewish lives - in pogroms, in exile, and in the Holocaust. Through study and action, through deep relationship with Palestinians fighting for their own liberation, and through our own understanding of Jewish safety and self-determination, we have come to see that Zionism was a false and failed answer to the desperately real question many of our ancestors faced of how to protect Jewish lives from murderous antisemitism in Europe. While it had many strains historically, the Zionism that took hold and stands today is a settler-colonial movement, establishing an apartheid state where Jews have more rights than others. Our own history teaches us how dangerous this can be. Palestinian dispossession and occupation are by design.”

This is why it is sad to see people attacking Jews around the world because of the actions of the modern State of Israel.

They are mixing and blending issues. That is part of the reason why I am writing this recent series of articles.

There is another important distinction that must be made, and that is the fact that not all Zionists are Jews. In fact the largest category of Zionists in the world are not Jews, but rather Christians.

There is a group of Christians called Zionist Christians who also advocate for Jews to live in the Covenant Land. Most of them have that belief because they think it is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Very recently, the United States House of Representatives elected a new speaker named Mike Johnson. He is an unapologetic Christian Zionist and he sent out a tweet that exemplifies the problem with Christian Zionism.

He posted a photo on X (Twitter) of himself and Congressman Jim Jordan standing in front of a welcome sign that displayed the Israeli flag with a statement proclaiming: “Blessed are those who Bless Israel.”

He repeated that statement in quotes followed by “(Gen. 12:3).”

The implication was that he was quoting from the Bible, or at least he thought he was. After all, it was on the sign when he arrived in Israel. It must be true. Right?

Actually no. That’s not what the Scriptures say.

How about this translation espoused by many Evangelical Preachers?

“God will bless those who bless the Jewish people.”

Not even close.

Here is a common translation of Genesis 12:3:

“*I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*”

That’s a good translation. Here is a literal translation:

“*And I will [once intentionally and intensively] bless them that [intentionally and intensively blesses] thee, and [I will permit a] curse [on] him that [curses] thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be [permissively] blessed.*”

That provides more depth. Here is a Mechanical Translation provided by Jeff Benner.

“*And I will respect ones respecting you and ones making you insubstantial I will spit upon and all of the families of the ground will be respected with you*.”

Nowhere in any of these translations will you find a specific reference to the modern State of Israel or the Jewish people.

Beyond a proper translation of the words of the text, understanding the context is equally important. When this statement was made, there was no such thing as Ancient Yisrael, a Jew or the modern State of Yisrael.

YHWH was specifically speaking to the man Abram, who was still in the region of Babylon. Abram was about to be separated from the Nations and enter into a Covenant relationship with YHWH with the ultimate goal of restoring mankind to YHWH after the rebellion and disbursion at the Tower of Babel.

Abram was a Hebrew whose prevailing characteristics were his faith and obedience. Abram would not receive those promises if he decided to stay in Babylon. He had to leave Babylon and go to the land of Canaan.

It was filled with Baal worshippers and giants, so YHWH was providing him with an assurance of protection and favor. Abram would not have to fight his way in, nor would he have to dwell in fear or insecurity.

YHWH was assuring Abram that He would bless those who blessed him and curse those who dishonored him. The Canaanites would figure out very quickly that it was better for them to leave this guy alone and treat him well.

That promise would extend to him no matter where he went. It wasn’t tied to the Land, it was a promise for him, even when he was less than forthright.

We recognize this when we read about his excursion in Egypt further in the text.

“*17 But YHWH afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go. 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had*.” Genesis 12:17-20

This is a very important distinction to recognize. The protection and provision of YHWH follows His Covenant people into the Nations.

That is why YHWH also stated “in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*”*

The point was that as Abram went into the Nations, the Nations would be drawn back to YHWH through the Covenant established through Abraham.

Did you catch that?

Also, further on in the text we read the promise “*To your seed I give this Land.*” Genesis 12:7

The word for “seed” in the Hebrew text is “zerach.” It is masculine singular. If it was plural, we would read “zeraim.” This was very specific and purposeful, because it was prophetic.

Many translations actually insert the plural word “descendants,” but the text is prophetically speaking of a singular “seed” – the Messiah. It is the same prophesied “seed” referred to in Genesis 3:15:

“*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel*.”

I mentioned in a past message that I perform land title work as part of my profession. Well, I also do a fair amount of estate planning and estate administration after a person passes.

I have represented a lot of farmers over the past 32 years and while they may have many “descendants,” they typically only leave the land to one of their offspring through their “Last Will and Testament.”

Typically, the oldest son assumes the operation of the farm and carries on the family traditions. The other siblings may live nearby or move away entirely as the one child “takes over” – so to speak.

The same was the case in Biblical times. The firstborn would inherit the land.

So while YHWH said that He would give the Land to Abraham’s “seed,” it did not mean that everyone who ever came from his loins could automatically live in the Covenant Land.

Abraham actually had eight sons. His first son was Ishmael through Hagar. The then had Isaac through Sarah. After the death of Sarah, he had six sons through Keturah, namely Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. (see Genesis 25:1-3)

Much of the Middle East and many Eastern peoples descend from Abraham. Clearly the promise of the Covenant Land given to the “seed” would involve “the chose son.”

We will see the ultimate fulfillment through the obedient firstborn son Yahushua and the firstfruits (firstborn) of the Renewed Covenant.

So, not all people who can trace their lineage to Abraham are entitled to claim the Land. You have to follow the terms of the “testament” - the Covenant.

As a result, the post of Speaker Mike Johnson on X was wildly inaccurate, but perfectly understandable because of popular Christian doctrines that promote and support Christian Zionism.

His post was disturbing though, because he is the top Republican and the leader of the House of Representatives, and it is Congress that holds the power to declare war.

Of course, the fallacious post is not an isolated incident. There are many Zionists in the United States Congress and we have also seen many Zionist Presidents.

Christian Zionism is what underpins most of the support that flows from the United States to the modern State of Israel. That support comes not only from the government, but also from non-profit and special interest groups that get massive contributions from individual donors and even churches.

Many well-meaning Christian’s feel compelled to support Israel and “Stand with Israel” no matter what Israel does, because they have been taught that it is part of their faith.

Most Christians who proclaim to unconditionally stand with Israel are often motivated by Zionism, whether they realize it or not. Modern Protestant Evangelical Christianity is so steeped in Zionism that it is hard to recognize it. Zionism is literally woven into the fabric of Evangelical Christianity.

Zionism definitely carry’s political weight in the United States government, primarily because of the Jewish lobbying organizations.

Most politicians are influenced and funded by the Israel Lobby and end up pledging their support for Israel as part of their fund raising efforts. Standing with Israel gets a lot of money and helps get people elected to office.

If you question that statement all you need to do is tune into an AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) meeting. You will see political candidates line up and compete with one another as to who can promise the greatest adoration and support for Israel.

It’s actually quite shocking to see how a foreign government, funded by the United States, can have so much sway over American politics. It seems completely unethical and a terrible conflict of interest on all sides.

Israel receives massive amounts of US aid, and then through Lobbying groups, essentially “bribes” US politicians to then give Israel increasing funding, weapons, and of course, unconditional support.

As Christian Zionist politicians rise in power, this situation becomes more and more concerning. We may actually find ourselves in the center of World War III because of our unconditional support for Israel. But that doesn’t matter apparently, because Israel has a right to defend itself.

Well of course they do, but that doesn’t mean that the United States has to give them money, bombs and ammunition “at the speed of war” as Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated.

Consider the recent comments and actions of Florida Governor and Republican Presidential candidate Ron DeSantis. He initially appeared to be an intelligent, rational and strong leader, but since October 7th, it seems like he has lost his mind.

He implies that all residents of Gaza are “infected” with “the Hamas virus” and are therefore unredeemable. He also vows to unconditionally “stand with Israel” and is even pledging to send them weapons.

He is the Governor of the State of Florida, essentially getting involved in a war. It seems bizarre at first, until you see what has been happening in Florida. Take a look at the special laws they have in place specifically for Jews and anti-Semitism. They are specifically giving Jews special treatment and Florida is clearly influenced by Christian Zionism.

But what exactly is Christian Zionism?

Here is a definition from a major Zionist Christian organization called the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ):

“If Zionism is the belief in the Jewish people’s right to return to their homeland, then a Christian Zionist should simply be defined as a Christian who supports the Jewish people’s right to return to their homeland. Under this broad and simple definition, many Christians would qualify no matter what the reasons are for their support. Just as Jews of all persuasions formed the Zionist movement, then Christians of all persuasion can also fall within this broad definition of a Christian Zionist. The actual theology of Christian Zionism, also known as Biblical Zionism, supports the right of the Jewish people to return to their homeland on scriptural grounds. The biblical foundation for Christian Zionism is found in God’s Covenant with Abraham. It was in this covenant that God chose Abraham to birth a nation through which He could redeem the world. To accomplish this He bequeathed them a land in which they could exist as this chosen nation. Christian Zionism is confirmed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. The major and minor prophets consistently confirmed this national calling on Israel, promised her future restoration to the land after a period of exile, and spoke of her spiritual renewal and redemption bringing light to the world. Christian Zionism differs from Replacement Theology, which teaches that the special relationship that Israel had with her God in terms of her national destiny and her national homeland has been lost because of her rejection of Jesus as Messiah, and therefore the Church has become the “New Israel”. The Church has then inherited all the blessings promised to Israel, but the judgments and curses still conveniently remain over the Jewish people. Instead, Christian Zionism teaches from the scriptures that God’s covenant with Abraham is still valid today. There remains a national destiny over the Jewish people and her national homeland is her everlasting possession in fulfillment of God’s plans and purposes for her. The New Testament scriptures not only affirm the Abrahamic covenant, but they confirm the historical mission of Israel and that Israel’s gifts and calling are irrevocable. Thus, Christian Zionism is not based on prophecy or end-time events. Most Christian Zionists would agree, however, that Israel’s reemergence on the world’s scene, in fulfillment of God’s promises to her, indicates that other events prophesied in the Bible will follow.”

I hope you can see the slight of hand being used here by replacing Ancient Yisrael with the Jewish People. This definition assumes that Jewish People have a right to return to the Land based upon the promise made to Abraham. They confuse the “national destiny for the Jewish people” with the prophesied restoration of the Kingdom of Yisrael.

Christians have traditionally misunderstood and misapplied the Covenant with Abraham, which is at the heart of the Renewed Covenant. As a result, Zionist Christians have actually funded, supported, empowered, encouraged and even weaponized a nation to commit genocide on a group of people all under the guise of religion.

I’m not sure what religion they think they are practicing. Maybe they think that’s what Christianity entails. It certainly is not what Yahushua taught.

Make no mistake about it though, this is not a religious war. The Arab Palestinians are Muslim, Christian and secular. Many of them likely descend from Abraham.

As a result, I’m not so sure that the Covenant with Abraham to redeem the world is being accomplished by imprisoning, subjugating, expelling and assassinating Palestinians or bombing Gaza to smithereens.

The conduct of Israel could actually be classified as a crusade, and we know how much Christian’s love Crusades. The government that currently rules over Israel wants to see all of the Palestinians gone. Some are classifying their current crusade as genocide.

I try to remind Zionist Christian’s that there are also Palestinian Christians in the Gaza Strip. How can Christians “Stand with Israel” while Israel is oppressing, tormenting and bombing other Christians?

These Zionist Christians will have a lot to answer for when Messiah returns to claim His Land.

What I find particularly interesting is the fact that most Christians reject the “old covenant” as something abolished and replaced by Yahushua. Nevertheless, apparently the Jewish State is an exception worthy of distorting and twisting Scriptures over.

Well, many have inherited lies, but it is time to unlearn the lies, so to speak.

The teachings of Christian Zionism trace back many centuries to Calvinistic Millennialism in the late 1500’s. In 1615, an English Puritan named Thomas Brightman published a work titled *Shall They Return To Jerusalem Again*? This led some Christians to believe that they should help Jews establish a land called Israel.

This notion continued to be espoused by the Plymouth

Brethren and John Nelson Darby through a doctrine known as Dispensationalism.

A trademark of Darby and dispensationalists is the fact that they detach the 70th Week of Daniel, and place it into the future. They tie it to a seven year period of tribulation and then add a pre-Tribulation rapture.

They emphasize the notion of “rightly dividing the word of truth” which involves an emphasis on grace and the application of Paul’s letters to Christians. The Torah was relegated to Jews.

Dispensationalism was promoted in the United States by James H. Brooks who influenced D.L. Moody and discipled the likes of Cyrus I. Scofield.

The Scofield connection is important because he went on to produce The Scofield Reference Bible that actually incorporated pre-millennial Dispensationalism into the commentary.

Dispensationalism implies that Jews and Christians are in different dispensations and therefore have different destinies. Jesus came for the Church, not the Jews. That is why the Jews can have the Land. Christians are going to heaven.

Ultimately, this doctrine was transmitted through The Scofield Reference Bible and the notes which essentially presented Christian Zionism in the Scriptures.

By expounding Christian Zionist ideology in the notes and commentary alongside the actual Scriptural texts, it essentially wove Zionism into the Bible.

It has been stated that “Pre-millennialism, Dispensationalism, Judeo-Christianity and Christian Zionism all rely on the Scofield footnote "A Curse Laid Upon Those Who Persecute The Jews" to justify the Iraq war and Israel’s human rights violations in Gaza and the West Bank.”

Interestingly, the Scofield Bible was published by Oxford University Press, and his work is claimed to have been funded by the House of Rothschild. The same Rothschilds who promoted and funded the modern State of Israel in what has been called Palestine.

I actually had a Scofield Reference Bible growing up and I can state without a doubt that I harbored many Christian Zionist beliefs when I was younger.

I used to “Stand with Israel,” support the IDF and hope for the construction of a Third Temple. Little did I know that these were all Illuminati, Jesuit and Luciferian objectives. They had nothing to do with the Covenant renewed by the blood of Messiah Yahushua. Yet they were part of the Evangelical Christian fabric that represented my faith.

I am a former Christian Zionist, the product of the Evangelical political movement of the 80’s. I was heavily involved in politics and regularly was in Washington, DC for Republican events. I witnessed first-hand the infusion of Christian Zionism into American politics.

It was only after I came to understand the true identity of Yisrael that my eyes were opened concerning the various levels of lies and deceptions that I had inherited by my church “fathers.”

I have witnessed the fulfillment of the following prophecy in Jeremiah as the Nations begin to return to truth through the Name of YHWH.

“*19 O YHWH, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, the Nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things.20 Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? 21 Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is YHWH*.” Jeremiah 16:19-21

Nevertheless, well-meaning Christian’s continue to funnel hundreds of millions of dollars each year to help support a nation that is supposed to be an exclusively Jewish State filled with people who generally don’t even believe in Elohim.

These people don’t need money from Christians, they need the Good News concerning Messiah Yahushua. Sadly, that can actually be a crime in the modern State of Israel.

So why are Christians sending so much money to a country that rejects the Messiah and has a specifically “anti-Christ” agenda?

That brings us back to House Speaker Mike Johnson

These people actually think that God is going to bless them, if they give money to Israel.

Thank you C.I. Scofield.

There is presently $129 Million Dollars donated annually to the IFCJ alone to help impoverished Israelis.

Interestingly, Israel is not a third world country. But apparently there are hundreds of thousands of impoverished Israelis who need handouts from foreigners?

So the billions given to Israel each year by the United States is not enough. They need hundreds of millions of additional dollars in aid from private charitable organizations.

If this is true, then a rational person should ask: Is this really a nation blessed by Elohim?

They can’t even feed their own poor? They need annual assistance from foreigners, who religious Jews refer to as Goyim.

And how about that verse promising that those who bless Israel will be blessed? As Israel’s largest donor, you would expect the United States to be incredibly blessed.

Well, I’m not sure if you’ve noticed, but the United States is collapsing. It is in debt over $33 Trillion Dollars. That’s Trillion with a “T.”

If you can keep from getting nauseous, I challenge you to take a look at the United States National Debt Clock. It is unprecedented in human history, and very disturbing.

In fact, America has many of the symptoms of a cursed nation as detailed in Deuteronomy 28, and it getting worse by the day.

I was recently watching a documentary regarding how Israeli Jews welcome the support and use Christian Zionists to fulfill their objectives. They definitely view the Christians as second class citizens, but because they “bless” the Jews, they get a benefit.

As one settlor stated “The Jews are the stars of the film - The Christians are only supporting actors.”

This is consistent with the religious Jewish world view. In the future I will take a look at the Noahide Laws and show how Orthodox thinking grounded in Kabbalah believes that “the Jewish soul” is a higher form than the Gentiles who are generally relegated with animals.

That is what justifies them having a “Sabbath Goy” to do their bidding while they rest on Shabbat. Of course, that completely violates the Sabbath Commandment.

Most Christians are completely unaware of this spiritual arrogance that permeates Rabbinic Judaism. They simply connect the Jewish people with ancient Israel, and their recent return to the Land as a fulfillment of prophecy.

As a result, Christian Zionists offer their unconditional moral, political, economic and theological support. No questions asked. Just bless Israel.

The irony is that there are Arab Christians in the Land who could likely trace their heritage back to ancient Yahudah, but they get ignored by Christian Zionists because they aren’t Jewish.

It’s actually bizarre to see Christian Zionists deflect when they are asked about the Palestinian Christians currently being oppressed and persecuted by the Jewish State.

They either deny that it is happening or simply state that those poor Christians just need to learn to love the Jews. Christian Zionists almost always take the side of Jewish Zionists over Palestinian Christians. It’s simply mind-boggling to observe.

I must confess though, that I was steeped in Christian Zionism for decades. I understand how it can become so woven with a persons’ faith that it is difficult to see the contradiction.

The modern Zionist movement was originally political, but it became imbued with prophetic elements as time went on, fueled by Christian Zionists and zealous Orthodox Jewish Rabbis like Meir Kahane who founded the Jewish Defense League.

Interestingly, he promoted the expulsion of all Arabs from the Land, because it belongs to the Jews. What began as a land grant through a UN vote has now become a divine right.

We are currently witnessing one of the greatest human tragedies of the decade occur all because “Israel has a right to defend itself.”

While they could possibly justify their military police state as necessary for defense, I’m not sure you can categorize their current “mighty revenge” operation as “defensive” in nature.

It does actually play into their vision of “Greater Israel” and while they are advancing their cause, America has their back.

The reason for this is because most politicians in Washington have been bought or influenced by the Israel Lobby.

There are currently over 200 Christian Zionist organizations founded since 1980. The money and vast political power being wielded is enormous. That is why you will see most all Presidential candidates bend the knee and kiss the ring of AIPAC

The Jewish Lobby is highly influential in American politics, which keeps the wheels greased and the weapons flowing. It’s a massive war machine that is ultimately focused on expanding the influence and power of the Jewish State and there is no place for non-Jews in the vision of greater Israel, except of course to serve the Jews.

Amazingly, Christian Zionists are more than willing to fill that role and unconditionally serve and support the Jewish State as they pursue their objectives.

So, Christian Zionists claim to follow Yahushua, and their religious duty is now to support and serve a nation that officially rejects Him and His followers.

I cannot find that instruction in the Scriptures. Nor can I see where we are supposed to blindly support those who reject the Messiah while they annihilate and oppress another people in order to take over the Covenant Land that they were previously evicted from.

The Messiah will accomplish the restoration of Yisrael through the Covenant renewed by His shed blood and broken body.

The Zionists are trying to do it all without Him. They are similar to the Zealots of Yahushua’s time.

Now Christian Zionists are actually supporting this effort to bypass the Messiah by paying for Jewish immigration and the establishment of settlements. They are even funding the rebuilding of the Third Temple!

Some Orthodox are ready to lay the cornerstones of the Third Temple, draped with the banner of Saturn. Have you seen the photos?

Everything we see going on before our eyes is the works of the flesh through Babylon. The only prophecy that it fulfills is the Word according to Scofield.

Yahushua came healing all of the people in the region. There was no Christianity, Islam or Rabbinic Judaism at that point. None of the religions that currently divide the world existed.

“*23 And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan*.” Matthew 4:23-25

He healed them all. He didn’t try to expel them.

We previously mentioned how the He taught to love your neighbor using the example of the Samaritans, who were hated by the Jews.

I hear a lot of Messianics referring to the Jews as “Brother Judah,” but Yahushua specifically stated: “ *. . . whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.*” Matthew 12:50

I suggest we all use that same standard.

I’ve heard many reports and even seen “home videos” taken by IDF soldiers as they’ve sniped Palestinian children. They got particularly excited about the head shots.

It reminded me of people who video tape their hunts because they love to watch and re-watch the kill. I’m sorry, but people who do such things to other people and condone them are not my brothers.

The IDF uses RIP (Radically Invasive Projectile) explosive bullets. It bores into the body like a bore saw and fragments inside a person’s body, shredding their insides.

They use biological warfare, lethal and paralyzing gases – even white phosphorous munitions. I encourage you to take a look at The Great March of Return in 2018-19. It was purposefully intended to be a peaceful protest along the Gaza fence, although there was some stone-throwing by certain Palestinian youth.

The Israeli response was to gas and snipe unarmed men, women, children, handicapped and first responders. Israeli soldiers killed 223 Palestinian demonstrators.

That is just one example. I could go on and on listing the various alleged war crimes and atrocities, but that’s really not my point.

The annuls of war are littered with wars and bloodshed. The present and future are no different. The current wars are complex and I suspect that most governments are guilty of this type of conduct at some point in their history.

My point is that Christians should be ashamed of themselves for blindly supporting such conduct in the name of their faith – supposedly representing the Messiah of Yisrael.

Many modern Christian Zionists have lost their way. They have forgotten the teachings of their Christ. They have turned the modern State of Israel and the Jewish people into an idol.

In doing this they are neglecting the purpose of Yahushua as set forth in the prophets concerning the salvation and redemption of Yisrael.

“*1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. YHWH called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, You are my servant, Yisrael, in whom I will be glorified. 4 But I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with YHWH, and my recompense with my Elohim. 5 And now YHWH says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Yisrael might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of YHWH, and my Elohim has become my strength - 6 he says: It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Yisrael; I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth. 7 Thus says YHWH, the Redeemer of Yisrael and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of YHWH, who is faithful, the Holy One of Yisrael, who has chosen you. 8 Thus says YHWH: In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, 9 saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; 10 they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For YHWH has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted. 14 But Tsyon said, YHWH has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me. 15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. 17 Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you. 18 Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares YHWH, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does. 19 Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land - surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away. 20 The children of your bereavement will yet say in your ears: ‘The place is too narrow for me; make room for me to dwell in.’ 21 Then you will say in your heart: ‘Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away, but who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; from where have these come? 22 Thus says Adonai YHWH: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. 23 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am YHWH; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame. 24 Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued? 25 For thus says YHWH: Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children. 26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am YHWH your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob*.” Isaiah 49:1-26

This prophecy speaks of the work of the Messiah and the protection and redemption of Yisrael by YHWH. It is about bringing people back to the Land, not imprisoning them and kicking them out.

Right now, the ones who claim to be the Chosen People are clearly not shining as a light to the Nations. Nor are they shining the Light of Messiah.

Yahushua came in fulfillment of this prophecy as we read in the text of John.

“*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. 2 He was in the beginning with Elohim. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world*.” John 1:1-9

Yahushua confirmed that He is the Light of the world and His followers are supposed to be Children of Light. He specifically stated: “*I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*.” John 8:12

If we have the Light of life we should be spreading His message of love, forgiveness, hope and life.

Our focus is His future reign, not a nation that specifically opposes Him. What defines His people from among the Nations is their righteous acts, not their continuous bloody and violent struggle to hold onto the Land.

“*6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, Hallelujah! For YHWH our Elohim the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the set apart ones.*” Revelation 19:6-8

The Bride of Yahushua should be readying herself for His return. The Bride should remain pure and undefiled by performing righteous deeds.

So, while everything we are currently witnessing will surely play into the future plans of YHWH and His Land, for the time being, the people of Elohim need to maintain their focus and stay on the narrow path.

Funding wars and supporting violence is not the righteous deeds that bring esteem to Elohim. Our mission is not about funding and arming a Zionist Nation so that we can be blessed.

With Prime Minister Netanyahu’s recent declaration that Hamas is Amalek, he has set the stage for a genocide, while America has his back.

The Scriptures record in many passages that “you reap what you sow.” And we are not supposed to scatter mixed seed. That is a Torah principle. (Leviticus 19:19)

Currently, led by Christian Zionist ideologies, America is presenting a mixed message to the world. It is sowing mixed seed into the wind and will reap the whirlwind. They would do well to remember the warnings previously provided to Yisrael through the Prophet Hosea.

“*1 Set the shofar to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of YHWH, because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My Torah. 2 Yisrael will cry to Me, ‘My Elohim, we know You!’ 3 Yisrael has rejected the good; the enemy will pursue him. 4 They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them. From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves - that they might be cut off. 5 Your calf is rejected, O Samaria! My anger is aroused against them - How long until they attain to innocence? 6 For from Yisrael is even this: a workman made it, and it is not Elohim; But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces. 7 They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens would swallow it up. 8 Yisrael is swallowed up; Now they are among the Nations like a vessel in which is no pleasure. 9 For they have gone up to Assyria, like a wild donkey alone by itself; Ephraim has hired lovers. 10 Yes, though they have hired among the nations, Now I will gather them; and they shall sorrow a little, because of the burden of the king of princes. 11 Because Ephraim has made many altars for sin, they have become for him altars for sinning. 12 I have written for him the great things of My Torah, but they were considered a strange thing. 13 For the sacrifices of My offerings they sacrifice flesh and eat it, but YHWH does not accept them. Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They shall return to Egypt. 14 For Yisrael has forgotten his Maker, and has built temples; Yahudah also has multiplied fortified cities; But I will send fire upon his cities, and it shall devour his palaces.*” Hosea 8:1-15

We don’t blindly support a people because they call themselves Jewish, or claim the title of Israel. Yahushua warned us that people are known by their fruits.

“*6 Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces. 7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! 12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Torah and the Prophets. 13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ 24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall*.” Matthew 7:6-27

We cannot be supporting people disguised as YHWH’s sheep. We need to heed the words of Yahushua, enter by the narrow gate, stay grounded on the rock and be found doing the will of the Father when the Master returns.

That is how we receive the blessings of the Elohim of Yisrael.