A nation born in a day?

An examination of the history of the Covenant Land and those who lived there

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Last week I talked about the duties and responsibilities of a Covenant people if they desire to dwell and remain in the Covenant Land.

That doesn't mean that everyone living in the Land has been in Covenant with YHWH. In fact, most have not, including the current occupants – the modern State of Israel.

I know that many people believe that the current nation that took on the name Israel, actually represents the set apart assembly of ancient Yisrael.

We were all taught that in Sunday School. It's imbedded within us and most refuse to consider the possibility that they have been deceived.

The important point to remember is that made ancient Yisrael unique was not the fact that they simply lived in the Land. What made them set apart was the fact that YHWH literally dwelled in their midst.

It's interesting that people will admit that they were lied to concerning the Sabbath, the Torah, the Messiah and even the Name of YHWH. They can admit that they were deceived concerning all those fundamental issues of faith, but they can't admit that the modern State of Israel is a living, breathing example of further religious deception.

One of the reasons is because it fits within their religious paradigm that they inherited. Christians, after all, are going to heaven. They are "spiritual Israel." Right? The Promised Land is part of that "old" testament. So why not relegate it to the Jews?

Let them continue to be physical Israel. They can deal with all the blood, sweat and the tears of all this physical stuff - the heat of the sun, the sand and the dirt. The Christians have "newer," bigger and better plans – up in the clouds.

The problem with this thinking is that it is not Scriptural at all. It is framed within the false doctrine of Replacement Theology. While Yahushua is coming in the clouds and some of His people will meet Yahushua in the clouds, the plan is to gather His people and return to Earth to take over and settle down. (Mark 13:26 and Revelation 1:7)

I find that most Christians fail to understand the relationship between man and land.

Don't forget that man was "birthed" from the earth. The fact that "Adam" (man) was taken from "adamah" (ground) was purposeful.

We were created to dwell on this beautiful planet in a paradise with YHWH. We see that from the very beginning in the Garden.

The Covenant Land was a renewal, or an extension, of the Garden. Yisrael was given the same mandate as Adam. They were supposed to tend it and guard it.

Well, in both cases man was plucked out and divorced, but will once again be "married with the Land."

That is the meaning of the restoration described in Isaiah:

"You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land married; for YHWH delights in you, and your land shall be married." Isaiah 62:4

So the point is not just to live in the Land. I see many people make that mistake. They do anything that they can just to move to the Land, and often times it does not go well for them.

Timing is everything and the goal is to have YHWH lead you back and then to dwell in the Land with YHWH.

Remember that the timing of the Exodus from Egypt, and Yisrael entering that Land, was tied to completion of the sin of the Amorites.

"And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." Genesis 15:16

Yisrael was brought into the Land at a specific time to render punishment and replace the inhabitants of the Land.

So the question involving the modern State of Israel is whether the Jews were brought into the Covenant Land at the correct time, for the similar purpose as ancient Yisrael.

We must ask this question because the Jews claim the right to the Land because they also claim to be "the chosen people." The problem is that they follow a religion created by the Pharisaic sect called Judaism. It is not the same faith taught by Moses or Yahushua. The Pharisees were judged and expelled. The Messiah Himself declared that they were not getting into the Kingdom.

So what qualifies them now to carry the mantle of "the chosen people?"

The word Jew is claimed to derive from Judah, which only constitutes one tribe out of twelve, or at most, the two tribes of the southern Kingdom, including the Levites.

Does that issue of semantics entitle them access to the Covenant Land? Absolutely not.

Like I said, timing is everything. During previous exiles, prophets provided us with punishments and expiration dates. We have no return date for the Jews given by any prophet that I am aware of.

The return to be the Land also required the right heart. Consider the prayer of Daniel was he was contemplating the end of the Seventy Year Babylonian exile.

"1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans - 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the scrolls the number of the years specified by the word of YHWH through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 Then I set my face toward Adonai ha'Elohim to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to YHWH Elohi, and made confession, and said, "O Adonai, great and awesome El, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled,

even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your Name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. ⁷ O Adonai, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day - to the men of Yahudah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Yisrael, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You. 8 O Adonai, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹ To Adonai Elohenu belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. 10 We have not obeyed the voice of YHWH Elohenu, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Yisrael has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Torah of Moses the servant of Elohim have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem. 13 "As it is written in the Torah of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before YHWH our Elohenu, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore YHWH has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for YHWH our Elohenu is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Adonai Elohenu, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day - we have sinned, we have done wickedly! 16 O Adonai, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, Elohenu, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for Adonai's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O Elohi, incline Your ear and hear; open

Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. ¹⁹ O Adonai, hear! O Adonai, forgive! O Adonai, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, Elohi, for Your city and Your people are called by Your Name." Daniel 9:1-19

Did you notice that the prayer was for "Your City and Your People called by His Name?" It is all about restoring a Covenant People to a Covenant Home and Jerusalem is where YHWH would reside in the midst of His people.

Also, did you notice the humility and the repentant attitude that earned a response.

"But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word." Isaiah 66:2

That also describes Nehemiah as he heard about the return to Jerusalem.

"⁴ So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the Elohim of heaven. ⁵ And I said: 'I pray, YHWH Elohim of heaven, O great and awesome Elohim, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, ⁶ please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Yisrael Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Yisrael which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you are unfaithful, I will

scatter you among the nations; ⁹ but if you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.' ¹⁰ Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. ¹¹ O Adonai, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Nehemiah 1:4-11

Did you notice the requirements for returning to the Land? "If you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name."

Now consider the attitude of the people who returned.

"⁶ And Ezra blessed et-YHWH, the great Elohim. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped YHWH with their faces to the ground . . . ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to YHWH your Elohim; do not mourn nor weep.' For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Torah." Nehemiah 8:6, 9

So when considering "the Chosen People" we must ask: "Chosen for what?"

Well, the Scriptures provide the answer to that question.

"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Yisrael." Exodus 19:6

Implicit in this description is obedience to the "holy" (set apart) instructions of YHWH found in the Torah. They are supposed to "be holy" because they were supposed to be dwelling with a "holy" Elohim in a "holy" Land.

So the whole basis and justification for the modern State of Israel is hollow, not holy. It's baseless without repentance, obedience and the presence of YHWH Elohim.

After the resurrection and ascension of Yahushua, Peter wrote a letter to "¹ . . . the sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² elect according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Messiah Yahushua." 1 Peter 1:1-2

He described them as "the sojourners of the exile." The tribes who were scattered into the Nations. He calls them the "elect" - eklektos in the Greek. It means "chosen."

He then describes these elect ones as follows: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

This is a description of Yisrael, not Christians or Jews. They are called out of darkness because Yisrael is supposed to be children of light.

So, the elect are those in the Covenant renewed by the blood of Yahushua who were set apart by the spirit and sprinkled by the blood of Yahushua. They are the ones who now constitute the "chosen people." They can include Jews, or anyone from the Nations where the House of Yisrael has been scattered.

The problem is that there were some who rejected the teaching of Yahushua and clung to their genetics for their identity.

Consider the interchange between Yahushua and some of the Jews.

"31 So Yahushua said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Yahushua answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." ³⁹ They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Yahushua said to them, If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from Elohim. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father - even Elohim. 42 Yahushua said to them, "If Elohim were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of Elohim hears the words of Elohim. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of Elohim." John 8:31-47

Did you catch the fact that they said that they were the offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved by anyone?

How can this be true if they were descended through Jacob? It can't.

It can be true if they are descended from Esau though. They were being ruled over by Herodian Edomites. Could this be a confession that they too were Edomites?

We have the genealogy of Yahushua, but we do not have the genealogy of the Jews who He was speaking to. He says they are not from Elohim and that their father was the devil. Most people just read this as an insult, but what if it was a factual statement?

What about His statement to the Assembly at Philadelphia. "Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie - indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you." Revelation 3:9

By this time the followers of Yahushua were receiving "the left foot of fellowship" from the Pharisees in the Synagogues. So the Synagogues consisted of those "who say they are Jews, but are not."

In other words, they were claiming to be "the chosen people" but they were not in the Covenant renewed by YHWH. They were lying. They were not the chosen people. Sound familiar?

That message was to an Assembly in Asia Minor, but it was no different in the Land. The followers of Yahushua ended up going to

the Nations. After the first Jewish Revolt in 66 CE most of Yahudah fled or were expelled from the Land, although some communities were spared from the Roman "blitzkrieg" leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 CE.

After the destruction of the Temple you had two groups: 1) the ones who rejected Yahushua, took over the synagogues and started a brand new religion called Judaism, and 2) the followers of Yahushua who left the synagogues and went to the Lost Sheep of the House of Yisrael. They had already fled to Jordan as Yahushua instructed.

There was a Second Jewish revolt around 132 and 136 CE when the Pharisees actually promoted a false messiah, Bar Kokhba, to fight against the Romans. That revolt was crushed and the Romans completely erased every trace of Jerusalem and renamed it Aelia Capitolina.

They did not keep the "retaining walls" of the Temple complex so that people could remember the existence of the Temple and someday come back and pray toward that wall. The point was to completely erase every thought of Jerusalem and the Temple. All traces were destroyed and it was completely replaced with a pagan city.

That is why I try to show people that the so-called "Western Wall" was part of the Roman Fortress Antonio. It was Roman Territory and that is why it remained standing.

That leads to questions concerning the prophecies involving the restoration of Yisrael and a return to the Land. How and when will that occur, and who will be included?

I think it is important to first look at the who, and that requires a little history. I actually had some people ask me to get into more of the history of the Land, so all of these issues may build upon one another over the next several weeks. I did a lot of cutting and pasting to save time and I warn you that this message is longer than most.

Right now, the elephant in the room is the modern State of Israel. Does this nation constitute a Scriptural return of the Covenant people, or is it something altogether different?

When you examine history, it becomes fairly clear.

After the Second Jewish Revolt, the Romans not only erased all traces of Jerusalem, they renamed the Land "Palestine." It was the Latin version of Philistine – the name of the ancient enemies of the Yisraelites who dwelled in the Gaza region.

Hadrian joined the province of Judea with Galilee and the Paralia to form the new province of Syria Palaestina. Yahudim were prohibited from living in Aelia Capitolina, but some eventually trickled back and also lived in the surrounding areas.

The Land then experienced nearly 1900 years of changing rulers and governments, from Christian Byzantine Empire to Muslim Rule, that involved various Caliphates that eventually led to the Crusader period. That then led to Ayyubid and Mamluk periods and then to the Ottoman Empire up to the British Mandate for Palestine in the early 1900's, after the breakup of the Ottoman Empire.

That is an incredibly concise and simplistic summary, but it is important to understand that the populations and religions of those populations were constantly changing and shifting in the Land.

It is also critical to understand since the Ottomans ruled over a vast swath of land for over 600 years. As it was fragmented and dissected, many countries simply appeared, or reappeared on the stage of history. That process was known as the "partitioning" of the Ottoman Empire. These new "nations" were known as mandates, such as Turkey, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and others.

During this same period, the Nationalist Movement of Zionism was forming, seeking a homeland for Jewish people. The Jews were like nomads or Gypsies, in a sense. They were a people group who shared a common identity, but they had no country.

They settled down in various countries, sometimes they were welcome, sometimes they were not. Sometimes they assimilated, but often times they ended up being persecuted and even banished.

Theodor Herzl, an Austro-Hungarian journalist, is often credited as being the father of modern political Zionism. He determined that assimilation was not a viable permanent solution for the plight of the Jewish people. They needed a homeland of their own. The First Zionist Congress was held in Basel, Switzerland in 1897.

This congress established the World Zionist Organization (WZO), which aimed to promote Jewish migration to Palestine and garner international support for a Jewish state. The Basel Program, adopted at this congress, officially defined Zionism's goal as "the creation of a home for the Jewish people in Palestine secured under public law."

There was nothing religious about it. It is important to understand that not all Jews are Zionists, and not all Zionists are Jews.

Well, the Covenant Land was part of the British Mandate for Palestine and we know the British agreed to push for a Jewish Homeland in Palestine. That intention was included in a letter from Arthur James Balfour to The Lord (Lionel Walter) Rothchild that came to be known as The Balfour Declaration.

Rothchild was a Zionist leader and part of the family that controls the finances of most of the world. They are not followers of YHWH Elohim and they were not promoting Zionism in order to restore the Kingdom of Elohim. It was simply about getting land for Jews to live in.

When it became evident that the plan was in motion, Jewish refugees poured in from surrounding nations. World War II became a major impetus for refugees to seek a safe place to live.

Ultimately, a partition plan was developed by the United Nations.

The United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine was a proposal which recommended a partition of Mandatory Palestine at the end of the British Mandate. The plan was to establish a Jewish State and an Arab State, but there was never an agreement between these two states.

The Zionist groups generally accepted and promoted it, while the Arab groups rejected it. Nevertheless, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted 33 to 13, with 10 abstentions and 1 absent, in favor of the modified Partition Plan. The UN General Assembly adopted the Plan as Resolution 181 (II). It set an expiration date for the British Mandate over Palestine for May 14, 1948.

On May 14, 1948, the day when the British Mandate over Palestine expired, David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish Agency, announced the establishment of a Jewish state in part of the Covenant Land to be known as the State of Israel.

While the Jews declared a nation, the Arabs declared war. The subsequent conflict, known as the 1948 Arab-Israeli War or the War

of Independence, saw the fledgling State of Israel pitted against a coalition of Arab nations.

Israel managed to not only defend its territory but also expand its borders beyond those proposed in the UN Partition Plan. That is why you see modern maps with borders reflecting "occupied territories" such as "the West Bank."

So Israel was "authorized" by the United Nations but they then went beyond those boundaries. That lies at the heart of the current conflict, although many Arab nations want to completely annihilate the modern State of Israel.

The facts of history are that the Arabs lost the war. The Zionist Movement succeeded, and the Jewish State survived.

The question that many people grapple with is whether this was a fulfillment of prophecy? Was it a nation born in a day?

Evangelicals try to apply the prophecy in Isaiah 66 to the founding of the Jewish State. Here is what they quote: "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children." Isaiah 66:8

As a result of this prophecy I have heard many Christians proclaim that the modern State of Israel was "a nation born in a day."

Clearly, that was not the context of the prophecy. Isaiah 66 is referring to when Tzyon is "birthed" from the Nations of the Earth and return in peace to Jerusalem. This is more akin to a miraculous deliverance – a Greater Exodus.

As we already saw, a lot of nations were "born" after the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, including the United Nations sanctioned Partition Plan of Palestine.

The modern State of Israel derived from the seed of Zionism, not the seed of Abraham.

Remember that Abraham was not a Jew. He was a Hebrew and he was remarkable because of his obedience that kept Him in a Covenant relationship with YHWH. The fact that circumcision on his male organ was a sign of the Covenant was a reminder that his seed were also supposed to be in Covenant with YHWH.

That is why you are not saved by getting circumcised. You are saved through the Covenant that has circumcision as a sign on the eighth day.

The sign of the eighth day requires the shedding of human blood to be required, and that is when we remember the blood shed by Yahushua to renew the broken Covenant.

As I sat in Jerusalem on The Eighth Day last month, the reality of that rehearsal was very vivid. People need to acknowledge the Messiah and His fulfillment of the Appointed Times if they want to be in a Covenant relationship. They don't get the "status" without the Messiah.

The seed of Abraham involves a commitment to obedience and a life of faith in YHWH. YHWH entered into a Covenant relationship with Abraham and his descendants who should continue to serve the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the Elohim of Yisrael.

Zionism carries with it Marxist-Leninist ideologies and it is clearly secular. That is why the modern State of Israel is primarily secular.

The Israeli Declaration of Independence makes some allusions to the Land being the place where their "spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped," but it does not seek to restore the Kingdom of Yisrael.

They claim to have given to the world "the eternal Book of Books," yet refer to Theodore Herzl as "the spiritual father of the Jewish State" – not YHWH. They claim to place their trust in "the Almighty," but they display the hexagram as their banner - the six pointed star that is the sign of the sixth planet Saturn.

It's one thing to dance with a Torah Scroll, and another thing to actually live out the words that are contained within the Scroll. It is not valid to claim a connection with a Covenant people in the past, but then completely ignore the Covenant in the present.

These are important distinctions with dramatic differences that most Christians completely fail to understand. That is because they generally do not know history.

One thing for sure is that history is filled with wars and violence, and it is fair to say that "war is hell," as the saying goes.

That is certainly true with the founding of the modern State of Israel. A lot of bad things happened before, during and after the founding of the Jewish State, including what is called the Nakba, which means: "the disaster."

In 1948, more than 700,000 Palestinian Arabs – about half of prewar Mandatory Palestine's Arab population – fled from their homes or were expelled by Zionist militias during the 1948 war.

The exodus was a central component of the fracturing, dispossession, and displacement of Palestinian society, known as the Nakba.

Between 400 and 600 Palestinian villages were destroyed. Village wells were poisoned in a biological warfare program and properties were looted to prevent Palestinian refugees from returning. It was a real blight on Zionist history.

According to Jewish physician and author Dr. Gabor Maté, it started the longest ethnic cleansing operation in history. He was a Zionist during that time and he recalls how the Zionist settlors turned on the local Arab families who had previously helped them, simply because they were Arab. The accounts that he provides of what the Zionists did to the Arabs are horrendous and shocking. He is no longer a Zionist.

The irony is that some of the Kibbutz communities that were attacked on October 7, 2023 were the former villages of the Palestinians who were evicted during the Nakba. Many of those Arab villagers were relegated to Gaza.

Well, the struggle for YHWH's Land continues and it is often brutal. Arab refugees were not absorbed into surrounding countries. The Arab nations told them to wait until Israel was abolished, which has turned them into perpetual refugees and pawns.

Desperation is fertile ground for terrorists, and keeping these "Palestinian" Arabs in desperate and decrepit conditions was purposeful and intentional.

It led to the formation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1964. The PLO was infiltrated by Fatah, led by Yasser Arafat, after the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War of 1967.

In 1969, Arafat became Chairman of the PLO's Executive Committee, holding the title until his death in 2004. The PLO moved from Jordan to Lebanon, where it grew into an army.

In October 1974, the Arab League recognized the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," and granted it full membership. A month later, Arafat became the first non-state leader to address the United Nations General Assembly.

In 1982, the PLO leadership moved its bases to Tunisia, where it remained until it relocated to Gaza in 1994.

The Oslo Accords established the Palestinian National Authority (PA), which functioned as an agency of the PLO, to govern parts of Gaza and the West Bank. They also created a timetable for Israel to gradually withdraw from key territories.

In 1994, Arafat returned to Gaza to head up the PA, after being exiled for 27 years. However, peace between the Israelis and Palestinians was short-lived. The Second Intifada, another period of bloody conflict, took place from 2000 to 2005. That's when I started to travel to the Land in the year 2000, and I recall many attacks while I was there.

In 2006, a Sunni Islamist militant group called Hamas won the majority in the Palestinian Legislative Council elections.

Conflict between the ruling Fatah and Hamas led to violence in 2007, when Hamas defeated Fatah in a battle for Gaza. The two PA areas were run by separate factions, with Fatah ruling the West Bank and Hamas ruling Gaza.

Now it turns out that a divided Palestinian Authority was a strategy of Israel. Israel actually helped create Hamas in order to counter the secular Palestinian Authority.

Hamas was led by Imam and activist Sheikh Ahmed Ismail Hassan Yassin. It emerged out of his Mujama al-Islamiya, which had been established in Gaza in 1973 as an Islamic charity involved with the Egypt-based Muslim Brotherhood.

The people in Gaza saw hope for change through Hamas, which was doing things to help the people. They elected Hamas, hoping for something better than the PA. Sadly, they were given false hope.

Hamas was initially treated favorably by Israel. The sheik was even brought to Israeli hospitals for medical treatment.

Former US Congressman from Texas Ron Paul famously stated on the floor of congress that Israel created Hamas.

Israel eventually poisoned Yasar Arafat, weakened the converted Palestinian Authority into a controllable organization with weak and corrupted leaders.

So with Hamas in control of Gaza and the PA in control of the West Bank, the Palestinian cause was fractured and divided. In that scenario, no two state solution was possible. Mission accomplished for Israel. Right?

Since Hamas was elected in 2006, there have been no further elections in Gaza. Hamas has taken over the prison and turned it into one big war bunker.

It's like your next door neighbor having a pack of ferocious Pit Bull Terriers in their yard trying to attack you on a fraying leash behind a broken chain link fence. It's bound to get ugly, and it has on many occasions. October 7, 2023 was the worst yet. The leash broke and the gate was left open.

So, there is a nation called Israel founded by Marxist Zionists. That is a fact. It is also a fact that it was not born in a day. Again, the prophecy

in Isaiah 66 is speaking about the Earth giving birth out of the Nations as the people are brought to Tzyon to dwell in Peace in Jerusalem. We are awaiting that fulfillment.

It is not describing the Zionist Movement that out spent, out politicked and out fought the Arabs who lived in the Land. The Zionists won with the help of the British who clearly favored the establishment of a Jewish State.

It's not much different than the Americans conquering and subjugating the predecessors of the land under the concept of Manifest Destiny, except for the fact that Americans could not claim a prior right to the Land.

Of course, I grew up with the notion that America carried the "Most Favored Nation" status in the eyes of God.

In line with Replacement Theology teaching, since America was a Christian nation and since Christians were "spiritual Israel" then obviously America was the new Promised Land.

It was "God ordained" to wipe out those savages and confine them to reservations. That was the justification used by many to conquer the New World. It was manifest destiny.

The main difference is that while America has traditionally been inclusive of all peoples, Zionism is premised on exclusivity. It's a members only state and the requirement is that you are Jewish. Not obedience to the Torah.

That probably wouldn't be a problem if the founded the nation at the North Pole, but it does create a problem when the Land they claim is the same Land that YHWH has set apart for His Covenant people.

It becomes even more of a problem when YHWH sent His Son to renew the broken Covenant with Yisrael, and the current occupants specifically reject the Son and the Renewed Covenant.

It is important to recognize it for what it is.

I find it fascinating when I receive emails from people who remain deluded by the fairytale of Israel that they have been fed by modern Evangelical Christianity and Christian Zionists.

They still cling to the notion that YHWH looks favorably upon Israel. He's just so happy to have them back in the Land that He overlooks all the defilement going on in His Land.

Of course, most Christians are so oblivious to the concept of holiness and deluded by their understanding of grace, that this does not pose a problem at all. They mostly reject the Torah, so why would YHWH actually continue to insist that His people act righteously? He's over that.

They act as though YHWH is just a pushover Who doesn't really mean what He says. Just let them back into the Land and forget about the past. Let bygones be bygones.

Of course, this must be the case because look at all the technology and scientific advancements that come out of Israel. That's proof of God's blessings. Right?

Well, a cursory review of I Enoch clearly reveals the source of the "technologies" that led to the defilement of all flesh and the judgment through the flood. It came from fallen angels – Nephilim.

"2 And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: Come, let us choose us wives from

among the children of men and beget us children. ³ And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: "I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin. ⁴ And they all answered him and said: "Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing. ⁵ Then swore they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. 6 And these are the names of their leaders: Samlazaz, their leader, Araklba, Rameel, Kokablel, Tamlel, Ramlel, Danel, Ezeqeel, Baraqijal, Asael, Armaros, Batarel, Ananel, Zaqlel, Samsapeel, Satarel, Turel, Jomjael, Sariel. These are their chiefs of tens. 7 And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them. 8 And they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants." 1 Enoch 3:2-8 (The Book of the Watchers)

This was the origin of the sorcery, the witchcraft and the pharmekia that has overtaken the world under the guise of "modern medicine" and "technology."

But it didn't end there. "10 And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones. 11 And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all coloring tinctures. 12 And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways." 1 Enoch 10-12

The Nephilim also taught mankind how make weapons. They want men to shed blood and even drink blood because it defiles them. That is something YHWH vehemently opposes.

So, if you want to give credit to the modern State of Israel for all of their pharmaceutical drugs and their modern weaponry, please do not ascribe it as a blessing from YHWH.

And don't forget that Israel was the self-described "Vaccination Nation" during the Covid deception. They place their hope and trust in the Iron Dome and the IDF, not YHWH Elohim. These are not signs of a Covenant people. YHWH doesn't need vaccines to protect His people from plagues or bombs and tanks to protect His people from their enemies.

Of course, the existence of the modern State of Israel was all just one big miracle. It has nothing to do with the United Nations, the Illuminati powers that rule the world and the billions funneled into the country every year by Babylon to prop it up.

This is where Christian Zionists will typically insert their head into the sand or plug their ears.

No. It's just a miracle. Even though it doesn't conform to the prophecies, or the patterns in the Torah.

The people who believe such things are willing to turn a blind eye and ignore reality because they don't want to ruin their paradigm. Some have invested so much into "Uniting with Israel" and "Standing with Israel," that they couldn't imagine anything different.

Typically, these people have never set foot in the Land or have only been a tourist once or twice. I challenge people to really spend some time there in order to take a look under the hood before they commit their time, money, adoration and even sweat to Israel.

Regarding their ancient claim to the land, let's not forget who the oldest occupants of the Land were. Not the Yisraelites and not the "Palestinians."

No. The previous occupants were the Nephilim and their offspring the Giants.

They were evicted by the ancient Yisraelites under the leadership of Yahushua (Joshua). The Patriarch Joshua was a pattern for the Messiah Yahushua. That is why the Nephilim hate Him and His Name, as do the ones who currently control the Land.

The Nephilim would love nothing more than to return to the Land and erase Yisrael by disguising themselves as the chosen race while setting up their New World Order with the Covenant Land as their world headquarters. Can you see behind the deception?

They know the prophecies that Messiah will rule and reign from Tzyon. That is why they are working so hard to control and kill mankind from that place.

It's layer upon layer of deception and deceit and that is why you must have the Spirit guiding you.

Talking points from Christian ministries or conservative news channels are not going to get you where you need to be.

I already mentioned some of the talking points involving "a surprise attack," "Hamas is the Isis of Gaza," "Israel's 9/11," and now "October 7 is Israel's Pearl Harbor."

It's all intended to manipulate you. Do not forget that Pearl Harbor was not "a surprise attack" and ended with two atomic bombs being dropped on innocent civilians. It's clear that the United States knew ahead of time, just like they knew about 9/11. This is all taken from the same play book to get the masses stirred up and driven by emotions.

You've heard of "crimes of passion." Most people would not harm someone under normal circumstances. But when you get emotions involved like love, hate, greed, fear, it's much easier to get them to kill or consent to killing. They want as many dead as they can get when riled up by emotions. They fall into bloodlust.

That is the goal of what we are currently seeing. At the start of the Covid pandemic I took my family to the Georgia Guide Stones because I wanted to drive the point home regarding what was happening. Those Guide Stones provided the plan for the New World Order.

It's all about killing us, and if they can get us to kill each other then that's even better. They need to drastically reduce the population in order to effectively control the population.

The primary reason why I recommend not taking sides is because most geopolitics are scripted events.

Take for instance, the plans set forth by the Project for a New American Century.

In September 2000, the neo-con Christian Zionist think tank published a report titled *Rebuilding America's Defenses, Strategy, Forces and Resources For a New Century*.

The group recommended regime change in Iraq and proposed a revolution in US military capabilities, including global missile defense

"to provide a secure basis for U.S. power projection around the world" and the creation of a new service – US Space Forces – with the mission of space control. It stated that this "process of transformation ... is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor."

Hmmm. A new Pearl Harbor?

This was all "predicted" right before September 11, 2001 (9/11) that led to the regime change in Iraq. Could that be a coincidence? And why did America attack Iraq after 9/11?

Oh yeah. America invaded Iraq in March 2003 because the Saudi national Osama Bin Laden was the mastermind who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks from a cave in Afghanistan. (Pause for head scratch)

Of course that all makes perfect sense to those in the PNAC. They had their "new Pearl Harbor" and could push for their desired regime change.

Most Americans were just happy to bomb somebody. Anyone defined as a terrorist would do. They needed to satisfy their urge for revenge, and that is exactly what we see going on now in the Middle East.

Israel is going to go way overboard in their response to the Hamas attack which could set off a domino effect.

It's a complicated web, and far too much to detail in this brief highlight of some historical events.

Again, my only point is that things are not always as they seem. A lot of patriotic Americans felt good about pummeling Iraq and deposing Saddam Hussein, who actually used to be a strong ally of the Americans.

Sadly, there were credible estimates in the range of 200,000 civilian deaths in that operation. And what did it accomplish? Iran now has significant influence in the politics of Iraq. That was a brilliant move on the part of the United States. Consider the human suffering that it caused. But at least it made a lot of people rich.

I can assure you that Israel's 9/11 and Pearl Harbor will lead to similar results. A lot of innocent lives will be lost to accomplish the objectives of different nations, corporations, organizations and evil people.

America's 9/11 led to the Patriot Act and the never-ending war on terror.

The phrase "axis of evil" was first used by U.S. President George W. Bush and originally referred to Iran, Iraq, and North Korea. It was used in Bush's State of the Union address on January 29, 2002, less than five months after the 9/11 attacks and almost a year before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, and often repeated throughout his presidency.

General Wesley Clark reported that ten days after the 9/11 attack he was told that America made the decision to go to war against Iraq. Then, two weeks later, he was shown how they would take out seven countries in five years: Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Iran.

The conclusion from all of this is that Iran is on America's hit list. The United States meddled in their countries affairs years ago, and they took out their revenge during the revolution by taking American hostages. Iran now seems to be the goal.

What occurred on the morning of October 7, 2023 in Israel was no doubt horrendous and highly disturbing.

The actions of Hamas were obviously intended to spark a fire. They intentionally performed unspeakable acts, wearing body cams and using cell phones. They recorded their brutality and published the videos knowing full well that it would spur a reaction.

Some people have now been calling this the most horrible event in history, or at least their lifetime. Well, those people obviously don't know their history.

I grew up in upstate New York near Cherry Valley and was familiar with the details of the Cherry Valley massacre. Stories from the Revolutionary War abound all throughout the Northeast.

Many Native American Indians were referred to as "savages" due to their horrific actions. Are you aware of the process involved in "scalping" someone while they are alive?

It's pretty horrendous. In fact, I recommend that you acquaint yourself with some of the accounts of the American Frontier Wars.

The "savages" were trying to stop the "settlors" from moving in and taking their lands. They did some pretty shocking things in retaliation.

Consider the Comanches rules of war: "All the men were killed, and any men who were captured alive were tortured; the captive women were gang raped. Babies were invariably killed."

According to historian Michael Trevis "Comanches would put a prisoner to work digging a hole, telling him they needed it for a religious ceremony. When the captive, using a knife and his hands, had completed digging a pit about five feet deep, they bound him with rope, placed him in it, filled the hole with dirt, packing it around his body and exposed head. They then scalped him and cut off his ears, nose, lips, and eyelids. Leaving him bleeding, they rode away, counting on the sun and insects to finish their work for them.

Even worse fates could befall warriors brought back alive to Nermernuh encampments. Here, especially once the victim's screams established that his medicine was broken, the work was left to the women. Most observers reported that the women were far more patient and vicious tormentors than the males. It may have been the exercise of vengeance against their lot in life, but at any rate, the females destroyed the captive by the most drawn-out and hideous means they could devise. They cut off his fingers and peeled his eyes; they stretched his tongue and charred his soles, and they invariably devoted fiendish attention to his penis and testicles. The torture went on for hours, even days, so long as the body survived."

If the word "terrorist" existed two hundred years ago there is no doubt it would have been applied to them.

Well, we know how that story ended. That's just the reality of history.

It is full of horrible atrocities like the Holocaust, where it wasn't just Jews who were exterminated. In a 2015 HuffPost article, Louise Ridley stated "Six million Jewish people were murdered during the genocide in Europe in the years leading up to 1945, and the Jews are rightly remembered as the group that Adolf Hitler's Nazi party most savagely persecuted during the Holocaust. But the Nazis targeted many other groups: for their race, beliefs or what they did. Historians estimate the total number of deaths to be 11 million, with the victims encompassing gay people, priests, gypsies, people with mental or physical disabilities, communists, trade unionists, Jehovah's

Witnesses, anarchists, Poles and other Slavic peoples, and resistance fighters."

Some of the non-Jew survivors described witnessing their friends executed by being torn apart by Alsatian dogs, their heads stomped on until their brains came out along with innumerable other methods of torture and experimentation.

Do you remember the Rwandan genocide in 1994? The most widely accepted scholarly estimates are around 500,000 to 800,000 Tutsis were killed. Many of them hacked to death with machetes. 250,000 to 500,000 Tutsi women were raped during the genocide.

Have you ever even heard of the Armenian genocide where the Ottoman Empire killed more than one million Armenians during World War I?

Consider the brutality and atrocities of Joseph Stalin – 60 million deaths, Mau Zedong – 45 to 70 million deaths, Pol Pot – 2 million deaths and Idi Amin – a measly 300,000 deaths. They all make October 7, 2023 pale in comparison.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, simply some names that came immediately to my mind when considering fairly recent history.

You don't have to look very hard to find horrible treatment of innocent men, women and children throughout history. Sometimes we have evidence through video and photographs. Most of the time we only have the words of eyewitnesses and victims.

I hope that you get my point though. We didn't start World War III over any of these atrocities, yet it seems like the United States is hell bent on going to war with Iran, Russia and even China at the same time.

If Israel decides to flatten Gaza, there is nothing you or I can do to change it, but we don't have to be unconditionally supporting their actions.

I for one don't want blood on my hands, especially when I see where this could be headed. I'm certainly not interested in having my children get drafted so they can avenge the blood of some poor Israeli victims.

I predicted that Israel was going to go over the top in their response to the Hamas attack and I was clearly correct. They are involved in a traditional middle eastern blood feud and it is only going to escalate.

It's all part of the plan, and I continue to warn people not to get caught up in all of the drama. If you live in a place of peace you should thank YHWH every day and not encourage war, because war is a nightmare.

Last week I had a Christian Zionist friend comment that "words can kill." He felt that speaking negatively about the modern State of Israel could be harmful.

Well, facts are facts and ultimately, we must all account to YHWH for our words ... and our silence.

I have always marveled at how many Christian Zionist leaders turn a blind eye to the atrocities and abominations occurring under the watch of the Zionists ruling the modern State of Israel.

I have always felt that it is best to point out the sins in the Land in the hope that people will repent. Failure to repent always results in judgment, but so does a failure to warn.

"¹ Again the word of YHWH came to me, saying, ² Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, ³ when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the shofar and warns the people, ⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the shofar and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the shofar, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the shofar, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." Ezekiel 33:1-6

If you claim to be the chosen people miraculously returned to the Covenant Land, that makes you custodians of "the Holy Land."

You are responsible for keeping it set apart and following the Torah. You are especially accountable for how you treat the foreigner and the stranger. Sadly, that is not what is currently happening. Israel is not guarding the Torah or the Land.

The young people at the Supernova music festival were dancing in front of a giant Buddha, and in the past I have heard reports of rave parties where they dance around golden calves. Simply unbelievable. Especially in the Covenant Land.

It's idolatry and abominable conduct that is unacceptable in the Land. You can't expect to lay claim to YHWH's land, do things like that and receive His eternal protection.

Remember when the House of Yisrael started to crumble?

They had turned their back on YHWH and worshipped two golden calves. The Assyrians began to penetrate the Northern Kingdom by raiding and pillaging – just like what happened on October 7, 2023. The disobedience of the House of Yisrael had placed them outside the protection of YHWH.

By the way, the Assyrians were absolutely brutal toward their enemies. I'm sure that you've heard the term "take a head count."

The Assyrians used to cut off the heads of their enemies and pile up the heads so they could do "a head count" and display their victory. They used to take their hostages away naked with hooks in their noses.

They were proud of having mass executions. They loved to impale their victims on large stakes. Such sights instilled terror and fear into the rest of the population. The stake was driven into the body under the ribs. The victim's weight caused the spikes to protrude deeper and deeper into the body. It was a slow and painful death.

They tortured their captives mercilessly. Hamas is a bunch of amateurs compared to the Assyrians, who also invented the crucifixion. Take a look at some of the Assyrian reliefs available in museums that provide visual accounts of their torture methods. The Assyrians were literally the definition of "terror" and "violence."

Well, the response of the House of Yisrael should have been to repent and turn to YHWH. They should have asked: "Why have we lost the protection of Elohim?"

They should have repented, returned to YHWH and sought His protection. Instead, they doubled down. Their reaction was defiance.

Read what YHWH spoke through Isaiah:

"8 Adonai has sent a word against Jacob, and it will fall on Yisrael; 9 and all the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart: 10 The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. ¹¹ But YHWH raises the adversaries of Rezin against him, and stirs up his enemies. 12 The Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west devour Yisrael with open mouth. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still. 13 The people did not turn to him who struck them, nor inquire of YHWH of hosts. 14 So cut off from Yisrael head and tail, palm branch and reed in one day 15 the elder and honored man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail; 16 for those who guide this people have been leading them astray, and those who are guided by them are swallowed up. ¹⁷ Therefore Adonai does not rejoice over their young men, and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still. 18 For wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briers and thorns; it kindles the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. 19 Through the wrath of YHWH of hosts the land is scorched, and the people are like fuel for the fire; no one spares another. ²⁰ They slice meat on the right, but are still hungry, and they devour on the left, but are not satisfied; each devours the flesh of his own arm. 21 Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim devours Manasseh; together they are against Yahudah. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still." Isaiah 9:8-21

This passage was made popular by Johnathan Cahn after 9/11, and it is equally applicable to Israel's 9/11 response as they promise to destroy Hamas and annihilate Gaza.

The rhetoric coming from Israel, if followed by actions, will surely result in a larger regional conflict, if not a global war as nations align with other nations against one another.

Indeed, the threats keep coming from Netanyahu who vows that "all Hamas men are dead men walking - in Gaza and abroad." So now apparently Israel is going to search throughout the world and assassinate people while the United States has their back.

Those words are words of death and will only lead to destruction.

So I agree with my friend that words can kill and there will surely be a lot more bloodshed in the days ahead.

In the midst of all of this, we need to speak words of life that lead people to repentance.

One of my guiding verses is found in Daniel. "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3

If you claim to be a follower of Yahushua, standing with Israel and unconditionally supporting Israel in their quest for vengeance is not wise in my humble opinion.

These times call for wisdom, not irrational and emotionally driven responses grounded in ignorance, ultimately orchestrated by evil forces who want us all dead.

The recent decision by the United States to "unconditionally" support Israel could lead to a disastrous outcome.

While the modern State of Israel was clearly not birthed in a day, we know that Babylon will be judged in a day.

"8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is Adonai YHWH who has judged her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. 10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and says "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come." Revelation 18:8-10

YHWH is merciful and always gives people time to repent. That's where we find ourselves now. We don't know how much time there will be until the fullness of His judgment comes upon the Earth.

I suspect that when it does, it will happen quickly. In an hour. Before that, the Earth will experience birth pangs as Tzyon is being birthed from the Nations.

Remember that Noah spent many years building the ark and warning people before the flood. When it finally started raining, it was too late.

That is why He warns us to "Come out of her My people lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

Now is the time to stay set apart with your lamps lit and your vessels full of oil.

You can stand with Israel if you want, but you had better be prepared to fall with her as well.