

Growing a Community of Followers of Yeshua, Bringing Him to Jewish Pittsburgh and beyond.



- PROCLAIM -
My **Abba** (Father)
my **El** (God),
and **Tzur** (Rock) -
my **Yeshua** (Salvation)

- Psalms 89:26 -

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE and JEWISH HISTORY

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS ON PRAYING FOR ISRAEL

If God wrote instructions to get something done, how helpful would they be?

Of course The Bible - Old and New Testaments - are Yehovah's written words to us so we can know Him and His Ways. **What does the Bible say about praying for the Jewish people ?**

Before we look at HOW to pray for this people, we should ask, "WHO are the Jewish people?"

- **They are the "apple of God's eye"** (in other words God is very sensitive about what happens to them) - Zechariah 2:8
- **They are Lost Sheep that Yeshua - Jesus said He wanted to rescue** (Matthew 15:24)
- **In fact, The Jewish People are the ones for whom He came to give His Life as a Ransom**(Isaiah 53:8) **that resulted in salvation for the whole world** (Isaiah 49:6, Romans 11:12).
- **The Jewish people were not chosen by God because they were better** (more fruitful, successful, greater in number) **than anyone else** (Duet 7:7,8)
- **The Jewish people, as all people, are in need of Yeshua as their Salvation** (Romans 3:21-23, John 14:6).
- **Yehovah has not rejected His People Israel** (Romans 11:1 & 11), **and still plans/desires for them to be a nation of priests for the nations** (Romans 11:29), but they can only fulfill this calling if they are born again in Yeshua and filled with His Holy Spirit.

So what does this have to do with Gentiles?

- **Yehovah has commissioned the Gentiles to pray for the Jewish people** (Isaiah 62:6,7, Psalm 122:6, Romans 10:1)
- **His instruction to The Church is that it is necessary to take The Good News of Yeshua - Jesus to the Jewish People first** (Romans 1:16, Acts 13:46).

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Romans 1:16 -**

Because God says He is greatly concerned about His People Israel, and Jesus said He came to save The Jewish People - we who claim to be His followers should also have HIS heart for HIS people.

Yeshua - Jesus is “alive forevermore making intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).” If you came back from the dead, wouldn’t you consider *carefully* how you should use the “new lease on life” God gives you? Yeshua is using His Resurrection Life to intercede for us before The Father. Think of the importance this gives to praying & interceding for others !

So how should we pray for the Jewish people?

Several Scripture passages give a central answer expressed in various ways -

- ★ Romans 10:1 - **First and foremost - we must pray for the salvation of the Jewish people.**

The Apostle Paul writes, “*My heart’s desire and prayer for Israel is that they might be saved.*” He is speaking of being saved from sin - which ONLY happens through Yeshua - Jesus.

- ★ Psalm 122:6 - **We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Jewish People.**

King David write - “*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.*” True peace only comes from right relationship with The Father through The Son - Yeshua - Jesus.

Especially with the constant tension in The Middle East we should be praying for a resolution of these conflicts and pray for the lands and people involved to have peace instead of war. But the Hebrew for peace- “*shalom*” does not mean a cessation of conflict, it means “health, completeness, soundness.” Paul said, “Colossians 2:10 - And you are complete in Him [Yeshua - Jesus].” When we pray “Peace” for Jerusalem we should be praying for the Jewish people find salvation in Yeshua - Jesus and thus be “complete in Him.”

- ★ . Isaiah 62:7 - **We are commanded to pray for Yehovah to “establish” Jerusalem and “make her praiseworthy.”**

The only way anything or anyone is “established” is if it is set securely on The Rock of Salvation - Yeshua. The only way anything is praiseworthy - in Yehovah’s eyes - is if it has been cleansed by The Blood of The Lamb. This passage, also then, is talking about the salvation of the Jewish people through the work of Yeshua - Jesus. God is commanding us, once again, to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people.

The Bible also speaks to the question - “How much effort should we put into praying for The Jewish People?”

Isaiah 62:6,7 says “ ***take no rest for yourself and give Him [Yehovah] no rest ...***” until **God accomplishes His desire for Israel.** It sounds like Yehovah is pretty serious about this!

As our hearts become more and more tuned to Yehovah’s heart - and appreciate that which He says is important to Him - we will become a better reflection of His Love, and will experience more of His Life flowing in and through us !

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