

## Why Christian Friends of Israel?

*'He remembers His covenant forever... the covenant He made with Abraham... He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan."'*

(Psalm 105:8-11)

*"I ask then: Did God reject His people? By no means! God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew... for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable".*

(Romans 11:1,2,29)

1. As Christians who have received from God a love for Israel and the Jewish people, we want, in the Name of Messiah Yeshua (*Jesus*), to bless them.

2. The early church was Jewish. Christianity sprang from Jewish roots and has never ceased to depend upon and be indebted to the Jewish people.

3. We believe that the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is in accordance with promises contained in the Old and New Testaments, and that God's time to "*favour Zion*" has begun.

4. We believe that Israel (people, land, and nation) has a Divinely ordained and glorious future, and that God has neither rejected nor replaced His Jewish people.

5. We acknowledge that the barriers that exist today between Jews and Christians are largely due to Christian anti-Semitism and Christian persecution of the Jews.

6. We believe in the Jewishness of Jesus (*Yeshua*) and the Jewishness of the New Testament.

7. Although we believe our Lord Jesus is both Messiah of Israel and Saviour of the world, our stand alongside Israel is not conditional upon her acceptance of our belief.

Called to bless Israel

Called to serve the Church



### Aims of Christian Friends of Israel:

1. To express friendship and solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world.
2. To impart to Christians an understanding of both their Jewish roots and of modern Israel.
3. To eradicate anti-Semitism among Christians in its past and present forms.
4. To stimulate Christians to intercede for Israel, and to encourage and pray for the reconciliation of Jew and Arab.
5. To provide practical support for areas of need within the Land of Israel.

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## Why Should Christians Be Friends of Israel?



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**Because God has made an everlasting covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

**To Abraham:** I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God. **Genesis 17:7-8**

**To Isaac:** For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. **Genesis 26:3**

**To Jacob:** I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. **Genesis 28:13**

Have you not read what God said to you, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" **Matthew 22:32**

**Because God has demonstrated His faithfulness to this covenant by preserving the Jews as an identifiable people before Him.**

This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the LORD Almighty is his name: "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me."

This is what the LORD says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the LORD. **Jeremiah 31:35-37**

**Because our salvation comes through the Jewish people.**

You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **John 4:22**

Theirs is the adoption as sons, theirs the divine glory, the receiving of the Torah (Law), the covenants, the temple worship and the promises. **Romans 9:4**

For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jew's spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. **Romans 15:27**

*[The Bible, which tells of our salvation, was written by Jews. The Messiah, who brought us salvation, came into the world and lived as a Jew.]*

**Because Jews have been shamefully treated during the time of their dispersion, mainly by people who called themselves Christian.**

*['Doubt not, beloved in Christ, that after the Devil you have no more bitter, venomous, violent enemy, than the real Jew, the Jew in earnest in his belief' - Martin Luther in **On Jews and Their Lies** (1543)]*

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you. **Genesis 12:3**

Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, but I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they added to the calamity." **Zechariah 1:14-15**

A severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) **Acts 11:28**

There he [Paul] met a Jew named Aquila, a native

of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. **Acts 18:2**

**Because God is faithful and the Jews have been restored to their land in fulfilment of Bible prophecy.**

The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. **Isaiah 14:1**

"However, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when men will no longer say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt," but they will say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them." For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers." **Jeremiah 16:14-15**

"I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God. **Amos 9:14-15**

**Because God plans to make Israel a blessing to the Arab nations, for whom we also pray.**

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."

**Isaiah 19:23-25**

(All quotations from the New International Version)