

## PRAAYER WEAPONS

Whatever political and other issues arise in and around Israel, the fundamental warfare is spiritual. It is waged in the heavenly realms against evil principalities and powers who are seeking to destroy Israel. Although we should support Israel practically in every way possible, our most strategic and important support is through effective intercession, taking up arms to do battle with these powers.

One of the 'weapons of our warfare' is the 'word of God' (2 Corinthians 10:4, Ephesians 6:17) which we may wield as part of our intercession.

Below are listed some 'prayer weapons', drawn mainly from the Psalms, which we can bring before God and apply to situations concerning Israel as they arise. The list is only suggestive and many others will come to you as you seek God.

God calls Christians to come alongside Israel and cry to him on her behalf, to take the deep heart cry of the nation into their own hearts, to intercede against her enemies, and to believe in his promises to her. The inarticulate heart cry of the nation may well be that of David in Psalm 57:1-6, and we need to be able to express that cry to God with her. This is the privilege of those who intercede for Israel.

### 1. *The land belongs to God's ancient people.*

Psalm 105:8-15 – The land belongs to Israel by an everlasting covenant (vv. 8-11). God reproved kings for their sake, allowing no-one to touch them (vv. 12-15).

Psalm 135:1-12 – Israel is God's possession. God does whatever he pleases (v.6). God has given the land as a heritage to his people, and therefore he deals with those who oppose their possession of it (vv.10-12).

### 2. *God wills peace for the City of Jerusalem.*

Psalm 122 – Includes a command to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (v.6). God has chosen Jerusalem for the throne of his King (v.5).

### 3. *God protects Israel and turns back her enemies.*

Psalm 55:9 – A prayer that God would confuse and divide the enemy; also scatter them: Numbers 10:35, Psalm 68:1, 14, Psalm 53:4-6.

Psalm 68:32-35 – God's majesty is over Israel. He protects their skies.

Psalm 83:1-18 – A prophetic prayer that those who desire the destruction of Israel be confounded and like chaff. Note verse 4 – the Psalm was remarkably fulfilled in 1967. See also Exodus 17:16.

Psalm 125:2-3 – God protects and surrounds his people Israel and will not allow the rule of wickedness to rest on their land.

Psalm 129:5 – Those who hate Zion will be turned back, ashamed.

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 – God defends Israel.

2 Chronicles 14:11 – Prayer of King Asa.

2 Chronicles 20:6-12 – Prayer of King Jehoshaphat (especially vv. 6, 7, 11, 12).

*'There rests upon every true child of God a responsibility not only to stand with Israel and the Jewish people but to love them from a pure heart. Love such as this will lead to the kind of prayer that only the Holy Spirit can give, it will lead to importunate and travailing prayer.'*  
(Lance Lambert, Battle for Israel)