



WATCHMEN *on the* WALL

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Called to be a Watchman on the Wall of Israel

We are living in a time when Anti-Semitism is growing at an alarming rate worldwide. In May 2004, the Director of the European Coalition for Israel wrote to Christian leaders throughout Europe saying “. . . the rise of Anti-Semitism has developed into new proportions even to the point that . . . the European Union leadership itself has painfully awakened to the fact. By now there is widespread agreement that the present rise of Anti-Semitism in Europe is the most severe since World War II.”

If ever there was a time for God to call forth Watchmen on behalf of His purposes and plans for Zion . . . now is that time! *The fact that you are among so many who are beginning the Watchmen on the Walls Training Program is evidence that we are living in that day where God is placing Watchmen on the Walls of Jerusalem just as He promised in Isaiah 62:6 & 7; watchmen who will not hold their peace, who for Zion’s sake will not be silent . . . day or night . . . until He makes Jerusalem the praise in all the earth.*

The Watchmen Training Program consists of two essential parts: 1) This Training Manual with its various assignments and outside readings, and 2) The Watchmen Prayer Pilgrimage. This Training Manual portion is designed so that you can work through it at your own pace and in the comfort of your own home. The Prayer Pilgrimage, however, is much different; it takes place in Israel, during various scheduled times each year under the leadership of Eagles’ Wings. (Contact Eagles’ Wings at 1-800-519-4647 or office@eagleswings.to)

Since November of 2005, we have been working with members of the Israeli Government to officially commission anyone who successfully completes the Watchmen Training Program as an officially recognized “Watchman on the Walls” of Jerusalem. Both parts of the training, however, will be required before such a commissioning can be given. Why? Just as an

educator needs the experiential knowledge provided by “Student Teaching” to fully implement all of the teaching methodology, Watchmen need the vital knowledge gained by being in that unique “classroom” called Israel, to fully intercede with understanding and insight. Secondly, the armies of both Heaven and Hell take quite seriously such spiritual authority conferred upon a believer by Christian Leaders and a nation’s government, and so must we. *One can most effectively pray for Israel if one has actually been there.*

This Training Manual has been designed to fully equip you with a broad, solid foundation for the strategic assignment of praying for Israel and for her people groups. Each chapter is vital to your basic foundation, but is neither a comprehensive nor all inclusive discussion of the topic; for that reason, a list of books and internet resources have been included at the end of each chapter for additional study, if one desires. Our goal in this portion of the training is to raise up informed intercessors and articulate ambassadors for Israel, and so the layout of this manual includes an overview of foundational topics, plus how to talk to God (intercession) about the Jews and the Arabs, and how to talk to others about Israel.

In closing, we bless you for choosing to obey the divine trumpet call to the Church in this hour, to be “co-laborers with God” for His purposes and plans to manifest in this strategic place and people. On the wall of the Holocaust Museum in Israel—Yad Vashem—is the quote from British Statesman Edmund Burke which says: ***“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”*** Thank you for taking a *stand against evil* and a *stand with God*, for Israel, for all her inhabitants, and for the Jewish people worldwide.

Shalom u' vracha (Peace and Blessings)

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God's Everlasting Covenant with the Jewish People and the Land of Israel

Before we can understand God's "Everlasting Covenant" with a land and a people, we first need to understand just what "covenant" is and what it is not. We may speak about being in covenant with God and with each other, but sad to say, most of us in the Christian community have lived so long in the world that the concept of covenant is either totally foreign to us or is confused with the term "contract."

A *"contract"* is entered into because people have a common agreement and it takes the determined effort of all parties involved to bring about the desired end. If any of the parties do not live up to the terms of that agreement, the contract can be broken and there is no accountability to the other parties once that happens. The contractual mindset says: "I will do this for you but in exchange, I expect you to do that for me." The relationship between the parties involved is "conditional" and therefore, temporary . . . until the agreement is either realized or broken.

Covenant is totally different and to understand it, one must look at it from a Hebraic mindset rather than a Western one. A covenant is entered into because people have a common vision and purpose, and faith in their mutual relationship is the power that enables them to maintain it. **Covenant always involves relationship and it is not bound by time or distance, generations or location.** Covenants are binding, not just legally but also spiritually and emotionally. There are always witnesses involved, and therefore, a high level of accountability exists.

In the Bible, covenants were made all of the time. Covenant relationships went far beyond legal consideration and those making covenant together saw each other as *friends who were forever bound together*. Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech (Gen. 21:32) enabling them to

live at peace despite their cultural and religious differences. Jonathan and David made a covenant in 1 Sam. 18:3 pledging their love and loyalty to each other, and affirming David's right to the throne of Israel. Jacob and Laban made a covenant (Gen. 31:44) with each other promising to never harm each other or Laban's daughters. The Hebrews actually described the making of a covenant as *"cutting covenant"* because the slaughter of animals was included in the ritual, symbolizing that each person in the covenant promised to give his own life to keep its terms.

What is so unusual about the covenant with Israel and the Jewish people, is that God Himself "cut covenant" with them through Abraham in Gen. 15:1-17. This ancient Middle Eastern "covenant ritual" of walking through the split animals was normally done by the two parties making the covenant. Symbolically, they were saying, "Let that which has been done to these animals, be done to me if I break this covenant with my brother." **The "smoking firepot with the burning torch" (the Shekinah Himself) passed between those split animals without Abraham, making God's oath unconditional, with NO requirements demanded of Abraham for its fulfillment and thus making the covenant valid whether Abraham's descendants were faithful or not.** In this way, God actually made the covenant with Himself! The unchanging God of "yesterday, today, and forever," whose gifts and callings are irrevocable, said He alone would be responsible for keeping this covenant with Abraham and his descendents.

This "everlasting" irrevocable Covenant that God made with Abraham and his descendents, relates not only to a people group—the Jews—but also to the land itself (Israel)

Genesis 17:7, 8 *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 give as **an everlasting possession** to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.*

Leviticus 25:23 . . . *the land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine. The land belongs to God and He gives it to whomever He chooses . . . it is His to assign and His to dispose of.*

Joel 1:6, 2:18, 3:2 Three times in this book, the land is referred to as belonging to the Lord.

- *For a nation has come up against My land . . . (1:6)*
- *Then the Lord will be zealous for His land . . . (2:18)*
- *I will gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;
they have also divided up My land. (3:2)*

Dr. Jack Hayford, in his booklet *Why Stand with Israel Today*, says: “When we talk about Israel, we are dealing with:

“1) A piece of property that God has made pronouncements about and

“2) God’s people to whom He’s given the land. It is a major issue with the Creator of all things, and it is non-negotiable. **Things that God has said, uniquely, about Israel have never been rescinded.**

“Not only does the land belong to God, but also God has committed the land to Abraham and his offspring via Isaac forever. (Genesis 17:7-8) *With a little wrath I hid My face from you . . . but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed . . .* (Isaiah 54:8-10) The loss of governance by Israel through sin and dispersion has not altered God’s announced commitment to make it theirs forever. (Read Ezek. 37:1-28)”

Nothing Israel can ever do, *nothing* the kings and rulers of this earth can ever do, *nothing* the masses and forces of Islam can ever do, can change God’s ability to keep His Word that this covenant with Israel and the Jews, is “forever” (Ps. 89:3, 4) and “everlasting.” (Gen.17:7, Ps. 105:10)

God's Covenant with Israel: Taking God at His Word

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Genesis 15:17-18 *When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces (of the sacrifice). On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates . . ."*

Genesis 12:3 *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse . . .*

Genesis 17:7-8 *I am establishing my covenant between Me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you. I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God.*

Genesis 26:3-4 (Reconfirming the promises to Isaac) *Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you, because I will give all these lands to you and to your descendants. I will fulfill the oath which I swore to Abraham your father—I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, I will give all these lands to your descendants, and by your descendants all the nations of the earth will bless themselves.*

Genesis 35:11-12 (Confirming the promise through Jacob) *And God said to him, "I am God Almighty (El Shaddai); be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."*

Exodus 32:13 (Moses pleading with the Lord for Israel) *Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your very self. You promised them, I will make your descendants as*

many as the stars in the sky; and I will give all this land I have spoken about to your descendants; and they will possess it forever.

Leviticus 26:44-45 . . . *I will not reject them when they are in the lands of their enemies, nor will I loathe them to the point of utterly destroying them and thus break My covenant with them, because I am the Adonai their God. Rather, for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt—with the nations watching—so that I might be their God; I am Adonai.*

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 *When the Most High gave each nation its heritage, when He divided the human race, He assigned the boundaries of peoples according to Israel's population; but Adonai's share was His own people, Jacob His allotted heritage.*

Isaiah 14:1 *For Adonai will have compassion on Jacob—He will once again choose Israel and resettle them in their own land, where foreigners will join them, attaching themselves to the house of Jacob.*

Isaiah 27:6 *The time is coming when Jacob will take root; Israel will bud and flower, and fill the whole world with a harvest.*

Isaiah 30:19 *People in Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. At the sound of your cry, He will show you His grace; on hearing it, He will answer you.*

Isaiah 41:17-20 . . . *I, Adonai, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not leave them. I will open up rivers on the barren hills and wells down in the broad valleys. I will turn the desert into a lake and dry ground into springs. I will plant the desert with cedars, acacias, myrtles and olive trees; In the Arava I will put cypresses together with elm trees and larches. Then the people will see and know, together observe and understand that the hand of Adonai has done this, that the Holy One of Israel created it.*

Isaiah 44:1-3 Now listen, Jacob My servant, Israel whom I have chosen: Thus says Adonai, who made you, formed you in the womb, and will help you: Don't be afraid, Jacob My servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, My blessing on your offspring.

Isaiah 49:14-16 But Zion says, Adonai has abandoned me, Adonai has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her child at her breast, not show pity on the child from her womb? Even if these were to forget, I would not forget you. I have engraved you on the palms of My hands, your walls are always before Me.

Isaiah 54:8-10 I was angry for a moment and hid My face from you; but with everlasting grace I will have compassion on you, says Adonai your Redeemer . . . so now I swear that never again will I be angry with you or rebuke you. For the mountains may leave and the hills be removed, but My grace will never leave you, and My covenant of peace will not be removed, says Adonai, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Please look up verses.)

Isaiah 61:3 . . . Provide for those in Zion who mourn, giving them garlands instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a heavy spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness planted by Adonai, for the display of His splendor.

Isaiah 62:6-7 I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never fall silent, neither by day nor by night. You who call on Adonai, give yourselves no rest; and give Him no rest till He restores Jerusalem and makes it a praise on earth.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 For I know what plans I have in mind for you, says Adonai, plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future. When you call to Me and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you seek Me, you will find Me, provided you seek for Me whole-heartedly; and I will let you find Me, says Adonai. Then I will reverse your exile, I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have driven you, says

Adonai, and bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

Jeremiah 30:10-11 So don't be afraid, Jacob My servant, says Adonai, or be alarmed, Israel; for I will return you from far away and your offspring from their country of exile. Jacob will again be quiet, at rest; and no one will make him afraid. For I am with you to save you, says Adonai, I will finish off all the nations where I have scattered you . . .

Jeremiah 3:16-18 And, says Adonai, in those days, when your numbers have increased in the land, people will no longer talk about the ark for the covenant of Adonai—they won't think about it, they won't miss it, and they won't make another one. When that time comes, they will call Jerusalem the throne of Adonai. All the nations will be gathered there to the name of Adonai, to Jerusalem. No longer will they live according to their stubbornly evil hearts. In those days, the house of Judah will live together with the house of Israel; they will come together from the lands in the north to the land I gave your ancestors as their heritage.

Jeremiah 30:1-3 This word came to Jeremiah from Adonai: This is what Adonai the God of Israel says: Write all the words I have spoken to you in a scroll. For the day is coming, says Adonai, when I will reverse the exile of My people Israel and Judah, says Adonai. I will cause them to return to the land I gave their ancestors, and they will take possession of it.

Jeremiah 31:21 Come back, virgin Israel, come back to these cities of yours!

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Here, the days are coming, says Adonai, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated My covenant, even though I, for My part, was a husband to them, says Adonai. For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Adonai; I will put My Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be My people.

Jeremiah 33:7-9 I will cause the captives of Judah

and the captives of Israel to return; and I will build them up as I did at first. I will cleanse them from all their sins, through which they offended Me; and I will pardon all their sins, through which they offended Me and rebelled against Me. Then the name of this city will bring Me joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth that hear about all the good I am doing for them; they will be overcome with fear and trembling at all the good and peace I am securing for it.

Isaiah 60:1-5, 10-18 (Please look up verses.)

Ezekiel 36:35-36 *Then they will say, The land that used to be desolate has become like the Garden of Eden, and the cities formerly ruined, abandoned and wasted have been fortified and are inhabited! Then the nations around you that remain will know that I, Adonai, have rebuilt the ruins and replanted what was abandoned. I, Adonai, have spoken; and I will do it.*

Psalms 102:13-16 *You will arise and take pity on Zion, for the time has come to have mercy on her; the time determined has come. For Your servants love her very stones; they take pity even on her dust. The nations will fear the name of Adonai and all the kings on earth Your glory, when Adonai has rebuilt Zion, and shows Himself in His glory.*

Psalms 121:4 *The guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps.*

Joel 2:12-13 *Yet even now, says Adonai, turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and la-*

menting. Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to Adonai your God. For He is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace, and willing to change His mind about disaster.

Amos 9:14-15 *I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them, says Adonai your God.*

Zechariah 2:1-13 (Please look up verses.)

Zechariah 14:16-17 *Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Jerusalem will go up every year to worship the king, Adonai the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the festival of Sukkot (Tabernacles). If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the king, Adonai the Lord of Hosts, no rain will fall on them.*

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Additional Resources

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