



Operation Exodus USA
From Hope to Home

RETURN MY PEOPLE FROM EXILE

*"... I WILL BRING YOU HOME AGAIN FROM DISTANT LANDS,
AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL RETURN FROM THEIR EXILE."*

JEREMIAH 30:10 NLT

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THE ALIYAH CONNECTION

BY DICK LEGGATT, PRESIDENT, DEREK PRINCE MINISTRIES - USA

Inspiration sometimes comes at unexpected times. The time and place were a candlelight Christmas Eve service at a local church. Traditional hymns and carols were sung. Scriptures were read, such as the Luke 2 account of Jesus' birth and Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.

The Moment of Revelation

The setting God chose to turn the light on for me happened during a reading of Isaiah 11, the description of the coming Messiah. That was the moment when I saw the unmistakable link between Advent and *Aliyah* (immigrating to Israel).

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; . . . It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, . . . He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four

corners of the earth." Isaiah 11:10-12 NKJV.

Why had I not seen it so clearly before? Perhaps this revelation — this clear connection between the coming of the Messiah and *Aliyah* — had always been obvious to my fellow Christians. But for me on that Christmas Eve, as I sat in a dimly-lit sanctuary, holding a candle before me, the true light suddenly burst into view. Literally, *"The people who were sitting in darkness (me) saw a great light, . . ."* Matthew 4:16 NASB.

... THE RETURN OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO THE LAND IS AN ISSUE THAT DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION ...

I Should Have Known

The chances are good that at some point in my Christian experience, I had heard a Bible teacher make this connection. Given my longstanding relationship with Derek Prince and his clear,



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specific teaching on the special place of Israel in God's purposes, I must have heard this truth before. But now, as often happened over the years with other insights into the Bible, the Lord refreshed this significant truth for me.

To explore further what He was showing me, I went back and reviewed some of Derek Prince's teaching. In a little booklet called "Why Israel?" I saw several pertinent quotes from Derek like the following one:

If we put these truths from Matthew and Zechariah together (Matthew 23:39 and Zechariah 12:10, 11), they make it clear that before the Lord returns, certain requirements have to be established. The Jewish people have to be re-established in Jerusalem and in the Land, because the Lord Jesus is not coming back until they are.

If these words are true, the distinct connection between the first and second coming of the Messiah and the return of the Jewish people to the Land is an issue that demands our greater attention and devotion.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM AND IN THE LAND . . .

How Should We Respond?

Perhaps one additional connecting point for us between Advent and *Aliyah* could be the familiar Christmas carol which expresses the following longing: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear." Are we longing for His appearance?

If the coming of the Messiah is dependent upon Jewish people returning to their beloved Israel and residing there when His return occurs,

should it not be a high priority for each of us to assist somehow in the process of *Aliyah*?

If indeed the coming of the Messiah is drawing near, will you and I affirm that Advent by committing our hearts and our resources toward helping our Jewish brothers and sisters make *Aliyah*?

Prayer Points

- Thank God for His gracious gift of spiritual revelation, whether it be in an area that had been dark or an increase of depth, understanding, and activation that builds upon prior revelation.
- *"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light . . ."* Ephesians 1:18a NLT. Pray that the light of the revelation of the centrality of *Aliyah* in relation to the Second Coming of Christ will shine brightly into the hearts of many Christians, Church leaders, and entire congregations that have been entirely ignorant of it. Stir them to active response.
- *"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."* Proverbs 4:18 NKJV. Pray that Christians who understand this revelation receive even more light and let it shine brightly through outreach to those in the dark.

You can learn more about the work of Derek Prince Ministries - USA today by visiting their website at www.derekprince.org





COMPASS POINTING THE EXILES TO ISRAEL

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT & CEO

"For I will bring you home again from distant lands, and your children will return from their exile. . . For I am with you and will save you,' says the Lord."

Jeremiah 30:10-11 NLT

Aliyah is the magnetic force in God's compass, bringing His people HOME! World events and circumstances cannot stop this mighty move of God upheld by His loving kindness and faithfulness to restore Israel! American Jews are going home!

We rejoice at the statistics reported by the Israeli government's Ministry of *Aliyah* and Integration and by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Last year, over 4,000 *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) made *Aliyah* from our nation, a thirty percent increase over 2020. This was the highest annual number of *Olim* from the USA since 1973! To God be all the glory and praise!

God hates the exile of His people! As we were praying and pondering the theme and focus for this newsletter, the LORD highlighted Ezekiel 37:12 (NLT), where God prophesies to His people and says, ". . . *I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then, I will bring you back to the land of Israel.*" God's command to prophesy this scripture gave me, my wife Adrienne, and our team a more profound revelation and clarity of the urgency of the work at hand.

I believe we have entered into a new phase and depth of *Aliyah* from our nation. This holy work is of the utmost importance and priority to the LORD! There is a heightened sense of determination and commitment within many Orthodox Jewish communities that life in the USA is changing irrevocably. I want to share a headline published at the end of last year in Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper: "*Ultra-Orthodox Aliyah to Israel is*

Breaking Records. Here is why: For decades, Haredim in the Diaspora rejected the notion of immigrating to Israel. No more. Now, Ultra-Orthodox American Jews see themselves as 'the next great frontier in Aliyah' and are moving to Israel in increasing numbers."

What an incredible breakthrough and answer to prayer! This is a fundamental paradigm shift in their core beliefs of who they are as a people and their view of Israel. God is removing layers of deception from their hearts, opening their eyes to their true identity as sheep of the House of Israel. God's eternal purpose is for them to live to reveal His power and proclaim His Holy Name throughout all the earth (Exodus 9:16).

WE HAVE ENTERED INTO A NEW PHASE AND DEPTH OF ALIYAH . . .

The command God gave in Deuteronomy still stands today! He is calling His people back HOME – inviting them to choose life over death! ". . . *Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! . . . you will live long in the Land. . .*" Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT.

God has given each one of us a strong voice to bring the truth and the priority He places on the *Aliyah* of His people! Time is short! Our team at Operation Exodus USA operates with great hope as we pray and prepare for a great *Aliyah* wave this year and beyond. Will you join your voices to ours and share in your communities the importance of this mighty move of God that must take place before His coming? Do not be silent; your voice is powerful!

As always, we are grateful to the LORD for your unwavering support in prayer and financial support. Thank You!



PARTNERING WITH THE HEART OF GOD

BY PASTOR LISA SICILIANO, PORTLAND HOUSE OF PRAYER IN PORTLAND, MAINE

It all began with two verses of Scripture: “*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem . . .*” (Psalm 122:6), and “*I will bless those who bless you . . .*” (Genesis 12:3). Those were the two verses I learned growing up in my traditional Gentile church. So every now and then, I would remember and say a prayer for Israel and the Jewish people.

One day in the spring of 2016, in the middle of a women’s conference, God used the words of a pastor’s wife to change everything for me. Suddenly, in an instant, it was as if God literally opened my spiritual eyes to His great love for Israel and the Jewish people. At that moment, He put an assignment in my heart. He told me to learn everything I could about Israel and the Jewish people, and to share it with my family, church and homeschool group. I never realized how much God loved Israel and the Jewish people, and that He wanted me to love them too. I began to devour every resource I could find, and share these beautiful truths with anyone who would listen.

Jesus was a Jewish man. He grew up in a Jewish home and celebrated the feasts. I found

in Leviticus 23:2 that they were the feasts of the Lord, not the feasts of the Jews! God invited me/us to join Him in these “holy convocations,” or appointed times. He invites us and promises to meet us there.

A few years later, in 2019, our church was preparing to celebrate the fall feasts on “Bless Israel Sunday.” Before that day came, I felt the Lord encourage us as a church family to do more than celebrate the feasts that fall and pray for Israel and the Jewish people. He also wanted us to make an ongoing financial commitment to bless Israel each month. I had recently read in Charisma Magazine about Operation Exodus USA, a ministry that helps Jewish people make *Aliyah*, which means to go home to their homeland — Israel. What a ministry! In addition to blessing Israel, they are fulfilling Bible prophecy to bring God’s people home. That fall, one hundred percent of our church family voted to bless Israel financially each month. The first ministry we chose to support was Operation Exodus USA. What a blessing it has been!

BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

BY PEGGY PERRY, FINANCE DIRECTOR

“For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.”

Psalm 33:4 ESV

It is a new year — a time when many of us reflect on the year gone by. Was it a good year? Did I accomplish my goals? How has the Lord blessed me?

At Operation Exodus USA we can truly say that the Lord blessed our ministry in 2021. We saw an increase in *Aliyah* even amid Covid

restrictions. We were continually covered in prayer by our intercessors. The faithful support of our donors made 2021 a truly remarkable year. Through the blessing of one donor, we were able to purchase a permanent residence for our main office in Buffalo, NY, free and clear of a mortgage, to carry on the work of *Aliyah*. Let all the glory be to God!

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TRUSTING THE LORD

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, ALIYAH DIRECTOR

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths."*

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

The decision to make *Aliyah* is a uniquely personal one. The key step in making *Aliyah* is to trust in the Lord.

From the moment our Jewish friends decide that now is the time to make *Aliyah*, they understand that they will have to trust in the Lord with all their heart that He will direct their steps. That means to rely on God for direction in one of the most critical decisions they will ever make.

It will take courage and trust for them to uproot from where they have lived their whole life and move to Eretz Israel. We often hear from *Olim*, as we assist them and bring comfort, that making *Aliyah* has been a lifelong dream. It is these dreams that motivate them to move ahead, step by step, trusting with their whole heart that they are making the right and best decision to uproot from the known and move to the unknown.

LET US CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OUR JEWISH FRIENDS, . . .

God's plans for His people to make *Aliyah* are amazing. He fills them with dreams and the ability to trust in Him to guide their steps towards Eretz Israel.

There are many ways we can encourage the *Olim* to continue to trust their decision to make *Aliyah*. For example:

- Encourage them to put their trust and expectations in God.
- Exhort them to stay focused despite challenges and delays.

- Help them by being a friend, praying, and providing assistance.

- Urge them to follow their dream of making *Aliyah*.

Elizabeth, who has made *Aliyah*, shared with us the following regarding the dreams and trust many *Olim* have when deciding to make *Aliyah*:

"Aliyah, I believe, is the dream of every Jew who believes we have the right to return to our original homeland. . . . Our people have thrived under very difficult circumstances, and I have faith this next step will be realized with help and the blessings of G-D."

Let us continue to encourage our Jewish friends, in prayer and words of comfort, to follow their dreams and hearts to make *Aliyah*, to lean on Him for all they need, and to rejoice that the Lord will go before them to direct their steps to enter Eretz Israel.

Herschel and his family shared the following with us: *"It has been a dream of ours to raise our family in our Homeland Israel. Our jobs and anxiety about "what would we do to make a living in Israel?!" has postponed that dream. We look forward to bringing our family to our Jewish Homeland. Thank you so much for helping us on this journey to actualize our dream!"*



Father, thank You for giving Herschel and his family the dream of *Aliyah*. Help this family to trust You as you make their dream come true (Psalm 126:1-2).

HERSCHEL AND FAMILY,
PICTURED LEFT



OPEN, RISE, RETURN

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

"Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.'"

Ezekiel 37:12 NLT

What a packed verse! It is a powerful explosive that carries a triple payload: Open, Rise, and Return. It is the settled word of the Sovereign God, and it detonates through prophetic declaration.

Last year, the LORD gave the word "OPEN" to our intercessors as a prophetic declaration — to keep gates of egress from the USA and the gates of immigration into Israel open, even when they were closing to tourism and regular travel. Not only did the usual *Aliyah* airports in the USA remain open, but additional gates of departure — such as Miami and Chicago — were established. We prayed that the hearts of the Jewish people would be opened to hear and obey His command to return to the Land. Our *Aliyah* Department, which interacts personally and directly with the applicants, reported an uncommon commitment to make *Aliyah* in increasingly unfavorable travel conditions and requirements. We were also amazed at the number of people who were (and still are) applying for assistance.

... GOD HAS PROMISED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE — HE WILL OPEN THE GRAVES OF EXILE.

Now the Spirit is expanding and deepening our prophetic declaration to open by giving us a fresh revelation of the true condition of the exilic Jews. He does not mince words: "... *I will open*

your graves of exile . . ." (Ezekiel 37:12). He is revealing that many have become so entrenched in a false existence in exile that it goes beyond even being captive. Captives are alive. He has made provision, and we pray for those who are captive (Isaiah 49:25). Ezekiel 37:12 reveals that many are spiritually dead to their identity and destiny. But God has promised to do the impossible — He will open the graves of exile. And beyond that, He raises them up and gives them a new spirit to recognize their identity and destiny. He gives them the heart and will to walk out who they are, and He Himself returns them home.

We pray and declare the Scriptures many times, in many ways, and every time there is new life in the declaration. He continues to deepen and expand us in miraculous intercession year by year, month by month, day by day. We begin 2022 with this declaration over the Jews in exile in the USA: *Graves of exile be opened, Rise to your identity and destiny, Return to your God-given Land. All for His glory!*

Prayer Points

- *"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."* Matthew 19:26 NLT. Thank, praise, and worship God that all things are possible for Him — even raising spiritually dead Jewish people in exile.
- Focus on a particular geographic area or city with a Jewish presence. Speak the Word of Lord into that area: "... *O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again . . . I will bring you back to the land of Israel.*" Ezekiel 37:12 NLT.



LEADING HIS PEOPLE HOME

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

"Tears of joy shall stream down their faces, and I will lead them home with great care. . . . For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is my oldest child."

Jeremiah 31:9 TLB

The LORD has given us great faith and determination to grow the awareness and urgency of the work of *Aliyah* from our nation. Daily we hear reports of diminishing respect for human life and the effects of the spirit of hatred running rampant through many major cities in the US. The LORD is shaking His people to return home — *Aliyah* will rise to unprecedented numbers in the coming days!

The World Zionist Organization and The Jewish Agency for Israel recently published a report stating that thirty percent of anti-Semitic incidents worldwide in 2021 occurred in the USA. The US state with the most reported incidents was New York, followed by Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, California, and Texas. The report also pointed to a rise in anti-Semitism (just one of many triggers motivating Jewish people to make *Aliyah*) in the ranks of academia in the US. Unfortunately, this trend will only grow in momentum!

This year, we are targeting the Church and Jewish communities with an aggressive and robust outreach program. Please join us in prayer and support as we grow the awareness and urgency of the work of *Aliyah*. We pray for favor and open doors to raise the banner of *Aliyah* and share our call and mandate with local Jewish federations and community leaders. We must

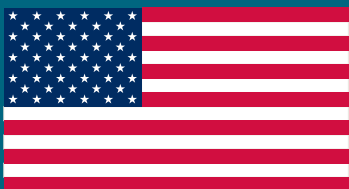
build strong relationships and trust amongst our Jewish friends. We also pray for favor and open doors to meet with church leaders. We must share the truth of God's prophetic Word and His promises to restore ISRAEL — and the responsibility of the Church to carry His sons and daughters home (Isaiah 49:22).

Our team is looking forward to meeting with some of you soon at our National Headquarters in Buffalo, NY, to train and equip you to raise the banner of *Aliyah* and be a voice in your own backyard! We cannot do this work alone; your role and voice are crucial to this holy work! We must stand together as the LORD leads His people HOME! Our hearts are filled with God's love and gratitude for each one of you, our friends and partners!

"For they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to do them a service also in material things." Romans 15:27 NASB.

"I will go before you . . . and level mountains. I will smash down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron." Isaiah 45:2 NLT.

Pray and declare the power of the LORD to remove mountains of 1) resistance to *Aliyah* in the Jewish Community and open heretofore-barred doors of relationship with concerned Gentiles, and 2) false teaching against and closed doors of ignorance regarding *Aliyah* in the Church.



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