

THE GOD-ORDAINED ROLE OF THE CHURCH ON THE ALIYAH HIGHWAY

YES, THEY WERE PLEASED TO DO SO, AND THEY ARE UNDER OBLIGATION TO THEM. FOR IF THE GENTILES HAVE SHARED IN THEIR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS, THEY ALSO OUGHT TO SERVE THEM IN MATERIAL BLESSINGS.

ROMANS 15:27 TLV

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A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel

HE WHO HAS AN EAR

BY STEVE LIGHTLE, AUTHOR AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

S even times in Revelation 2 and 3 (ESV), Yeshua declares to the seven churches, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." This is a truly important saying for us today; we need to hear what the Spirit is saying to participate with our Heavenly Father in what He is doing. One of the great things He is doing is the Aliyah returning the Jewish people home to Israel. Eleven times in six verses (Jeremiah 32:37-42), He promises, "I will" perform the Aliyah, and He has given the nations the responsibility to bring them home (Isaiah 49:22).

God has given commandments in the Bible to His children, His church, and His people. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments.

... THE CHURCH HAS A CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

First, we pray. Psalm 122:6-9 is clear we are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. God's peace plan begins with Jerusalem and spreads to the other cities of the world. The blessing and promise to those who obey this command to pray for Jerusalem, love Jerusalem, and seek its good is that they will prosper; it is because Jerusalem is the house of the Lord our God. May the Church not miss this blessing. In Nehemiah 2:10 (NKJV), when Israel's enemies learned that Nehemiah was sent to help Israel, ". . . they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the wellbeing of the children of Israel." Don't let the enemy stop you from praying for Israel.

Secondly, the Church has a corporate

responsibility to help the Jewish people (Romans 15:27). Thirteen times in Hebrews, we read, "Let us," the plurality referring to our corporate responsibility (Hebrews 4:1,14,16; 6:1; 10:22-24; 12:1,28; 13:13,15). God brings us to maturity together, "... let us go on to perfection..." Hebrews 6:1 NKJV. We will remain like babies if we don't, only feeding on milk (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Thirdly, what should our response be when disasters, drought, devouring locusts, or pestilence (AKA pandemics) come? If we "humble [ourselves], and pray and seek [His] face, and turn from [our] wicked ways," then God will move, and forgiveness and healing will come. 2 Chronicles 7:12-16 NKJV. God will hear our prayers, and His presence will be in His house.

Aliyah is central to God's end-time plan. It announces the second coming of the Messiah and releases end-time evangelism. It brings salvation to the nations and especially salvation to the Jewish people, "And so all Israel will be saved, . . ." Romans 11:26 NKJV.

Do you have an ear to hear?

Prayer Points

- "And when he comes, he will . . . unplug the ears of the deaf." Isaiah 35:5 NLT. Thank the LORD for His ability and willingness to open spiritually deaf ears. Pray earnestly for the Church to receive ears to hear from the Spirit about Aliyah.
- "And may you have power, with all God's people to grasp the full dimensions of God's love" Paraphrase of Ephesians 3:18. Pray that those with ears to hear will embrace the corporate responsibility to help the Jewish people make Aliyah.

OUR ROLE IN THE COMING ALIYAH

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT & CEO

Messiah did this so that He might present to Himself His glorious community — not having stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but in order that she might be holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:27 TLV

s I witness the devestating carnage taking place in Ukraine, it is painfully apparent that the world needs to see the Church of our LORD and the power of His Word in action, bringing healing and hope to the multitudes. Amid such evil acts, may His Church (all of us) rise and stand strong in our devotion to God. May our service be pleasing to the LORD, and may we carry His love to His people in humility and humbleness of spirit!

The Church of our Messiah is a community of Jews and Gentiles united by the completed work of the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ. He created within Himself one new man from the two groups — making peace, reconciling both to God in one body through the cross, and putting the hostility between them to death (Ephesians 2:15-16). He desires for all peoples to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth!

OUR FERVENT PRAYER IS THAT MANY WILL CHOOSE TO MAKE ALIYAH NOW BEFORE IT BECOMES A CRISIS!

I sense the world and our nation will continue to witness and experience unexpected and sudden eruptions of catastrophic events. I expect the Ukraine crisis is putting in motion a worldwide *Aliyah* like we have not seen before — the start of the second Exodus. It is a watershed moment — a new day in the Aliyah of God's people. This scripture comes to mind: "Who has heard or seen anything as strange as this? For in one day, suddenly, a nation, Israel, shall be born, even before the birth pains come. In a moment, just as Israel's anguish starts, the baby is born; the nation begins." Isaiah 66:8 TLB. God is faithful to His Word! All the promises He has made to restore Israel shall be fulfilled!

Short- and long-term, American Jewish lives will be significantly impacted by these turbulent events. Urgent, targeted prayer is taking place every day for the LORD to open their graves of exile and cause them to come up out of their graves to bring them into the land of Israel (Ezekiel 37:12). Our fervent prayer is that many will choose to make *Aliyah* now before it becomes a crisis! God knows what is ahead; let us encourage one another, expecting to witness great and mighty works by the Hand of God!

At Operation Exodus USA, we sense an urgency to pray for the Church on the *Aliyah* highway to be ready, walking in obedience to God's call to carry His people home (Isaiah 49:22). Please join us, and pray for fresh revelation for the Church to recognize and embrace Israel from the correct biblical perspective. May all of us understand God's truth according to His prophetic promise to re-gather His chosen people back to the Land, which He gave them as their inheritance.

May our service and worship to God bear witness to Jesus, for He is the living Word, and prophecy comes only through Him! "... the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10 ESV.

Thank you all, dear friends and partners, for your outstanding support in prayer and giving! Please pray for our OE International team now on the ground helping Ukrainian Olim and refugees.

THE URGENCY OF ALIYAH IN THIS SEASON

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, ALIYAH DIRECTOR

he desire for a better understanding of God's biblical purposes for Israel and *Aliyah* in the nations needs to gain strength in churches and among Christians.

What a different world we have been living in these past two years. There have been many changes in people's lives. Despite all these changes and challenges, it is evident that we must voice the urgency for *Aliyah* in this season. The pandemic did not stop *Aliyah*, and we now see that in this time of war, *Aliyah* continues and, in many areas, is increasing.

THE LORD IS BRINGING THE JEWISH PEOPLE HOME FROM THE NATIONS . . . WE ARE WITNESSING THE MODERN-DAY MIRACLE TAKING PLACE.

There is an urgency for our voices to be heard — voices of comfort and encouragement that now, more than ever, it is time to assist our Jewish friends to go home to Eretz Israel. The Lord has called us with a task, a responsibility to support and comfort those wanting to fulfill their dreams to go home to Eretz Israel. Many of our Jewish friends are suddenly understanding the urgency of making *Aliyah* sooner rather than later.

As the Church in these days of sudden changes and challenges, we need wisdom, guidance, direction, and courage to stand with Israel and the Jewish people. At such a time as this, it is vital that we know our responsibility and the will and purpose of the Lord towards *Aliyah* above anything else.

The Lord is bringing the Jewish people home from the nations — from the North and the East, from the West and the South. It is happening, and we are witnessing the modern-day miracle taking place. How is all of this happening? We see the answer to this question in Isaiah 49:22 (ESV): "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders." The Jewish people are being carried home to Eretz Israel by every one of us; what an amazing privilege we have!

We have the opportunity to be a voice. By lifting the banner to the nations and the Church, we are signaling that now is the time to stand with the Jewish people as they go home to Eretz Israel. To God be the Glory!

Please consider getting more involved with the work of OEUSA. Your prayers and support are vital to the work of *Aliyah*.

To learn more about how you can get involved today, visit our website at www.operationexodususa.org/get-involved





I know that it is time for the Jews to come home to Eretz Yisrael, and I thank you for helping me do just that. Once I get settled, I hope to inspire other fellow Jews to follow in my footsteps.

Louis



The dream of living in Israel has accompanied us ever since we got married . . . the right moment for us to go live in Jerusalem has come.

Yiar and Family



Aliyah is our passion. We believe that by making Aliyah we are helping to spread light and goodness in the world by helping the Jewish people fulfill their destiny.

Noam and Family



Although there are challenges both in adjustment and in living here, we feel like we are living amongst our people . . . it is the land of our ancestors.

Nathan and Family



We feel that the next step in our journey is to move our family to Israel so that our family branch can take root in the Jewish State, where we can grow, flourish, and contribute to Israeli society.

Gil and Family



No matter all the paperwork, no matter the downsizing, no matter even the bittersweet farewells, we know, BEYOND a shadow of a doubt, that we are fulfilling a great mitzvah, to live in the Land Hashem promised to us through our Father Avraham.

Yael and Husband

THE IMPORTANCE OF ALIYAH IN THE TIMETABLE OF GOD

BY PASTOR MICHAEL STRATTON, BREAD OF LIFE CHURCH IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK

In February 2022, my wife and I had the honor and pleasure of meeting the President and CEO of Operation Exodus USA, John Prosser, and his wife Adrianne at the ministry's new headquarters in the metro Buffalo, New York area. My wife and I, as well as our church, support OEUSA prayerfully and financially.

During this meeting, I shared my belief in the importance of supporting the work of OEUSA. There are many things a Christian can do to further God's plans, and we must think in terms of the plans of our Father. Many church organizations partake in endeavors to accomplish just that. Certainly, spreading the love of God nationally and internationally is included in that list. And I believe part of that list includes the work that OEUSA is doing in assisting members of the Jewish community to make *Aliyah*. Many scriptures in the Bible, including Matthew 23:39 and Zechariah 12:10-11, make it clear that the Jewish people have to be re-established in the Land of Israel before the Lord returns.

... ASSISTING IN THIS ENDEAVOR TAKES ON ADDED SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE.

Because of this, I see the work of OEUSA in a somewhat different light than other works of Christian organizations. I see the work not only assisting Jewish brothers and sisters to immigrate back to their homeland, but also playing a role in the overall timetable of God. I believe that the world is at the end of this age, and I believe the signs denoting this are both numerous and unmistakable. A significant sign is the rebirth of Israel and the return of the Jewish people to their eternal homeland.

On May 14, 1948, Israel was reborn, and ever since then, the return of the Jews to the Land has continued with ever-increasing speed. And to me, the work of OEUSA in assisting in this endeavor takes on added significance and importance. The ministry is not just helping our Jewish brothers and sisters attain something that burns in their hearts. I view their work through a much larger lens — assisting our God in re-establishing Israel at the culmination of this age. And when I look through this lens, I feel blessed to be a part of such important work.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for Pastor Stratton's ability to see clearly and relate to the "big picture" from God's perspective. Pray that he and others have ample opportunities to share the vision with many.
 "I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light ..." Ephesians 1:18a NLT. Pray for God to open the spiritual eyes of the listeners and readers.
- "All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." 1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT. Thank God for Pastor Stratton's understanding of and respect for God's timetable through the evidence of the re-establishment of Israel and the ongoing Aliyah. In addition, pray for God to open the hearts of more of His people to recognize and function in time with God by supporting and joining His work of Aliyah.

REVELATION FROM THE FATHER

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

You are blessed . . . because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Matthew 16:17 NLT

ur Lord's words to Peter reveal our need for direct, Spirit-to-spirit revelation of Truth. Although we are charged with the duty to share the Gospel human-tohuman, the Spirit gives the listener spiritual revelation and understanding to recognize and believe the Truth being spoken.

It is the same with the Truth of restoring the Jews to the Land, which God gave to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — the Truth of their God in the fullness promised.

THE SPIRIT BRINGS THE MIRACLE OF REVELATION TO EACH HEART, RESULTING IN BELIEF AND LEADING TO OBEDIENT ACTION.

Let us pray for the Church as a whole and for those with whom we directly share after the example of the apostle Paul:

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened ..." Ephesians 1:16-18a ESV. It is essential to remember that only the Holy Spirit can confirm the message of *Aliyah* we bring to each person. We are called to share the message, but it is the Spirit that gives revelation.

We are blessed, for we have received revelation from the Spirit regarding *Aliyah*. Let us pray with gratitude for our listeners, with compassion and love for them, and with unshakable confidence that our gracious Father will hear and answer our prayers.

When we share the Truth of *Aliyah* from the Scriptures and the testimonies of what He is doing, whether with one person or 5,000, we plant seeds of Truth. The Spirit brings the miracle of revelation to each heart, resulting in belief and leading to obedient action.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

John 16:13a NLT

Prayer Points

- Thank the Father that we have received this revelation from Him.
- Pray Ephesians 1:16-18 for the Father to give His people Spiritual revelation of *Aliyah*.
- Pray that whenever and wherever we share the Aliyah message, the Spirit will confirm our words with His power — especially the power to receive and believe.
- Pray for obedient actions to flow from hearts on fire with the holy revelation.

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I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 24:7 ESV

Operation Exodus USA is happy to annouce that we will be hosting our first virtual conference this May! We encourage you to join us for times of prayer, fellowship, and teaching about the work of *Aliyah*!

More information will be available soon!



If you would like to receive updates about the conference, get in touch with us at **operationexodususa.org/contact/**



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