

# ATIME OF INTROSPECTION AND REPENTANCE FOR JEWS AND GENTILES

MY DESIRE IS TO BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU, BUT WHOEVER CURSES YOU I WILL CURSE, AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED.

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## A TIME OF INTROSPECTION AND REPENTANCE FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

BY MERRILL BOLENDER. REGIONAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: . . .

**Romans 11:25-26 NIV** 

n the Jewish calendar for 2022, the ten days between Rosh Hashanah (September 25-27) and Yom Kippur (October 4-5) are significant days known as the "Ten Days of Awe" or the "Ten Days of Repentance." During this time, as much introspection takes place, concluding with the observance of Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement (October 4-5), God is merciful and offers people a chance to sort out all the things they have done wrong.

May this also be a time for the members of the Church to take a reflective look inward and examine their own thoughts, attitudes, and feelings, especially concerning the Jewish people and their homeland — Israel. In my book, When the Cross Became a Sword I document how the Gentile Church in Rome, through their Greco-Roman interpretation of Scripture, made a grave

error concerning the Jewish people.

In Romans 11, Paul warns the Roman Gentile believers about boasting over the "natural olive branches" that were broken off. In verse 18 he wrote, ". . . do not boast . . ." (against the natural branches), and in verse 20 " . . . do not be haughty ... " (but fear and tremble). In verse 25 Paul wrote, "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery (of Israel) lest you should be wise in your own opinion . . ."

In my book, I document how the Church in Rome disregarded all of Paul's warnings. By the third century, they had mostly rejected the

Jewishness of Scripture. They believed that they were the "olive tree" and, according to Justin Martyr, the Gentile Church was the "new Israel" — a term not found anywhere in Scripture. Also, no verse in Scripture indicates that God has changed His mind concerning His promises to Israel — the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Through the Roman Gentile Church, the theology of the Church "replacing" Israel was birthed. I firmly believe that "replacement theology" must be disavowed. In Genesis, God promised Abraham that his seed would ultimately be a blessing in all the world, and that the land of Canaan would be their everlasting possession. God said, "I will bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you." Genesis 12:3.

IN OUR DAY, THE GLOBAL CHURCH, TO BE COMPLETELY RESTORED AND MOVE FORWARD, MUST ADMIT AND REPENT OF ITS HISTORY AND PAST SINS. AND IT MUST REPUDIATE REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY.

On May 15, 2022, the Messianic prophet Johnathan Cahn gave a message titled "The Chaldean Mystery." He revealed the principle of blessing those who bless the Jewish people and their nation of Israel, and cursing those who curse them. This reciprocity has caused the rise and fall of kings, nations, and world empires throughout the last four thousand years. Accordingly, the worldwide Church today is not exempt from

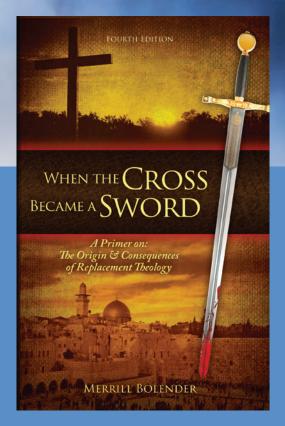
the principle of blessing and cursing. When the Church rejected the Jewishness of the Olive Tree, she cut herself off from her Jewish roots. She came under a curse, revelation lights faded, the anointed glory that was on the early Jewish Church lifted, and the dark ages tragically set in.

In the Roman Gentile Christian Church, the error of *Replacement Theology* was birthed. Through the centuries, Church leaders taught a succession of false doctrines. Because of this anti-Judaism and anti-Semitic teaching, millions of Jews throughout the centuries were minimized, debased, and eventually slaughtered by the Church.

In God's promises to Abraham and his seed, He promised to bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel (Genesis 12:3). The Church, represented unfortunately and visibly by the forefathers who committed these atrocities, is still under the curse. Genesis 12:3.

The Church will remain cursed with theological and denominational division until it restores its relationship with Israel through biblical teaching and its acknowledgment of Israel's significant role and calling in God's endtime prophecy. Much of the organized Church has had a blemished history through the ages as a result of her intentional persecution of the Jews — God's chosen people. In our day, the global Church, to be completely restored and move forward, must admit and repent of its history and past sins, and it must repudiate replacement theology.

We owe a great debt to Abraham's seed — the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. In Derek Prince's booklet *Our Debt to Israel*, we find the following statement:



We encourage you to call our National Office (716.681.6300) to obtain this book to share with family, friends, and with your church community.

Do it today, these are crucial days!

"Without the Jews, we would have no patriarchs, no prophets, no Bible, and no Savior. The nations of the earth owe all that is most precious in their spiritual inheritance to the Jews."

Both Israel and the Church have a divine destiny that they must and will fulfill. Let us all begin uniting and praying for both the restoration of the Church and the restoration of Israel. This will prepare the way for Jesus Christ's glorious return.

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BY JOHN PROSSER, OPERATION EXODUS USA

They were pleased to do it, but the fact is that they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared with the Jews in spiritual matters, then the Gentiles clearly have a duty to help the Jews in material matters.

Romans 15:27 CJB

s I witness the continuing breakdown of Judeo Christian values in America, the propaganda and lawlessness that are rampant throughout our governmental institutions are repugnant to me. Nevertheless, as Christians, we must stand strong in our trust and hope in the power of our God! Our God is *omnipotent* (Isaiah 55:11), He is *omniscient* (Psalm 147:5), and He is *omnipresent* (Exodus 6:7). To our mighty and powerful God be all the glory!

Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) is standing at the forefront of a monumental move of Aliyah. Jewish people are taking notice of the increase in anti-Semitism and instability of life in America. This is fueling the desire in the hearts of many to make Aliyah now. As Christians and Americans, we have a mandate from God to help and encourage them in their miraculous journey back to the Land He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob — to give to them and to their descendants after them. (Deuteronomy 1:8 TLV)

### LET US CONTINUE TO STAND STRONG IN PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR THE GREATER EXODUS.

The LORD has given our ministry the incredible ability to fulfill our duty and debt to His chosen people by directly blessing them

through prayer and helping them with financial gifts! We respect and protect the access Aliyah allows us — touching their lives with the love of God, building relationships and trust! We are grateful for this unique and special privilege, and we are pleased to do it; we are blessed, and our hearts are full of joy!

Through perilous times, the need for Aliyah assistance will rise to levels we have not experienced before. OEUSA is linking arms with like-minded ministries as we prepare to provide assistance in new and unusual ways. It gives me great confidence to know that we stand firm on our foundation of fervent intercessory prayer praying God's prophetic Word over the Aliyah highways, which repudiates and exposes the obstacles preventing American Jewry from making Aliyah. Daily we seek the Heart of God for His wisdom, guidance, and discernment as we prepare for what is coming. We must never tire of saying that this is God's holy work! He will do great and mighty miracles that only He can do! The LORD has made all the provision, but we must do our part in preparation for the greater Exodus.

I have great admiration and gratitude for all of you who faithfully support the work of OEUSA. Let us continue to stand strong in prayer and support for the greater Exodus. Let us join our Jewish friends during the fall feasts of the LORD as they search their hearts in prayer and repentance. Let us pray for the nations of Israel and America to return to the one true God: the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

"... then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 CJB



BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

Stand in awe, and sin not.

Psalm 4:4 KJV

om Kippur, The Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year on the Jewish calendar. Many Bible scholars believe it is the prophetic picture of that glorious future day when "all Israel will be saved". (Please see Romans 11:26-27, Isaiah 59:20-21, and Zechariah 12:10-13:2, which speak of that day.) Yom Kippur is the culmination of a period of ten days known as "The Days of Awe". Deep soul searching that leads to repentance for sins against God and others is practiced during these days. The repentance is not considered complete until there is an appropriate action that shows it is genuine.

A simple definition of "awe" as a noun is "a feeling of respect or reverence mixed with dread and wonder; often inspired by something majestic or powerful".1

MAY ALL OF US TRULY STAND IN AWE OF THE HOLY ONE OF **ISRAEL; THIS IS WHAT WILL MOTIVATE OUR PRAYERS, GIVING** AND PRACTICAL WORKS FOR HIS BELOVED JEWISH PEOPLE.

Psalm 4:4 teaches that, if we stand in awe of our God, it follows that we will not serve sin. Rather, we will come under conviction, receive the gift of repentance, and show the fruits of repentance.

Look at Zacchaeus as recorded in Luke 19:5-9; read it and think about the sense of awe he must

have experienced as he stood before the Lord. He had an immediate, genuine repentance that manifested in action and garnered words of comfort and approval from the Lord.

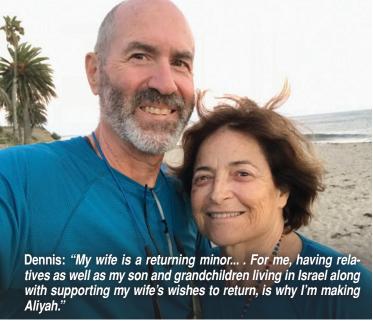
The word "awe" is only found three times in the King James Version — Psalm 4:4, Psalm 33:8, and Psalm 119:161. I wonder if the rarity of the word is a clue of how holy this phenomenon is in our relationship with the Lord.

Some reading this newsletter have been aware of, and repented for, the grievous sin of Replacement Theology. Some may just be learning. Wherever we are in that spectrum, there is room for special action that proves our repentance is real. We have the opportunity in this holy season to give financially from a cheerful heart. May all of us truly stand in awe of The Holy One of Israel; this is what will motivate our prayers, giving and practical works for His beloved Jewish people.

### **Prayer Points**

- LORD, please work a profound attitude of awe of You in our hearts that ignites joyful obedience to Your word.
- Father, please grant Your church the gift of repentance that brings forth fruit for replacement theology, apathy and inaction in our attitude about Your heart for and promises to Israel.
- Father, please wake up the Jewish people in the USA to Your call to return home to Israel: to obey quickly.

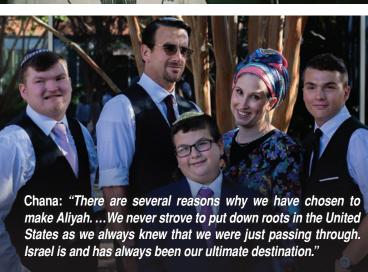
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition











# STORING UP RESOURCES FOR THE GREATER EXODUS

"Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too. ..." Matthew 6:19-20 TLB

e have entered into a decade that is strategic and crucial for the Aliyah movement from the USA — positioning Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) on the brink of the greater Aliyah. Despite the shakings and instability of the last two and a half years, we continue to witness a significant movement of Jewish people making Aliyah — a prelude to an expectation of the many thousands of Olim (Jewish immigrants) in need of assistance. We are preparing and storing to assist all those whom the LORD will send to us in the next few months, years, and beyond.

We have not been this way before! This is an earnest effort to meet the needs of our times — to position OEUSA with the resources to assist and encourage our Jewish friends as they face the many challenges of making Aliyah. Along with the *Olim*, we are grateful for your special gift to support this campaign which takes place during the fall feasts of the LORD — The High Holy Days for the Jewish people.





### 2022 MATCHING GIFT FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

The LORD has made special provision for OEUSA to launch a MATCHING GIFT FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN. We are grateful and humbled to announce that a few generous partners with a vision and commitment to support the work of our ministry have pledged a total campaign seed of \$200,000. With your prayers and financial support, our goal is to raise an additional \$200,000 in preparation for the crucial times we are facing. Every dollar that you give designated to our "Matching Gift Campaign" now through October 31, 2022 will be matched dollar-for-dollar — doubling your investment!

We thank God for each one of you, our dear friends, and partners! Regardless of the *amount* you give, the LORD will honor and remember your generous act of love — an investment with eternal rewards as we take advantage of this opportunity to double our gift dollars as a blessing for God's chosen people. *Thank you*.

Operation Exodus USA Leadership Team

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God will remember your generous gift of love!









BY PASTOR MARK ROBERSON, PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard down on the collar of his robe.

Psalm 133:1-2 NIV

s a pastor here in the city of Buffalo, New York, I — along with everyone else in the city — felt the horror, heartbreak and pain over the racially motivated hate crime which occurred on May 14, 2022, at the Jefferson Avenue Tops Supermarket, where African Americans were targeted and ten people were murdered. I, along with other pastors and ministry leaders, made ourselves available to console and comfort our hurting community. The miraculous took place as communities in Buffalo came together to be a part of the healing and restoration process. Numerous prayer vigils, along with all kinds of humanitarian aid distribution, took place on Jefferson Avenue, where we witnessed the Hand of God touching our city and causing healing to take place because of the "oil of unity." Antagonizers from outside of the city tried to come in to stir up anger, division and riots, but the community of Buffalo stood against them, and we responded with prayer, togetherness, and unity. We didn't destroy our city. We came together and released love for the hurt and pain in our city, and the Presence of God rested on all our efforts! For that we give God praise!

Two hundred and fifty Pastors and ministry leaders came together in unity and signed a letter

that was printed in a full-page ad in the Sunday edition of the Buffalo News. Here's a portion of the letter:

"With sadness and yet righteous anger, we raise our collective voice to vigorously condemn all forms of ethnic prejudice and hate. We embrace the biblical truth that each human being, regardless of ethnicity or cultural background, has been created in the image of God and is to be afforded the respect and dignity of that status . . . .

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Built upon the bedrock of biblical faith, hope and love in and through Christ, together we pledge ourselves and our churches and ministries, to the ongoing and long-term work of practical care, action and service. We commit ourselves to be advocates for racial justice and equity, and to be ministers of reconciliation as a part of the Gospel of Christ our Lord . . . BUFFALO – STILL BETTER TOGETHER!"

Our city will never be the same again, but through unity we found out we are better together!



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