

# O Jerusalem!

## Jerusalem 1967 Six Days that Changed the World

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble; therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.*

*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Psalms 46*

With the fortieth anniversary of Jerusalem's liberation and reunification approaching, many media outlets are presenting feature stories on the Six-Day War—some historically accurate and unbiased, but most not very reliable, and some transparently anti-Israel.

Forty years later the Six Day War remains a politically-charged subject, standing out among the various wars and upheavals that characterize Israel's short contemporary existence.

It's easy to understand why. At a moment Egypt, Syria and Jordan thought Israel would easily be driven into the blue Mediterranean, Israel turned the tables and miraculously pushed back her enemies on all fronts, more than tripled her land holdings, and liberated Jerusalem!

Although Israel had experienced the miracle of restoration of resurrection in 1948, it was only in part. Most of the biblically significant cities were off-limits and the holiest place on earth, the place of Solomon's Temple was inaccessible. After the Six Day War, Jerusalem was reclaimed—after near two-millennia—along with Hebron, where Abraham and Sarah are buried, ancient Jericho, Beth-El, and Shiloh. But most dramatic of all was the liberation of Jerusalem. For Israel and the Arab world, the war changed everything. And yet the greatest impact was in the realm of the spirit.



**June 4, 1967** Frenzied Arabs on the eve of the Six Day War, June, 1967, celebrate Egyptian President Abdel Nasser's promise to drive Israel into the Mediterranean Sea. On May 27, Nasser declared: "Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel. The Arab people want to fight!" A signed a pact with Jordan, was a clear sign to Israel of impending regional war.





From the declaration of Israel's independence in May 1948, Israel has been plagued with violence from hostile neighbors. Nevertheless, they have dreamed of living securely in their Land at peace with the World. Despite little or no signs of reciprocity, Israel has consistently backed her expressed desires to negotiate for peace with the Arabs with one Land concession after another – to her detriment.

Ever the idealist, in her October 10, 1960 address to the U.N. Gen'l Assembly, Golda Meir entreated Arab leaders to meet with PM David Ben-Gurion to negotiate a peace settlement.

Egyptian President Nasser response was to announce that Egypt would never recognize the Jewish State.

## Impending War

Over the next few years diplomacy deteriorated as tension rose until 1967 brought the situation critical. Syria's shelling of Israeli farms and communities in the Galilee region from the Golan Heights with ever-increasing frequency finally provoked a necessary counter-strike in April 1967. Israel shot down six Soviet-supplied Syrian MiGs. Although Israel was protecting farms and villages from attack, Syria and the Soviet Union used it as an excuse to build up armaments for war upon the strategic Golan Heights towering 3,000 feet over Israel's Northern Galilee.

During these years, Egyptian President Nasser's threats became more bloodthirsty and bold. His hate-filled speeches inspired dozens of attacks within Israel and a tightening noose of military attack forces on Israel's borders – from Gaza to Golan.

When Nasser's Egyptian troops began amassing near Israel's Sinai border in mid-May 1967, while Syria strategically positioned on the Golan Heights for battle, Israel knew Nasser's threats were not rhetoric – Israel was facing an impending invasion from Egypt on the South/East and Syria on the North/East.

Nasser ordered the UN Emergency Force, stationed in the Sinai since 1956, to withdraw on May 16. Secretary-General U Thant complied. After the withdrawal of the UNEF, on May 18, the Voice of the Arabs proclaimed: "As of today, there no longer exists an international emergency force to protect Israel. The sole method we shall apply against Israel is total war, which will result in the extermination of Zionist existence."

On May 20 Syrian Defense Minister Hafez Assad boasted: "Our forces are now entirely ready not only to repulse the aggression, but to initiate the act of liberation itself, and to explode the Zionist presence in the Arab homeland. The Syrian army, with its finger on the trigger, is united...I, as a military man, believe that the time has come to enter into a battle of **annihilation**."

Nasser further goaded Israel to war by closing the Straits of Tiran to all shipping and cut access to Eilat on May 22. The blockade cut Israel's only supply route and cut off her supply of oil. Nasser challenged Israel to fight almost daily promising "Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel. The Arab people want to fight," he said on May 27, "We will not accept any...coexistence with Israel."

On May 30, King Hussein of Jordan signed a pact with Egypt. Afterward, Nasser announced: "The armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are poised on the borders of Israel...to face the challenge, while standing behind us are the armies of Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan and the whole Arab nation. This act will astound the world. Today they will know that the Arabs are arranged for battle, the critical hour has arrived. We have reached the stage of serious action and not declarations."

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**June 5, 1967** Israeli forces launched a pre-emptive attack on Egypt and destroyed nearly 400 military aircraft. Very quickly neighboring Arab states joined Egypt in the battle. Israel suffered a great toll in securing their Syria and Jordan borders as the Arab states were well prepared, having built up their military forces as intelligence reported.





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Iraq joined the furor as President Abdur Rahman Aref declared: “The existence of Israel is an error which must be rectified. This is our opportunity to wipe out the ignominy which has been with us since 1948.”

With the armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon poised on Israel's borders, Israel knew the time had come to act.

The Soviets had massively supplied the Arab armies surrounding Israel on all sides.

Israel was alone. Alone and surrounded by a quarter of a million armed Arab troops (half in the Sinai Peninsula), more than 2,000 tanks and 7000 enemy aircraft.

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On June 5, 1967, Israel was indeed alone, but its military commanders had conceived a brilliant war strategy. The entire Israeli Air Force, with the exception of just 12 fighters assigned to defend Israeli air space, took off at 7:14 a.m. with the intent of bombing Egyptian airfields while the Egyptian pilots were eating breakfast. In less than 2 hours,

roughly 300 Egyptian aircraft were destroyed. A few hours later, Israeli fighters attacked the Jordanian and Syrian air forces, as well as one airfield in Iraq. By the end of the first day, nearly the entire Egyptian and Jordanian air forces, and half the Syrians', had been destroyed on the ground.

The battle then moved to the ground, and some of history's greatest tank battles were fought between Egyptian and Israeli armor in the blast-furnace conditions of the Sinai desert.

### Jerusalem Is Attacked

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol sent a message to King Hussein on June 5 saying Israel would not attack Jordan unless he initiated hostilities. When Jordanian radar picked up a cluster of planes flying from Egypt to Israel, and the Egyptians convinced Hussein the planes were theirs, he ordered the shelling of West Jerusalem. It turned out that the planes were Israel's and were returning from destroying the Egyptian air force on the ground.

It took only three days for Israeli forces to defeat the Jordanian legion. On the morning of June 7, the order was given to recapture the Old City. Israeli paratroopers stormed the city and secured it. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan arrived with Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin to formally mark the Jews' return to their historic capital and their holiest site. At

the Western Wall, the IDF's chaplain, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, blew a shofar to celebrate the event.

### A Stunning Victory

After just six days of fighting, Israeli forces were in a position to march on Cairo, Damascus, and Amman. By this time, the principal objectives of capturing the Sinai and the Golan Heights had been accomplished, and Israeli political leaders had no desire to fight in the Arab capitals. Furthermore, the Soviet Union had become increasingly alarmed by the Israeli advances and was threatening to intervene. At this point, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk advised the Israelis “in the strongest possible terms” to accept a cease-fire. On June 10, Israel did just that.

The victory came at a very high cost. In storming the Golan Heights, Israel suffered 115 dead—roughly the number of Americans killed during Operation Desert Storm. Altogether, Israel lost twice as many men — 777 dead and 2,586 wounded—in proportion to her total population as the U.S. lost in eight years of fighting in Vietnam.(23) Also, despite the incredible success of the air campaign, the Israeli Air Force lost 46 of its 200 fighters.(24) The death toll on the Arab side was 15,000 Egyptians, 2,500 Syrians, and 800 Jordanians.

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**Israel 1967** By the end of the war, Israel had conquered enough territory to more than triple the size of the area it controlled, from 8,000 to 26,000 square miles. The victory enabled Israel to unify Jerusalem. Israeli forces had also captured the Sinai, Golan Heights, Gaza Strip and West Bank.

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**Israel 1967 - 2007** In spite of Israel's astonishing victory and massive land increase following the Six Day War, the next 40 years would be spent giving the land away in one peace pact after another, none of which brought any semblance of peace. Rather, ever-escalating violence was what Israel has reaped, while the world and much of the Church continues to press for even greater concessions - those that would be disastrous for Israel's security - while the Arabs cry for her ultimate destruction ... *and next the U.S. ... and then the Christians.*





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## JERUSALEM - Key to Revival

*Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.* (Luke 21:29-31)

As Israel recaptured Jerusalem in the Six Day War of 1967, almost simultaneously, sparks of revival began among the youth of the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco that would quickly ignite a fire across America and beyond known as the “Jesus Movement,” a groundswell of evangelism and spontaneous salvation among primarily the youth and counter-culture.

Although history remembers other revivals, this one was uniquely characterized by something not seen since Yeshua (Jesus) and His first followers walked the Earth – considerable numbers of Jewish People coming to faith in Jesus who desired to maintain their life and identity as Jews. This was significant and prophetic. In preceding centuries relative handfuls of Jewish People had come to faith. In the 19th Century there were hundreds of

thousands that professed Christianity. Some of this was real but some was for social advancement. They largely assimilated into the traditional Church. Even with the advent of Jewish ministry societies forming in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and a renewed interest and anticipation of Prophecy after Israel regained statehood in 1948, the small numbers of Jews who came to faith either assimilated into traditional Christianity or became active as “Hebrew-Christians” in missionary work. They were generally trained or disciplined by a traditional missionary society or a Christian denomination, and retained their Jewish identity only for the purpose of evangelism, not as a valid expression of worship and Christian lifestyle.

Yet after 1967, these new Jewish Believers expressed a strong sense and desire to retain their Jewish identity – to remain as they were when they were called – even as they were disciplined in traditional churches. (1 Cor. 7: 20-24) There was an innate desire to “contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3) ... to restore the Tabernacle of David ... and to know their kinsman Redeemer – the Jewish Messiah of Israel. God was doing something new!

This in its essence was the spontaneous

birth of what today is called the “Messianic Movement,” not organizationally, but spiritually. For the first time since the First Church, Jews in significant numbers were coming to faith in Yeshua and were free to be Jewish; they could retain their rich cultural heritage and restore scriptural riches that had languished in the dust. Igniting the Hebrew Roots movement, the Messianic Movement has brought new life to the Church as well, equipping her to fulfill Romans 11:11 – to make Israel envious for *her* God. Forty years have passed – a generation by biblical standards.

In these forty years since 1967 more Jewish People have come to faith in Yeshua by far than in any other century since Yeshua. There are now second generation Jewish Believers coming of age – modern-day Calebs and Joshuas of their generation.

## THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

*Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.* (Luke 21:24 NASB)

It is clear that the June 1967 Six Day War which liberated Jerusalem and restored control to the Jewish People, was a momentous event for Israel. Although the miracle of



**June 7, 1967** the Jerusalem brigade and the paratroop brigade, commanded by Mordechai Gur, conquered the Old City of Jerusalem. At the end of a heavy battle, the troops burst through the Lion's Gate, capturing the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. Amid tears, shofar blast and prayer, thanks were given to the Almighty, recognizing a profound modern day miracle had taken place. Colonel Motta Gur announced on the army wireless: “*The Temple Mount is in our hands! The Temple Mount is in our hands!*” (<http://www.isracast.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ID=374>)





statehood was realized in 1948, access to the Temple Mount – the holiest place on Earth to the Jewish People (*not the Arabs – that is a myth*) was denied. In fact, the Jews were only allowed a portion of Jerusalem; the city was divided. The victory of the Six Day War unified Jerusalem under Jewish authority. That was in the natural realm; in the realm of the Spirit, it was as if a giant celestial clock, long sleeping, came to life, sending the hands forward decisively with a resounding report throughout the Earth, signaling an epic shift in Christianity and the lifting of the veil between Israel and her Messiah. The world is now filled with Jewish Believers and Messianic Congregations. In tiny Israel alone there are approximately fifty Jewish congregations!

Yeshua sets the restoration of Jerusalem as

a signpost for us. Previous generations looking for His return lacked this important criterion. Although not complete, the “fullness” or “times of the Gentiles” are certainly in the present. The restoration of Israel as a Nation, the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli control, and the returning of Judah and the Tribes of Israel from the four corners of the Earth add up to an unprecedented amount of fulfilled prophecy in the last century. Consider also Yeshua’s own admonishment to Jerusalem: *“for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”* (Matt. 23:39 NKJV) The Jewish People had to be back in the Land and specifically Jerusalem to cry out to Him from Psalm 118 for Yeshua to return.

It seems all eyes are on Israel, and specifi-

cally Jerusalem. Why does the world contend over this miniscule piece of real estate that has no oil, no diamond mines, seemingly no intrinsic value to anyone? Even Christians have become contentious over the political issues, missing the gravity of Israel’s biblical mandate.

It is often noted that Israel is God’s time-piece. If that is true, the hour must be growing late. Are we fast approaching the time of completion, when all Israel will be saved?

*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved.* (Romans 11:25,26 NKJV).  
- Sarah



**Israel 1967** Spontaneous Hebrew dance broke out in Jerusalem at the Western Wall, Lt. Col. Uzi Eilam blew the Shofar. Soldiers sang ‘Jerusalem of Gold’ and ‘Hatikva,’ ‘The Hope,’ Israel’s national anthem. Rabbi Shlomo Goren proclaimed: *“Baruch ata Hashem, menachem tsion u-voneh Yerushalayim.”* *“Blessed are thou, who comforts Zion and builds Jerusalem!”* Israeli soldiers answered: *“Amen!”*

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Almost simultaneously with Israel’s recapture of Jerusalem, a revival known as the “Jesus Movement,” produces a groundswell of evangelism and mass salvation among primarily the youth and counter-culture. New Jewish Believers enter with a zeal to reach Israel ... to go to ‘the Jew first.’ Jewish Voice, itself birthed in January 1967, sent witnessing teams to Israel throughout the early years.



**Street Evangelism in Jerusalem in the early years of Jewish Voice**

**Hebraic Singing & Dancing in Jerusalem Streets**





# Pray for the Peace of

# Jerusalem

## *Praying for Israel* Why Pray for Israel?

1. Israel is still the apple of God's eye and His inheritance, close to His heart (Psa.148:14; Zech.2:8; Deut.32:8-11; Rom.11:29; Psa.33:11-12)

2. God's faithful servants are moved to prayer and compassion over Israel's condition (Psa.102:13-17)

3. God commands us to give Him and ourselves no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth (Isa.62:1,6-7)

4. God wants to give us the desire, anguish and gift of travailing prayer for Israel's salvation (Rom.9:2-3; 10:1, 14)

5. God commands us to seek the spiritual and physical good of the Israeli people and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa.122:4,6-9; Rom.15:25-27; 1:16; 2:9-11)

6. The Jewish people's acceptance of Messiah Jesus (Yeshua) will lead to life from the dead — world-wide revival of unprecedented magnitude (Rom.11:15; Acts 3:19-21)

7. Yeshua linked His second coming to Israel's national turning to Him (Matt.23:39)

## *Praying for Israel* Some Prayer Guidelines

1. That God would raise up men and women who will carry His authority and speak His word to Israel, the Jewish people

2. That God would grant to congregations within Israel and the Diaspora:

- holiness and humility of heart
- boldness and passion for the Son of God (Eph.6:18)
- divine conviction falling on the preached word (John 16:8)
- unity among leadership (John 17:21; Rom.15:7-8)
- strategic wisdom, prophetic unction, dreams and visions

- provision (financial, legislative, property) — (Rom.15:25-27)
- the power of God in signs & wonders (1 Cor.1:22-24; 2:4-5; Rom.15:17-19)

3. That God would continue to establish peace and evangelism in Israel (1 Tim.2:1-4)

4. That God would accomplish the spiritual return of the Jewish people to Messiah and the physical return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel (Isa.49:5-6)

## Eight Models of Intercessory Prayers for Israel

1. Moses (Exod.32:11-13, 32; Deut.9:18-19, 25-29; Num. 14:13-19)

2. Solomon (1 Ki.8:46-53; cf. Deut.30:1-10; 2 Chron. 20:5-12)

3. Nehemiah (Neh. 1:4-11)

4. Asaph and the sons of Korah (Psa.74; 79; 80; 83; 44; 85; 123)

5. Joel (Joel 1:8, 13-14; 2:12-17)

6. Isaiah (Isa.63:15 through 64:12; 58:1; 62:1,6)

7. Jeremiah (Jer.14:7-9,17-22; 15:5; 9:1; Lam.33:43-51; 5:19-22)

8. Daniel (Dan.9:1-19)

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## *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem*

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said unto me: 'Let us go unto the House of the Lord'.

When our feet stood within thy gates, O Jerusalem;

O Jerusalem, built as a city that is united together;

For there the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord,

as a testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they that love thee shall prosper.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will say now, peace be within thee.

For the sake of the House of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.



*Christian Zionists come yearly to parade through Jerusalem during Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, which they see as a prophetic picture of the final "ingathering" of Jew and Gentile at the return of Messiah to His city.*



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## Powerful Intercessory Prayers

1. Father God, remember Your covenant of old and remove the veil You have sovereignly placed over the eyes of Israel, that they would recognize Jesus as their Messiah. (2 Corinthians 3:14)

2. Lord, show Your mercy and favor to Israel in this set time. (Psalm 102:13)

3. We pray for the current leaders in Israel, including the prime minister, the mayor of Jerusalem, and all those in military service. Raise up God-fearing government leaders in Israel (and worldwide) who will not seek to "divide the land" and who would recognize the unique significance of Jerusalem in God's end-time purposes.

4. He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock. Father, continue to draw the Jewish people to You according to Your sovereign plan. (Jeremiah 31:10)

5. Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. Let them be as grass upon the housetops, which withers before it grows up. Lord, deal justly and swiftly with Your enemies. (Psalm 129:5-6)

6. Destroy and divide the tongues of those who speak against Israel. In the name of Yeshua, we bind every false religion and false doctrine that does not acknowledge Your eternal plan for the land and people of Israel. (Psalm 55:9)

7. The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous. Father, break the strongholds of religion and pride and wickedness that seek to control Israel. (Psalm 125:3)

8. The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make Israel His people. Use us to help others understand Your plan for Israel and Your love for the Jewish people. (1 Samuel 12:22)

9. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes their plans of no effect. We declare that God's purposes for Israel will be completely fulfilled and that He will be glorified. (Psalm 33:10)

10. Show Your lovingkindness to Your people Israel and keep them as the apple of Your eye. Hide them under the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who oppress them, from their deadly enemies who surround them. (Psalm 17:7-9)

11. We pray that You would continually be on the side of Israel, especially when others rise up against her to swallow her alive. When their wrath is kindled against her, the waters will not overwhelm her. God will not give her as prey to their teeth. (Psalm 124)

12. Sanctify Your great name which has been profaned among the nations, which has been profaned in the midst of Israel. That nations shall know that the Lord is God, when He is sanctified in Israel before their eyes. Sprinkle the clean water of Your Word on Israel and cleanse her from her filthiness and from all her idols, including abortion and the occult. Give Israel a new heart, and put a new spirit within her. Remove her heart of stone and give her a heart of flesh that can respond to the Holy Spirit, and cause her to walk in Your statutes, keep Your commandments and do them. (Ezekiel 36:23-27)

13. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for the City of the Great King to welcome the Prince of Peace, and for it to remain Israel's undivided capital. (Psalm 122:6)

14. Cause the Church to fulfill its commission to preach the Gospel to the whole world, so the fullness of the Gentiles will result, and Israel will be saved. (Romans 11:25-26)

15. Father, in Your mercy vanquish the tremendously powerful religious spirits which dominate the whole territory - Jewish, Muslim, Christian and others.

16. We pray for a spirit of unity--for peace between religious and secular Jews, for peace to exist among believers in the land.

17. We pray for the body of Messiah in Israel to be strengthened in love and power in the Holy Spirit. We pray that this body would allow the love and compassion of Yeshua to flow through them and touch everyone they encounter.



18. Raise up intercessors for Israel. Put more watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem, who would give You no peace day or night until You establish Jerusalem and make her the praise of the earth. (Isaiah 62:6-7).

19. Father, bring glory to Your name through the mercy You show to the land. Bring the necessary seasonal rain upon the country. Cause the crops to be bountiful.

20. We pray that the three spiritual forces of humanism, Marxist-Socialist philosophy, and the spiritual inheritance of the Ottoman Empire will be broken and rendered powerless.

21. Bless Israel through the many immigrants who are flowing back to the nation. Bring a sovereign, supernatural move of the Holy Spirit among these new immigrants, that they might proclaim Your truth to their fellow Jews.

22. We pray for a radical change in the Israeli system of government, that divisiveness and partisanship would give way to unity, cooperation, and honest dealings.

23. We pray that in the midst of the pressures, the people of Israel will turn to You, God. We pray that You will hear the heart cries of people in this land and have mercy. Move in accordance with Isaiah 30:19: "You shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer."