



The Zion Letter

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Is God calling you to be an Esther?

Dear friend of Israel,

The Bible tells us that the Feast of Purim begins on the 14th of Adar (See Esther 9:21-26). The 14th of Adar begins on Saturday evening February 28th at sunset. In the book of Esther a decree had been given to destroy all the Jews in the Persian Empire (Modern Iran), but God raised up Queen Esther to deliver her Jewish people. Esther called a fast for three days and then held two banquets for the King and for Haman, the prime minister. During the second banquet Esther stirred up her courage to tell the king of the wicked Haman's plan to destroy the Jews.

Esther didn't want to do anything to save her people; she was afraid of the king. In spite of Esther's fear, her uncle Mordecai sent these words to her: **"Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"** Esther 4:13-14.

Called to make a decision:

Queen Esther had to make a conscious decision to help the Jewish people. She knew that she could lose her life if she went before the King uninvited. Yeshua (Jesus) said, **"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it,"** MK 8:35. Answering the call of God for your life means being willing to lose your old life to follow Yeshua. "Not my will Lord, but Your will be done..." This requires a decision, a choice. Is God calling you to be an Esther and help save the Jewish people?



Why do Israel and the Jewish people need to be saved?

A few years ago, terrorists from the Al Aqsa Martyr's brigade broke into the home of Udi and Ruth Fogel, Jewish settlers in the West Bank. The terrorists stabbed the Fogels and three of their children to death, including their 3 month old daughter Hadas. Following the murders, Palestinians could be seen passing out candy to each other to celebrate the murder of the Fogel family. This is typical of the Palestinians; it is typical for them to run over, stab, send suicide bombers, and murder innocent people like the Fogel family. The incidents are countless. Just a few months ago a beautiful young female Israeli police officer on patrol was stabbed to death by a pro-Palestinian Arab in the Damascus gate of the Jerusalem's Old City.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise in the world. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th, German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that anti-semitism is on the rise in her country. According to a Wall Street Journal editorial about Israel, **"For 60 years, no nation has been held to such stringent moral account, or such ceaseless international hectoring, as Israel. And no people has been held to so slight an account as the Palestinians. Redressing that imbalance is the essential first step in finding a solution to the conflict. The grotesque murders of the Fogels and their little children demands nothing less."** (1).

According to the prophet Zechariah, Israel and Jerusalem will be attacked by all the nations of the world (See Zech 12,14). Yeshua referred to this coming attack against Israel in Luke 21:20 and Matthew 24:15. Israel has peace with Jordan and Egypt, but if those two countries fall into Islamic Jihadist hands, the prophecy of Israel being surrounded by enemies on every side will come to pass. Both Jordan and

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Egypt have condemned the United States and President Trump for declaring Jerusalem to be the eternal capital of the Jewish people. Will there be war when the U.S. embassy moves to Jerusalem? What will happen to Israel when President Trump is out of office some day? The Bible is clear as I have pointed out before, that Israel will then be attacked by all the nations of the world. Israel needs help **now** to prepare for the coming war against her Moslem neighbors and the nations of the world. The Ayatollah of Iran, a modern Haman, has called for the destruction of Israel many times. Today Iran is once again on the march to destroy Israel; this time with nuclear weapons. They will be stopped by President Trump. They must be stopped during this Presidency because they are dangerously close to having the capability of annihilation. But like Goliath of old, Iran's military will be destroyed. Is God calling you to be an Esther? Perhaps you have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this? To help save the Jewish people from destruction again!

Faith without works:

James wrote that **“faith without works is dead,” James 2:20.** Many people tell me they love Israel and the Jewish people, but I wonder what they are doing to help them? The Bible tells us in Joel 3:2 and Matthew 25:31-46 that God will judge all nations based on how they treated the Jewish people. At For Zion's Sake Ministries we offer tangible ways in Messiah that believers can bless Israel. We have raised millions of dollars in aid for the needy in humanitarian aid for Israel since 2003! We have helped build the largest humanitarian aid work in Israel because of your generosity! We have fed the hungry, clothed the naked and shipped medical equipment to hospitals for the sick. We have even sent ministry teams to bring comfort, aid, service and the love of Yeshua to hurting Israelis and to many Arabs as well! In addition, we have enabled boots on the ground since 2003 helping over a million people in Messiah's name!

I wish to thank those of you who faithfully give every month to For Zion's Sake Ministries. A wealthy man who has donated much to the cause has told me on numerous occasions how much God has blessed him for blessing the Israel and the Jewish people. That is God's promise in Genesis 12:3 and Numbers 24:5-9. Yet our ministry is a lone voice crying out in this wilderness to stand with Israel. Who will do it if we don't? In Luke 7, it was a Roman centurion, a Gentile believer, who built the synagogue in the little country fishing village of Capernaum where the Messiah was living. Notice, the centurion didn't choose a large metropolis like Jerusalem to build a beautiful synagogue, but He chose the wilderness of Galilee. And when he needed the Messiah to heal his servant, boy Yeshua came quickly and did the job!

Would you be a Roman Centurion? Would you be an Esther? Would you consider supporting your local voice for Israel and the Messiah? You have an opportunity though For Zion's Sake Ministries to tangibly send your love to Israel. By supporting For Zion's Sake Ministries, you are directly blessing Israel and the Jewish people through the humanitarian aid we send. Furthermore, by supporting For Zion's Sake, you are building an umbrella of favor for the Jewish people by helping to educate thousands concerning Israel, not just through the Zion Letter, but also through our live stream internet ministry, the Messiah in the Passover teachings, and numerous speaking engagements in churches and conferences. I encourage you to put some teeth to your love for Israel by supporting the work of For Zion's Sake Ministries. We are your local Israel connection and God promises to bless you in return! As you decide to be an Esther, I pray that all the blessings of Esther (beauty, favor, meekness, prosperity, wisdom and victory) will come upon you. Happy Purim! Don't forget to join us for a One New Man Community Purim service on February 23rd and the annual Passover Banquet on March 31st.

PS: Rabbi Joe still has a few openings during the Easter-Passover season to schedule a speaking engagement!

In Yeshua's love,
Joe and Dawn Bell



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at 6:00 pm

(seating begins at 5:30)

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and

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