

THE KOTEL, THE OLD CITY



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

POSTCARD

31°46'36"N 35°14'03"E

The Western Wall (aka the Kotel), considered to be one of the holiest places in Judaism because of its connection to the First and Second Temples, stands in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.



Hi friend!
With reverence and respect, we can get so close to this ancient, limestone wall that we hear the whisper of another time when God's presence filled the space above us. I left a prayer, rolled up on a tiny piece of paper, and tucked it in the wall. *With Love,
from Israel*



"Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord."—Zechariah 8:22

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THE JUDEAN DESERT



SOUTHERN ISRAEL

POSTCARD

31°38'00"N 35°20'00"E

This wild desert landscape is known for its stark, rugged beauty of rocks, cliffs, and canyons.



Hi friend!

Walking through this harsh land, with little water or shade, gives fresh meaning to the Bible's stories of dependance on God. Even Jesus endured 40 days in the wilderness as He prepared for the work that lay ahead.

*With Love,
from Israel*



"The Lord your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing." Deuteronomy 2:7

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SEA OF GALILEE



ISRAEL

32°47'08"N 35°31'06"E

In this place, Jesus called his disciples to follow him. He still calls us to follow him today.



Hi friend!

So many of Jesus' miracles happened around this lake. We get to see who Jesus really is here— even the wind and waves obey Him. Jesus called His disciples to follow Him here— He's calling us to follow Him, too!

*With Love,
from Israel*

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“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Mark

4:41



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MOUNT OF OLIVES



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

POSTCARD

31°46'44"N 35°14'37"E

Past, present, and future come together on this historic and prophetic hillside, Har HaZeitim, where you get the best view in town: of the Old City, the Temple Mount, and from its summit, turn east and watch the sun rise over the Dead Sea.



Hi friend!
From this hillside, every promise points to Jesus—past, present, and future. This is the last place He stood before returning to heaven—and the first place Jesus will stand when He returns.
What an awesome view! *With Love,
from Israel*



“Not my will, but yours, be done.”—Luke 22:42

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MASADA



JUDAEAN WILDERNESS

POSTCARD

31°18'57"N 35°21'09"E

Explore Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Israeli national park, where desert cliffs, ancient ruins, and the winding Snake Path tell a story of refuge, resistance, and Jewish memory.



Hi friend!
Today we climbed the Snake Path toward Masada, a desert fortress rising above the wilderness. From the top, it's easy to see why people came here to survive—and why this place still carries the weight of Jewish courage, identity, and hope.

*With Love,
from Israel*



“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.” Psalm 18:2

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THE PILGRIMAGE ROAD



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

POSTCARD

31°46'15"N 35°14'09"E

The recently uncovered Pilgrimage
Road, Jesus' "Main Street, Jerusalem."



Hi friend!

*If this road could talk, it would tell us about, the hope, grief,
loss and celebrations buried with it since the 1st century - now
uncovered and ours to discover!*

*With Love,
from Israel*

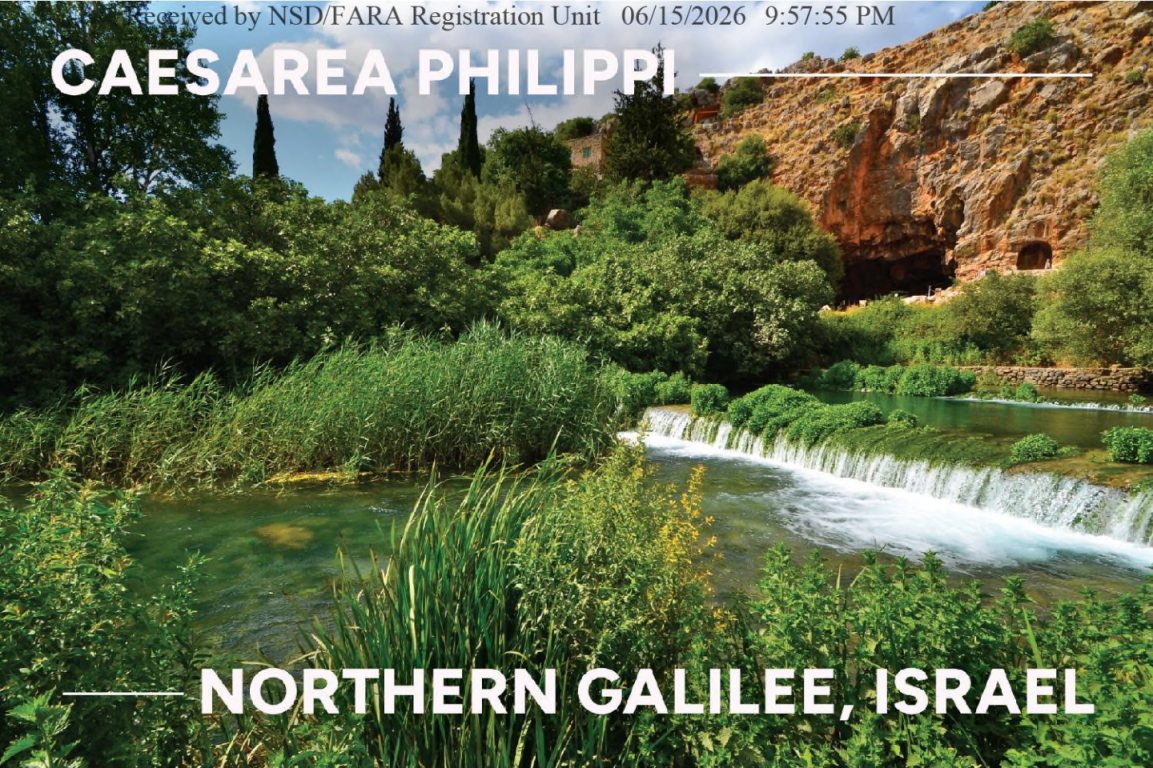


**Hear
from
us**

"With joy you will draw water from the
wells of salvation." Isaiah 12:3

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CAESAREA PHILIPPI



NORTHERN GALILEE, ISRAEL

POSTCARD

33°14'08"N 35°41'18"E

The towns of Caesarea Philippi and Dan are in the Baniyas Nature Reserve, a scenic hiking destination with waterfalls, trails, and lush plants amid ancient ruins that tell a story all their own.



Hi friend!

Today we hike in a place where Jesus took His disciples to ask them one question, "Who do you say I am.?" He was asking them who they will follow. He's asking the same question of us today.

*With Love,
from Israel*



"On this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18

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CAESAREA MARITIMA



MEDITERRANEAN COAST, ISRAEL

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32°30'17"N 34°53'27"E

One of Israel's most spectacular archaeological and historical sites, Caesarea Maritima captures Roman grandeur, biblical history, and Mediterranean beauty.



Hi friend!
We're standing at the crossroads where Jewish, Roman, and Christian worlds meet. This was the place where so much of the book of Acts took place. Now it's our turn to carry the story forward to the world from this harbor.

*With Love,
from Israel*



"You will be my witnesses...to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

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JERUSALEM SKYLINE



ISRAEL

POSTCARD

31°46'43"N 35°13'47"E

Jerusalem: Three continents meet here, three faiths claim their beginnings here. The Bible's entire story revolves around this land. History began and will be completed here.



Hi friend!

"Next year in Jerusalem?" The locals invite us back to this historic, eternal, blessed city. Why don't you come with us next time? God promises He'll never forget Jerusalem. You won't either.

*With Love,
from Israel*



"I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem; then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, the Mountain of the Lord Almighty, the Holy Mountain"— Zechariah 8:3

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THE WELL



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? GOOD.



You heard pieces of the story today. There is more to read, watch, and listen to. As you walked through *The Israel Experience*, you saw questions like:

- **Why** did God choose Israel?
- **What** does Zionism really mean?
- **What** is the Jewish diaspora?
- **Why** does this story still matter today?

You may have scanned every code.
You may have missed a few.

Either way, we gathered the articles, videos, and stories in one place so you can keep learning at your own pace. **Keep exploring.**

**Scan to read, watch,
and listen later.**



Scan to learn more

START WHERE YOUR QUESTIONS ARE.

The story of Israel has deep roots, and every question opens the door to **a clearer understanding.**

These resources were created to help you keep going through Scripture, history, land, and people.



Explore topics like:

- **Why** did God choose Israel?
- **What** did God promise Abraham?
- **Why** does the Torah matter to Christians?
- **What** is the difference between the Tanakh and the Old Testament?

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Explore The Full Collection

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Challenge Coin

You've seen the land and followed Israel's story that's *still* shaping the world.

Now, take this coin with you as a reminder of their faith, endurance, and *hope* that continues today.

The story is alive.

Share it with others.
Let it live on through you.



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THE LAND



AT SOME POINT,
YOU STOP WATCHING...
AND YOU GO.



You've seen it from above.
Now explore what it could look like to go.

The places may not feel distant anymore.
They may feel more personal.

When you're ready, we'll help point you toward
resources and trip opportunities offered by others
who can help you take the next step.

**Explore Ways
to Visit Israel**



Scan to learn more

**PUT YOUR FEET WHERE
THE STORY HAPPENED.**

This experience was designed
to bring the land to you.

And for many, it stirs a deeper desire to stand
there in person. Walking the streets of Jerusalem.
Looking out over the Sea of Galilee.



Next Steps

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that can help you explore a future visit to Israel.

- **Learn** about church and group trip options
- **Explore** pastor familiarization opportunities
- **Find** resources for private or individual travel
- **Connect** with outside guides, agencies, and trip leaders
- **Begin** asking the right questions before you go

Explore Trip Resources

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THE STORY



DON'T LET THIS BE
WHERE THE STORY ENDS.



You've seen the land. **Now step into the story.** What you just experienced was a glimpse. The full story goes deeper.

The Storyline of Israel is an 8-week small group **journey** that connects Scripture, the land, and the people living there today. You'll walk through the Bible with fresh clarity, seeing how it all fits together.

- **Teaching** filmed on location across Israel
- **Old and New** Testament connections
- **Real voices** from people living in the land
- **Designed** for groups, churches, and individuals

Start the Journey



Scan to explore the study and get started

**THE STORY MAKES MORE
SENSE WHEN YOU SEE
WHERE IT HAPPENED.**

Many people read the Bible for years, but something shifts when the places **become real.**

Mountains, cities, roads, and valleys begin to connect. Stories you've heard your whole life start to come into focus.



20+
VIDEOS
IN THE LAND

Next Steps

This study was created to *help* you:

- **See** Scripture with clarity
- **Understand** how the whole story fits together
- **Grow** in confidence as you read and share your faith

Whether you walk through it with a group or on your own, this is a next step that stays with you.

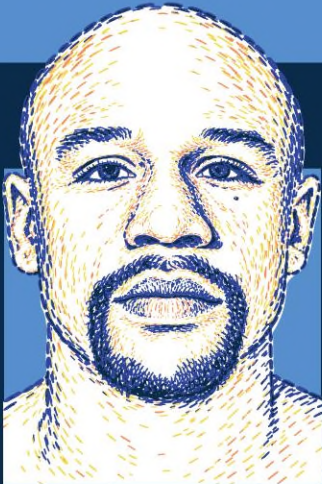
**Take the Next
Step into the Story**

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**“I am proud
of the State
of Israel...
Actions
speak louder
than words,
and I'm here
to support
in every way
I can.”**

**- Floyd
Mayweather**



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**“Israel changed
my life.
Strengthened
my faith,
made the
Bible pop into
reality...”**

**-Charlie
Kirk**



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**“Some people like
the Jews and
some do not;
but no thoughtful
man can deny
they are beyond
all question the
most formidable
and the most
remarkable race
which has
appeared in
the world.”**

**- Winston
Churchill**



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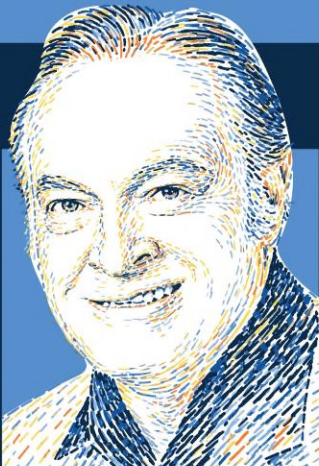


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“The
only thing
chicken
about Israel
is their
soup.”

- Bob
Hope



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“ I care deeply about preserving that Jewish democracy, because we are not only creating a safe Jewish homeland, but also we are remaking the world. We’re repairing it. We are going to do it the right way.”

- Barack Obama



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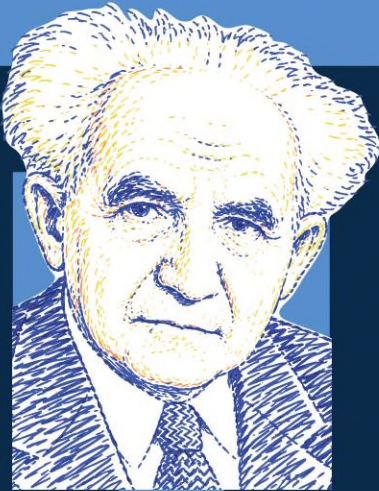
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**“ We offer
peace and
neighborliness
to all the
neighboring
states and their
peoples, and
invite them to
cooperate with
the independent
Hebrew nation for
the common good
of all.”**

**- David
Ben-Gurion**



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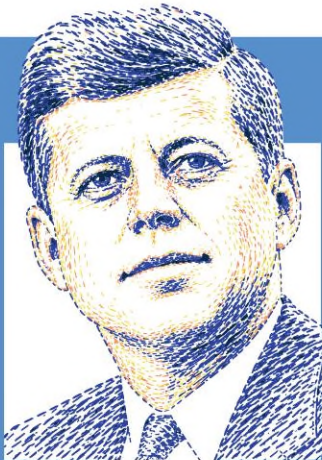


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“ Israel was not created in order to disappear - Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and the home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy, and it honors the sword of freedom. ”

- John F. Kennedy



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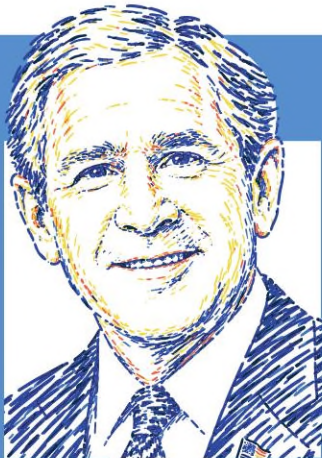


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“ Our two nations have a lot in common. We were both founded by immigrants escaping religious persecution. We both have built-in vibrant democracies. Both our countries are founded on certain basic beliefs, that there is an Almighty God who watches over the affairs of men and values every life. These ties make us natural allies, and will never be broken.”

- George W. Bush



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“Israel is a nation born of courage and sustained by faith.”

- Ronald Reagan



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**“If you feel
besieged by life
today, lean on the
God of peace - the
God of hope and
the future. The
same God who has
not given up His
plan for Israel still
has a plan for you.
Trust that He will
direct your path.”**

**- David
Jeremiah**



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**“Israel is one
of the great
outposts of
democracy
in the world.”**

**- Martin
Luther
King, Jr.**



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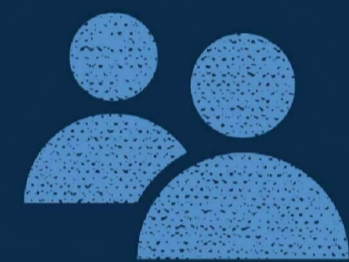
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Is God done with Israel?



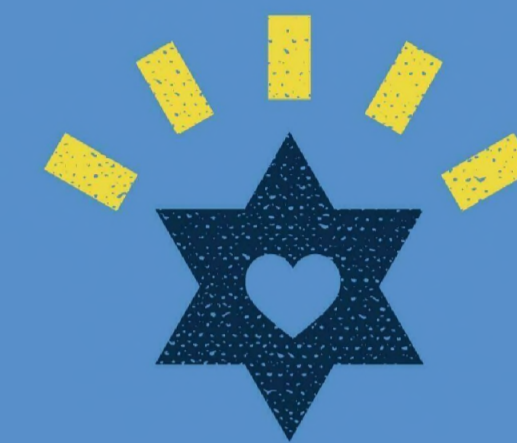
Are the Jewish people of today the same as the Jewish people of the Bible?



What difference does it make that Jesus was born a Jewish man?



Are the Jews still God's chosen people?



How is Israel blessing the world today?



Why is Israel always in the news?



Why live in an area where other countries hate you?



Should Christians even care about Israel?

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Why do Jewish people living around the world want to return to Israel?

As long as in the heart, within,
The Jewish soul yearns,
And toward the eastern edges, onward,
An eye gazes toward Zion.

Our hope is not yet lost,
two-thousand years old,
To be a free nation in our land,
The Land of Zion, Jerusalem.

"Hatikvah" (Hebrew: הַתִּקְוָה, lit. 'The Hope')

The national anthem of Israel. This work profoundly reflects the Jewish people's enduring hope and determination to return to their ancestral homeland.

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The Bible happened somewhere



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Israel is small in size, but not small in story.

Enter to hear the story



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**This is
where
the story
unfolded**



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The Israel Experience

You've heard
from the land.

Now,
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STEP INTO THE STORY OF

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Every story is passed on.

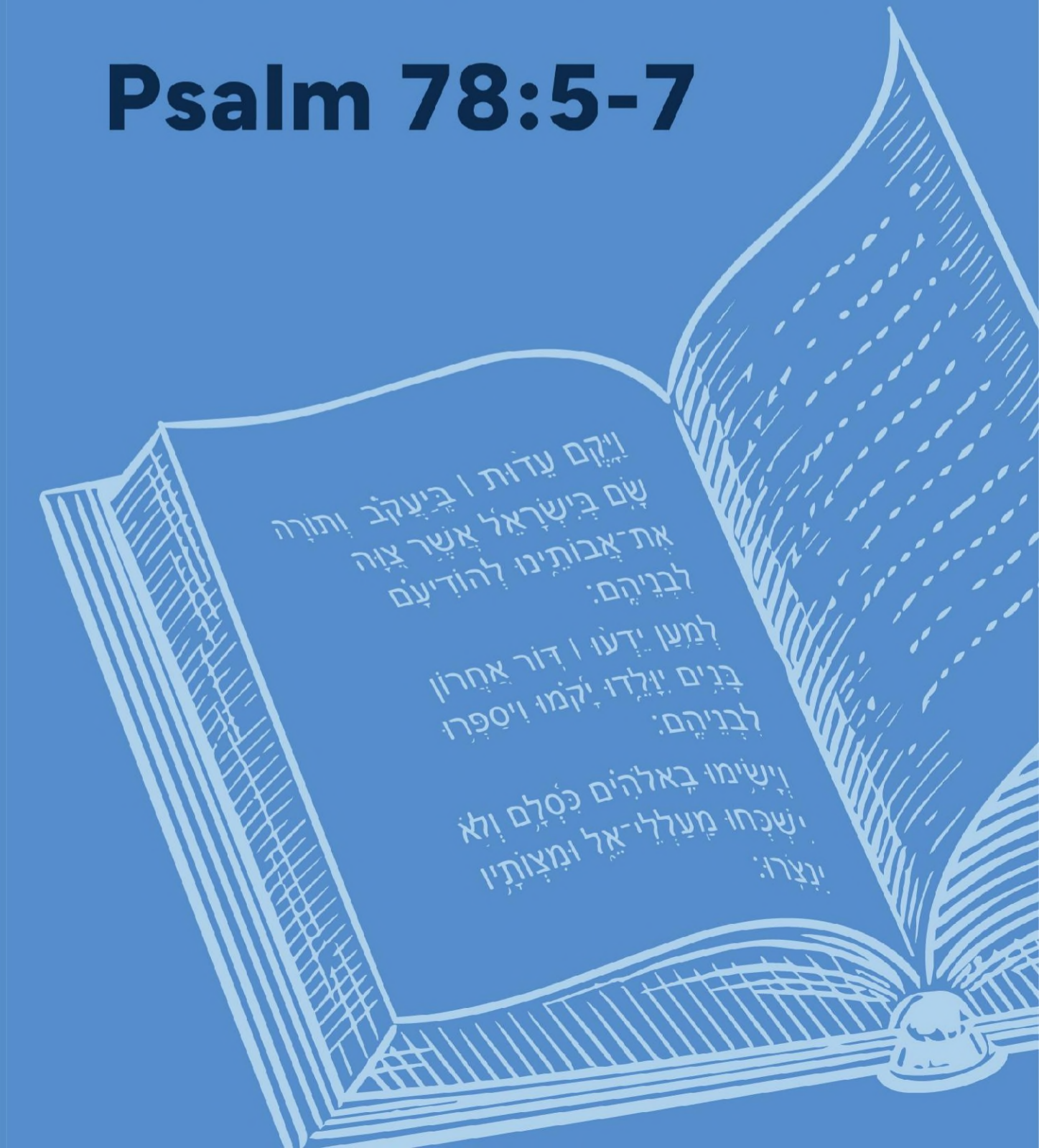
From one generation to the next.



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“He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments...”

Psalm 78:5-7



The Story Begins with a **Promise**

Long before kings, kingdoms, or empires, God made a promise to one man under a sky full of stars.



Genesis 12:1-3

I will make of you a great nation...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

A Promise Under the Stars

c. 2000 BC

God called a man named Abram to leave everything familiar and walk toward a land he had never seen. What began as a journey became a covenant that would shape the story of the Bible.

Three Core Promises

God said, "I promise you . . ."

- **A People: Descendants as numerous as the stars** (Genesis 15:5)
- **A Place: A land God would give them** (Genesis 12:7)
- **A Purpose: Blessing for the whole world** (Genesis 12:3)

Genesis 15:5

Look toward heaven, and number the stars... so shall your offspring be.

Why Did God Choose Israel?



Tap to explore the covenant that shaped the entire biblical story.

The Promise Is Passed On

Isaac → Jacob → The Twelve Tribes

The promise given to Abraham did not end with him. It passed from father to son, shaping a family that would become a people.

The Covenant Continues

Isaac receives the covenant blessing (Genesis 26:3–4)

■ **Jacob is renamed "Israel"** (Genesis 32:28)

■ **"Israel's" twelve sons become twelve tribes** (Genesis 49:28)

Genesis 28:14

In you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

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MANY PEOPLE. ONE LAND.

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but not
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Real People.
Real Voices.
Living the Story.



When Obedience Takes You Across the World



Stephanie Quick

Ministry Leader, Golan Heights



"Sometimes following Jesus changes your address."

Stephanie Quick moved from the United States to Israel after sensing God calling her to serve the people living along Israel's northern border.

Her work reflects a simple conviction: obedience to Jesus sometimes leads us to unexpected places.



Tap to
**Hear from
Stephanie**



Serving **Beyond** Lines and Labels

Dr. Rev. Saleem Shalash

Arab Israeli Pastor, Nazareth



Tap to
**Hear
Pastor
Saleem's
interview**

"Muslims ask why we help them. Jewish people ask the same thing. My answer is always the same: the love of Jesus."

Born and raised in Nazareth, the same town where Jesus grew up, Saleem Shalash leads a church and humanitarian aid center serving Jewish, Muslim, and Christian families in times of crisis.

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Speaking for One of the **Oldest Cities** on Earth

Yishai Fleisher

Spokesman for the Jewish community of Hebron



Tap to **Hear from Yishai**

"Hebron is the Bible's walk of fame. This is where the mamas and the papas are buried."

From Abraham and Sarah to Isaac and Jacob, Hebron is one of the most ancient cities in the biblical story.

Yishai Fleisher helps connect the events of Genesis with the living story of Israel today.

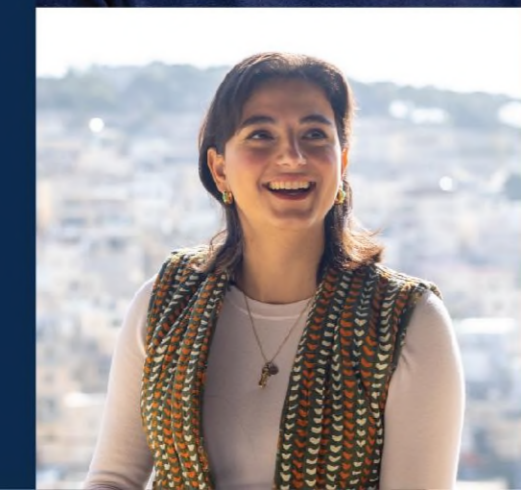
Now Hear From Us

Who are the people living in this story right now?
What do they want the world to understand?

You've heard the story through the land.
Now hear it through the people.



**Real People.
Real Voices.
Living the Story.**



Revealing the Story **Beneath** the Ground

Annaelle Choukroun

Biblical Archaeology Guide, City of David



Tap to **Hear Annaelle's interview**

"People read Bible stories and they feel far away. But when you stand here, suddenly it all fits."

Annaelle Choukroun guides visitors through the City of David, helping them see how the Bible, the land, and archaeology come together in ways many never expected.



These stories are happening today.

You've just heard from Israeli soldiers, pastors, teachers, guides, neighbors.

Their lives have been shaped by an ancient story that began long before any of us were born.

How did Israel's story begin?

It came as a promise under a sky full of stars. To a people called into a covenant. About a land woven through the pages of Scripture.

To understand that beautiful story, let's go back to the beginning.

Follow the storyline.

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Scattered Among the Nations

70-135 AD

After the destruction of Jerusalem, the Jewish people were forced into exile across the Roman world. This scattering became known as the **Diaspora** - the dispersion of a people from their ancestral homeland, living among other nations because it was no longer safe to remain.

A People Dispersed

- The Roman army destroys Jerusalem and the Second Temple (AD 70; Luke 21:6)
- The Bar Kokhba revolt ended with many Jews sold into slavery and forced into exile (AD 132-135)
- The Romans rename Judea "Palestina," attempting to erase the Jewish connection to the land

What is the Jewish Diaspora?

Tap to explore how Jewish communities spread across the world after the destruction of Jerusalem.

For nearly 2,000 years, the Jewish people lived without a homeland - yet their identity endured. And through every generation, the land still held a living Jewish presence.



Empires Rise and Fall

300-1500 AD

Over the next thousand years, different empires controlled the land of Israel. Yet the Jewish connection to, and presence in, the land always remained.

The Land through the Ages

- Byzantine Christian rule (400s-700s)
- Islamic Caliphates (700s-1100s)
- Crusader Kingdoms (1099-1291)
- Ottoman Empire (1517-1917)

Even when other empires ruled it, a small remnant of Jewish communities remained in cities like Jerusalem, Safed, Hebron, and Tiberias.



What Would You Do?

History is not only written by kings, governments, and armies—sometimes it is written by ordinary people who refuse to look away.

- When injustice rises...
- When hatred grows...
- When a people stand alone...

Some remain silent. Others step forward.

Stories of courage continue

- Corrie ten Boom opened her home
- Wallenberg issued passports
- Sugihara wrote visas
- Sandler rescued children

What will your story be? How will you carry the story of Israel forward?

A Stirring Begins

Late 1800s

As persecution intensified in Europe, a growing movement emerged among Jewish thinkers and leaders. They believed the Jewish people should return to their ancestral homeland. This movement became known as **Zionism**.

Key developments

- Early Jewish immigration—primarily from Eastern Europe and Yemen - to the land of Israel. (1880s onward)
- Jewish communities slowly rebuild life in the land
- International support grows for a Jewish homeland

What is Aliyah?

Though dispersed across the nations, the Jewish people never forgot - and never fully left - the land of Israel.

Tap to discover more.

Zionism

The belief that the Jewish people should be able to live in their ancestral homeland, Zion, in the land of Israel.

What does the word "Zionism" really mean?

Tap to explore the origins of the Zionist movement and trace how the idea of returning to the land grew.

Painful History

1000-1900 AD

Across generations, Jewish communities endured waves of persecution throughout Europe and the Middle East. Sometimes it was driven by governments. Sometimes by violent mobs. And at times, tragically, by those claiming the name of Christ.

Moments of Suffering

- Violence against Jewish communities during the Crusades (1096-1291)
- Pogroms against Jewish communities in Eastern Europe (1800s)
- The Hebron massacre in 1929

This history is painful. Christians today acknowledge that parts of the Church's past actions toward the Jewish people haven't reflected the heart of Jesus.

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Three times a year, God called His people to go up to Jerusalem to worship, remember, and celebrate together. (Exodus 23:14-17)

This journey had a name:

Shalosh Regalim

The three pilgrimage festivals:

- **Pesach — Passover**
A celebration of freedom, remembering the Exodus from Egypt.
- **Shavuot — Weeks**
Seven weeks after Passover, when the Torah was given.
- **Sukkot — Tabernacles**
A time to remember the wilderness journey and God's provision.

Families. Tribes. Generations.

On the road to Jerusalem, they sang the Songs of Ascent. (Psalms 120–134)



“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...”

— Isaiah 2:3

Every story has a beginning.

For Israel, this is where the story began, and where it continues today.



The Promise Points Forward

For centuries, the Hebrew Scriptures carried this promise forward—from Abraham to the prophets – until the world waited for the arrival of the One who would fulfill it once for all.

- The people long for the Messiah.
- The land waits.
- The story is still unfolding.

Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring... who is the Messiah.

The promise began with Abraham. And now it reaches the world through Jesus.

Follow the storyline.

The Ascent Road to Jerusalem

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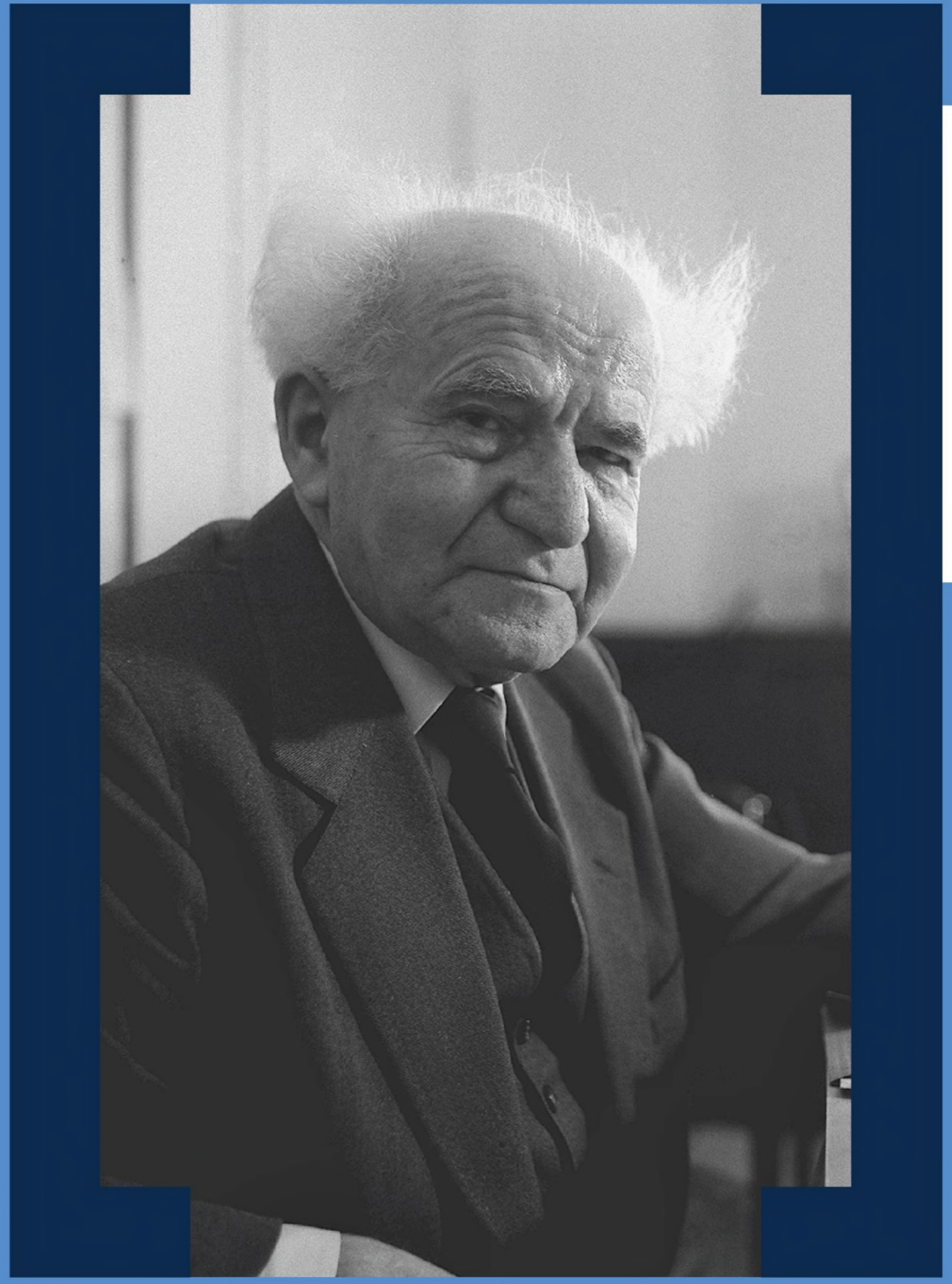
The return to the land did not surprise the prophets.

Ezekiel 36

“ I will plant them in their land, never again to be uprooted.”

Amos 9:15

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“In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.”

-David Ben-Gurion
First Prime Minister of Israel
1948-1954, 1955-1963



The story did not end here.

It was carried... through centuries, and back again.

From a Family to a Nation



Centuries later, God delivered Abraham's descendants from slavery in Egypt. At Mount Sinai, He formed them into a nation and gave them His Word.

A Nation Emerges

- **God delivers the Israelites from Egypt** (Exodus 12:41)
- **The Law is given at Mount Sinai** (Exodus 19:5-6)
- **The people enter the land God promised them** (Joshua 21:43-45)

Why does the Torah matter to Christians?



Tap to see how the Law shaped the faith Jesus grew up in.

Genesis 15:5

You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples.



What Questions Are You Carrying?

Tap to explore the story behind them.

How is the Jewish Tanach different from the Christian Old Testament?

The same books, arranged, ordered, and counted differently.



Why does the Western Wall still matter today?

A remaining wall of the Second Temple, where prayer has continued for generations.

Have the Jewish people ever left the land?

Though many were exiled, a continuous Jewish presence remained in Israel.



The Prophets Keep the Storyline Alive



Even in devastating times, in and out of the land, the prophets reminded Israel that God had not forgotten His covenant promise. The story now moved toward something greater.

The Promise Endures

- **God establishes David's kingdom** (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
- **Prophets warn and call Israel back to God** (Isaiah 1:18)
- **Even in exile, God promises restoration** (Ezekiel 36:24)
- **The prophets speak of a coming Messiah** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Jeremiah 31:35-36

If this fixed order departs...then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.



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The Jewish World Jesus Was Born Into

Tap to explore the Jewish setting of the life of Jesus and why it's important to understand the New Testament.



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Jerusalem: The Turning Point

AD 30

The story that began with Abraham now reached a turning point in Jerusalem. Here the Messiah was rejected, crucified, and rose again.

The Fulfillment of a Promise:

- **Jesus enters Jerusalem as the promised king** (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5)
- **He is crucified under Roman authority** (John 19:16-18)
- **He rises from the dead on the third day** (Luke 24:6-7)

Luke 24:6
He is not here, but has risen.

c. AD 27

The Messiah Among His People

Jesus' ministry unfolded almost entirely among the people of Israel. When He spoke about the Kingdom of God, He was speaking to a Jewish audience living in the land promised to their forefathers.

The Ministry of Jesus included:

- Teaching in synagogues throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:23)
- Calling Jewish fishermen and disciples to follow Him (Mark 1:16-20)
- Preaching to Jewish crowds across Galilee and Judea (Matthew 5:1-2)

Matthew 5:14
You are the light of the world.



The Storyline Continues.

The message of Jesus has spread across the world. The Church was born - not out of an outside influence - but out of Israel's own story. But Israel's original story doesn't disappear. The storyline that began with Abraham continued through history - even through the centuries when Israel was in exile, when they were persecuted, and as they returned to the land.

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Romans 11:1
Has God rejected his people? By no means!

The Messiah came through Israel. The message spread to the nations. But the storyline was not finished.

Follow the storyline.

A New Generation of Conflict

2005-PRESENT

The challenges facing Israel did not disappear in the twenty-first century.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist group, launched the deadliest attack in a single day against Israeli civilians.

At 6:29a.m., sirens sounded across Israel, shattering the joy of a Jewish holy day - Simchat Torah.

Instead of morning prayers, thousands of rockets filled the skies. A storm of hatred tore through the morning calm as waves of terrorists raced across the Gaza border into Israeli communities, slaughtering whole families in their homes, raping, torturing and mutilating bodies. When the smoke cleared, more than 1,200 Israelis were dead, thousands injured and over 250 were taken hostage.

Israel found herself once again fighting not to expand its borders — but simply to exist.

But this was not the first time Israel had been attacked, and she knew what to do. Neighbors became rescuers, strangers became family. Israelis living abroad rushed back to stand with their people and defend their homeland.

But this unprovoked war did not remain on the battlefield - it spread online.

Israel now faces a different front: propaganda - fake footage and false narratives flooding the media.

Israel today faces threats from multiple directions, surrounded by groups and governments that openly call for her destruction.



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How did Israel win the 1948 War of Independence?

When Israel declared independence in 1948, five neighboring armies invaded within hours. By every military measure, the new nation should have lost.

Tap to explore the how Israel survived its first war.



Think about this:

The new nation had almost no military infrastructure. In the early days of the war, pilots sometimes dropped grenades from planes by hand.

The 8th Front

As Israel defends itself militarily, especially against the surround her, another battle wages on around the world. A battle for truth.

The information war is the eighth battlefield.

- Antisemitism rises across many parts of the world
- Misinformation spreads rapidly through media and
- The belief that the Church has replaced Israel in God's

The loudest voices and the boldest headlines don't need truth. To hear the truth, sometimes you need to listen to the voices. The ones protecting life. And defending peace.

This is where the battle for Israel is proven true over and

What is Replacement Theology?



Tap to explore how different Christians understand Israel and the Church.

Hear from Charlie Kirk

Tap to hear Charlie Kirk share why supporting Israel matters to him biblically, personally, and publicly.

The Storyline Continues



Throughout history the storyline of Israel has often appeared fragile. At times it seemed as though the thread might disappear completely. Yet generation after generation, her story continues.

Not because of political strength. Not because of military power. But because God, who began the story, remains faithful to His promises, both to Jews and Christians.

From a people few in number and a land that occupies so little space has come a blessing to the world - a calling to restore what is broken and to bring the hope of redemption to every nation.

What does this mean for us?

For Christians, the story of Israel is not distant history. It is part of the story that gave the world the Bible, the Messiah, and the Gospel. Understanding Israel helps us understand the faith we share.

The question is not simply, "What do you think about Israel?" The deeper question is,

"How will you carry the story forward?"

This is where things come into focus.

The story of Israel and the life of Jesus, together.

**Stand by the water.
Listen to the wind.**

The Sea of Galilee

- 13 miles long
- 8 miles wide
- Nearly 700 feet below sea level

Here, Jesus called His disciples, taught the crowds, and revealed His authority over creation.

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The Sea of Galilee

**“Take courage... it is I.
Don't be afraid.”**

— Matthew 14:27

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The **Promise** Enters History

Born Into the **Story**



Jesus didn't appear from outside Israel's story. He was born into it. A Jewish child, in a Jewish family, in the land promised to Abraham.

The **Promise** Arrives

Jesus is...

- **Born in Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1)
- **Raised in Nazareth in Galilee** (Matthew 2:23)
- **Circumcised and raised according to the Torah** (Luke 2:21-22)
- **Jesus is Jewish in every way - He is fully God and fully man.**

Luke 2:11
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

For generations, the Jews carried the story forward. They waited for centuries to walk into the land God promised. Then, when the time was right, the story took on flesh. The Messiah was born into the people of Israel.

Matthew 1:1
The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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The **Story** Spreads



After the resurrection, the message of Jesus spread outward from Jerusalem. The first believers were Jewish followers of the Messiah.

The **Early Movement**


- **Jewish disciples gather in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot** (Acts 2:1; Leviticus 23:15-16)
- **Peter proclaims the resurrection to Jewish pilgrims in Jerusalem** (Acts 2:22-24)
- **About a decade later, Gentiles enter the story through Peter and Cornelius** (Acts 10:34-35)

Acts 1:8
You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Think about this:
 When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He was speaking to Jewish disciples who then carried the message of the Messiah to the nations of the world.



From its beginnings in the land of Israel to a faith that reaches every corner of the world.

 Tap to explore how the message of Jesus moved from Jerusalem to the nations.



When the Storyline Nearly **Disappeared**

73 AD

For centuries, the story of Israel unfolded in the land promised to Abraham. Masada's final stand against Rome in 73 AD changed everything.

- Roman armies destroyed Jerusalem and the Second Temple.
 - The Jewish people were driven into exile across the world.
- Israel's storyline now seemed to hang by a thread.

Luke 21:24

Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Darkest Chapter

1939-1945

The Holocaust became the darkest chapter in Jewish history. Six million Jewish men, women, and children - and millions of others - were systematically murdered by Nazi Germany and its collaborators.

Entire communities that had existed for centuries disappeared in a matter of days. They boarded trains that would never bring them home. They were sent to camps where names became numbers. Lives vanished into smoke.

Yet even in this darkness, courage flickered - **small, brilliant lights against the night.**

Courage in the Darkness

Even during the Holocaust, many people refused to look away.

- They hid families.
- Forged documents.
- Opened their homes.
- Risked their lives.

Today these men and women are remembered as the **Righteous Among the Nations** — non-Jews who risked everything to save Jewish lives. In a time of darkness, they chose to carry the story forward.

Ezekiel 36:24

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

Stories of Courage



Corrie ten Boom and her family hid Jewish refugees in their home in the Netherlands.



Oskar Schindler used his factory to protect more than 1,200 Jewish workers from Nazi death camps.



Raoul Wallenberg issued protective passports that helped save tens of thousands of Jews in Hungary.



Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat, issued thousands of visas that allowed Jewish refugees to escape Europe.



Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker, smuggled more than 2,500 Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Ordinary people chose to stand with the Jewish people in courage when much of the world turned a blind eye.

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For nearly two thousand years, the Jewish people survived without their homeland.

Yet their identity endured. Their story is not over.

Follow the storyline.

A Nation Under Constant Threat

From the moment Israel declared independence, she faced repeated attempts from her neighbors to destroy the new nation.

Wars for survival

- **The War of Independence (1948)**
Begins immediately after Israel declares statehood, as armies from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq launch an invasion.
- **The Six-Day War (1967)**
After years of military buildup from Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, Israel launches a preemptive strike and defeats surrounding armies in six days.
- **The Yom Kippur War (1973)**
On the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, Egypt and Syria launch a coordinated surprise attack against Israel, sparking a fierce war for survival.

Each war reinforced a central reality: Israel was not fighting to expand, but simply to survive.



Geographically, Israel is about the size of New Jersey, and despite living under constant threat, it has delivered outsized contributions to the world through advances in science, technology, medicine, and innovation.

The Conversation Today

1917-1948

The Storyline Returns to the Land

After nearly two thousand years without a homeland, something remarkable happened.

In the 20th century, the return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel began in earnest. From Europe, from Russia, and from across the Middle East, millions of Jews journeyed home.

What had seemed impossible for generations was now unfolding.

A people scattered across the world were coming home.

Ezekiel 36:24

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

The Road to a Nation

The return of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland didn't happen overnight. It unfolded through decades of diplomacy, migration, and conflict.

Key moments

- The Balfour Declaration expresses British support for a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel (1917)
- The Peel Commission proposes dividing the land into Jewish and Arab states (1937)
- The United Nations Partition Plan recommends the creation of two states (1947)

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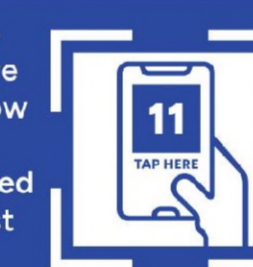
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Hope, Heartbreak, and Resilience

1990-2005

In the late twentieth century, new efforts emerged to bring peace to the Middle East.

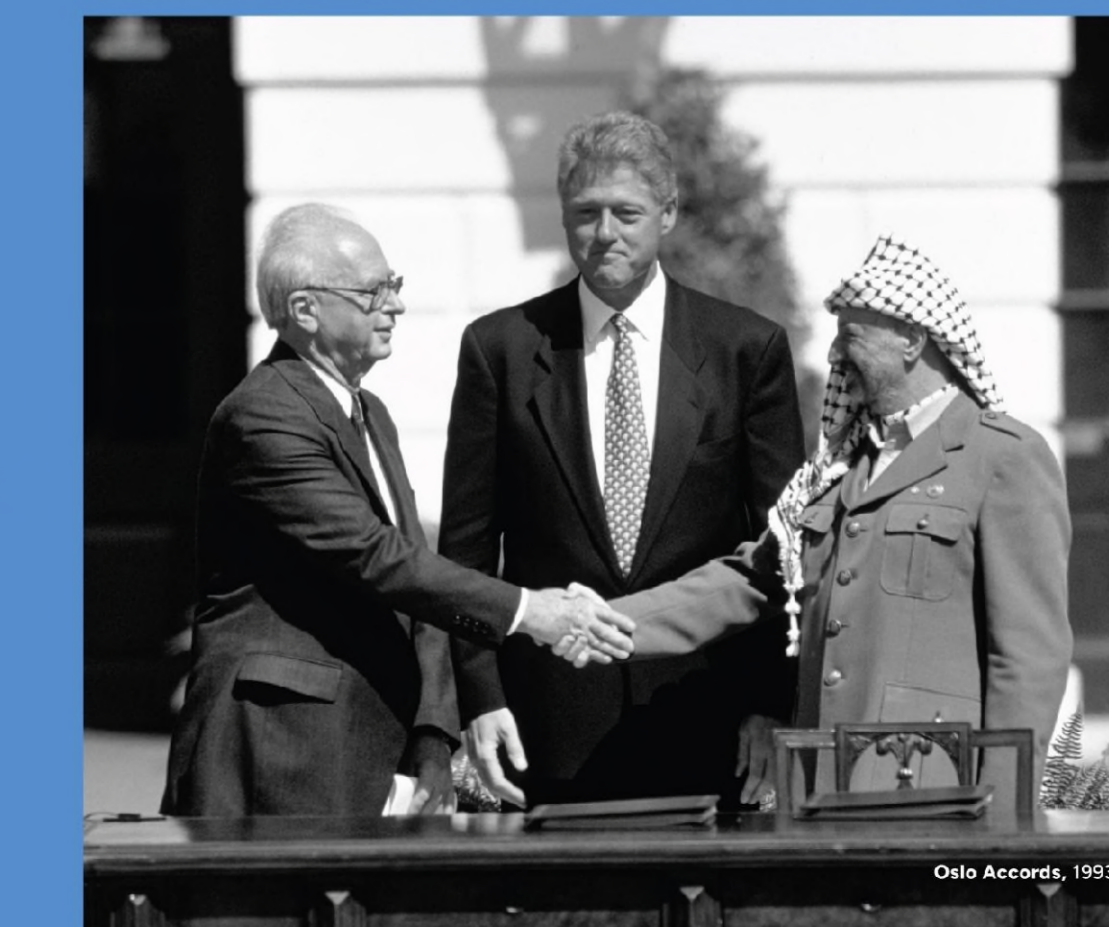
Attempts at peace

- The **Khartoum Summit** issues the Arab League's "Three No's" after the Six-Day War: no peace, no recognition, and no negotiations with Israel (1967)
- The **Camp David Accords** lead to the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty, making Egypt the first Arab nation to make peace with Israel (1978-1979)
- The **Oslo Accords** create a framework for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations (1993)
- Waves of violence known as the First and Second Intifadas erupt across Israel (1987-2005)
- Israel unilaterally withdraws from the Gaza Strip, removing 21 Israeli communities and all military forces (2005)

The hope for peace has often collided with cycles of violence and mistrust.



Camp David Accords, 1978-1979



Oslo Accords, 1993

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The storyline began with a promise to Abraham.

It passed through prophets and kings, exile and return, conflict and struggle.

And today it continues.

Follow the storyline.

Now we're in
the present



Where this story
meets the world
we see today

Israel was chosen
FOR the nations,
not INSTEAD
of them 

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Small Nation, Big Impact

With just over 10 million people, Israel develops innovations in water, medicine, agriculture, and technology that help people around the world.

- Water & agriculture innovation
- Medical & emergency technology
- Clean energy & sustainability
- Navigation & cybersecurity systems

Genesis 12:3

"...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



Tel Aviv Skyline

Now we're in
the present



Where this story
meets the world
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October 7

A Day That Changed Everything

At 5:28 a.m. on October 7, 2023, a coordinated attack on Israel threatened the morning air. Within a matter of hours, thousands of lives were lost, and the lives of many more were in jeopardy.

1,200 people - **Murdered**, including 40 children and 1

251 hostages - **Taken captive**

188 hostages - **Killed** and **murdered in captivity**

63 hostages - **Killed** in captivity

This attack marks the darkest day in Israel's history since the founding of the state.

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The Gaza Envelope — A Story of Place and People

Along the 21-mile border of Gaza, Israel's military forces, including the Israel Defense Forces, have been conducting operations to prevent the entry of weapons and other military supplies into the Gaza Strip.

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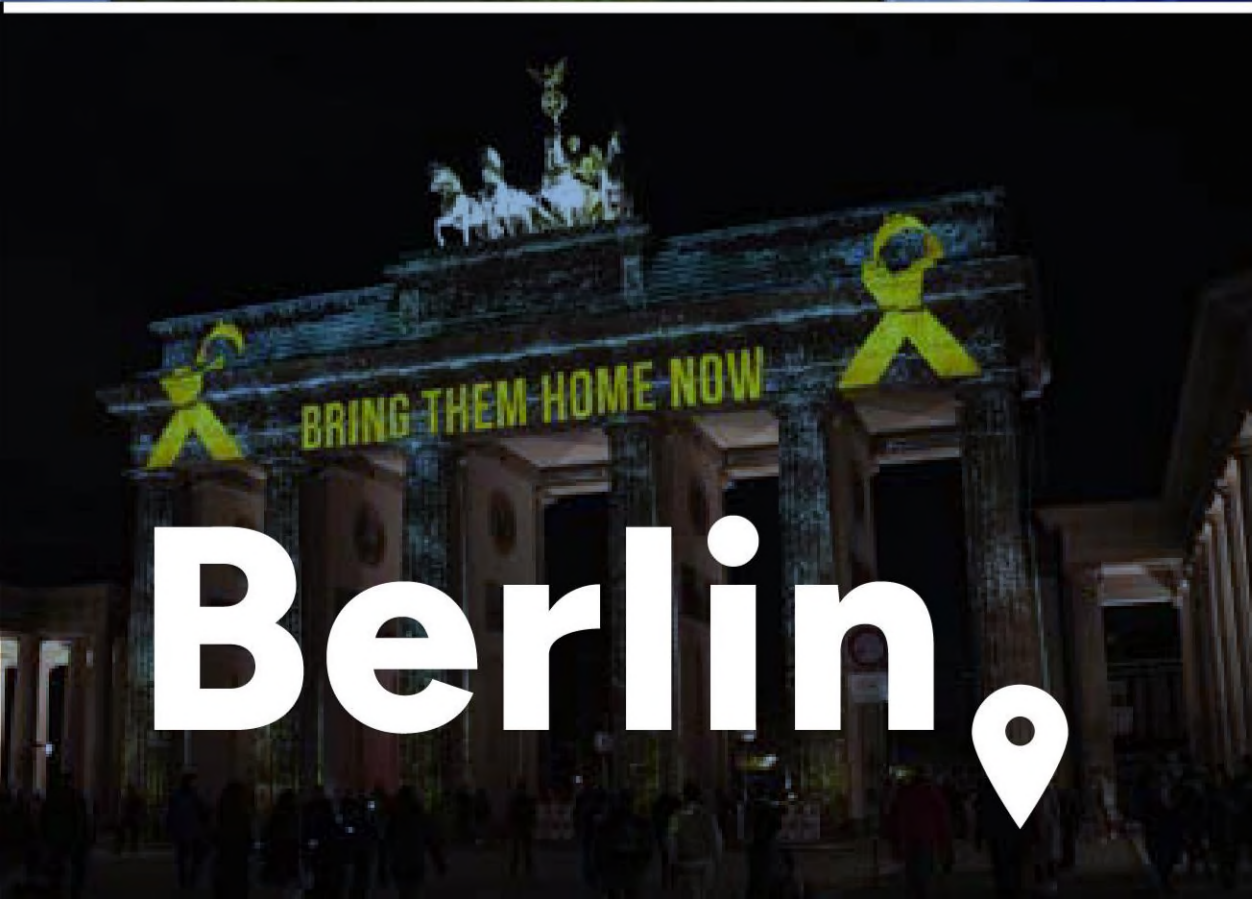
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San Francisco



Scotland

Through your eyes, put yourself in their shoes.

You may have heard about October 7. But have you heard what it was like? Behind every headline are people, families, and communities.

This space invites you to watch and listen to their stories.



OCTOBER 7TH



More than Headlines

What happened on October 7 is often described in numbers.

But this is not a story of numbers. **It is a story of people.**

Parents. Children. Neighbors. First responders.

Inside these walls, you will step into their experience — and witness what was endured in their homes and communities.

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A People Who Long for Peace

A single Hebrew word describes a concept of peace that is central to the Jewish faith: **Shalom**. It is the Hebrew word for peace, and it is the Hebrew word for **Shalom** (שלום) and **Shalom** (שלום).



From this name, four different words are formed, each with a different meaning:

Shalom Peace, tranquility, safety, harmony	Shalom The absence of war, conflict, or violence	Shalom The state of being at peace with oneself and others	Shalom A state of well-being, health, and happiness

Together, these words form a full picture. Peace is not just the absence of war. It is a state of well-being and harmony. It is the state of being at peace with oneself and others. It is the state of well-being, health, and happiness. It is the state of well-being, health, and happiness.

Survivor Stories

You are not here to watch a story from a distance. **Hear directly from those who lived it.**

These first-hand accounts are shared in partnership with the  Museum of Tolerance in Jerusalem.

Each story represents not just loss, but resilience and courage in the face of unimaginable events.



Please take a seat

Wait for instructions before starting.

**This immersive experience
may be intense.**
Not recommended for those prone to
motion sickness or seizures.

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Pause. Listen. Never forget.



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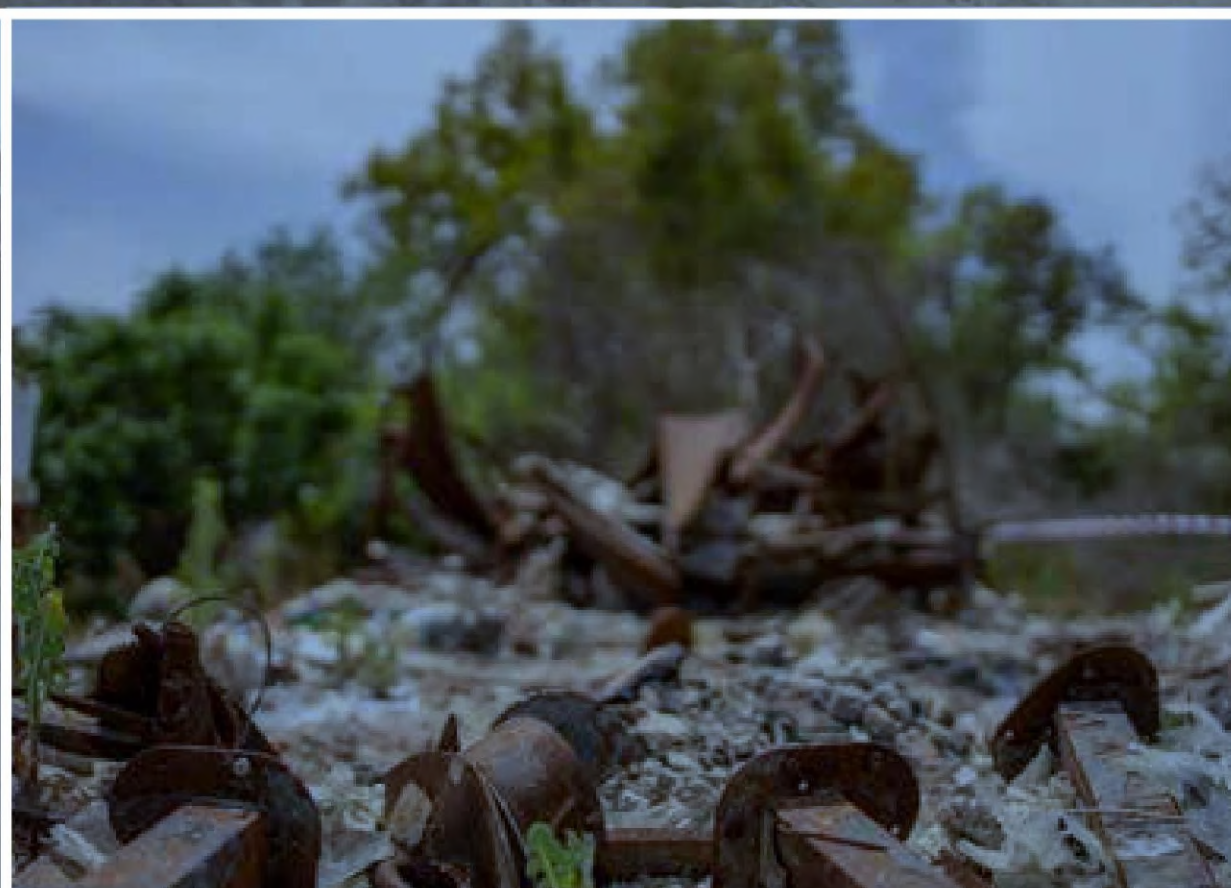
Re'im



Nir Oz



Nova Music Festival





**“I have surely seen
the affliction of my
people... and have
heard their cry...
I **know** their sufferings.”**

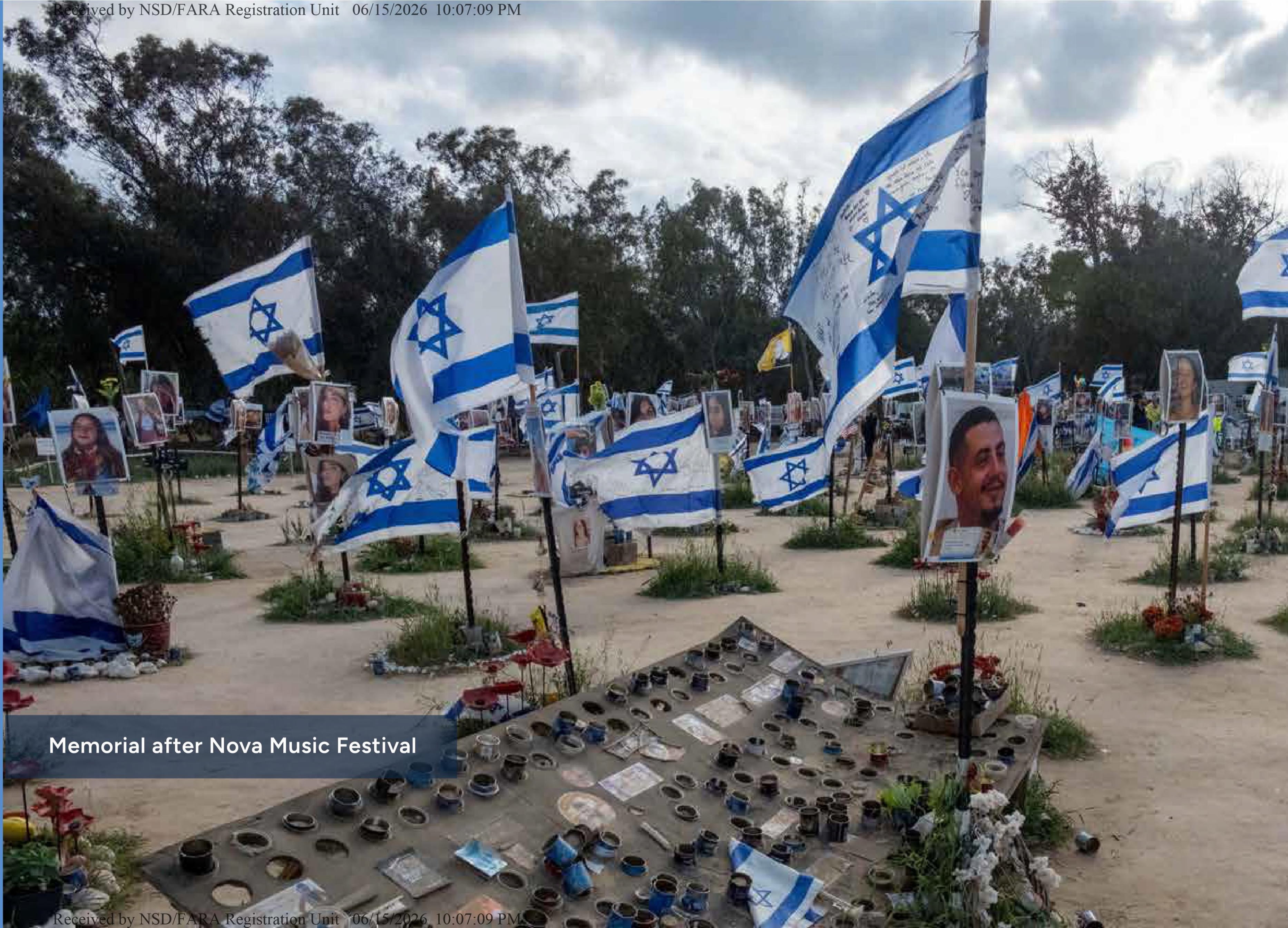
Exodus 3:7

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“The Lord is **near** to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18

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Memorial after Nova Music Festival



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Serving **Beyond** Lines and Labels

**Dr. Rev.
Saleem
Shalash**

Arab Israeli Pastor, Nazareth



Tap to
**Hear
Pastor
Saleem's
interview**

"Muslims ask why we help them. Jewish people ask the same thing. My answer is always the same: the love of Jesus."

Born and raised in Nazareth, the same town where Jesus grew up, Saleem Shalash leads a church and humanitarian aid center serving Jewish, Muslim, and Christian families in times of crisis.

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