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## **ISRAEL UPDATE**

The bible is a historical record of the land of Israel, and it speaks prophetically about Israel. It tells us of the Messiah that was born in Israel, lived, died and rose again in Israel and is coming back to Israel.

475 BC - Haman organizes the extermination of all Jews in the book of Esther.

63 BC - 12,000 Jews are killed and many more flee their land as a result of Pompey's conquest.

**70** BC - Over one million Jews perish and 97,000 are taken as slaves after the destruction of the  $2^{nd}$  temple.

132-135 AD – 580,000 Jews were killed and expelled from Judea.

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Century - Christians participate in an enormous number of antisemitic efforts through both religious and military campaigns.

**7**<sup>th</sup> **Century** – The Muslim religion is born and thousands of Jews are captured and beheaded as Mohammad ordered, and since then, factions within Islam have sought the extermination of the Jewish people.

1937-1941 - About 6 million Jews were killed in WWII.

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948 - Israel is recognized as a nation again and has been geographically surrounded on all sides by countries and terrorist cells whose sole purpose is to kill all Jews and wipe their nation off the face of the earth.

Romans 11:26, "...all Israel will be saved."

Romans 11:29, "...the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

"The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (Killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Moslems, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

- Hamas Covenant

"Initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences, are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement."

Article 13, Hamas Covenant

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The descendants of Ishmael are the Arab people. The descendants of Isaac, the promised son, are the Jewish people. And there has been animosity between the descendants of Ishmael and Isaac since the book of Genesis.

**Revelation 12:4,** "And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it."

The dragon is a picture of Satan. The woman is a picture of Israel. The child is the child of promise, Jesus Christ. Since the beginning of creation, Satan has always stood in opposition to God's plan of salvation and redemption.

**Genesis 22:17-18,** "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed..."

And through Abraham, the nation of Israel was born, and through this nation would come one Jewish Messiah who would be a Messiah, not just to the Jewish people but to the whole world.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world..."

**Genesis 12:3,** "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

In the meantime, what can we do? We can pray.

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