

Why Pray for Israel?



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“God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.”

Romans 11:2

“You are My servant; O Israel, I will not forget you.”

Isaiah 44:21

“I will bring you back into your OWN land ... I will give you a new heart ... and put MY Spirit in you ...”

Ezekiel 36:24/27

God is not finished with Israel

“For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Messiah for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom is Messiah as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

Romans 9:3-5

What belongs to the nation of Israel

“Salvation is from the Jews.”

John 4:22

“Because of their transgressions,
salvation has come to the Gentiles
to make Israel envious.”

Romans 11:11

**The Church Benefitted
From Their Fall**

“Consider this:

you do not support the root,
but the root supports you.”

Romans 11:17

**We Have A Continuing
Dependence Upon Israel**

“They ARE loved on account of the patriarchs.”

Romans 11:28

“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

Jeremiah 31:3

They are “the apple of His eye”

Zechariah 2:8

God loves Israel— What about you?

*“For the LORD’s portion is **His** people,
Jacob **His** allotted inheritance.*

*In a desert land **He** found him,
in a barren and howling waste.*

***He** shielded him and cared for him;*

***He** guarded him as the apple of **His** eye”*

Deuteronomy 32:9-10

The Apple of His Eye

“That through your mercy they also may receive mercy.”

Romans 11:31

God Calls Us

To Show Mercy To Israel

“For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?”

Romans 11:15

Greater Blessing

Life from the dead!

“My heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.”

Romans 10:1

“Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you.”

I Samuel 12:23

“Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem”

Psalms 122:6

**Repeated Appeals
To Pray For Israel**

Note that it is The LORD who is speaking in the first person:

*“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when **I shall** bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,*

***I will** gather all nations, and **I will** bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and **I will** execute judgment upon them there for **My people** and for **My heritage Israel**, whom they have scattered among the nations: and they have parted **My land**,*

*and have cast lots for **My people**, and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.”*

A Serious Warning from Joel 3:1–3

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