



# Why Israel Still Matters

**truth about the holy land**

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Recent disagreements between the Israeli Government and the Obama administration on nuclear weapons and land settlements have created a tremendous rift between two of history's greatest allies, leading Americans to wonder if the Holy Land still matters.

The Obama Administration's disoriented foreign policies have fundamentally changed the way our nation relates to other countries. It is confusing that President Obama would apologize to its European Allies as he did on April 3, 2009 and even bow before the Japanese Emperor on November 14, 2009. But what is even more bewildering is the fact that Obama seemingly refused to have dinner or even his picture taken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the Prime Minister's visit to Washington during the week of March 24 of this year. Is this really the type of relationship that America should have with the Jewish state? The Bible gives clear benefits to the nations that support the chosen people. In Genesis 12:3 YHWH says, "I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." The Messiah said these words about his Jewish brothers, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (Israel), ye have done it unto me."

Clearly, these spiritual and physical advantages will stop flowing to America if our nation continues its disdain towards Israel. In Isaiah

60:12 the Bible warns us: "For the nation that will not serve you (Israel) will perish; it will be utterly ruined." The restoration of the nation of Israel in 1948 was a miraculous event and fulfillment to prophetic scripture. Isaiah 66:7-8, "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children."

And, as prophesied in Scripture, the enemies of Israel have surrounded the nation with threats, war, and terrorism. Within hours of Israel's declaration of independence the Muslim countries of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon invaded Israel in 1948. The Jewish nation swiftly defeated these enemies. Then in 1967 Israel defended itself during the six day war and regained control of Jerusalem. In 1973 Israel was once again attacked by Egypt and Syria but the Hebrew people won that battle and even extended their borders further. To these victories Leviticus 26:3, 7-8 says, "'If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands... You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you."

Because of the tactics of our peace-loving President, America, once considered a Christian nation, is now turning its back on Israel. The Scripture commands Bible believers to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee," Psalm 122:6. Christians are to speak out for Zion's sake (Isaiah 62:1), to be watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:6) and to bless the Hebrew people (Genesis 12:3). The Biblical obligation to defend Israel in their time of need is being ignored by our President, who seems to have contempt for the home of Christianity and Judaism. The Holy Land matters in Scripture and it should matter to our nation today.