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# Standing with Israel & the Jewish People

Dear friends in the Messiah,

Shalom in His grace! By the time you read this newsletter, I will be in Israel, touring, sharing the gospel, conducting a retreat with forty-five Israeli young adult congregational leaders, and dedicating our new facility in Tel Aviv! What a great opportunity to be part of building the body of believers in Israel. You have a major role in this ministry through your prayers and support. So, thank you. I know that, without your partnership, these ministries among the Jewish people throughout the globe, and especially in Israel, would be impossible!

I am sorry to say that at the time of this writing, the war continues to rage between Israel and Hamas, and hostages are still imprisoned within Gaza by evil forces. Without diminishing the profound tragedy unfolding before our eyes, this conflict sometimes reminds me of the arcade game "Whac-A-Mole;" every time we think the enemy is beaten down, they resurface and attack in unexpected ways. This reality has been deeply frustrating for Israel and for those of us who love and pray for the Jewish nation.

The challenge extends far beyond Hamas alone—it includes Iran and its numerous proxies across the region. Similarly, global antisemitism is still on the increase and sometimes dressed in modern anti-Israel garb. Just when we believe this ancient hatred has been eradicated, stereotyping and antisemitic tropes that disparage the Jewish people emerge in new forms and unexpected places.

### **SHIFTING TIDES OF SUPPORT & OPPOSITION**

Amid these challenges, we find both encouraging and concerning developments around the world. Argentina, for example, is a nation with a harsh history of antisemitism, yet it is now experiencing a remarkable transformation. When I first visited Argentina in 1976 with my Argentine Jewish wife of one year, we saw piles of antisemitic literature being sold openly at book kiosks in broad daylight! These books included *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a nineteenth-century Russian libelous tale that falsely portrays Jewish people plotting world domination. Today, however, Argentina's 300,000 Jewish citizens (within a population of almost 30 million) find themselves with a president who has expressed interest in converting to Judaism! What a remarkable difference—a favorable "king" with no evil Haman in sight!

Conversely, we face growing concerns in regions that were once stalwart allies. For many years, the British Isles maintained strongly pro-Jewish and pro-Israel positions. Lord Arthur Balfour, best known as the author of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, expressed support for the founding of the State of Israel in the very land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He and other British political and religious leaders worked diligently to help the Jewish people establish Israel as a Jewish homeland. Much of this support was biblically based, and a love for Zion was a cherished value among most British Christians. Yet, today, the tide has dramatically shifted. This change is even more evident in Ireland. Allow me to present some recent survey data that illustrates this concerning trend. But first, there is good news for American Christians!

### AMERICAN CHRISTIANS: STANDING WITH ISRAEL

Earlier this year, Chosen People Ministries released brand-new survey results to American audiences. The survey revealed that American Christians are significantly more likely than their British counterparts to support Israel in the ongoing conflict between Hamas and the Jewish state.

The research, led by two respected US-based university professors, reveals stark differences in Christian attitudes toward Jewish people and Israel on opposite sides of the Atlantic: 42.3 percent of American Christians express support for Israel compared to just 23.6 percent of British Christians.

"In nearly every measure, American Christians expressed stronger pro-Israel views and lower levels of antisemitism than British Christians," explained Motti Inbari, professor of Jewish studies at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Inbari co-authored this groundbreaking research with Kirill Bumin, associate dean of Boston University's Metropolitan College. Bumin added, "American Christians generally have a higher opinion of Jewish people than their British counterparts. Overall, the statistical data shows that 58.5 percent of US Christians view Jewish people favorably, compared to 50.6 percent of British Christians."

# CONCERNING TRENDS IN THE UK AND IRELAND

"We are in an epidemic—even a pandemic—right now of resurging antisemitism. It is hard to imagine that the world's oldest hatred is new again," noted Michael Rydelnik, vice president/academic dean and professor of Jewish studies and Bible at Moody Bible Institute, when referencing these studies at a Chosen People Ministriessponsored event at last year's National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) convention. Many evangelical Christians in attendance at the NRB expressed surprise upon learning about this modern resurgence of antisemitism and pledged their support by affirming our Coalition against Antisemitism's founding statement.

You can read this wonderful statement at opposeantisemitism.com.

When examining specific antisemitic attitudes, the differences in the survey between the US and the UK become even more pronounced. The "dual loyalty" trope—the notion that Jewish people are more loyal to Israel than to the country they live in remains the most widely accepted antisemitic attitude in both nations. However, 46 percent of British respondents considered this "probably true" compared to 33.6 percent of Americans. On other sensitive issues, the disparity continues. When asked if "Jews still talk too much about what happened in the Holocaust," 22 percent of American Christians agreed it was "probably true," compared to 33 percent-one-third-of British Christians. Additionally, one in ten American Christians agreed that "it's definitely not antisemitic to say that Israel does not have the right to exist," compared to one in six British Christians.

Regarding the conflict in Gaza, 26.5 percent of American Christians believe Israel has committed genocide there, compared to a staggering 47 percent-almost half-of British Christians.

Nearly four in ten British Christians felt it was "probably true" that Israel "deliberately targets Palestinian civilians," compared to two in ten American Christians.

The situation in Ireland is even more concerning. According to the research, Irish Christians display antisemitic attitudes at rates three times higher than Americans.

- Only 11 percent of Irish Christians support Israel in the recent conflict, compared to the 45 percent siding with Palestinians.
- Two-thirds of Irish respondents believe Israel has committed genocide in Gaza.

The survey revealed that 36 percent of Irish Christians believe Jewish people have too much power in the business

world, while 31 percent believe Jewish people "do not care what happens to anyone but their own kind" and are hated "because of the way they behave."

"Anti-Israel attitudes are 'deeply embedded' and 'pervasive' in Ireland," said Bumin, adding that this level of prejudice is disturbing to witness in a Western democracy.

Inbari remarked that it is "like we're living in medieval times."

#### **BIBLICALLY-BASED SUPPORT:** A KEY DIFFERENCE

What might explain these significant differences between the US and the UK or Ireland? Our research suggests that a deeper biblical understanding of the role of Israel and the Jewish people in God's plan plays a crucial role. More than a quarter (27.9 percent) of American Christians said their support for Israel is positively influenced by understanding that Jesus was Jewish, whereas only 16.9 percent of British Christians acknowledged this influence.

Nearly half of American Christians believe that God's covenant with the Jewish people, as recorded in Genesis, still applies today, compared to just over a third of British Christians.

While the US study reveals a bit of good news, with ongoing support for Israel, we were concerned about those numbers decreasing among younger audiences. The UK results were not good news and serve as a cautionary tale for where the United States might be headed if American Christians do not sink our spiritual roots more

deeply into Scripture and get more involved in actively standing against antisemitism in our communities.

After all, the Lord said to Abram, "And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse" (Genesis 12:3).

These words are still true today.

#### A CALL TO CONTINUED PRAYER AND VIGILANCE

We are so grateful for your faithful support of Israel and the Jewish people. Your biblical understanding and compassion have made a profound difference during these challenging times.

#### Your prayers, advocacy, and friendship matter tremendously to Jewish communities, both in Israel and around the world.

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Yet, we must remain vigilant and continue to pray-as individuals and in our churches and congregations. The concerning trends on university campuses with pro-Hamas, anti-Israel, and anti-Jewish protests remind us that antisemitism can take root anywhere if left unchallenged.

We cannot assume that America's generally positive attitudes will continue without intentional effort from believers like you and me who understand God's heart

#### for His chosen people.

As we witness the troubling shifts in the UK and Ireland-historically "Christian" countries-let us recommit ourselves to standing firmly against antisemitism in all its forms. We must educate younger generations about the biblical and historical connections between the Old and New Testaments!

Please, let us also remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, knowing our support for Israel reflects not only our biblical values but also our commitment to standing against hatred wherever it emerges.

The Jewish people have faced countless moments throughout history when antisemitism emerged and re-emerged in new and dangerous forms. But together, with God's help and with committed Christians like you standing in solidarity, we can ensure that love, truth, and justice prevail.

We join the apostle Paul in his prayers, "Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation" (Romans 10:1).

Thank you for being true friends of Israel, the Jewish people, and Chosen People Ministries-Your Mission to the Jewish Peopleduring these difficult and challenging times.

In the Messiah's love,

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# ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS: FRIENDS OR FUES?

On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers, Peter stood and addressed those who doubted what they were seeing. In his defense of the resurrection, the apostle quoted King David from the Psalms: *"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet'"* (Acts 2:34–35; see also Psalm 110:1). Who are these enemies? Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, the nations that surround it have not exactly been friendly. There have been times of peace, and Israel has developed formal relations with some of them. However, the world—especially the Middle East—is still far from the goal of God's enemies being a footstool under the feet of the Messiah. Understanding Israel's relationships with its neighbors today will provide insight into how close we are to witnessing God's victory over His enemies.

### **SYRIA**



Since the fall of the Assad regime in December 2024, Syria has undergone significant political changes, with President Ahmed al-Sharaa, former leader of the jihadist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), assuming power. The country is now under Islamist

rule with a transitional government led by Prime Minister Mohammed al-Bashir. Relations with Israel are volatile, with Israel conducting airstrikes against Iranian supply lines and militia bases inside Syria to create a larger buffer zone for its own protection.

Under Bashar al-Assad, Syria maintained tense relations with Israel, largely due to Assad's alliance with Russia and his tolerance of Iranian influence in Syria. These ties posed a strategic threat to Israeli national security. However, with Assad's removal, the balance of power shifted. While the new leadership officially severed ties with Iran, their jihadist ideology and militant posture toward Israel have reignited concerns about possible threats to Israel's security.

In late April 2025, the situation escalated when the new Syrian regime launched attacks against the Druze community in southern Syria. The Druze, a religious minority living in several countries in the Middle East, have a significant presence in Israel. Many Druze serve in the Israeli military and are appreciated for their culture and contributions to Israeli society. Because of this, the Druze communities in other countries have long maintained close ties with Israel, which they consider a strategic ally. In response to the Syrian regime's attacks against the Syrian Druze population, Israel intervened militarily, launching targeted strikes in southern Syria to defend the Druze population and deter the spread of Islamist influence near its border.

## LEBANON



In early 2025, Lebanon emerged from a devastating war between Israel and Hezbollah (deeply entrenched within Lebanese territory) and entered a new political chapter under President Joseph Aoun and

Prime Minister Nawaf Salam. For decades, the Lebanese government offered little to no support in combating Hezbollah, leaving Israel to manage the threat alone. The 2024 conflict significantly weakened Hezbollah, but neither the terrorist organization, its military, nor its political factions have been fully eliminated. An uneasy ceasefire is currently in place, with Israel conducting surveillance and occasional limited cross-border operations to monitor and deter terrorist activity.

The new Lebanese government, officially elected in January 2025, has publicly

expressed its intention to reduce Hezbollah's influence, but internal divisions complicate its position. While the government has called for Hezbollah's disarmament and has stated its desire for state institutions to be the sole possessors of weapons in Lebanon, it also strongly opposes Israeli military presence within its borders, at times even labeling Israel as "occupiers." This dual stance has strained Lebanon-Israel relations despite both countries sharing an interest in neutralizing Hezbollah's destabilizing role.

Within Lebanon, public opinion is deeply divided. Many Lebanese citizens, especially among Christians and religious minorities like the Druze and Sunnis, view Israel as a potential ally in their desire to see Hezbollah disarmed or removed entirely. However, some—particularly the Shi'ites and others aligned with Hezbollah's ideology—remain resistant to Israeli intervention regardless of whether they support the militant group.

Lebanon's new leadership faces the daunting task of restoring national sovereignty, which includes keeping Hezbollah at bay and navigating a complex geopolitical landscape shaped by decades of conflict and mistrust.

### EGYPT

Egypt has a complex relationship with Israel that was initially shaped by decades of conflict and cautious diplomacy. Though they fought against each other in multiple wars, the two countries formalized peace through the 1979 Camp David Accords, maintained under current President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. However, relations between Israel and Egypt have grown increasingly tense over the last few years, particularly over Israel's military actions in Gaza and concerns about the possible relocation of Gazans to the Sinai Peninsula.

Israel's defensive response to the terrorist assault of October 7, 2023, has sparked widespread anger across the Arab world, including in Egypt. The situation has worsened due to claims that Israel—and, at times, the United States—have proposed the relocation of large numbers of Gazans to the Egyptian region of the Sinai Peninsula. Cairo has firmly rejected these suggestions, viewing them as a violation of Egyptian and Palestinian sovereignty and a dangerous precedent that could destabilize its border and population balance.

Despite Egypt's formal peace agreement with Israel, popular sentiment in Egypt remains largely opposed to Israeli policies toward Palestinians. The Egyptian government has to balance its official diplomatic stance with domestic pressures, especially amid rising regional instability. In addition, Egypt has played a strategic role in mediating ceasefire talks and prisoner exchanges between Israel and Hamas, aiming to contain conflict spillover and preserve its regional influence.

Though there are currently no direct hostilities between Egypt and Israel, there is a level of mutual distrust that persists beneath the surface. As other conflicts in the region intensify, particularly in Gaza, the potential for escalating tensions grows higher.



## IRAN

Iran, under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Masoud Pezeshkian, continues to maintain openly hostile relations with Israel, consistently threatening its existence and supporting a

network of regional proxies. These include Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen, and Hamas in Gaza. This is one way the Iranian regime attempts to project power and harass Israel on multiple fronts.

In recent years, Iran's power and influence have been significantly weakened by a number of internal and external factors. The fall of the Assad regime in Syria—one of Iran's key regional allies—significantly disrupted Iranian supply lines and influence, particularly with respect to access to Israel. Israeli military operations in the last few years have also weakened the regime's regional standing, with repeated airstrikes targeting arms depots, military facilities, and infrastructure not only in Iran but in other countries where it has influence.

Iran has also suffered economically, thanks, in part, to US sanctions, poor government financial management, and its overall standing as a hostile nation. These circumstances have severely hindered the regime's ability to finance its regional ambitions.

Despite financial setbacks, Iran remains committed to rebuilding its capabilities, particularly its nuclear program. In response to Iran's nuclear ambitions, Israel has increased its cyber and intelligence operations, targeting nuclear sites and key facilities and personnel within Iran.

Though significantly weakened, the Iranian regime remains a constant threat to Israel and its allies through the combination of ideological hostility, nuclear ambitions, and proxy warfare. While the Iranian regime is hostile to Israel, many Iranian civilians are supportive of the Jewish nation, longing for the overthrow of the regime to bring peace and stability to the region.

## JORDAN



Jordan, under King Abdullah II, has maintained official peace with Israel since the 1994 treaty, but relations have become increasingly strained in recent years. Despite diplomatic tensions, security coordination between

the two countries continues.

Recently, Jordan has taken notable steps to stop the disruptive activities of Islamist militant groups within its borders, including Hamas (through the Muslim Brotherhood) and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which shows a surprising shift toward a stronger stance against extremism. Jordan's crackdown on these terrorist groups could indicate it is committed to security cooperation with Israel and to a broader effort to maintain internal and regional stability.

At the same time, Jordan has stated it refuses to take in any more Palestinians from Gaza or Judea and Samaria, rejecting any notions that it would be willing to serve as a resettlement destination. This position stems from both domestic concerns and the fear of being seen as undermining the "Palestinian cause" by facilitating displacement.

However, facing international pressure, the Jordanian government later announced it would accept several hundred Palestinian children for medical care and temporary refuge. This shift, though not necessarily viewed favorably by other Arab countries, could also be another move to show willingness to cooperate with Israel and its allies.

Overall, Jordan remains a key player in the Middle East, with its formal peace with Israel, increased counterterrorism efforts, and willingness to discuss initiatives that could lead to a broader peace. But it continues to navigate a delicate balance between supporting stability and protecting its own national interests amid mounting tensions across the region.

### CONCLUSION

God revealed to Zechariah that a day will come when He "*will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle*" (Zechariah 14:2, emphasis added). He does not limit his warning to those immediately adjacent to Israel. However, the final outcome will be global worship as even those who previously fought against Israel will "*go up* [to Jerusalem] *from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts*" (Zechariah 14:16). This word of encouragement includes those nations who are hostile toward Israel today.

# Redeemed and Forgiven Ephesians 1:7–8

In our previous study in Ephesians chapter 1, we looked at how we are holy, blameless, and adopted through God the Father. Now, in verses 7–8, Paul elaborates on the work of Jesus in our lives. He writes, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us."

The significant word in this section is "*redemption*." Unfortunately, that term has largely lost its original meaning, which, for Paul, would have been "buying back' a slave or captive, i.e. 'making free' by payment of a ransom."<sup>1</sup> When hearing the word redemption, the original hearers of Paul's letter would have envisioned the image of a slave market, which was a common sight in the Roman world.

Paul's imagery suggests a redemption that is similar to the freeing of those bound as slaves in a great slave market. Jesus came to the slave market of this world, paid a price—His shed blood—and bought us. He redeemed us and freed us for useful service to Him. When we were slaves in the slave market of sin, God could not use us. Once our liberty was purchased by the Messiah, we were free to be profitable to God and slaves to righteousness (Romans 6:18). Our relationship with Messiah, then, is the source of our purpose in life.

Does that mean non-Christians cannot have a purpose in life and cannot achieve anything worthwhile? Heaven forbid! But we are not talking about a sense of achievement or feelings of fulfillment in human terms. We are talking about finding God's ultimate, eternal purpose for our lives. Many human activities and achievements can give us a temporary sense of well-being and happiness, but they do not bring eternal satisfaction and reward (2 Timothy 4:8). Only the work God accomplishes through us brings lasting fulfillment and has eternal value. That is what Paul is talking about.

Paul goes on to tell us that, in Messiah, we have the forgiveness of our sins, which were once our slave chains binding us to our enslaved condition. Our guilty awareness of those sins makes us hide from God, from each other, and even from ourselves. It reminds us of Adam and Eve hiding from God after eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17). Sin brings shame, withdrawal, and denial. The memory of our sins makes us feel intolerable to ourselves and others. The shame of sin

makes us suspicious of others, lonely, and often leads to despair. When Jesus comes into our lives, His light dispels the darkness of our sin.

How does this Man forgive the sins of others? How can He set our guilt aside while still remaining righteous? Paul's answer: "*We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses*" (verse 7). That is how it happens. His blood paid the price for our redemption. In the same way that the blood of the first Passover lamb redeemed the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, now, Yeshua, Jesus our Messiah, the ultimate Passover lamb, has redeemed us from slavery to sin. So, Paul can write in 1 Corinthians 5:7, "For *Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.*"

His blood bought our freedom from enslavement to sin. His blood, spilled on a Roman cross, removed our guilt. That was the work of the Son. The cross is not a pleasant thing. Though people wear crosses to identify themselves as Christians, the cross was an instrument of death, like an electric chair today. Blood might be an abhorrent subject for some people. There are many who even faint at the sight of it. Yet, God insists upon blood before there is forgiveness. There is no other way. Scripture is clear: "And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22).

Therefore, with great gratitude, we accept His work of redemption, the forgiveness He *"lavished upon us"* (Ephesians 1:8).

1 William Arndt et al., A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 117.



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# **NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

#### JEWISH WOMAN PURSUES JESUS AFTER HEARING RADIO PROGRAM

Recently, a Jewish woman named Janet\* contacted our ministry after hearing our weekly radio show. Janet was raised in a traditional Jewish home and is drawing ever closer to accepting Yeshua (Jesus) as her Savior! She wrote to us saying:

I have been searching for my relationship with Godsearching to know who Jesus is. An ad for Chosen People Ministries appeared on my Facebook page, so I started listening to your podcast. The testimonies, especially from those who had the same fear as me—the fear that they were turning away from their Jewishness—were comforting. I heard someone say, "I have not turned away from who I am as a Jew, **but it has completed me to find Jesus**." I cried so hard when I heard that. I thought, I am finally on the path to re-establishing my relationship with God and who I am as a Jew! So, I am eager to learn more about who Jesus is.

What a testimony of the moving of the Holy Spirit! Our staff in New York City has been in regular contact with Janet, answering her questions and pointing her to the truth of Jesus as the promised Messiah. Please pray that the Lord would continue to draw her to Himself, open her eyes, and bring her to saving faith in Jesus!

## STAFF FINDS OPEN DOOR AT ORTHODOX JEWISH GROUPS

One of our staff members in Texas regularly attends a young adult Chabad (Orthodox Jewish) group every Tuesday with a fellow seminary student. The rabbi discusses topics like "Judaism and Demons" or "Judaism and Al." They are aware that our representative attends a Christian theological seminary and is Jewish. Our staff member is making many great connections and is amazed that the group is open to him.

An atheist who attends the Chabad group invited our staff member and his friend to a Sabbath dinner with another Orthodox Jewish group. It was a lively Sabbath dinner filled with music. A Jewish woman approached our staff member and his friend and expressed her appreciation for evangelicals. She talked about how Jewish people and evangelicals have so much in common. She mentioned a song—"The Blessing" by Kari Jobe—as an example since it is a Christian song with the words of the biblical Aaronic benediction (Numbers 6:24–26). Our staff member was surprised that a Jewish woman seemed to be interested in Christian things. Even more surprising, she recognized that Jesus is Jewish, and she said she intended to read the New Testament. Our staff member encouraged her to do so. Please pray for more encounters like this. Our staff members across the country and around the world are seeking to make more connections by attending these types of Jewish groups. With so many of our staff juggling multiple responsibilities, please also pray for their endurance.



#### ISRAELI EXCHANGE STUDENT IN JAPAN IS DRAWN TO JESUS

Our staff in Japan have a special prayer request for Eitan.\* Since he was a teenager, Eitan has loved Japanese culture, especially Japanese anime. After completing his mandatory military service in Israel, he pursued East Asian studies and spent a year in Japan through a student exchange program. He arrived in Japan early before the start of the academic semester and spent time with our staff at our Chosen People Ministries guesthouse in Tokyo—Beit Samurai. Afterward, he needed to travel to another part of Japan where he would eventually start his studies. Our staff introduced him to a church in that area that loves Israel and prays for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of the Jewish people. They welcomed Eitan with great love.

Recently, our staff traveled to this area to meet with Eitan and encourage the church members to continue their ministry to Israelis traveling in Japan. During dinner, Eitan enthusiastically shared how warmly the church members accepted him and that he started attending their gatherings. He mentioned he has learned much more about the Bible in just a few months than throughout his entire experience in school in Israel where the study of the Old Testament (*Tanakh* in Hebrew) is part of the public education curriculum.

This conversation is reminiscent of the words of the apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans: "*Salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make [Israel] jealous*" (Romans 11:11). Please pray that the seeds of the gospel our staff sows bear the fruit of salvation and that Eitan receives revelation about Jesus as the promised Jewish Messiah.

\*Names changed



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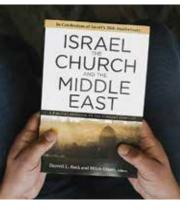
# **Creating a Will that Works!**

What a relief! If you have a completed will or trust, you know the peace that comes from having a plan in place.

But before you check "will planning" off your to-do list, make sure you are not settling for one of these not-so-helpful documents.

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- **3.** The Will that Is Lost. If there is one thing that can render your will useless, it is if no one knows where to find it. Make sure you tell your family and personal representatives about your plan. Do not forget to provide them with practical details like where your documents are stored and any lock combinations or keys they will need to access them.

## MESSIANIC RESOURCES



Israel, the Church, and the Middle East, by Darrell Bock and Mitch Claser, challenges the supersessionist drift of the modern church, showing that God retains a plan and purpose for the Jewish people. It also addresses a number of the divisive issues raised by authors critical both of Israel and of those who affirm Israel's right to the land. The book is directed toward pastors, global Christian leaders, theological students,

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