
Where Christians Stand on Israel

Key Findings from the 2025 National Survey
of American Protestants

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ABOUT THE STUDY

3,806

A massive national sample providing a high level of statistical precision ($\pm 1.9\%$)

8 Years

Rare research (2018–2025) capturing shifts before, during, and after the October 7 conflict.

NAE Gold Standard

Uses the official National Association of Evangelicals definition to identify "theologically core" believers.

Researchers surveyed nearly 3,806 self-identifying American Protestants, both evangelical and mainline, to examine their views on Israel, the Jewish people, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The study then applies the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) definition to identify theologically-grounded believers: those who strongly agree with four statements on biblical authority, evangelism, atonement in Christ, and salvation through Christ alone. Less than half of self-identifying evangelicals met this standard.

FINDING 01

Support Proved Resilient

Two years of genocide accusations, campus protests, and hostile media coverage did not erode the foundation of evangelical support for Israel.

~50%

Before the Israel-Hamas War

July 2021

~42.3%

During the War

March 2024

~46.4%

After the War

December 2025

Support dipped during the war's peak media coverage but rebounded as the conflict continued. The underlying foundation held.

FINDING 02

Most American Christians Care Deeply about the Holy Land

85%

of NAE evangelicals agree Christians should love and support Jewish people whether or not they accept Jesus as Messiah

80%

agree that Christian support for Israel can be grounded in concern for the dignity and rights of all people in the Holy Land

75%

affirm that God's covenant with the Jewish people remains intact today

FINDING 03

The Strongest Predictor

Moral Right to Self-Defense

231%

more likely to support Israel

Of 22 factors studied, the belief that Israel has a moral right to defend itself is the single most powerful predictor of support.

This is not just a reaction to October 7. Respondents signal a broader belief: Israel and the Jewish people are morally justified in defending themselves.

FINDING 04

The Theological Key

Belief in the Abrahamic Covenant

81%

more likely to support
Israel when this belief is held

The Abrahamic Covenant is the most consistent theological predictor.

Consistent across every survey wave from 2018 to 2025.

Belief in the Abrahamic Covenant does not require frequent church attendance to persist. Once internalized, it sticks.

Belief in the Abrahamic Covenant does not conflict with exclusive salvation through Christ. It works because it's about God's ongoing relationship with the Jewish people, not a separate salvation path.

FINDING 05

End Times Belief Alone Does Not Explain Support

Does Not Predict Support

About 85% of NAE evangelicals believe we are living in or nearing the end times. But this generalized sense of urgency does not predict Israel support once theology, identity, and moral reasoning are accounted for.

Most Christians believe in a future for Israel

Less than 14% of evangelicals believe the Abrahamic Covenant has ended.

Support for Israel is grounded in structured theological commitments and moral judgments, not diffuse apocalyptic belief.

FINDING 06

Who You Spend Time With Matters More Than the Church You Attend

34%

increase per level
of discussion
frequency

Pro-Israel socialization with fellow Christians outside the church setting is one of the most consistent predictors of support. Pastors matter, but peer-to-peer conversations outside of Sunday morning matter more. NAE evangelicals report more frequent weekly discussion of Israel than other Protestants. Younger Protestants report the least discussion overall, which partly explains the generational gap.

Creating opportunities for Christians to discuss Israel together in small groups, Bible studies, and community settings directly strengthens support.

FINDING 07

Influences Regarding Israel on Next-Generation Evangelicals

It is not social media.

Social media consumption does not predict Israel support once you control for theology, identity, politics, and socialization. The platform is not the problem. The ecosystem is.

Less pro-Israel socialization

They rely more on peer networks for Israel information, but those networks are not pro-Israel.

Post-colonial framing

Increasingly common in educational settings, this view frames Israel as a colonizer rather than a people returning to their homeland.

Pastors' views

Younger, more diverse pastors are more likely to hold views that are less supportive of Israel and the Jewish people.

Social justice lens

Higher concern about racial inequality, economic inequality, and climate change correlates with lower Israel support among under-30s.

IMPLICATIONS

What This Means for Your Church

Teach the Abrahamic Covenant early and often.

Nearly one in three Protestants are undecided on whether God's covenant with the Jewish people remains intact. That's an open door, not a closed one.

Create pro-Israel community outside Sunday morning.

Small groups, Bible studies, and peer conversations shape views more than sermons alone. Build spaces where Christians discuss Israel together.

Start young.

Pre-adult socialization is the most powerful predictor of long-term support. By the time someone reaches college, the window is smaller. Genesis 12:1-3 should be foundational from childhood.

Do not avoid the topic.

Most people in evangelical congregations support Israel. Teaching on this is less controversial than many pastors assume. The data confirms it.

DISCUSSION

Questions for Your Team

For staff meetings, elder boards, and small groups

- 1** How are we currently teaching about God's covenant with the Jewish people? Where could we do more?
- 2** Where do the young people in our congregation get their information about Israel? Are we part of that conversation?
- 3** What opportunities do we offer for Christians to discuss Israel together outside of Sunday services?
- 4** How would you explain why Christians should support Israel to someone who frames the conflict through a social justice or post-colonial lens?
- 5** What is one step we could take this month to engage the next generation on this topic?

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