



WHY ISRAEL ?

Why should we love the
Jewish people?





Foreword

Dear reader, before you read this booklet, please be aware of the following: God loves His creation, above all else He loves mankind. So you can know:

God loves you! He holds you in high regard, cares for you and provides what you need for life. You can trust in Him.

Because God loves us we can love Him back and we are to love our neighbour. This refers also to our Jewish fellow men. In the past they have often been disdained, they have been segregated, even antagonised up to the Holocaust in the time of 1938-1945. But there is something special about the friendship with the Jewish people. Let's take a look at our own German nation after 1945. In one part of our fatherland the politicians support the development of the newly founded Israeli state financially and apologize to the politicians in Israel although they would urgently need every single Deutschmark in post-war Germany. Together with many assiduous hands and the blessing of God an economic miracle succeeds from which we now may benefit in both parts of the country after the reunification. At this point a "Thank you" should be said to those humble and God-fearing politicians as well as to the many assiduous hands in the West and the East! The major gratitude belongs to God for HIS blessing and HIS love. Let's look at the Holy Scripture as a love letter from God to us men!

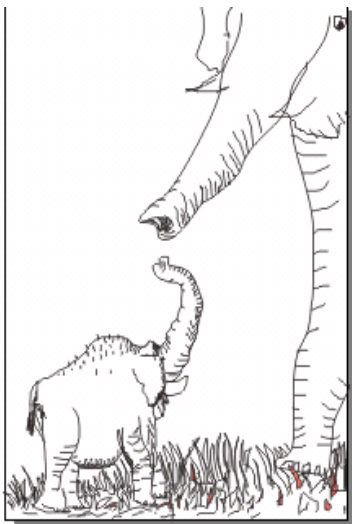
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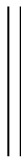


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God loves You like this elephant mother her child!





**„I have called you (Israel)
by your name;
you are mine!“**

Isaiah 43. 1 ≡ Luther 1984

**„‘You are my servant’;
I have chosen you and have not
rejected you.“**

Isaiah 41.9

It was not a question of quality but the decision of our sovereign God.



Putting a mark

During the Third Reich we as German people have been a negative example in our exposure to the people, the Lord is equating with His "eyeball". (Zechariah 2.12)

Today we as Christians want to put a mark consciously in pointing towards God's plans in regard to His people.

It is not about human ideas, so we aim to not writing a thematic disquisition. But we want to put forward the written word of God in condensed form.

You, as reader, may allow that these words might change you and your life. If this message of love reached your heart, we beg you to carry on these contents to your church(es), to your relatives and your friends.

The Almighty One who knows the depths of the human hearts may bless you abundantly!



⊠ Genesis 11.7 ⊠

„The LORD makes a **distinction** between Egypt and Israel.“

⊠ Ezekiel 20.32 (New International) ⊠

“You say, “We want to be like the nations, like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone.” But what you have in mind will never happen.

This view, which sees the people of Israel as separated, stretches on into the coming age.

⊠ Revelations 7.4 ⊠

„Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.“

⊠ Galatians 3.7-9 ⊠

So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham.

⊠ Galatians 3.14 ⊠

Why to pray for Israel - to love Israel?

Because the Bible says so:

⊠ Isaiah 62.6-7 ⊠ Isaiah 40.1-2 ⊠

The Jewish people is God's firstborn son

⊠ **Mo.**4.22 ⊠ Jeremiah 31.9 ⊠

Jesus is forever the same ⊠ Hebrews 13.8 ⊠ Even today He is the son of God and son of man (Son of David) ⊠ King of Israel ⊠ John 1.49 ⊠ King of the Jews ⊠ Luke 23.3 ⊠ and by faith also our King

God loves His people: ⊠ Jeremiah 31.3 ⊠ „I have **loved** you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.“

If God loves His people, do we have the right to not love it? This statement applies to you yourself as well as to all men and especially to His people.



Sometimes one could think about Israel as abandoned and unloved.

For God applies: Isaiah 60.15 Jeremiah 32.42 Psalm 105.8-10 Jeremiah 31.35-37 Romans 11.27-29 Hebrews 8.10 Romans 11.2 „ God did not reject his people, whom he **foreknew**.“

God made an everlasting covenant with Israel

Many scriptures speak about a (worldwide) gathering of the Jews to Israel:

Deuteronomy 30.3-6 Isaiah 43.5-6 Isaiah 49.22-25 Jeremiah 31.7-10 Jeremiah 32.37-41 Ezekiel 11.16-20 Ezekiel 36.24-28 Amos 9.14-15 Micah 2.12-13

Israel is God's **eyeball**

Deuteronomy 32,10 Zechariah 2.12

Israel is the **head** of the nations

Deuteronomy 33.29 Jeremiah 31.7

Israel is like **dew** from the Lord

Micah 5.6

Israel is the **lion** among the animals

Micah 5.7-8

Israel is the **blessing** for the world



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⊠ Genesis 12.2 ⊠ Zechariah 3.18 ⊠ Romans 11.11-12+15 ⊠
 11, „Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. ¹² But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! 15 For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?“

We as Germans are guilty in regard to Israel, even if we weren't involved personally.

Ezra, the priest, identified with the guilt of his people, ⊠ Ezra 9.6-7 ⊠, as much as Nehemiah, the politician, ⊠ Nehemiah 9.1-4 ⊠ or as Daniel, the prophet, ⊠ Daniel 9.4-7 ⊠ so it is still valid for us today. ⊠ Isaiah 60.14 ⊠.

Our confession

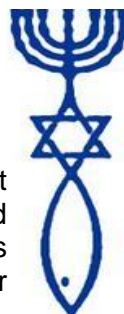
As Germans we confess our sins during the Holocaust and our guilt in regard to the Jewish people before God and them. We are greatly ashamed for what has happened and ask for forgiveness. No one could ever atone for what we have done.

In the same way we confess before God and them the sins of discrimination, crusades and pogroms in many nations during the centuries. As Christians we are ashamed of it and ask for forgiveness.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless you. I love you and your people!

We have the appointment to pray for Israel ⊠ Psalm 83.2-5 ⊠ Psalm 122.6 ⊠ Isaiah 62.6-7 ⊠ Ezekiel 3.17 ⊠ Psalm 137.5-6 ⊠

The content of our prayers should be aligned with the statements of the Holy Scripture as for example ⊠ Jeremiah 31.7-14 ⊠





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We are debtors of Israel ☞ Romans 15.26-27 ☞ 1 Corinthians 16.1-3
☞ 2 Corinthians 8+9 ☞

We are to serve Israel

☞ Isaiah 14.1-2 ☞ Isaiah 40.1-2 ☞ Isaiah 60.10-11 ☞ Isaiah 61.5-6
☞ Psalm 68.30 ☞

Examples from the Old Testament

1. Rahab accommodated the two Jewish spies. Through this her family was the only one who survived in the city of Jericho: ☞ Joshua 2.1-4
☞ Joshua 3.17 ☞
2. Ruth, the Moabite woman, served her Jewish mother-in-law and became the Great-grandmother of King David. ☞ Ruth 1.17 ☞ Ruth 4.13-17 ☞

Example from the New Testament

A roman Captain gave many alms to the Jews and had a good reputation. An angel of God visited him and later commissioned Peter to go to him. During the sermon the Holy Spirit fell on the audience and the captain and all who were belonging to him were baptized. ☞ Acts 10.2+22 ☞

Refusal of Serving might have consequences ☞ Isaiah 60.12 ☞
Zechariah 14.16-17 ☞ **Let's take this chance to show our love!**

The Judaism is the spiritual root of us Christians

☞ Romans 11.17-18 ☞ For without the Jews we wouldn't have any patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), no prophets, no apostles, no bible and no redeemer.

☞ Romans 9.4-5 ☞ Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!



Amen.

Jesus says: ☞ John 4.22 ☞ „...for salvation is from the Jews.“

Jesus will not return before the Jewish people **welcomes** Him.

☞ Matthew 23.39 ☞

Through faith Gentiles become Abrahams (the prime father of the Jews) children.

☞ Galatians 3.7-9 ☞ ... So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham ☞ Galatians 3.14 ☞

In the past we have been excluded from the citizenship of Israel.

☞ Ephesians 2.12 ☞, now we are FELLOW-citizens of the Saints (Jews) ☞ Ephesians 2.19 ☞ and FELLOW-heirs ☞ Ephesians 3.6 ☞ Romans 11.17 ☞

Through the blood of Jesus Christians and messianic Jews form „a new man“! ☞ Ephesians 2.13-15 ☞

Hands-on guidance

Israel is not just the nation of Israel but also those, who live in the Diaspora. Our Israel starts at our front door. ☞ Ephesians 2.12+19 ☞. Civil Rights are binding. As rights we have for instance a share of the promises. To the bonds belong the implementation of all instructions for Israel as well as the joint responsibility for the situation of the Jews in the world and in the nation of Israel itself, for example the prayer for this people and nation.

God blesses the nations through Israel !



Three things block the love to the Jews

1. Guilt of the ancestors for example in the Third Reich
2. Own sins. To it belong disdainful statements and jokes against Jews.

3. Mistakes of the replacement theology: The attitude "We are the spiritual Israel what means the Christian church replaces Israel. All promises are aimed at the Christians but all curses still rest on the Jews." Confutation ☞ Romans 11.1-2 ☞ "God did not reject His people"

☞ John 10.17-18 ☞ "No one takes it (my life) from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

--> Glory to the triune God: the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!
„Predestination“ is not the same like „redemption“, here applies: ☞

John 10.9 ☞ John 14.6 ☞ 1.John 2.23 ☞

Love to the Jewish people often starts with a simple prayer: „Lord, give me love for your Jewish people!“

It is part of God's plan to create a new man from Jews and Gentiles.
For that it is important to get to know the other side first. ☞ Ephesians 2.12-16 ☞

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☞ Genesis 26.4 ☞

☞ Genesis 12.3 ☞ „I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.“

What awaits us?

The new Jerusalem will have 12 cornerstones with the names of the 12 apostles (Jews) ☞ Revelations 21.12 ☞ and 12 gates with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel. Saved ones from the Gentiles & Jews will sing together the song of Moses and the Lamb.



⊠ Zechariah 8.22-23 ⊠ „And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him.”²³ This is what the LORD Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’”

⊠ Zechariah 8.7-8 ⊠ “This is what the LORD Almighty says: “I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. ⁸ I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God.”

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1. We especially enjoyed the visit at a Jew's house who escaped death several times and survived as the only one of his village. He could still see the praying Jews at the synagogue who were all shot later; his father and brother were also among the killed. We have been really touched and asked for forgiveness. In that moment we felt helpless but the Holy Spirit helped us by singing hebrew-german songs, blowing the schofar and praying. This in the beginning serious and sad man said: "Where has God been during all that suffering?" But in the end he said the most important words any man could say in his life: " Jesus forgive me my sin. Be my saviour. Come into my heart!" When saying good-bye, he added: "This was the best day of my life!"
2. Another woman survived a killing command and crawled out of the bit of dead bodies as a girl of 10. She was crying in front of us and later she enjoyed the gifts and showed us her sympathy.
3. An engineer was one of the 20 survivors of the city Berditschew, where app. 30.000 Jews had been living who



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didn't flee early enough. As a boy of 2 he was hidden with his mother in the basement of a neighbor. Today he recites the Lord's prayer and says that he forgives the Germans and that God now also may forgive him.

4. All the relatives of a now 78 years old lady have been killed, her mother as the last one. She was able to hide in a bomb crater which was covered with beams of the destroyed house. Now we were allowed to drink coffee with her and a friendship started.

Where there has been hatred and murder before, there is reconciliation, friendship and love today.

Glory be to God!

Our contacts in the Ukraine

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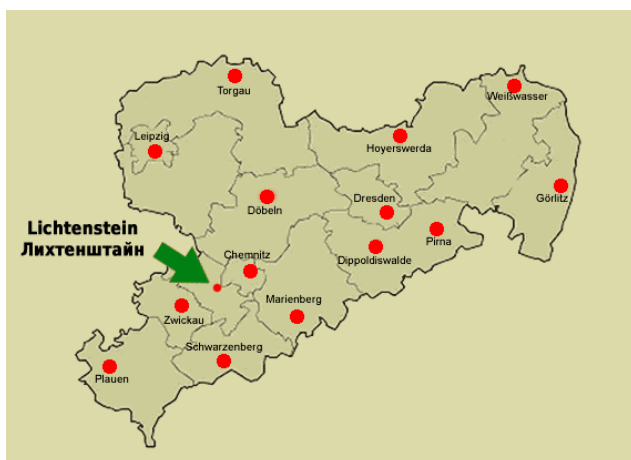
God loves the Ukraine - and you personally!
...we, too!



Our homeland Saxony / Germany



Germany



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