

War in Israel: A Biblical Perspective

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MESSAGE

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the outline to follow along or take notes on anything that stands out to you.

NOTES

As with all things and especially with passionate topics such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict where differing perspectives and opinions can divide, it is very important for a follower of Jesus to look in the Bible and see these issues through the lenses of God's attributes, to know what God has done in the past, is doing in the present, and will do in the future.

God keeps His promises (Genesis 13:14-17)

- God is able to keep His promises because He is sovereign. He has complete control over all aspects of History.
- The God who promised a specific land to Abraham and his descendants is the same God who promises many things to us. If God can move all of history to maintain the truthfulness of His specific promises, think about what He can do for you and me.

God is gracious (Exodus 34:6)

- God lovingly bestows upon people things we don't deserve. His blessings in our lives and in the lives of others are not based on if we deserve it or not, but based on His gracious favor.

God is just and fair (Psalm 89:14; Deuteronomy 32:4; Romans 12:19)

- When you see so many innocents are being killed and there doesn't seem to be accountability for those who perpetuate evil, it is natural to wonder about fairness and justice.

- God is omniscient and He sees everything. He will see to it that those who have done wrong will be punished. No one can escape God's justice.
- God's justice WILL come, whether in this lifetime or in the life to come (2 Corinthians 5:9-11; Revelation 20:11-15).

God protects His people (Revelation 12:4-6, 12-17).

- The fact that the Jewish people have not been wiped out as a people through centuries of wars and conflicts illustrate that the omnipotent God can indeed protect His people.
- Nothing happens to us that God does not allow.

God loves ALL people (John 3:15-17; Psalm 122:6)

- The Lord chose the people of Israel, from which the Savior of the world would come, and He has a special plan and purpose for this people group. But that doesn't mean He loves the Jewish people more than He loves people of other races.
- Jesus didn't die only for the Jewish people. He died for ALL people. God loves all people equally. With this in mind, Christians should be praying not only for Israel, but for other nations as well.

REFLECT and DISCUSS

1. Take a few minutes to talk about the message. What part of the teaching had the most impact on you?
2. As this world gets more and more unsettled, what assurance could you claim that you are safe in God's hand?
3. While waiting for Jesus' return, what are ways you can share the gospel with people around you, or even with people who live farther from where you are?
4. Have you prayed for the Jewish people and also for the Palestinians and other people in that region? Start doing so now.

PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.