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“Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”<sup>(1)</sup>

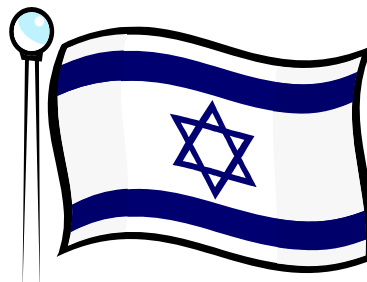
Do you remember the news from May 15, 1948? I don't. I wasn't born yet. In fact, from the 2000 Census, we can say at least 4 out of 5 Americans do not remember a time without the modern state of Israel. So when did Christian support for Israel begin and what's it all about?

No surprise here: the more that people have read the Bible in their own language, the more recognition there has been that the return of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland is an essential part of the plans of the King of the universe. For over 300 years, as the Bible has been available to people in their own language, believing Bible readers have looked for, prayed for, and worked for the return of the Jewish people to Eretz Yisrael.

Joanna and Ebenezer Cartwright petitioned their government to make transportation available for the return of Jews

to the holy land. Not household names? Well, the year was 1649 and the petition was not granted. Other names are more familiar.

Former President John Adams wrote in an 1819 letter to Modecai M. Noah, the most influential Jewish American of his day, “I really wish the Jews



again in Judea an independent nation.”

William Wilberforce, M.P., better known for his work in abolishing slavery, believed that the restoration of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland preceded the return of Messiah. He supported work toward that end.

British Consul James Finn and his wife, Elizabeth, in 1852 bought land near Bethlehem for Jewish people to farm, at a

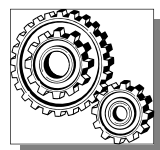
time when it was very difficult for Jewish people to earn a living in the Ottoman Empire.

Charles Spurgeon, the foremost English preacher of his day, is still one of the most widely published today. In 1864, he declared, “Israel has now become alienated from her own land. ... But it shall not be so for ever, for her sons shall again rejoice in her: her land shall be called Beulah...”

The list is too long for this article, but the history is there, “warts and all.” Books and videos can be obtained through the Hatikvah Film Trust.<sup>(2)</sup>

Critics of modern Christian support for Israel dismiss it as “dispensationalism”, but most of the people cited above were “post-millennial.” Support for Israel sweeps across lines of denominations and schools of interpretation. Readers that want to revisit the various schools of eschatology and Bible interpretation may find a helpful reference in the end note.<sup>(3)</sup>

But we cannot say the “times of the Gentiles” were com-



### In the Works

### A Night to Honor Israel September 10, 2009

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

**An unlimited power to tax involves, necessarily, a power to destroy; because there is a limit beyond which no institution and no property can bear taxation.”**

*Supreme Court Justice John Marshall (1755-1835)*

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pletely fulfilled in 1948 or even in 1967.

“They shall know that I am Yahweh their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land; and *I will leave none of them any more there;*” (4)

By some counts, Israeli Jewish population now exceeds the U.S. Jewish population and will soon be more than 50% of the Jewish population of the whole world. (5) Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis have issued rare joint support for American Aliyah. Their joint statement reads, “There are many ways for the Jewish community to connect with Israel and to contribute to the well-being of the Jewish State. Of all these expressions though, fulfilling the mitzvah [biblical commandment] of Aliyah is the highest manifestation of Zionism.” (6) This is especially newsworthy as the Reform branch originally defined Judaism as a purely religious identity. (7)

Other rabbis have declared, “We believe that a massive return to our eternal homeland will contribute greatly to an alleviation of all demographic, economic and religious problems in Israel today. We urge the entire Jewish Diaspora, particularly the younger generation, to begin viewing Aliyah as a goal rather than an option.” (8)

The Vermont “Night to Honor Israel” will pass, but there will

still be unfinished business. The Cartwrights mentioned above asked Parliament to make ships available because that was something that only governments could do at that time. Not so today. For example, by pooling the contributions of individuals, the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem has assisted over 100,000 Jewish immigrants to Israel both in “making Aliyah” and in practical assistance in

the absorption process.

“But now complete the doing also, that as there was the readiness to be willing, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have.” (9)

(1) World English Bible Luke 21-24

(2) <http://www.hativah.co.uk>

(3) <http://www.spurgeon.org/misc/eschat2.htm>

(4) World English Bible Ezekiel 39:28

(5) Jewish Virtual Library

(6) Israel National News, June 16, 2003

(7) Britannica Online Encyclopedia: Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, March 2008 by Allan C. Brownfield

(8) Israel National News, op cit.

(9) World English Bible 2 Corinthians 8:11-12

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## Vermont Christians United for Israel



invite you to join us for

# “A Night to Honor Israel”

Thursday, September 10, 2009  
7pm-9pm

Get a taste of Israel: enjoy a falafel in the lobby 6:00-7:00.

Hilton Hotel  
Battery Street  
Burlington, Vermont

This event will bring together members of the Jewish and Christian community who *stand with Israel*. It is an interfaith collaboration to honor the people and land of Israel. Greeting us by video will be *Dr. John Hagee, the National Chairman of Christians United for Israel*. Speakers for the evening will include *Dr. Charles Jacobs, the founder of the David Project; Rony Yedidia, Deputy Consul General of New England from the State of Israel; and Mr. David Brog, the Executive Director of CUFI and the Keynote Speaker for the evening*. We hope you will come to show your love.

Admission is free. An offering will be taken to defray costs and make a contribution to Magen David Adom, Israel's ambulance service.



“The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.”

*Thomas Jefferson*

## God is in Control!

By Steve Carlsen

I want to let people know that in today's world God is in control of everything --- for everybody. We should all start our days with some sort of devotion, and get ready to serve the Lord in everything we do during the day. I would like to share the devotion which my wife and I use in starting each day, every day. Here it is:

Good morning, Lord. Thank you for assuring us the victory today if we follow Your battle plan. By faith, we claim victory over everything we do today. To prepare ourselves, we put on the belt of truth. The truth about you, Lord, is that you are a sovereign God who knows everything about us, both our strengths and our weaknesses. Lord, you know our breaking points and have promised not to allow us to be tempted beyond what we're able to bear. The truth about us, Lord, is that we are a new creature in Christ, and we have been set free from the power of sin. We are indwelt with the Holy Spirit who will guide us and warn us when danger is near. We are your children, and nothing can separate us from

Your love. The truth is that you have a purpose for us this day, someone to encourage, someone to share with, and someone to love.

Next Lord, by faith, we put on the breastplate of righteousness. Through this we will guard our heart and emotions. We will not allow our heart to attach itself to anything that is impure. We will not allow our emotions to rule our decisions. We will set them on what is right and good and just. We will live today by what is true, not by what we feel.

Lord, this morning, we put on the sandals of the Gospel of Peace. We are available to You, Lord; send us where You will. Guide us to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use us to solve conflicts wherever they may arise. Make us a calming presence in every circumstance in which You place us. We will not be hurried or rushed, for our schedule is in Your hands. We will not leave a trail of tension or apprehension. We will leave tracks of peace and stability every-

where we go.

We now take up the shield of faith. Our faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You, we can do nothing, but with You we can do all things. No temptation that comes our way can penetrate Your protecting hand. We will not be afraid, for You are going with us throughout this day. When we are tempted, we will claim our victory out loud ahead of time, for You have promised victory to those

who walk in obedience to Your Word. So by faith, we claim victory even now because we know that there are fiery darts headed our way even as we pray. Lord, You already know what they are and

have provided a way of escape.

Lord, by faith we are putting on the helmet of salvation. You know how Satan bombards our minds day and night with evil thoughts, doubt, and fear. We put on this helmet that will protect our mind. We may feel the impact from his attacks, but nothing can penetrate this helmet. We choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of our

mind. And with the helmet of salvation, thoughts will get no further. We elect to take every thought captive, and will dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to You.

Last, we take up the sword of the Spirit which is Your Word. Thank you for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan's onslaughts. Your Word says that we are not under obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that we are free from the power of sin. Your Word says that He that is in us, is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith, we take the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit, which is able to defend us in times of attack, comfort us in times of sorrow, teach us in time of meditation, and prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of others who need the truth to set them free.

So, Lord, we go now rejoicing that You have chosen us to represent You to this lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in us! In Jesus name, Amen.

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**“A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.”**

*Thomas Jefferson*

*What can I do?*



*Faith without works is dead  
James 2:17*

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## A Night to Honor Israel

Preparations are nearly complete for the September 10th “**Night to Honor Israel.**” The celebration will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Battery Street in Burlington, VT from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. However, you are encouraged to arrive at 6:00 pm and enjoy some Jewish food and have an opportunity to see some of the displays that will be there. The evening will celebrate our shared culture and demonstrate our support for Israel.

This event is an expression of the solidarity between Christians and Jews in the United States of America on behalf of Jerusalem, and the State of Israel.

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### Next Meetings

*September 15, 7:00 pm  
St. Mark's Catholic Church  
Burlington, Vt.  
October 22, 7:00 pm  
Parkinson's home  
Hinesburg, Vt.*

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