

LESSON: UNDERSTANDING ISRAEL BY LINDA LEE HANDY

1. Most Christians support Israel based upon a desire for obedience to God, the Abrahamic Covenant, which states that God will bless those who bless Israel (Genesis 12:3), Messianic Psalm of David (Belief of a Coming Messiah, Psalm 22), and prosperity will come if we pray for Israel (Psalms 122:6.) Other reasons include a belief that Jewish people are a holy and chosen people, treasured by the Lord, to bless the world ([Deuteronomy 7:6-8](#)). Christians are “spiritual descendants of Israel,” with responsibility to serve in helping others make and keep covenants as part of the gathering of All of Israel. Christian Zionists believe that the modern state of Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy (promised by divine right to the Jewish people.) The belief is that Israel is central to God's plan for the great “gathering of Israel”, the end times and Christ’s Second Coming. The U.S. has consistently supported Israel through extensive financial and military aid, political backing at the UN, and strong strategic cooperation since it was established in 1948. Israel is a reliable ally in an important part of the globe. President Trump has shown an example that ALL American presidents should be promoting America’s interests, and America’s interests coincide with his bold vision of peace in Israel. On X, 9/25/25, Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, posted, “Charlie Kirk was murdered for speaking truth and defending freedom. A lion-hearted friend of Israel, he fought the lies and stood tall for Judeo-Christian civilization... We lost an incredible human being. His boundless pride in America and his valiant belief in free speech will leave a lasting impact. Rest in peace, Charlie Kirk.”

2. MY HUSBAND’S MOTHER HAD A GREAT LOVE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. She developed Lessons on “Understanding Israel” for the youth of our church in Pasadena, CA area. She was so passionate to help them grasp the full impact of our common roots with the Lord’s Chosen and tested people. As a strong conservative, she believed in the importance of supporting the Democracy of Israel and our shared values in the Middle East. She promoted the youth at church to learn Israeli dances and took this “Yovel”(Jubilee) group over to present the “Key” of Pasadena to a very welcoming Teddy Kollek, the amazing Mayor of Jerusalem. Later she and her husband would retire and chose to live in Israel. They would be called to serve a Christian mission with the Jewish people in Johannesburg, So Africa.

3. MY SISTER WOULD MARRY A JEWISH CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY. While he was of Levi heritage, his heart was touch by the teaching of Christianity shared by fellow soldiers who served with him. One of the first families who fellowshiped him at church in D.C. and began a long relationship was the kind Ezra Taft Benson’s family (E.T. Benson was serving as Secretary of Agriculture.) He was a big believer. He valued the beloved Jewish teachings of his youth that looked for the coming of their Messiah. Then he accepted Jesus Christ as the long-awaited Messiah. He would testify of how this was the Lord’s plan, and some day more of his Jewish family would have their eyes open and accept.

4. FAMILY DISCUSSION: Why is it important to “Understand Israel”: It’s history and the current status? If God blesses those who bless Israel, what goals can your family set to pray for and support Israel?

5. RESOURCES: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/10/global-support-for-president-trumps-bold-vision-for-peace-in-gaza/>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Zionism; <https://www.gotquestions.org/support-Israel.html>; <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-782174> (Christian LDS support Israel); gfaclessons.com