

TSUR YISRAEL (THE ROCK OF ISRAEL), WHO IS YEHOVAH, IS “THE TRUST” OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL!!!

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**The Declaration of Independence of the modern State of Israel on May 14, 1948,
PROCLAIMED TRUST IN “TSUR YISRAEL” – “THE ROCK OF ISRAEL” - WHO IS
THE ONE TRUE GOD, YAH YEHOVAH!!!!**

In the very beginning of the Declaration of Independence of Israel, David ben Gurion confirmed that he and the other Members of The People’s Council spoke definitively as Representatives of the Jewish Community of Eretz-Israel and the Zionist Movement, and he stated **“The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their SPIRITUAL, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL IDENTITY was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books. After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.”**

(HEBREW TEXTS/DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. en.Wikibooks.org,
accessed March 25, 2026, emphasis added.)

Notice that they called **ספר הספרים הנצחי** –“The Eternal Book of Books” - in speaking of **THE WRITTEN TORAH YEHOVAH GAVE TO MOSES FOR ISRAEL!** They also make a point, twice, that they are signing this Declaration of Independence on **THE SABBATH EVE. In Exodus 31:12-18, YEHOVAH STATES that the Fourth of the Ten Commandments, The Sabbath Commandment, is a Sign of the Covenant between Him and His People Israel FOREVER. THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS MADE THE SABBATH THE LEGALLY RECOGNIZED OFFICIAL DAY OF REST FROM SUNDOWN FRIDAY UNTIL SUNDOWN SATURDAY!**

ISRAEL TODAY CANNOT TRUTHFULLY BE ACCUSED OF SIMPLY BEING A SECULAR NATION, AS MANY CLAIM IT IS! The State of Israel (“Medinat Yisrael”) is certainly not perfect yet, nor is it the Monarchy of the Messianic Kingdom of Heaven on Earth based in Israel that is coming (Ezekiel 37:15-28,). However, its reappearance and existence after two thousand years appears to be the first step in **The Redemption (G’ULAH) of Israel** process the Hebrew Prophets speak of that will come to complete fruition on the Day of Yehovah! The Prophet Jeremiah said this:

[Jeremiah 31:35-37 KJV] 35 Thus saith the LORD (YEHOVAH), which giveth the sun for a light by day, [and] the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts (YEHOVAH TSVAOT) [IS] HIS NAME: 36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, [then]

THE SEED OF ISRAEL also shall cease from being A NATION (“GOY” – the same word used for any other “nation” as well!) BEFORE ME FOR EVER. 37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

So, YEHOVAH is declaring that no matter how far scattered to the ends of the earth they are, the Seed of Israel is still a NATION in His Sight! He will never cast off ALL their seed for ALL their sins!

[IF ANYONE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS, IT SHOULD BE CHRISTIANS! We believe that Yehovah has a PROCESS that can start but not be complete until the very end of the age! We always refer to the fact that Yehovah has not yet completed His Plan for the manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth when anyone, especially Jews, argue that Yehoshua did not fulfill these end-time prophecies, so He cannot be the Messiah! THEIR ARGUMENT SEEMS PERFECTLY REASONABLE...until you point out that Yehoshua started manifesting the Kingdom of Heaven on earth at His First Coming, fulfilling the prophecies that he had to be born in Bethlehem by “She Who is to Bear” although he is said to be from Days of Eternity “mimev Olam” (Micah 5:1-2) and then die for the forgiveness of sins of those Yehovah calls “My People” as their “asham” – guilt offering (Isaiah 53:4-6,8-10; Daniel 9:26, Psalm 22, Matthew 26:26-29) and then be resurrected (Isaiah 53:10, Psalm 16:10) and called up to Heaven to sit at Yehovah’s Right Hand to await the time Yehovah will send Him back (Psalm 110:1). BUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL YEHOVAH DOES SEND HIM BACK FROM HEAVEN AT HIS SECOND COMING TO CARRY OUT THE WRATH OF GOD IN YEHOVAH’S MAJESTIC NAME ON THE EVIL NATIONS (Psalm 110:2-7, Daniel 7:7-14, Isaiah 30:27-33) and SAVE AT LEAST A THIRD OF THE ISRAELIS IN THE LAND THAT YEHOVAH WILL HAVE KEPT AND REFINED AS SILVER AND GOLD THROUGH THE TIME CALLED “JACOB’S TROUBLE,” CALLING THEM HIS PEOPLE - THE HOLY ONES OF THE MOST HIGH [Zechariah 13:8-9, Daniel 7:15-28, Jeremiah 30]. * (ISAIAH 59:20 KJV- “AND THE REDEEMER SHALL COME TO ZION, AND UNTO THEM THAT TURN FROM TRANSGRESSION IN JACOB, SAITH THE LORD.”)*** The Messiah, also called The Arm of Yehovah (Isaiah 53:1, Isaiah 52:10-15, Isaiah 40:10-11), will then gather the rest of the Chosen Remnant of Israel, and those gentiles who are joined to Yehovah by Covenant as well as joined to His People Israel (Isaiah 56:1-8, Isaiah 49:6), from all over the earth (Micah 5:6-14, Isaiah 11:10-16, Isaiah 49, Isaiah 65:8-10, Matthew 24:27-31) !!! (NOTE: THE NEW COVENANT THAT YEHOSHUA ESTABLISHED IN HIS BLOOD IS TO ISRAEL – THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH THAT WILL BE TOTALLY GATHERED AND REUNITED AT THE END – Ezekiel 11:13-21, Ezekiel 36:16-38, Jeremiah 31:27-37, Ezekiel 37:15-28). ONLY OUT OF YEHOVAH’S GREAT MERCY DID HE ALLOW GENTILES TO JOIN THEM IN THIS NEW COVENANT, EVEN AS FULL CITIZENS OF ISRAEL WITH LAND INHERITANCE RIGHTS AS WELL [Isaiah 49:6, Matthew 24:14, Ezekiel 47:21-23]!!! THEREFORE, WHEN YEHOSHUA THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF MAN, RETURNS IS WHEN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WILL BE FULLY ESTABLISHED OVER THE WHOLE EARTH, AND EVERY OTHER KINGDOM WILL BE SHATTERED. HE WILL BE THE KING AND**

THE KINGDOM WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HOLY ONES OF THE MOST HIGH!!! (Daniel 2, Daniel 7:27)!!! It will be BASED IN A SUPERNATURALLY RENEWED ISRAEL THAT IS LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN (Isaiah 51:3, Isaiah 35, Isaiah 11:1-9 and many more!), WITH SUPERNATURALLY RENEWED JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL (Isaiah 62 and many more!), just as the Hebrew Prophets have declared! Therefore, Jews should understand that Yehovah has STARTED The Redemption of Israel by sending the Messiah to fulfill the prophecies of His first coming! At the same time, Christians should understand that Yehovah has STARTED The Redemption of Israel by gathering the Jewish Exiles and establishing them to live in the State of Israel! ON THE DAY OF YEHOVAH, HE WILL BRING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH TO AN INCREDIBLE AWESOME CLIMAX IN THE MESSIANIC AGE AT THE RETURN OF YEHOVASHUA HAMASHIACH!!!]

Not reading, studying, praying for discernment, and **ACTUALLY BELIEVING THE HEBREW PROPHETS AND YEHOVASHUA'S WORDS** are the only reasons anyone could have to not understand these truths. (I know there are Christians who call themselves Partial or Full Preterists, Amillennialists, Postmillennialists, Hard or Soft Supersessionists/Replacement Theologists/or Fulfillment Theologists, and other designations that I don't give credence to, that will twist these and other scriptures to not believe what they actually say, in my opinion. **HOWEVER, ALL OF THESE PROPHECIES ABOUT THE DAY OF YEHOVAH HAVE SO OBVIOUSLY NOT YET COME TO PASS!!!**)

Therefore, let's look at what the Hebrew Prophet Isaiah states:

Isaiah 26– King James Version (KJV)

(NOTE: “IN THAT DAY” is code language for “THE DAY OF YEHOVAH”!

Isaiah 26:1 KJV - **IN THAT DAY** shall this song be sung **IN THE LAND OF JUDAH**; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for walls* and bulwarks.

Isaiah 26:2 KJV- Open ye the gates, that **THE RIGHTEOUS NATION WHICH KEEPETH THE TRUTH MAY ENTER IN.**

Isaiah 26:3 KJV - Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:4 KJV- TRUST YE in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is EVERLASTING STRENGTH:

Isaiah 26:4 (Hebrew Masoretic Text) בְּטֹחַוּ בַיהוָה עַד־עַד
כִּיבְיָהוָה יְהוָה צוּר עוֹלָמִים:

The words translated as LORD JEHOVAH are YAH YEHOVAH! YAH is a contraction of the Name of Yehovah, meaning the same, and is formed from the beginning Hebrew letter “Yod” (pronounced as Y) and the ending Hebrew letter “Heh” (pronounced as H). It is used in the Hebrew Tanach sparingly, only 50 times. YEHOVAH is used 6521 times! YAH YEHOVAH may be doubled for strong emphasis, which is common in Hebrew grammar! Yehovah Himself declares to Moses that this is His Name Forever!!!

[Exodus 3:15 KJV] 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD (YEHOVAH) God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: THIS [IS] MY NAME FOR EVER, and THIS [IS] MY MEMORIAL UNTO ALL GENERATIONS.

יהוה - YEHOVAH - is formed from all of the tenses of the verb “TO BE” in Hebrew - Hayah - He Is; Hoyeh - He Is; and Yihyeh - He Will Be ; read left to right, YE - HO - VAH. HE IS ETERNAL.

Now, we need to see that the words translated as “everlasting strength” are TSUR OLAMIM - the same as Everlasting ROCK! “Tsur” is Rock and “Olam” is Everlasting or Eternal.

The Hebrew Prophet Isaiah goes on to describe THE JOY on the Day of Yehovah of THE PEOPLE IN ZION AT JERUSALEM when He comes to rescue them, at the very same time that the evil nations who came against them are destroyed by YEHOVAH!!!

[Isaiah 30:18-19 KJV] 18 And therefore will the LORD (YEHOVAH) wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD [is] a God of judgment: blessed [are] all they that wait for him. 19 FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL DWELL IN ZION AT JERUSALEM: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.!!!

[Isaiah 30:29-30 KJV] 29 YE SHALL HAVE A SONG, as in the night [when] a holy solemnity is kept; and GLADNESS OF HEART, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD (HAR YEHOVAH, which is Mount Zion) to the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL (“TSUR YISRAEL” - THE ROCK OF ISRAEL!!!!) 30 And THE LORD (YEHOVAH) SHALL CAUSE HIS GLORIOUS VOICE TO BE HEARD, AND SHALL SHEW THE LIGHTING DOWN OF HIS ARM, WITH THE INDIGNATION OF [HIS] ANGER, AND [WITH] THE FLAME OF A DEVOURING FIRE, [WITH] SCATTERING, AND TEMPEST, AND HAILSTONES!!!!

By using His Name “Yehovah” in Isaiah 26:4 and Isaiah 30:29-30 along with The Name “Tsur Yisrael,” He shows us that they are One and the Same.

YEHOVAH IS THE ROCK OF ISRAEL.!!!

THE EVIL NATIONS WILL KNOW “ON THAT DAY” - THE DAY OF YEHOVAH - WHEN HIS WRATH IS POURED OUT ON THEM - THE TRUTH OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL! THEY WILL SEE THAT THEIR ROCK YEHOVAH IS SAVING THEM!!!

This agrees completely with the many other prophecies of how YEHOVAH will rescue His People Israel who are dwelling in His Land at the very time of the end - when they cry out to Him because of the fierce persecution of the evil nations against them!!! YEHOVAH WILL ACTUALLY CALL, DRAW, AND ALLOW THE EVIL NATIONS TO PERSECUTE ISRAEL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING HIS PEOPLE THAT HE ALONE IS THEIR SALVATION WHEN THEY CRY OUT AND HE SAVES THEM!!! HE WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE SHOWING THE EVIL NATIONS WHO HE REALLY IS – “YEHOVAH TSAVAOT ELOHEY YISRAEL” (YEHOVAH OF THE HEAVENLY ARMIES, THE GOD OF ISRAEL – JEREMIAH 25:15-33) WHEN HE DESTROYS THEM FOR COMING AGAINST HIS PEOPLE AND HIS LAND!!!

[Deuteronomy 32:43 KJV] 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, [with] his people: FOR HE WILL AVENGE THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS, AND WILL RENDER VENGEANCE TO HIS ADVERSARIES, and WILL BE MERCIFUL unto HIS LAND, [and] to HIS PEOPLE.

A MOST IMPORTANT NOTE: THERE HAVE TO BE JEWS IN JUDAH AND JERUSALEM and “HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL” ON “HIS MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL” FOR ALL OF THE END TIME PROPHECIES TO BE ABLE TO COME TRUE!!!

THEY HAVE TO BE LIVING THERE!!!

IF THEY ARE LIVING THERE, THEY CERTAINLY NEED A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT – A STATE! Remember, they are living in the “City” of Jerusalem and other towns! Read Zechariah 14 and Ezekiel 38 below for just two examples:

[Zechariah 14:1-21 KJV] 1 BEHOLD, THE DAY OF THE LORD COMETH, AND THY SPOIL SHALL BE DIVIDED IN THE MIDST OF THEE. 2 FOR I WILL GATHER ALL NATIONS AGAINST JERUSALEM TO BATTLE; AND THE CITY SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE HOUSES RIFLED, AND THE WOMEN RAVISHED; AND HALF OF THE CITY SHALL GO FORTH INTO CAPTIVITY, AND THE RESIDUE OF THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF FROM THE CITY. 3 THEN SHALL THE LORD GO FORTH, AND FIGHT AGAINST THOSE NATIONS, AS WHEN HE FOUGHT IN THE DAY OF BATTLE. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, [and there shall be] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee [to] the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and **the LORD (YEHOVAH) my God shall come, [and] all the saints with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, [that] the light shall not be clear, [nor] dark: 7 But it shall be ONE DAY**

**WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN TO THE LORD (YEHOVAH), NOT DAY, NOR NIGHT:
BUT IT SHALL COME TO PASS, [THAT] AT EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT.**

8 And it shall be in that day, [that] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9

And the LORD (YEHOVAH) shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be ONE LORD (YEHOVAH) , and HIS NAME ONE. 10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and [from] the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. 11 **And [men] shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but JERUSALEM SHALL BE SAFELY INHABITED.** 12 **AND THIS SHALL BE THE PLAGUE WHEREWITH THE LORD WILL SMITE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST JERUSALEM; THEIR FLESH SHALL CONSUME AWAY WHILE THEY STAND UPON THEIR FEET, AND THEIR EYES SHALL CONSUME AWAY IN THEIR HOLES, AND THEIR TONGUE SHALL CONSUME AWAY IN THEIR MOUTH.** 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] a

great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. 14 **AND JUDAH ALSO SHALL FIGHT AT JERUSALEM;** and the wealth of all

the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. 15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. 16 And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, [that] whoso will not come up of [all] the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that [have] no [rain]; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

[Ezekiel 38:1-23 KJV] 1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:** 4 **And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts [of armour, even] a great company [with] bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:** 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: [and] many people with thee. 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: **IN THE LATTER YEARS THOU SHALT COME INTO THE LAND [THAT IS] BROUGHT BACK FROM THE SWORD,**

[AND IS] GATHERED OUT OF MANY PEOPLE, AGAINST THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, WHICH HAVE BEEN ALWAYS WASTE; BUT IT IS BROUGHT FORTH OUT OF THE NATIONS, AND THEY SHALL DWELL SAFELY ALL OF THEM. 9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, [that] at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places [that are now] inhabited, and upon the people [that are] gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? 14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know [it]? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 16 **And thou shalt come up AGAINST MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AS A CLOUD TO COVER THE LAND; IT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS, AND I WILL BRING THEE AGAINST MY LAND, THAT THE HEATHEN MAY KNOW ME,** when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. 17 Thus saith the Lord GOD (YEHOVAH); [Art] thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days [many] years that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass at the same time **WHEN GOG SHALL COME AGAINST THE LAND OF ISRAEL, SAITH THE LORD GOD, [that] my fury shall come up in my face. 19 For in my jealousy [and] in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that [are] upon the face of the earth, SHALL SHAKE AT MY PRESENCE, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout ALL MY MOUNTAINS,** saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 **AND I WILL PLEAD AGAINST HIM WITH PESTILENCE AND WITH BLOOD; AND I WILL RAIN UPON HIM, AND UPON HIS BANDS, AND UPON THE MANY PEOPLE THAT [ARE] WITH HIM, AN OVERFLOWING RAIN, AND GREAT HAILSTONES, FIRE, AND BRIMSTONE. 23 THUS WILL I MAGNIFY MYSELF, AND SANCTIFY MYSELF; AND I WILL BE KNOWN IN THE EYES OF MANY NATIONS, AND THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I [AM] THE LORD (YEHOVAH).**

There are so many more prophecies that verify this that I cannot list them all, but a few are: Zechariah 12, Ezekiel 39, Isaiah chapters 24 – 30 (all very descriptive!), Jeremiah 25:15-38, Habbakuk 3, Haggai 1:6-9, Haggai 2:20-23; Joel 2, Joel 3, Psalm 48, Isaiah 66, and more.

There is no doubt that the coming DAY OF YEHOVAH will be BOTH Glorious for Israel and Terrifying for the Evil Nations that have come against Israel!

Don't be deceived and be on the wrong side of YEHOVAH!!!

Now, read the actual full Declaration of Independence below, transcribed into English from Hebrew. I will quote two translations below along with the original Hebrew:

Declaration of Israel's Independence 1948

Issued at Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948 (5th of Iyar, 5708)

ERETZ-ISRAEL [(Hebrew) - The Land of Israel] was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people remained faithful to it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, ma'pilim [(Hebrew) - immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation] and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom- and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, **THE EVE OF SABBATH**, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, shall be the Provisional Government of **the Jewish State, to be called "Israel"**.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace **AS ENVISAGED BY THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL**; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel.

PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE ALMIGHTY, WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY, 1948).

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NOTE: There were major discussions and even disagreements on what to include in this Declaration. One was concerning how to include **GOD** in it. **The most important thing to remember is that TRUST IN “TSUR YISRAEL - THE ROCK OF ISRAEL,” WHO IS “YAH YEHOVAH - HE WHO WAS, HE WHO IS, AND HE WHO WILL BE” WAS INCLUDED!!!**

“The second major issue was over the inclusion of God in the last section of the document, with the draft using the phrase "and placing our trust in the Almighty". The two rabbis, Shapira and Yehuda Leib Maimon, argued for its inclusion, saying that it could not be omitted, with Shapira supporting the wording "God of Israel" or "the Almighty and Redeemer of Israel".[8] It was strongly opposed by Zisling, a member of the secularist Mapam. In the end the phrase "Rock of Israel" was used, which could be interpreted as either referring to God, or the land of Eretz Israel, Ben-Gurion saying "Each of us, in his own way, believes in the 'ROCK OF ISRAEL' as he conceives it. I should like to make one request: Don't let me put this phrase to a vote." Although its use was still opposed by Zisling, the phrase was accepted without a vote.”

(“Israeli Declaration of Independence.” Wikipedia.com, accessed March 25, 2026, emphasis added.)

SO, the actual Hebrew Text of the Declaration of Independence of Israel makes it clear that the term “בצור ישראל” - “baTSUR YISRAEL” - “ IN THE ROCK OF ISRAEL” - WAS used in the actual document as to Whom the State of Israel is placing her TRUST. See the third to last paragraph below):

ישראל הממשלה הזמנית

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הכרזה על הקמת מדינת ישראל

בארץ-ישראל קם העם היהודי, בה עוצבה דמותו הרוחנית, הדתית והמדינית, בה חי חיי קוממיות ממלכתית, בה יצר גכסי תרבות לאומיים וכלל-אנושיים והוריש לעולם כולו את ספר הספרים הנצחי.

לאחר שהוגלה העם מארצו בכוח הזרוע שמר לה אמונים בכל ארצות פזוריו, ולא חדל מתפילה ומתקוה לשוב לארצו ולחדש בתוכה את חירותו המדינית.

מתוך קשר היסטורי ומסורתי זה חתרו היהודים בכל דור לשוב ולהאחז במולדתם העתיקה; ובדורות האחרונים שבו לארצם בהמונים, וחלוצים, מעפילים ומגינים הפריחו נשמות, החיו שפתם העברית, בנו כפרים וערים, והקימו ישוב גדל והולך השליט על משקו ותרבותו, שוחר שלום ומגן על עצמו, מביא ברכת הקידמה לכל תושבי הארץ ונושא נפשו לעצמאות ממלכתית.

בשנת תרנ"ז (1897) נתכנס הקונגרס הציוני לקול קריאתו של הוגה חזון המדינה היהודית תיאודור הרצל והכריז על זכות העם היהודי לתקומה לאומית בארצו.

זכות זו הוכרה בהצהרת בלפור מיום ב' בנובמבר 1917 ואושרה במנדט מטעם חבר הלאומים, אשר נתן במיוחד תוקף בין-לאומי לקשר ההיסטורי שבין העם היהודי לבין ארץ-ישראל ולזכות העם היהודי להקים מחדש את ביתו הלאומי.

השואה שנתחוללה על עם ישראל בזמן האחרון, בה הוכרעו לטבח מיליונים יהודים באירופה, הוכיחה מחדש בעליל את ההכרח בפתרון בעית העם היהודי מחוסר המולדת והעצמאות על-ידי חידוש המדינה היהודית בארץ-ישראל, אשר תפתח לרווחה את שערי המולדת לכל יהודי ותעניק לעם היהודי מעמד של אומה שוות-זכויות בתוך משפחת העמים.

שארית הפליטה שניצלה מהטבח הנאצי האיום באירופה ויהודי ארצות אחרות לא חדלו להעפיל לארץ-ישראל, על אף כל קושי, מניעה וסכנה, ולא פסקו לתבוע את זכותם לחיי כבוד, חירות ועמל-ישרים במולדת עמם.

במלחמת העולם השנייה תרם הישוב העברי בארץ את מלוא-חלקו למאבק האומות השוחרות חירות ושלום נגד כוחות הרשע הנאצי, ובדם חייליו ובמאמצו המלחמתי קנה לו את הזכות להמנות עם העמים מייסדי ברית האומות המאוחדות.

ב-29 בנובמבר 1947 קיבלה עצרת האומות המאוחדות החלטה המחייבת הקמת מדינה יהודית בארץ-ישראל; העצרת תבעה מאת תושבי ארץ-ישראל לאחוז בעצמם בכל הצעדים הנדרשים מצדם הם לביצוע ההחלטה. הכרה זו של האומות המאוחדות בזכות העם היהודי להקים את מדינתו אינה ניתנת להפקעה.

זוהי זכותו הטבעית של העם היהודי להיות ככל עם ועם עומד ברשות עצמו במדינתו הריבונית.

לפיכך נתכנסנו, אנו חברי מועצת העם, נציגי הישוב העברי והתנועה הציונית, ביום סיום המנדט הבריטי על ארץ-ישראל, ובתוקף זכותנו הטבעית וההיסטורית ועל יסוד החלטת עצרת האומות המאוחדות אנו מכריזים בזאת על הקמת מדינה יהודית בארץ ישראל, היא מדינת ישראל.

אנו קובעים שהחל מרגע סיום המנדט, הלילה, אור ליום שבת ו' אייר תש"ח, 15 במאי 1948, ועד להקמת השלטונות הנבחרים והסדירים של המדינה בהתאם לחוקה שתיקבע על-ידי האספה המכוננת הנבחרת לא יאוחר מ-1 באוקטובר תפעל מועצת העם כמועצת מדינה זמנית, ומוסד הביצוע שלה, מנהלת-העם, יהווה את הממשלה הזמנית של - 1948 המדינה היהודית, אשר תיקרא בשם ישראל.

מדינת ישראל תהא פתוחה לעלייה יהודית ולקיבוץ גלויות; תשקוד על פיתוח הארץ לטובת כל תושביה; תהא מושתתה על יסודות החירות, הצדק והשלום לאור חזונו של נביאי ישראל; תקיים שיוון זכויות חברתי ומדיני גמור לכל אזרחיה; בלי הבדל דת, גזע ומין; תבטיח חופש דת, מצפון, לשון, חינוך ותרבות; תשמור על המקומות הקדושים של כל הדתות ותהיה נאמנה לעקרונותיה של מגילת האומות המאוחדות. מדינת ישראל תהא מוכנה לשתף פעולה עם המוסדות והנציגים של האומות המאוחדות בהגשמת החלטת העצרת מיום 29 בנובמבר 1947 ותפעל להקמת האחדות הכלכלית של ארץ-ישראל בשלמותה.

אנו קוראים לאומות המאוחדות לתת יד לעם היהודי בבנין מדינתו ולקבל את מדינת ישראל לתוך משפחת העמים.

אנו קוראים - גם בתוך התקפת-הדמים הנערכת עלינו זה חדשים - לבני העם הערבי תושבי מדינת ישראל לשמור על שלום וליטול חלקם בבנין המדינה על יסוד אזרחות מלאה ושווה ועל יסוד נציגות מתאימה בכל מוסדותיה, הזמניים והקבועים.

אנו מושיטים יד שלום ושכנות טובה לכל המדינות השכנות ועמיהן, וקוראים להם לשיתוף פעולה ועזרה הדדית עם העם העברי העצמאי בארצו. מדינת ישראל מוכנה לתרום חלקה במאמץ משותף לקידמת המזרח התיכון כולו.

אנו קוראים אל העם היהודי בכל התפוצות להתלכד סביב הישוב בעליה ובבנין ולעמוד לימינו במערכה הגדולה על הגשמת שאיפת הדורות לגאולת ישראל.

מתוך בטחון בצור ישראל הננו חותמים בחתימת ידינו לעדות על הכרזה זו, במושב מועצת המדינה הזמנית, על אדמת המולדת, בעיר תל-אביב, היום הזה, ערב שבת, ה' אייר תש"ח, 14 במאי 1948.

דוד בן-גוריון

דניאל אוסטר, מרדכי בנטוב, יצחק בן-צבי, אליהו ברלין, פריץ ברנשטיין, הרב וולף גולד, מאיר גרובובסקי, יצחק גרינבוים, ד"ר אברהם גרובובסקי, אליהו דובקין, מאיר וילנר-קובנר, זרח ורהפטיג, הרצל ורדי, רחל כהן, הרב קלמן כהנא, סעדיה כובאשי, הרב יצחק מאיר לוי, מאיר דוד לוינשטיין, צבי לוריא, גולדה מאירסון, נחום ניר, צבי סגל, הרב יהודה ליב הכהן פישמן, דוד צבי פנקס, אהרן ציזלינג משה קולודני, אליעזר קפלן, אברהם קצנלסון, פליכס רוזנבליט, דוד רמז, ברל רפפורט, מרדכי שטנר, בן-ציון שטרנברג, בכור שיטרית, משה שפירא, משה שרתוק.

Translation

ERETZ-ISRAEL [(Hebrew) - the Land of Israel] was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, ma'pilim [(Hebrew) - immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation] and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and reaffirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom- and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE

TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE BASIS OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, **THE EVE OF SABBATH**, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, **shall be the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel"**.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL.

PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE "ROCK OF ISRAEL", WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE

CITY OF TEL-AVIV, **ON THIS SABBATH EVE**, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY,1948).

David Ben-Gurion

Daniel Auster, Mordechai Bentov, Yitzchak Ben Zvi, Eliyahu Berligne, Fritz Bernstein, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Meir Grabovsky, Yitzchak Gruenbaum, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, Eliyahu Dobkin, Meir Wilner-Kovner, Zerach Wahrhaftig, Herzl Vardi, Rachel Cohen, Rabbi Kalman Kahana, Saadia Kobashi, Rabbi Yitzchak Meir Levin, Meir David Loewenstein, Zvi Luria, Golda Myerson, Nachum Nir, Zvi Segal, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Hacohen Fishman, David Zvi Pinkas, Aharon Zisling, Moshe Kolodny, Eliezer Kaplan, Abraham Katznelson, Felix Rosenblueth, David Remez, Berl Repetur, Mordechai Shattner, Ben Zion Sternberg, Bekhor Shitreet, Moshe Shapira, Moshe Shertok

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