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"To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven... a time for war and a time for peace"

**Ecclesiastes 3** 

Dear Friends.



## **WE STAND WITH ISRAEL**

Right now in Israel, it is a time for war. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Israel was viciously attacked by the Hamas terrorist group, who sought only to kill and destroy the people of Israel. In doing so, men, women and children were slaughtered and taken as hostages.

The unified response from Israel has been overwhelming as the entire nation has come together to repel the attack and to remove Hamas from the land. This war is still ongoing and Israel has said that they will not stop until they have removed the terrorist from the land. Please pray for Israel!

## SETTING THE WATCHMAN AROUND ISRAEL

When Nehemiah appointed workers for the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, he understood the motives and the capabilities of Israel's enemies. The book of Nehemiah says that he set watchmen around the city because, "All of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.... "Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." Nehemiah 4:8-20.

Strategic Communications Group's VOICE OF HOPE radio station is a powerful watchman over Israel. We pray for Israel over the airwaves and encourage Christians throughout the Middle East to pray for Israel as well. This includes especially Arab Israeli Christians living in peace within Israel and who very much stand in unity with Israel's security. Together, we rally to Israel's side and declare with full confidence, "your God will fight for you."



The Voice of Hope is also and most primarily a spiritual watchman over Israel as well. God's word declares the love and relationship He has with the Jewish people, but also to all those who call upon His name... the name of Jesus.

As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our work is to testify of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. His love and His forgiveness of our sins, and eternal life to those who believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ. This message is repeated over and over again as we minister from our radio studios along the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

We pray for the sick, healing of the brokenhearted, forgiveness of sin and of others, and the releasing of the Holy Spirit to all who follow Jesus and operate in His love and power.

## A CALL TO ACTION

When the news came of war several weeks ago, we went right into action. Preparing special broadcasts, interactive social media presentations and broadcasts of prayer for Israel and and her people. Everyone living in Israel knows what is at stake for the intentions of Israel's enemies are very clear.

That's right, God is the one who turns the tide, reverses the course, calms the storm, and judges the nations. The nations that surround Israel and the superpowers that now are floating in the waters just off shore should take great care as to what they do next.

Psalm 121 says it so clearly. This scripture really helps to understand God's heart and intention with regard to Israel. It has not been luck that has kept them. It has not been their military might or economic power that establishes them in security. No, it is God.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121

Our Arabic and English broadcasts proclaim God's word day and night through web-streaming and Social Media and are making an impact on so many who are under great fear as the instruments of war rain down around them.

Thank you for standing with us and for praying for our Voice of Hope radio team in the Galilee.



Here are some testimonies of listeners of the Voice of Hope this past week. It has been difficult for everyone in the land and God is moving. The people of the Lord are crying out and are fully engaged in Spiritual Warfare over the situation, as they call upon the name of the Lord Jesus to save them and protect them and to call those who don't yet know the Lord Jesus to follow Him.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the Israeli army, young and

old, men and women, as they fight this battle to save Israel and the Jewish people.

From our live broadcast this week which included reading scriptures and praying:

**Laila Matar, Israel:** "Thank you for this wonderful prayer. It is a much needed one. May the Lord bless you, bless your work at the Voice of Hope radio. Jesus be with you."

**Enas Dakwar Siman, Fasuta, Israel:** "I speak Psalm 91 and Isaiah 54 over Israel and the people. We speak blessing over the radio and thank God for Voice of Hope."

**Nawal Elimy, Nazareth, Israel:** "Perfect love casts fear away! How beautiful that brothers dwell together. We bless you and the people in Jesus name."

Noha Nasif Handy, Egypt: "May the Lord bless you and use you for his glory."

**Reneh Jiris, Ramah, Israel:** "I counted on hearing God's voice by his Holy Spirit. Lord make us sensitive to your voice. I am longing to hear your voice, to guide me and guide your people. I am trusting that you are with us all the time and you are in control."

**Elizabeth Salman, Ebilin, Israel:** "The lord is my light whom shall I fear?" Lord we put your blood over our land. Walls of protection over our homes and families in Jesus name. God bless you Voice of Hope."

Rose Obaid, Turan, Isarael: "Amen! River of peace, real peace. Your glory Lord, we want your glory. God bless you and bless the ministry of Voice of Hope."



## **A CRITICAL NEED**

Thank you for your continued prayers as we lift up God's word over Israel with the message of Hope.

This a strategic time on earth. It is a critical time in Israel. We are doing all we can with everything we have to complete the mission He has called us to. However, right now we have a critical shortfall of \$50,000 in our budget to finish the year. Please pray and give as generously as you can, and as the Lord may lead you.

We are committed to continue our VOICE OF HOPE broadcasts into Israel, and the surrounding nations and we can't do it without you.

Thank you for standing with us in Jesus name!

Shalom.

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