



Series: Topical Prophecy Update

Passage: Various

Title: Israel, Hamas, and Bible Prophecy

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Discussion Starter – What did you learn from this message about the moral and spiritual implications of the current and on-going war against Israel? What, if any, explanation has been offered to justify the blatantly evil acts of violence carried out against Israeli citizens? How can you effectively speak against evil in this world?

1. What examples of the anti-Semitism passages you can think of that are recorded in the Bible? What other examples are you familiar with from more recent world history?
2. What do you think is the root cause of anti-Semitism based on scripture? (Read **Ephesians 6:12**)
3. **Read Romans 9:4-5.** What 8 things have already been accomplished by God through the nation of Israel? How has Israel already been a blessing to the world?
4. What does Hamas' founding document declare as their goals and purposes as it relates to Israel? What does it reveal about their motives in establishing their rule and place in the world?
5. Why do you think there so much sympathy towards Hamas' actions in these recent events? How much do you think they know about Hamas' true agenda?
6. What covenants has God made with Israel? (See **Genesis 12:1-3, Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 30:3, 2 Samuel 7:16, and Jeremiah 31:31-34**). What are people trying to achieve by coming against Israel?
7. What has God provided for all people, whether Jew or Gentile? (**Romans 5:8 and Romans 10:10**)
8. How has God demonstrated His power to Israel over the past 75 years?
9. In light of God's gracious provision, and knowing the final outcome, what do you think motivates people to fight Him so fervently?
10. How has your view toward The Middle East conflict changed as a result of this message?
11. Why do you think that a significant number of Christians and even churches are failing to support Israel and fail to publicly denounce the tactics of Hamas and other terrorist organizations?
 - a. Why do you think is it important for us as Christians to support Israel? How can we support Israel, 1) as an individual, 2) as a church, and 3) as a nation?
 - b. How might this message better equip you with an accurate and bible-based view of current events to more effectively proclaim God's good news?