

Why Christians Should Support Israel

As Christians, our guiding light is the Word of God. What we do or do not believe must be based in the truth of the biblical text. Here are biblical reasons why Christians should support Israel and the Jewish people.

God's blessing is on the nation, institution or individual that blesses the Jewish people. This truth is based in Genesis 12:3 and Isaiah 60:12.

Genesis 12:3 "I will **bless those who bless you**, And I will **curse him who curses you**; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." NKJV

Isaiah 60:12 "For the nation and kingdom which **will not serve you** shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined." NKJV This is the same verse in a different translation. Isaiah 60:12 "For the **nations that refuse** to be your allies will be destroyed." NLT

A biblical example of a gentile receiving blessing from God because of his love for Israel is the healing of the Roman centurion's servant. Luke 7:2-6 "There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, **because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.**' So Jesus went with them." NIV

We owe them a debt. Christianity did not fall out of the sky one night in Bethlehem as many Christians seem to think. Our roots are in Judaism. Without Jews and Judaism there would be no Christianity. Here are several scriptures that remind us of the debt of love and thanks we owe the Jews.

Roots of Christianity are in Judaism - Romans 15:27 "For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their (the Jews) spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things." NKJV *Parenthesis added for clarity*

With the possible exception of Luke, all the writers of the books of the Bible were Jews. 2 Peter 1:20-21 "...knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." NKJV

The Lord Jesus Christ was a practicing Orthodox Jew. Here are some scriptures that confirm He was a Jew.

He had Jewish lineage - Matthew 1:1-16.

He was circumcised eight days after He was born. Luke 2:21 "On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was

named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.” NIV
He attended synagogue each Sabbath - Luke 4:16 “He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.” (NIV)

He celebrated the Feasts of the Lord - Luke 2:41-42 “Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.” (NIV)

The civil, judicial and moral code of our great nation that provides us with freedom and justice is based on the Bible that was given to us by the Jews. If we as a nation abandon this code, we will cease to exist as the nation that is the beacon of freedom for the world.

Salvation comes to us through the Jews. John 4:21-23 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, **for salvation is of the Jews.**" NKJV From the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah, to Mary and Joseph, to the Messiah Himself, to the apostles who first took the message of salvation to the world, they were ALL Jews. Certainly, a debt of gratitude is owed to those God chose to herald and bring salvation to the gentiles.

God commands us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Read Psalm 122:6 in the following translations and note in this verse the promise to those who love Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. NKJV Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper. NLT Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. NIV

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[Blow The Trumpet In Zion](http://www.rbooker.com) by Richard Booker www.rbooker.com

[Our Father Abraham](http://www.christianbook.com) by Dr. Marvin Wilson www.christianbook.com

[Standing With Israel](http://www.amazon.com) by David Brog www.amazon.com

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