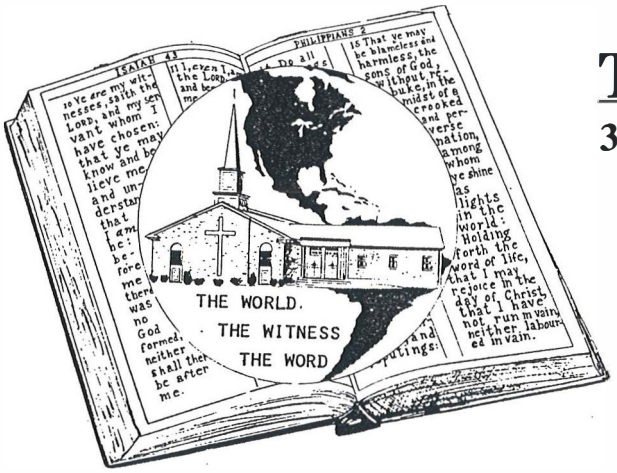


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To the Congregants of Adath Israel
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Dear Friends of Adath Israel,

In light of the horrific terrorist attack on Oct. 7 when Hamas killed over 1300 people of Israel and took hostage about 200 Israeli citizens, we want you to know of our prayerful concern for the situation over there and the war that has resulted. We have also been following the news about the many anti-Israel protests taking place around our nation and the increased number of antisemitic incidents taking place all around our country. We want you to know of our love for the Jewish people around the world and for our unending support for the nation Israel.

We believe, based on the Tanach, that God is committed to the nation Israel based on the covenants that He has made with His people: the covenant to Abraham (Genesis 12), the covenant to David (2 Samuel 7) and the new covenant made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah found in Jeremiah 31. God's awesome presence can be counted on for His mercy and grace and His commitment to Israel: "For Israel My glory" (Isaiah 46:13). "I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy" (Isaiah 65:18).

Furthermore, we recognize that Israel has a right to their land (Genesis 15:18). We hear the enemies of Israel claiming that the Jews are the unlawful "occupiers" of the land. This is a lie. Abraham, the father of the Jews, occupied the land around 2000 B.C. until a famine forced their family to go to Egypt. From the time of Joshua, Israel occupied the land for about 1400 years until the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. After the horrors of World War II, Israel was rightfully given a homeland, and all they have done since then is to bravely defend their land against surrounding nations that want to destroy them.

In these difficult and troublesome days, we just want you to know that the people here at the Middletown Bible Church are true "friends of Israel," and we want you to know of our support and concern at this time. May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob encourage your hearts in these perilous times. "The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7).

Sincerely in Christ,
George Parsons
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