



I. INTRO

- A. What's going on?
- B. The region
 - **The Gaza Strip**
 - **Israel with Gaza**
 - **Dropped Israel into the US**
 - **Middle East**
- C. Israel became a nation in 1948 and has many enemies
 - **Egypt, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Turkey**
 - **HEZBOLLAH**
 - **HAMAS**
 - **The Caliphate**
 - A Caliphate is a **“government under a caliph”**
 - There is a desire to implement Sharia law worldwide, and to re-establish the global Islamic Caliphate, guided by the 12th and final imam
- D. It's not just a war, it's a spiritual battle

John 3:16 (TLB) For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Psalm 122:6 (NKJV) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

- Peace (Shalom) in Hebrew literally means, “to bring to completion”

II. WHY ISRAEL?

- A. Israel and the Jewish people unique

1 Chronicles 17:21 (NKJV) And who *is* like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

Revelation 5:5 (NKJV) But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

- We need to remember that there's still a Lion up there, and one of these days, that Lion is going to roar!
- B. What is God's plan for the land of Israel?
 - God made a promise regarding this land



Genesis 17:7-8 (NLT) “I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.”

- And God is going to keep his promise regarding this land

Psalm 105:7-11 (NLT) He is the Lord our God. His justice is seen throughout the land. He always stands by his covenant—the commitment he made to a thousand generations. This is the covenant he made with Abraham and the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, and to the people of Israel as a never-ending covenant: “I will give you the land of Canaan as your special possession.”

C. So, why Israel

- The devil fears the return of Jesus more than anything else

Matthew 23:37-39 (NIV) “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

D. Don't be deceived

- Don't panic, it's all a part of the plan!

Matthew 24:3-6 (NLT) Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world? Jesus told them, “Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.”