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AFRICA ISRAEL INITIATI

Africa Israel Initiative is a nonprofit interdenominational organization that seeks to bring out the correct perspective and relationship between the Africa and Israel.

Africa Israel Initiative looks to educate, remind and sensitize the Nations throughout Africa based on the bible truths concerning Israel in order to bring about an appropriate response.

What A.I.I seeks to achieve:

- 1. Supporting Israel to fulfill its biblical obligations.
- 2. Sensitizing the African nations on mutual economic benefits in relation to
- 3. Engage the African nations in promotion of peace and democracy.

How we are fulfilling our mandate as Africa Israel initiative

- 1. By partnering with Christians at individual level through our programs
- 2. Partnering with Israel Embassy
- 4. Partnering with Churches from different denominations
- 5. Partnering with institutions of higher learning.
- 6. Partnering with likeminded initiative locally and Internationally.

Some of our organized annul events are as follows:

- (a) International Holocaust remembrance day in 27th January.
- (b) Supporting Aliyah, this comes in the month of June and July.
- (c) Annual Visit to Israel, in the month of October.
- (d) Annual Africa Israel Initiative summits across the continent.
- (e) Nairobi Jerusalem Summit held in Kenya in the month of November.

What drives Africa Israel Initiative?

God spoke to his servants in Africa (Pastor Israel Ssekamatte of Uganda), being one of the founders to find a way to bless Israel and this gave birth to A.I.I mandate.

Other Founding Fathers Include, Pastor Emmanuel Ntayomba (A.I.I Vice President), Apostle Samuel Malambo (with Christ), Apostle Samuel Gordon, Rev Erik Selle (Leader A.I.I Global Consultant Group). and our A.I.I President Bishop Joshua Mulinge.

The ministry is a family of believers responding to the calling of God in Genesis 12:1-3 to bless Israel and see God's blessing stretched out in return.

The Organization secretariat in based in Nairobi Kenya Africa Evangelical Association Plaza, Valley Road.

I encourage your engagement and participation to realize God's blessing by partnering with us.

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GENESIS OF A.I.I. By Rev Erik Selle

Dear All family and Shalom,

Africa-Israel Initiative has come a long way. My first visit to Africa was in July 2011 invited by President Salva Kiir to be his personal guest at the celebration of independence of South Sudan July 9th. What an awesome experience that was witnessing the birth of a new country, and sharing the hopes and longing for freedom, independence and prosperity for the people of this wonderful nation so loved by God. At this time my heart was set for Africa, and South Sudan and her people will always be a part of me.

Then in August the same year, a pastor from Uganda, Pastor Israel Ssekamatte, took a leap in faith and booked a flight to Sweden and Norway because God had told him I would agree to see him. At our first meeting on a café at the Oslo Central Train station he said the following: "The Holy Spirit has told us to bless Israel, but we don't understand why. Can you come to Africa and teach us?". I was at the time Senior Pastor of BaerumsKirken Pentecostal Church, which my wife and I planted in 2001, and I was working with Israel through the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. During the next months the Holy Spirit confirmed this calling, and in November 2011 Pastor Israel Ssekamatte and myself visited 5 countries in 7 days: Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda and South Africa. On this trip we met the Bishops and leaders who became the Founding Fathers of A.I.I.

On the last day preaching in Johannesburg, I was fasting and praying for the way forward. At 4am God spoke to me, and the vision of All

was drafted straight out on the computer. In the morning I shared this with my new brothers and friends, and I told God if they accept the vision I will carry it and start it. So it became. Thus in April 2012 in Lusaka, Zambia, the Africa-Israel Initiative was officially launched at the Africa Revival Summit. Founding Fathers Were Pastor Israel Ssekamatte (All International Director), Pastor Emmanuel Ntayomba (A.I.I Vice President), Apostle Samuel Malambo (with Christ), Apostle Samuel Gordon and our A.I.I President Bishop Joshua Mulinge.

Now we have come far since the beginning. A.I.I head office is now in Nairobi, Kenya. A.I.I has grown into multiple departments, agents and



many nations and even continents. A.I.I Special Envoy Bishop Scott Mwanza, was March 1st 2020, appointed Africa Director for Israel Allies Foundation in the Knesset, Israeli Parliament, and A.I.I Global Consultant Group is working systematically to lobby for stronger bilateral, regional and continental relationships between Africa and Israel. A.I.I was the vision bearer to host Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu at Entebbe Airport on July 4th 2016. The first time in over 20 years that an Israeli Prime Minister set foot on African soil. At Entebbe 7 African heads of states met the Israeli Prime Minister, and much fruit has come from the visit including business development.

Today A.I.I has been instrumental in establishing numerous Israel Allies Caucuses in African Parliaments, and business and blessings has come through our ministry in multiple ways including agricultural, energy supply, cultural, spiritual and political development.

A.I.I hosted Pan-African annual summits in Zambia, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana and Nigeria, in addition to national and regional conferences. Our principal is always to build and expand into new nations based on the Word of God, and then in respect of the situation in each nation let God direct the development and initiatives.

I am happy to pronounce that the establishment of A.I.I is completed. The ministry is first and foremost a family of believers responding to the calling of God in Genesis 12:1-3 to bless Israel and see God's blessing stretched out in return. The marching order of All is Zechariah 8:13 where God is making Israel a blessing to the world, and our mandate as church to bless the Firstborn son found in Zion, Isaiah 40:1-3. However, there is order in any family and in the house of God. Therefore, we have built a structure to enhance the integrity of the ministry and achieve transparency and accountability, as well as dynamic development and preserving sound doctrine. All is rooted in National branches under the leadership of National Directors and National Boards. All National Directors are appointed by and released by the President of A.I.I. To serve, help and mentor National Directors A.I.I has appointed Regional Directors. Both National and Regional directors report to and is led by our President's office located in Nairobi, Kenya, The President is Chairman of the Executive Board, and under him is serving Vice President, International Director and department heads: Youth Department, Bible Department and Prayer & Intercession Department, A.I.I Global Consultant Group is led by me, and I report to the President on these matters.

The roof of A.I.I is the Board of Trustees. This Board is Chaired by Bishop Winston Iwo, Nigeria, and consists of senior men and women of God, overseeing A.I.I. The President's office and Executive Board reports to the Board of Trustees annually on matters of finance & budget, activity report and strategy development. For the President to be able to function properly, and present accurate situational awareness report of A.I.I to the oversight board, it is important that every national director, regional

director and department heads report to the President's office according to process initiated in Nairobi.

A.I.I has come so far. The best is still ahead of us. This is the time for Africa. We shall see Africa free and prosper, and blessing Israel is the key. That is the calling of God and path to freedom, peace and prosperity all over Africa. I am looking forward to the day East-Africa is the food basket of the world due to Israeli agriculture and aqua technology, when Africa is energy independent on Israeli solar energy and African nations are voting to support Israel on the global stage and in the UN General Assembly against anti-Semitism in the world. I am looking forward to the day Africa is leading the world in righteousness and truth, moving all their embassies to Jerusalem.

There are so many men and women to give honor and thanks on this way we have walked together. At this moment I would like to specially thank A.I.I President Bishop Joshua Mulinge and A.I.I Vice President Pastor Emmanuel Ntayomba. Also a key officer in A.I.I whom you all will meet and hear from regularly is All Chief of Staff Pastor Nicholas Otieno. Please, all A.I.I Family, when there is a request from A.I.I HQ, kindly respond without delay. Communication is the key to future success. Obedience is the measure of success of a Christian. Did we obey and do what God called us to do? Do not be discouraged of circumstances but ask God what to do and how to do it in the circumstances that you are. He will always lead you to the next level and the next step.

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2. Timothy 1:7.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with you wheresoever you go". Joshua 1:9

Thank you for receiving this vision and walking faithfully with it. I am in gratitude to what Africa has given me these years, and my prayer is that the blessing shall also come over my head, my family and my nation.

Oslo, Norway May 11th 2020

Founder

Africa-Israel Initiative

WELCOME TO A.I.I. SECRETARIAT

All offices were originally domiciled at Twiga towers in the heart of the city of Nairobi. The officers were however moved to a new premise at the Africa Evangelical Association (AEA) Plaza. in February 2019. The building is strategically located along valley road away from the crowded and noisy CBD in Nairobi Kenya,

A team of dedicated staff work at the secretariat led by Pastor Nicolas Otieno, Pastor Geoffrey Mabwai and Ms. Josphine Ajema who together with others [including Shalom Koronge, Ms. Senah Sogey, Joshua Hakim, Mrs. Evelyn Tayari] work in coordination with the President of All Bishop Joshua Mulinge to organize and network for the success of the vision and the mandate of All.

The three main objective for All newsletter are:

- Document activities, events and programs where All organize or participate.
- \$ Share relevant information amongst members across board.
- Promote Israel engagement in Africa.

We therefore encourage members from national Branches and those with relevant information and skills that can help the newsletter to submit such information and material to the secretariat.

All secretariat is largely indebted to many who have shared their time, talents and other resources in supporting All programs.

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REPORT FROM NATIONAL BRANCHES



Greetings!

A.I.I. Madagascar has been able to set up the Africa-Israel Initiative Madagascar chapter and Office, with the following positions; President, Vice-President, Finance Officer, Secretary, Project Manager, Advisors.

After receiving our registration, All has opened door for new members to join the All-Madagascar.

We have encouraged the regions to open an AII-Madagascar branches for the sake of spreading the relation with Israel to different places in the country. We have monthly meetings as part of the program.

In the future, we wish to connect some cities in Madagascar to cities in Israel.

All Madagascar also has the ongoing project to connect our national parliament to that of Israel (Knesset). Moreover, it is our wish to connect Madagascar young adults to those of Israel.

With kind regards,

Rev Samoela Georges, National Director of the Africa-Israel Initiative, Madagascar





he A.I.I. Botswana Chapter started its formal operation this year. There has been no activity in the time past due to a busy political environment, such as power transition in early 2018 and our 2019 national elections. We felt both scenarios were not favorable for the progress of A.I.I then. However, with that now in the past, our plan for 2020 is as follows:

1. Our main focus this year, (before the corona virus outbreak) has been inviting Pastors and Church leaders to the A.I.I annual trip to the Land of Israel. We had approached a number of Pastors and had sent them the trip flyers which we received from our esteemed President Bishop Mulinge; we had also sent them air flight quotations from Ethiopian airways.

We are yet to be formally advised if the intended trip will still materialize or not.

The purpose of our focus on the trip, is to build memorable relationships more especially with Pastors, and as a way paving strategy to attract general membership from Churches.

- 2. We are working on inviting our Regional Director Bishop Phiri to come and guide us on the A.I.I office procedures and general training of the committee. I must admit that this overdue visit has been unintentionally slowed down from our side but we intend to prioritize it this year.
- 3. We also had touched base with our Zambian counterpart National Director Rev Nkonde, regarding the conference scheduled for July 2020, we had indicated our desire to attend their conference in order to benchmark from A.I.I. Zambia. This will be confirmed after the Covid 19 lockdown.

For now we are not in a position to engage in any giant steps as we are still at an infancy stage.

Shalom abides

Pastor Kathryn Botswana Chapter



REPORT FROM ALLIED CAUCUSES



Special thanks to the entire team of Africa Israel Initiative: The Founder Pastor Erike Selle my brother who has always shown his love and confidence in me.

Bishop Mulinge the President of All who has been my motivation and always encouraged me in this work.

I want to once again thank the entire board of A.I.I for considering me for the appointment as Special Envoy of A.I.I.This is not a simple appointment it is a great one. I pledge to be an Ambassador of A.I.I and as a Special Envoy will do my best by the grace of God to represent A.I.I globally at A U and U N.

It is because of your confidence in me that has earned me my position as Africa Director for Israel allies Foundation. I came to know Josh Reinstein the President of IAF and Director KCAC through A.I.I. And I dedicate my appointment to A.I.I.

My work at IAF Caucuses is to mobilize support for Israel through faith based diplomacy and expand pro-Israel parliamentary activities throughout the Continent. This is actually the same work am doing as Special Envoy of A.I.I but in a different way and it gives me a lot of excitement to double these two responsibilities.



I would like to thank the President of IAF Josh Reinstein for this appointment and according me an opportunity to serve in this capacity .I have so far reached to Madagascar , Kenya , DRC, Nigeria , Burundi , Congo Brazaville establishing Cuscuses .And have managed to bring together Chairpersons and External Directors .Through the office I have managed to give all Directors and Chairperson's appointment letters .My plans were to reach 35 countries had it not been for Covid 19 and to have the first Africa Israel Allies Parliamentary Caucuses Conference in September .

Nevertheless, we are still determined to move with your support.

Thank you all.

Shalom.

Bishop Scott Mwsnza





he leadership and members of NPIAC held her strategic caucus meeting at the House of Representatives wing of the National Assembly of Nigeria. The session amongst other things deliberated and reached enduring resolutions on issues regarding the official inauguration of the Caucus, strategic recruitment of members, strategic engagement of political leaders, key stakeholders such as the Israeli Ambassador to Nigeria, the United States of America Ambassador, United Kingdom High Commissioner etc and other faith based movements to popularize the activities of the caucus so as to leverage on such relationships to keep promoting the mutual ideals of the Israel Allies Foundation (IAF) and the government and people of the State of Israel.

Rt. Hon. (Rev.) **Ossai Nicholas Ossai PhD**Chairman, Nigeria Parliamentary Israel

Allies Caucus (NPIAC)



BIBLICAL TEACHINGS



his is a time like no other time, a time that no man has ever seen, a time like no other time in the history of this world, as a matter of fact we have entered into the end of times. Most movies start at the beginning, this movie starts at the end and ends at the beginning, a new beginning. The only difference is this movie shall be real time, with real characters, and every event shall be real - no

camera tricks. The next most critical event begins with a mass evacuation. Suddenly, without warning, millions of people will disappear off the face of the earth. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, now you see them, now you don't!

Jesus spoke far ahead of His time relating to us what life would be just prior to his coming. He says in Matt. 24:37-38: "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark," (Gen.6-7). Life will be normal until....

"When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near." (Luke 21:20) AD 70.

"I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land." (Ezekiel



36:24)

Israel 1948 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. (Zechariah 12:3) 1967-Present Day. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Luke 21:10) (Current events) There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. (Luke 21:11) Current news, the intensity is increasing. "On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea." (Luke 21:25) Tsunamis, swelling seas and famines will be attributed to climate change. Besides global financial meltdown, many crises shall confound this generation.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars." (Luke 21:25) Blood/Super Moons, "Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken." (Luke 21:26)

The Bible says that God created the lights in the heavens for "signs and for seasons", (Gen. 1:14). Notice that He also made them for "days and years". "Days and years" seems to be distinguished from "signs and seasons"-why? The Hebrew root of the word used here for "signs" is ote. Not only does it mean "sign" but can also be a "warning" or "omen". The root of the word used for "seasons" is Moed. Moed means "appointed time" and is used in the Bible most frequently to describe the seven Hebrew Biblical festivals; i.e. Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. There is no doubt the Heavens have been given a voice by the LORD. Unfortunately most people are not aware of it, and many of those who do, misunderstand the purpose of God and end up hooked in astrology, which is influenced by demons.

The point is that I believe God's intention for the sun, moon and stars was and is more than just calculating days and years. A primary purpose for these celestial bodies is to give us "warnings" about "appointed times". Take note of the words of the Psalmist in Psalms 19:1-3 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. The truth is; the lives of men are influenced by the sun and moon and the stars, which influence Time. Time is the currency of the earth. A sound reading of scripture reveals that God has used stars as a sign from times past as a signal of a new event. When the greatest event was to happen on the earth, the Birth of the Messiah, the Bible records that Wise men from the East saw

His star, the star Praesaepe, which in Latin is, "The manger". The 11th Hour is here: Beloved, we are privileged to live in the end of the End times! The Bible teaches us that there are pockets of time that are more valuable or strategic than others. 'Kairos' – divine rendezvous moments and 'Moeds' - Divine Appointment Seasons. The purpose of this message is to inform you with certainty... You are living in the best of times. This is Your Time!

Sons of Issachar

"Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" - Matthew 16:13. By the time King David took the throne, the tribe of Issachar had established itself in the promised land as one of the premier clans. One feature about these gifted men is recorded in 1 Chronicles 12:32, "And the children of Issachar which

were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them two hundred, and their brethren were at their command". According to Jewish tradition, these two hundred sons of Issachar later developed into the Jewish Sanhedrin. This elite group of seventy wealthy and wise men were the judicial leaders of Jerusalem in Christ's time.

In Matthew 16, Jesus rebuked a group of religious leaders for not being able to discem the signs of the times (Matthew 16:13). According to some commentators, this may have been a rebuke directed toward the sons of Issachar. In their beginnings, they were full of wisdom. However, as time progressed, Issachar depended upon human wisdom instead of God's wisdom. By Christ's time, they had lost their spiritual discernment.

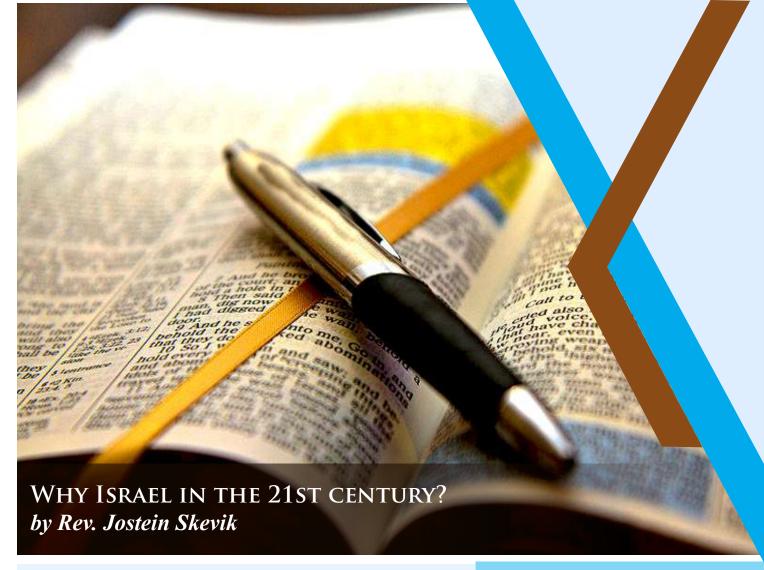
Jesus warned, "When you see Jerusalem compassed with armies... then flee to the mountains" (Luke 21:21-24). In 66 A.D., the Romans encircled the walls of Jerusalem. Oddly, the commander of the Roman army was elected to a higher position in Rome. He and his army retreated and for a brief time Jerusalem was no longer surrounded. During this time, Christians remembered the words of Jesus and fled into Jordan, to the region of Pella. There, they were given religious freedom and eventually built a strong Christian community. A short time later, in the year 70, Titus and the tenth legion of Rome marched to Jerusalem, encircled the city, beat down the walls, and burnt the Temple. The fact remains, that God will often send a messenger with a message, years in advance, to proclaim a truth that deals with the future. At the time, those listening often ignore the message because they see no spiritual or natural results of the predictions being made. Often, when they finally realize the truth, it is too late follow God's plan.

Only a remnant of believers remembered the words of Jesus and discerned the times. In fact, when strange cosmic signs occurred, prior to the destruction of the city, the Jewish historian Josephus mentions that many Jews thought they could revolt against the Romans and win the war. Yet, the wise men of the city knew that God had forsaken it and its destruction was near!

Now let's come closer home. Most Kenyan's no longer can discern good from evil, nor right from wrong. Truth has fallen into the streets. Good people are considered evil and evil people good! Criminals are released and the innocent suffer. God has been sending warning signs of an approaching storm. Some people believe good times are here to stay, despite our conduct. We are still on the brink; unless the LORD be on our side the enemy can over run us. Many have become complacent with a business as usual attitude, yet, for some time, the Holy Spirit has been sending signals of radical change! Only the Church --- The Ekklesia Christ builds can save KENYA now!

Have you noticed how many popular movies and cartoons feature Star Wars, Invasion by Aliens, falling comets, asteroids etc. Science Fiction -Sci-Fi- productions are very popular in our day; it's a demonic ploy to explain away end time prophetic events. What of the electronic chips on the hand and forehead, 666? Jesus said, "When you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near." (Luke 21:31)

Shalom:



Recently a new Bible was published by the Danish Bible Society where the name ISRAEL is systematically removed. The argument for doing this is that the biblical Israel has nothing to do with the modern political Israel and they do not want the readers to be "confused".

This is not only an attack on Israel, it is an attack on the God of Israel himself. This is more than indicating that God has changed his mind regarding Israel. God is a covenant keeping God and he cannot lie or change his mind on what he promised Abraham and his descendants. The Bible is full of promises that clearly without any doubt say this:

"He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant FOREVER, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an EVERLAST-ING covenant, Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan





As the allotment of your inheritance," (Psalm 105:7-10)

We, the church, were once "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise" (Ephesians 2:12), we are now made "one man" through the blood of Jesus. Apostle Paul says that we are «fellow citizens with the saints (Jews) and members of the household of God» Ephesians 2:19). We share a common future with the Jewish people and the land of Israel is essential in this plan.

God prophesied through Isaiah before Israel's first exile to Babylon that it would be a SECOND exile:

It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again THE SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of His people who are left, (Isaiah 11:11a)

May 14th, 1948, the Nation of Israel was declared and more of the biblical prophesies was fulfilled. A nation was born in one day. No such thing has ever happened in history before. The stage is set to receive the King of Kings who is going to reign from JERUSALEM in the modern state of ISRAEL!

We as Christians have a special calling to: comfort His people (Is. 40:1), to pray for Jerusalem and Israel (Psalm 122), to be present in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem (Jer. 31:6-7) and to bring the Jewish people back home from diaspora. (Is. 49:22).

God is going to fulfill his plans for Israel and the nations after the Jews have returned to Israel. God has called us to stand with the Jewish people and stand up for them:

«This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, "Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you." (Zechariah 8:23)

Will you be among them from your nation that is willing to take a firm hold of what is prophesied and be part of fulfilling the scriptures?



would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to you all in the name of Jesus to our first edition of "Africa Israel Initiative(AII) newsletter". I first and foremost take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the entire board of directors of AII for the support they have given to me over the years. As the President of AII I have been so blessed by not only how wonderful this organization is but also the commitment and support I have experienced through the journey.

This year 2020 has had a resounding change in our calendar of events due to the impact of covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has caused immeasurable, economic, social, and political disruptions on all spheres of life. Suggestions from medical experts and the

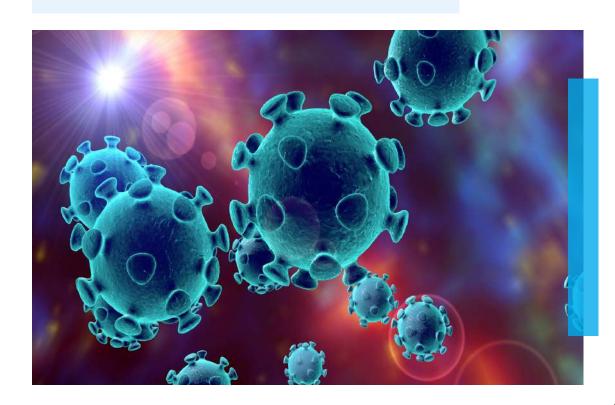


WHO indicate that we may have to adopt the new guidelines and rules of engagement for a long period of time.

But we believe God who is in charge of times and seasons in (Gen 8:20-21). He declared that the time and seasons should remain so long as the earth remained. therefore, as far as heat summer and cold (winter) is concerned the famer can sow his seed and wait for the harvest. In this hope we will have found strength to show ourselves further in the course of Israel. Our sacrifices in blessing Israel will surely be rewarded into our individual lives, family, church and country. Let's endeavor to comforting Israel in this financially "dry" season and we will have made an opening to God to pour Himself and His provision on us.

Lastly I wish to remind you of our God El-shaddai (all sufficient one). When time came for God to remove the children of Israel from Egypt and their hard labor, God made provision supernaturally though they were out of work for 40 years, they never lacked food , clothing or shelter. My prayer is that God who made heaven and earth shall meet all our needs, and we shall be not want during these changing times for God remains the same yesterday today and forever.

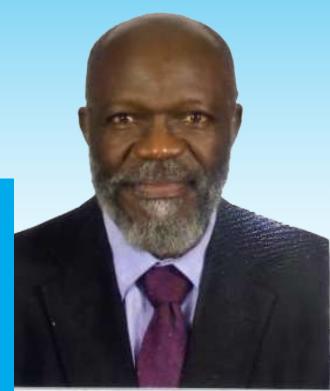
Shalom.





he end time events revolve around the Jewish people and their country Israel. The countdown of the times of the Gentiles begun at the establishment of Israel as a Nation in 1948. Since then, world events are determined by what happens to Israel.

The original intention of God in adopting Israel as His special Nation in all the world was that they would become a priesthood of God to the Nations. When they turned God's Grace into an exclusive club for few, God sent His son to save the world. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death upon them a light has shined. (Isaiah 9.2). When Jesus came, He did not mince His words, He declared 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'. (John 9.5) and John 8.12 'I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life'. A light to the Gentiles His approach he received Him, to them he gave the right to become children of God. To those who believe in His Name.' (John 1. 11-12)



Jesus attention to His own people was not baseless, St. Paul recognized the merits of Israel as conveyers of the Grace of God'.

The Israelites to whom pertain the adoption, the Glory, The Covenant, the giving of the law, the service of God and promises.'

(Romans 9.4). Many gentiles reject Christ because He told the Canaanite women; 'I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (John 15.24)

You observe that in his lifetime, Jesus, did not abolish The Jewish Old Testament observances like the Sabbath, The Feasts (The Passover feast) the paying of temple taxes etc. He reiterated that He did not come to Abolish the law but to fulfil it (Matthew 5.170. The reason was, that these ordinances were given to Israel and if a stranger dwelled among them, He would have to observe the ceremonies as commanded (Number 9.14).

The Passover feasts and the temple sacrifices and other ceremonies were handed to the Jews by God as 'An everlasting Ordinance Throughout their generations' (exodus 12.14, Numbers 15.13-15, Numbers 18.8). King Solomon is observing the purpose for which the temple was built said 'I am building a temple for the name of the lord my God to dedicate it to Him, to burn before him sweet incense, for the continual showbread, for the burnt offerings morning and evening on the Sabbaths, on the New moon and on the set feasts of the lord our God. This is an ordinance forever the Israel.

The Jews have not observed these ordinances of God since their temple was destroyed in AD 70. To date 'And Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled'. (Luke 21.24). The orthodox Jews will not rest until the temple is built and temple observance restored.

Meanwhile, God has used that period to draw the Gentiles into the kingdom. Not through the sacrificial observance but through faith in Jesus, What the Chosen people of God failed to do St, Paul reminded the Gentiles. (Church).

'I do not desire brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion. That blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved as it is written; 'The deliverance will come out of Zion and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

For this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins' (Romans 11.25-26).

The church through faith in Christ has been grafted into the blessing of Abraham. 'Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.... that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus. That we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith' (Gal 3.13).

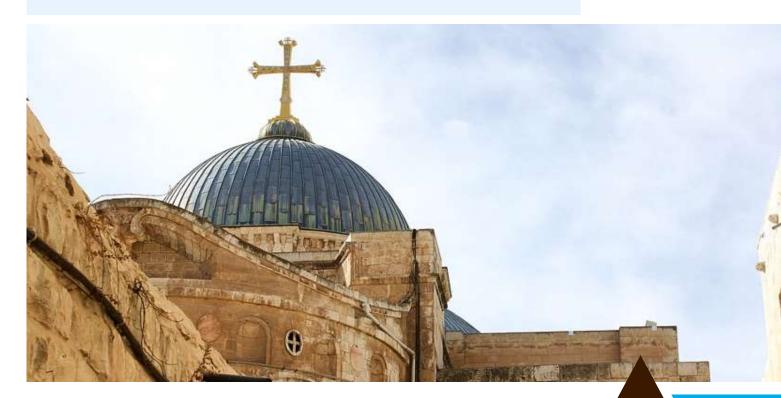
The debate that concerned Paul was 'Do we then make void the law (O.T) through faith (church)? He concluded 'certainly not, On the contrary we establish the law' (Romans 3.31)

'For before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law. Kept for Faith which would afterward be revealed.' (Gal 3.23).

The point is, the times of the gentiles (the Church) is fast running out. The events of the end times envisage the rebuilt temple where 'the man of sin'. Will sit as God' before he is destroyed at Christ's second coming.' (2Thes 2;4,6-8)

The surest sign of the end of the gentile season is the rebuilding of the temple in line with everlasting covenant with Israel, the man of sin will need a rebuilt temple. For the church of Jesus Christ, the gentile season ends with the rupture. When you see this thing begin to happen look up for your redemption draws near.

Bishop Boniface Adoyo *Bishop Emeritus CITAM.*





srael, the Promised Land of the Bible, is today a modern, thriving, bustling and vibrant country. For centuries, the sites of many of the most stirring events in the history of mankind lay dormant beneath shifting sands and crumbling terraces, until the land was reclaimed by the People of Israel returning from exile.

In today's Israel, cities, towns and villages, fertile farms and green forests, sophisticated industries and well-developed commercial enterprises have replaced barren hillsides, swamps and deserts wilderness.

The echoes of the past still reverberate amid this dynamic rebirth of the nation.

One of the hardest tasks one can engage in is to try and explain the Holy Land experience. This is because there are some things which can only be experienced and not explained. For me, this experience in the land of Israel is the best gifts to have personally received in my life.



Upon arrival, one is surrounded by historical and biblical sites and places, which refreshes one's memories of biblical stories. For example, the valley of Ellah- where David killed Goliath is a few kilometers away from the airport. Nazareth, the site of the Annunciation and the childhood home of Jesus, revives the story of the arrival of Angel Gabriel in this ancient city. Bethlehem speaks of the birth of the Messiah seeing the site of the manger where Jesus was born and the shepherds are still there today.

Jerusalem, the Holy City and eternal Capital of Israel, retains its aura of sanctity and welcomes the constant stream of pilgrims of all faiths. Visiting the Western Wall, the only remain of the ancient temple reveals how the Jews have managed to keep their religion intact and alive.

Mt. of Olives, which is on the East side of the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus Christ used to go, pray and teach, A few meters from the summit of this mount is the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in His last moments here on earth. On this garden, olive trees as old as 2000 years are visible leaving one speechless and in awe.

When on the Sea of Galilee doing a boat ride, the memories of Jesus and the disciples crossing the sea becomes clearer. One is even tempted to walk on the water. The icing on the cake of this Galilee experience is feasting on the ever-tasty Peter's Fish just by the sea -side. One cannot afford to leave the holy land before experience "the dip" in the Jordan River. Thinking of Jesus, Namaan and John the Baptist and their awesome experiences in the same river only add value to one's faith in God.

The currency used, referred to as the "Shekel" is the similar to what was used during the time of Jesus. In the old city of Jerusalem, one can buy souvenirs of those old coins to bring home.

Visiting the former deserts of Israel, one is awe-struck as to how arid parches of land have been transformed into blossoming gardens and farms. To see fresh flowers, apples, citrus, banana, cucumbers, watermelon, tomatoes, dates among other fruits and vegetables is a miracle in itself. Today Israel is one of the chief exporters of fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables to other parts of the world.

Virtually all the food that is eaten in Israel comes from former desert land and the Jordan valley. This also includes milk and meat that is literally produced from the deserts, in what is popularly known as Kibbutzim. If you are lucky enough, you will see milk and honey "flowing".

Mt. Carmel, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitude, the site of multiplication of five

loaves and two fishes and the miracles which took place there brings enrichment to one's faith. The Bible becomes alive when read from actual places.

Israel is not just a historical wonder, but also a modern state with blossoming cities like Tel Aviv, Haifa, Netanya, and Eilat among other. Booming business, thriving enterprises, skyscrapers, sophisticated industries; world-class innovations centers are part and parcel of this thriving modern nation.

Talk of world-class Hadassah hospital and highly developed universities like Hebrew University, which have produced scientific discoveries and a visit to these centers of excellence, will stir up one's mind to want to discover something before leaving the planet.

The Dead Sea is a wonder; how do you explain floating on water like a balloon floating in the air? It sounds strange but one can literally lie on water and float. Dead Sea Mud is in plenty, which gives a therapeutically sensation on the skin once applied. Israelis have managed to make many beauty products from the waters of the Dead Sea. For example, lotions for all kinds of skins, shower gels, aftershave lotions etc.

Combining the holy land experience with ancient Egyptian history leaves one's life completely changed. In Egypt, one of the wonders of the world, the Pyramids leaves one short of words as one question how such huge stones were piled together to towering heights without using cement. To cap the whole journey by climbing Mt Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments is beyond one's wildest imaginations.

Whether one is going away for holiday, business, honeymoon, pilgrimage, religious journey, excursion, hiking, surfing on the Mediterranean or get-away, Israel is the place to go. It caters for all classes of people both young and old.

As mentioned earlier, words are not enough to explain this experience. The only way is, to experience it, yourself!

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salm 57:1- "Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge under the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed."

- Pray that Israel will dwell in the shadow of God's wings.
- Pray that Israel will rest under the shadow of the Almighty with a sure assurance that He will be her shield and buckler.
- Speak Psalm 3:3 over Israel: "But you are a shield around me O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head"
- Declare Deuteronomy 33:27 over Israel:
 "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting He will drive out your enemy before you, sating 'Destroy him!'
- Pray that Israel will always put her confidence in Ha' Shem Adonai and not in man.
- Declare Psalm 68:1 over Israel: "May God arise; may His enemies be scattered; may His foes flee before Him"
- Let God arise in Israel and let her enemies (who are the Lord's enemies) be scattered.
- Declare that irrespective of those that utter negative words against her, Israel will always put her trust in the LORD Almighty

Pray that Israel will experience God's promised to Abraham in Genesis 15: 1

"Fear not, Abraham [Israel]: I am they shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

Aliyah

Prophet Jeremiah says that in "these last days", the restoration of Israel will lead to a fresh encounter with God, where He will establish "a new covenant" with them, different from the one the covenant he made with them at Mt. Sinai. He says that in the new covenant, "This is the covenant that make with the house of Israel that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my lay in their minds and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31: 31 - 33)

- Pray that the LORD will quicken His promise to bring the Jews back to Israel in that greater Exodus (than the one from Egypt) that he promised through Jeremiah,
- Pray for the Jews in the diaspora, that they will have a desire to make aliyah (return to the land of Israel).
- Pray for the provision for this precious desire of our God to be fulfilled.
- Pray that the Lord will sensitize the Church in the nations (gentile church) of their responsibility to facilitate the Aliyah (back to the land and back to the messiah), according to Isaiah 49:22.

This is what the sovereign Lord says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders."

Israel's Plan to Exercise Sovereignty over Judea and Samaria (Annexation of 30% of the West Bank block C) and the Jordan valley

Pray the the Lord will watch over and uphold the everlasting covenant He made to Abraham concerning the land of Israel [Genesis 15:18; Genesis 17:7.8)

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates (Genesis 15:18)

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and to your descendants after you; and I shall be their God (Genesis 17:7,8)

- Pray the land promised to Abrahan will be restored full to Israel, according to the word of the Lord [Psalm 16:5,6] LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a delightful inheritance.
- N Declare the Lord's word over the people and the land of Israel: He promised to restore them to the land and to plan them with all of His heart and soul (Jeremiah 32:41)

I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all of my heart and soul

- Pray that the Lord will scatter the plan of the nations being hatched to try and hinder the annexation in this opportune moment.
- Pray that the Palestine Authority (PA) cunning and crafty plot to delay and derail the annexation (and set up Israel to be under pressure) will totally fail. The PA has suddenly given a counter offer to the US plan. This is after refusing to negotiate for 27 years (since the 1993 Oslo accord that had offered them 97% of the West Bank). At the realization that the annexation is on course they have suddenly brought this out and offered to negotiate.
- Pray that the Lord will frustrate the rising opposition to the annexation among the nations of the earth [Psalm 2]

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

Prayer points by

Ann Gohio

ISRAEL & AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

AGRO BUSINESS IN KENYA

ISRAEL - KENYA AVOCADO AND MANGO WEBINAR SUMMARY

Overview

he Israel Economic and Trade Mission in Kenya is an agency of the Foreign Trade Administration under the Israeli Ministry of Economy and Industry. Our mission is to promote, enhance and facilitate trade, investment and industrial R&D between Kenya and Israel. The Economic and Trade Mission works tirelessly to develop strategic bilateral partnerships and valuable collaboration prospects between companies in both countries.



On 30th June, The Israeli Trade and Economic Mission in Nairobi organized an agriculture webinar entitled "ISRAEL - KENYA AVOCADO AND MANGO WEBINAR". This webinar was graced by the presence of esteemed panelists from Israel and Kenya. The webinar that provided Kenyans and Israelis a platform where they showcased relevant solutions

offered by Israel towards boosting agricultural productivity and subsequently enhancing earnings in Avocado and Mango. Over 1900 participants registered and 400+ attendees joined the webinar.

Presentations:

Collowing opening remarks from Mr. Arnon, Mr. Ernest and Hon. Peter, the presentations began and the summary is as follows;

Biofeed - Dotan Peleg, Head of Business

The GREEN VALLEY BRAND, non-chemical solution for the Fruit Fly. **Eshet Eilon – Nicky**

Post-Harvest, sorting and packing solutions

shet Eilon's main expertise is design and manufacturing of agricultural equipment. In the last 30 years the factory's highlights were designing and manufacturing of complete sorting and packing lines for fresh fruits and vegetables. Eshet Eilon offers advanced grading solutions, packaging technology and a complete treatment for avocado growers, exporting thousands of tons of avocados per year. In Kenya, Eshet Eilon has 12 packing houses and is looking to set up 6 more in the country in 2020. The company is also planning to expand to other countries within the region namely; Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and South Africa.



KEDAR G.A.P /Agri Green Kenya - Yariv Kedar

EDAR G.A.P is a leading provider of sustainable food security projects, especially in underdeveloped areas and emerging markets. The product presented was MycoApply Endroprime - a natural organic magic! The MycoApply is a unique technology that enhances plant development and improves soil conditions. It is sold in form of seeds (22500 propagules/gram). It extends the root mass between 100-1000 times more to access water and unlocks nutrients beyond normal root (Zinc, phosphorus). MycoApply enables roots to draw and store water and release it to the crop when required. It contributes to healthier and more drought resistant plants.



Farmster - Adam Abramson

armster has a platform called FarmKenya that helps farmers connect with buyers. It addresses the information gap, poor logistics and connectivity gap challenges that farmers face when trying to connect with buyers.

Farmers simply use SMS to access the platform hence no need to download the application or even have a smartphone. The free service allows a farmer to post his or her crops, buyers find the crops and call the farmer to close a deal or make an order. The SMS chatbot for farmers/growers is accessed by sending a message to 40446.



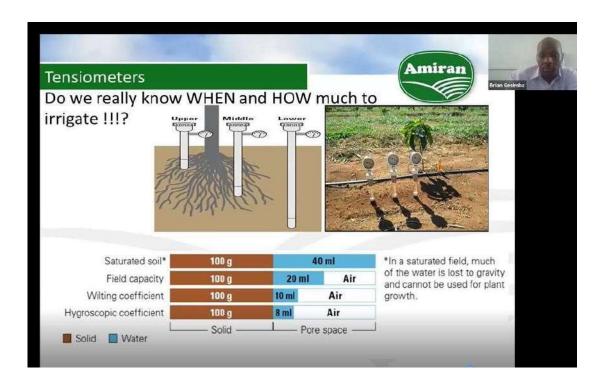
Guri Avocado – Rami Cohen, Menachem Ben Zvi and Yael Trau

uri Avocado International is a privately owned company founded in 2002 specializing in the development of avocado plantation industry. The company has years on proven expertise in development and advancing the avocado industry in Israel, Africa and Asia.

The company helps turn land into thriving avocado-generating plantations. Guri set up Hadar Plantation Ltd in 1999 which has an in house R&D team of researchers and consultants succeeded in developing large and strong seedlings, leading to a significant success rate of the orchard.

Amiran Kenya - Brian Gisemba

Amiran Kenya offers holistic agribusiness techniques bringing together high quality inputs, knowledge and know - how, sourced from world leaders in the agricultural field that are then tailor-made for African Farmers. Amiran offers pre-sale support which includes; site visit by Amiran experts, identifying the right solution, preliminary assessment of project visibility and providing the solution. The company also offers aftersale support which includes; procedures and training (Irrigation scheduling, fertigation, soil and leaf analysis, reports and plant management), operation, equipment maintenance, trouble shooting, monitoring and ongoing support.



Conclusion

After the Q&A session, Mr. Arnon gave the closing remarks and thanked the panelists and attendees for their participation.

Once again, the Israeli Trade and Economic Mission in Nairobi and its esteemed panelists, the Avocado Society of Kenya, ADC and wish to thank you for attending the webinar and look forward to working with you.



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