

# NEWSPOST

THEME: STANDING WITH ISRAEL IN FAITH AND ACTION



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## HISTORY WRITTEN IN JERUSALEM

### Africa, Israel & Norway Chart a New Path Forward

*"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."  
Isaiah 60:3*

A historic moment unfolded in Jerusalem this week as Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Dennis Nthumbi, Bishop Ihab Shlayan, senior representatives from the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and leaders from Norway, Africa, and Israel convened to discuss a shared future grounded in security, cooperation, and faith-based diplomacy.

The discussions highlighted a growing global shift: nations are moving away from one-directional aid models and embracing equal, strategic partnerships that build long-term stability. Norwegian representatives emphasized the need to reduce dependency on the traditional aid industry and instead invest in impactful collaborations that serve all sides — especially in technology, agriculture, education, and security.

A central theme of the meeting was the rising threat of jihadism, which affects Israel, Africa, and increasingly the Western world. Leaders agreed that this shared challenge demands a united, coordinated policy to safeguard both Christian and Jewish communities and to protect democratic freedoms.

With extremist ideology targeting believers across continents, cooperation between Africa, Israel, and Europe has never been more urgent.

Faith-based diplomacy, once considered unconventional, proved its strength during the gathering. The leaders affirmed that when faith communities stand together, doors open for peacebuilding, mutual understanding, and long-term resilience. As Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Dennis Nthumbi noted, faith remains a foundational pillar that can unite nations even in turbulent times.

This meeting marks a powerful step toward a new diplomatic era, one where Africa, Israel, and Norway look to the future together, anchored in shared values, shared threats, and shared hope.

Leaders also explored how Africa and Israel can help restore moral clarity in global leadership, especially as many nations face rising instability and ideological confusion. African faith leaders emphasized the continent's growing spiritual influence and its unique role in supporting Israel and championing biblical values. Israeli representatives affirmed that Africa's faith-driven strength and youthful population make it an essential partner in shaping a stable future.

The meeting closed with a renewed commitment to practical cooperation, including plans for joint security initiatives, interfaith councils, and youth programs to counter radicalization. Delegates agreed that this partnership marks the beginning of a historic realignment, where Africa, Israel, and Europe work together as guardians of peace and protectors of shared spiritual values.



### THE 1,700-YEAR DIVORCE REVERSED

For 1,700 years — since the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, when Emperor Constantine sealed the separation between Israel (the foundations of Christianity) and the global Church — the relationship between the two has remained fractured.



### A Covenant That Cannot Be Broken

Leaders emphasized that God's promises to Israel remain eternal and irrevocable, calling the Church to restore its Hebraic foundations.



### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM Rev. Erik Selle & THE AFRICA-ISRAEL INITIATIVE

This Christmas, we celebrate a year strengthened by faith, resilience, and the renewed bond between Africa and Israel. May the light born in Bethlehem guide our nations....



Global Faith Diplomacy Leaders

## A CONTINENT CALLED TO DESTINY

### African Patriarchs of Faith Affirm Israel's Covenant and Strengthen Global Alliance

*"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

*Genesis 12:3:*

Jerusalem witnessed a profound moment of history this month as African Patriarchs and Matriarchs of Faith, alongside bishops, diplomats, and global Christian leaders, convened for a monumental gathering led by Bishop Dennis Nthumbi. Hosted within the spiritual heartland of Israel, the assembly brought together leaders from across Africa to reaffirm their covenantal bond with Israel and chart a renewed path for global faith diplomacy.

Speaking with conviction and prophetic clarity, **Bishop Nthumbi** delivered a powerful address titled

*"Why Israel is God's Irrevocable Covenant."*

His message traced the ancient roots uniting Africa and Israel highlighting the lands that sheltered the Holy Family, trained biblical leaders like Moses and Joseph, and nurtured the early saints and scholars who shaped Christianity's foundations.

*"You—the Fathers and Mothers of Faith—are the living legacy of this sacred history. We stand because you persevered, and we are united because you believed,"*

he declared, honoring Africa's spiritual giants and their enduring commitment to the Gospel.

The gathering also highlighted the deepening partnership between Africa and Israel, rooted not only in diplomacy but in divine purpose. Bishop Nthumbi emphasized that the connection is far more than political it is spiritual, scriptural, and covenantal. Leaders affirmed that this partnership carries a divine mandate: to build peace, prosperity, and prophetic unity across continents.

The bishop also warned against historic theological errors that severed Christianity from its Jewish roots, calling believers worldwide to rediscover the Hebraic foundations of their faith. He emphasized that Israel's covenant remains intact, and that God's promises to the nation are "irrevocable and eternal."

The delegation explored Seven Pillars of Africa-Israel Partnership, including agricultural transformation, water security, shared counter-terrorism, medical innovation, digital sovereignty, and prophetic-cultural cooperation. These pillars represent a modern "dowry" a covenant of shared destiny between Africa and Israel.

The Jerusalem gathering stands as a defining moment one that marks not only a deepened alliance, but a renewed spiritual awakening across Africa's faith community, anchored in the eternal covenant of God with Israel.

The gathering also addressed current global threats, including the rise of jihadist extremism affecting Africa, Israel, and parts of Europe. Leaders discussed the need for coordinated security policies and enhanced faith-based diplomacy as tools for peacebuilding, protection of believers, and long-term stability across continents.

In his closing charge, Bishop Nthumbi declared that Africa will play a decisive prophetic role in Israel's future, noting that Africa is now the strongest global bloc of Bible-believing Christians.

*"Our voice matters. Our faith matters. Our covenant with Israel matters before God," he said.*

Delegates embraced this call, committing themselves to deeper prayer, stronger advocacy, and practical cooperation with Israel.

The Jerusalem summit stands as a defining moment not only strengthening the alliance between Africa and Israel, but igniting a fresh spiritual awakening across African Christianity. Anchored in Scripture and united in purpose, leaders left Israel with a renewed conviction that Africa and Israel are bound together by divine design, for the blessing of nations and the fulfillment of God's prophetic timetable.



*"The time has come to seal this covenant for generations to come. When Africa blesses Israel, Africa activates the ancient blessing of Abraham over our continent."*



## 1700 YEARS OF SEPARATION REVERSED

### A HISTORIC REUNION OF ISRAEL & CHRISTIANITY

Ancient prophecies are being fulfilled with stunning precision in our time.

In 325 AD, during the Council of Nicaea, Emperor Constantine formalized the separation a “divorce” between Israel and the early Christian movement. This breach in the foundations of faith echoed across centuries, leaving many to ask the same question written nearly 3,000 years ago.

*“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” — Psalm 11:3*

For generations, this separation stood unchallenged... until Africa answered the call. In September 2024, the Africa-Israel Initiative (A.I.I.) facilitated a groundbreaking Summit of African and Israeli parliamentarians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Members of Knesset who attended found, in Africa, a unique and prophetic comfort the very comfort Isaiah foretold 700 years before Christ

*“Comfort, comfort My people...  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem...  
Tell her that her warfare is ended.”  
— Isaiah 40:1-2 (AMP)*

Word of this historic comfort spread from Africa to Jerusalem. In response, Israel invited Africa’s patriarchs and matriarchs of faith to the Holy Land. Then, on Thursday, 30 October 2025, a moment that can only be described as prophetic took place.

A formal accord of reunion between Israel the foundations of Christianity and the global Christian community was signed.

For the first time in 1700 years, the ancient divide was healed.

The foundations were restored.  
The separation was reversed.

This marks the beginning of a new era in which Africa’s voice, faith, and spiritual strength bring unparalleled comfort to Israel a role unlike any other in the world.

As the ages move toward their fulfillment, Africa’s prophetic calling stands clear:

To comfort Israel.  
To stand with Israel.  
To bless Israel.

And in doing so, Africa positions itself under the eternal covenant promise:

*“I will bless those who bless you.” — Genesis 12:3*



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

### Spotlight:

**This Christmas, we celebrate a year strengthened by faith, resilience, and the renewed bond between Africa and Israel. May the light born in Bethlehem guide our nations, uplift our families, and fill every home with peace and courage.**

**From Rev. Erik Selle and the Africa-Israel Initiative, we wish you a joyful, blessed, and hope-filled Christmas.**

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MERRY CHRISTMASS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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