



THE MORAL BASIS FOR SUPPORTING ISRAEL

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The month of Tishrei has always been a special month based on the fall feasts which Adonai has put into place. However, with this year, we are upon the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 (which occurred on the day of Simchat Torah, the 22nd of Tishrei). With this somber reflection, I believe that it is important to consider the moral contrast of our fall feasts with these heinous acts approximately one year ago. This is the third article in a series about the moral reasoning for supporting Israel.

If you have not read the previous two articles over the past two months, you will want to do so to get the fullest understanding of this final article. As I mentioned in those articles, Deuteronomy 5, 6, & 7 have all the pieces together provided by Moses. Here is a milestone passage in Deuteronomy 7 for understanding Adonai's choosing of Israel.

"For you are a holy people to Adonai your God—from all the peoples on the face of the earth, Adonai your God has chosen you to be His treasured people. It is not because you are more numerous than all the peoples that Adonai set His love on you and chose you—for you are the least of all peoples. Rather, because of His love for you and His keeping the oath He swore to your fathers, Adonai brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that Adonai your God, He is God—the faithful God who keeps covenant kindness for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His mitzvot, but repays those who hate Him to their face, to annihilate them. He will not hesitate with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face." - Deuteronomy 7:6-10 (TLV)



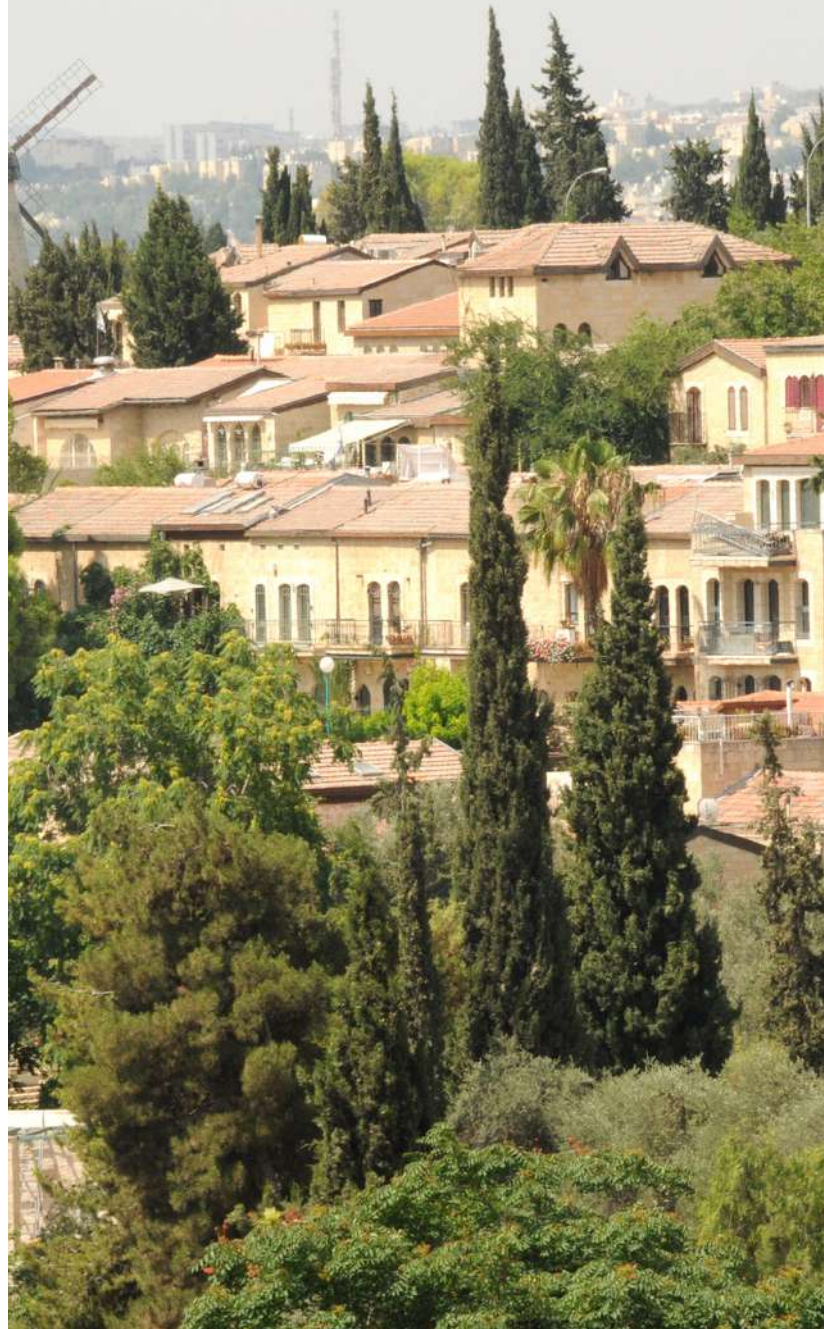
Deuteronomy 9:4-6 also explains that it is not because of Israel's righteousness, but rather the wickedness of the nations they are dispossessing and in order for Adonai to keep His word to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Just as Adonai's basis for choosing Israel was not based on their righteousness or anything about them, so our moral basis for supporting Israel is not because they are a moral, wise, courageous or a blessed people. The moral basis for supporting Israel is purely because Adonai chose them. The foundation of all morality is Adonai—the Creator of all things. The basis for loving Israel is the love of Adonai and His righteousness, deeds, exploits, and wise choices—including Israel and the Jews. Suffice to say, the hatred of Israel and the Jews starts with hatred of Adonai Himself!

As a student of the Book of Proverbs, I do not use the word 'foolish' lightly, but I can say confidently that it is utterly foolish for anyone to claim to believe in the God of the Bible—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with Yeshua as His Son and Messiah—while cursing or in any way deliberately bringing harm to Israel or the Jews in general.

In the previous two articles I expounded on some of the deeper moral issues which the 10 Commandments concentrate on, yet at this point I will demonstrate how claiming belief in the God of the Bible but opposing Israel specifically violates all 10 Commandments—whether those who carry such beliefs realize it or not!

- It is a denial of everything God promised and did for Israel in fulfillment of His eternal promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (1st Commandment).
- It is making a false image of who God is by representing Him as something He is not. (2nd Commandment).
- It is claiming God's Name upon your life while not properly living and representing Him for who He is. (3rd Commandment).
- It invalidates the signs and representations God chose for Himself—Israel is one of those signs similar to the Shabbat. (4th Commandment).
- It is an utter denial of our spiritual parentage and a denial of 'chosenness' of the physical lineage from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (5th Commandment)
- It gives support for the murdering of Jews indirectly if not even directly as so many deny Israel's right to even exist. (6th Commandment)
- It gives support to violations like adultery and rape of Jews indirectly if not even directly as so many justify the rapes on October 7th as 'legitimate resistance.' (7th Commandment).
- It is stealing from Jews what is theirs by right from God— in areas of life, land, blessing. (8th Commandment)



- It is a false witness of what is happening in Israel when her enemies are murderous, lying, and unrepentant of anything they do, while Israel governs themselves by generally just laws. (9th Commandment).
- It is covetous of anything and everything that God has or will give to Israel to be theirs. (10th Commandment)

Again life, land, blessing, and so on. Even one of the core sins at the heart of replacement theologies (there are multiple replacement theologies) is a covetousness to take away the 'chosenness' of Israel by God onto anyone else.

If claiming to follow the God of the Bible while cursing or deliberately bringing harm to Israel violates all 10 Commandments, how much more when those who hate God and hate the Jews attack them as Hamas did on October 7, 2023?

Per my second article in this series, it is a violation of the two greatest commandments as well. The attacks of October 7, 2023 were literally an act of complete hatred toward the God of Israel and His chosen people.

Therefore, we must acknowledge that the fall feasts of 2023 had just been celebrated before these attacks, and these Moedim in contrast to Hamas were intended as acts of love and holiness between Adonai and His people.



The 10 Commandments, the two greatest commandments, Adonai's election of Israel, and Yeshua as the Lamb of God must be a divine revelation for us lest our love grows cold. (Matthew 24:9-14) As I mentioned at the beginning of this series, I believe it is critical in these last days for our 'moral compass' to be working properly and we support Israel due to Adonai's election rather than anything Israel does correctly. I pray that this series has helped you to understand how supporting Israel is not an abstract issue that is 'theologically correct.' It is a core theological and moral issue that will define who rises and who falls in the last days and likely in the Kingdom to come. (Genesis 12:1-3, Zechariah 2:7-9, Zechariah 12, Daniel 12:1-4, Matthew 25:31-46, Romans 11, 1 John 2:1-11, 1 John 3:11-18)

As a final exhortation - Get involved, and make it personal. Your actions before the rest of the world are not separate from the daily activities of one's life—they must come from the same moral foundation. Let the reality of God choosing Israel be a 'fact of life' for you such that you do not waver when the wrath of the enemy turns on you for the things that he hates most. Let us be a people who honor the whole word of Adonai, the 10 Commandments, the two greatest commandments, His chosen people Israel, and our King Yeshua!

May your name be written in the Book of Life!



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