## Israel, God's Promise - February 16, 2022

It is very easy for us to ignore the persecuted when we ourselves have never been persecuted to the extent of the Jewish people.

Thank you, Pastor Rancourt, for bringing to us the message to support the Jewish people! What an opportunity we have as believers to take time and dig deep into the history of the land of promise, Israel.

To doubt that Israel belongs to the Jewish people is to doubt God's word. I hope that a spark lit the desire to learn more of what God is saying to us as a church. We also need to learn of any wrong thinking rooted in antisemitism that may be embedded in us culturally. If we did not feel a stirring of compassion or gratitude for the Jewish people, I suggest that our hearts are hard and that we are not listening to the Holy Spirit.

In the natural, we could break it down as a cultural difference. Why even spend time thinking about a place so far removed from us? But we are no longer mere citizens of earth. As believers we have been grafted into the vine whose spiritual and natural roots are in Israel.

We are a part of the nation of Israel.

What happened before and what is happening now matters to God.

What matters to God should matter to us.

So, I pray that we will be open to taking this course. It may be possible that your schedule may not allow it. If that is the case, it does not mean that we cannot ask for it to be offered again. It does not mean that we cannot pray for Israel, or God's people.

Psalm 122:6 (Amp)
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you [holy city].

Your Sister in Jesus, Liz