

Favor Zion Ministries

“Now is the set time to Favor Zion”–Psalm 102:13

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Dear Friends:

Shalom Haveirim:

It is hard to watch television reports of the violence that grips the Middle East. Hamas has forcefully seized control of Gaza. The Iranian backed murderers have executed their own former colleagues, their own brothers and families. After dragging their captives' half-naked through the streets, the Hamas followers of Islam then kiss the ground in prayer to Allah.

Nothing but rubble remains of the once prosperous farms and greenhouses Israel left to the Arab people of Gaza. Nothing remains of the unity government elected by the people. There is very little to show for the hundreds of millions of Euros and Dollars given to the leaders in Gaza.

Nothing but an Iranian and Syrian financed terror organization, which has been smuggling huge amounts of weapons into the area from a UN “policed” border with Egypt.

They Murder Their Own

If the Hamas fighters murder their own people, what are their desires toward Israel? If democracy is used only as a temporary ploy to regroup, then gain power and execute their rivals, what can we expect from Iran, whose president has convened a conference calling for the total destruction of Israel?

If Ever There Was A Time For Favoring Zion- Now Is The Time.

To favor Zion means to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” Favoring Zion translates our Heavenly Father’s desire “that no person perish, but all come to everlasting life” into prayers and action. Favoring Zion means praying for the blessing of God to come upon the Jewish people **and** the Arab people in the person of Yeshua- Jesus the Messiah

Pray First

Where do we begin?

We begin in prayer, and we follow prayer with action. We begin where we are.

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For me, with your help, we begin at Goldberg's bakery in Pikesville MD. We begin in Baltimore at the Seven-Mile Supermarket. We begin where there is a high concentration of Jewish people. I see them every day, Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox, secular and non-religious.

Recently I was at a meeting of the Associated Jewish Charities in downtown Baltimore. Lining the walls were rows of pictures of the former heads of the Agency and leaders of Hadassah. These were philanthropic good-hearted men and women. These were people who cared deeply about their Jewish brothers and sisters. These were charitable and altruistic individuals. Yet, most of these people had gone on to eternity without ever being compelled to consider Yeshua.

What about the Arab people who have moved to America? Their numbers are growing, their ranks are swelling, their mosques are being erected, their schools funded. How will God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 17:20) to bless the Arab people and make them a great nation ever be fulfilled, when the majority of Ishmael's descendants are captive to a demonic power?

How Can We Reach Them?

My friend, Ramzi lives with his family in Atlanta. He is a native of Ramallah (now the West Bank) and was raised in Jericho, so he speaks fluent Arabic. Ramzi has an Evangelist's heart for his Arab people.

Ramzi and I long to reach Arabs and Israelis with the truth of Jesus. Abba wants them to come to a saving faith. The Spirit of all truth, the Ruach haKodesh, wants to draw them to Jesus. But how will they hear without a preacher. How will they hear without one being sent to them?

It Takes a Plan – It Takes Preparation

We see the need for action, but first we see the need for preparation.

I am currently working with The Salvation Army, a longstanding organization helping people and saving souls. When Katrina hit the Gulf, I saw first-hand how being prepared as an organization enabled The Salvation Army to respond to the crisis first, before any appeals were made for money. The resources were in place, and could be mobilized without delay.

Let's apply this principle for us who also love the Lord and are called to His purposes. We desire to Favor Zion. We long for all people, Jew and Arab, to live in peace under the leading of the Holy Spirit, submitted to the Prince of Peace, Yeshua himself, and advancing God's Kingdom. We see in the Spirit the battles between the principalities over Persia (Iran) and the servants of The Most High God (see the Book of Daniel).

Baltimore's Jewish Population is Mainly in One ZIP Code

Here's part one of our plan:

Baltimore is unique in two ways:

1. Baltimore is home to 95,000 Jewish people, a very large Orthodox Jewish population. It is the 18th largest city with a concentration of Jewish people in the world.
2. The Orthodox Jewish population of Baltimore mostly in one ZIP Code- Pikesville, home of Goldberg's Bagels and Seven Mile Supermarket

When I go to the supermarket it's a lot like being in Israel, the food, the talk, the people. The reality is that there are many Israelis there, and many who are preparing to move to Eretz Yisrael. There are Hebrew speakers and men in long black caftans, women in special wigs and Orthodox dress. In the summer the fringes under the men's garments hang down. There are children everywhere!

Initially, I hope to reach the 95,000 Jewish people who live in Baltimore's Pikesville ZIP Code. Highly specialized, targeted, prayer- backed Gospel powered mailings! Of course when one makes war it is important to have a multitude of counselors, and I have begun the process of seeking input from Messianic leaders. I believe that I have found at least one of the messages to be sent to this special population. It is a specially edited version of a Day of Atonement message delivered by Asher Intrater in Israel, in both Hebrew and English.

In next month's newsletter I hope to be able to allow you to hear this message- to share in the prophetic excitement! We know that the Gospel is for "the Jew first", but its also for the "Greek", or in our sphere the Arab people.

The Spring Feasts are over, Passover and Pentecost are past, but the Fall Feasts are coming. The Day of Trumpets, Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles are events when the hearts of Jewish people are more inclined to be open to the gospel.

Gathering a Large "War Chest"

A project of this size will require large money provisions to get it done. I believe we can raise together \$100,000.00. On the one hand a One Hundred Thousand dollars seems like a phenomenally big sum! On the other hand it's only the beginning. For Zion's sake we all are compelled in our Spirits to give our very best to advance His Kingdom!

Having enough money on hand will expand our options and let us focus on hearing Abba's voice, doing His Will, and not focus on financial concerns.

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Let's Prepare Now- Let's Give Now

Today, while we still see through a glass darkly, we sense in our spirits that we live in times that the prophets longed to see. We do not want to be caught unaware - we want to be prepared! We want to be like the children of Isacher, who knew the times they lived in and knew what to do! We know what to do- we are stirred to seek Him, gather the resources and prepare to preach Jesus.

Will you be a significant part of this vision to reach the lost sheep of the House of Israel? Will you purpose now and over the next few months to make significant contributions to Favor Zion? I am asking you to join me in preparing the way.

I am asking you to give today, and during the next few months a faith-filled gift to Favor Zion. As we prepare together first in prayer and then in giving I believe with you that we will see results for eternity.

Your Participation Will Advance His Kingdom

Together we fulfill prophecy. I don't do any of this alone. Yeshua is the Commander and we are his followers and messengers.

Join me in giving our all to Him, today!

Rabbi Ted Simon