

ISRAEL MY BELOVED: Sitting under the Anointing

(This session began with teaching on page 1, then selected scriptures were read out and silent prayer followed)

If we are going to pray for Israel or to convey God's love for Israel to lost Jews or Gentiles, we need to have more than an arsenal of scriptures, we need to KNOW the reality of God's love for Israel for ourselves. Once we know it, we can share it. Do you? Take time to think about it

If you don't know God's love for Israel – ask him?

We have a whole generation grown up in the wake of the Holocaust. For decades the Big Question that no one wanted to talk about was *Where was God in the Holocaust?* It couldn't be answered tritely. The scale was too big. Acknowledge it. Where was God's love many wondered

The Jewish Shoah (not Holocaust as it means burning bodies) is remembered in their own day called Yom Ha Shoah with International Holocaust Remembrance Day- 27 January for the Rest of the World. Many Jews lost their faith as a result of the Shoah – satan's plot was devastating in more ways than one because it has generational implications. How could a loving God allow this tragedy many cried? First generation was killed physically. The second and subsequent ones were killed spiritually. It drove many Jews to atheism, humanism *the Never Again* catch cry. Is it any wonder the New Age is so popular. Anything, but truth. Education was seen as the solution to stop anti-Semitism, but it didn't solve the God question. Today many Jews are just cultural Jews. Especially so in NZ. They know little of the Bible and little of God's love for them.

They are not anti-religion, but many are indifferent to Israel the nation and the land (Eretz Israel) and disconnected from Jewish institutions. The issue is **unaffiliated** – lone Jews disconnected and assimilated, often married out. Who is a Jew is now a big question? Note: Jews are the only decreasing ethnic group in USA. Let's look at the despair in Is 49:10

Now back to the Question of Demonstrating Israel My Beloved. How would you?

It is easy for us as New Covenant believers to point to all the NT *God is love* scriptures like Gospel of John. But what if we confine our search to the Old Testament, what do we find?

Key Scripture:

Jer 31.3 *The Lord appeared in the past saying **I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with loving kindness. I have drawn you and continued my faithfulness to you.***

Context: Notice Jer 31 reference – that's near what? (Answer: New Covenant)

Everlasting Love: It was not about words. Words can be empty. Love was expressed in ACTION. I am the God who is repeated over and over again

Eternal Love: 1 Kings 10:9 *Because his love for Israel is eternal...*

Jewish Concept of Chesed (*Hess-Ed*) embodies the rich nature of God's love including Loving Kindness Giving oneself fully with love and compassion – Sounds like the Bridegroom??

Listen to Karen David Sing Israel My Beloved: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boZeMi4ca-U>

God's love for Israel Scriptures: Found in ALL the 3 branches of Jewish Bible

Notice the sternness & tenderness in God's voice Note: 26 Verses on Loving Kindness (Ps, Jer & Hosea)

Did you Know? The word Tanakh (Old Testament) is a combined word for Torah + Nevi'im + Ketuvim
Here are some scriptural references – look them up and write them down. Commit some to memory.

From Torah: 5 Books (Note: Gen 12.3 Love By Implication in Action. Method: I will protect you from your enemies with blessings and curses on those you interact with)

Gen 49.26

Deut 7.6

Deut 10.15

From Nevi'im: 8 Prophets (Not Daniel)

Isa: 43:1 & v 4a

Isa 49:15-16

Is 51.3 & v60

Is 54:10

Amos 3

Hosea 11.4 The husband with the unfaithful wife who demonstrated love in action

Zech 2.8

Zeph 3.7

From Ketuvim: Writings – 11 Books E.g. Psalms, Proverbs, Chronicles

Ps 26.3

Ps 36.7

Ps 44:10-27

Ps 50:15

Ps 89.2

Ps 94:14

Ps 103.8

Ps 105.8

Ps 117.2

Ps 130.7

Σ Ps 132:13-16

Ps 136.1

Ps 145:8-9

Σ Ps 146:6-9