

Anne Graham Lotz: A Prayer for Israel

God of Creation, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your name is Wonderful Counselor. Mighty God. Everlasting Father. Prince of Peace. You are the one who is age to age the same, the Great I Am. There is no shadow of turning with You. You are the one who brought Israel into existence. You have said that You did not set Your affection on her and choose her because she was more numerous than other peoples. But it was because You loved her. Therefore, because You are the same yesterday as You are today and forever will be, we know Your love has not waned over the ages. Your eyes have never left her. Your heart is still filled with love for Your people ...

On Israel's 72nd birthday (April 28), we shout Your praise! Her very existence is evidence that her God *is* God! Who has ever heard of a country being born in a day or a nation brought forth in a moment? Yet seventy-two years ago, You reestablished Your people as a nation in the family of nations! After 2000 years of being dispersed all over the world, You brought Your people back from the four corners of the earth to their ancient homeland, speaking their ancient language, keeping their ancient traditions. We greatly rejoice with Jerusalem! We are glad for her!

On her behalf, we claim Your promise that in the very last days, You will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. You have promised that the time is coming when You will make a new covenant with the house of Israel—that they will all know You, from the least to the greatest. *Is this the time?* You have promised that You will go out and fight against the nations that come against Your people, that You will set Your

feet on the Mount of Olives once again. You have promised that one day the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; You have promised that living water will flow out from Jerusalem; You have promised the Lord God of Israel will be King over the whole earth, and Jerusalem will be secure.

Living Lord, we do not ask for what we want or what we hope. We are asking You to do what *You have said!* You do not mock Your children. You keep Your word.

Show up in great power, giving Your people supernatural strength to withhold vengeance, to execute justice, to remember mercy, to walk humbly as they acknowledge that victory will be won not by their might nor by their own power, but by Your Spirit. Give them a shared vision and a shared faith, as well as a shared identity, that will transcend their differences and unite them under Your 'wings' of protection and blessing. You have said that when their government is on Your shoulders, there will be no end to their peace. How we long for that day!

On this significant day, we look to You. You are a great prayer-hearing, prayer-answering, covenant-keeping, miracle-working God. We believe in You. We believe that Jerusalem's God *is* God. We believe You are as strong today on her behalf as You were in the beginning, and always have been and always will be. We believe our words have been heard. Because our words are based on Your words, we believe that we have asked according to Your will, in the name of the one who is the Son of David ... and the Son of God. Therefore, we expect to receive answers.{eo}

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