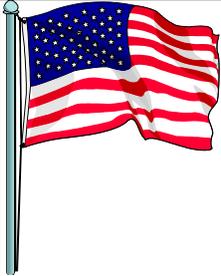


# "GOD BLESS AMERICA"



*"God bless America.  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her  
and guide her  
Through the night  
with the light from  
above."*



## A Gift from a Jew

Once again "God Bless America", is a song that has been an inspiration for a nation in a time of trouble. This song was first made popular during the 2nd World War.

It is interesting that Irving Berlin, who wrote the song, was a Jew. He was born as "Yisrael Baline" in Russia. As a young boy, he and his family escaped religious persecution against the Jews in Russia. They came to America.

This country has long been nationally sympathetic to the Jewish people. They have been a supporter of the newly established State of Israel. America has been blessed for this alliance.

Abraham was told: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)

**Will the fortunes of America continue? Will God bless America?**

## God's Nation?

The Psalmist tells us: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12)

This nation enjoys favored status for now, but only because of its relationship to God's chosen people.

The Lord (the God of Israel), is not the Lord of America. This country is walking on a very thin line. The corruption and immorality in America is among the most wicked on the face of the earth.

It is encouraging that the events of September 11 have motivated people to prayer and repentance. We hope that the mood is a lasting one, for all of us.

## God Bless America?

Will God bless America? Unfortunately there are increasing signs that political interests and Arab oil are taking precedent over the needs of Israel, and our leaders may be flirting with the only remaining hope that we have to continue to be blessed, as Israel's friend.

If we want God to bless this nation, we must pray that our leaders strengthen their resolve to provide unconditional support to Israel.

Let us pray for "all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Timothy 2:1-5)

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## TERROR

We have all witnessed the terrible events of September 11, 2001 and have wondered what it all means.

The world will never be the same. The western world, in particular, has lost its peace and security.

We are reminded of the words that Jesus spoke about conditions that would be on the earth just before his return.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will **faint from terror**, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken." (Luke 21:25-26, NIV)

## GOD IS IN CONTROL

The element of **fear** is a new reality and the idea of peace and security has vanished. Fortunately, we still have the assurance that God is in control.

God rules in the nations, and many of the events that significantly impact "the powers that be" are provisionally controlled. (Dan. 4:17)

**Prophecy is unfolding around the events of September 11. In this issue we will discuss:**

- The Gathering of the Nations to Battle.
- Will God continue to bless America?
- The call for American Jews to return to Israel.
- Men's hearts failing for fear.
- The impending judgments of God.

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“I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land.” (Ezekiel 37:21-22NRSV)

### PURPOSE OF GOD

God still has a purpose for His land (Israel), and for His people, the Jews.

He wants them to return to the land of promise, to be “one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel” with one King to rule over them, their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ezekiel 37:21-22)

### THE MIND OF MAN

Unfortunately, God’s people have a mind of their own, and many have grown comfortable in the lands of their dispersion. Few of them desire to return to Israel.

Consequently, providential conditions were developed among the nations to increase the motivation for God’s people to respond to the call to return.

### PERSECUTION

The persecution of the Jews throughout the world, climaxing in the terrible circumstances under Hitler in World War 2, resulted in a new “exodus” of Jews to Israel.

All of the events associated with the fortunes of God’s people, which have transpired over thousands of years, have been guided by the hand of the Almighty, in fulfillment of the prophetic word.

For example, Deuteronomy 28 provides a prophetic description of the events that would develop, as God worked to accomplish both His punishments and His blessings for His people.

We live now in the “last days” and we can see the Nation of Israel restored. We see this miracle as a great sign that the Kingdom of God is very close.



### THE FINAL CALL?

The events of September 11, 2001, are just one more, perhaps final, call for the Jewish Americans to return to Israel.

America had been the one remaining haven where the Jewish people could feel safe from persecution. But now that security is gone, and the word of the Lord reaches out to call His people home.

“Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.” (Jeremiah 3:14-18)

“To gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

### THE NATIONS DECEIVED

As we watch the nations after the September 11, 2001 attack on the US, we are convinced that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled.

The nations are being providentially aligned and will soon be gathered to Jerusalem to battle.

### SPIRITS OF DEVILS

In the reference from the text box at the right, these unclean spirits (influences among the nations) come from different areas. It seems certain that one of these influences is militant Islam.

With an organized network of international terrorists, they have worked a miracle, destroying the World Trade Center and making a powerful statement. This has incited the nations to wake up their mighty men and prepare for war. (Joel 3:9)

### ARMAGEDDON

The word “Armageddon” presents the picture of an ancient threshing process. The wheat was gathered into the threshing floor and it was beat out so that the chaff would be carried away by the wind. The entire process is a symbol of judgment. The judgments of God will soon be carried against all nations that resist His purpose. (Rev. 14:7)

### I COME AS A THIEF

When the nations are gathered to battle, it will be an event that is contemporary with the return of Christ as a thief.

As we observe the events of the coming days, we can be confident that Christ will return soon, and that the Kingdom of God is at hand.



“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” (Revelation 16:13-16)

### LOOK UP

Jesus spoke of the last days saying that men’s hearts would fail for fear because of the things that are coming on the earth.

He also encouraged us to look up and beyond the present events to the glory of the coming Kingdom.

“When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” (Luke 21: 25-26)

“Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” (Revelation 16:15)