

## ***Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update April 22, 2015 Happy Birthday Israel 67!***



Israel's Independence Day (Yom HaAtzmaut) begins the minute Israel's Memorial Day ends. The switch from sorrow to joy is quite sudden and dramatic. Israel's Independence Day is celebrated annually on 5 Iyar at sunset to sunset on 6 Iyar (April 22-23, 2015), the anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel (May 14, 1948).

Sixty-seven years ago a unique occurrence in history took place: the nation of Israel was reborn. No other country has come back to life so suddenly and after almost 2000 years. In fact, this incredible event literally happened in one day. On May 14, 1948 the Jewish people declared their right to be an independent nation. This transpired a day before the UN mandate, which had left Britain in control of the Holy Land, was to expire. In 24 hours, one nation relinquished control of the Land and Israel claimed her rightful sovereignty.

The prophet Isaiah foretold of this miraculous event when he declared, "Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons." (Isaiah 66:8)

Now, in just over six decades, Israel is firmly established and has become the foremost nation in the Middle East. Its contributions to agriculture, technology, medicine, and science are second to none and the country is one of the most dynamic democracies in the

world. But is Israel truly destined to be a democracy? Currently this would seem to be the case, but the Scriptures actually tell us something different. When the Messiah walked the earth His disciples yearned to know the answer to this question, "Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6)

The Bible teaches that Israel is a kingdom of the past and also the future. When Yeshua answered their question He affirmed that the kingdom would be restored to Israel but expressed that it was not for them to know the timing of this event. Instead, He instructed them to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the remotest parts of the earth (Acts 1:7-8).

Now that the Gospel has gone out from the Holy Land to the remotest part of the earth, could it be time for the Father to restore the Kingdom? However, you can't have a kingdom without a king! With the restoration of the nation of Israel (1948) and the restoration of an undivided Jerusalem (1967), it would seem that this event could be close at hand. Certainly, God is restoring Israel and Jerusalem in preparation for the coming of Her King, Messiah Yeshua.

We are truly living in amazing times to witness the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy leading up to Yeshua's Second Coming. Current events show how close His coming must be. The Lord's message for us today is: "Prepare for My Coming!" As we share the Good News of salvation in Messiah Yeshua to the people of Israel, and to all people all over the world, we are actively preparing for His Coming.

Please rejoice with us as we celebrate this great day and please join with us in prayer that the Lord "will arise and have compassion on Zion; for it is time to be gracious to her, for the appointed time has come." (Psalm 102:13)

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