

Every church has a calling, and at EMIC we have some very specific callings. One of the areas that God has spoken to us is the support of our Jewish brothers and sisters.

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## **Governor Abbott calls for Statewide day of observance to honor victims of October 7<sup>th</sup> Terrorist Attacks in Israel.**

### **STATE OF TEXAS - OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

In its early hours, October 7, 2023, quickly became a day of unimaginable horrors for the people of Israel. Hamas terrorists began the most vicious attack on the Jewish people that they have suffered since the Holocaust. Hamas slaughtered innocent civilians en masse; abducted hostages, including women, children, and the elderly; set fire to large swaths of Israel's territory; and desecrated human remains.

Israel is under threat like never before. Last November, I visited Israel, where I saw firsthand the carnage caused by Hamas. Meeting with displaced Israelis, including many families, and visiting with victims recovering in a hospital in Tel Aviv, it was sheer evil and savagery unmatched by anything I've ever seen. What we have seen is gut-wrenching acts of war committed by Hamas.

The State of Israel is right and, moreover, righteous in pursuing the elimination of Hamas, and the State of Texas will do everything in our power to support the Jewish people here in Texas and in their defense of their homeland.

As Governor of Texas, I have been proud to strengthen our deep and enduring bond. I signed a law banning all Texas state agencies from engaging in business or investments with companies that boycott Israel, awarded \$14 million in grants to bolster the security of houses of worship like synagogues, directed all Texas state agencies to refrain from purchasing goods produced in or exported from the Gaza Strip and from any organization or state actor with ties to Hamas, and established the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Committee.

Antisemitism will never be tolerated in Texas. Some educators, elected leaders, and media personalities, however, remain vocal in their support of Hamas, making excuses for the terrorists and couching their atrocities in vague, empty rhetoric. But let's be clear: Hamas is evil, and those who support Hamas—whether explicitly or implicitly—are supporting evil.

On this solemn one-year anniversary, I ask my fellow Texans to remember those taken too soon and to recommit to the shared values that unite Texas and Israel. At 7:00 a.m. on October 7, 2024, I invite every Texan to join me in a moment of silence for the people of Israel and for the seven Americans still held hostage: Edan Alexander, Itay Chen, Sagui Dekel-Chen, Gadi Haggai, Judith Weinstein Haggai, Omer Neutra, and Keith Siegel.

During this observance, flags of the State of Texas and the United States of America will be lowered to half-staff, and many entities across the state will erect moving displays featuring empty chairs to symbolize the Americans kept from their loved ones. I also ask all religious leaders at their next service to light a candle in remembrance of this solemn day. On this anniversary and hereafter, I pray that this war will be brought to a swift, victorious conclusion for the Jewish community. Texas will always stand with Israel. Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2024, to be a Day of Observance for Israel in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 7th day of October, 2024.

At EMIC, another area that we are called to focus on is "End-Time Prophecy." This is the time of spiritual warfare, it is big with God, big in the Bible, and big with us as believers.

The land is God's land, and the Jews are the landlords of this land; therefore, we do NOT divide the land and we stand against anyone who tries to take the land away.

Pastor George Pearsons ministered, **Our God - a Man of War**

One year ago, Hamas attacked Israel (October 11<sup>th</sup>). It was an exercise in futility to think that anyone could fight against God and win; or that anyone could wipe out the Jewish State of Israel.

**Why?** The Jews belong to God and He is a man of war!

2 Samuel 7:8-11; (NKJV)

*"Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of Hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover, I will appoint a place for **MY PEOPLE ISRAEL, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the***

time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, **and have caused you to rest from all your enemies.**"

V. 10 (MSG)

"And I'm going to set aside a place for **My people Israel** and plant them there, so they'll have their own home and not be knocked around anymore. Nor will evil men afflict you as they always have."

(NLT)

"And I will provide a homeland for **My people Israel**, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. **Evil nations won't oppress them as they've done in the past.**"

### **He is a Man of War (The Song of Moses)**

Exodus 15:1-3; (NKJV)

"Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. **The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.**"

V. 3 In the Chumash = God is the Master of war; God (uses) His Name (to do battle).

*Humash, also known as Chumash, is a Hebrew word that refers to the Torah in a printed and bound form, as opposed to a Torah scroll. The word means five (the first five books of the Bible). In common printed editions, it is also known by Pentateuch.*

We have been His Name to use as His church.

Isaiah 42:13

"The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy **like a man of war**: He shall cry, yea, roar; **He shall prevail against His enemies.**"

### **The LORD is Mighty in Battle**

Psalms 24:7-10; (NKJV)

"Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? **The LORD is strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.** Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift

*up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah"*

### **God is Israel's Shield**

*Psalm 3:1-8; (NKJV)*

*"LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My Glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the LORD. **Your blessing is upon YOUR PEOPLE."***