



## April 2016

<b>Friday 1 April</b>	In the first chapter of Jeremiah two visions are mentioned. Jeremiah sees a blossoming almond twig (the Word of God) and a boiling pot (God's judgment). The almond twig represents God, who watches over His Word. The boiling pot, judgment, comes (almost always) from the north. Pray for the people of Israel, that the Word will prevail over judgment, and light will prevail over darkness.
<b>Saturday 2 April Sabbath</b>	According to former USA Secretary of State George Schultz, ISIS and Iran are the greatest threat to Israel and the world. International security experts consider terrorist group Hezbollah the greatest threat to Israel. Please pray that God will bring all this evil to naught.
<b>Sunday 3 April</b>	Amidst all this serious news it is good to read verses 7 and 8 of Isaiah 54. It is moving, how the Lord speaks about His people, being their Redeemer! Thank God for this!
<b>Monday 4 April</b>	North-Africa, the Middle East, but also Russia, Ukraine and Europe are in great turmoil. We can continue to be faithful to the Biblical commission concerning the city of the Great King: <i>"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."</i> (Psalm 122:6, Psalm 48:3)
<b>Tuesday 5 April</b>	One lady intercessor wrote me the following: "Herewith I want to thank you for the Prayer Calendar. A good initiative for being connected with each other. Praying daily brings unity with other intercessors, but also with the Jewish people." Thank God for the many intercessors in the world.
<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>	In your intercession proclaim that everything that cannot bear God's Spirit will be brought to light. In the darkness of our time God specifically hears such prayers.
<b>Thursday 7 April</b>	Pray for Israel teachings, given around the world about present day Israel, God's prophetic Word and His plans with His people.
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	The sun sets and the stars appear, the beginning of the Sabbath or <i>erev shabat</i> - Sabbath eve. Pray that the Lord will show mercy over His people. Pray that His peace, which surpasses all understanding, will be met with open hearts.
<b>Saturday 9 April Sabbath</b>	A verse from the Psalms, as you pray for Israel today: <i>"Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!"</i> (Psalm 14:7).
<b>Sunday 10 April</b>	Right in the middle of a razor-sharp analysis of the behavior of the Jewish people (Jeremiah 16) – which, by the way, in part reminds us of the present situation – God speaks of bringing back His people to the land that He gave to their ancestors (verse 15). Thank God for His promises and His faithfulness.
<b>Monday 11 April</b>	Continue to pray for Jewish communities all over the world. Whether it is at universities or in the world of theatre, at sports tournaments or at theological seminaries: as a Jew you are not given an easy time at all, and Israel is often taunted and boycotted.

<b>Tuesday 12 April</b>	Years ago many Christians saw how Jews from all over the world were helped by 'fishermen' and returned to Israel relatively quietly. Now they see that the time of the 'hunters' has arrived: Jews flee to Israel, often under threats and insults (Jer.16:16). Pray for the <i>Aliyah</i> (return to Israel).
<b>Wednesday 13 April</b>	Continue to pray for Koen Carlier and his wife Ira, who have lived and worked in Ukraine on behalf of 'Christians for Israel' for many years. With their team they are an important chain in the process of <i>Aliyah</i> , for obtaining the required documents and offering temporary housing until the day of transport to the airport. The work that the team in Ukraine does, is fantastic and prophetic.
<b>Thursday 14 April</b>	Be ready! <i>"So you also must be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."</i> (Matth.24:44) Standing in the gap for Israel, God's people, and waiting for the return of Jesus, God's Son, are inextricably linked.
<b>Friday 15 April</b>	More than 400,000 Jews live in Judea and Samaria. The population growth as compared to last year is 4.6%; in Israel as a whole it is 1.9%. Thank God for this development, Jews are once again living in Biblical territory!
<b>Saturday 16 April Sabbath</b>	Please pray for those who lost relatives and for the survivors of the recent wave of terrorism. Many Israelis relive what happened to them because of terror. Pray for comfort and for healing.
<b>Sunday 17 April</b>	Please pray especially for your own Church today, and thank God that, though sometimes with difficulty, people will indeed receive a vision for Israel. Check what you might be able to do, or what difference you could make to your Church in this respect.
<b>Monday 18 April</b>	Continue to pray for the Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem. Terrorist organizations aim especially at those who live in Biblical territory. They do this in order to cause division among the Jewish population in the land, so that those who have a different political approach to these things will say: "They should leave there, because they are a danger to peace."
<b>Tuesday 19 April</b>	The BDS movement (propagating Boycotts, Divestment (withdrawal of company investments) and Sanctions) is under pressure in Europe and America. This is very good – an answer to prayer. A better rendering of BDS would be: Buy, Defend and Support. So let's do that!
<b>Wednesday 20 April</b>	For a few months now European countries are free to make their own decision about labeling or not labeling products from Judea and Samaria. This is a wonderful development and a reason to thank God. Pray that more and more countries will decide not to label these products.
<b>Thursday 21 April</b>	Pray for the yearly conference of the 'European Coalition for Israel' held in Brussels from 21-22 April (followed by a prayer conference on 23-24 April). Pray that God will reach His goals, and the participants will return to their countries with new strength and inspiration, and will put into practice all they have heard and learned.
<b>Friday 22 April</b>	Today is the Seder evening. About the institution of the Passover celebration you can read in Exodus 12. For this evening the Haggadah (liturgy) is used. It contains over 60 references to Torah! Pray that the Word will speak, that the events of Passover will be brought closer and not remain history.
<b>Saturday 23 April Sabbath</b>	Today the celebration of Passover starts, lasting for eight days. It is the first of the so-called 'High feasts of the Lord' (Deuteronomy 16). Pray that Israel will have meaningful and safe Holidays.
<b>Sunday 24 April</b>	After Iran concluded a deal about their nuclear program last year, which is very favorable for them, they rule out any further negotiations. Their attitude and call for the destruction of the State of Israel remains unchanged. Therefore continue to pray: <i>"Lord, spare Your people!"</i>
<b>Monday 25 April</b>	After an interruption of three years, there is an Egypt ambassador in Israel again since the beginning of this year. In February of this year president Al-Sisi received forty leaders of big American Jewish organizations in Cairo. They were very much impressed with Al-Sisi's attitude towards Israel. Thank God for this positive development.

<b>Tuesday 26 April</b>	<i>"In every generation someone rises up to destroy us, but the Holy One – may He be praised – rescues us from their hands."</i> This song is sung at Passover. Be inspired by it in your prayers for protection of the Jewish people from danger and from their enemies.
<b>Wednesday 27 April</b>	Last December the Vatican issued a document about the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church regarding Israel. In brief it comes down to the following: Israel is recognized as a 'historic fact' and as a sign that can be interpreted as belonging to God's plan. Thank God for this attitude, and pray that it will have an influence all over the world.
<b>Thursday 28 April</b>	When you pray for the nations and their enmity towards the State of Israel, pray that their leaders will not be able to sleep, so God can speak to them. Through the Word (like in Esther 6:1 ff) or in a dream (Daniel 2:1 ff)
<b>Friday 29 April</b>	The rabbi of Aptah taught as follows: "Every person in Israel has the command to look upon himself, as though he was standing at Mount Sinai to receive Torah. For man knows past and future things, but not God: every day He gives Torah."
<b>Saturday 30 April Sabbath</b>	Pray that through the Bible we may receive a deeper understanding about God's ways with Israel and the nations.

## May 2016

<b>Sunday 1 May</b>	The tunnels Hamas digs from Gaza into Egypt and into Israel, are discovered and neutralized. This is an ongoing process. Thank God for the cooperation between Egypt and Israel in this matter, and pray that Israel will dwell in safety.
<b>Monday 2 May</b>	In many countries in the Middle East and Africa our brothers and sisters in Christ are kidnapped, raped and murdered by terrorist groups. Churches are looted and religious objects destroyed. Pray for them; we are one Body!
<b>Tuesday 3 May</b>	Pray for the rabbis in Israel, that they will not speak about their own wisdom, knowledge or riches, but about the Lord God and His deeds. Pray that they will show Him by their lives in their congregations. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)
<b>Wednesday 4 May</b>	There are plans to develop new roads and residential towns, industry and agriculture in the south of Israel – which largely consists of desert. Give thanks for this! The land and the people are fulfilling prophecy: <i>"The desert will blossom like the crocus."</i> (Isaiah 35)
<b>Thursday 5 May</b>	Today is Ascension Day. Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day – is on the same day this year. By now the survivors of the Shoah have reached high age; their memories of those atrocious times are still intense. Pray for healing, comfort and attention.
<b>Friday 6 May</b>	Please pray today for the work of 'Christians for Israel' in Africa. Pray that in Africa more and more Christians will pray for Israel, for <i>Aliyah</i> and for the peace of Jerusalem.
<b>Saturday 7 May Sabbath</b>	Jeremiah 31:16-17 are two verses with a wonderful promise to the Jewish people. Returning from the land of their enemies, and returning to their own territory. Thank God for <i>Aliyah</i> and for the project 'Bring the Jews Home'.
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	Pray for the Arab Christians and the Messianic Jews in Israel. Pray for acceptance in the places where they live, and for a testimony of mutual unity and love.
<b>Monday 9 May</b>	During the past decennium scores of rockets were fired at Israel, fortunately with relatively little damage. Michael Beemer of the Messianic congregation in S'derot states: "Hamas once boasted, that they will turn S'derot into a dead city. That is why we named our congregation 'City of Life'. Thank God for this.
<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	For some time now Israel has held a diplomatic representation in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. This year Jordanian pilots were in Israel for training. These are remarkable developments. Pray that it may become clear to what this will lead.
<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	Today is Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembrance for the fallen soldiers of Israel. Pray for God's presence and consolation. Since 1948 many died or were seriously injured.

<b>Thursday 12 May</b>	Yesterday at nightfall Yom Hazikaron ended, and Israel stepped from mourning into joy: Yom Ha'atsmaut, Independence Day. This is an answer to history: now as a people we are free and can defend ourselves. Pray for a safe and joyful day. (Isaiah 12)
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	In our time the battle between light and darkness becomes ever more visible. As it is already described in Daniel, and in the Revelation of John. Pray for the Jewish people and for ourselves as Christian community, that we will understand these times.
<b>Saturday 14 May Sabbath</b>	Isaiah 54:9-10 also gives two promises of God to His people (see prayer point for 7 May). Spoken thousands of years ago but still up-to-date. Thank God for His Word and for His faithfulness to His promises.
<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	The Weizmann Institute established in Rehovot belongs to the ten leading research institutes of the world. It is a multi-disciplinary institute for science research and education. Thank God for this fulfillment of Genesis 12:2.
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	Through Iraq, Syria and Hezbollah (in Lebanon) Iran is at Israel's northern border. On the opposite side is a cautious coalition of Israel, Jordan and Egypt. With in a wider circle Saudi-Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait. Where does this lead to? Pray that the developments will provide a clear answer to this question.
<b>Tuesday 17 May</b>	In the next five years Israel will invest 15 billion shekel (3,6 billion euros) in the Arab community and other minorities in Israel. Thank God for this initiative! Israel is a democracy that looks after the needs of all its inhabitants.
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	Iran is engaged in a fierce battle against Israel. Through the media, by supplying weapons and financing terror. Pray that this power will be broken, and pray that the Lord God will show mercy on His people.
<b>Thursday 19 May</b>	Knives, scissors, screw-drivers, cars, fire-arms... anything is used by Palestinians to kill and wound Jews. Continue to pray that this will end and that there will be negotiations again.
<b>Friday 20 May</b>	More than once Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said: "Anyone who accepts a Palestinian state without Jerusalem as its capital is a traitor." The Bible has quite a different view on the matter (Zechariah 1:3).
<b>Saturday 21 May Sabbath</b>	This year it is 20 years ago that 'Christians for Israel' we started the campaign 'Bring the Jews Home'. Thank God for inspiration, for the cooperation with the Jewish Agency and with the Christian organization Ebenezer Operation Exodus. It is special to be involved in <i>Aliyah</i> together!
<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	"If in the future you will not continue to stand on the rock, which is the Bible, with time you will become an enemy of Israel, for the battle is really going to be fierce." (Eliahu Ben Haim, Jerusalem) Pray that we will be able to stand.
<b>Monday 23 May</b>	Please pray for the many volunteers who have come to Israel from their own safe countries. They work in soup kitchens, hospitals, or give help to Holocaust survivors.
<b>Tuesday 24 May</b>	In Israel hundreds of thousands of people live below the poverty level. Especially large families, children and elderly. Through 'Hineni' and the 'Jaffa Project' Christians for Israel offers help to the poor by offering meals. (Isaiah 58:10) Pray for these projects!
<b>Wednesday 25 May</b>	Please pray for the Centre for Jewish Studies in Savyon and for the organization 'Am Yisrael Echad'- 'The People of Israel are One'. Through these two organizations we have supported the providing of Biblical education to secular Jewish children for years.
<b>Thursday 26 May</b>	About the events in the present time Eliahu Ben Haim said: "Let it be clear, it is all about (the coming of) Messiah. The land is His, the people are His, the (coming) Kingdom is His." Pray that we will set the right priorities and can be of significance to Israel.
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	Thank God that he helps His people. " <i>Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me, fight against those who fight against me.</i> " (Psalm 35:1-10)
<b>Saturday 28 May Sabbath</b>	Work on your personal faith, so you will be able to pray for Israel freely. " <i>Do not quench the Spirit...</i> " (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21) " <i>Be imitators of God...</i> " (Ephesians 5:1-21) " <i>Be careful... be on the watch...</i> " Luke 21:34-36)

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**Sunday 29 May**

We must learn to judge our lives by this standard; not thinking: will this make us happier? but thinking: will this make us more holy? (2 Corinthians 7:1 and 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

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**Monday 30 May**

One of the goals of Christians for Israel is to fight any form of anti-Semitism. In practice this means that we speak to politicians, publish articles and speak about it in meetings. Pray for a blessing on this part of our work.

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**Tuesday 31 May**

Pray that God will reveal Himself to His people and to the peoples around, in this time of unfolding Biblical prophecies. The Jewish people are returning to the land of Israel, and we as Christians may rejoice in it!

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