

Celebrating 100 years of Prophetic Fulfillment for Israel: The Balfour Declaration & Un Partition Plan And God's Timeline for Israel



Jerusalem

“I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.” (*Ezekiel 34:13*)

Shalom to all

The anniversaries of two historical events in the founding of the modern State of Israel and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy are remembered in this month of November:

- **The 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration**, November 2, 1917—a British commitment to the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine;

and

- **The 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Partition Plan** on November 29, 1947—a resolution to divide Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab.

Because these two anniversaries are so significant, we might associate the entire month of November with the founding of the State of Israel.

“Then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where He scattered you.” (*Deuteronomy 30:3*)



A Jewish father proudly holds an Israeli flag with his children, after they arrive in Israel for the purpose of making aliyah (immigrating to Israel).

Isaiah 34:8

For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

The rebirth of the nation of Israel is unique among all the nations in history. Starting around 600 BC, the nation was totally destroyed, not once but twice. Amazingly, after each destruction, it came back into existence. Not only was the nation destroyed twice, but each time nearly all of the people were taken captive into foreign countries. Yet they returned to the land. All this points to the uniqueness of Israel. This nation is not like the others because it is based on an everlasting covenant with God!

In 586 BCE, the great Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, totally destroyed the nation, government, Jerusalem and the temple. This destruction resulted in nearly all the Jews being taken captive to Babylon. When a people were taken captive as the Jews were, they usually were lost in history. The Jews are different. They remained in Babylon for 70 years and then returned to rebuild Jerusalem and their temple.

The Romans, some 650 years later in 70 CE, again destroyed the nation, Jerusalem and the temple. The Jews once again were defeated totally and were dispersed into all the world. The devastation was awesome. Israel should have ended as a nation and probably as a people in 586 BCE, but it survived. Israel, definitely should have ended as a nation in 70 CE, but as the ancient Bible prophets wrote, the nation literally was reborn. This occurred in 1948.

We live in the time that Israel is again a nation, with Jerusalem as its capital. The people once again speak Hebrew and even have shekels for money! We are living in a time when Bible prophecy is happening before our eyes! As the Day of the Lord and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ grows closer, it is clear from the Bible that the world focus will be on Israel and Jerusalem. The God of Israel deals with the nations as they bless or curse his nation Israel, and his city Jerusalem.

The Balfour Declaration: Prophetic Fulfillment Begins

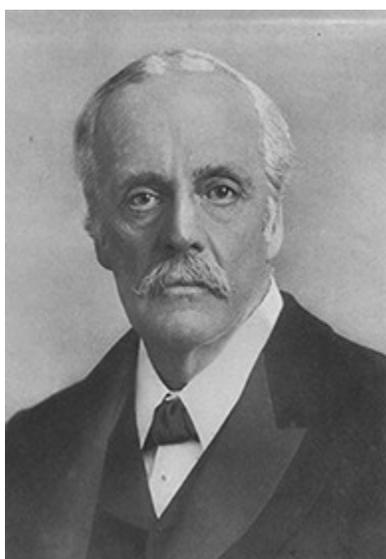
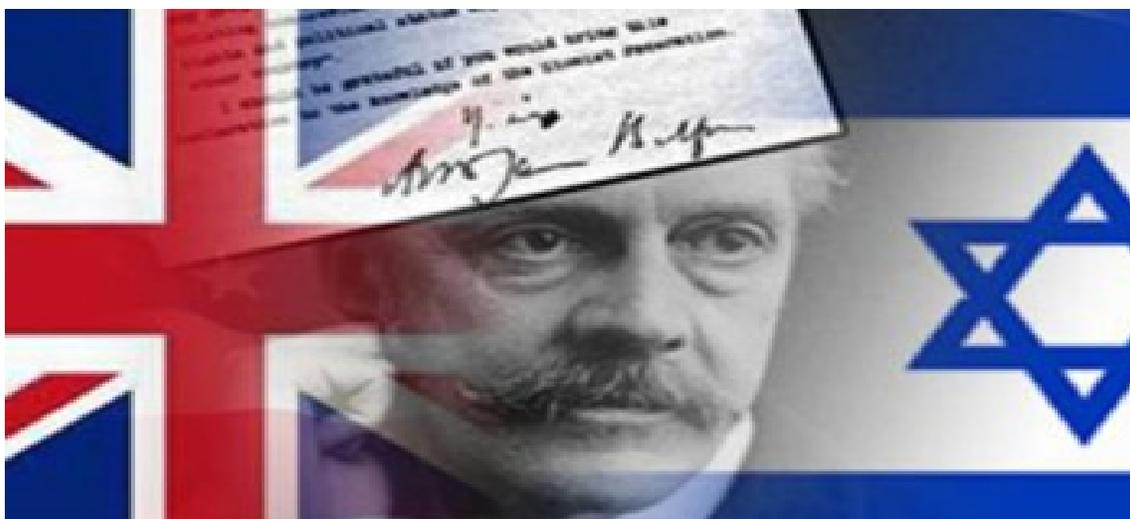
No other nation in the world has ever been re-established after being dispersed for 2,000 years and, yet, the United Kingdom called for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish People.

"If Zionism is to influence the Jewish problem throughout the world, Palestine must be made available for the largest number of Jewish immigrants," Lord Balfour, Britain's foreign secretary, said early in the 20th century.

The Balfour Declaration, a formal statement of policy, was named after Lord Balfour. But it was, in fact, a commitment made by the United Kingdom that famously pledges the following:

“His Majesty’s government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people”

It also promises that the British government will “use their best endeavours” to bring about such a home, while preserving the rights of non-Jews living in Palestine.



Foreign Office.
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,
I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet
"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"
I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Balfour

British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour and his signed letter, dated November 2, 1917. (Photo: Wikicommons)

While the Balfour Declaration is prophetically significant to the rebirth of Israel, **it only represents England's intentions at that time.** Israel would not become a nation until 1948.

But it certainly does reveal that God was moving on the hearts of people all over the world to carry His people home.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up My banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.’”
(*Isaiah 49:22*)



Boy with flag on Jerusalem Day

The British Mandate for Palestine

“And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to My holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD.” (*Isaiah 66:20*)

As might be expected, the Arabs opposed a national homeland for the Jews, stating that Palestine had been an Arab country for 12 centuries.

Nevertheless, the Balfour Declaration became a part of the British Mandate for Palestine, which was ratified in 1923.

Originally, under the British Mandate, the amount of land available for the Jewish homeland was larger and included the area now known as Jordan. But a 1922 ruling excluded it from the Jewish homeland, thus reducing the amount of land available for the Jewish People by almost 80 percent.

In March 1946, under the Treaty of London, **that larger section of Palestine became the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan, which is today's Jordan.**



Following the surrender of the Ottomans, various mandates were instituted, eventually resulting in the creation of many modern states that redefined borders, renamed countries and altered the map. The British Mandate of Palestine was divided into Palestine, which was to become the modern Jewish State, and Transjordan (Jordan).

The Partition Plan: Arabs Miss Initial Chance for Two-State Solution

A second anniversary at the end of November is also significant to the formation of the State of Israel: the United Nation's vote on the Partition Plan.

In 1947, the British government no longer wanted to govern the land of Palestine, a sliver of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.

A partition plan [Resolution 181(II)] was presented to the then newly-formed United Nations on November 29, 1947. **That plan proposed to divide the remaining land of Palestine into two independent states — one Jewish and one Arab.**

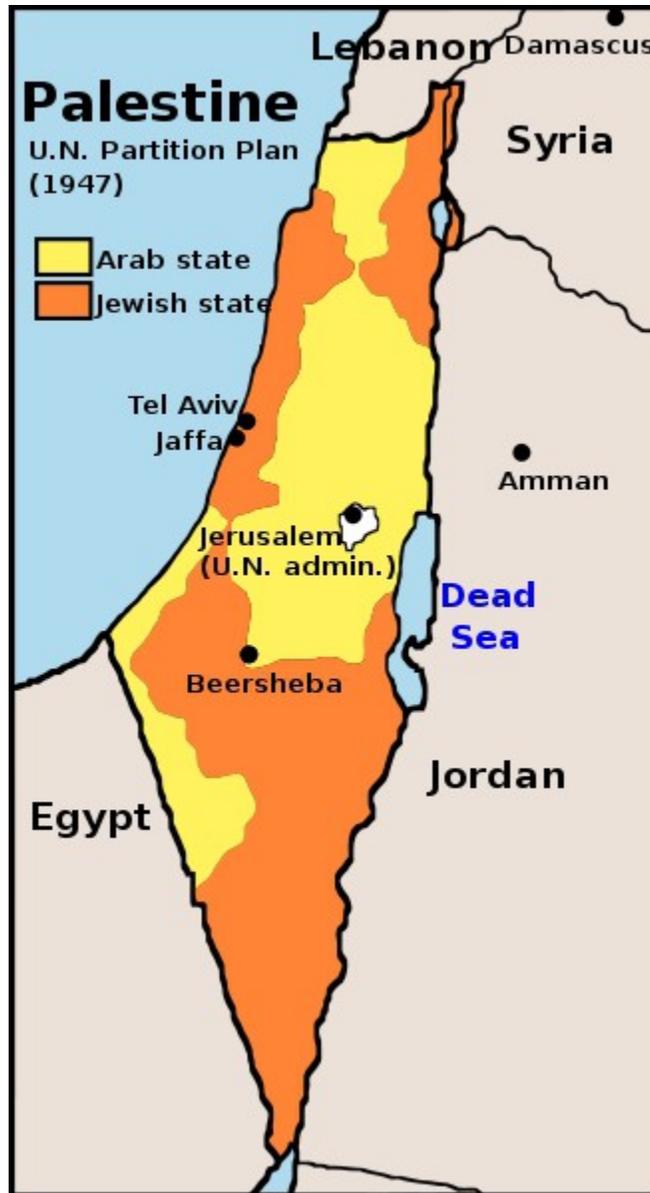
Jerusalem, however, would remain an international city under the administration of the United Nations, and the Jews would receive primarily arid land in the Negev Desert.

The borders were patchwork and probably indefensible.

The resolution was adopted by the UN General Assembly with 33 in favor, 13 against, and 10 abstentions.

The leaders of the Jewish community in Palestine through the Jewish Agency accepted the resolution. **The Arab community with the support of the Arab League rejected it.**

The Jewish People were overjoyed and danced in the streets. The Arabs protested and fanned the winds of war.



The UN Partition Plan for Palestine

Immediately after the adoption of the plan by the UN, the 1947–1948 Civil War in Mandatory Palestine broke out and the Partition Plan for Palestine was never implemented.

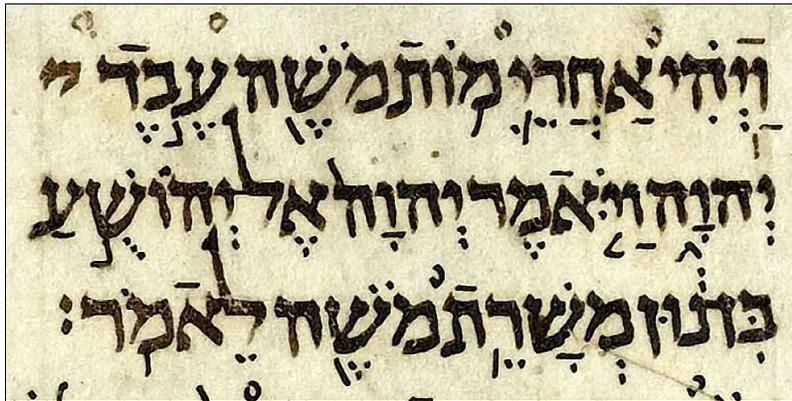
Following the United Nations vote, the situation became dangerous for Jews in Arab lands.

In 1947 in Aleppo, Syria — now famous for its rebellion against the government of Bashar Assad — a pogrom (organized massacre often condoned by officials) erupted.

Seventy-five Jews were killed and several hundred wounded, leading to the exodus of half of the city's Jewish population. The main synagogue was set on fire and the world's most ancient Hebrew Bible (next to the Dead Sea Scrolls), named the Aleppo Codex, was thought to have been destroyed.

Most of it was saved, however, and it was hidden away until it could be smuggled out of Syria. It is about 1,000 years old, and most Jewish Bibles are copied and translated from this manuscript. Currently it is housed in the vaults of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The Aleppo Codex is one of the foundational texts in the translation work of The Messianic Prophecy Bible.



A portion of the Aleppo Codex, with its handwritten text.

The newly-formed Jordan, it turns out, wasn't satisfied with the vast lands provided on the east bank of the Jordan River. It wanted the West Bank, as well.

But Jordan wasn't the only country that had designs on Israel.

When the British Mandate terminated on May 14, 1948, Israel became a nation in one day, thus fulfilling yet another Bible prophecy.

“Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.” (*Isaiah 66:8*)

The surrounding Arab countries (Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon, as well as Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen) declared war on Israel and the 1948 Israeli War of Independence began.



In accordance with the UN resolution, on May 14, 1948, the day before the British Mandate would expire, David Ben-Gurion (First Prime Minister of Israel) publicly declared the establishment of the State of Israel.

In 2011, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said that the Arab rejection of the partition plan was a mistake that he hoped to correct. (*Haaretz*)

Abbas, however, prefers to create a de facto Palestine state by pressuring international bodies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to recognize the Palestine state as already existing, rather than work with Israel through a process of mutual negotiations. (*Time Magazine*)

However, to borrow the words of former Israeli diplomat Abba Eban, **the Palestinians “never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity.”**

In 2000, in fact, at a second Camp David Summit, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered to grant the Palestinians up to 94 percent of the West Bank and to dismantle 63 Jewish settlements. The offer was rejected. The talks failed due to disagreements over the final status of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount and the demand for the right of return of Palestinian refugees.

God’s Prophetic Timeline with the Modern State of Israel

1897 This year is considered the beginning of modern Zionism. Starting on August 29, the first Zionist Congress met in Basel, Switzerland to begin plans for the modern state of Israel in what was then Palestine. The reason for this was a tremendous outbreak of anti-Semitism in France and throughout Europe.

1917 This happened during World War 1: (1) On November 2, Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued what is now known as the Balfour Declaration, expressing the British government’s support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. (2) On December 9, the Turkish Army surrendered Jerusalem to the British.

1947 This was the result of World War 2 and the Holocaust. On Nov. 29, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for Palestine to be partitioned between Arabs and Jews, allowing for the formation of the Jewish state of Israel. A war followed which ended with Jerusalem being divided.

1967 The Six Day War. This war was fought between June 5 and 10, with the result that on June 7, Jerusalem was united as the capital of Israel.

2017 Based on the previous events, it looks like 2017 is going to be a year of great, if not awesome, prophetic significance.

When examining these prophetic events regarding Israel, it becomes very clear that dramatic events are happening in years ending with 7. If you take it one step further, these events are spaced years apart that can be divide by 10. Then taking one more step, the years between are 120, 100, 70, 50, 30, and 20.

The Progression

1897: The concept of a Jewish State.

1917: The Blueprint for a Jewish State.

1947: The reality and first phase of the State of Israel.

1967: Phase two of the State of Israel.

2017: Phase three of the State of Israel?

The Convergence with 2017

From the beginning of the Zionist movement it is exactly **120 years**.

From the Balfour Declaration and the capturing of Jerusalem it is exactly **100 years**.

From the United Nations declaration it is exactly **70 years**.

From the uniting of Jerusalem it is exactly **50 years**.

Other connections

From the Zionist movement to the Balfour Declaration it is exactly **20 years**.

From the Zionist movement to the UN declaring the Jewish state it is exactly **50 years**.

From the Zionist movement to the unifying of Jerusalem it is exactly **70 years**.

From the Balfour Declaration to the UN declaration it is exactly **30 years**.

From the Balfour Declaration to the unifying of Jerusalem it is exactly **50 years**.

From the UN declaration to the unifying of Jerusalem it is exactly **20 years**.

The Year 2017

*Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem** shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. – Jesus Christ*

From the events shown above, there is a convergence in 2017 of events occurring on 120, 100, 70 and 50 years. I am NOT predicting that any prophetic events like those listed are going to happen. What I am saying is that based on the listed timeline, *if God follows this pattern*, something incredible is going to happen in 2017. So many of these timeline patterns are converging this year that it is a warning to be prepared for a cataclysmic event that may happen. What I also noticed is that the events all happened during either extreme anti-Semitism, war, including world wars, or as the result of one. None of them happened during a time of peace or by a peaceful treaty, but they all resulted from tremendous violence and hatred.

What Could Happen in 2017 ?

*Zechariah 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and **Jerusalem** shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.*

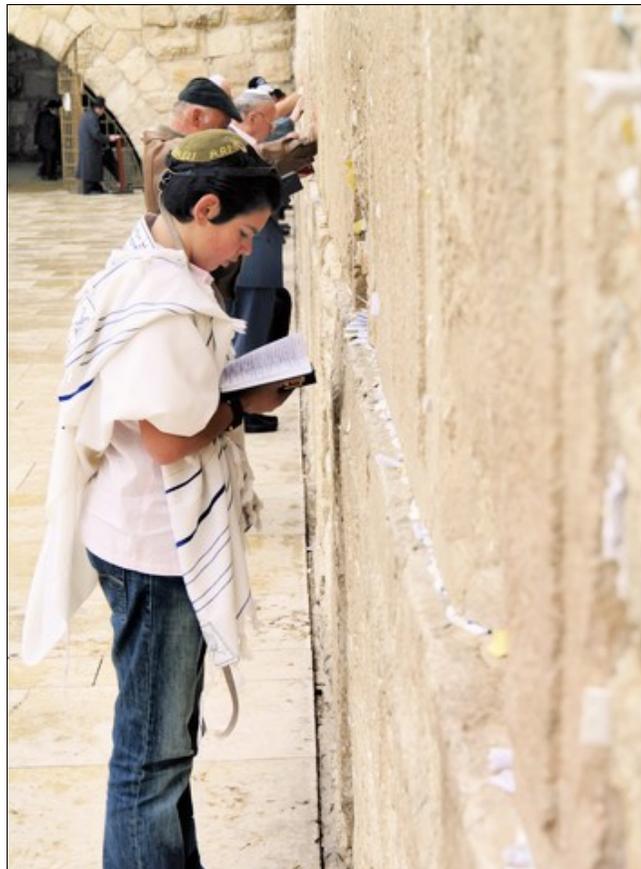
Just as it was prior to both World Wars, today there is a tremendous buildup of anti-Semitism in Europe, with the United Nations and the European Union continually condemning Israel for building on the land, especially in Jerusalem. As 2016 ended, the nations were focused on Jerusalem and demanding that it be divided and made the capital of a Palestinian State. With all of the tension

building against Israel and Jerusalem, 2017 might be the year for an awesome war over Jerusalem, or a war that will start and end up with the focus on Jerusalem.

It is very possible that the war could light the fuse to Armageddon. This war will not be Armageddon, but a war that will dramatically change the world order and set the stage for the antichrist and Armageddon.

It is very possible that this war could break the back of Islam. If this becomes a Muslim religious war over Jerusalem, it is very possible that God will judge Islam over his city and show the world that he is the Holy God of Israel and Allah is not God. This would fulfill, for example, Psalm 83, Obadiah and Isaiah 17 along with many other prophecies. With the defeat of Islam, Israel would be free to build the long-awaited third temple on the Temple Mount, and thus, start the countdown for the coming of the antichrist, Armageddon, and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 83:18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is YAHWEH, art the most high over all the earth.

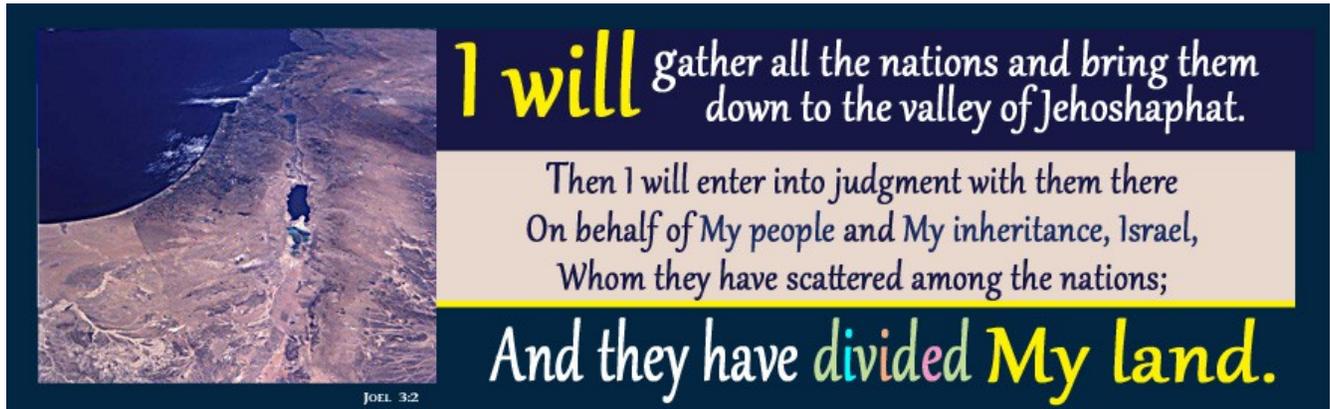


A young man prays at the Western (Wailing) Wall in Jerusalem

“In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against

them concerning My inheritance, My people Israel, for they scattered My people among the nations and divided up My land.” (Joel 3:2)

The Hebrew prophet Joel clearly indicates that in the Last Days, God will judge the world for dividing the Land of Israel, which is His Land. We should not be surprised, therefore, to see attempts to divide Israel.



I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat.

Then I will enter into judgment with them there
On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;

And they have divided My land.

JOEL 3:2

The Balfour Declaration and the Partition Plan had their role in the prophetic fulfillment of Israel’s rebirth as a nation in May 1948. **Every November, when the anniversaries of these two events are celebrated, we should remember that God's hand is on Israel.**

And since the Bible links these events to the end times, the month of November should remind us that we are living in the Last Days and it is prudent to redeem the time.

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)



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Shalom u'ahavta b'hashem Yehoshua

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