

To the Nation of Israel; to our Jewish Brethren; to the City of Our G-d—Jerusalem; to Zion:

On this day, we, as representing the Anabaptist Nation, come to you in the form of the Amish and Mennonite remnant; and that with deep contrition of heart.

Our path to you, our dear Jewish Brethren, is perhaps most suitably described as that which began with our collective formation in the early 16th century—a formation which spawned great persecution right up through relative contemporary history. Our Anabaptist forefathers have suffered persecution, torture and martyrdom of grave proportions; and that as the result of our simple yet strident commitment to living-out our personal convictions before the eyes of a Living God.

Though our Amish, Mennonite and Hutterite blood has stained soil spanning Switzerland, Austria, Germany and beyond; and has subsequently produced many historical landmarks over the course of nearly six centuries; our collective persecution and suffering is not to be compared to the suffering and the plight of the direct lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—the very Apple of God’s Eye—the Israelites—and present day Israel.

We come to you today with repentant and sorrowful hearts; with hearts deeply laden with the weight of our collective sin of ignoring the plight of the Israelites—a plight which has included the slaughter of six million Jews during the Nazi Holocaust—a plight which then birthed a nation (Isaiah 66:8) in 1948—and a plight which, at this very hour, finds Israel surrounded by neighboring countries on all sides, bent on her annihilation.

It is as we have sought the favor and habitation of God upon our collective Anabaptist family, that He has, in His sovereignty, opened our eyes to the promise of Genesis 12:3, wherein He states: **“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you.”** As He has systematically opened our eyes to the gravity of this promise, we have corporately become deeply convicted of the reality that our collective ignorance of Jewish suffering is in fact nothing less than a historical *rejection* of the Jews; and further, a *curse*. For this, we beg your forgiveness, that we may in turn be released from a curse from God Himself.

We confess to our corporate sin of pride, and our corporate sin of selfishness. That we would herald the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, yet completely ignore the Center of the Universe—Jerusalem—is crime enough. But we have fallen further, by way of rejecting the precious people of Israel. Please forgive us.

As we, the Anabaptist Nation, seek absolution of our sins against the nation of Israel, we also wish to bless the Nation of Israel, by declaring and affirming her place and purpose within the epicenter of world history—and the epicenter of history being written.

At the core of our hearts, is that of a deeply seated and passionate desire to see established, God's dwelling place among men—the very Temple of God. This Temple must first meet with a foundation—a foundation built upon oneness between Jew and Gentile. To this end, our hearts long for the fulfillment of Amos 9:11-12, which reads: **“In that day I will raise up the fallen Tabernacle of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom (Lit., *mankind*) and all the nations who are called by My name, declares the Lord who does this.”** In the same spirit, Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 44:28(b); **“He declares of Jerusalem, ‘she will be built, ‘and of the Temple, ‘your foundation will be laid.’”**

Our dear Jewish Brethren, the scales upon our eyes have been removed—long enough to now see that we desperately need your blessing, and we desperately need the spiritual manna that the prophet Joel has announced is forthcoming from Zion, as he so declared in Joel 3:18, 21: **“It will come about in that day, that the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and the brooks of Judah will flow with water; and a spring will go out from the house of the Lord...For the Lord dwells in Zion.”**

We bless you, our dear Jewish Brethren. We bless all that has been prophesied over you since the beginning of time as we know it. We bless your borders—borders which have been breached by illegitimate concession, and borders which will be reclaimed as YHWH Himself stretches your tent pegs to reclaim every square acre of your divine inheritance. We bless the Israeli-Hebraic Song of the Lord which currently resounds from the mountain tops and bellows through the valleys through countless shofars—the declaration of Amos 9:15: **“I will also plant them on their land, and they will *not again* be rooted out from their land which I have given them, says the Lord your God.”** We therefore bless the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and His promise that irrespective of what is levied against Zion, *her enemies shall be crushed.*

In our brokenness and contrition before you, our dear Jewish Brethren, we have prayed that your collective discernment will reveal that our hearts are broken over our sin towards you, and the weight of such is more than we can continue to carry. Forgive us, we ask you, that we may lay this burden at your feet and find absolution through your grace and mercy.

With unending love for Zion,

The Anabaptist Nation, your Amish and Mennonite Brethren

