

# Praying for Israel

**Why Pray for Israel?** They are our brothers & sisters:

- Eph 2:13-22 (built together as God House) & Rom 11:17-24 (grafted in) & Rom 4:11-12 (Abraham is our Father)

**How are we to behave toward our family?** We fight for their Inheritance.

- Num 32: 16 -18 Some tribes had their Inheritance but fought for the others until they received the Inheritance.

**What is Israel's Inheritance?** The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31 , Ezekiel 36:22-28 & Hebrews 8:6-13

The 7 I will's of the new covenant

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**How are we to fight for their Inheritance?** In the Natural & In the Spiritual

Natural Fighting for the Land

- In WWI, the youngest nation on the planet – a nation birthed in prayer & revival- called up Stockmen on Stock Horses and released them as Warriors on War Horses. The Australian Light Horse was the key fighting group to broke Otterman control of Palestine and paved the way for Jewish people to return to the Promised Land.
- The Land is only part of the New Covenant Promise

**Spiritual Fighting for the Holy Spirit to fill our Jewish brothers & sisters.**

The spiritual warfare strategy **Standing on the Prophetic Word of God with Prayer & Fasting.**

This is how the First Covert was fought for to take back the Land after the Exile. A prophet would bring a word and a leader fight with prayer and fasting and a Divine Strategy.

**Prophecy** → Jer 25:1-14 & Jer 29:10-14 → 70yrs of exile then returned from captivity

### **Daniel's Prayer of Confession... Dan 9:1-19**

This prayer is placed historically about 12-18 months before Cyrus issues the order for the Jews to return to Jerusalem. Daniel reads the prophecies in Jeremiah about the return of the Jews to Jerusalem (Jer. 25:1-14 & Jer.9:1-14)

Key Point-

- Daniel's primary concern is for the honour of the Lord. eg "For the sake of your name, your City, your people"
- The heart-felt travail of Dan 9:19... "O Lord listen, O Lord hear, O Lord act, O God do not delay"

The Results of Confession

- The angel Gabriel came to deliver the answer and encourage him Dan 9: 20-23
- King Darius of Babylon is overthrown by the Persians within 12 -18 months
- King Cyrus of Persia gives an order allowing Jews to return to Jerusalem
- 42,000 Jews return to Jerusalem.

**Prophecy** → Haggai & Zechariah → Hagg 1 & Zech 8

- My house is in ruins give careful thought to your ways.
- Jerusalem will be called a City of Truth (lyr –met) (old name "City of Peace" lyr-shalom)

### **Ezra's Prayer of Confession Ezra 9:1-15**

This prayer is placed historically after the Temple rebuilding. Ezra receives a report that the exiles have married foreign wives.

Key Point

- Ezra understood why God returned the people to Jerusalem... "He revived us so we could rebuild the Temple of God"

The Result of Confession

- Others began to confess sin - Ezra 10:1-2

- Costly repentance begins as the Jews separate from their foreign wives and foreign peoples around them - Ezra 10: 11

**Prophecy** → Mal 3: 1-5 → refiners fire for Levites

- I will apply fire and soap to The Levites, the spiritual leaders need righteousness.

**Nehemiah's Prayer of Confession** Neh. 1:1-11

This prayer is set historically after the major social reforms of Ezra and just after Malachi calls the priests to repent. Nehemiah is in the city of Susa when he received a bad report about the condition of the Jews in Jerusalem.

Key Point

- He claims in prayer the promise from Deut. 30:1-4 *"If you return to me I will bring you back"* to call on the Lord for help.

The Results of Confession

- Nehemiah gains great political favour from King - Neh. 2:1-6
- Finances and supplies were released so that rebuilding could proceed – Neh. 2:7-8

**See the process for the return of the Exiles. God gives a prophetic word and someone prays into that promise with fasting**

**So also The New Covenant and the Spiritual battle for Israel will require us to stand on a prophetic word with prayer and fasting . Bringing back the Spiritual Exiles of Israel.**

God prepared a young nation, birthed in prayer, to liberate The Holy Lands from Turkish control and pave the way for the Jews to return on mass to Israel.

But are the hearts of the Jews turned back to the Lord? Not yet.

Will we once again fight for our Jewish brothers & sisters spiritual inheritance?

Here is a prophetic word for Israel : **God has promised "I am ready to hear Israel's prayers" Ezk 36:37**

If they are not ready to pray, **we can stand and intercede** for them. Spiritual Light horsemen.

**The Principle of Intercession** → do it in me first Lord so that you can do it through me.

So firstly, we need to deal with our hard hearts.

This is where fasting comes into its own.

- Fasting humbles our bodies.
- Fasting is sacrifice.
- Fasting turns our body toward Jesus.
- Fasting brings down strongholds → stronghold in our own heard heart.

**Crying out for hard hearts to be made soft.**

**Time to pray.**

- Give me a soft heart.
- Give me a new Spirit.
- Cause me to walk in your ways.

**Now we can pray for Israel.**

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# Fighting for Israel's Inheritance

Numbers 32:18 (NLTse)

[18] We will not return to our homes until all the people of Israel have received their portions of land.

# What is Israel's Inheritance

## The New Covenant

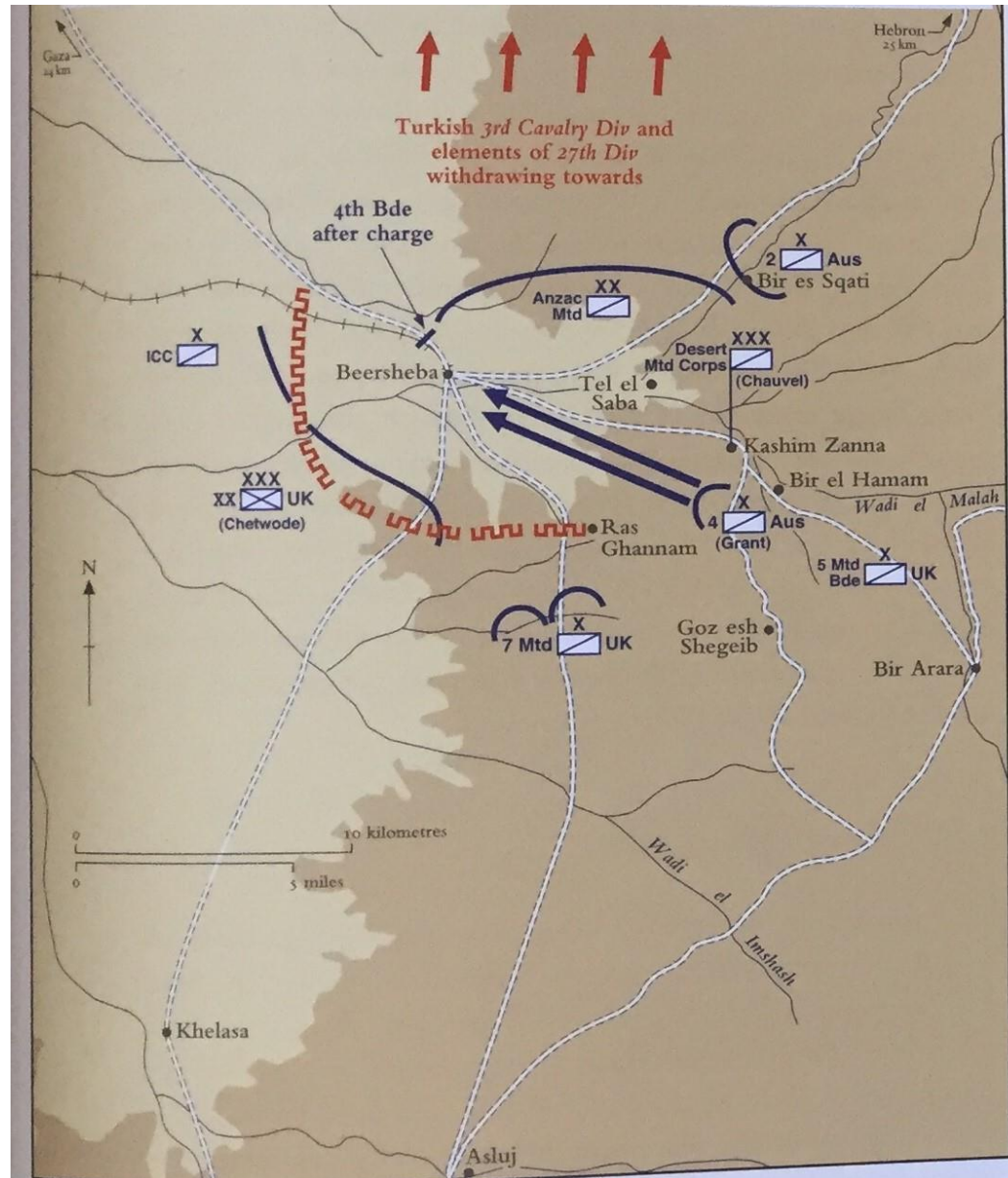
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# How are we to fight for their Inheritance?

- In the Natural → the Land
- In the Spiritual → the Heart



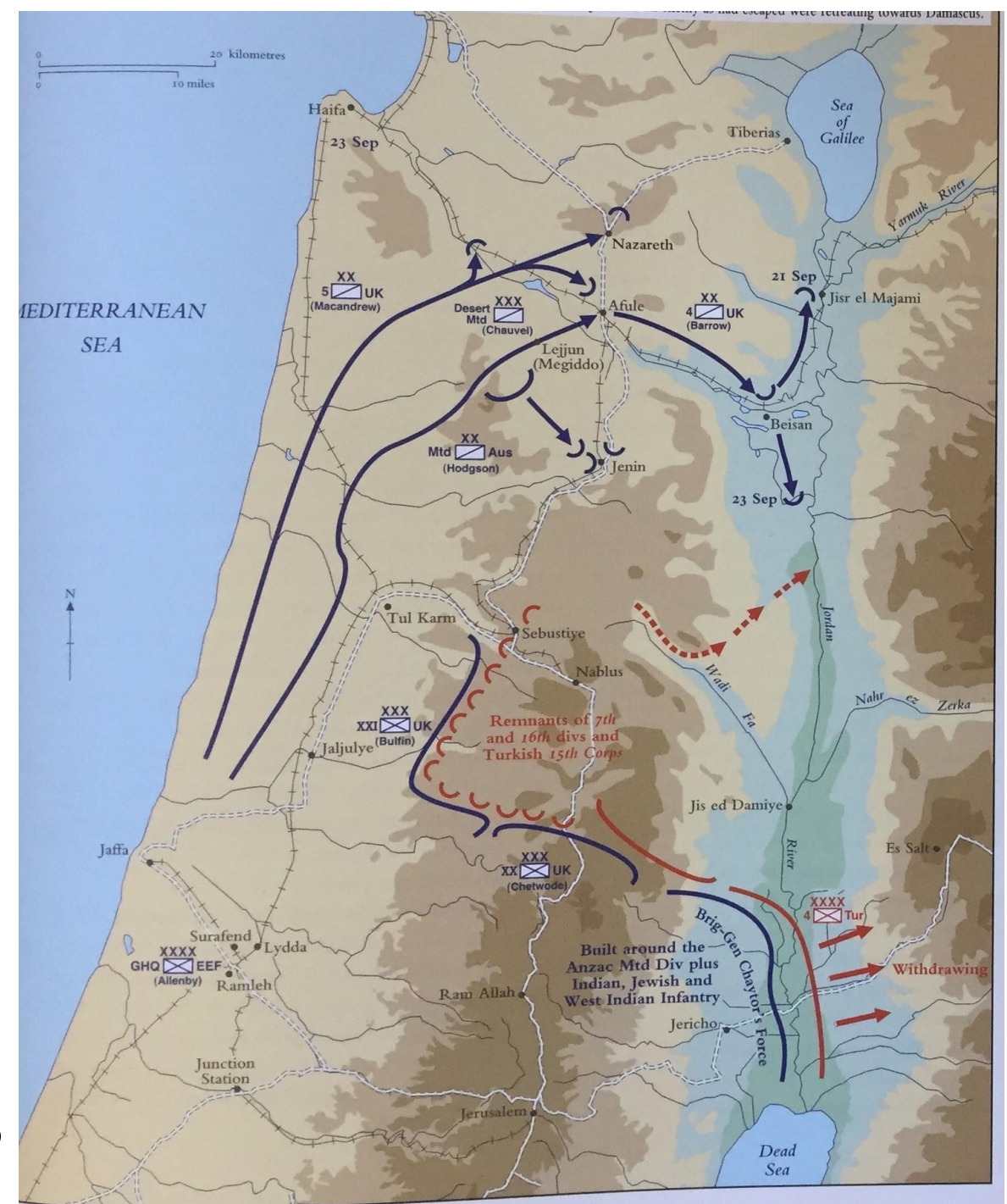
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# Fighting for the Land



# The liberation of The Land

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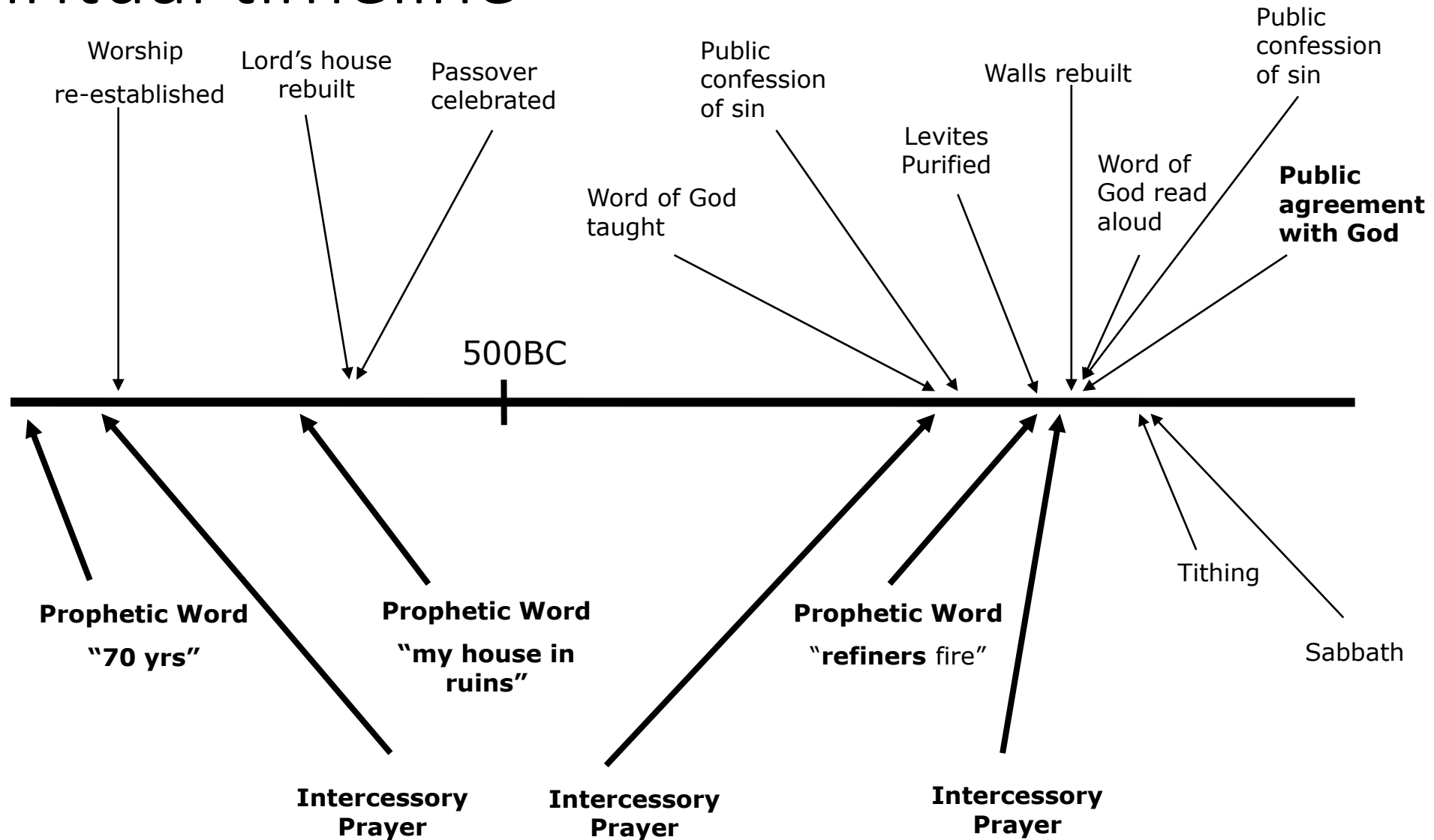
Fighting for Jewish Hearts

**Standing on the Prophetic Word of God  
with Prayer & Fasting.**

# The return of the Exiles to the land 563BC → 455BC

- A Prophetic Word
  - A leader who Prays & Fasts
- A Spiritual change in the life of Israel

# Spiritual timeline



The New Covenant with Israel

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