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## **A Two Front War**

What wages now within the borders of Israel and those surrounding it are far from just a war between factions, but is a battle of principalities...

**Eph 6:10** Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

**Eph 6:11** Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary.

**Eph 6:12** For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

It is a battle for the Kingdom.

It is the intention of the Adversary to eliminate the Kingdom by eliminating the People and nation associated with the promise of the Kingdom.

Matthew 11:12

**Mat 11:12** From the time of Yochanan the Immerser until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been suffering violence; yes, violent ones are trying to snatch it away.

This verse was true then, when Yeshua spoke of the ministry of Yochanan the Immerser and it is true today.

It has become more prominent in the last 75 years since Israel's reemergence on the world map when Adonai would bring about the events that I shared with you last Shabbat...

- The Balfour Declaration
- The end of WWI
- The destruction of the Ottoman empire
- The victorious nations responsible for realigning the Ottoman Empire
- The San Rimo meeting

All leading up to May 14 1948...

**Isa 66:7** Before going into labor, she gave birth; before her pains came, she delivered a male child.

**Isa 66:8** Who ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Is a

country born in one day? Is a nation brought forth all at once? For as soon as Tziyon went into labor, she brought forth her children.

When on that very day President Truman would recognize the Jewish State of Israel, thus validating their nation status in a single day.

The Arab world would not lie down but would continue the battle because the battle for Israel's independence actually started in 1947, with the Arab – Israeli War...

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The battle was already underway before the declaration and would continue for over a year afterwards.

So long as Israel lay dormant, absent from the face of the earth, the battle of the kingdom would not be as pronounced. Yes the Adversary was waging his attacks against the body of Messiah and the church as he has done for centuries, attempting to undermined it and minimize its power and authority. Greatly dividing the body of Messiah is the Adversary's most effective tactic thus far. In dividing the body he has infused chaos and disorder. He has confused the message and ultimately watered it down through man's own theology.

Case in point, I recently received a copy of a response sent to one of our congregants, from a church they were attending and thus had conveyed they would be leaving and thus stated the reasons they were leaving, this is part of the response to them...

*...I don't think that you deny this, theologically speaking, but a move to synagogue at very least seems to be in tension with that scriptural principle. Paul, a Jew himself who earnestly loved his "kinsmen according to the flesh," could never the less say that belonging to Christ (whether Jew or Gentile) is what truly makes one "Abraham's seed" (Genesis 3:29). Union with Christ, therefore, is what defines the relation between Jews and Gentiles with respect to the church, in which there "is no longer Jew or Gentile," and the "middle wall of partition has been broken down" between Jew and Gentile. Indeed, a major concern of a number of the NT writers is that the new Jewish Christians not seek*

*to maintain Jewish ecclesiastical practices and identifying markers which blocked them off into separate ecclesiastical factions from their Gentile brothers (Galatians, Hebrews, Romans, etc...). Celebrating OT Jewish feasts, for example, even if celebrated with a view to their fulfillment in Christ, seems to overlook the fact that these Jewish feasts have been replaced by Christ with new covenant ordinances (Baptism replacing circumcision / Lord's Supper replacing Passover) which are sufficient for New Covenant Christians...*

This would in essence be the deception of Replacement Theology being conveyed in this response.

A means of confusing and dividing one's from their own heritage while not understanding the context of the New Covenant and its relationship to Gentiles.

Yes Circumcision of the flesh is not required, yet it is established as being a generational commitment for the Jewish people

Many misunderstand the notion of circumcision. It is not about salvation, it is about covenant relationship. The relationship between the seed of Avraham specifically...

**Gen 17:19** God answered, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you are to call him Yitz'chak [*laughter*]. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

**Gen 17:20** But as for Yishma`el, I have heard you. I have blessed him. I will make him fruitful and give him many descendants. He will father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

**Gen 17:21** But I will establish my covenant with Yitz'chak, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year."

**Gen 17:22** With that, God finished speaking with Avraham and went up from him.

**Gen 17:23** Avraham took Yishma`el his son, all the slaves born in his house and all who had been bought with his money, every male among the people in Avraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin that very day, just as God had said to him.

For this promise is still valid today for the Jewish people and is not about salvation but about covenant,

**Lev 12:1** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 12:2** "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'If a woman conceives and gives birth to a boy, she will be unclean for seven days with the same uncleanness as in niddah, when she is having her menstrual period.

**Lev 12:3** On the eighth day, the baby's foreskin is to be circumcised.

Yeshua was circumcised on the eighth day, not for salvation but because it is a Mitzvah of torah,

**Luk 2:21** On the eighth day, when it was time for his b'rit-milah, he was given the name Yeshua, which is what the angel had called him before his conception.

Yet Ezekiel conveys a circumcision of the heart as part of the New Covenant...

**Eze 36:24** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the countries, and return you to your own soil.

**Eze 36:25** Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols.

**Eze 36:26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

This would apply to Jew and Gentile. That which Adonai performs.

Thus the battle, the war that rages is seen on many fronts.

The war that rages for a believers heart with deception being the means of attack.

The war for the land and against the Jewish people, looking to destroy them and hence eliminate the covenant for if the people are gone there is no covenant because the covenant for the Kingdom was made with the people...

**Jer 31:30** "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

**Jer 31:31** It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**Jer 31:33** No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

...and the promise of the King was made with the people...

**2Sa 7:12** When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

**2Sa 7:13** He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

**2Sa 7:14** I will be a father for him, and he will be a son for me. If he does something wrong, I will punish him with a rod and blows, just as everyone gets punished;

**2Sa 7:15** nevertheless, my grace will not leave him, as I took it away from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before you.

**2Sa 7:16** Thus your house and your kingdom will be made secure forever before you; your throne will be set up forever.' "

**2Sa 7:17** Natan told David all of these words and described this entire vision.

Yet the power of Adonai and His word cannot be truly watered down.

The battle within is in the form of deception and lies for Kefa warns us...

**2Pe 2:1** But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction.

**2Pe 2:2** Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned.

**2Pe 2:3** In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their punishment, decreed long ago, is not idle; their destruction is not asleep!

The external battle is war waged against the people and the land...

[List of wars involving Israel - Wikipedia](#)

Israel is now engaged in their 9<sup>th</sup> war not to mention many significant conflicts since declaring independence and their claim to the land in 1948.

Israel has been involved in a number of wars and large-scale military operations, including:

- **1948 Arab–Israeli War** (November 1947 – July 1949) – Started as 6 months of civil war between Jewish and Arab militias when the mandate period in Palestine was ending and turned into a regular war after the establishment of Israel and the intervention of several Arab armies. In its conclusion, a set of agreements were signed between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, called the 1949 Armistice Agreements, which established the armistice lines between Israel and its neighbors, also known as the Green Line.
- **Suez Crisis** (October 1956) – A military attack on Egypt by Britain, France, and Israel, beginning on 29 October 1956, with the intention to occupy the Sinai Peninsula and to take over the Suez Canal. The attack followed Egypt's decision of 26 July 1956 to nationalize the Suez Canal after the withdrawal of an offer by Britain and the United States to fund the building of the Aswan Dam. Although the Israeli invasion of the Sinai was successful, the United States and USSR forced it to retreat. Even so, Israel managed to re-open the Straits of Tiran and pacified its southern border.
- **Six-Day War** (June 1967) – Fought between Israel and Arab neighbors Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. The nations of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, and others also contributed troops and arms to the Arab forces. Following the war, the territory held by Israel expanded significantly ("The Purple Line") : The West Bank (including East Jerusalem) from Jordan, Golan Heights from Syria, Sinai and Gaza from Egypt.
- **War of Attrition** (1967–1970) – A limited war fought between the Israeli military and forces of the Egyptian Republic, the USSR, Jordan, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization from 1967 to 1970. It was initiated by the Egyptians as a way of recapturing the Sinai from the Israelis, who had been in control of the territory since the mid-1967 Six-Day War. The hostilities ended with a ceasefire signed between the countries in 1970 with frontiers remaining in the same place as when the war began.
- **Yom Kippur War** (October 1973) – Fought from 6 to 26 October 1973 by a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria against Israel as a way of recapturing part of the territories which they lost to the Israelis back in the Six-Day War. The war began with a surprise joint attack by Egypt and Syria on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Egypt and Syria crossed the cease-fire lines in the Sinai and Golan Heights, respectively. Eventually Arab forces were defeated by Israel and there were no significant territorial changes.
- **1982 Lebanon War** (1982) – Began on 6 June 1982, when the Israel

[Defense Forces](#) invaded [southern Lebanon](#) to expel the PLO from the territory. The [Government of Israel](#) ordered the invasion as a response to the assassination attempt against Israel's ambassador to the United Kingdom, [Shlomo Argov](#), by the [Abu Nidal Organization](#) and due to the constant terror attacks on northern Israel made by the Palestinian guerrilla organizations which resided in Lebanon. The war resulted in the expulsion of the PLO from Lebanon and created an [Israeli Security Zone](#) in southern Lebanon.

- **[2006 Lebanon War](#)** (summer 2006) – Began as a military operation in response to the abduction of two Israeli reserve soldiers by the [Hezbollah](#). The operation gradually strengthened, to become a wider confrontation. The principal participants were Hezbollah paramilitary forces and the [Israeli military](#). The conflict started on 12 July 2006 and continued until a [United Nations](#)-brokered [ceasefire](#) went into effect on 14 August 2006, though it formally ended on 8 September 2006, when Israel lifted its naval [blockade](#) of Lebanon. The war resulted in a stalemate.
- **[Gaza War](#) or [Operation Cast Lead](#)** (December 2008 – January 2009) – Three-week armed conflict between Israel and  [Hamas](#) during the winter of 2008–2009. In an escalation of the ongoing [Israeli–Palestinian conflict](#), Israel responded to ongoing rocket fire from the Gaza Strip with military force in an action titled "Operation Cast Lead". Israel opened the attack with a surprise air strike on 27 December 2008. Israel's stated aim was to stop such rocket fire from and the import of arms into Gaza. Israeli forces attacked military and civilian targets, police stations, and government buildings in the opening assault. Israel declared an end to the conflict on 18 January and completed its withdrawal on 21 January 2009.
- **[2014 Gaza War](#) or [Operation Protective Edge](#)** (July–August 2014) – Military offensive on the Gaza Strip as a response to the collapse of American-sponsored peace talks, attempts by rival Palestinian factions to form a coalition government, the [kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers](#), the subsequent [kidnapping and murder of a Palestinian teenager](#), and increased rocket attacks on Israel by  [Hamas](#) militants.[2]
- **[2023 Israel–Hamas war](#)** (October 2023- )

The battle for the Kingdom rages on for it is a multi front attack of the Adversary, internal and external. We have spies and moles of the adversary who have infiltrated the ranks of the body and are deceiving many.

While the external battle is now forefront for everyone to see, yet do they understand what is happening. Last week I share with you the battle of

information and how the truth is being concealed and manipulated and thus deceiving many as to Israel.

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Don't be deceived or let others be deceived.