



Israel:

**Why Evangelical Christians
Support Israel**

Why Do Bible-Believing Christians Support Israel?

The Bible says they should.

Misconceptions

- **Christians believe they should evangelize the entire world, but they do NOT support Israel in order to convert the Jewish people to Christianity.**
- **Christians believe that when Jesus returns, there will be a nation Israel, but this is NOT why they support Israel.**
- **Christians support Israel because the Bible says they should, because they are the United States' best friend, and because Israel has a biblical, historical, and legal right to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

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- **What is an “evangelical” Christian? What is a Christian Zionist? How many are there?**
- **Reasons Christians support Israel?**

What Does “Evangelical” Mean?

- Greek: εὐαγγέλιον [*euaggelion*],
“good news, gospel”
- Evangelicals believe in communicating the “good news” or gospel that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all mankind through faith in Him.
- As such, evangelicals believe Jesus commanded them to tell everyone the good news so they, too, can have eternal life.

What *is* an “Evangelical” Christian?

- High view of the Bible as the Word of God.
- Belief that Jesus is the Old Testament Messiah, the Son of God.
- Belief that Jesus told His followers to tell everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, the Good News that the Messiah had come.
- Belief that salvation is by faith alone, and not by works.

What *is* an “Evangelical” Christian?

- Evangelicals can be found in most Christian denominations.
- Baptist, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Independent Bible churches are almost all evangelical.
- Other denominations (Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian) have a smaller number of evangelicals.

How Many Evangelical Christians Are There?

- 38% of US adults claim to be evangelical,
 - *84 million
- 8% of US adults; Barna Research, narrow definition,
 - *25 million

What is a Christian Zionist?

- A Christian Zionist is a Christian who believes that God gave the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their descendants, the Jewish people.
- Christian Zionists believe the Jews have a God-given, historic, and legal right to the land of Israel and that Israel has the same right to secure borders and to defend herself against any enemies, foreign or domestic.
- 80% of Evangelical Christians are Christian Zionists.

Why Christians Support Israel?

- Non-biblical reasons
- Biblical reasons

Non-Biblical Reasons Evangelicals Support Israel:

- Technological, medical, and agricultural innovations.
- Only democracy in the Middle East.
- Closest ally of the U.S.
- Frontline in the War on Terrorism.
- Treated unjustly by the international community.

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Gen. 12:7, “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ ”

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Zech. 2:8, “For thus says the LORD of hosts: he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.”

**Psalm 87:2, “The LORD loves the gates
of Zion More than all the dwellings of
Jacob.”**

