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Ezra News keeps our partners and friends up-to-date with the latest news, information, and insights on what Ezra is doing around the world to rescue, return, and restore the Jewish people to their God-promised homeland of Israel. To send us your comments and questions, to update your mailing address, or to request Ezra News for a friend, please call 352.394.4673 or email us at ezrausa@aol.com.

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A WORD FROM ROY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

As this is my first time writing for Ezra News, let me say at the outset that I consider it an honor to be associated with some of God's finest servants this side of heaven. From the "fishermen" on the front lines in the Ukraine and South America to the office staff in Kiev and Odessa and to the principles at Head Office, your faith, your dedication and your professionalism have been an inspiration to me (and many others I am certain) that only eternity can adequately describe. God bless you and all you do in the Aliyah.

I enjoy being the bearer of good news. When I speak in churches bringing the message of Ezra's participation in the fulfillment of end-time prophecy, I lean heavily on the **“blessings”** that follow those who love, support and pray for the **“apple of God's eye.”** I refer to Israel as being one of God's **“windows,”** you know, the window that God refers to in 2 Kings, Ch. 7:2 and again in verse 19 or in Malachi when God promises to **“open the windows of heaven.”** You see, God has placed over 3,000 blessings/promises for believers throughout Scripture, but if we don't know about them, how can we claim them? So I encourage daily Scripture reading to this end. Most of these promises are **“conditional,”** where God states **“IF you do this, I WILL do that.”** Blessing Israel and the Jewish people falls under the **“IF you do this”** section, and **“opens”** another window that God can bless us through. When Scripture says that *“My people suffer for a lack of knowledge,”* I believe that one rendering of that verse can relate to the churches “lack of knowledge” regarding Israel and the Jewish people and the subsequent blessings they

lose. With that said, I am sad to report that most Christians know very little about the promises of God relating to His Chosen people. It is a sad fact that Western Christianity has lost the Judeo part of **“Judeo Christianity”** somewhere along the way, and in light of the times that we live in, the “church” at large needs to rediscover its Hebraic roots soon. I believe that every reader of this newsletter has a heart for God's special people and it behooves us all to inform and educate our friends and relatives as to the Gospel truth regarding Israel in God's end-time scenario.

I also strongly believe that those who love Israel, and are vocal about it, are soon to come under persecution for those beliefs. I experience a form of **“mild”** verbal persecution almost daily for being a supporter of Israel. I believe that persecution will increase exponentially. (If you think that the world hates the Jews now, wait until they pre-empt a strike on Iran and are blamed for causing a \$300 to \$400 per barrel spike in oil prices.) It is my prayer that we all stand strong and pray for God's hand of protection upon all those who love Israel so that our light may grow brighter as the days get darker. Join me in being a **“bearer of good news”** and share this newsletter with someone when you have finished reading it. ■

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