

Israel and the Church

Within a week and half the issue of starting to annex 30% of Judah and Samaria known as the west bank heated up, which is part of President Trump's peace plan.

The first article was from the Times of Israel stating that Germany's Foreign Minister was traveling to Israel to warn Netanyahu, Gantz, and Ashkenazi not to begin annexing the west bank, because it would have consequence on their relationship as well as the relationship with the U.E.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/tv-german-fm-to-make-urgent-visit-to-israel-to-warn-against-annexation/>

Netanyahu said determined to move ahead with annexing parts of West Bank and is working on high-resolution maps, despite threat of EU sanctions, ambivalence from US

The next article from the Times if Israel.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-gantz-ashkenazi-meet-us-envoy-to-discuss-annexation/>

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sat down Sunday with US Ambassador David Friedman, Defense Minister Benny Gantz, Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi, and Knesset Speaker Yariv Levin to discuss plans to unilaterally annex parts of the West Bank in accordance with the Trump administration's peace plan.

Then the Arab's warn against annexing the West Bank Time of Israel.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-first-ever-op-ed-for-israeli-paper-uae-diplomat-warns-against-annexation/>

The last article is from a Facebook post.

Jerusalem Post - Middle East

Turkey vows to mobilize 'Islamic ummah' against Israel's annexation

<https://www.facebook.com/100049518180555/posts/146157180378221/?d=n>

FM and head of Religious Affairs vow to struggle to take Jerusalem, accuse Israel of being responsible for war and dividing Muslim countries.

The one disappointing thing concerning all these articles is how the World Council of Churches are reacting.

How the nations are reacting to Israel and Jerusalem is not surprising the word of God tells in the latter day in the book of Zechariah.

[Zechariah 12:1-3 NKJV] 1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 "And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

The problem these Churches have is that they believe they have taken Israel's place. Scripture does not bear it out, in fact neither Jesus nor Paul believed that the Church was replacing Israel.

In the words of Jesus.

[Matthew 23:37-39 NKJV] 37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under [her] wings, but you were not willing! 38 "See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed [is] He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "

An interesting point have ever asked yourself why the resurrected Christ did not show Himself to the Leaders of the Nation of Israel?

Paul said in Romans 11:25.

[Romans 11:25-27 NKJV] 25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come

out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this [is] My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

[Romans 9:27-29 NKJV] 27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved. 28 For He will finish the work and cut [it] short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth." 29 And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah."

Last is God's word will never fail!!!

The prophet Zechariah prophesied some 500 year before the birth of Christ that Matthew 23:39 will be fulfilled.

[Zechariah 12:10-11 NKJV] 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for [his] only [son], and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.