

The Hope of Israel

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. As the attacks on Israel unfolded on October 7th, 2023 and the attacks on the Gaza strip followed, what has your reaction been? What has been the reaction of your immediate faith community?
2. What role has prophecy played in your understanding of the situation with Israel and Gaza? Have you made assumptions that could be questioned?
3. The good news that Jesus taught was that God wanted to change us too. He wants us all to be born from above, whether Israel, the Jewish people, the Romans, Samaritans, Palestinians, the whole world in fact. If we want the world to be different, we have to be different first. How can you be different? How can you be born from above?
4. Rather than seeking justice, we are called to practice justice by being right with God. What is the difference? What does this look like in your life?
5. If you've already got a story inside your head, it's very difficult to hear a new one. Is there a story you are missing?
6. The Author asks, what manner of persons ought we to be in holy conduct and Godliness in the reading of the scriptures, and the situation that confronts Israel today? Can we simply divide the world into light and dark along tribal and national lines?
7. What is your prayer for the people of Israel and Gaza?
8. If Jesus is the Hope of Israel, what role does land play?
9. What does it mean that "God so loved the world"? How do you model this?