

Israel and the Local Pastor

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Study Questions

1. Is the gospel today still “first for the Jew”?
2. In the author’s explanation of his love for Israel and the Jewish people, he offers personal, moral, political and biblical reasons. Which ones impact you the most? The least?
3. Why would Martin Luther, a giant of the Reformation, encourage such hatred and hostility towards the Jewish people? How is Luther a cautionary tale?
4. Is the historical mistreatment of the Jewish people by the Christian church, culminating in the Holocaust, the greatest hindrance to Jewish people believing in God? In Jesus?
5. Is radical Islam’s total commitment to destroy Israel and the Jews primarily a political or a religious motivation? Is Iran Israel’s greatest threat?
6. Do you agree or disagree with the author’s contention that the United Nations is virulently anti-Israel and anti-America?
7. Is America’s support for Israel eroding?
8. Why would Abba Eban, as brilliant as he was, contend that the mystery of the Jews and their future is unknowable?
9. How does our understanding of the last days impact our treatment of the Jews and our attitude toward Israel?
10. Why does the Jewish leadership and community have such an ambivalent attitude towards the evangelicals? How can understanding this inform and reform our witness?
11. How do we explain the Bible’s uncanny accuracy in explaining and prognosticating the mystery of the Jews and their future?
12. Is loving the Jewish people really a privilege and responsibility given to the world and the church by God? What are the personal and global implications?