

Israel

WHEREAS it appears from world events that the end of this dispensation of the Church Age is nearing its end; and

WHEREAS God promised to the seed of Abraham the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession (Gen. 12:1-7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:7, 8); and

WHEREAS the seed of Abraham included both Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, and Isaac, the father of the Jews, and both are claiming Canaan as their homeland; and

WHEREAS in Genesis 17:19 God limited the promise of the land to the seed of Isaac, saying to Abraham, "Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him"; and

WHEREAS the Bible promises the future conversion of the Israelites and Israel's subsequent possession of all of Canaan (Micah 7:19, 20; Rom. 11:1-27); and

WHEREAS we believe that the Jews today have a right to their own independent state, and that the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 was providential; and

WHEREAS we believe that the Arabs living in the State of Israel today should be treated with equity and justice;

BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the 53rd Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Seattle, Washington, June 25-29, 1984, assure the Jews of our friendship and our concern for them and the nation of Israel, and that we urge the State of Israel to be considerate of the civil rights of the Arabs within their borders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while we recognize the acts of the State of Israel to be those of a sovereign nation which cannot always be justified or approved, we denounce anti-Semitism as being immoral and contrary to the Christian faith.

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