

„He will place the sheep
on his right, but the goats
on the left.” (Matth. 25,33)

The „Global Prayer Call“(GPC) will continue!

By Harald Eckert (initiator and leader of the GPC)

Looking back at the *Global Prayer Call* – which consisted of 100 days of prayer and (partial) fasting for our nations and Israel between Jan. 27 and May 8, 2015 – immense gratefulness is the most common word to describe the feedback given from all sides and angles with regard to this united effort 70 years after the end of the Holocaust. Gratefulness for the freshness of revelation has been generally expressed, as well as gratefulness for the spirit of prayer and for the sense of unity, both in the leadership and amongst the intercessors. Up to 300 intercessors from over 30 nations and all five continents gathered in Krakow (Poland) at the first GPC-conference (Jan 25–29); up to 400 intercessors from over 35 nations of all 5 continents came to Jerusalem (Israel) for the second GPC-conference (May 10–13) and in between those dates (a period of roughly 100 days) Christians from around 60 nations all over the globe prayed for Israel and for the relationship of their own nation with Israel in order to be a blessing for Israel and not a curse (Gen. 12:3). Thanks be to the Lord!!!

The final message in Jerusalem

Amongst the leadership of the Jerusalem GPC-conference there was a strong sense that this new global prayer movement was meant to continue, though it was not yet clear in which shape or form. On the basis of this widely shed anticipation in Jerusalem I gave my final message. I have wrapped it up and adapted it a bit for the purpose of this article. Five criteria should in my opinion mark the future development of this movement:



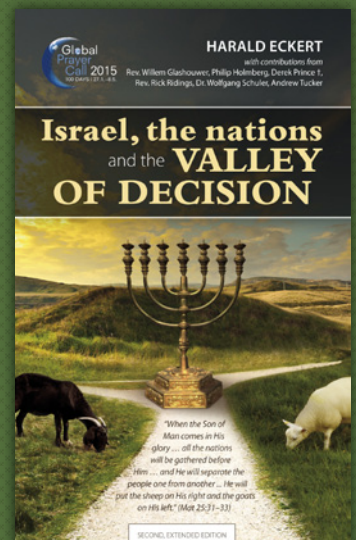
Harald Eckert at the Jerusalem GPC conference

1) Sensitivity for God's times and seasons.

The focus of this prayer conference was marked by the 70 year anniversary of the Holocaust in combination with the example which the prophet Daniel has set in Daniel, chapter 9 – an example of humility, repentance and faith in God's redemptive power and purposes according to scripture and prophecy (e.g. the prophecy of Jeremia to the exilants at the beginning of their exile). In combination with the amazing culmination of "signs in the heavens", the shmitah year and the mid-seventy (5775) indication in the Jewish calendar year many have felt that this period of 100 days has been a very special moment in God's divine and prophetic calendar. The flow of the Holy Spirit during those two conferences and the 100 days – as many testimonies have confirmed – gave witness to this perspective.

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From a historical point of view there is an obvious connection between the Holocaust and the rebirth of the state of Israel. And both have a prophetic message for the nations in the face of rising anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism on a global scale today. This implies that the prolongation of the GPC until May 2018 – 70 years after the rebirth of the state of Israel – would seem very natural.

In the three years in between 2015 and 2018, you have a number of other dates which seem to carry some kind of prophetic significance in light of biblical patterns of “*times and seasons*”: 40 years of one of the most devastating votes of the UN against Israel in November 2015 (Zionism = racism in Nov. 1975), 50 years of the reunification of Jerusalem in June 2017 (June 1967), 120 years of the first Zionist congress in August 2017 (August 1897), 100 years of the Balfour declaration in November 2017 (November 1917) and almost at the same time 70 years of the UN-vote in favor of the modern state of Israel in Nov. 29, 2017 (Nov. 29, 1947). More of such historically and prophetically important dates could be mentioned. Historic dates of national significance could be researched and added to the list. The common denominator all those future dates of commemoration have, is the potential for nations to turn towards them in a spirit of honor and respect, maybe even in a spirit of repentance towards Israel, or, alternatively, in a negative, more or less anti-Semitic spirit. This in turn is an opportunity as well as a challenge for the praying church worldwide to bless Israel and to pray for our nations and leaders that they would take those opportunities to honor Israel and the Jewish people.



David Ben-Gurion (First Prime Minister of Israel) publicly pronouncing the Declaration of the State of Israel

2) Cooperation between apostolic and prophetic leadership qualifications in the GPC

On the basis of the New Testament pattern for overall leadership in Eph. 4:11ff (“*five-fold ministry*” for the “*equipping of the saints*”) and the foundational need for cooperation between the apostolic and the prophetic callings according to Eph. 2:20 many of us in the leadership team in Jerusalem had a sense that the Lord and the Scriptures need to be sought in order to find out more about what this would mean for the GPC. I can confirm this sense with all of my heart.

3) Cooperation between all generations

In a similar sense I share a deep conviction that only by cooperation between the generations the full potential of the *Global Prayer Call* will be released. It needs the gifting and experiences of all three generations (post war / baby boomers / youth and young adult) coming together in a spirit of humility and servanthood to make the *Global Prayer Call* blossom and be fruitful to its fullness.

4) Growing into a Hebrew mindset and style of ministry

Many participants of the two conferences observed that there was a special freshness and an emphasis of the leaders and speakers of the GPC on the fact that prayerful intercession and intelligent action is flowing more and more together. This has been the testimony of *Ebenezer-International* for many years with regard to Aliyah. This is growingly the testimony of the “*European Coalition for Israel*” where most of

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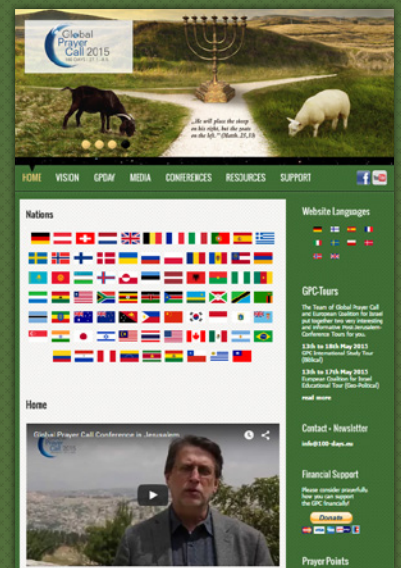
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the leaders come out from the intercessory movements of the 1980s and 1990s but have been used more and more by the Lord in very concrete projects of diplomatic action. And this has been true for *"Christians for Israel"* time and again with regard to different expressions of public grassroots solidarity for Israel. For many leaders in Africa and Asia this is quite natural – but for us in the West, where we tend much more toward a "Greek" mindset of separation between the "spiritual" and the "mundane", most of the time a significant learning curve is necessary. If we however consider some Jewish leaders in the bible like Moses, Joseph, Daniel and Esther and in a similar way Jesus and Paul, prayer (and fasting) for national topics and leaders as well as speaking to them face to face, have always been two sides of the same medal. These and other biblical role models therefore hold a lot of lessons to be learned and much inspiration for us.

5) Growing into a balance between a priestly and a prophetic heart attitude

In the bible as well as in our current experience there is a continual challenge to find the right balance between a "priestly" and a "prophetic" attitude towards others, including our own nation. The "priestly" attitude representing God's love and compassion towards a sinful world which he wants to heal and redeem. The "prophetic" attitude being the one representing God's holiness, His rightful anger and His willingness to judge and destroy after endless patience as a final, necessary act. In some of our circles, we sometimes get so frustrated with our own nation, with the UN, the EU or whoever – often understandably so – that we are in danger of praying out of anger and frustration. On the other hand, many Christians tend to ignore or downplay the holiness of God and biblical prophecy including the book of Revelation in the NT which has a very clear message of final judgement and destruction before the coming of the King and His Kingdom. Also the message of the *"Valley of Decision"* carries both elements, including the element of judgement. But by means of balancing this tendency towards judgement in some of our circles I want to encourage us to seek the Lord and His word more seriously regarding His redemptive purposes and promises for our nations. For me the end of Romans 11 always has been a great help and powerful inspiration towards this end – reading about God's compassion as the final driving force in His heart concerning Jews and Gentiles and with regard to the final climax of history.

I trust that this (somewhat adapted) final message of the GPC-conference in Jerusalem lays a first foundation and serves as a framework of orientation for the further development of the Global Prayer Call.

Genesis 12:3

Having said all this, I want to bring us back to the most inner DNA of the GPC: To pray and to encourage other Christians to pray a) for Israel and b) for our nations remaining or becoming a blessing for Israel in the end times. God loves Israel. At the same time He loves each and every nation as He does each and every person and does not want that judgement has the final word. May His grace and compassion have the final word! May His redemptive power and purposes have the final say! And as we are used to pray for the lost ones to meet their Savior let us pray for our nations as they move toward the final *"Valley of Decision"* (Joel 4) – that they may stay and/or become "Sheep Nations" and not "Goat Nations" (Math. 25:31ff).