PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Who is the King? Matthew 6:9-10

Do you hate Jesus?

- Have you ever hated Him?
- Do you know anyone who hates Him?

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Matthew 6:10,

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Who is King of God's kingdom?

- The Lord Jesus Christ!
- King of kings & Lord of lords!
- The Only begotten Son of God!
- The Only Savior of mankind!
- The Author, Giver & Sustainer of Life!

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John 14:6, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

What does it mean to not honor His as King?

*Matthew 12:30, "*Anyone who is not with Me is against Me, and anyone who does not gather with Me scatters." (*Matthew 10:34-37*)

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"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Where is that more significant than anywhere on earth?

What is happening in Israel, and why?

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This war is between Ishmael & Isaac

It is about what did God promise Abraham?

- Who inherits the promise
- Who gets the land
- Whose descendants will rule the world?

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Genesis 12:1-3,

Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:9-20,

There is a famine and Abram goes to Egypt

- Lies to Pharaoh about his wife
- Pharoah gives him treasure & slaves
- God plagues Pharaoh
- Pharaoh learns she is his wife & kicks him out
- Abe & Lot have strife & part company

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Where is that land?

Genesis 13:14-17, And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever... Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

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Remember the blessing & cursing promise

Romans 11:25-29, 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... For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Well... Abe's wife was impatient with no child

- She gave him her Egyptian slave to have a child
- Genesis 16:1-16 (Very bad idea)

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Vs. 11-12, And the Angel of the LORD (Pre-incarnate Son of God) said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction. He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him.

And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

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Genesis 17:1-8, God reaffirms His promises to Abe

Chapters 18-20, Abraham & Sarah get tested

- God reaffirms His promises again
- Lots of sin & bad stuff happens (No pun intended)

- Ishmael is 16 years old
- He & his mother are jealous of Isaac (Big surprise!)
- God tells Abe to honor Sarah's call to send them away
- God looks after them

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The jealousy & conflict between Ishmael & Isaac remains to this day

- As was prophesied, Genesis 16:12
- He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him.

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What is this about?

- Who inherits the promise
- Who gets **the land**
- Who will rule the world?

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The land some call Palestine was historically known as Canaan

- It became Israel when Joshua led Abraham's descendants in
- It became known as Palestine under Alexander the Great
- Roman rule retained that name for the area
- The people of Israel were dispersed by Titus in A.D. 70

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Various invaders occupied the land until the end of **WWI**

- When Great Britain was given ruling authority

Survivors of the Holocaust returned to the land *after WWII*

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Israel has been a nation among nations since 1948

- When President Harry Truman recognized them as a nation

There has never been a nation of Palestine

- There are several nations of Ishmael's descendants
- The only historic identity of Palestine is as a conquered territory

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The current Palestinian goal is to exterminate Israel

- And claim the inheritance of Abraham
- Denying the **Only King** & **Ruler** of Israel & the world
- The Lord Jesus Christ!
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Those who support the cause against Israel oppose the Christ!

- Calling it anything else doesn't change anything

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Do we want them to stop killing each other?

- CERTAINLY!
- Pray for the peace of Israel

But the land will only know true peace ...

- When the Prince of Peace returns

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Acts 1:8, Above all... remember to be people of peace where you live.

 Peace resides with people unwilling to pick up weapons.