



Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for Aug 29, 2021

Acts Ch 9 – The conversion of Saul

Calendar moving forward

- *Aug 29, 2021, Acts Ch 9 A–*
 - *Zoom lesson as well, for remainder of 2021*
- *Sept 5, 2021, Acts Ch 9 B*
- *Each week following... we will average a chapter a week until we finish the book of Acts*
- *I will be recording and placing slides on the website for those who can't make it each week I teach. When we Zoom classes, a video , audio, and slides will be placed on the website.*

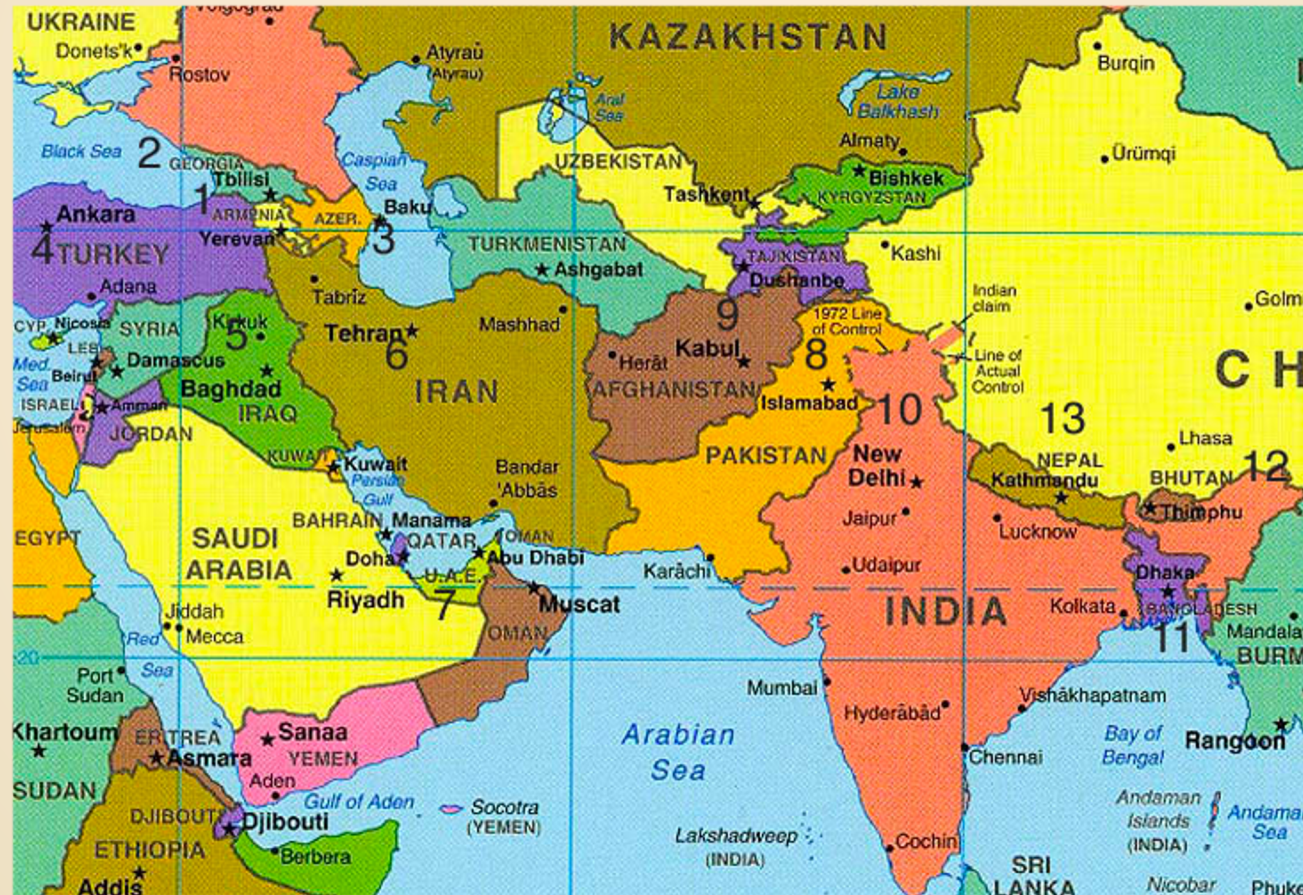
Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- ✓ **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- ✓ **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

A few comments before we begin...ICYMI

- Afghanistan
- US Foreign Policy implications related to prophecy



AFGHANISTAN RELATED TO PROPHECY

- Afghanistan was historically part of old Persia, as were parts of modern Pakistan, and Iraq. Many tribal connections and loyalties
- With the US pulling out, the Islamic Caliphate filled the vacuum and is allied tightly with Pakistan and China and Russia.
- Iraq is already under domination of Iran
- ***So...what is the big deal?***
- Let's talk about America's role and position in the world as the lone superpower with currency and military dominance
 - It takes a big hit. Our allies cannot trust us, and our enemies do not fear us
 - Gives license for China to smother Hong Kong and acquire Taiwan. Where do we position our navy and power? We are effectively out of the M.E.
 - What checks China's entrance into Iraq/Iran/Afghanistan? Russia encroaching as well. Syria, Turkey, Libya, Iraq, Iran
 - What about Israel and their security? Does America have their back?

We know in prophecy the US is not a factor

US Foreign policy implications

- We are fast losing ground to China in the global race. China is moving with Russia into Afghanistan to fund projects and control mineral rights
- China and Russia both now have land bridges to the Middle East
- Russia and Turkey are plotting now, a takeover of Libya (PUT)
- Digital currency and One world Government just got a big boost. The Reset planned by the Globalists is close...Covid, Delta
- Russia and China have/will replace the US as the partner for the Middle East countries that form the **Gog/ Magog** Alliance
- We may be worried about the chaos left in Afghanistan when we pull out...*and we should be...but there are wider and deeper things that follow*

MAP DISCUSSION

Hardline Islamic Countries

1. Iran
2. Syria
3. Iraq
4. Afghanistan
5. Pakistan
6. Turkey
7. Sudan
8. All the "Stans"
9. Coming – Libya (ancient Put)



EZEKIEL 38&39

GOG / MAGOG WAR

Gog – leader of group

Rosh – Russia

Magog – Islamic Alliance

Persia – Iran and parts of
Afghanistan and Iraq

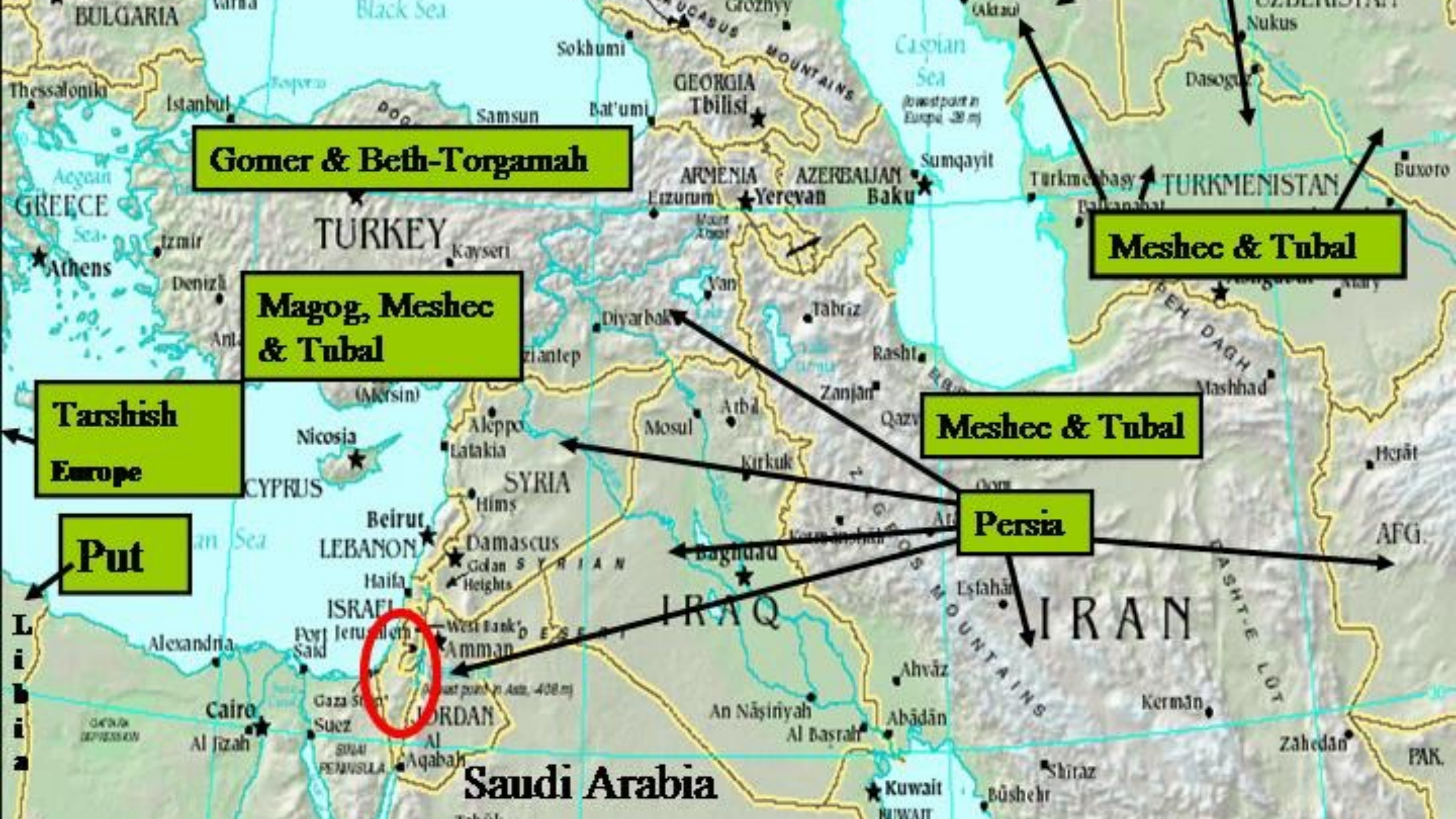
Togarmah, Meshec, Tubal – Turkey

Libya, Tunisia, Algeria – Put

Cush – Sudan/ Ethiopia –part

Then there is tiny Israel





Gomer & Beth-Torgamah

Meshec & Tubal

**Magog, Meshec
& Tubal**

**Tarshish
Europe**

Put

Meshec & Tubal

Persia

Saudi Arabia

Invasion Paths

These paths have been known for years as they are part of prophecy, BUT now the alliances and dependencies are being built DUE TO THE VACUUM left by the US and changing policies.

It is all part of God's unchangeable plan.

Direct Land bridges from Russia, Iran, China, and other players.

Note: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and other Abraham accord players are NOT in the mix. Neither is the US



What is the takeaway?

- Subject far too big to cover quickly
- Just understand...the chess pieces that need to be in place, are coming together, *AND the ones that need to be removed are being removed*
- Israel is becoming more isolated with fewer “friends”
- Iran is months away from nuclear bomb
- Pakistan, Russia, China, India, and Iran all will have nuclear weapons, *AS DOES ISRAEL*
- *WATCH ISRAEL...what will they do?*

Let's get back to Acts Chapter 9

- We have seen Stephen Stoned and are introduced to Saul who arrives from seemingly out of nowhere.
- We have looked at the spread of the Gospel to Samaria, and Judea, and through the Ethiopian eunuch to Ethiopia
- This spread was directly due to the persecution of the church after Stephen's death.
- We have seen cultural and racial boundaries crossed by the believers to spread the Gospel.
- We have seen the demon of persecution released after Stephen's death and will now look at it's main focus

Acts Ch 9:1-2 Saul's Trip to Damascus

9 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

² and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts Ch 9:3-6. *An unexpected event...*

³ *As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and **suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him**;*

⁴ *and he fell to the ground and **heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”***

⁵ *And he said, **“Who are You, Lord?”** And He said, **“I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,***

⁶ ***but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”***

Acts Ch 9:7-9

*⁷ The men who traveled with him **stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.***

*⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, **he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.***

*⁹ And he was **three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.***

Acts Ch 9:10-14 What is next?

*¹⁰ Now there was a **disciple** at Damascus named **Ananias**; and the Lord said to him **in a vision**, “**Ananias.**” And he said, “**Here I am, Lord.**”*

*¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “**Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,***

***¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.**”*

*¹³ But Ananias answered, “**Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;***

***¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.**”*

Acts Ch 9:15-19 Ananias Faith/Obedience/Forgiveness

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “**Go**, for he is a **chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name before the **Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel**;

¹⁶ **for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”**

¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;

¹⁹ and he took food and was strengthened.

Acts Ch 9:20-22 Saul Preaches Christ

*Now for several days he was **with the disciples who were at Damascus,***

*²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, **“He is the Son of God.”***

*²¹ All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, **“Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”***

²² But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

Acts Ch 9:23-25

²³ When **many days had elapsed, the **Jews plotted together to do away with him,*****

²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;

²⁵ but his disciples took him by night and let him down through **an opening in the wall, lowering him in a large basket.**

*** Detour to the book of Galatians Ch 1**

Gal 1:15-19 Arabian wilderness to be with God

15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased

16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to **Arabia** and returned once more to Damascus.

18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with **Cephas** and stayed with him fifteen days.

19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Now back to Acts Ch 9

Acts Ch 9:23-25

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- For 3 years Saul went to Arabia to be alone with God/Jesus
- The first of many “escapes” for Paul

Acts Ch 9:26

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

We will stop here and pick up next week at 9:27 and finish the chapter

Before next week

- *Pray for*
 - *Our country and its leaders*
 - *Our state and its leaders*
 - *Our Church and its leaders and Pastors – 25th Anniversary*
 - *Sign up for the Prayer and Fasting time on the church website (Sept)*
 - ***Our brothers and sisters worldwide that are persecuted***
 - ***Situation in Afghanistan – Christians, Westerners, Women and Girls***
 - ***Our own opportunities to talk with our family and friends***
- *Israel in this ever more hostile world*
- *Finally, pray for those in our church family who are sick, and contemplating surgery, or just recovering from grief*