

God has placed into the hands of Aglow women world-wide a mandate to the land and people of Israel. A mandate is not a mere suggestion but an authoritative command or instruction. Therefore Aglow takes seriously this mandate from God concerning Israel.

#### **AGLOW'S MANDATE TO ISRAEL**

***To comfort, encourage, and stand with the Jewish people; to honour them as the elder brothers and sisters. To promote understanding and relationship with the Jewish people and to re-establish bonds of love, humility, service, and self sacrifice toward them.***

God has been preparing Aglow for this call for many years .....NOW is the time. Aglow has received several prophetic words that the ministry was called "for such a time as this." As early as 1992, a word came likening Aglow to Esther, an ordinary Jewish girl who risked all to stand in the gap for her people, the Jews. The plot to annihilate the Jews had come through Haman, an officer of the court, and would have succeeded in destroying the race had Esther not been obedient to the call of God to risk her life and go before the king. Esther found favour in the king's sight and he extended his sceptre of authority to her. As a result her people were redeemed from destruction and the enemy's plan failed. ***Aglow has been called to stand in the gap for the people of Israel against the spirit of Haman, against the enemy's attempts to annihilate God's people ... a plan that has persisted through the years.***

In the year 2000, Jane Hansen led a group of 450 women and men into Israel to stand with the people and pray for the land. A word came prior to the trip that stated, in essence, the same spirit of annihilation that functioned through Haman was today seeking once again to annihilate the Jewish people.

Aglow went to Israel knowing God had sent us in the spirit of Esther to stand against the spirit of Haman. **God has called forth an entire ministry of Esthers "for such a time as this" to stand against the spirit of Haman.**

God's timing for this first pilgrimage into the land could not have been more significant. Israel was in turmoil and tourism was screeching to a halt but Aglow travelled the land praying and proclaiming God's prophetic purposes for Israel while expressing love and support for the Jewish people. Running concurrently with the Aglow tour in Israel were the peace talks being held in Camp David. During these peace talks, a statement was issued by Rabbi Chaim Richman of the Temple Institute in Jerusalem. His language calls to mind the continuing onslaught of the enemy to destroy the Jews: *Even at this writing, the mad spectacle of the Camp David "peace talks" continues. The very survival of the Jewish people is at stake ....* God needed a prophetic people for a prophetic purpose at this specific time and place! Aglow has been "called for such a time as this!"

As Aglow continues to journey into Israel God is imparting into our hearts a love and understanding of His people and land that only comes from being there. God has called Aglow to stand with and support the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, honouring them as our elder brothers and sisters, the root from which we were taken (Romans 11:18), and to expose the Haman spirit which seeks to destroy the Jewish people, currently through anti-Semitism, Replacement Theology and Islamic fundamentalism. Make Israel a priority in your prayer life. Educate yourself about the key role Israel holds in His purposes and stand with Israel – God's chosen people, the one He calls *the apple of His eye* (Deuteronomy 32:10). We have His mandate, so He will supply all that is needed personally and corporately to fulfil it.