

Israel holds ceremony for Ethiopian immigrants

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Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert attended a ceremony yesterday, commemorating the lives of over 4000 [Ethiopian](#) [Jews](#) who died making Aliyah to Israel. Ethiopian Jews began their exodus in 1983, when they began to move towards the Sudanese border in secret. In November 1984, around 8000 Ethiopians were airlifted to Israel in operation Moses. This was followed by Operation Solomon in 1991, when 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel within the space of three days. Many of them didn't make it, and became victims of hunger, disease, murder and rape.

Quote: *"The monument we are dedicating today symbolizes the victory of the Jewish spirit," said Minister Boim, "This is a symbol of the State of Israel's recognition of its sons and daughters that paid with their lives to immigrate to Israel, a symbol of the unbreakable link between the holy land and the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora."*

But there are many Jews remaining in [Ethiopia](#) , and [other countries](#) , that are still longing to make Aliyah to Israel. Many people often have an attachment to the land of their birth, but these people that have never seen the land of Israel, yet know in their spirits that this is where they belong. This is none other than a modern miracle. The fact that a land exists in the world today called Israel, and that hundreds of thousands of people are desiring to return despite the hardships that involves. The Bible prophesied that God would one day bring His people back to the land of Israel. Likewise, Christians are also longing for their home, heaven. One day the biggest exodus in the history of the world will take place. Hundreds of millions of Christians will make a journey of millions of light years in a very short space of time, led not by Moses nor Joshua, but by Jesus Christ Himself.

Zephaniah 3:10

From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, [even] the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

Isaiah 43:3-6

For I [am] the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt [for] thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I

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have loved thee: therefore
thy life. Fear not: for I [am] with
east, and gather thee from the west; I
up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my
my daughters from the ends of the earth;

will I give men for thee, and people for
thee: I will bring thy seed from the
will say to the north, Give
sons from far, and

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