

# **GOD MY PROTECTION**

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS OUR PROTECTION?

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (Easy to Read Version) But the Lord is faithful. He will give you strength and protect you from the Evil One.

#### Deuteronomy 31:6

6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Remember, Jewish tradition tells us that King David carried a shield that was shaped like a Six-pointed star. He may have even carved the titles of God upon that shield. It sounds like something he would have done.

He believed that God was his shield.



Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Genesis 15:1 (kjv) But thou, 0 LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." Psalm 3:3 (kjv)

Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust."

#### Psalm 144:1-2 (kjv)

That shield of David that has been placed upon the Flag of Israel teaches us four things: The Magen David at its center, represents first of all the Shema, the central truth of Judaism, that God is One

Hear, O Israel: [b]The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deut 6:4-5

### SECONDLY, IT STANDS FOR THE HOLY NAME OF THAT ONE GOD

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is [g]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name [h]Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife ... and he called His name Jesus. Matthew 1:20-24

Parents: Talk to your kids about how roming of the Messiah and how/why we celebrate Christmas.

Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.