

## I Used to Hate the Jews

Dear xxxxx,

I have always said, **“If you want to help the Jews, share the Gospel with Muslims.”** Muslims who become Christians are transformed from being haters of Jews to people who love and pray for them. So I can say that **one important aspect of Iran Alive’s mission is to turn the enemies of Israel into its friends.**

What God is doing in Iran is so deep and wide that it is not surprising that He is calling some of the Iranian Muslim-background believers to go as missionaries into Israel and share the Gospel with the Jews. Amir is such a one. Jesus changed this enlisted suicide bomber, who was willing to give his life to kill the Jews, into an enlisted missionary who is willing to give his life to save them. Here is his story:



*In the early 1980s, when I was 15 years old, I was such a radical Muslim that I volunteered to join Iran’s Revolutionary Guard as a Basiji (unpaid volunteer). I signed up to study Islamic theology, and they taught me to hate the Jews and Israel. After graduation, I joined the special unit commissioned to carry out suicidal missions against Israel. I signed up because I hated Israel and because I believed that if I died in such mission, I would go directly to heaven.*

*Shortly after enlisting, a friend invited me to church and gave me a Bible. When I read about God’s love and plan for Israel, I got so mad that I stopped reading and discontinued my relationship with my friend.*

*Thirty years passed. Three years ago, I suffered a severe stroke and had an out-of-body experience. I saw myself dead with my family gathered around me mourning. Then I found myself in the fiery hell along with many of Islamic religious leaders that I knew. They told me, “Our way was wrong,” and they pointed upward and said, “His way is right, and He is the Savior.” I looked up and saw many angels surrounding a person, calling him “Messiah” and singing, “Holy, holy, holy.” I flew towards Him. He hugged me and said, “I want you to go back.” Suddenly I found myself awake in a hospital. They told me that I had been in coma for 48 days and that they were about to disconnect my life support system. They had even bought and prepared my burial place. A pastor visited me the next day, and I prayed with him. I believed in Jesus.*

*After that, I started watching your TV programs. Through your teachings, God changed my heart of stone to a heart of flesh. **With your help, not only was I freed from my hatred of the Jews, but I felt God was calling me to dedicate my life to pray for Israel and share the Gospel with the Jews.***

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*Now I want to go to Israel not for a suicide mission but to share God's love with them. I am so happy that the Lord has chosen me to go and find his lost children of Israel and tell them, "Oh Israel, you do not need modern weapons to defend yourself from terrorism and jihadists. Just ask Messiah, and He will turn the hearts of your enemies like me to become your friends." I used to have a mission to bring death to Israel; now I have a mission to bring life.*

### **Bringing the Jews to Jealousy**

A few months ago, I had dinner with my good friend Joel Rosenberg, a multiple *New York Times* best-selling author. As I shared what God was doing among Muslims in Iran, he shared his feelings honestly with me: "I am jealous of what God is doing in Iran. I pray that someday soon the same will happen among the Jews, and millions of Israeli Jews will turn to Christ as Iranian Muslims are doing now."

His words reminded us both of Romans 11:11, where it is prophesied that someday the Christian Gentiles will bring the Jews to jealousy, and I realized that this was happening even now. Iran is the first Muslim country fulfilling Romans 11:11 in bringing the Jews to jealousy. Someday soon, when the Jews see that the nation of Iran—people who chanted "Death to Israel!" in the streets and who wanted to "wipe Israel off the map"—have become their friends, and when the Jews see that Iranians sincerely love, value, and have goodwill towards them because of Jesus, they will wake up to the fact that Jesus truly changes lives—and even nations. They will then take a fresh look at their Messiah.

My friends, you have the ability to change the hearts and minds of those in your churches and communities regarding Iran and Israel. **Do you want to help Israel? Then help Iran!** Do you wish to promote peace? Then help us transform suicide bombers filled with hatred into peace-makers. Your generous gifts build God's Kingdom throughout the entire Middle East and hasten the return of our Savior to His throne. We are so grateful for those who have come alongside us to partner with us in this bold endeavor.

Would you ask God to reveal to you His heart for Iran and then direct your prayers and your treasure to ensuring the fulfillment of His Romans 11:11 plan in this generation? And would you ask at least three friends to do the same? I thank you in advance for your faithfulness.



Yours for salvation of Iran and Israel,

Handwritten signature of Hormoz Shariat in blue ink.

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