



# *Israel* *The success story.*



**An insight into the thriving  
Country.**

# WHY ISRAEL?

Israel is considered to be one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world. Many of the global leading technology companies like IBM, Motorola, Intel, Microsoft, Cisco, HP, Applied Materials and many more, have established R&D centers in the country. What makes Israel such an attractive place for the global technology companies?

## Highly educated workforce

135 professionals with engineering degrees per 10,000 population; 24% of the workforce holds university degrees; Israel has world class universities and research institutions - the Technion, Weizman Institute, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ben Gurion University and many more.

Israel Defence Force - Highly trained graduates of the Israel Defence Force as well as the defence industries have spearheaded the high-tech boom; adapting cutting edge defence technologies to civilian applications.

## Immigration

During the early 90s, Israel enjoyed a major influx of immigration of close to one million people from the former Soviet Union, increasing the overall population by 20%. Nearly 40% of these immigrants hold academic degrees, many of whom are scientists, engineers and specialised technicians.

## Economy

Israel has a stable and mature economy with an annual inflation rate of about 2%, a growth rate of 4%, \$19K GDP per capita, and a modern infrastructure suitable for technological developments.

## Ongoing Government Support

Recognising the importance of the technology sector to the economic growth and welfare of the country, the Israeli Government has, over the years, established many incentives to encourage and support investment in technology-oriented companies and projects. These included tax relief, Government grants (through the Office of the Chief Scientist), the establishment of technological incubators, the Yozma Program and others.

The Israeli Culture enjoys many of the traits that contribute to a successful “venture capital community”

- Entrepreneurial spirit Informal yet multi-faceted cultural values
  - Intimate social networking
- Easy access to the highest levels of decision makers
  - Close geographic proximity within the country
  - Risk-taking is widespread

- Extensive international academic and business ties
  - Modern business climate and values
  - Israeli Computer Technology & the World
- Israeli-developed technology has acquired a leading position globally and is intrinsic to many of the applications used daily by millions such as:
  - PC-Pentium developed by Intel Israel
  - Enterprise network security - Checkpoint
- Chips developed for cell phones and cordless phones by DSP Group
  - World leader in generic drugs - Teva
- Advanced voice mail systems, based on Comverse's technology
- Billing systems for telephone companies designed by Amdocs
  - Establishment of call centers by Nice and Verint
  - Pioneering instant messaging - ICQ
  - Flash data storage - M-Systems
- Medical devices and biotech (Given Imaging, Medinol, Proneuron)
  - Internet telephony, VOIP by Audiocodes and Vocaltec

### Consider this

The global Islamic population is approximately 1,200,000,000 or 20% of the world's population. To year 2000, they have received the following Nobel Prizes:

Literature: 1 Peace 4 Economics: 0 Physics: 0 Medicine: 2  
TOTAL: 7

The global Jewish population is approximately 14,000,000 - or about 0.02% of the world's population. To year 2000, they have received the following Nobel Prizes:

Literature: 10 Peace: 8 Physics: 53 Economics: 13 Medicine: 43  
TOTAL: 129

### The reason for Israel's success story

Is it because Jews are better than anyone else? Or have they accumulated knowledge, wealth and power using wicked means? The Nazis accused them of being responsible for a global conspiracy and sought to destroy them. They weren't the first and they will not be the last. Today these ideas are still being presented using the booklet "The protocols of the Elders of Zion?" which is heavily promoted in the Arab world.

Threats are still being made to "wipe Israel off the map."

### The Bible – The Source of Blessing

The Bible teaches that Abraham was blessed by God because he believed in Him. Furthermore, all those who blessed Abraham would themselves be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3. Abraham's blessing was in the form of a land in which to live and descendants who would come after him. His natural descendant Ishmael was indeed blessed (Genesis 16:10), but it would be through the miracle of Isaac that God's on-going blessing would come to the world.

## Israel - Chosen for Purpose

When Israel was delivered from Egypt, it was to be a Holy Nation set apart to God.

But why was this and what had they done to deserve it? Answer – nothing! Deuteronomy 7:6 tells us that they were not chosen for their numerical or natural superiority, but by the grace and mercy of God in order to show the world that there was a God in Heaven who created and cares for all men.

Ezekiel 16:14 puts it this way, “And your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty: for it was perfect through My splendour, which I had bestowed upon you, says the Lord GOD.”

So Israel was chosen by God and equipped with Laws to show the world that if people are obedient to His will and ways they will be blessed, but if they refuse and rebel they will be cursed. Israel’s own experience throughout history shows this to be the case.

God is faithful. He does what He says He will do. He promised to restore Israel to the land and (in our day), He has done this despite the opposition of the nations and the reluctance and unbelief of the Jewish people. (Ezekiel 36:23-36) He has done it not because Israel is perfect, but for the honour of His own Name.

So today, Israel lives and is a success because there is a God in heaven who cares and loves not only His people Israel, but all who put their trust in Him.

Please read Ephesians 2:19-22 & Romans 9-11

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