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JERUSALEM (AP) — Led by American evangelist Pat Robertson, thousands of Christian pilgrims gathered in the Holy Land on Sunday to express support for Israel.

The solidarity mission arrived as Israel launched an offensive in the Gaza Strip to stop rocket attacks on southern Israel. More than 50 Palestinians and five Israelis have been killed in the fighting.

The tourists, many from the United States, said they were not frightened by the violence but only hoped to boost Israeli morale during their visit.

In two Jerusalem appearances, Robertson praised Israel as part of God's plan and criticized Arab countries, saying their hopes to include Israeli-controlled land in a Palestinian state are part of "Satan's plan."

Robertson also offered a hint of rebuke for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying only God could decide on transfers of biblical land.