

LEVITT LETTER

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.” – Romans 10:1

This is part three of Dr. McCall’s study of Armageddon. Sharp-eyed readers will notice that we accidentally published part four last month. Sorry for the slip-up. We’ll try to be more careful.



ZOLA LEVITT

Armageddon

(PART 3)

THE MANY THEATERS OF THE WAR (CONT.)

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

(the beautiful Land) and will replenish his war chest by raiding Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (Daniel 11:43). Three

In the previous articles, we have considered the meaning of the term Armageddon, why Satan and the anti-christ perpetrate this horrendous final war; and the fact that it involves not only the Valley of Megiddo, but at least five other locations, or theaters, around the Middle East. The first two theaters are Syria and Egypt. The kings of these two countries revolt against the universal power of the antichrist. Daniel 11 does not state precisely where the armies of Syria and Egypt first clash with the army of the anti-christ, but it is clear that the army of the antichrist prevails against them, and “will enter countries, overflow them, and pass through” (Daniel 11:40b).



areas that will escape the antichrist’s wrath at this point are Edom, Moab and Ammon, which constitute the present nation of the Kingdom of Jordan. It is not explained why this area is left alone, but it may well be because these people are not revolting against the world dictator at that time. Before we move on to the other battle zones of Armageddon, we need to consider further how the whole land of Israel is subjugated under the heel of the antichrist and, as the steam of Armageddon heats up, Israel becomes the focal point of the satanic fury of the ultimate war.

SUBJUGATION OF ISRAEL (CONT.)

Going back to the beginning of the Tribulation, we see that the antichrist entered into an agreement with Israel:

Daniel 9:27
27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a

In the process of this conflict with Syria and Egypt (and perhaps other unnamed countries), the antichrist will dominate the country of Israel

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stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.

We are not told the content of this covenant, but it is probably through this agreement that the territorial integrity of Israel is guaranteed and the Temple is rebuilt in Jerusalem. Relations between the two parties rapidly deteriorate, however, and after 32 years the antichrist commits the damnable act of what both Daniel and Jesus call the “abomination of desolation:”

Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24:15-16
15 Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

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Paul describes this same event in further detail:

2 Thessalonians 2:3b-4

...The man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.¹

This damnable act by the “man of lawlessness” in the holy sanctuary of the Temple in Jerusalem is a critical moment in prophecy. This is probably the one act the antichrist does that causes the Jewish people to make a wholesale defection from him. They may have gone along with him as a wonder worker of peace and prosperity at the beginning, some even thinking he was the Messiah. However, when he claims to be god, this is more than the Jews can stand, and they revolt against him almost to a man. If you are interested in learning more about the Abomination of Desolation, you might want to read the book Zola and I wrote on the subject, *Satan in the Sanctuary*. Jesus warns the Jews, especially the believing Jews, to flee from Jerusalem into the wilderness. Many Israelites

do flee from the wrath of the Serpent (Satan, represented by the antichrist) as described in Revelation:

Revelation 12:14

14 And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.¹



In our next article, we will endeavor to identify the place in the wilderness to which Israel flees to escape the

satanic persecution. It is not clear where in the wilderness the woman, representing Israel, flees. However, many scholars, including Walvoord and Zuck, suggest that the location is none other than the ancient hidden city of Petra:

This hiding place was not clearly identified. Some suggest that it might be Petra, fortress capital of the Nabateans in Edom, south of the Dead Sea. This city has a narrow access which could easily be blocked but which opens up into a large canyon capable of carrying for many thousands of people.¹

Those of you who have taken the Grand Tour with Zola that goes into the Kingdom of Jordan and down to Petra know what a remarkable place it is. One can well imagine that it could serve as a haven for the Jewish people fleeing from the wrath of the antichrist. When we get to one of the latter stages of Armageddon in Edom in a later article, we will see why many Biblical scholars believe that Petra might well be the place of refuge.



1. Walvoord, John F. and Zuck, Roy B., *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, (Wheaton, Illinois: Scripture Press Publications, Inc.) 1983, 1985.

HEBREW LESSON

וְחַג שָׁבֻעַת תַּעֲשֶׂה לָּךְ בְּכוּרֵי קִצִּיר חִטִּים

And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest (Ex 34:22a)

וְ	חַג	שָׁבֻעַת	תַּעֲשֶׂה	לָּךְ	בְּכוּרֵי	קִצִּיר	חִטִּים
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cha	l'	séh	ah	tah	oht	voo	shah
for you		(you) celebrate!			Weeks		and Feast (of)

חִטִּים	תַּעֲשֶׂה	קִצִּיר	בְּכוּרֵי
(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)
teem	chee	tsir	k'
wheats	harvest (of)	firstfruits (of)	

Hebraic Insight

Shavuot, or Pentecost, is one of the three solemn festivals of the LORD, which concludes the period of seven weeks of counting days beginning with Passover. Jewish tradition maintains that the Torah was given to the children of Israel on this date and asks Jews to recommit their lives to the covenant of Moses. The counting, however, should begin from First Fruits (see Lev. 23:15), but that festival representing the Resurrection was evidently eliminated in the first century. This explains why the Jewish and Christian observances fall on different days.

Many of you have asked why the seminaries have undertaken to teach a mistaken doctrine. Zola answers those queries below.

Why Progressive Dispensationalism?

by Zola Levitt

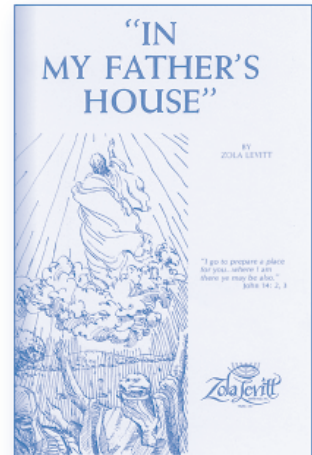


1. It broadens the doctrine of a given seminary so that more students will enroll. Since a majority of American students come out of churches which virtually never mention Israel or prophecy, the students will ultimately feel more comfortable with teaching that promotes the same errors. Once the seminaries get hooked on broadened doctrine as a key to increased enrollment, the doctrine will continue to take in more and more erroneous positions until the seminary is almost worthless as a Bible-teaching institution.
2. It avoids the complexities of End Times prophecies and spares its adherents from taking a position such as on the Rapture or the obvious prominence of Israel in the world today.
3. It avoids the inconvenience of having to love the Jews, regard them as the Chosen People, or care about their homeland, Israel.
4. It provides for a corps of "young Turks," bright professors with a thirst for saying new and radical philosophies about Scripture. Their students, like the Greeks whom Paul confronted in Athens, hunger to "hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21; 2 Tim. 4:3-5).
5. It's the sort of doctrine that can be excused as being merely a new offshoot of an old and trusted Scriptural idea. But "Progressive Dispensationalism"—meaningless words—could well be called "Kingdom Now" or "Millennial Acceleration" or some other such name reflecting its error of placing a crucial Kingdom event in this age. By playing off the term "dispensation," the purveyors of the new doctrine hope to slip it in as a natural Scriptural idea and not simply an error.
6. It has become politically correct to avoid mention of or respect for Israel since the oil boycotts of the '70s and the Palestinian problems of the '80s and '90s. We prefer a church of nothing but "our kind" and don't want to admit anyone too different from ourselves. Thus, doctrines which exclude Israel and the growing group of Jewish believers are easily accepted these days.



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Modern Day Archaeologist

For decades Israeli archaeologists have taught our tour groups, flashlight in hand. Though this photo is well-lit, it was taken in an actual dig, underground. You won't find anyone who loves his work more than those who get to put their hands on Biblical artifacts that haven't been touched since Christ's time and even thousands of years before that! He's holding, in his left hand, a treasure found by one of our June Kibbutz Tour passengers.

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Airing Updates

In our other July newsletter, we enclosed our national TV airing schedules. For updates, you can see our TV schedule at www.levitt.com. Hopefully you have memorized, for sharing with your friends, when Zola is on FAM and TBN. These networks reach just about everyone with cable. On FAM, please watch Zola on Friday mornings at 6:30 on both coasts or 5:30 CT and 4:30/7:30 MT. On TBN, you can see Zola on Sunday afternoons. 2:30 ET, 1:30 CT, 12:30 MT and 11:30 PT.

In Toledo, OH, WLMB-40 has begun broadcasting Zola on Sunday evenings at 10:30.

Link of the Month

For daily stories of Holy Land happenings, surf to www.israelwire.com. It's a good complement to the *Jerusalem Post* at www.jpost.com. You'll find many interesting updates and links.

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A Note From Zola

Dear Friends,

The death of Hafez al-Assad of Syria reduces by one the number of mass murderers still running Arab nations. Surviving are Saddam Hussein, Mu'ammarr al-Gadhafi of Libya, the Iranian priests, and of course, Nobel peace prize-winner Yasir Arafat.

When Assad murdered 20,000 of his own citizens and then paved over the city of Hama, one could have doubted his ability to die in bed. But Arab dictators maintain a strange reverence among the people they own. Saddam and Gadhafi somehow are loved. And Arafat, arguably out of his mind, lives a high life in plain sight of his poverty-stricken slaves and does all that he can to avoid peace with Israel — which would mean the end of his usefulness as a “revolutionary.”

Perhaps I should have just left it at the headline of Charles Krauthammer's recent article, “There Is No Reason to Regret the Passing of Hafez Assad.”

I don't want to take up too much space in this “Letters to Zola” issue, but suffice it to say that I'm very heartened by the audience response to the various subjects we are undertaking. Whether hurling epithets at the likes of Dr. Gerald Schroeder or Moody Bible Institute and Dallas Theological Seminary, or giving ideas on the situation in Israel, our people fairly throb with excitement and responsiveness. While all of our projects aren't necessarily pleasant ones, they're all done in the service

of our Lord, and in the most Biblical manner in which we know how. I appreciate your interest and your faithfulness and even your helpful criticisms.

In view of our receiving so many letters on Progressive Dispensationalism, we will begin to put the best of them in the upcoming book, *Battles with Seminaries*, and it should make for some very interesting reading. If it helps combat the lack of interest in Israel and prophecy that has gotten hold of our major seminaries, then it will have done its appointed work.



Moody, Dallas, and the others are very quiet when it comes to our complaints, but I can believe that at least elements of the faculty at each school are beginning to ask some very pointed questions. The major question would be, “Is it really worth getting a few extra students to distort Biblical doctrine and teach what we know is false?”

We will publish the names of the Dallas Seminary board members (see page 9) so that you may write to these gentlemen and see if you can interest them in making some changes. They rank higher than the presidents of seminaries, and they may have a better sense of the mission of the school. The sharp deteri-

oration in interest in Israel and prophecy over the past decade or so seems to be the result of new administrations more interested in financial matters than in what is actually being taught.

And as for financial matters, I know one thing that seminaries respond to is cash. If you point out that you are no longer supporting an institution because of what it is teaching, that institution will take you seriously (in proportion to how much they may be losing). I personally do not give to places where bad doctrine is taught. And, having had experience over some years with Moody Bible Institute, Dr. McCall and I won't be depositing any money in their bank.

And I wish we could encourage the students at seminaries to simply rebel against mistakes. Christian heroes like Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley set out to correct errors in their own church teachings, and they truly moved mountains. Yet they were simple men. Of Wesley, it was said when he died, “He left a knife, a fork, two spoons, and the Methodist church.”

If students would simply stand up and rebuke professors or even walk out of classrooms when they hear mistakes, then perhaps the seminaries can yet be corrected and rejuvenated. I fear that the hand of God

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will be removed, or has already been removed, from schools that have become simply self-perpetuating fundraising organiza-

tions. Seminaries tend to become more liberalized and to broaden their doctrines to get more students and more donations as time goes on.

This simply must not be allowed to happen to the schools we depend on to provide our pastors, our missionaries, and our other church workers.

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Letters to Zola

Dear Zola,

In regard to your exposing wrong teaching, it's really sad that so many are turning away from the truth. I want to tell you of a happening here in our area.

We had a fine Christian school here, and five of my grandchildren were going there. The very fine minister/administrator continued to preach the truth as God's Word had it, and some of the bigwigs and money folks didn't like his preaching, so they got rid of him. Then they got a new, young preacher/administrator who had been studying to become a priest in the Catholic church, and he was on fire for God. Before every parent-teacher meeting, he read the KJV Bible and prayed. Things began to move in a wonderful way. Parents were beginning to shape up, and God began to move in a mighty way. At the end of the term, however, the bigwigs and money folks were angry and said he had to go to seminary. Well, he went there three months and came back a very changed person.

"The fire had gone out and he was now very cold."

When school began in the fall school term, he no longer read from the Bible, nor did he pray. The seminary taught him that it wasn't teaching for today, that it was only for their time. He came to my house one day to see my grandson who was living with me, and I asked him why he had changed, and that is what he told me they had taught him. The fire had gone out, and he was now very cold. Before, you could feel the warm spirit, now nothing.

I now call them "cemeteries" instead of seminaries.

Keep on keeping on till Jesus comes. God bless you all.

A child of the King,
Mrs. A. W.

Dear Zola and Staff,

I teach seminary for Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, GA. I am an adjunct professor at the Orlando Extension Center. This semester I am teaching "Daniel and Revelation." I am solidly premillennial, pre-Tribulational and, of course, dispensational. Here is a question. I was explaining to my class that the ten virgins of Matthew 25 did not represent the church but rather Israel. The five wise virgins being saved Israel and the five foolish being unbelieving

Israel. I took them to the passage that speaks about "one being taken and one being left." I stated that this referred to the Kingdom. The one who is taken is taken away to judgment, and the one who is left is going

into the Kingdom. One of my students, who is premill and pre-Trib, came up to disagree. He said that he did not agree with the ten virgins interpretation and that he did not agree with the "one being taken" argument either. He mentioned that he did believe that Luke 21 was talking about judgment and the Kingdom, but that Matthew 25 was not. Do you have any idea where this came from? Is it part of the Progressive Dispensationalism that you have addressed? I would appreciate your insights and counsel on this matter. Thanks for all your fine work and ministry. I have followed you for years through my Mom's Sunday school class.

Please let me know about these questions. Blessings.

R.C.W.

Professor Robert C. White,

We appreciate your inquiry about the Second Coming, and whether or not the parable of the 10 virgins should be interpreted as being Israel in the Tribulation or the Church. I agree with you that it should be interpreted as referring to the believing and unbelieving Jews in the Tribulation in preparation for the return of Christ to the earth. So also does Ryrie in his Study Bible (Matt. 25:1), "The virgins represent the professing Jewish remnant on earth at His return." However, having once stated the interpretation, we are allowed to show that the principle of waiting and watching for the Lord's return may be applied to us during the Church Age in our anticipation of the Rapture before the Tribulation.

As you know, there are many things in the Old and New Testaments that should be inter-

preted as referring to Israel, but may then be applied to us today in a secondary manner. As the saying goes, "one interpretation, many applications." The problem is that too many times an application is made without first giving the interpretation. This leads to confusion.

Dr. Tom McCall

"one interpretation, many applications"



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Dear Brother Zola,

During spring break, I had time with my grandson in Florida. He is finishing his third year in Cedar Hill and is looking for a seminary to attend after his fourth year. I acquainted him with your ministry and instructed him with the DIET program.

I have, as you know, had you on our Missionary Budget each month. I'm thankful to the Lord for your stand in a world that has lost most of theirs. I'm a retired Fundamental Independent Baptist preacher of 40+ years. I'm not retired from preaching and soul winning, just pastoring.



In my many years of serving the Lord, I've seen the changes in the churches and Bible colleges. The only thing that keeps me going is the blessed hope of His soon coming. Maybe today.

I pray for your ministry. Please put my grandson on your mailing list so he can keep abreast of the times.

Rev. F.H.

The following is a portion of an interview with an officer from the South Lebanese Army (SLA) for more than 22 years. He recently escaped from South Lebanon when the Israelis withdrew.

Israel Today: Mr. Aleyan, what is going to happen to the SLA soldiers who are in Lebanon now, those who did not manage to get out?

Aleyan: They will have to appear before the Lebanese military courts, and those who killed Hizbollah [Iranian-backed Syrian guerillas] fighters during the war will be executed.

Israel Today: And now you will live in Israel?

Aleyan: That's right, but I hope that the government will do its best to help us and our families—who are scattered all over Israel now—first of all to be reunited. We are starting a new life in Israel.

Israel Today: Do you want to stay in Israel?

Aleyan: I have told my wife that we will not move to Italy or some other European country. We will stay in Israel until we are allowed to move back to our villages in South Lebanon.

Israel Today: Wasn't it difficult for you, a Moslem, to fight for the Jewish state?

Aleyan: No! And first of all, let me say that I am not the only one who feels that way. The Hizbollah has no place in Lebanon. Besides, the Israelis are not the evil people they are portrayed to be in the Arab countries.

Dear Zola,

I want to challenge you to do two things, both of which I doubt you will do (I hope I'm wrong):

1. Print this letter, and
2. Allow a representative from the Progressive Dispensationalist camp to present an article in your publication detailing what they believe to be the Biblical support for their viewpoint.

Zola, it is time for your readers to hear more than just the broken record you play over and over again about the evils of Progressive Dispensationalism. You owe it to your readers to let them hear the case for themselves from one of the Progressive Dispensationalists themselves. To this, you could then argue your case against it. All I have heard you do so far, Zola, is speak about its evils, but you do not give your readers an opportunity to decide for themselves!! (Do you trust your readers?)

“Why is Zola so afraid of Progressive Dispensationalism?”

In answering Dr. Pettit, you say, “Believe me, I understand your errors perfectly and so do my viewers and readers.”

Let me go on record as saying this is untrue. I, for one, have never heard the case presented for Progressive Dispensationalism, so since I don't really understand the issues, how many others are in my position?

Are you afraid of letting “one of them” present their case in your newsletter? If you are not willing to do this, then Dr. Pettit may be right when he asks, “Why is Zola so afraid of Progressive Dispensationalism?”

Surely, my request is not too much to ask? And it would be the honest thing to do; i.e., letting them speak for themselves versus only giving us your biased viewpoint.

I hope you will honor my request. Please give it some prayer. — J.B.

Dear J.B.,

If you take our newsletter, you know that we are open to all points of view. We have pleaded with the seminaries to have anyone at all defend Progressive Dispensationalism, and we have not had a single reply. If you can find anyone — professor, student, or administrator willing to come forward and defend this damaging false doctrine, I will be glad to publish that defense and answer it.

Zola

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Dear Zola,

I thank God for your ministry, and I highly applaud your efforts to combat error in the Bible colleges and seminaries. I, too, have been deeply concerned over the gradual disappearance of traditional Dispensational teaching in the churches over the last two or three decades, and the consequent de-emphasis on the importance of modern Israel.

However, in the May issue of the *Levitt Letter*, Dr. McCall mentions those who believe in egalitarianism between men and women, lumping them together with those who believe in Progressive Dispensationalism and those who doubt the literal interpretation of the Bible and the Messianic prophecies, thus making them guilty by association. Dr. McCall is a fair man, and he probably didn't mean that each category applied to everyone involved, but his unfortunate choice of wording would seem to imply this.

There are those who believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible and the Messianic prophecies, and because of their belief in old-time Dispensationalism, have come to the conclusion that the New Testament does teach egalitarianism. For example, Jessie Penn-Lewis, an old-school Dispensationalist, wrote a booklet in 1919 (now out of print) titled "The Magna Carta of Woman According to the Scriptures," in which she sets forth what she believes are Scriptural reasons for accepting egalitarianism in this dispensation. She was a friend of William R. Newell, assistant superintendent of Moody Bible Institute in the closing years of the 1800s, commissioned by Dwight L. Moody, and author of the song "At Calvary" and a famous commentary on Romans. No one can accuse him of being a Progressive Dispensationalist. Whether he agreed with Penn-Lewis on egalitarianism, I don't know, but her reasonings from a literal interpretation of Scripture need to be given due weight. Unfortunately, space keeps me from going into detail, or mentioning other believers in traditional Dispensationalism who also held to egalitarianism. Many of them believe the Dispensational division requires it.

For me, the jury is still out on this issue, but I just want people to know that we can't lump everyone in the same category. Guilt by association is seldom valid. I don't even really mean this to be a criticism, just an observation. Please keep up the good fight you are waging!

Kindest personal regards,
R.R.R.

"I just want people to know that we can't lump everyone in the same category."

To R.R.R.

Thank you for your observation about the distinction between Progressive Dispensationalism and egalitarianism. You are correct that they are two different issues, and not all Progressive Dispensationalists are egalitarians. We did not intend to convey that viewpoint.

What we are attempting to do is show that the institutions that allow one to be taught also tend to allow the other to be presented by the faculty. We would contend that both are departures from the literal interpretation of the Scriptures. Progressive Dispensationalism, for instance, departs from the literal understanding of the throne of David, which is to be restored when the Lord Jesus returns to the earth to establish His Kingdom. The P-Ds consider the throne of David to be figurative and already existing in Heaven now.

In a similar manner, the egalitarians depart from the literal interpretation of the Word when they say that men and women, who indeed are equal in standing in the Body of Christ, are also equal in function in the local church. Men should in no way get involved in the intimate teaching of women on how to raise children (Titus 2:4) any more than women should get involved in the shepherding and discipling of a flock of men in the local church (2 Tim 2:2). The Scriptures recognize and enhance these innate differences in function.

The point we are making is that the schools that are teaching one error also seem to be teaching the other error and are open to a host of others.

— Dr. Tom McCall



It occurred to me, in thinking about the deterioration of the seminaries, that the problem may be involved with that simplest of sins, the love of money. It seems that the biggest and richest seminaries, Moody Bible Institute and Dallas Theological Seminary among them, are the culprits, and smaller seminaries are holding the theological line. In other fields, the same thing seems to be happening.

The government in Washington seems to have been corrupted by big influxes of cash. The law is another example, as ordinary lawyers are paid vast fortunes for relatively routine amounts of work. Even Israel, giving up land to its worst enemies, seems heavily influenced by gifts of aid from Washington.

Perhaps that's all there is to it. Teaching bad doctrines is an evil thing and "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).

Zola

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Let's face it. These schools belong to us and not to some new administration lately come by to raise some money. Sorry if I seem too blunt.

For those of you who still have an interest in the country where we will shortly begin spending 1,000 years, our September Tour of Israel is especially exciting. On this tour, the TV crew will be taping a new series of programs about Galilee, with me teaching on location. For the first time ever, we are offering the **Ultra Grand Tour (August 30 through September 17)**. You can take a cruise of the Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, and Rhodes, see the Acropolis with its spectacular Parthenon and Mars Hill in Athens, tour Corinth, and Ephesus, Turkey, then tour Israel before traveling on to the beautiful resort city of Eilat at the southern tip of Israel on the Red Sea, and Petra in Jordan. Or you can choose only one of these extensions with a tour of Israel. **The Grand Athens Tour (August 30 through September 14)** takes you on the Greek cruise and then to Israel. **The Grand Petra Tour (September 4-17)** goes to Israel and then to Eilat and Petra. And, of course, you can choose our **Deluxe Tour of Israel (September 4-14)**.

Our tour of Israel offers you the opportunity to see all the major Biblical sites including the Mt. of Beatitudes, the Jordan River (where you can be baptized just as our Lord was), Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, the Western Wall, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, the Garden Tomb, Masada, and the Dead Sea. You will also tour the beautiful Golan Heights and thoroughly explore and learn about the Old City of Jerusalem. You will see the original Dead Sea Scrolls and tour the Holocaust Museum. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were

found, tour Masada, pray in the Shepherds' Fields of Bethlehem. Float in the Dead Sea, shop the market-places of Israel, eat hearty Israeli meals of the fruits and vegetables grown in the Holy Land where God promised He would "multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field" (Ez. 36:30). See the lush fields, groves, and flowers that are like jewels in the midst of the desert, and know that God's promise has been fulfilled. Call Diana or Becky at 214-696-9760 during office hours to make your reservation or for more information, or call 1-800-WONDERS any time for a full-color brochure.

And remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

Your messenger,

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LETTERS TO ZOLA CONT. FROM PG. 8

RE: 'Enough is Enough!' or 'It is time for another look at the time and space you are giving the Levitt/McCall Seminary Crusade and perhaps time to return to other subjects.'

Dear Zola:

... It was with a disappointment that the *Levitt Letter*, Volume 22, Number 6, arrived today. The past months have contained what is probably a very worthwhile campaign to educated readers to the straying teachings at some of the seminaries across the nation. Yes, I now know much better how to respond to the problems of differing views on Dispensational teaching, but I long for other knowledge. My suggestion is that you limit what is obviously very important to you and Dr. McCall to one page in the *Levitt Letter* and move on to other subjects. Differences need to be brought to others' attention and serious flaws challenged and that has been done (and I have little doubt that you will continue to watch and act on this subject). What would be nice would be if this was given a space, put into perspective, and use some of the print space for other things. There is still a lot I do not know about Israel, past and present, and of course one can never glean all the meaning from the Scriptures. You have a unique ability and resources to teach these things, and I wish you would redirect some of this talent....

... Even the letter from Dr. Couch with its eight points didn't really deserve front page status. After reading it, I have a mental picture of him because of some of the 'key' words he included and the generational attitudes they usually express....

... I hope you receive this with a smile, and then maybe a little reflection. — Sincerely, J.S.

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Dear J.S.,

You want to be taught about Israel. Well, let me teach you this: There is a subtle wave of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish sentiment in the best of our seminaries today, and that is evident by what they teach and what they don't teach. If I don't complain — if we all don't complain — there will someday be none left to teach about Israel. The rebuke of those in error is a Godly mission.

Zola

Dear Zola or Spokesperson:

Regarding the changes taking place within our seminaries today, please let me say that my pastor and I, on more than one occasion, have had some rather sharp disagreements. To use his words, "this is where you and I have a tremendous difference of opinion on the interpretation of differing texts." Some of those disagreements occur merely as I grow in my walk with the Lord (in the form of questions). However, more than one of those disagreements have involved an understanding of God's plan for Israel in the latter days. Because I follow your teachings on this matter, I do not think that it is I who does not understand God's will for the future.

I know that you cannot have an analysis of all seminaries, but I was hoping that perhaps you may have an impression regarding the Southern Baptist Seminary, which is where my pastor not only is from, but where he also received his Doctorate degree. I suppose that I was really wondering if I should be more open to correction, or might it be that the seminary from which he is a graduate is, in fact, the problem in itself?

D.M.R.

To D.M.R.

Thank you for your inquiry about Southern Baptist Seminary. Generally, the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries have become more conservative in their theology than they used to be a few years ago. This is because of a recent conservative effort within the Convention. However, most of the professors at Southern would be considered amillennial, with a few premillennial professors around. As you may know, amillennialists believe in Replacement Theology, with little or no future for Israel nationally, and premillennialists believe in the Second Coming of Christ to the earth and the restoration of

Israel, along with great blessings to the Church.

It is significant that one of the leading proponents of the new hybrid Progressive Dispensationalism, Dr. Blaising, has moved from Dallas Seminary to Southern Seminary. Progressive Dispensationalism is a movement away from standard Dispensationalism and toward amillennialism in its "spiritualized" interpretation of the kingdom of Christ.

One Southern Baptist seminary we know of that appears to be on the right track is Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Paige Patterson, President. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Dr. Tom McCall



Dear Zola,

Finally, I have enough sense to look you up on the Internet. Unfortunately, you have vanished from your usual time slot in the Seattle area, and I have been trying for some time now to get my weekly feeding of the Jewishness of Christianity. It seems that you vanished when I needed you the most, but apparently that wasn't true. I lost not one, but two boys on Alaska Air Flight 261, and since that tragic time, I have been overwhelmed by the blessings and miracles of God. Don't get me wrong, the loss of the boys was/is dreadfully horrible, but somehow God's delicate hand lifted and carried each of us through a depressed quagmire of emotion into the gates of His holy glory and mercy.

I have enjoyed your articles on Replacement Theology. I ran into it as a baby Christian about 10-12 years ago in the South. Charismatic fellow, good speaker — impressed me. Took some time to shake off that teaching. I'll send you the tape when I run across it.

Be cool and keep fighting the good fight. I appreciated you taking the time to explain the Jewishness of it all. Shalom, Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B,

I can't tell you how sorry I am for your terrible loss, and I can only say that I admire your steadfast faith. I am humbled that you are reading our materials, and we will try to serve you as best we can.

Zola



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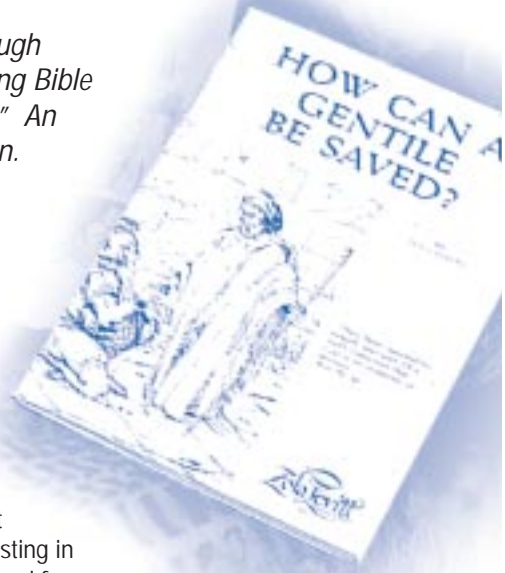
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