



Should "Palestinians" have their own state? Of course they should. That's why Jordan was created years ago! –Jeff

Two States For Two Nations

By Arieh Eldad, www.israpundit.com

Why is establishing a Palestinian state west of the Jordan River unnecessary?

Because **there already is a Palestinian state**, and it is **Jordan**. The Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the League of Nations's decisions in Geneva in 1920 and 1922 called for the establishment of a national home for the Jews and granted Britain a mandate in order to establish this Jewish National Home on both banks of the Jordan River.

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Moderate Palestinians Won't Recognize Israel As Jewish State

By Hana Levi Julian, www.IsraelINN.com



Netanyahu

The Palestinian Authority has rejected Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's condition for moving ahead on negotiations to establish "two states for two peoples."

PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudaineih slammed Netanyahu's insistence that the PA first accept the concept of Israel as a Jewish state before Israel continues talks to establish a new Arab country within its current borders.



PA President Abbas

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The Arabs, who opposed this plan, initiated the first wave of terror in 1920-1921 and put political pressure on Britain, after which British Secretary of State for the Colonies Winston Churchill visited the Land of Israel. He then published the White Paper of 1922, by which he gave three-quarters of the Jewish National Home's territory to the Arabs and established east of the Jordan River the Emirate of Trans-Jordan, which eventually became the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.



Thus, at that point, the Land of Israel had already been divided. An Arab state had been established, and all that remained to do was establish the Jewish state west of the Jordan. But the Arabs were not satisfied with that partition, just as they rejected all proposed partitions afterwards, and they initiated another wave of terror. Following each successive wave of terror, another international commission arrived that redrew the borders and repeatedly re-partitioned the country, leading only to bloodier attacks.

Samuel Huntington in his book *The Clash of Civilizations* counted over 130 armed conflicts around the world in the year 2000. Approximately 95 percent of these were between Muslims and their neighbors.

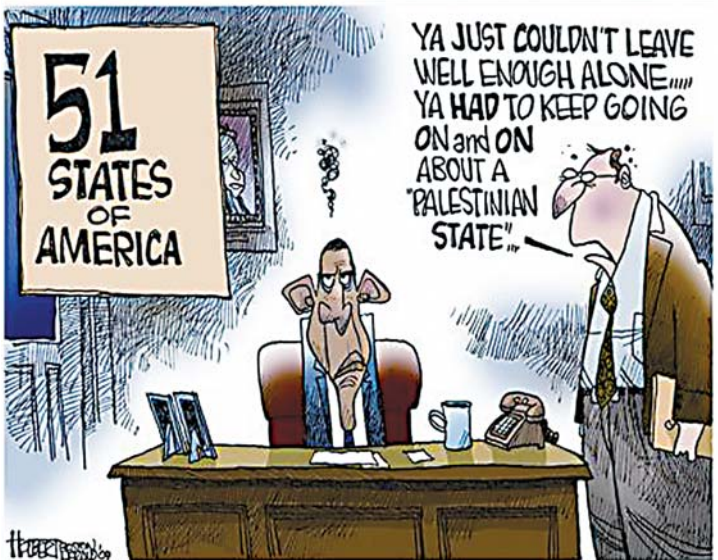
Islamic borders are bloody. Almost everywhere on the planet, Muslims are attempting to expand at the territorial expense of their neighbors.

The illness is global. But for some reason the world acts as if the conflict in the Land of Israel is local, of a different nature, and that territorial concessions

will resolve the conflict. Jordan is Palestine, *de facto* (in reality) and *de jure* (according to law). Nonetheless, Muslims say that one Palestinian state is not enough, and are demanding another one west of the Jordan. If they are granted that state, they say, peace will come to the Middle East.

The solution of two states for two nations should be accepted by everyone. The Jews have a state in Israel, and the Palestinians have a state in Jordan. With worldwide assistance, the Palestinian refugees can easily be resettled in the expanses of Jordan, and energy and water sources, along with housing and employment, can be promoted with sums much smaller than those that have been invested by the world for over 60 years to maintain the refugees in appalling conditions in their camps.

Settling refugees will not completely resolve the conflict because this is fundamentally a religious conflict and Islam will never accept Jewish rule in the Land of Israel. But this is a necessary humanitarian solution. After the refugee problem has been solved and the West stops funding the teaching of hatred and terror in UNWRA institutions, maybe then we will see two sustainable states, Israel and Jordan, living side by side quietly. ★



Let Her Get Fat!

By Asma Alsharif, Reuters

“Let her get fat!” is the slogan women in Saudi Arabia are using to challenge a clampdown on female-only gyms.

Unhappy at the growing number of unlicensed female gyms, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs recently closed two in the Red Sea city of Jeddah and one in the city of Dammam on the Gulf Arab coast for not having a license. In response, newspaper columnists and bloggers are promoting the sarcastic line “let her get fat!” as a way of fighting back, though it is likely to be a losing battle.

In Saudi Arabia, where clerics have extensive influence in society, gyms are sexually segregated because of conservative tribal and religious values. Female participation in sports has long been a controversial issue in the kingdom, with physical education banned from public girls’ schools and clerics issuing religious prohibitions on female participation in sports.

While male gyms get licenses from a government sports body, female gyms have no official authority overseeing them.

“Depriving women of fitness is yet another way of marginalizing them. Give us a justifiable reason or leave women alone. This is unbearable,” said Fouziah Alouni, a prominent women’s rights campaigner.

The result has been high rates of diabetes and even bone frailty among women, which the Ministry of Health says it wants to combat.

“Football and basketball are sports that require a lot of movement and jumping,” Sheik Abdullah al-Maneea, a member of the official Supreme Council of Religious Scholars, said. “Such excessive movement may harm girls who are still virgins, possibly causing them to lose their virginity.”

Women’s gyms can only exist inside hospitals as “health centers” supervised by the Ministry of Health, but prices are so high, at least 1,000 riyals (\$266) a month, that only the affluent can afford membership. Cheaper versions have sprung up as “beauty salon” or “studio,” but now their future is in doubt.

“Some people don’t like women to go out of their homes. This is a common struggle for female businesses in Saudi,” Alouni said. ★

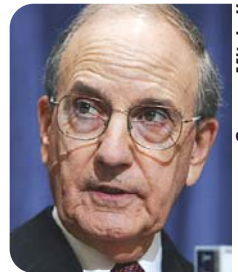
Moderate Palestinians Won’t Recognize Israel... continued from cover

Netanyahu told United States Middle East envoy **George Mitchell** that Israel is willing to discuss the creation of a PA state—but only if the PA recognizes Israel as a Jewish state.

The Fatah-led PA government based in Ramallah has agreed in the past to recognize Israel, but not as a Jewish state, and called Netanyahu’s words a “provocation,” claiming that the new Israeli government was placing obstacles before the “solution” of two states for two peoples being promoted by the United States.

The Hamas-led breakaway PA government in Gaza, meanwhile, still refuses to recognize Israel at all, referring to the Jewish state only as “the Zionist entity” whenever it must discuss Israel.

Mitchell was also warned by Netanyahu that the “two-state solution” promoted by America requires the cooperation of Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. The prime minister said that Israel must have guarantees that a new PA state will not turn Judea and Samaria (what Muslims call the West Bank) into a terrorist enclave as Hamas terrorists have already done in Gaza. ★



George Mitchell

You Have To Be Taught



This article is not profound, or very deep. It simply magnifies a very obvious phenomenon, which the world chooses to ignore.

As I shopped in the local grocery, a class of 3-4-year-old boys entered the store. Led and carefully watched by three or four teachers, the little group marched along two abreast. They paid careful attention as the leading teacher pointed out or picked up different products from the shelves.

“What is this?” asked the teacher.

“Soup noodles!” came the enthusiastic answer.

“And what blessing do we say over it?” asked the teacher.

The little ones blurted out responses as the teacher smiled.

“We say the grain blessing,” she said; and the little ones smiled.

This went on for quite awhile, as item after item was raised aloft for the children to see and comment on.

“Who made these?” asked the teacher. And she quickly went on to explain that everything comes from God, with factories creating different products for people.

The children were neatly dressed, clean, and polite. A splash of charm covered their tiny faces and their smiles melted your heart.

“Imagine,” I thought, “many Muslim children [in the Middle East] of the same age are learning the intricacies of murder and the art of bloodletting.” What a difference, I thought to myself. Our children are taught to love life, to do the best they can to make the world a better place than the one they came into. The little ones are taught that God

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wants them to live long and safe lives, and create and build and invent. And I thought of how these Jewish children will grow up and become *ba'alei chessed* (“examples of kindness”), emulating the God of their forefathers.

And Muslim children are taught that death and destruction is their ultimate goal. From the time they are born, they are brainwashed that only by taking others' lives will they gain life. They will only know anger and hate, because all their Allah wants is to be served with another murder of innocents. What a shame, I thought. Generations upon generations of once-upon-a-time children grown up to hate and destroy, instead of loving and creating.



MUSLIM TV HOST (ABOVE) MANIPULATES A YOUNG CHILD TO SHOW HOW WELL MUSLIM CHILDREN LEARN TO HATE.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjbJnZUJTYU&feature=related

(BELOW) 3-YEAR-OLD MUSLIM GIRL YEARS TO KILL INFIDELS.



I thought of generations of Arab children who haven't brought any invention, any creation, any discovery to this world.

The difference between the ultimate goals for which these two sets of children will strive is as deep and as far from one another as East is from West.

What a shame!



Internet video capture

Though Zola wrote this ten years ago, if you substitute Arafat's name with his successors Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas, it reads as if it were written today. —Editor

Agreements with Dictators?

By Zola Levitt

The problem has never been on the Israeli side in this “peace process.” It is not Netanyahu making it hard. The problem with the peace process is that Arafat and company [Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas] would like to get the Jews out of Israel and have all the land, and that’s all there is to that.

Ask yourself what would happen if Arafat [Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas] had the weapons Israel has and the Israelis were clinging to the coast as things would be if the Palestinians created a nation in the West Bank. Arafat's [Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas's] constant renegeing on agreements and non-cooperation policies remind one of Hitler promising peace before World War II. Clinton and company [and every president since] play the

role of Neville Chamberlain who, believing the Nazi dictator, stated, “Peace in our time,” in 1938.

There are three reasons why we can't even get a start toward peace, and those are that you can't make agreements with dictators, you can't make agreements with dictators, and you can't make agreements with dictators.

While the Palestinians are screaming for land in Israel, the interesting issue of Jewish property in Arab lands has arisen. After all, untold numbers of Jews fled in 1948 from various Arab countries, leaving furnished homes with silverware in the kitchen drawers. They were hounded out of the Arab countries after Israel's War of Independence, and they could only take what they could carry. The ethnic cleansing by the Arabs is the most complete and exacting in the entire world. (Saudi Arabia objected to American Jewish soldiers defending it against Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, because if one were killed and buried in Saudi Arabia, it would contaminate their very earth!) ★



U.S. Military Destroys Soldier's Bibles

By Fred Jackson, www.OneNewsNow.com

The U.S. military confirmed that it has destroyed Bibles belonging to an American soldier serving in Afghanistan.

The Bibles were confiscated and destroyed after Qatar-based Al Jazeera television showed soldiers at a Bible class on a base with a stack of Bibles translated into the local Pashto and Dari languages. The U.S. military forbids its members on active duty—including those based in places like Afghanistan—from trying to convert people to another religion.

Maj. Jennifer Willis at the Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, said, “The Bibles shown on Al Jazeera's clip were, in fact, collected by the chaplains and later destroyed. They were never distributed.”

According to the military officials, the Bibles were sent through private mail to an evangelical Christian soldier by his church back home. The soldier brought them to the Bible study class where they were filmed.

The Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, told a Pentagon briefing that the military's position is that it will never “push any specific religion.” ★



Message In An Auschwitz Bottle

By Hillel Fendel, www.IsraelNationalNews.com

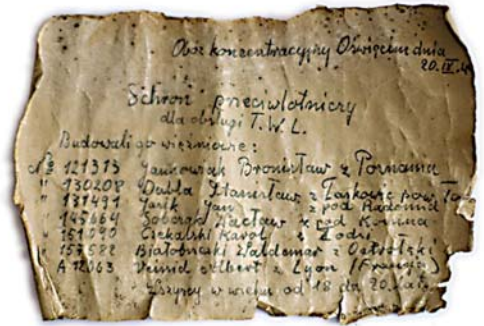
Workers demolishing the wall of a building outside the Nazis' Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp recently found a message in a bottle written by prisoners 65 years ago. The message hints at what happened to six Christians and one Jew whose cooperation helped them survive the Nazis.

The names of seven prisoners—five Polish Christians, one French, and one Jewish—are still legible on the note. Their Nazi-imprinted camp numbers, hometowns, and the fact that they were “all between 18 and 20 years of age” can also be read. The message was written in pencil and dated September 9, 1944.

The bottle was buried in a concrete wall that prisoners had been compelled to reinforce. The wall was in a building used as a warehouse by the Nazis, a few hundred meters from the actual camp. An Auschwitz museum spokesman said the authors of the note “were young people who were trying to leave some trace of their existence behind them.”

In the days following the news of the discovery, information has been learned about some of the seven men. The author was Bronislaw Jankowiak, a Catholic Pole who was sent to the camp in 1943. He fled to Sweden in 1945, where he died in 1997. Another prisoner listed on the note, Karol Czekalski, now 83, still lives in his hometown in central Poland, and another of those named, Waclaw Sobczak, 84, is living in western Poland.

But possibly the most interesting name on the list, and the one who sheds the most light on its background, is that of **Albert Veissid**, 84, a Jew who lives in Marseille, France.



Veissid, a retired mason and clarinet player, was born in Turkey, arrived in France as an infant, and was picked up at age 18 by the Gestapo. He was then sent to a string of prisons and camps.



“I’m surprised that these Poles put me in this bottle,” Veissid said. “I knew their faces, but didn’t remember the names.” The Christian Poles worked on building sites while Veissid worked beneath them, securing a bunker. They would steal marmalade and other provisions during the day, give them to him for safekeeping, and come at night to retrieve them, he said.

In exchange, they brought him some of their leftover soup. Veissid recounted, “there was so much that I gave it to others. I imagine they [included me on their list] out of recognition that by hiding [their supplies], I risked my life.”

In April 1945, seven months after the list was written and hidden, the Nazis sensed impending defeat and forced Veissid and many others to walk without food for nearly three weeks to another camp. Many survivors have described these “death marches” as even worse than the preceding years of torture. “If the war had lasted one more week, I wouldn’t be here,” Veissid said.

When the war ended, he was taken by the Americans to Nuremberg, from where he took a train to France, beginning his life as a “survivor of the Holocaust.”



Israel and Iran



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made clear during his maiden speech before the Knesset last March that he considers the Iranian nuclear threat to be the greatest challenge facing the Jewish State in 2009. It is an existential threat, he bluntly stated, meaning that nothing less than Israel's continuing existence on the modern world map is at stake.

In an American magazine interview published in April, Netanyahu elaborated on the nature of the Iranian threat, saying the world "cannot afford to let a messianic apocalyptic cult have control of atomic bombs." The Israeli prime minister was obviously not referring to Jewish Believers in Jesus, but Iran's extremist Shiite Muslim leaders who he understands truly believe in the soon coming of the so-called Twelfth Imam, also known as the Madhi. According to Shiite religious tradition, this revered medieval clerical figure has been kept miraculously alive over the centuries by Allah in order to appear in the "last days," when he will supposedly reveal to the entire world that Shiite Islam is the only true path to eternal salvation.

The main problem for us with this teaching—which Muslim scholars note is widely accepted in Shiite circles—is the expectation that the Madhi will emerge at a time of worldwide apocalyptic upheaval. Netanyahu apparently understands that Iran's supreme clerical leader, Ayatollah Ali Khomeini, along with the country's notorious president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, strongly believe in this teaching. He also knows that they are more than capable—and likely—to do anything they can to "help" the Twelfth Imam make his long anticipated appearance.

Will the veteran Israeli leader actually order a potentially volcanic military strike against Iran's ongoing nuclear

program? That is the million-dollar question all over the globe, especially in the turbulent Middle East, Europe, and South Asia—all places that could get caught up in the threatened Iranian ballistic missile retribution.

Netanyahu indicated quite strongly during his maiden speech that he has both the motivation and courage to take on Iran's growing nuclear program, whatever the regional and worldwide consequences.

"The Jewish people have experience with dictators, and therefore cannot overestimate megalomaniac dictators who threaten to destroy them," he grimly stated. In other words, a new Nazi-style regime has appeared on the world stage and is apparently hell-bent on wiping out the Jewish people, and that grave fact simply cannot be ignored or swept away. The new Israeli government certainly will not ignore the Iranian threat.



However, a military response became much more problematic when senior Obama administration officials came out publicly against an Israeli operation to thwart Iran's presumed nuclear weapons ambitions. Without American support, such action becomes far more difficult to accomplish successfully, say military analysts. Still, Netanyahu seems determined to deal with Iran's nuclear program during his time in office. May the Lord guide Israel's new leader as he grapples with this existential threat. ★

The Mercatus Center of George Mason University released a study concluding that the most liberal states in our union rank lowest when it comes to citizens' personal freedoms. They defined liberation and freedom as being able to raise and educate our young, being free to express politically incorrect opinions without censure, being protected from unreasonable governmental impositions, and the right to bear arms in defense of home and hearth. ***"Liberals," it seems, are not all that liberating.***

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Dave Eberhart's web essay "Most Liberal States Are Least Free" (Newsmax.com) summarized the survey's finding that the freest states in the country "feature low taxes and government spending—and mid-dling levels of regulation and paternalism. New York is the least overall free by a considerable margin, followed by New Jersey, Rhode Island, California, and Maryland." The George Mason University report sums up the difference: liberal governments regulate individual behavior more than conservative governments. This is also Eberhart's position and mine.

I prefer less government intervention and more self-government. Judeo-Christian ethics place a premium on individual responsibility, hard work, and the like. This is what the Bible teaches.

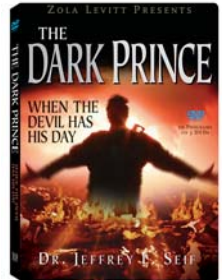
Despite promising a better tomorrow, Godless communism and socialism never produce it and actually oppress those who don't follow the "party line." America's situation is too close to socialism for me. I hope that it stirs a cultural revival, causing a new day to emerge—and soon.

It is troubling that our society condones same-sex unions and abortion. The way America deals with marriage, sexuality, and childbearing disregards social and personal responsibility. And requiring performers to financially bail out underperformers seems insane. Liberal, yes. Free, no.

Conservatives have a different vision for

bringing freedom to the masses. At Zola Levitt Ministries, we not only have the vision, we also have a vehicle to do so, through Bible-based communications. We fully exercise constitutional freedom of speech, and as long as you help me utter biblical speech on television—TV, by the way, isn't free at all—we'll teach the Bible's story and counterbalance the cultural shift away from personal responsibility.

Our new end-time television series *The Dark Prince: When The Devil Has His Day* is progressing toward release. Soon we'll return to Israel to produce a related series called *Sar Shalom*—meaning



"Prince of Peace." Lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness, we plan to take a fresh look at the *real* hope of the world: Jesus. We'll do it from a Jewish perspective, of course—our trademark.

A friend recently told me that his congregation gave him and his wife an all-expense-paid trip to Israel. Now that's a gift to give your pastor(s)! Why not take that suggestion to a board meeting yourself and send your pastor to Israel? If you want to add a trip to the Holy Land to your own life's experiences (or to another's), call our new travel manger, Tracie, at (214) 696-9760 or click on the "Tours" tab at the top of our homepage, www.levitt.com. If you experience that teaching in the Holy Land, I promise you a transformation. Israel has revitalized millions of people over the centuries, and it will enrich you as well.

Your messenger,

Jeff Seif

Ambassador Report Spring '09

By Jeremy Rivers

On arriving in Israel, our small ministry team headed for Ashkelon, a city in southern Israel, about 30 minutes north of the Gaza border. This city suffered through rocket barrages in the recent Gaza war between Israel and Hamas, and we wanted to talk to some of the locals, encourage them, pray for them, and share with them the Good News of *Yeshua* (Jesus). God opened up an amazing door for us to share our personal testimonies of God's love through *Yeshua* and pray with the people for an encounter with the love and power of God. We pray that this seed of the Kingdom will be watered and grow into salvation for the city of Ashkelon.

Praying over Kiryat Shmona



After leaving Ashkelon, we made our way to the north of Israel and stayed in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee for several days, ministering in surrounding cities. We met with a friend from a previous visit in the northern border city of Kiryat Shmona. He is one of the only fluent English speakers in that city and has a very large sphere of influence. He invited us to join his family's *Shabbat*

(Sabbath) dinner. We ate with the family, stayed in their home, and talked to them for hours. I gave him a Hebrew Bible with the Old and New Testaments and he informed everyone that he planned to read it and that they should read it as well. This opened the door for us to preach the Gospel to all the men in the family and resulted in the father declaring, "Maybe *Yeshua* is the Messiah!" We will build a friendship with this family and connect them with Believers in the Land to continue regular contact.

A testimony worth mentioning occurred in Jerusalem's Old City near the Western Wall. Fellow Ambassador Scott and I encountered a man with crutches and a knee brace. We found it difficult to communicate with him because he only spoke Arabic and Hebrew and we spoke neither. However, a young Orthodox Jewish college student offered to translate for us as we prayed for the injured man's knee. It was heartwarming that the student continued to translate for us, especially due to the fact that we were using the name of *Yeshua*.

During this trip, we found that Israelis are very open and that the harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers few. We were reminded of God's promises for the spiritual restoration of Israel and that He is faithful to bring salvation to His Chosen. ★

Making new friends for Messiah



Post-Exodus Israelite Site



Zertal on site

The discovery of gigantic foot-shaped enclosures in the Jordan Valley may shed light on ancient Jewish holiday practices, according to University of Haifa researchers. The sites, identified with what the Torah terms “*gilgal*” (a camp or stone structure), were used for assemblies, preparation for battle, and rituals. The researchers, led by Prof. Adam Zertal, found five such structures, each shaped like an enormous foot.

The term *gilgal* is mentioned 39 times in the Bible—the most famous referring to the site where Joshua and the Israelites encamped after crossing the Jordan River into Israel. However, no archaeological site had yet been identified with it. The five enclosures, presumed to have been established in the 13th-12th centuries BC, were excavated between 1990 and 2008.

In at least two cases, archaeologists found paved circuits around the structures, believed to have been used to circle the sites during ceremonies.

“Ceremonial encirclement of an area in procession is an important element in the ancient Near East,” Zertal said. He added that the Hebrew word *hag* (festival) in Semitic languages originated from the verb “hug,” meaning “encircle.”

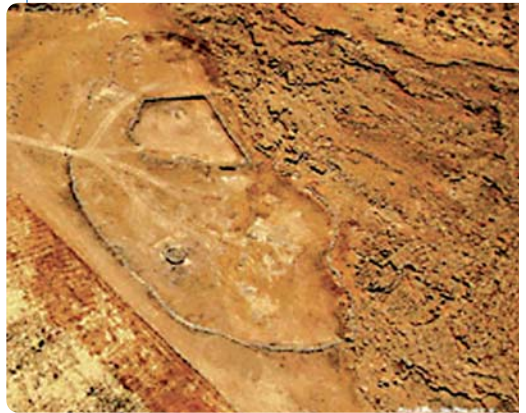
According to Zertal, the foot shape would also explain another holiday-related term: *aliya la’regel*—the pilgrimage to Jerusalem on Pessah, Succot, and Shavuot—literally translated as “ascending on foot.”

“The discovery of these ‘foot’ structures opens an entirely new system of linguistic and historical perceptions,” Zertal said. “Identifying the ‘foot’ enclosures as ancient Israeli ceremo-

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nal sites leads us to a series of new possibilities to explain the beginnings of Israel, of the People of Israel’s festivals and holidays.”

He said the constructions had been used for assemblies during the first Iron Age, and when the religious center was moved to Jerusalem, the command of “*aliya la’regel*” (pilgrimage) became associated with the city.



Zertal also noted that the foot traditionally symbolized ownership of territory, control over an enemy, connection between people and land, and the presence of a deity.

The Bible alludes to some of these, as does ancient Egyptian literature, he said.



Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif

Q. I am concerned about our culture and wondering if this is The End. In your opinion, does a financial meltdown precede the Rapture of the Church?

A. I don't think so.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:36-44: “of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven.” This Scripture should dissuade us Believers from too much conjecture. However, this passage tells us that the days of the “coming of the Son of Man” will be like the days of Noah’s time, when people were busy “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage” (vv. 37-38).

Some students of the Bible suppose that Jesus saying, “eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage,” meant that the world will be “partying it up” in advance of the Rapture. Others see the expression as indicating a “business-as-usual world.” They reason that, since the dawn of time, people have been “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,” and that Jesus is connecting the Rapture with a nothing-new world—one that will be caught off guard by an unexpected Rapture.

The view of the unexpected Rapture is supported by the verses that follow in the passage: “two men will be [working] in the field: one will be taken and another left” (v. 40), and “two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other will be left” (v. 41). The end—“watch therefore” (v. 42) and “be ready, for the Son of Man is *coming at an*

hour you do not expect” (v. 44)—leads me to think that His coming to take His own will *not* occur in a world pressed by financial collapse and looking for salvation, but rather when many are feeling self-sufficient.



In his own way, Luke records much the same. He puts Jesus on record in 21:34-36 warning about sloth and indulgence in advance of His coming: “take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come upon you unexpectedly... watch therefore, and pray....” In the Matthew passage and here in Luke, I just do not see a picture of a bankrupted and famished world. To the contrary, the concern seems to be that the “good life” threatens to do in the non-vigilant: the culprit is affluence—not universal lack.

For these reasons, I don't think that a financial collapse will precede Jesus' coming for His bride. Those who argue to the contrary—who see America and the world falling apart at the seams and who say that our spiraling financial decay is a cascading event that precipitates Jesus' coming for His own—will have a hard time finding Scripture to support their thesis. If that Scripture exists, I'll listen. Until then, this is my position. ★



Land For Peace— American Style

By Rob Miller, www.AmericanThinker.com

“Never ask a friend to buy a horse you wouldn’t buy yourself” — (Loose translation of an old Yiddish proverb).

Apply the principles urged on Israel to the United States, and you end up with a scenario something like this:

The new final settlement conference between the US, Mexico, and the Aztlánistas is scheduled for summer. The agreement promises a new chapter in the relationship between the countries—and new hope for Mexican refugees yearning for self-determination and a state of their own.

For years, there have been ongoing hostilities, culminating in a rash of illegal immigration and ongoing terrorism on the border. While there are many troublesome issues, new attitudes on both sides of the conflict may mean that peace is finally at hand.

The new status quo will probably look very much like a proposition made by New Aztlán advocates like MEChA (and prominent American academics), tempered with the peace plan promoted by Mexican President Calderon. Other Latin American countries have endorsed the plan.

What the Aztlánistas want is final status on a state of their own with contiguous borders, New Aztlán, to consist of the American territories of California, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The capital of the

new regime will, of course, be traditionally Aztlánista Los Angeles.

All non-Mexican settlements and American settlers would be evacuated outside these borders to the original pre-1836 US borders, with some modifications, perhaps, to reflect demographics. Part of Northern California, for instance, could be traded for land in southern Nevada, eastern Louisiana, Colorado, or Utah as part of a final agreement.

Unless the coming conference ends up with major concessions by the Americans, an intensified cycle of violence is almost guaranteed. The Aztlánistas will become more radicalized as they lose hope of reaching a comprehensive settlement.

We may very well be on the verge of a peaceful, two-state solution in the region. A land-for-peace agreement is undoubtedly an important step towards that goal. Proponents of a two-state solution have pointed to Oslo and the Gaza disengagement by Israel. Supporters of the agreement argue that such a plan can work if it is properly implemented with the support of the international community.

Most experts in the field contend that the two-state solution is the only hope of ending the conflict and preserving America’s character as a democratic state. ★



U.S. Approves Arab Nuclear Power

By Richard Lardner, www.foxnews.com

President Barack Obama has approved plans for the U.S. to help the United Arab Emirates become the first Arab nation with a nuclear power industry that will fuel the country's growing demand for electricity. The pact—a "123 Agreement," which is a prerequisite for nuclear deals between the U.S. and any other nation—is praised by pro-business groups that say U.S. companies are now in the running for major construction work connected to the \$41 billion project.

Concerns have been raised about the Emirates's history as a transshipment point for sensitive technology moving into Iran. A small but vocal group of lawmakers has said it'll oppose the deal unless the U.A.E. takes stronger action to keep Iran from obtaining materials that could help it develop nuclear weapons. Despite the objections, it's unlikely Capitol Hill will be a roadblock. Once the State Department sends the agreement to Congress, lawmakers will have 90 days to pass legislation, either amending or rejecting the deal. If no bill passes, the agreement goes into effect.

Supporting the Emirates's use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes is also intended to be a counterweight to Iran's pursuit of atomic weapons. Obama, as did George W. Bush, sees the Emirates's program as a positive example for other countries, especially in the volatile Middle East. Under the pact, the U.A.E. must import,

rather than produce, fuel for its nuclear reactors. It also has committed not to enrich uranium or reprocess spent nuclear fuel for plutonium, which is used in nuclear bombs. The agreement creates the legal framework for the U.S. to transfer sensitive nuclear items to the U.A.E. The pact was signed in January by the departing Bush administration, which left the final decision to Obama.

The U.A.E. is expected to begin choosing construction companies this fall for reactor work. Firms from Japan, France, and Russia are expected to compete. To help guide the agreement through Congress, the U.A.E. hired a pair of heavyweight lobbying firms to convince lawmakers the agreement wouldn't end up boosting Iran's nuclear ambitions and to stress the promise of jobs for American companies hit hard by a sagging economy.

The United Arab Emirates, a federation of seven states, wants nuclear power by 2017. Although the Emirates has plenty of oil, it must import 60 percent of the natural gas it uses to generate electricity. It no longer wants to depend on outside sources for its energy needs and settled on nuclear power as the most economical and environmentally friendly option.



Israelis Reject Suicidal Peace Conditions

www.IsraelToday.co.il

If a poll conducted last spring by a liberal Israeli organization is any indication, the Middle East conflict is not going to come to an end any time soon, despite a general commitment to the “two state solution.” Commissioned by One Voice, an organization comprising liberal Israelis and Palestinians, the survey put the same questions to both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs.

While 77 percent of Israelis said they support the “two state solution”—and most Israeli papers focused solely on that—roughly the same number of respondents said they outright reject several key Palestinian conditions for peace, including the division of Jerusalem and the opening of Israel’s gates to millions of so-called “Palestinian refugees.”

And while the poll was clearly designed to focus media attention on the peace process with the recent election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israelis polled said that for them the peace process is only number 11 on their list of priorities.

Conversely, the Palestinians said that for them, the security of Israel’s civilians is an even lower priority, while for Israelis it is the key component of the peace process.

Venezuelan Ties with P.A.

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Hugo Chavez

The Venezuelan government and the Palestinian Authority formally established relations recently with the opening of a Palestinian diplomatic mission in Caracas.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez “is the most popular leader in the Arab world because of his courage, his support for justice and for supporting the just cause of the Palestinians,” declared Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Al Malki after the announcement.

His Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro said the establishment of diplomatic relations was an “act of justice” because the Venezuelan government understands the Palestinian cause and considers their plight to be “paramount.” The Palestinian Authority already has diplomatic headquarters in several Latin American countries, from Mexico to Argentina, and Malki said it hopes to expand ties in the region.

Venezuela severed ties with Israel on January 15 in reaction to the Israeli assault on Gaza. Caracas said at the time it was reacting to the “cruel persecution of the Palestinian people directed by Israeli authorities.” ★



“Oddly enough, the salsa here is kinda mild.”

DAVE COVERLY

8-Year-Old Girl Divorces 50-Year-Old Husband

By Hadeel Al-Shalchi, Associated Press

An 8-year-old Saudi girl has divorced her middle-aged husband after her father forced her to marry him last year in exchange for about \$13,000. Saudi Arabia has come under increasing criticism at home and abroad for permitting child marriages. The United States, a close ally of the conservative Muslim kingdom, has called child marriage a “clear and unacceptable” violation of human rights.

The girl was allowed to divorce the 50-year-old man whom she married last August after an out-of-court settlement had been reached in the case. A regional court previously rejected a request by the girl’s mother for an annulment and ruled that the girl would have to wait until she reached puberty to file a petition then.

There are no laws in Saudi Arabia defining the minimum age for marriage. Though a woman’s consent is legally required, some marriage officials don’t seek it. But there has been a push by Saudi human rights groups to define the age of marriage and put an end to the phenomenon.

One Saudi human rights activist was optimistic that the girl’s divorce would help efforts to get a law passed enforcing a minimum marriage age of 18. “Unfortunately, some fathers trade their daughters,” she said. “They are weak people in need of money and they forget their roles as parents.”

It was not clear if the man received money for the divorce settlement. The man had given the girl’s father 50,000 riyals, or about \$13,350, as a marriage

gift in return for his daughter, the lawyer said.

The 8-year-old girl’s marriage was not the only one in the kingdom to receive attention in recent months. Saudi newspapers have highlighted several cases in which young girls were married off to much older men or young boys including a 15-year-old girl whose father, a death-row inmate, married her off to a cellmate.

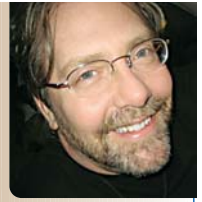
Saudi Arabia’s conservative Muslim clergy have opposed the drive to end child marriages. In January, the kingdom’s most senior cleric said it was



permissible for 10-year-old girls to marry and those who believe they are too young are doing the girls an injustice.

But some in the government appear to support the movement to set a minimum age for marriage. The kingdom’s new justice minister was quoted in mid-April as saying the government was doing a study on underage marriage that would include regulations.

There are no statistics to show how many marriages involving children are performed in Saudi Arabia every year. Activists say the girls are given away in return for hefty marriage gifts or as a result of long-standing custom in which a father promises his infant daughters and sons to cousins out of a belief that marriage will protect them from illicit relationships. ★



The Great Hope of Zion

By John J. Parsons

כִּי אֱלֹהִים יוֹשִׁיעַ צִיּוֹן

For God will save Zion (Psalm 69:35)

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for	God	will save	Zion							

The world “Zion” is mentioned over 160 times in the Scriptures. That’s more than the words faith, hope, love, and countless others. And since Zion is a poetic form of the word Jerusalem, the number of occurrences swells to nearly 1,000! Since it’s the most frequently occurring place name in all the Scriptures,

it’s no overstatement to say that *God Himself is a Zionist...* “Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth” (Psalm 50:2).

Tragically, many of today’s church leaders regard the ideal of Zion and its great hope as something “quaint,” perhaps even a little bit naive. Many of today’s evangelical teachers, for example, seem to regard the reestablishment of the modern State of Israel as an historical accident, without any theological significance. They do not regard the Jewish people’s regathering to their ancient homeland as a *miracle*, nor do they regard it as a sign that we are beginning to see the prophesied period known as *acharit hayamim*—“the End of Days” (Deut. 28:64; 30:3-5).

Zion represents the rule and reign of God in the Earth and is therefore synonymous with the Kingdom of God. The entire redemptive plan of God—including the coming of the Messiah Himself and our very salvation—is wrapped up in it (1 Pet. 2:6). It is the “historiography” of God—His philosophy of history, if you will. And this perhaps explains why the world system (and its agency, the devil) routinely mischaracterizes and condemns “Zionism” as a form of racism or injustice.

Friends, how *can* we forget Zion, “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22)? Is she not “our mother” (Gal. 4:26)? Are we not her citizens, indeed, her *exiles* in this age? Doesn’t Zion represent our eschatological future—our home in *olam haba* (the world to come)? Indeed, even the new Heavens and Earth will be called Jerusalem—Zion in her perfection (Rev. 21). We are instructed to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Psalm 122:6), but we are further told to “badger” the LORD until He makes Zion “the praise of the Earth” (Isa. 62:7).

Yeshua called Jerusalem the “City of the great King” (Psalm 48:2; Matt 5:35). It is the place where He was crucified, buried, resurrected, and from whence He ascended to Heaven. It is also the birthplace of the Church. And one day (soon) Yeshua will physically return to restore the throne of David there. At that time, all the New Covenant promises given to ethnic Israel will be literally fulfilled as the Kingdom of God is manifest upon the Earth (Luke 1:32-33; Zech. 8:3, 12:10-14; Micah 4:2-4; Rev. 20:2-6).

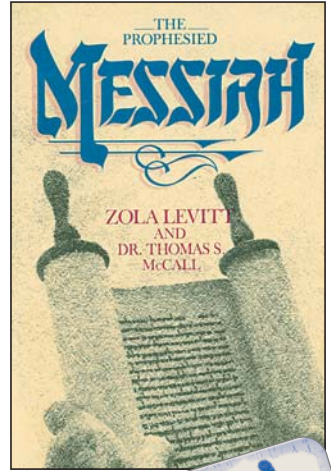


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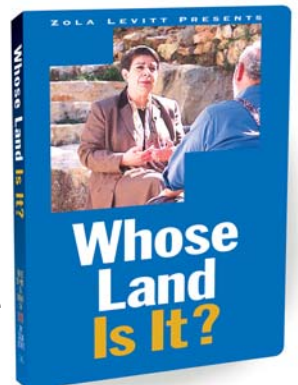
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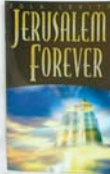
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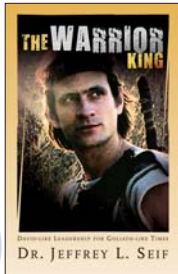
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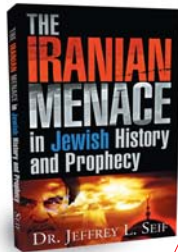
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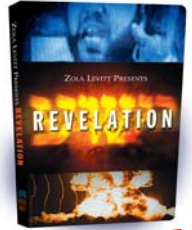
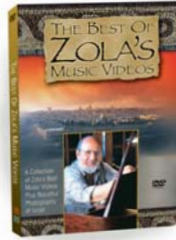


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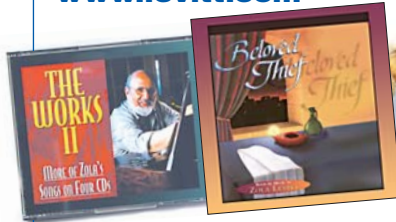
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Feeding God's Sheep—Behind Bars

By Mark Levitt



Mark Levitt

Here's a story behind the "Bible Exchange Praise Report" that you can read in the June *Levitt Letter* (p. 20).

As you may recall, the March *Levitt Letter* (p. 16) announced a "yellow alert" on our Bible Exchange. We often run short of used Bibles in good condition to ship for free to inmates, soldiers, retired senior citizens, the disabled, etc. Even so, we asked for addresses of those who need Bibles.

The April *Levitt Letter* (p. 27) shared a complaint from a prisoner that his four requests for a Bible had gone unanswered ("Where's My Bible?!"). I responded that we get more requests than we have donors and that this ministry works the best it can with our resources.

Then, PTL, we received cases and cases (hundreds!) of brand new, leather-bound Scofield Bibles! The following letter of thanks is from a prisoner who had been waiting for two years for a Bible despite sending requests to several sources. We still seek used Bibles in good condition. The bottom line is that when you enable this ministry to feed God's sheep, we do just that.

Dear ZLM,

I wrote you a couple of months ago about possibly receiving a free study Bible. An inmate had gotten a Bible, and I said to myself, "Finally I'm going to get a Bible after writing to many sources over a two-year period."

I even read in your *Letter* where another inmate got pretty nasty because he hadn't received his either. The first thing that popped into my head was that we Christians are to bear fruit, such as patience, according to Galatians 5:22, 23. My thoughts were that if it is God's will that I get a study Bible, then so be it.

On Monday, April 20, I received not only a study Bible but a leather-bound Scofield Study Bible! You can only imagine my surprise at such a precious gift. I expected a cheap paperback study Bible, but this was a total shock! Thank you so much for my precious study Bible! God is truly awesome!

The Scofield Bible helps me in my studies every day. I am housed in the Faith Dorm here in Central Ohio and outside churches mentor us through Christ-based recovery classes. I'll cherish your gift as long as I am here on this Earth. I'm going to enjoy its message for an eternity.

Keep me in prayer as I dedicate my life to God and enter His ministry on the street. I pray that someday I can repay the kindness.

Sincerely, T. P. —London, OH





Letters to ZLM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From M. A., Kansas—

I first learned of Zola many years ago, when a good friend gifted me with a cassette of “Zola’s Songs By Lamb.” I wore it out. Now I have the CD. I don’t know if you can wear them out! My favorite is “Father, Father, take this lamb.” I sing along with all my heart. I am a nearly 72-year-old lamb. Thank you for being there, Jeff. You are filling big shoes!

From T. H., Chicago—

I am an Evangelist, African American, and I grew up under my grandmother who always incorporated both Jewish and Christian beliefs in our lives. Until watching your show, I never understood why. I recently found out that my family’s origin is Jewish. They were abolitionists and took in slaves as family. My grandmother always insisted that Christians were Jews. Your show answered all of my questions.

Privacy, Please

Dear ZLM,
God bless your work.
D. M. — Buckhannon, WV

P.S. You may want to use security envelopes for gift giving.

Dear D. M.—

It is worthwhile not to let checks show through envelopes. However, most of the postage-paid business reply envelopes that accompany our newsletters don’t find their way back to us. The extra penny or two apiece to imprint a security pattern would add up much faster than asking our donors to kindly fold a piece of paper around their checks. Thanks for understanding. —Mark



Photo courtesy Gil Shmueli

Can You Bring Israel to Me?

Dear Jeff,

Maybe you could produce a DVD on an Israel tour so that those of us who cannot afford to go could still see the Holy Land, Petra, etc. —C. S.

Dear C. S.—

We offer our nine-program television series *A Pilgrim’s Journey* as an arm-chair tour of the Holy Land. Please see page 18 to order the DVDs or VHS tapes. Or you can visit www.levitt.tv and watch the programs for free. —Mark



Wake Up!

ZLM,

I just read your latest brochure in which Dr. Jeffrey Seif admonishes David Wilkerson about riots in cities across the United States and Dr. J.R. Church for pointing out that Barack Obama's rise is that of the dreaded antiChrist (May 2009 *Levitt Letter*, p. 8). Excuse me, Dr. Seif, but I respect these two men's opinions more than yours. Maybe Obama is your president, he is not mine. I believe that Obama is dangerous for this country and will soon destroy the U.S. Constitution. Look at the news and tell me what you think. I hope you are wrong, but I think you are either naive or stupid to think he is good for this country. I do not want to receive your booklets any longer. Wake up! —J. N.

Dear J. N.—

I agree that our current president is making decisions that are bad for this county. Thankfully, we can vote in a new president in a few short years—one with stronger biblical values. —Jeff



Help Me Get To Israel

Dear Jeffrey Seif,

I hope you read this letter. I have written before asking if there is a way that someone could provide for me and my eight-year-old son to go to Jerusalem. I am currently incarcerated, but will be getting out soon. I'd really like to take him with me to the Holy Land. Could you provide some help from the body of Christ or could you recommend how I might get some assistance?

Yours, M. F.

Dear M. F.—

First, congratulations on your coming release from prison! Every group of Holy Land pilgrims has some who make it there because good-hearted church friends feel led to send them. Sometimes, churches send their pastor and spouse (a great gift); other times, someone who is traveling alone wants to sponsor a companion. These people are gifted with the expensive trip through relationships established in their local congregation.

My suggestion to you is to get planted in a church where you can serve the Lord. As time passes, you may get tapped by someone offering you your heart's desire. —Jeff

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Not Adam And Steve

Dr. Seif,

While I think your advice to not focus on this or that president or this or that policy is good for keeping our focus on Jesus, there is the rubber-meets-the-road issue that I'm facing as a parent of little children. This Friday is being promoted as a day of silence in public schools by homosexual groups. If you support the homosexual agenda, then you are being encouraged to be silent in school, both students and teachers. How will I instruct my five- and six-year-olds on this? Will my church's minister be jailed or fined into financial ruin because he preaches that homosexuality is a sin? Christians are enduring this in Canada!
Yours, S. S.

Dear S. S.—

It's fine to wrangle with this president and his policies. Let's just not rant and rave when so doing. A while ago, I spoke at a high school graduation and mentioned that the Bible legitimizes relationships between Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Two people walked out in protest, and a newspaper cover story painted me as a homophobic minister who ruined the graduation service.

The paper failed to notice, however, that a few thousand other attendees gave me a standing ovation. What should you do with your children's education? Perhaps keep them home from school that day; perhaps write to the principal. My wife, Patty—a career public school counselor with three master's degrees—and I put our boys in Christian schools and homeschooled our youngest son during his last two years of high school. —Jeff

Time Released Love!

Shalom! It's been 30 years of searching, finding, losing, and searching some more. I have never read anything more beautiful and timely than "Be Not Afraid" in the May '09 Hebrew Lesson. Please tell John J. Parsons that somebody wept and praised God after reading his offering. Say it again, *al-tirah!* Amen!
Maranatha! —L. J.

Rewind The Hebrew

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for the work you do for the Lord. I appreciate the TV program. The on-site teachings are great! Thank you for teaching the WORD. I enjoy learning the Hebrew. Sometimes I rewind a couple of times so I can get the pronunciation. I would love to be able to go to Israel with one of your tours. Maybe one day.

Thank you for the *Levitt Letter*. Our sons are 13 & 11. They grab the *Letter* as soon as it comes in the mail, and read all the cartoons. They really enjoy getting to see them first. "Look at this one, Mom. This one is funny."

May the Lord continue to bless you and provide your every need. —J. M.,
Maryland



“The Womb of the Arab Woman is My Strongest Weapon”—YASSER ARAFAT

The following link reveals the dramatic impact that Muslims’ high fertility rate and immigration are having on world demographics—especially in combination with the low fertility rates across Europe and elsewhere.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU

“Occupied” Palestine

Jeff!

You wrongfully twist the situation in Israel. Your Israel is occupying another state, Arab-Palestine. You have twisted minds to mislead fools who follow without use of their brains. Because Israel is an occupier, there are no borders. Thus your critique is inapplicable. —Ahmed N .

Hi Ahmed—

Thanks for writing. You seem eager to set me straight, so let me return the favor by referring you to the article on page 1 of this magazine and also to this ministry’s *Whose Land Is It?* in which two highly educated Christians with ties to the Middle East refute the best arguments of a Palestinian spokeswoman. (You can order the DVD, VHS, or study booklet from page 18 or watch its programs for free at www.levitt.tv/media/series/DWL.)

There is no state of “Arab-Palestine.” Reviewing history and analyzing Scripture expose popular anti-Zionist myths for what they are: propaganda, carefully engineered and repeated often by professional land grabbers. Blessings, Jeff

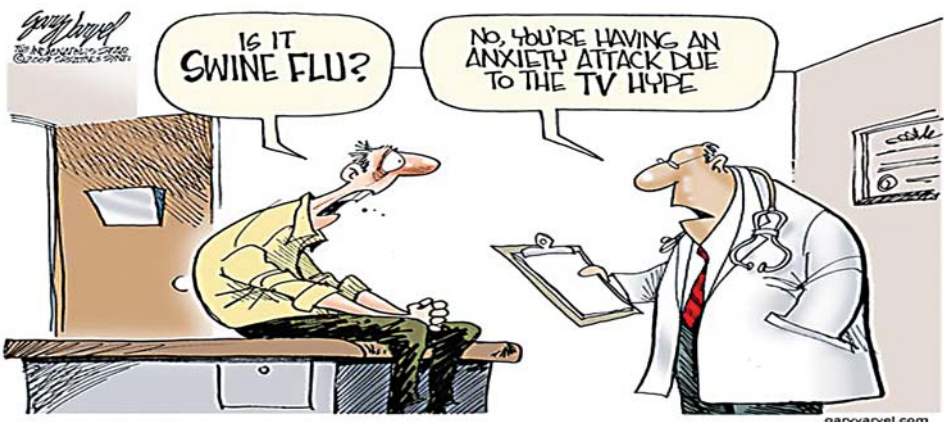
No Bickering

Dear Friends,

I am not sending you any more money and I’ll tell you why. You are so argumentative in your articles. I don’t want bickering, just interesting news, and would love to see that in your *Levitt Letters*.

In Christ, J.C.

It’s a tough world out here, J. C.; just look at the many, many tense interactions in the New Testament. The Prince of Peace was crucified by an angry mob, was He not? He wasn’t given a Nobel Peace Prize. Paul, who was eventually beheaded, similarly discovered that Gospel proclamation produces friction. Blessings, Jeff



Generous Jews

Dear Jeff,

I like your no-nonsense, tell-it-like-it-is approach. As for the recent *Letter* where someone said that Jews are money grubbers and never give anything away, I want to say that I sure enjoy my *Zola's Introduction to Hebrew*, a \$30 value which I received free of charge because I am an indigent.

By God's Grace, M. H.

Dear M. H.—

Glad we could help. Though we have our scoundrels, we Jews are a giving people. Millions upon millions of people receive this ministry's weekly television programs free of charge. I don't agree that Jews are all about the money. In any case, we ministry workers are all about the Gospel. —Jeff

Don't Recognize Critics

Dear Jeff,

Thanks for your super good programs—both the quality of the filming and the content. Don't let crackpots that shoot jabs at you get you down or under your skin. They think they are so clever to write a ministry and smart off when most of them don't really know which end is up. You do! I'm surprised you put their critical letters in your publication. They don't deserve recognition.

Warmest Regards, O. S.

Love The Cartoons

Dear Dr. Seif,

I am 15 years old. My father discovered your program about a month before Zola went to be with the Lord. Ever since, we have gathered together as a family on Sundays to watch *Zola Levitt Presents*. You are our very favorite ministry, besides our church. It is very encouraging to see someone else out there standing up for the truth. All six of us fight over the monthly *Levitt Letter*. The 9-year-old in our family loves the comic strips and my father, who has always wanted to go to Dallas Theological Seminary, loves the Hebrew lessons.

Shalom, R. B.

Hi, R. B.—

Thanks for writing. I was in Virginia ministering in a church recently. I'd like to meet you all some time if and when I'm in your area. Is your dad still interested in seminary? Let me know, or tell him to send me an email at staff@levitt.com. —Jeff ★



Bible Sites Bond Israeli ID

By Moshe Dann, www.IsraelNN.com

Egypt has its pyramids; Rome has its Coliseum; Greece has its Acropolis. But as citizens of a modern state, the native populations feel little or no connection to their ancient cultures. Their archaeological sites are for tourists.



Jews, however, regard historical sites as confirmations of Biblical references, providing intimate emotional links between present and past. Historical sites are bonds of identity, the reason that Jews are drawn to Israel, despite the difficulties; and why they struggle to survive in their homeland. Life may be more comfortable in other places, but it is in Israel—from the time of the Bible to modern times—where much of Jewish history happened. That is why Israel is so meaningful.

Jewish national and religious consciousness—indisputably rooted exclusively in the Land of Israel (*Eretz Yisrael*)—is the primary basis for the State of Israel's existence.

The return of the Jewish People to their homeland is the fulfillment of ancient prophecies and prayers, the core of their ethos and national identity; and central to the process of Redemption. Confirmed by history, each new archaeological discovery is a thrilling reminder of where and how Jews lived thousands of years ago. As if “beamed-down,” we are transported into that ancient world, which lives again through us. The return of the Jewish People to Israel, the rebuilding and flourishing of the State, is nothing less than a renaissance of the Jewish People.

There is no authentic “Palestinian” archaeology, because there never was a coherent “Palestinian” ethnic, cultural, or social group. Jews who lived in British-mandate Palestine used the term as a political reference; Arabs did not.

Israel is a leader in high-tech, medicine, and sciences; a democratic country committed to Western values. These are not, however, reasons to exist. Israel's *raison d'être* is its continuity as the ancient/modern homeland of the Jewish People. Without acknowledging that historical reference, Jews have no better claim to “Palestine” than any other group.

Attacked from all sides—physically by Arab Muslim countries, and rhetorically by much of the international community—Israel's struggle as a nation is rooted in its connection to an authentic revealed history and its adherence to Torah values. To deny or distance oneself from one's history is self-rejection; to embrace one's history is affirmation. The great irony in the current debate over the nature of Zionism is that those who argue for secularism deny the legacy of the past, while those who argue for a Torah-based state are in danger of exclusivity.

Paradoxically, both religious and secular Zionism thrust Jews towards an engagement with history centered in the Land of Israel. Both cling to the uniqueness of Jewish history; and it is precisely this link between the Jewish People, the Land of Israel, and Torah that makes Zionism different from all other nationalisms. Israel's rebirth and flourishing prove that we are not at “the end of history,” but rather demonstrating its continuing relevance, meaning, and hope for all mankind. ★

Israeli Agri-technology Feeds The World

Growing tomatoes and raising dairy cows in 113 degree Fahrenheit is no easy feat, but over the last 30 years or so, Israeli agriculture technologies have been made to cope with whatever Mother Nature throws at them. It's taken special fans, software, innovative dew collectors, drip irrigation, integrated pest control tactics, and state-of-the-art greenhouses, along with some "mothers of invention"—Israeli style.

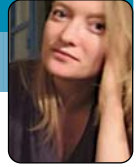
"Old MacDonald" would be proud: mainly as a means to survive in the hostile desert climate, Israeli agronomists, entrepreneurs, academics, and government agencies started focusing on agriculture as a means to survive. Over the years, Israel married pure science with know-how and technology, and today the country exports more agriculture technologies than the fresh produce which inspired the innovations in the first place.

Israeli technologies cover just about whatever you may think of, including irrigation technology, monitor control equipment, milking parlor equipment, assisting equipment, computers, monitors, and software. Israel is maintaining modern advanced agriculture in arid and semiarid conditions where water constraints are imminent and strong, and where temperature and humidity are high.

Israel is active and well known for its work in agriculture and humanitarian affairs, and its agricultural technology transfer is important in developing countries. Some successes are Israel's low-pressure irrigation systems in South Africa, a unique aquaculture enterprise in Uganda, an Israeli-made rural development project in Angola, and dairy farms that it has helped establish in Eastern Europe.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Prof. Ayal Kimhi said recently that in Angola, an Israeli company is build-

By Karin Kloosterman (right)
www.Israel21c.org



ing villages as a means of production for farmers and a cooperative system. The project has been so successful that the region has experienced a boom in growth.

"In Israel, we have a foreign ministry and a ministry of agriculture working to specifically find ways for Israeli technology to help other countries," said Kimhi, who is also Israel's director of research.

"Doing this kind of work helps to broaden people's perception of Israel, seeing that it's a superpower in technology, not just a land from the Bible or what you see on CNN," said Kimhi. ★



MSC Melody

Israelis Foil Hijacking On Indian Ocean

By Richard Owen
TimesOnline.co.uk



Israeli security guards on an Italian cruise ship using pistols and a fire hose beat back pirates who tried to board the vessel near the Seychelles. Commander Ciro Pinto of the MSC Melody, with 991 passengers and 536 crew, said the ship came under attack 600 miles off the Somali coast. The managing director of the ship's owner confirmed that the Melody was protected by Israeli security guards. "We use them because they are the best," he said. "And we have just had a demonstration of that." ★

Afghans OK Rape in Marriage

By Heidi Vogt, Associated Press

Dozens of young women recently braved crowds of bearded men screaming “dogs!” to protest an Afghan law that lets husbands demand sex from their wives. Some of the men picked up small stones and pelted the women.

The warring protests highlight the explosive nature of the women’s rights debate in Afghanistan. Both sides are girding for battle over the legislation, which has sparked an international uproar since being quietly signed into law last March.

The law says a husband can demand sex with his wife every four days, unless she is ill or would be harmed by intercourse. It also regulates when and for what reasons a wife may leave her home without a male escort.

Though the law would apply only to the country’s Shiites, who make up less than 20 percent of Afghanistan’s 30 million people, many fear its passage marks a return to Taliban-style oppression of women. The Taliban, who ruled Afghanistan from 1996-2001, required women to wear all-covering *burqas* and banned them from leaving home unless accompanied by a male relative.

Governments and rights groups around the world have condemned the legislation, and President Barack Obama has labeled it “abhorrent.” Afghan President Hamid Karzai has remanded the law to the Justice Department for review and put enforcement on hold.

A host of Afghan intellectuals, politicians, and even a number of Cabinet ministers have come out against the law. But those who decry the legislation face quick criticism from conservative

Muslim clerics and their followers. The demonstrators chose a risky spot



to hold their protest—in front of the mosque of the legislation’s main backer—and were easily outnumbered by supporters of the law. They said many women had been stopped on their way to the protest.

In the end, more women demonstrated in favor of the law than against it: A few hundred Shiite women marched with banners to join the angry men. They blamed foreigners for inciting the protests.

“We don’t want foreigners interfering in our lives. They are the enemy of Afghanistan,” said a 24-year-old who is engaged to be married and said she plans to ask her husband’s permission to leave the house as put forth in the law. She said other articles—such as the one allowing husbands to demand sex—have been misinterpreted by Westerners prejudiced against Islam. She did not elaborate.

On the other side of the shouting, a 32-year-old woman urged her countrymen to reject the law: “This law treats women as if we were sheep.”

Both sides say they’re defending their constitutional rights—but Afghanistan’s constitution is unclear. It defers to Islamic law as the highest authority, but also guarantees equal rights for women.





Israel New Hot Spot For Japanese Tourists

www.Haaretz.com

Are Japanese tourists making Israel their destination of choice? If Japanese sales of a “tourist bible” on Israel are anything to go by, then the answer is yes.

In recent years, Israel has seen a marked increase in tourism from East Asia, including Japan, China, and Korea. In 2008, some 135,000 visitors from East Asia arrived in Israel, an increase of 20 percent from the year before.

Recognizing this trend, the publishers of Japan’s largest travel guide added Israel to the popular Globetrotter series. The new guidebook quickly climbed to second place on the company’s best-seller list of guidebooks by country.

Most Japanese tourists traveling independently view the Globetrotter series as the “tourist Bible”—using it for hotel and restaurant recommendations, and even for shopping in recommended stores.

As a result of the book’s success, a translation will be published in Korean by the end of the year.

Hawaii’s Islam Day

By Mark Niese, Associated Press

Hawaii’s State Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill to celebrate “Islam Day”—over the objections of a few lawmakers who said they didn’t want to honor a religion connected to September 11, 2001.

The senate’s two Republicans argued that a minority of Islamic extremists have killed many innocents in terrorist attacks.

“I recall radical Islamists around the world cheering the horrors of 9/11. That is the day all civilized people of all religions should remember,” said Republican Sen. Fred Hemmings to the applause of more than 100 people gathered in the senate to oppose a separate issue—same-sex civil unions.

The resolution to proclaim September 24, 2009 as Islam Day passed the senate on a 22-3 vote. It had previously passed the House.

The bill seeks to recognize “the rich religious, scientific, cultural, and artistic contributions” that Islam and the Islamic world have made. It does not call for any spending or organized celebration of Islam Day.

In Israel, Solar Power That Won’t Need Subsidies

By Ilene R. Prusher, *The Christian Science Monitor*

In a country that ranks among the world’s highest for average number of sunny days per year, solar energy has long been seen as a key natural resource in Israel. All the more fitting that on the eve of its Independence Day Israel launched what it said was the first solar farm of its kind, billed as a breakthrough that will make it affordable to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

A Valuable Quote

Writing the forward to Leonard Ravenhill's book *Why Revival Tarries*, the late A. W. Tozer commended the following—a word worth hearing today:

"In the Kingdom.... God had always had His specialists whose chief concern has been the moral breakdown, the decline in the spiritual health of the nation or the church. Such men were Elijah, Jeremiah, Malachi and others of their kind who appeared at critical moments in history to reprove, rebuke, and exhort in the name of God and righteousness."

"...Such a man was likely to be drastic, radical, possibly at times violent, and the curious crowd that gathered to watch him work soon branded him as extreme, fanatical, negative. And in a sense they were right. He was single-minded, severe, fearless, and these were the qualities the circumstances demanded. He shocked some, frightened others and alienated not a few, but he knew Who had called him and what he was sent to do. His ministry was geared to the emergency, and that fact marked him out as different, a man apart."

Read the complete forward by Tozer at <http://apprising.org/2009/05/may-the-lord-send-his-specialists-soon/>

Jihad Billboard In Albuquerque www.jihadwatch.org



Here is the list of its sponsors, from the website of the group that put up the billboard. Note the leftist/Jihadist alliance and the suicidal Jewish group:

- Amnesty International Chapter 101, Albuquerque
- Muslim Women Outreach
- Another Jewish Voice (Albuquerque)
- Stop The War Machine
- Middle East Peace and Justice Alliance
- The Social Concerns Committee of the Albuquerque Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- United Nations Association, Albuquerque Chapter
- Irish Freedom Committee
- New Mexico People's Weekly Forum
- Another Jewish Voice—Santa Fe (AJVSF)
- Veterans For Peace—Santa Fe (VFPSF)
- Veterans for Peace—Albuquerque (VFPA)



Israeli Second Opinions

By Karin Kloosterman, www.Israel21c.org

Who would trust an important medical decision based on one doctor's opinion? When it comes to medical scans, such as MRIs, CTs, x-rays, mammograms, and even ultrasounds, doctors consult radiologists to help them diagnose the best and—unfortunately—the worst health scenarios.

No one wants to hear the word “tumor.” On the other hand, there is no normal American who would want a cancerous growth to go undetected. That's why doctors who work with radiologists—who read important medical scans—like to get a second opinion, especially if the case is urgent.

According to **Adi Bendor** of ATDS, an Israeli-based teleradiology company, a second opinion is essential because “there are mistakes at least 20 percent of the time in radiology reports, sometimes it's as much as 30 percent. A second opinion can reduce the odds of a misreading to less than five percent.”



In the U.S., getting a quick confirmation on scan results can take a long time, mainly due to a shortage of radiologists. That's where ATDS comes in. Founded in 2006, the company allows clinics and medical health professionals to upload medical scans, and have them reviewed by expert radiologists in Israel within hours, for a fraction of the cost. The Israeli radiologists can read the scans while Americans are in bed, and return them back to the clinic or doctor within 24-48 hours.

The service, which costs \$125 a scan, alleviates the pressure in Western medical facilities, where long waiting times can be deadly.

BBC Muslim Oversees Religious Content

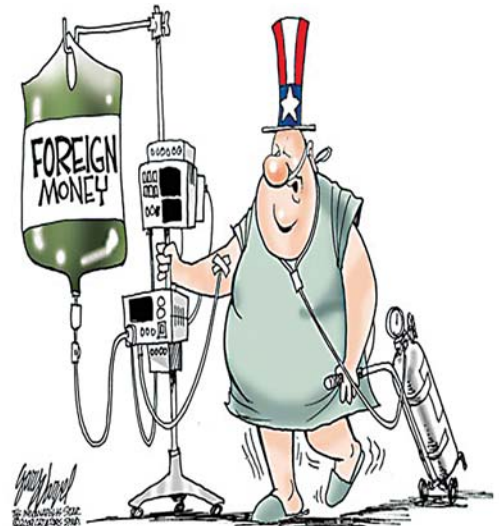
By Marty Cooper, www.OneNewsNow.com

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) recently appointed a Muslim as head of its religious programming department—a move being hailed as a “radical departure from broadcasting tradition.”

Aqil Ahmed, former executive at Channel 4, is the new Head of Religion and Ethics and Commissioning Editor for Religion TV, a position some call one of the most influential religious roles in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is concerned over the appointment of a Muslim, claiming it comes at a time when Christian leaders worry their faith is being marginalized and criticized by authorities. The Church of England notes that Muslims make up only three percent of the country's population while nearly 70 percent claim to be Christian.

However, other religious leaders are taking a wait-and-see approach, calling Ahmed a “respected professional” and the most qualified person for the position. Some even claim that turning him down because of his faith, despite his credentials, would amount to discrimination. ★



Presidential Dreams

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad calls American President Barack Obama and tells him, “Barack, I had a wonderful dream last night. I could see America, the whole country, and on each house I saw a banner.”

“What did it say on the banners?” Barack asks.

Mahmoud replies, “UNITED STATES OF IRAN.”

Barack says, “You know, Mahmoud, I am really happy you called, because believe it or not, last night I had a similar dream. I could see all of Tehran, and it was more beautiful than ever, and on each house flew an enormous banner.”

“What did it say on the banners?” Mahmoud asks.

Barack replies, “I don’t know. I can’t read Hebrew.”



New Israel Tour Manager



Meet Tracie Robbins—a new addition to the ZLM team. She is a real people-lover, with years of experience working in Christian ministry. Tracie holds a master’s degree in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary, a great asset in her mission to help women and men grow in their relationship with Christ. Tracie loves Israel, loves Jesus, and she’ll really love you. Call (214) 696-9760 if you want information about going to Israel, and talk to Tracie about your interests and needs.
—Jeff

In Memory of ZLM Director Rich Thomas

By Mark Levitt



Richard Lanier Thomas died of congestive heart failure at age 83, just before Resurrection Sunday. He was a true servant of God, content to serve quietly in the shadows. An Eagle Scout, Korean War veteran, lawyer, Dallas businessman, Methodist, and force for good causes in his community, Rich became acquainted with Zola while on a Holy Land tour in 1982, and subsequently volunteered as a director, counselor, and friend to Zola Levitt Ministries. We have posted his obituary at www.levitt.com/news. Also, you can see the letter that he wrote to all of this ministry’s supporters in April 2008 by visiting www.levitt.com/letters/2008-04.html.

Above all, Rich was a spiritual man with a deep faith and abiding love of Christ, which

he expressed in countless kindnesses to countless people. He will be sorely missed.



WON BY ONE!

Will you please help us build our army of Jewish-loving, Christian Zionists? If everyone on our mailing list would speak to one or more like-minded friends, and encourage them to call us at 1-800-WONDERS to request our *Levitt Letter*, we could double our outreach overnight. Please help. Notify a friend today. Have them contact us today and help us build “an army of one.”

Thanks. — Jeffrey Seif

New Israeli Ambassador

www.JPost.com

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman appointed Dr. Michael Oren as Israel's ambassador to the United States. He replaces Ambassador Sallai Meridor.

Oren, author of *Six Days of War*, is admired by Netanyahu's staff for his expertise on the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He has also published numerous articles on Israeli foreign policy.

Currently a professor in the Jewish civilization program at Georgetown University, and a Senior Fellow in the Shalem Center—a Jerusalem think tank—Oren has frequently served as an IDF spokesman dealing with the foreign media during recent military campaigns.

Oren was born in 1955 in upstate New York and raised in New Jersey. He moved to Israel in 1979 and enlisted in the Paratroopers Brigade. He received a Ph.D. in Near East studies from Princeton University in 1986.

During Operation Cast Lead, while on winter break from Georgetown, Oren volunteered as a military liaison officer, briefing reporters outside Gaza.

Oren also wrote *Power, Faith and Fantasy*, a 2007 view of U.S. policy in the Middle East from 1776 to the present era.

U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, welcomed the appointment, predicting that Oren would be “an outstanding ambassador for Israel, our strongest democratic partner in this troubled region.”

A Personal Look At Israel's New Ambassador

By Dan Gordon, Captain (Res.) IDF,
www.AmericanThinker.com

Some people say Israel's new ambassador to the U.S. is too conservative, others that he's too liberal. He is undeniably one of the world's foremost historians on the Middle East. That is his day job, though, not mine. I'm a playwright.

So, what qualifies me to comment on Israel's new ambassador to the United States? Dr. Michael Oren, in addition to his other achievements, is also a major in the same reserve IDF unit in which I serve as a captain. I can tell you a bit about the man: I have served in two wars with him.

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Late one night during the 2006 Lebanon War, we were at the Lebanese border when another officer approached us and four or five others. Most people don't realize that until the last few days of that war, Hezbollah outnumbered Israeli forces on the ground. A battle had been raging and Israel had taken casualties. They were looking for volunteers to go into Lebanon as a covering party to hook up with ambulances that were evacuating wounded. They couldn't land a chopper because it would have been shot out of the sky by anti-aircraft missiles.

Without saying a word, Michael was the first to pick up his gear and volunteer.

We were half-a-dozen middle-aged reserve officers. We didn't have an armored vehicle, so we drove into Lebanon in my Avis rent-a-car. My son had been killed at age twenty-two in a horrific car accident. Michael's son had been wounded in action in a firefight with terrorists. To all of us middle-aged men, these fallen boys could have been our sons.

We hooked up with the ambulance in a *wadi* or deep ravine. Flares were going off above us, which meant that Hezbollah knew we were there and was hunting for us. We served as the

covering force while the fallen were evacuated. Later, Michael's daughter, who was serving in the Golani Brigade, called Michael on his cell phone. Her unit had taken a lot of wounded; most of them were her friends.

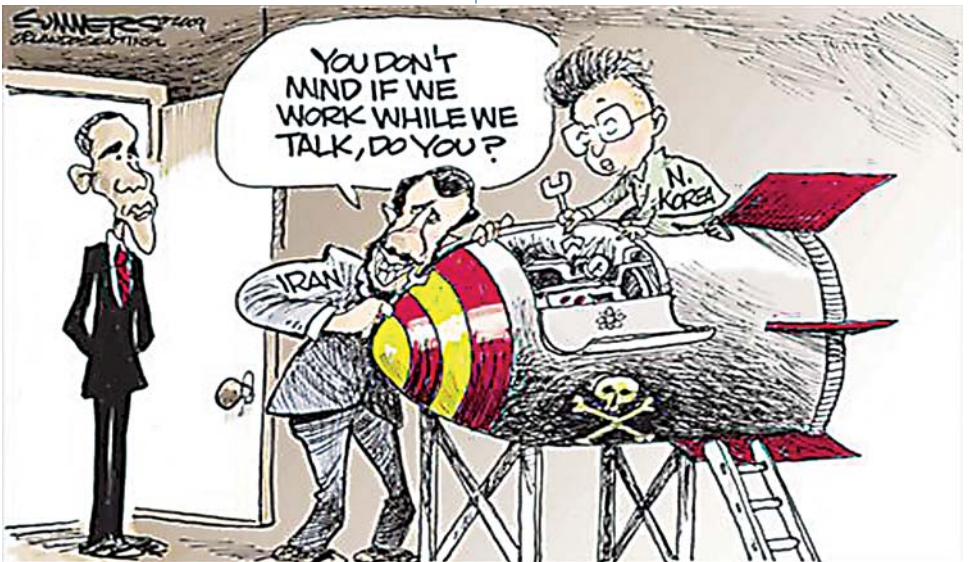
Michael turned to me. "My daughter needs a hug. Can I borrow your car?" The two of us drove from the Lebanese border to Haifa. Michael spent a half-hour with his daughter; gave her a much-needed hug, and then we drove back at dawn to rejoin our unit.

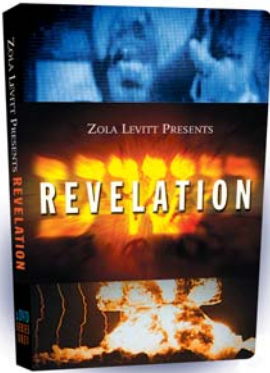
That is the kind of man Michael Oren is. He didn't hesitate to endanger his life to recover the fallen, and though exhausted himself, drove the four-hour round trip to give his daughter a hug when she most needed her father's love.

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