

Levitt

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." – ROMANS 10:1



## Letter



Please consider this worthy commentary on anti-Semitism. —Jeff

# The Other Tsunami

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Normally, Palestinian atrocities get little attention—certainly far less attention than Israeli apartment-building on the West Bank receives. But this particular atrocity got even less attention than usual because the world was focused on the terrible tsunami that hit Japan.

On the same day as Japan's earthquake, Palestinian terrorists slipped into a Jewish settlement, entered a home, and stabbed the father, the mother, and three of their children to death: an 11-year-old, a 4-year-old, and a three-month-old baby (shown below).

In order to understand what those actions mean, a seemingly separate incident needs to be recalled: the prolonged sexual attack by up to 200 Egyptian men on Lara Logan, chief

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**MURDER VICTIMS:** Rabbi and IDF tank unit officer Udi Fogel, his wife Ruth, 11-year-old Yoav, 4-year-old Elad, and 3-month-old Hadas.



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## Is Islam The Problem?

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A wise visitor from outer space who dropped in on Earth a millennium ago might have assumed that the Americas would eventually be colonized not by primitive Europeans but by the more advanced Arab civilization—and that as a result we Americans would all be speaking Arabic today.

Yet after about 1200, the Middle East took a long break: it stagnated economically, and today it is marked by high levels of illiteracy and autocracy. So as the region erupts in protests seeking democracy, a basic question arises: What took so long? And, a politically incorrect question: Could the reason for the Middle East's backwardness be Islam?

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foreign affairs correspondent for CBS News, in Tahrir Square, Cairo while she covered the February uprising. It was reported that after stripping her naked and then molesting and beating her, the men kept shouting, “Jew, Jew!” The two incidents tell the same tale: In much of the Arab Muslim and some of the non-Arab Muslim world today (such as Iran), “Jew” is not a person. “Jew” is not even merely the enemy. In fact, there is no parallel on Earth to what “Jew” means to a hundred million, perhaps hundreds of millions of Muslims.

There really is only one historical parallel, and it, too, involved the word “Jew.” The Nazis also succeeded in fully dehumanizing the word “Jew.” Thus, for Nazism, it was as important to murder Jewish babies and children—often through as cruel a means as possible (being burned alive, buried alive, or thrown up in the air and impaled on bayonets)—as it was to murder Jewish adults.



**The human being does not have to learn to hate. It seems to come pretty naturally.** Nor does the human being have to learn to murder, steal, or rape. These, too, seem to be in the natural human repertoire of evils. But the human being does have to learn to hate children and babies, and to regard the torture and murder of them as morally desirable acts. It takes years of work to undo normal protective human attitudes toward children.

That is precisely what the Nazis did and what significant parts of the Muslim world have done to the word “Jew.” To them, the Jew is not just sub-human; the Jew—and his or her children—is sub-animal.

Palestinian and other Muslim spokesmen and their supporters argue that this unique hatred is the fruit of Israeli policies, not from decades of Jew-hatred

saturating Islamic education, television, radio, and the mosque. But for this to be true, unique hatred would have to be matched by unique evil on the Israelis’ part.

Yet, among the injustices of the world, what the Israelis have done to the Palestinians would not even register on a moral Richter scale. The creation of Israel engendered about 750,000 Palestinian refugees (and an equal number of Jewish refugees from Arab countries) and the death of perhaps 10,000 Palestinian Arabs. And all of that came about solely because Arab armies invaded Israel in order to destroy it at birth. Yet, when Pakistan was yanked from India and established as a Muslim state at the very same time Israel was established, that act engendered 12.5 million Muslim refugees and about a million dead Muslims (and similar numbers of Hindu refugees and deaths). Why then doesn’t “Hindu” equal “Jew” in the Muslim lexicon of hate?

#### HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS IN BRIEF:

**First, many groups have been hated, but none hated as deeply as the Jews.**

**Second, Jew-hatred is often exterminationist, which is why Jew-hatred has little in common with ethnic bigotry, religious intolerance, or even racism, which rarely, if ever, seek the extermination of the disliked or hated group.**

**Third, exterminationist Jew-haters are particularly dangerous people. Non-Jews who do not recognize Jew-hatred as the moral cancer it is are fools. Nazism was born in Jew-hatred and led to the death of more than 40 million non-Jews. Islamic terror started against Israeli Jews but has spread around the world. More Muslims than Jews have been murdered by Islamic terror.**

**That is why the tsunami the world ignored—the Palestinian-Arab-Muslim flood of Jew-hatred—is the one that will prove far more dangerous than the tsunami in Japan.**



The sociologist Max Weber and other scholars have argued that Islam is inherently a poor foundation for capitalism, and some have pointed in particular to Islamic qualms about paying interest on loans.

**But that doesn't seem right.** Other experts note that Islam in some ways is more pro-business than other major religions. The prophet Mohammed was a successful merchant and much more sympathetic to the wealthy than Jesus was. And the Middle East was a global center of culture and commerce in, say, the 12th century: if Islam stifles business now, why didn't it then?

As for hostility toward interest on loans, similar teachings are found in Jewish and Christian texts, and what the Koran bans isn't interest as such but *riba*, an extreme form of usury that could lead to enslavement for failing to pay debts. Until the late 18th century, Muslims were as likely to be moneylenders in the Middle East as Christians or Jews. And today, paying interest is routine even in the most conservative Muslim countries.

**Many Arabs have an alternative theory about the reason for the region's backwardness: Western colonialism.** But that seems equally specious and has the sequencing wrong. "For all its discontents, the Middle East's colonial period brought fundamental transformation, not stagnation; rising literacy and education, not spreading ignorance; and enrichment at unprecedented rates, not immiserization," writes **Timur Kuran**, a Duke University economic historian, in a meticulously researched new book, *The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East*.



Professor Kuran's book offers the best explanation yet for why the Middle East has lagged. After poring over ancient business records, Professor Kuran persuasively argues that what held the Middle East back wasn't Islam as such, or colonialism, but rather **various secondary Islamic legal practices that are no longer relevant today.**

It's a sophisticated argument that a column

can't do justice to, but for example, one impediment was inheritance law. Western systems most commonly passed all property intact to the eldest son, thus preserving large estates. In contrast, Islamic law stipulated a much fairer division of assets (including some to daughters), but this meant that large estates fragmented. One upshot was that private capital accumulation faltered and couldn't support major investments to usher in an industrial revolution.



### Going Out Of Business Sale!

Professor Kuran also focuses on the Islamic *partnership*, which tended to be the vehicle for businesses. Islamic partnerships dissolved whenever any member died, and so they tended to include only a few partners—making it difficult to compete with European industrial and financial corporations backed by hundreds of shareholders.

The emergence of banks in Europe led long-term British interest rates to drop by two-thirds leading up to the Industrial Revolution. No such drop occurred in the Arab world until the colonial period.

These traditional impediments are no longer a problem in the 21st century. Muslim countries now have banks, corporations, and stock and bond markets; and inheritance law now isn't an obstacle to capital accumulation. So if Professor Kuran's diagnosis is correct, that should bode well for the region—and Turkey's boom in recent years underscores the potential for a renaissance.

**Yet one challenge is psychological.** Many Arabs blame outsiders for their backwardness, and cope by rejecting modernity and the outside world. It's a disgrace that an area once producing outstanding science and culture (giving us words like *algebra*) now is an educational underachiever—especially for girls.

This Arab-world crisis provides a chance for a new start. I hope we'll have some tough, honest conversations on all sides about what went wrong as a starting point for a new and more hopeful trajectory.

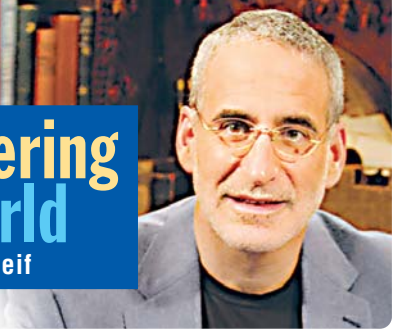




**Wars, rumors of wars, catastrophic weather, and looming nuclear meltdowns. This combination prompts some people to look outward to the future, upward to the heavens, and downward toward an open Bible.**

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



I'm in Israel filming a new series on the Book of Psalms, and contemplating Psalm 18.

Psalm 18:7–8 speaks of the Earth “shaking and trembling,” and “smoke going up from His [God’s] nostrils and a devouring fire from His mouth.” This is how the Lord “thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire” (v. 13).

I hope and pray that He’ll speak through what this ministry is doing right now.

Whether or not Psalm 18 concerns the earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan, or “wars and rumors of wars” (Matt. 24:6) refers to recent events in the Arab Muslim world, ***Scripture tells us that God uses “earth shaking” and “fire from heaven” to get peoples’ attention.***

In Matthew 24:7, Jesus speaks clearly of “famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.” Revelation 6:1-17 portends massive deaths and upheavals when Satan will release his fury on a tribulation world. Ezekiel envisions God’s judgment on those who come against a reconstituted Israel during last-days wars. Ezekiel references the “fire of God’s wrath” and an “earthquake” (38:19). The event is so catastrophic that the “mountains are thrown down [and] the steep places fall” (v. 20). In something reminiscent of a nuclear blast, Ezekiel notes “flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone” (v.22). God says: by all of this, the world “shall know that I am the Lord” (v. 23).

The world should know Him beforehand; so, I work to turn peoples’ attention God-ward now—before the flood of miseries that will precede His second coming.

When people look at the Psalms—in their own Bibles or with us in this upcoming series—they’ll discover that God is referred

to as a “shelter” (Ps. 61:3, 4), a “rock” (62:7), a “place of safety” (59:16), a “strong tower” (61:3), a “stronghold” (27:1), a “fortress” (91:2 and 94:22), and a “shield” (18:2). Beyond declaring God a refuge in an insecure world, the Psalms tell us that God is at work even during misfortunes.

Zola emphasized this point before his heavenly promotion five years ago; it’s a message that still needs spreading.

I expect our timely and prophetic Messianic Jewish series on the Psalms to reap a great harvest. We plan to broadcast it globally, in multiple markets and at various times; but television airtime doesn’t come cheaply. If the Psalms have touched you personally, please consider this an invitation to reach out and help them impact somebody else—millions, in this case, via television and the Internet.

**Together we can make an incredible difference—and add some jewels to our crowns in the process!** (1 Peter 5:4)

If you’d like to walk together in the Holy Land, call 1-800-WONDERS or 214-696-9760 to learn the details. Tour dates appear on p. 36.

Your messenger,



Damascus Gate, circa 1870 (Felix Bonfils)

## Shalom From Sandra

Yes, you are reading that right. *Shalom, from Sandra*. Though I retired from full-time work at the ministry, I couldn't retire from being a part of Zola Levitt Ministries or Zola's vision for the Ministry. I promised Zola before he died that I would always be there for the Ministry. It has been in my heart and my prayers these past two years. I never retired from loving Israel, either. I don't think I can. I have been asked to write this column on occasion and I have enjoyed writing about Israel this month.



In addition to retiring from full-time work, I also remarried. My husband, Daniel, is a Godly man, and we do some volunteer work with the homeless. I always thought I would retire in Israel, but God had other plans for me. It feels good to still be working for the Lord.

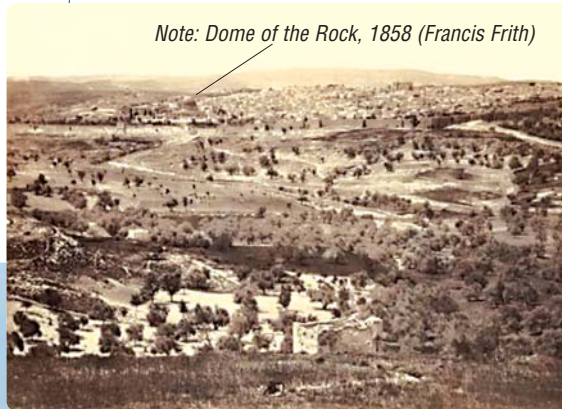
I am blessed to be in leadership in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) this year and have made many new friends. Studying Isaiah reminds me that God's sovereign control of the past, present, and future is for His glory. I still do not know where the time goes each day. I

think I am busier now than when I worked full time! God has also been busy with my son, Will. He is no longer the Ministry's "Our Man In Jerusalem;" he moved back to Texas last year and met a lovely Texas girl; they will be married in late May. I have been in contact with many of our pilgrims to Israel and celebrate the joy we share in loving Israel. I am truly blessed that my life is rich with His goodness.

I recently became aware of an exhibit at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Called "In Search of Biblical Lands—From Israel to Jordan in 19th-Century Photography" (now until September 12, 2011), it comprises early photographs of the Holy Land from the mid to late 1800s ([samples shown on pp. 4–11](#)). I was so taken aback by the contrast between Israel then and now, I wanted to share Israel's phenomenal progress with you. For the next couple of months, we'll show you "then" and "now" pictures of Israel. Even without petrodollars, modern-day Jews have made the desert bloom (Is. 35:1–10).



Note: Dome of the Rock, 1858 (Francis Frith)



Top, photo overlooking Jerusalem taken in mid-1800s compared to a similar photo of Jerusalem today at left.

## From Beyond the Rivers of Ethiopia

By Eitan Shishkoff



In one of history's most fascinating cases of a "lost people," a group of Israelis with a 3,000-year history has been hidden from the rest of the Jewish community for most of that time. They are the more than 100,000 Israelis whose roots are in Ethiopia. A people gentle and strong, the Jewish Ethiopians are a relatively new element in Israeli society. Their presence is proof of the power of the Jews' ancient covenant with God.

**Strong tradition and oral history paint an intriguing picture of this community's origin:** The Queen of Sheba returned to Ethiopia after her dramatic visit to King Solomon. She then gave birth to a son, Menelik ("son of the wise man"), whose father was King of Israel. In time, Menelik inherited the throne and established a dynasty with Jewish roots. Evidence of these roots weaves through the story of Ethiopian Jews. For many generations, they were known as *Beta Israel*—the "House of Israel." Torah-based customs covering family life, prayer, and festivals are well established for generations. Additionally, Ethiopia is the only country to claim possession of the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ethiopian Jews arrived publicly in Israel during the dramatic airlift rescues Operation Moses (1984–85) and Operation Solomon (1991). Operation Moses began when some 8,000 determined men, women, and children walked from Gondar, the ancestral center of Ethiopian Jewish life, to Sudan. They were inspired by the ancient longing to live in Israel. A member of our congregation was on that trek and walked barefoot most of the way, traveling at night to avoid attacks by anti-Semites and robbers. She watched as family members died

of disease and had to be left behind in the morning. One third of these intrepid worshipers perished en route!

When they arrived in Israel, the rabbinic leaders doubted the authenticity of their Jewishness and required "re-circumcision" though the community had maintained this practice for millennia.

Subsequent waves of Ethiopian immigrants met with a more sympathetic reception. The adjustment to Israel's modern, highly technological, and fast-paced society, however, has been painful and disillusioning. Suicide, divorce, and addiction have marred the wonder of this ancient Jewish enclave's return to *Eretz Israel*. Though the younger generation has grown up here as Israelis, many do not feel accepted or understood by their peers in school. Even with higher education, Ethiopian Israelis experience discrimination when seeking entry into the professional world.



Nevertheless, there are many signs of hope. In the military, entertainment, legal, and media fields, Ethiopian Israelis are being recognized for their talents, creativity, and strong Zionism. The Messianic Jewish portion of Israel also benefits from the spiritual depth and hunger of our Ethiopian brothers. May their presence in our congregations grow and multiply. We are stirred by the prophet Zephaniah's preview of what we've already begun to see:

***"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering. (3:10)"*** ★



## Prophecy in the Middle East

*An interview with Egyptian president Anwar Sadat (1918–1981) August 1980.*



Three editors of *Reader's Digest* caught the then-president of Egypt in a very candid mood and he spoke plainly on the Russian situation. The Russians are not in Israel, of course, but they are consolidating the territories all around it. President Sadat felt that “the situation in Iran gives the Soviet Union every opportunity to infiltrate.” He also said the same thing in reference to South Yemen, near Israel’s southern border, and he lived to see his theory vindicated in Lebanon and Syria later on. Sadat’s conclusion was, “The Soviet Union will just wage war with this infiltration policy.”

Mr. Sadat was a bit caustic about his friend, Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, in this particular interview. He said, rightly enough, “Mr. Begin can’t bring himself to leave what he calls ‘Judea and Samaria’ because it is ‘the land of the fathers, and it is biblical.’” The quotes are Sadat’s, not mine. I think like Mr. Begin. As a matter of fact, the idea of Judea and Samaria being biblical is not open to question. All the same, Mr. Sadat’s political posture required his styling Prime Minister Begin as some sort of biblical fanatic. I confess to the same fanaticism. The situation came to a head later in the interview when Sadat was asked about whether there would ever be peace in Israel, and his answer was, “If Mr. Begin drops all these Judea/Samaria claims, yes.”

And there we have the whole problem. Israel is supposed to choose

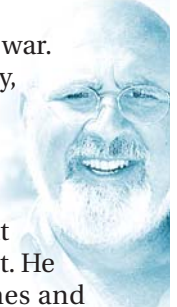
between God’s Word and war. In that case, unfortunately, the choice is very clear.

Sadat predicted that Iran would turn toward communism—and this is what readers of prophecy expect. He said that the fighter planes and tanks that Egypt got from the United States would be necessary for use in the Middle East “after Iran has vanished.” And he asked the interesting question, “What am I to do if anything comes from the south, from the direction of Ethiopia, instigated by the Soviet Union?” Ethiopia is, of course, one of Russia’s allies in the coming invasion (Ezekiel 38:5).

As for China, he said, “In the next ten years it will be the third superpower.” This would jibe with the prophetic view of the King of the East not being quite ready for the Russian invasion of Israel but marching in Armageddon seven years later. Asked about his courage and strength, Sadat said, “I am a true believer in God.” But he expressed his view of God as strictly the Islamic view.

The interview concluded with a commentary on the veracity of Muslim scripture: “God tells us in the Koran that if the whole world chooses to end your life and God doesn’t agree, it will never happen.”

On that, God said, “Blessed are the peacemakers...” ★



1858 Bethlehem (Francis Frith)



## Israel: Jewish Population Growth Exceeds Arab

By Ryan Jones, [www.IsraelToday.co.il](http://www.IsraelToday.co.il)

Israeli leaders and international powerbrokers continue to try to scare Israelis into surrendering their biblical heartland by insisting that if they do not, Arabs will very soon outnumber Jews by a large margin west of the Jordan River.

They call it the “demographic threat,” but time and again, honest researchers have proven that such a threat simply does not exist. And even if it did, why should today’s Israelis be any less faithful to their biblical mandate than was David Ben Gurion, who declared Israel’s independence despite being actually outnumbered by the Arabs?

The latest study on demographics in the Holy Land was conducted by Yaakov Faitelson of the Institute for Zionist Strategies. It showed that there remains a strong and undiminished 66 percent Jewish majority in all territories west of the Jordan River, including the Palestinian-ruled areas of Judea and Samaria.



At the start of 2011, the number of Jews west of the Jordan River stood at just over 6.1 million. That figure exceeded by a whopping 234,500 the estimates made by Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics (ICBS) in 2007, meaning **the Jewish population is growing much faster than even the “experts” expected.**

And that trend will only continue with the Jewish fertility rate reaching 2.9 in 2010, which is much higher than every Arab nation in the region with the exceptions of Jordan and Syria.

At the same time, the Arab population west of the Jordan River is growing slower than expected. The number of Israeli Arabs stood at just over 1.5 million in 2010, which was 28,000 less than the ICBS had forecasted.

The figures were similar among the Palestinian Arabs.

In short, as 2010 began, there were 3.12 Jewish births for every 1 Arab birth west of the Jordan River, a long-term demographic trend that clearly favors the Jews, contrary to what everyone loves to claim.

And then there is the effect of immigration and emigration.

**Nineteen thousand new Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel in 2010**, an increase of 16 percent over 2009 and an increase of 39 percent over 2008. At the same time, the Palestinian Arabs are registering a net emigration of about 23,000 per year. Previous estimates that portrayed the Jews as quickly becoming a minority west of the Jordan River were based on unsubstantiated Palestinian figures, which even the World Bank in 2006 concluded had been grossly exaggerated.

The truth is that **the Jewish population west of the Jordan River has been increasing at a rapid pace for over 60 years**, and is showing no signs of stopping—while Arab population growth in the entire region has experienced a significant slowdown. ★

God's Little Notes

God  promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.



# Perceptions of Israel

[www.FresnoZionism.org](http://www.FresnoZionism.org), *A pro-Israel voice from California's Central Valley*

The BBC World Service commissions a yearly poll in which respondents are asked whether they think various countries have a positive or negative influence in the world.

Regarding Israel's reputation, the results are worrisome: Perhaps the most interesting shift is the change in American opinion, as the U.S. public is now divided rather than favorable in its rating. While positive ratings have remained quite stable since 2010 (43%), negative ratings are up by ten points (41%).

Someone recently said, "this is proof that Israel's *hasbara* [public relations] isn't working."

**Of course it isn't, and the reason is simple and obvious.**

Israel's efforts at telling its story take two forms: one is "branding"—showing that Israel is a modern state with beautiful women, a great economy, fascinating tourist sites, absolutely world-class science and technology (including medical research, in which Israel might be *the* most advanced nation in the world), etc.

Naturally this has no effect when the other side is arguing that they are oppressed and prevented from developing by "racist apartheid," etc.

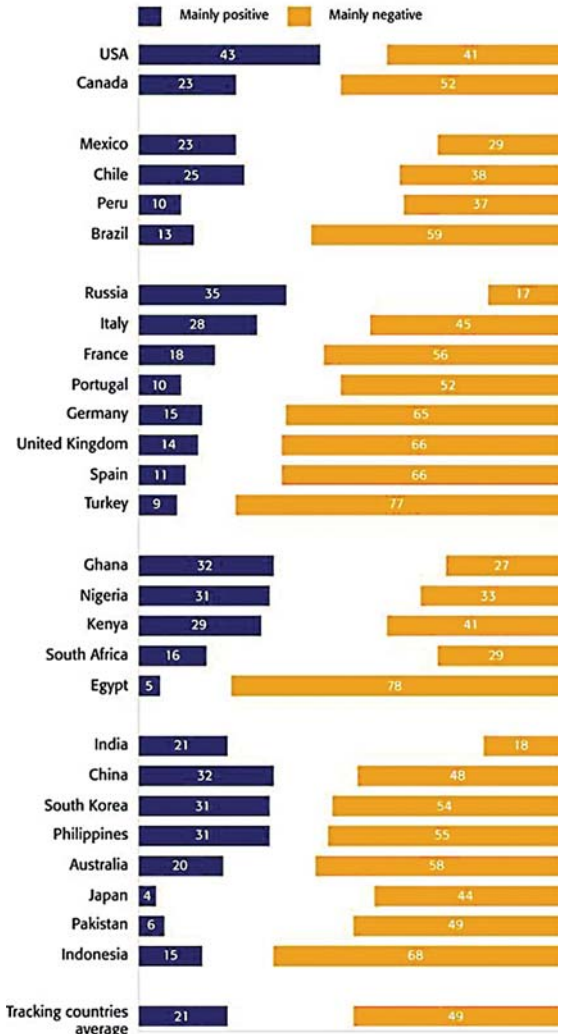
The other type of *hasbara* is what I call "apologetics." For example, "We tried to be gentle to the Turkish peace activists on the *Mavi Marmara*, but it didn't work out. Sorry, we did our best."

The problem is twofold. First, actual *policies* are based on the assumption that Israel must avoid giving offense at all costs. So the commandos landing on the deck of the *Mavi Marmara* were given paintball guns. Second, when outrageous accusations are leveled afterward, Israel tries to refute them rationally, point by point. The refutation simply gives prominence to the origi-

nal charge, and the other side just says Israel is lying.

Diaspora Jews throughout history tried to protect themselves by not making the anti-Semites mad. It didn't work, but they didn't have a lot of options. Israel does not have to behave this way. Take the *Mavi Marmara* incident: the commandos should have been appropriately armed, and rules of engagement should have allowed a pipe-swinging thug to be shot. Possibly there would have been fewer injuries to the "activists," and certainly to the commandos. *Hasbara* afterwards should have taken the form "you're lucky we didn't just sink the ship." ★

Views of Israel's Influence  
By Country, 2011



The white space in this chart represents "Depends," "Neither/neutral," and "DK/NA." Asked of half of sample

# Old Tires: Be The Road

**Old, used tires are an environmental nuisance. But now a new “green” project in Israel intends to recycle the rubber from old tires, and use as many as 1,400 tires per km (0.6 mile) of new paved highway.**

In a pilot trial, a section of road was paved using an experimental mixture that included hundreds of recycled tires and a blend of asphalt.

At no greater cost than paving a regular road, this new product can increase the life of the pavement by one-third without compromising safety. Developers anticipate that their technology can be applied in countries in the Middle East and elsewhere with climates and conditions similar to Israel.

About three million tires go out of service in Israel every year, and they are often found discarded and scattered at various locations.

While the idea to reuse shredded rubber on roads came through a technology transfer meeting between Israel and America back in 2005, the results from the pilot trial on a highway section of Road 85 in the Galilee, up north, will benefit its Israeli developers: the Israel National Roads Company, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Expect the compound and equipment needed to produce the recycled tire asphalt to be ready for sale by the end of this year.

Recycled tires are now being incorporated into roads in Arizona and Texas. Alan Bilinsky from the U.S. Embassy in Israel put the Israelis in

By Karin Kloosterman  
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*Paving roads with a recycled, cost-saving tire compound.*

touch with Americans who are already recycling tires for roads. However, when they tried to use a U.S. blend, it disintegrated on the Israeli roads, which can be scorched with temperatures hot enough to fry an egg in the summer, without the benefit of rain to cool them down.

Israel's climate and raw materials are different from those in the United States. So although making asphalt from recycled materials is just like baking a cake, Israelis are not working with the same flour, oven, and local temperatures.

Israel's tech transfer with the United States goes both ways. In the last couple of years, the Israel National Roads Company has been developing a novel way to collect the mechanical energy created when cars and trucks pass over roads and highways. Using piezoelectric crystals that generate electricity when depressed, so far the results of a pilot in Israel exceed expectations.

Based on the same system, companies are developing a sensor technology called “Weight in Motion,” designed to collect data about the weight of service vehicles and cargo trucks. This is of interest to many countries, including Israel and the United States, where overweight trucks can damage roads and bridges and can lead to severe traffic accidents. ★



*Turning discarded tires into road surface will provide a “green” answer to a large disposal problem.*

# Why the Jews?

By Alan M. Dershowitz, [www.NYPPost.com](http://www.NYPPost.com)

When celebrities are drunk, on drugs, or just high on their own egos, they often engage in rants. These days many such rants are captured on cell-phone videos or audio tapes and go viral on the Internet. Nothing surprising there. What is surprising to many is that the rant *du jour* seems to be directed against Jews.

Consider the former Dior designer, **John Galliano**, who was sitting in a bar in a Jewish section of Paris and announcing his love for Hitler and smiling as he told the people at an adjoining table, who he apparently assumed to be Jewish, that "People like you would be dead. Your mothers, your forefathers, would all be f - - ing gassed."



Or **Charlie Sheen**, who attacked his producer Chuck Lorre by emphasizing the Jewish nature of his original name, Levine.



**Mel Gibson** delivered a similar rant in 2006. "F - - ing Jews... are responsible for all the wars in the world."



Generally, sobriety results in apology, but the damage has been done.

The question is: "Why the Jews?" There's an old joke about a Nazi rally in Nuremberg where Hitler is screaming, "Who causes all of Germany's problems?" An old man in the crowd shouts back, "The bicycle riders." Hitler's taken by surprise and asks, "Why the bicycle riders?" To which the old man replies, "Why the Jews?" That was the 1930s—we're still asking the question in the 21st century.

Let me suggest two possible answers. The first is that little about the nature of prejudice has really changed, but technology has brought private preju-

ices into the public arena. What used to be only whispered to friends at a bar is now broadcast around the world.

There is a second, a far more troubling answer. Prominent public figures have blurred the line between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, between attacking the Jewish state and attacking the Jewish people.

Consider widely publicized remarks made by Bishop **Desmond Tutu**, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. He has "compared the features of the ancient Holy Temple in Jerusalem to the features of the apartheid system in South Africa." Tutu has minimized the suffering of those murdered in the Holocaust by asserting that "the gas chambers" made for "a neater death" than did apartheid. He has demanded that its victims "forgive the Nazis for the Holocaust," while refusing to forgive the "Jewish people" for "persecute[ing] others."



Former President **Jimmy Carter** echoed Tutu's derisive talk about the Jewish domination of America ("powerful... forces... that dominate our media") and used the term "apartheid" in his book about Israel.



By blurring the line between legitimate political criticism and illegitimate bigotry, widely admired people like Tutu and Carter legitimize the kind of anti-Semitic attitudes that manifest themselves in the rants of celebrities like Galliano, Sheen, and Gibson. ★



Lepers, Jerusalem, 1870s  
(Felix Bonfils)



# Why Israelis Build

By Tzippe Barrow, [www.CBN.com](http://www.CBN.com)

The Israeli response—both officially and unofficially—to the brutal slaughter of five members of the Fogel family by neighboring Palestinian terrorists [see p. 1] is not revenge. The response is to keep building the Jewish homeland.

Israeli PM Netanyahu said, "They [the Palestinian terrorists] murder; we build. We shall build our land."

Earlier, at the weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu spoke about Israel's housing shortage and "an emergency plan to shorten the bureaucratic procedures involved in planning homes.

"Every year a gap of tens of thousands of apartments is created. Over a decade, this gap has grown to approximately 100,000 apartments. This gap hurts young people, young couples, and discharged soldiers.

"I know there is much criticism about this, and there are many people who are explaining why it is forbidden to do this. Twenty years ago, the State of Israel took a similar step to absorb the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who were on their way here and who were without homes.

"Today, there are hundreds of thousands of young people in the State of Israel who lack homes. They live with their parents; soon they will be living with their grandparents. This is unac-

ceptable. The government is being asked to take a dramatic and drastic step to alleviate this distress and to build apartments in the State of Israel. The public has a right to live. We are committed to realizing this right," Netanyahu said.

In any other democratic country, building homes for its citizens wouldn't evoke an international crisis. But when it comes to Israel, everyone gets in on the act.

UN special coordinator Robert Serry said he is "concerned" by the announcement because building is not "conducive to efforts to renew negotiations and achieve a negotiated Israeli-Palestinian peace."

In summary, Israel's critics say that to achieve peace with the Palestinians, the government must uproot a quarter of a million Israelis from their homes in Judea and Samaria and turn over Jewish neighborhoods to a future Palestinian state. A truncated Jewish state would be at the mercy of "neighbors" who glorify terrorism and educate their children to admire "martyrs" who murder Jews and hope that in their lifetimes Israel will cease to exist.

The time is approaching when Israel will stand alone against the nations of the world—but not alone, according to Scripture. Maybe that's why many people side with Israel's opponents. They don't believe the Bible is the Word of God, so they don't accept the validity of a Jewish homeland. ★

## Dry Bones

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## SEC Woes... Lazy Portfolios



Mark Levitt

Two recent articles affirm that: 1) the SEC isn't doing as much as it should to protect investors from stockbrokers, and 2) you can benefit by *not* hiring a financial manager. Complete editions of the articles below appear at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news). Please see the collection of my *Wise As A Serpent* articles at [www.levitt.com/essays](http://www.levitt.com/essays).

### SEC Chief: Lack of Funds Hurts Enforcement

By Jessica Holzer, *The Wall Street Journal*

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman Mary Schapiro said that budget constraints hamper the regulator's ability to enforce the securities laws. She said the budget strain was forcing market analysts to use decades-old technology to "monitor trading that occurs at the speed of light."

She also indicated the agency didn't have the funds to hire market experts it needs to keep ahead of fraudsters and market manipulators. Ms. Schapiro painted a bleak picture of a resource-strapped agency trying to keep pace with securities markets that were growing larger and more complex.

### Regular People's Lazy Portfolios Outperform Paid Managers' Offerings

By Scott Burns, [www.AssetBuilder.com](http://www.AssetBuilder.com)

The mutual fund industry keeps telling us that constant attention and skilled management is the key to our financial future. Too bad it isn't true.

The upheaval of the last three years would have been ideal for those brilliant managers to demonstrate their magic. But they didn't. A close look at how managed funds that invest in both stocks and bonds did compared to similar portfolios that you and I

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can build in our spare time showed that Home Brew rules. The results show, yet again, we can do well on our own, simply by being lazy, thrifty, and diversified. When the time came for those attentive and well-paid managers to duck or dodge, they didn't. More important, they did worse than passive, unchanging portfolios. Here's how it happened.

**Diversification.** The Vanguard 500 Index fund's annualized return over the last three years was a loss of 2.9% a year, even with dividend reinvestment. The Vanguard Balanced Index fund, a traditional 60/40 mix of domestic stocks and bonds, however, provided a return of 1.85% a year over the same period. The low-cost (0.25% a year) index fund also did better than 83% of its managed competitors.

**Thrift.** If you divide all 248 of the funds Morningstar calls "moderate allocation" into two piles, more expensive and less expensive, *the less expensive half does better*. Over the last three years, the funds with expense ratios under 1.12% returned an average annualized 1.18%. Funds in the more expensive pile returned only 0.06%.

The least expensive quarter of these funds, those with expense ratios under 0.89%, provided an annualized return of 1.18%. The most expensive quarter of all funds, those with expense ratios over 1.40%, provided an average return of *minus* 0.15%.

Year after year, the data show that high-cost management transfers money from your pocket to its pocket. ★

#### Dear Reader—

The excerpts above and my comments are for educational purposes only. Eleven years ago, a stockbroker so badly managed Zola's and this ministry's nest eggs that I periodically warn readers against the folly of blindly trusting such "consultants" (actually, salesmen). Scott Burns's website at [www.AssetBuilder.com](http://www.AssetBuilder.com) offers investment principles that emphasize broad diversification and low fees, as opposed to stock picking and timing. Incidentally, for many households, there is no better way to invest than by eradicating debt. —Mark

# National Day of Prayer —59th Anniversary

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*National Day of Prayer 2011 is May 5.*

Last year, it occurred in spite of a court ruling that declared it unconstitutional.

On April 15, 2010 Judge Barbara Crabb, a federal judge in Madison, Wisconsin, issued a ruling declaring the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional. She wrote: "In this instance, the government has taken sides on a matter that must be left to individual conscience."

In response, the National Day of Prayer Task Force (NDPTF), whose mission is to "publicize and preserve America's Christian heritage," launched a "Save the National Day of Prayer" campaign. "This is an attack upon our religious freedoms, and it is a sad day in America when an atheist in Wisconsin can undermine this tradition for millions of others who simply wish to join their fellow citizens in praying for their country," the petition read.

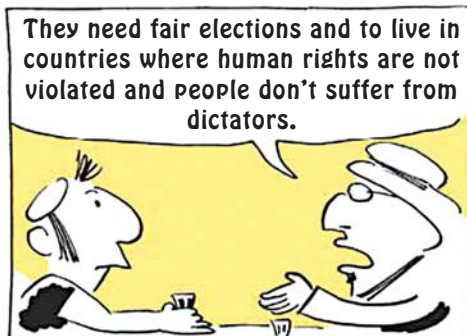
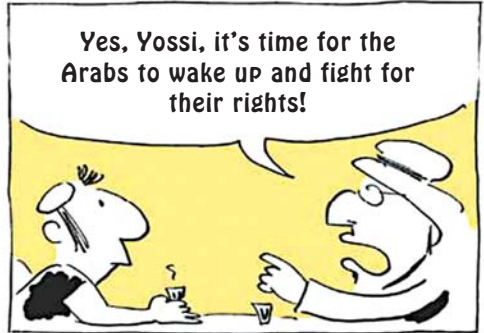


Just hours after Crabb's decision, the White House announced that President Obama intended to recognize a National Day of Prayer, as he did the previous year.

A Gallup Poll showed that most Americans either favor the National Day of Prayer or are not bothered by it. Asked whether promoting Christian prayer should be a major goal of the event, 62 percent of Americans said yes.

Congress declared a National Day of Prayer in 1952, and in 1988 it fixed the event's observance to the first Thursday in May. On this day, the President traditionally issues a proclamation urging people to "turn to God in prayer and meditation," although not all have done so. ★

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# A Syria-Iran-Russia Alliance

By Frank Crimi  
www.FrontPageMag.com

The al-Kibar nuclear reactor, built in eastern Syria with North Korean assistance, was believed to be nearly operational before it was bombed and destroyed by the Israeli Air Force in September 2007. Although the Syrians have denied it was a nuclear installation, they have prevented inspection of the al-Kibar facility since 2008 after the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) found traces of processed uranium at the site.

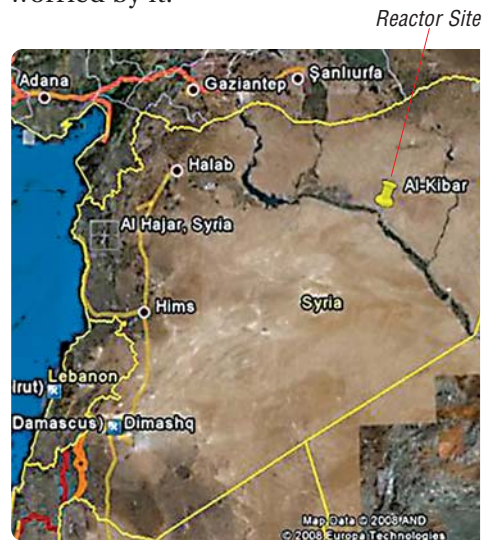
Now, concerns exist that the al-Kibar reactor has been rebuilt and is more advanced than ever. According to a report released by the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), satellite images show Syria has built three nuclear facilities in addition to the one destroyed near al-Kibar. Those three storage installations near Marj as-Sultan, 15 miles east of Damascus, were confirmed to have equipment in line with “what would be expected in a small uranium conversion facility.”

While not directly addressing the ISIS findings, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu preferred to take a more diplomatic route when he said, “I want to make it clear that if Syria strives for peace, it will find a loyal partner in Israel.”

Yet, if anything, Syria seems extremely intent on provoking Israel. Days before the ISIS report was released, two Iranian warships, both armed with torpedoes and anti-ship missiles, crossed through the Suez Canal and headed to the Syrian port of Latakia, marking the first time Iranian warships had crossed the Suez Canal since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. Shortly after the ships docked at Latakia, Syria

and Iran agreed to participate in joint naval training exercises.

On the same day the naval agreement was announced, Russian Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said Russia would fulfill a contractual agreement signed in 2007 and supply Syria with cruise missiles, despite the objections of both Israel and the United States. Publicly, the appearance of the Iranian warships in Syria was downplayed by Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak who said, “I don’t like it, but I don’t think that any one of us should be worried by it.”



However, those sentiments were contrasted by one Israeli official who called the move “an Iranian provocation,” adding, “When you look at the Middle East, wherever the Iranians weigh in, the situation is never good.” As if to prove his point, the Israelis placed their navy on high alert.

Moreover, others, like Israel’s top Iran expert, Menashe Amir, stressed that Iran’s long-term plan is to establish a permanent naval presence in the Mediterranean. With Iran already in possession of over 300 Shahab missiles that can reach any part of Israel from Iran, the deployment of some of those missiles on the two Iranian warships would not only pose a lethal threat to Israel but to all of Europe. ★



## God's Search for Man

By John J. Parsons

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“Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually” (Psalm 105:4)

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“**Seek...seek.**” Two different Hebrew words are used to express the idea of “seeking” the LORD in this verse. The first word is *darash*, which means to inquire or *search carefully* for something, and the second is *bakash*, which means to request something desired. Both kinds of seeking are needed, and in this order. First we need to know the LORD and the power of His might, and then we need to petition Him daily for help in our lives.

We must first “carefully seek” God because His presence is often *hidden* from us. “I will hide my face... *because* you have turned...” (Deut. 31:17-18). Put another way, the “hiding of God’s face” comes from our own hiding from God. Our sins separate us from God and cause His face to be hidden from us (Isa. 59:2). It is never God who turns away from us, but we who turn away from Him.

God created man for loving fellowship, but man broke fellowship with God and turned away. Man’s sin led to self-imposed exile and death. When God asked Adam, “Where are you?” He was asking him to “come out of hiding” to confess the truth about his condition. Sin leads to the shame of alienation and ultimately to death.

But God never turned away from His love for man, not even after man had chosen to turn away from Him. God pursued man, even to the point of dying in his place as a sinner (Rom. 5:8). Yes, “God so loved the world” that He paid the price for man’s sin and thereby delivered us from our exile. Just as both hands were placed on the head of a sacrificial animal to symbolize the “life for life” identification and exchange of the sinner with the sacrifice, so our sinful identity is exchanged for the righteousness of Messiah sacrificed on our behalf. By faith we “lean our hands” upon the head of Yeshua, accepting that He is our sacrificial substitute before the Father. We “lean into Him,” meaning we trust in the merit of His sacrifice and abandon our sins with Him. At the Cross, God turns to us so that we can turn back to Him. It is the place where He cries, “Here I am, Here I am” (Isa. 65:1).

Seek...seek. We seek God *because* He first sought us. This is always the right order. We “seek the LORD *and* His strength,” which is another way of saying that “salvation is from the LORD.” We do not seek God in the power of our own strength, but by trusting in the power of His might. “Not by works of righteousness,” but by the heart’s cry and trust. And we “seek His presence” *always*. Fellowship with God comes when we *abide* in a trusting relationship with Him. The Hebrew word *tamid* recalls the perpetual sacrifice made on our behalf.

**Because of Yeshua’s constant intercession, we can boldly draw near to the Throne of Grace to receive help in time of need.**

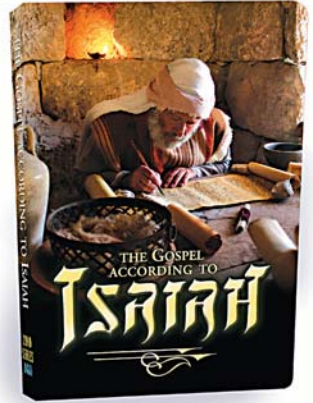


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**Jesus' Rejection** "He was despised and rejected by men." Jeff explains that the theme of rejecting God's anointed is not new to Isaiah. On location at an ancient Jewish synagogue, we learn that the Messiah who was rejected shall one day be vindicated and that every knee shall bow to Him. Also, from our *Prophesied Messiah* television series, Zola teaches Jesus' prophetic fulfillment of Isaiah 53.

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**Summary** Atop the Mount of Olives, Jeff reviews the entirety of Isaiah's prophecy concerning the Jewish Messiah's birth, rejection, death, and resurrection. Nevertheless, Jesus' active role in prophecy will not be completely fulfilled until He returns to Jerusalem one day to rule and reign for a thousand years.



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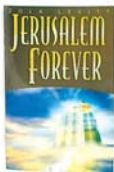
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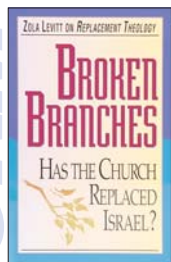
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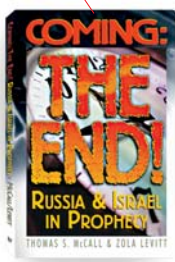
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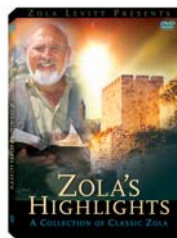
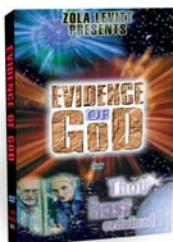


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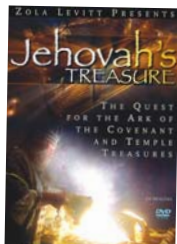
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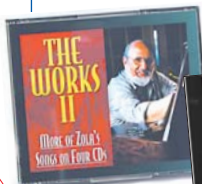
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## Sandra's Reunion Tour

Many readers and viewers still miss Sandra, Zola's widow, who announced her retirement on page 6 of the February 2009 *Levitt Letter* ([www.levitt.com/newsletters/2009-02.pdf](http://www.levitt.com/newsletters/2009-02.pdf)).

To see what's new with her, please see page 5. And here's a delightful surprise: Sandra and her husband, Daniel, will join our Grand Athens tour this October. She'll be available to teach as needed, but she's primarily joining our group to fellowship in the Holy Land, which she has dearly missed. You'll also notice her in upcoming broadcasts of our TV series *Ezekiel and the MidEast 'Piece' Process*. Welcome back, Sandra!

May 1st is Holocaust Remembrance Day.



## Here's To Their Health

Arabs at the UN urged boycotting of everything that originates from Jews. Pharmacist Meyer M. Treinkman helpfully offers the following afflictions that compliant boycotters will have to endure for lack of Jewish remedies: syphilis, gonorrhea, heart disease, typhus, diabetes, headaches, convulsions, mental disorders, diphtheria, ear and brain damage, infantile paralysis, and tuberculosis.



## Pro-Israel Video Clips

For bite-sized news briefs from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), visit [www.youtube.com/user/idfnadesk](http://www.youtube.com/user/idfnadesk).

One- to four-minute snippets touch on fascinating topics such as:

- 1) The IDF's Medical Delegation to Japan,
- 2) C-704 Missile from Iran Found Onboard the *Victoria*—50 tons(!) of concealed weapons,
- 3) Aerial Footage of Aircraft Fighting Fires, and much more.

## Pamphlet of the Month

Charitable giving and life insurance have gone hand-in-hand for many years.

Life insurance can offer a wonderful way to carry out your charitable intentions—especially a policy bought long ago but no longer needed. The 14-page pamphlet

### ***Giving Through Life Insurance***

offers “Seven Ways to Give Using Life Insurance” and a substantial “Technical Advisory Section” with basic tax rules and much more.

To receive this booklet at no charge, email us at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or write to our P.O. Box.

## “Come Home!”

**Zola's  
Tours to  
Israel:**



See page  
36 for details





## Kabbalah and the God of the Bible

By Todd Baker  
ZLM Staff Theologian



To amplify on a question posed to Dr. Seif (see p. 23), the Kabbalah poses many dangers to the Bible-believing Christian—chiefly how it views who God is. While its writings can inform us about how Jewish medieval thinking developed, its view of God is unbiblical. Today in Israel, the Kabbalah still has a pervasive and strong influence.

The Kabbalah, alternatively spelled Qabalah, or Cabalah, developed between the 6th and 13th centuries among the Jews in Babylonia, Italy, Provence, and Spain. The Kabbalah is a set of mystical/occult writings purporting to reveal and convey hidden wisdom and knowledge about God that only a few select people can secretly attain.

The word *Kabbalah* means “to receive” and refers to revelation from God received by Jews and passed to succeeding generations through oral tradition.

The Kabbalah views God as a series of ten descending emanations. God created the material world through these emanations with each one farther away and weaker than God Himself. So the Kabbalah contradicts the Bible when it says that God directly brought Creation into existence by His spoken word (see Genesis 1; Psalm 148:5,6). Furthermore, the Bible reveals God as an eternally self-existent Person who exists apart from Creation and is not dependent upon it for His existence (Acts 17:24–26).

The Kabbalah writings also view God through the lens of Pantheism. Pantheism views God as the universe and the universe as God. But again, the Bible repeatedly maintains an essential distinction between the Creator

and the creation He brought into existence. The Bible teaches that God is infinite; His being is so immense that creation itself cannot ever contain Him. As it is written: **“Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You”** (1 Kings 8:27).

The Kabbalah does hold to the Bible being the inspired Word of God. But it claims that the meaning of Scripture must be found through decoding the numeric value of the Hebrew letters in order to find the true, hidden meaning of a passage. God, however, has made it clear that He desires *all* people to understand His Word in a clear and simple fashion (John 1:1–2,14; 5:39). The Kabbalah violates the first rule of biblical interpretation: When the plain meaning makes sense, seek no other sense, otherwise you end up with nonsense!

Finally, the Kabbalah denies the Messiahship of Jesus and His incarnation as God in the flesh. It also believes the knowledge of the secret and hidden is the way to God. But again, the Scriptures teach that the only way to God is through His Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16) and that eternal life comes by knowing Him through a relationship of trust and faith (John 17:3). For these reasons the Kabbalah should be strongly rejected on biblical grounds. ★

### THE ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hilburn





# Letters to ZLM

## Comments from [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

**From R.P. (PA):** I was flipping through the channels many years ago, when I saw a man riding a camel. I curiously stopped and found out that his name was Zola Levitt, and he was a born-again Jew who had a message about Israel aimed at people like me. I've been a constant viewer and supporter ever since. God Bless your ministry!

**From S.L. (MS):** Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing this ministry and vision God gave to Zola. I began following the program in 1998 with Zola and it has been a blessing. Rarely does a program cover the rich beauty and history of Israel while it remains true in its Hebraic roots and teaching. May God continue to bless your efforts.

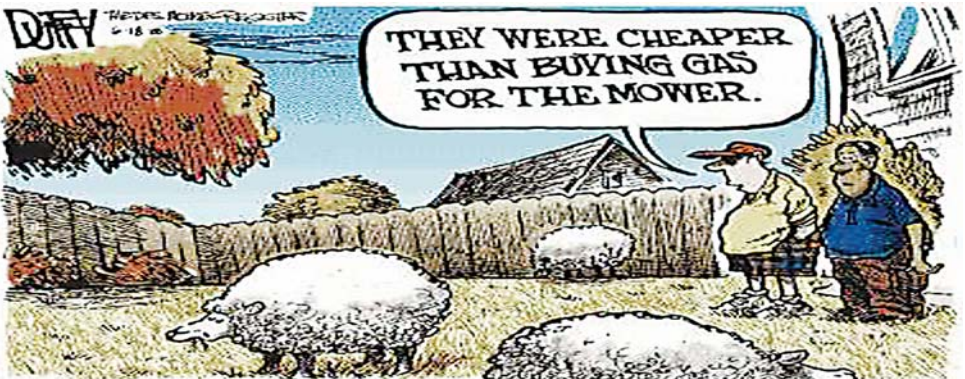
**From H.K. (IL):** I want to help the Jewish people but I am not sure what charity to donate to, so I chose Zola Levitt Ministries. I am sure that you will fairly and wisely help the Jewish people.

**From S.T. (AR):** You ask where I watch *Zola Levitt Presents*. I view the videos on the website. I don't have a television!

**From C.C. (CA):** As supporters and faithful watchers of your program, it saddens us how those that call themselves brothers in the Lord believe in Replacement Theology. We want to arm ourselves so we can refute this lie as well as defend Israel's right to the land forever!

**From M.R. (PA):** I was surprised to hear comments about people from Israel not knowing basic things about Jesus. I think that more people would become Christians if they got more info. If people in America and elsewhere learn the news you're spreading, then they would be more likely to accept the Lord. [Wow! Our mission in a nutshell.](#) —Editor

**From R.S. (CA):** I am an African-American born-again Christian. I want to learn more about the Jewish foundation of the faith so I can witness effectively to the cult movement known as the Black Hebrew Israelites; it teaches that only black people are the original Israelites.



## Want To Worship As Jesus Did

Dear Dr. Seif,

My wife and I were raised as Protestants. We have felt for years that the church is missing something, and we want to worship as our Master did. The trouble is, we don't know how. There are many denominations of the Protestant church. Where do you suggest we go to learn to be like Jesus? Also, some claim that the name "Jesus" is incorrect; that we should pray in Yeshua's/Yahshua's/Yahashua's name. Are they correct?

Blessings, —L.W.



Dear L.W.—

In New Testament times, there were many ways of understanding what it means to be "Christian." The fact that you care to be authentically "Christian" is more important than where you happen to worship on a weekend, how you pronounce Jesus' name, or whether you embrace a Messianic Jewish lifestyle. —Jeff

## What Do You Think Is Happening?

Jeff,

What is your take on current events? Blessings, —S. and E.J.

Dear S. and E.J.—

Middle Eastern events show how much harder it is for today's oppressive Islamic regimes to keep information from young people and prevent them from organizing. The Bible indicates that at Day's End, knowledge will increase, and governments will rearrange in different Muslim countries, after which people will settle down and get back to blaming Jews for their problems. —Jeff

## Kabbalah

Dear Jeff,

What is the danger found in Kabbalah? —R.M.

Dear R.M.—

The Kabbalah is a set of esoteric teachings meant to explain the mystical aspect of Rabbinic Judaism. Spiritual assessments should be derived, I believe, from biblical texts; non-biblical sources are less credible. Todd Baker goes deeper into this on page 21. —Jeff

### NON SEQUITUR





## Did Jesus Receive An Inheritance?

Dear Jeff,

We have new folks in our church who believe that Jesus was rich. They claim it was the Jewish tradition that at the age of thirty he received an inheritance and that this is what He and the twelve lived on for 3+ years. Also that Jesus owned a large house where He entertained. Personally we do not believe their claims. They say Josephus wrote this, but I am not able to find any info. Can you please help? —M. and E.S.

Dear M. and E.S.—

I think this is nuts! Consider Luke 9:58 and 18:18–24. —Jeff

## Anti-Israel “Christians”

Dear ZLM,

Why do some “Christian” churches support the Palestinians and shun the Israelis? It makes no sense. —J.S.

Dear J.S.—

Such delusional thinking seems demonic. —Jeff

## I Miss Watching “Zola Levitt Presents”

Dear ZLM,

I wish you would go back on TBN. That is the only satellite station I can get now. I miss your program. Thank you, —P.P.

Dear P.P.—

Though we didn't leave TBN by choice, please consider watching our TV program at [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv). You'll see all the same TV programs that we broadcast on the networks listed on page 33; you're welcome to record these programs on tape or DVR. Plus, you are able to view and review the hundreds of programs that we have archived over the years. —Mark ★

### Two-Flag Collar Pin

This unique full-color pin, with America's and Israel's flags, proudly encourages the unity of the U.S.A. and the Holy Land. What a terrific way to create opportunities to witness about Israel's importance in the Bible, the accuracy of biblical prophecy, and God's gift of grace! Shown actual size.

*Please see page 19 to order.*



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## The Dig at Tel Dor

[www.BiblicalArchaeology.org](http://www.BiblicalArchaeology.org)

For more than four millennia, the natural harbor of Dor—a small but important bay nestled between the Carmel range and the Plain of Sharon, 12 miles south of Haifa—attracted sailors, merchants, and generals from across the ancient world. History tells us that the originally Canaanite harbor town of Dor had become a focus of Philistine and Phoenician settlement by the time the Egyptian Wen-Amon arrived at the port in the late 12th century B.C. From the Book of Kings, we learn that Solomon made Dor one of his 12 administrative governorates, a status the city retained throughout much of its Assyrian and Persian history. During the Hellenistic and Roman periods, Dor became a significant Greco-Roman port city with paved streets, monumental temples, a theater, a complex water and sewer system, and a major walled fortress.



*Ancient harbor of Dor*

For most of the past three decades, an international team of archaeologists led by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been piecing together the material remnants of Tel Dor's long and continuous occupation. Major finds include a huge stone gate dated to the time of Solomon, intricately designed cylinder seals of the Assyrian province, beautiful terracotta figurines from the Persian period and, of course, the well-preserved architectural remains and fortification walls of the Greco-Roman city. Recent excavation at the site has also revealed one of the largest murex dye industrial complexes ever found along the Levantine coast. ★

## Elizabeth Taylor's Pro-Israel Record Comes To Light

By Ryan Jones, [IsraelToday.co.il](http://IsraelToday.co.il)

Iconic American actress **Elizabeth Taylor** passed away on March 23 at the age of 79. While most will remember Taylor as one of Hollywood's most famous actresses, few today recall that she was also a staunch supporter of Israel with a stellar track record of defending the Jewish state.

Taylor herself converted to Judaism in 1959. That same year, she purchased \$100,000 in Israel Bonds, and helped sell an untold sum of Israel Bonds to others. The fledgling Jewish state was selling the bonds in a desperate effort to raise capital for the defense of the besieged nation.

In 1967, Taylor played a major role in raising \$840,000 for Israel at a gala event in London. That same year, she cancelled a visit to Moscow after the Soviet Union harshly criticized Israel's actions in the Six-Day War.

In 1975, Taylor joined 59 other prominent women in signing a letter to then-UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim condemning the UN General Assembly's equation of Zionism with racism.

A year later in 1976, Taylor offered to take the place of 107 Israelis and foreign Jews who were being held hostage by Palestinian and German terrorists at Uganda's Entebbe Airport. She made the offer while in Israel fundraising for the Jewish National Fund. The hostages were freed shortly after in a stunning IDF rescue operation.

In the following decades, as her star in Hollywood began to dim a little, Taylor visited Israel frequently. She became a close friend of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

During these later years, Taylor auctioned pieces from her legendary collection of jewelry, and donated a sizable amount to the Israel War Victims Fund, one of her favorite charities.



*Taylor as Cleopatra*

# Is Europe Dying?

By Giulio Meotti, [IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com)

The global number of Muslims is expected to jump 35 percent in the next 20 years, growing twice as fast as the non-Muslim population, according to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, which published projections for growth in the Muslim population between 2010 and 2030. (See p. 27)

According to the Pew report, the total number of people who identify themselves as Muslims is currently about 1.6 billion. That figure is expected to rise to 2.2 billion by the year 2030. It's one of the fastest demographic evolutions in history. Muslims will make up 26.4 percent of the world's population in 2030, compared with 23.4 percent now.

But the most frightening figure is about Europe. Some of the biggest increases in Europe's Muslim population in absolute numbers over the next 20 years are expected to occur in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany. The Muslim populations in Italy and Sweden are projected to "more than double in size."

Demography is the most important symptom of metaphysical exhaustion: without a cradle, it's hard to sustain a civilization. And as Walter Laqueur warned in his magisterial book, these are "the last days of Europe." A declining European fertility, a massive immigration from Muslim countries, and a confident Islamist minority could turn the cradle of Western civilization into its grave.

In the meanwhile, Europe is dying. Literally. It's running out of babies. The number of births has dropped in comparison to the number of deaths year after year.

Italy for example, the most famous Catholic country that has always been seen as the stereotypical land of big, close-knit families, attains one of the

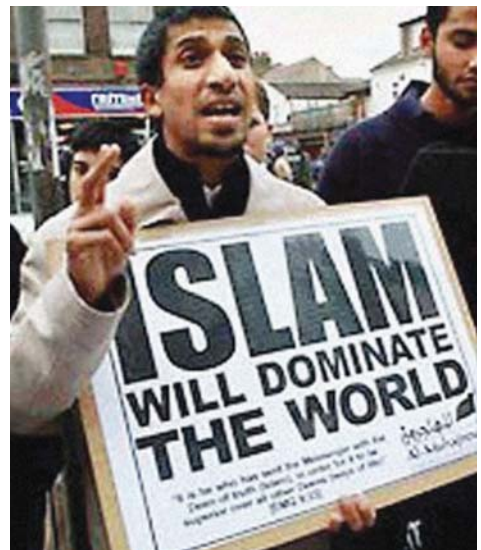
world's lowest levels of fertility: 1.3. For a stable population you need a total fertility rate of 2.1 live births per woman. That's what America has: 2.1, give or take.

Recent data show that also Israeli demography is on the rise not only among religious families, but also among the bourgeois of Tel Aviv, where the average family still tends to have three children per couple.

There is no longer a single country in Europe where European people are having enough children to replace themselves when they die. But Italy is the first country in the world to experience what is known as "the crossing-over," where the number of people who are over 60 exceeds the number of those who are under 20.

In the 52nd chapter of his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, the great historian Edward Gibbon speculated that if the French had failed to defeat an invading Muslim army at the Battle of Poitiers in A.D. 732, "perhaps the interpretation of the Koran would now be taught in the schools of Oxford." When those words were published in 1788, the idea was a mere fantasy. Today, Oxford debates "Israel's right to exist" and preaches the Islamist ideology.

**Gibbon was right, but before his time.**





# Number Of U.S. Muslims To Double

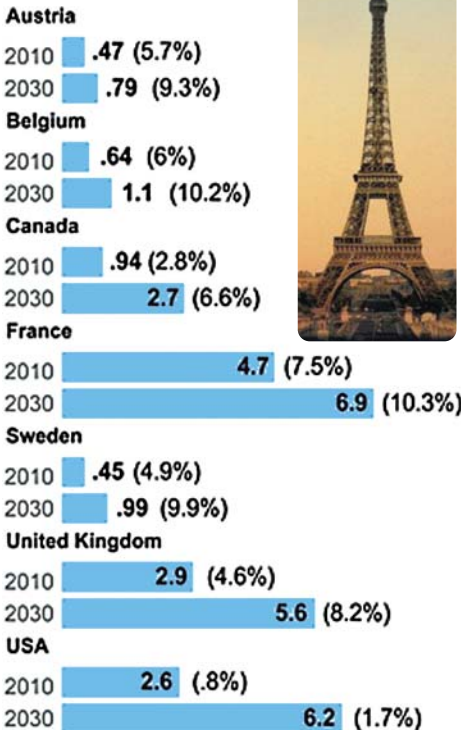
By Garrett Hubbard, [www.USAToday.com](http://www.USAToday.com)

The number of U.S. Muslims will more than double, so you are as likely to know a Muslim here in 20 years as you are to know someone Jewish or Episcopalian today. The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life analyzed statistics from United Nations data and census material from more than 200 countries and studies by 50 international demographers.

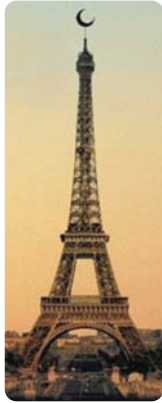
If immigration patterns and Muslims' comparatively higher birthrates continue, Pew projects:

Muslims will be more than one in four (26.4%) of the world's projected 8.3 billion people in 2030. A sampling of Western nations with the fastest growing Muslim populations:

Muslims, in millions (percent of total population)



Note: estimates  
 Source: The Future of the Global Muslim Population, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life  
 By Frank Pempa, USA TODAY



Though 64.5% of U.S. Muslims today were born abroad, that percentage will fall to 55% as the number of native-born Muslims rises. Worldwide, Muslims will climb from 23.4% to 26.4% of the population, going from 1.6 billion people in 2010 to 2.2 billion in 2030, concentrated in Muslim-majority countries. Just as now, about 3% of the global Muslim population will live in the world's most developed regions.

Alan Cooperman, Pew Forum associate director of research, says the Muslim rate is "growing but slowing" and political and economic uncertainties can make dramatic shifts in projections. "The study does not project Muslims' religiosity or their politics," Cooperman says. "People will say, 'I don't care how many Muslims there will be, I care how many radical Muslim terrorists there will be.' But no one knows that." ★

## Sensational News Headlines of Biblical Events

—As they might be styled today.

On Red Sea crossing:  
**WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE**  
*Pursuing Environmentalists Killed*

On David vs. Goliath:  
**HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION**  
*Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock*

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:  
**FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY**  
*400 Killed*

On the birth of Christ:  
**HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS**  
*Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple*

On feeding the 5,000:  
**PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH**  
*Disciples Mystified Over Behavior*

On healing the 10 lepers:  
**LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED**  
*"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy*

On healing of the Gadarene possessed:  
**MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE**  
*Local Farmer's Investment Lost*

On raising Lazarus from the dead:  
**FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES STINK**  
*Will Reading to be Delayed*

# New Treatment For Chronic Wounds



**A low-cost, nano-size medication to treat chronic wounds, such as burns or diabetic foot ulcers, has been developed by scientists primarily from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Harvard Medical School.**

[www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

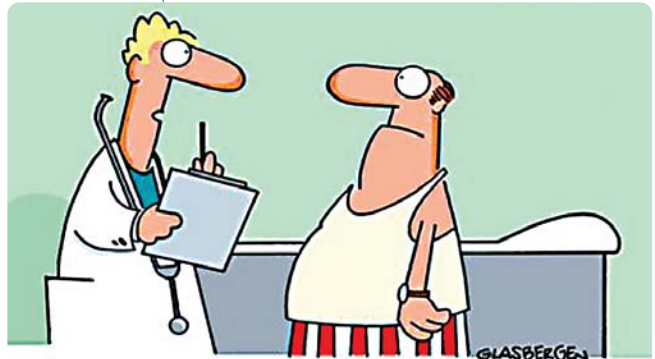
Diabetes, which affects close to three percent of the world's population, leads to poor blood circulation. When people who have diabetes are injured, their poor circulation keeps wounds from healing well. The result is often pain, infection, nerve damage, and in extreme cases, amputation of limbs.

Proteins called "growth factors" have been found to speed up the healing process. But purifying these growth factor proteins is costly, and worse, the purified proteins do not stick for long to the wound site.

Now, scientists at the Hebrew University and Harvard have found a solution. With the help of genetic engineering techniques, they were able to produce a

growth factor protein that responds to temperature changes. Increasing the temperature causes dozens of these proteins to fold together into a nanoparticle so tiny that it measures more than 200 times smaller than a single hair.

Once the proteins are folded into nanoparticles, it becomes much simpler—and therefore cheaper—to purify them. And as an added bonus, the same procedure also enables the growth factor to be confined and to remain on the burn or wound long enough to effect healing. ★



**"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"**

## Seeking Temporary TV Host

This ministry is hoping to recruit the "Rocky Balboa" of Messianic Bible teachers—a yet-to-be famous congregation leader who has the knowledge of a theologian and the communication skills of a journalist. A Believer who is comfortable in front of a TV camera while making the meat of the Word understandable to laymen. A thinker who can write and a writer who can think. Someone who's been to Hebrew school. A theologian with a heart for Israel who preferably has traveled there and wants to return. If you know someone qualified to speak and write to this ministry's vast television audience and newsletter readership, ask him to send a resume, cover letter, and video of himself teaching to Cynthia's attention at **Zola Levitt Ministries**, 10300 N Central Expy, Ste 170, Dallas, TX 75231



## Germany's Jihad Murders And The West's Denial

By Robert Spencer  
www.HumanEvents.com

A Kosovar Albanian Muslim, Arid Uka, murdered two American airmen outside the Frankfurt Airport in Germany recently. "I did it for Allah," he explained.

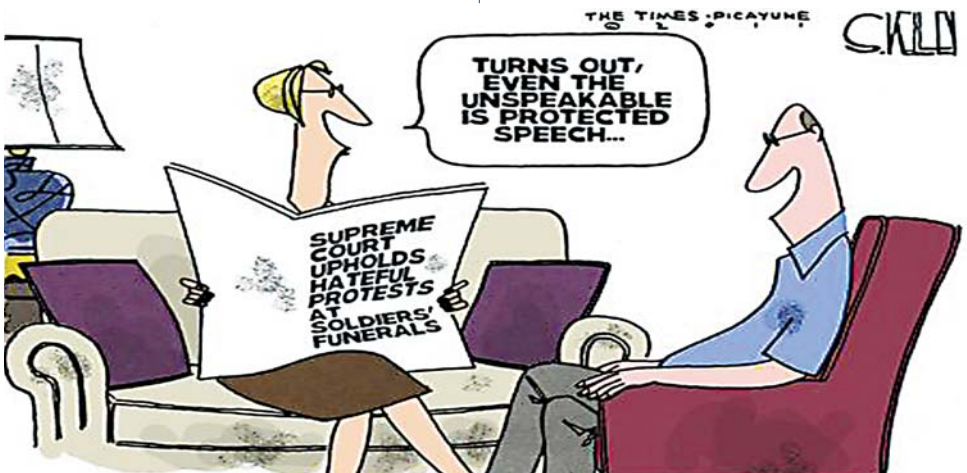
Like so many jihad attacks these days, this one was initially dismissed as having nothing to do with terrorism. Boris Rhein, interior minister for Germany's Hesse state, almost immediately declared that there were no indications that the shootings had been a terror attack. After Uka's openly jihadist statements, Rhein had to reverse himself. But his initial reaction was indicative of the general tendency toward denial of the reality of the Islamic jihad among government and law enforcement personnel in the West.

What actually would constitute a terrorist attack for enlightened liberal Westerners such as Rhein? Would the murderer have to announce that he was about to carry out a terrorist attack before he started shooting? Would he have to be carrying an al-Qaeda membership card? In the case of the Frankfurt Airport shooting, Uka appears to have acted alone. Thus, German security analyst Bernd Georg Thamm noted: "We have a new...perpetrator of terrorism, the lone wolf. Terrorism

experts have dreaded this for a while, and now it's happened. And it won't be the last case."

Indeed. Yet it is abundantly clear that even if Arid Uka acted alone at the Frankfurt Airport, his view of the Koran is not eccentric among Muslims worldwide. Yet nearly 10 years after Mohamed Atta and his crew flew a plane into the World Trade Center out of love for Allah, we still don't see any sustained or concerted effort by self-proclaimed peaceful Muslims in the United States or anywhere else to disabuse their coreligionists of this jihad ideology and its globalist, supremacist, totalitarian political agenda. Such an effort should not be seen as optional or incidental. Without it, the very commitment of these self-proclaimed moderates to the United States and its Constitution can and should be called into question.

There needs to be an honest public discussion of the elements of the Koran and *sunna* of Mohammed (his words and practices) that jihadists use to justify violence and Islamic supremacy. Muslim spokesmen in America, if they're really as moderate as they claim, need to explain how they are teaching Muslims to reject these elements of Islam in favor of the principles of the equality of dignity and rights of all people—women as well as men, non-Muslims as well as Muslims. And they should follow through on these explanations with real action. ★







*Arab media were invited to film a stone-throwing ambush.*

## If It Bleeds, It Leads

By Shlomo Mordechai and Ryan Jones  
*Israel Today*

A series of pictures by Palestinian photojournalists taken for international news agencies including Reuters, AFP, and Getty Images showed young Arab stone throwers ambushing Jewish motorists in East Jerusalem. But the attack was staged. In at least one of the photos (above), the Arab photographers are clearly shown as being in position with all their equipment before the attack began. This tactic, which was common during the two Palestinian uprisings, effectively makes the Arab media accomplices in inciting violence.

## Israeli Speaker Attacked In Northern Ireland

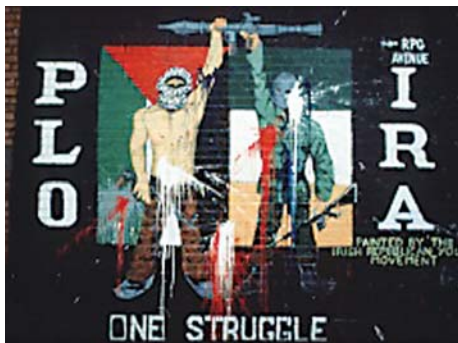
By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu  
[www.IsraelNationalNews.com](http://www.IsraelNationalNews.com)

Pro-Arab hecklers at Belfast's Queen's University recently threatened an Israeli speaker, who was rescued by campus security, and attacked his taxi as he fled.

Solon Solomon, a former member of

the Knesset's legal department, had been invited to speak to law students at the university, but Palestine Solidarity Society (PSS) and Sinn Fein hecklers forced him to abandon the lecture hall. They surrounded the room where he fled, until security rescued him.

Meanwhile, members of the Northern Ireland Friends of Israel ran into another room until they could leave safely.



After security guards ushered Solomon into a taxi, the anti-Israeli mob attacked the vehicle and tried to break its windows. The taxi ran over the foot of one of the protesters who was attempting to stop the vehicle.

University official Sarah Wheeler said, "It's very sad really; in 25 years as an academic, I've never seen anyone shouted down after five minutes speaking."

## The Biblical Borders Of Israel

By Rabbi M.M. Schneerson of Lubavitch (Chabad) [www.BritAm.org](http://www.BritAm.org)

Cyprus belongs to Israel and was called The Island of Dan. According to the Bible, the borders of Israel should stretch from the Nile River to the Euphrates. Eastern Egypt, Sinai, Jordan, part of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, part of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and part of Turkey are within the biblical borders of Israel; they are "Occupied Territory."

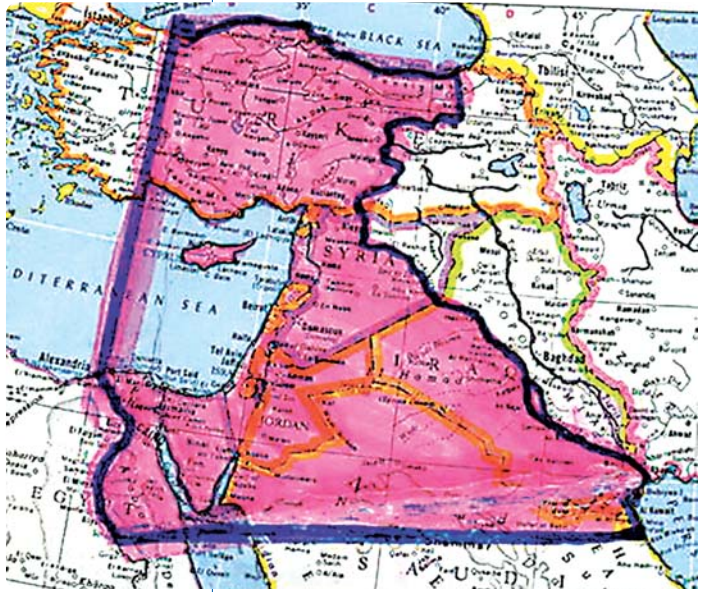
I don't think you can find this map in the back of the Koran. —Editor

## Pope Exonerates Jews For Jesus' Death

By Nicole Winfield, Associated Press

Pope Benedict XVI made a sweeping exoneration of the Jewish people for the death of Jesus Christ, tackling one of the most controversial issues in Christianity in a new book.

In *Jesus of Nazareth-Part II*, Benedict explains biblically and theologically why there is no basis in Scripture for the argument that the Jewish people as a whole were responsible for Jesus' death. Interpretations to the contrary have been used for centuries



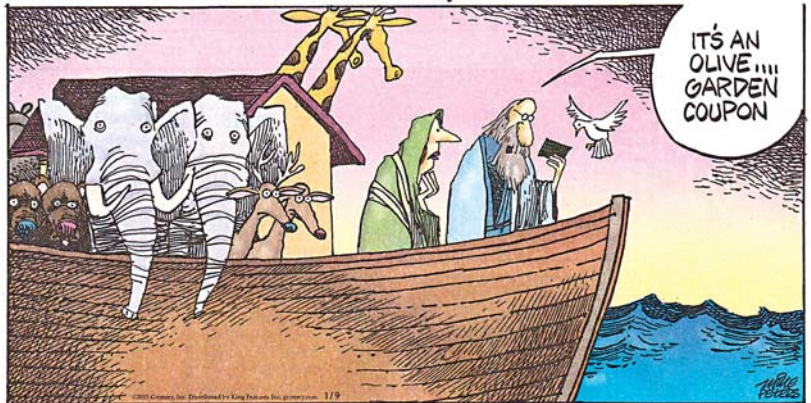
to justify the persecution of Jews.

"Holocaust survivors know only too well how the centuries-long charge of 'Christ killer' against the Jews created a poisonous climate of hate that was the foundation of anti-Semitic persecution whose ultimate expression was realized in the Holocaust," said Elan Steinberg of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants.

The Pope's book, he said, not only confirms church teaching refuting the deicide charge but also "seals it for a new generation of Catholics." ★

*They just NOW came to a conclusion on something that happened 2,000 years ago? Way too little, way too late. —ZLM Webmaster*

## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM/ by Mike Peters





# 11 Reasons Why Israeli Concessions Will Not Bring Peace

By Eldad Tzioni  
[NewsRealBlog.com](http://NewsRealBlog.com)



We are constantly told that the Palestinian/Israeli conflict is the root of all the problems in the Middle East.

The Europeans think they know what the major obstacle to peace is: Israeli intransigence. It is Jews wanting to live in the so-called West Bank, Israeli refusal to negotiate on water and Jerusalem. Once Israel gives a few more concessions, the thinking goes, the Arab world will welcome Israel with open arms. Terrorism will stop, Westerners will no longer need to go through security checks on airplanes, and the lion will lie down with the lamb.

**There is only one problem: Israeli concessions will not bring peace. Here are the top eleven reasons why this is so.**

**11. Hamas is opposed to Israel's existence, as its charter says.** As long as Hamas is a major player in Palestinian politics, peace is simply impossible.

**10. Palestinian Arabs freely elected a terror government.** Palestinian Arabs really voted against the corruption of Fatah. They knew what Hamas represented; yet, rather than choose, say, Salam Fayyad's party, they went for Hamas.

**9. The current Palestinian government was not democratically elected.** Mahmoud Abbas is breaking Palestinian law every day because his official term in office expired in January of 2009.

**8. The PLO itself remains a terrorist organization.** While terror has definitely decreased, the terrorist arm of Fatah—Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades—is still alive and kicking.

**7. Israeli concessions have been answered with terror.** In August 2005, every single Jew left Gaza. Jewish communities in the Negev were rewarded with thousands of rockets. Greenhouses left behind to help Gaza build a peaceful economy were smashed and looted.

**6. Jerusalem cannot be split.** Under Israeli rule, the number of Arabs living in Jerusalem more than tripled since 1967, proving that allegations of ethnic cleansing are baseless.

**5. Palestinian unity is required for negotiations.** Hamas is addicted to power and the only way they can join Fatah is if the PA and PLO renounce some of their promises under Oslo and subsequent agreements—which Israel would never agree to.

**4. The "right of return" does not exist.** This lie has taken on a life of its own by sheer repetition.

**3. Lessons from Egypt.** Any agreement Israel makes with the leader of a country is only a bullet or an uprising away from becoming worthless.

**2. Gaza demographics.** Gaza has a very high birthrate. It also has nowhere to expand.

**1. The lessons of the Arab uprisings.** None of these events has the slightest relationship to the Israel/Arab conflict.

For these (and other) reasons, there is nothing Israel can do that would bring the peace everyone craves. It is not fun to contemplate that some problems are insoluble, but wishful thinking does not create reality.

The irony is that if you define peace as the absence of war, then Israel has been at peace with Syria for decades; at peace with the PA for four or five years; even Hamas has not been very aggressive since the Gaza war.

In other words, managing the conflict can bring real benefits to everybody. But a peace agreement, as it is defined today, cannot.

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## The Mouse That Roared

Israel's economy takes a turn for the worse; inflation is getting higher and immigrants are flooding in from all over the world. Problems, problems, problems, but what should they do? The Knesset holds a special session to come up with a solution.

After several hours of talk without progress, Yitzhak stands up and says, "Quiet, everyone. I've got it! I've got the solution to all our problems. We'll declare war on the United States."

Everyone starts shouting at once. "You're nuts! That's crazy!"

"Hear me out!" says Yitzhak. "We declare war. We lose. The United States does what it always does when it defeats a country. It rebuilds everything: our highways, airports, seaports, schools, hospitals, factories, and loans us money, and sends us food aid. Our problems would be over."

"Sure," says Benny. "And what if we win?" ★



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## Can The Arab World Leave Anti-Semitism Behind?

By Richard Cohen  
WashingtonPost.com



During World War II, **Haj Amin al-Husseini**, the grand mufti of Jerusalem and as such the titular leader of Muslim Palestinians, broadcast Nazi propaganda to the Middle East, recruited European Muslims for the SS, exulted in the Holocaust, and after the war, went on to represent his people in the Arab League. He died in 1974 somewhat ignored but never repudiated.

Husseini might have been a Nazi to his very soul, but he was also a Palestinian nationalist with genuine support among his own people. The Allies originally considered him a war criminal, but to many Arabs, he was just a patriot.

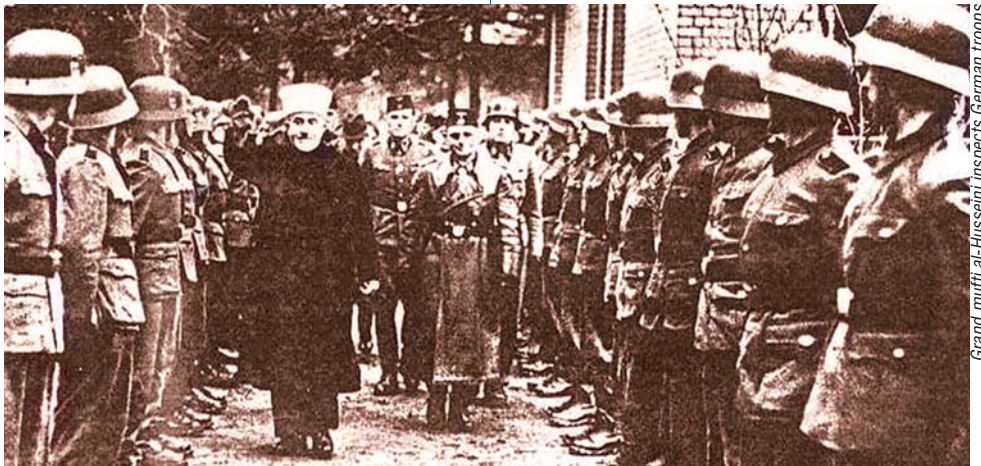
The Arab world is saturated by Jew-hatred. Some of this hatred was planted by Husseini and some of it long existed, but whatever the case, it remains a remarkable, if unremarked, feature of Arab nationalism. For instance, about 1 million Egyptians in Tahrir Square recently heard from Sheik Yusuf al-Qaradawi, an esteemed religious leader and Muslim Brotherhood figure. Among other things, he has said that Hitler was

sent by Allah as “divine punishment” for the Jews. Nowhere in the Middle East is peace with Israel popular. Nowhere in the Middle East is anti-Semitism considered aberrant or weird.

I have read the assurances of scholars and journalists alike that the Muslim Brotherhood has mutated and that its anti-Semitism is merely an odd and archaic quirk. I hope this is the case. But in truth, I put more faith in the staying power of anti-Semitism than I do in the forecasting gifts of my colleagues. If they are right, wonderful. If not, we all have something to worry about.

Israeli leaders are well aware that they face a new reality in their region. Whatever regime arises in Egypt, it is likely to chill even further what is already called a cold peace. The same might hold for Jordan. King Abdullah is secure for now—the Bedouin tribes need him to avoid chaos—but he, too, will have to listen to popular sentiment.

The prominence of Qaradawi cannot be reassuring to Israelis. They know that words can be weapons and hate is a killer. Nonetheless, since the days of Husseini, Arab nations have been granted an exception to the standards expected of the rest of the world, as if they were children. If I were an Israeli, I'd be worried. If I were an Arab, I'd be insulted. If I were a critic of only Israel, I'd be ashamed. ★



Grand mufti al-Husseini inspects German troops

## 'Jihad Cosmo'—Tips On Beauty and Suicide

www.DailyMail.co.uk

Al-Qaeda has launched a women's magazine that mixes beauty and fashion tips with advice on suicide bombings. Dubbed "Jihad Cosmo," the glossy magazine's front cover (below) features the barrel of a submachine gun next to a picture of a woman in a veil. There are exclusive interviews with martyrs' wives, who praise their husbands' decisions to die in suicide attacks.



The cover of Al-Shamikha magazine

The slick, 31-page *Al-Shamikha* magazine—meaning The Majestic Woman—has advice for singletons on “marrying a *mujahedin*.” Readers are told it is their duty to raise children to be *mujahedin* ready for jihad.

And the “beauty column” instructs women to stay indoors with their faces covered to keep a “clear complexion.”

An article urges readers to give their lives for the Islamist cause. More traditional content for a women's magazine includes features on the

merits of honey facemasks, etiquette, first aid, and why readers should avoid “towelng too forcibly.”

A trailer for the next issue promises tips on skin care—and how to wage electronic jihad.

The first issue's editorial explains that the magazine's goal is to educate women and involve them in the war against the enemies of Islam.



It says: “Because women constitute half of the population, the enemies of Islam are bent on preventing the Muslim woman from knowing the truth about her religion and her role, since they know all too well what would happen if women entered the field of jihad.

“The nation of Islam needs women who know the truth about their religion and about the battle and its dimensions and know what is expected of them.”

The publication is being distributed online by the same al-Qaeda media wing behind *Inspire*, a similarly slick magazine that encourages young Muslims in the West to commit terrorist atrocities.

James Brandon at anti-extremism think tank Quilliam said: “Al-Qaeda sees how effective magazines are at pushing the ideals of Western culture and wants to try the same thing. As a result they have come up with a jihadist's version of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.” ★



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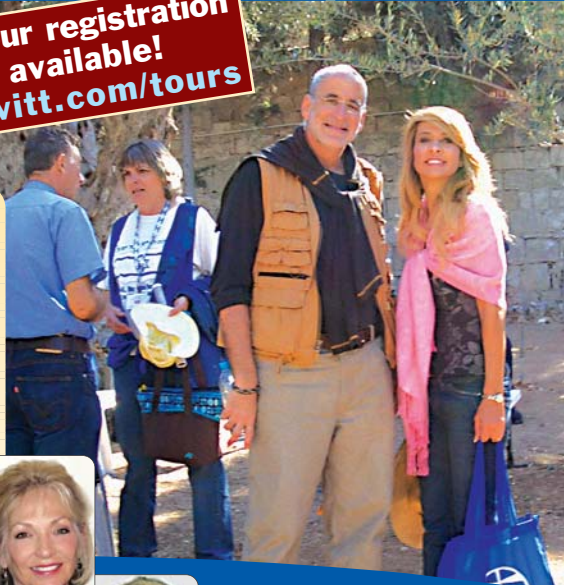
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