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



Letter



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Jews Still In God's Plan



By David Ettinger
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God has not turned His back on the Jewish people, according to **Bruce Mills** (above) of the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Explaining that the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) “came from a Jew to Jews,” Mills says that God still loves the Jewish people and that “all Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:26) when “the full number of the gentiles has come in” (Romans 11:25).

He also cites Jeremiah 29:11—“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

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Bin Laden's One Mistake

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One thing made Osama bin Laden public enemy #1. One thing—and only one thing—made his assassination justified and praised by world leaders. He didn't kill just Jews.

Had he limited his terrorism to Jews, he would not have been targeted. The same world leaders who today take pride in his death would have dined with him. He would have been invited to the United Nations. He would have had a worldwide speaking tour. He would have won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Think I'm crazy? Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is the president

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Mills points to a crucial moment in Israel's history to illustrate that God still has a plan for the Jewish people. When Jesus was on trial before Pilate, the Roman governor said to the people, "I am innocent of this man's blood.... It is your responsibility!" (Matthew 27:24). The people then answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" (Matthew 27:25).

This statement of apparent condemnation, Mills says, "can also be taken as a proclamation of salvation. After all, it is by the blood of Jesus that all of us—Jew and gentile—are saved." The blood of Christ is "the balm of Gilead" that can heal the sin-sick world, both Jew and gentile.

Affirming that the Jewish people are still very much alive in the plan of God, Mills urges the Church to make them a priority in evangelism.

"Salvation is from the Jews [John 4:22]," he says. "It's not from the English, not from the Germans, and not from the French. Salvation is from the Jews. It is a fact of history. And Jesus is the Messiah of Israel, the King of the Jews, and Savior of the world."

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The message, Mills says, is clear: The Church should be evangelizing the Jewish people because they are the conduit through which Christ came into the world. "Jesus is the only hope for both Jews and gentiles."

Christians are called to share the Gospel with Jewish people. The Bible mentions two kinds of mission fields—not local and foreign, but Jew and gentile. We labor because of the promise that all Israel will be saved. Efforts to bring salvation to the Jewish people are proving fruitful as more Jews know Christ today than at any time since the first century.



Aussies Say No To Sharia Law

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In its submission to the parliamentary inquiry into the government's new multiculturalism policy, The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils has called for Muslims to be granted "legal pluralism."

Attorney-General Robert McClelland stomped on the request. "There is no place for sharia law in Australian society and the government strongly rejects any proposal for its introduction," McClelland said.

Sharia (Islamic law) has faced repeated criticism. It is again in the headlines following an Iranian court's decision to delay a planned "eye-for-an-eye" act of justice against a man who threw acid at a woman's face because she refused his marriage proposal.

"As our citizenship pledge makes clear, coming to Australia means obeying Australian laws and upholding Australian values," McClelland said. "Australia's brand of multiculturalism promotes integration. If there is any inconsistency between cultural values and the rule of law, then Australian law wins out." McClelland is keen to assert Australia's position as a "stable democracy" where "rule of law" underpins society.

"People who migrate to Australia do so because of the fact that we have a free, open, and tolerant society where men and woman are equal before the law irrespective of race, religious or cultural background." ★

Dry Bones

TWO STEP PLAN



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of Iran. He has stated—time and again—that he wants to destroy Israel, and he is feverishly working to build a bomb that will do just that.

Has he been targeted? Actually, the opposite is true. He recently spoke in the UN. He was a guest speaker at Columbia University. Why? Because he is interested in killing only Jews.

Khaled Meshaal is the leader of Hamas. Hamas is a sworn enemy of Israel. It has fired over 6,000 rockets into Israel, aiming for Jewish homes and hoping to kill Jewish children.

Is Meshaal on anyone's "hit list"? Actually, just the opposite is true. Russian President Vladimir Putin recently invited Meshaal to Moscow. Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter considers Meshaal a "partner for peace." Why? Because he is interested in killing only Jews.

Yasser Arafat led the PLO for almost four decades. He had more innocent blood on his hands than bin Laden. Yet this murderer was a guest at the White House. He spoke in the UN. He was accepted around the world as a leader and spoke in over 30 countries. He won the Nobel Peace Prize. Why? Because he was interested in killing only Jews. His successor, Abbas, is a Jew murderer as well.

I will give one final example: Adolf Hitler.

The world knew about his plans for the Jews as early as 1933. The world knew about *Kristallnacht* in November of 1938, and the concentration camps shortly thereafter. Yet the entire world recognized him as a leader. All that changed when Hitler invaded Poland in 1939. From that point on, he became an enemy. Why? Because until that day he was interested in killing only Jews.

Osama bin Laden violated the rule: In addition to killing Jews, he also killed non-Jews.

The message to Jews—and the State of Israel—is clear: Learn to defend yourself, to take revenge yourself. The world will not help you with Iran, Hamas, or the PLO/PA. Ahmadinejad, Abbas, and Meshaal will not make the same mistake as bin Laden. They will continue to be accepted and embraced by the world. Understand this, accept this, and deal with this.

We have no one on whom to rely, other than our Father in Heaven. May today's Jewish leaders—and the brave warriors of the IDF—engrave this on their hearts. And may they—very soon—do to these terrorists exactly what was done to bin Laden.

This takes on even more significance in light of Obama's May 19 speech. God Himself will defend Israel (Isaiah 8:10, Jer. 30:16, Gen. 12:3). Woe unto those who stand against Israel. —Myles ★



A Time For Every Purpose

By Ken Berg, ZLM Television Producer

The Lord has deemed seasons for good reason.



In the spring of 1979, Zola Levitt and I sowed our first seeds together: a fledgling film project that was intended for churches in the Dallas area. Little did we know that the Lord planned a much bigger garden for us. One providential turn led to another, and before we knew it we were producing a weekly television program that gathered a coast-to-coast audience. Zola was the host and I was the producer of *Zola Levitt Live*. It wasn't really "live" but the program title had a nice ring. Those early days of planting and watering brought forth some wonderful fruit.

Initially, we produced all the programs in a Dallas studio. Our first efforts shooting on location in Israel came a few years later when I lugged a camera along on Zola's tour bus. When time permitted and the pilgrims were willing, we'd stop to shoot some short teaching about the Seven Feasts of Israel or perhaps cast some current events in the light of Bible prophecy.

I was blessed in those formative years of our program, working closely with a Messianic maverick. Zola opened my eyes to a remarkable heritage that had somehow been overlooked in my childhood as a "preacher's kid." I wasn't Jewish, and yet I developed a deep love for Israel and the Jewish people. In time, I met numerous Jewish Believers in the Dallas area. Among them: Dr. Jeffrey Seif who served for a season on Zola's staff in the '80s, many years before his appearance on *Zola Levitt Presents*.

Zola's passing in 2006 was difficult. We had spent nearly 28 years together—sowing, watering, and reaping. Yes, I had moments of doubt. Could Zola Levitt Ministries continue? Could my own company, Berg Productions, survive?

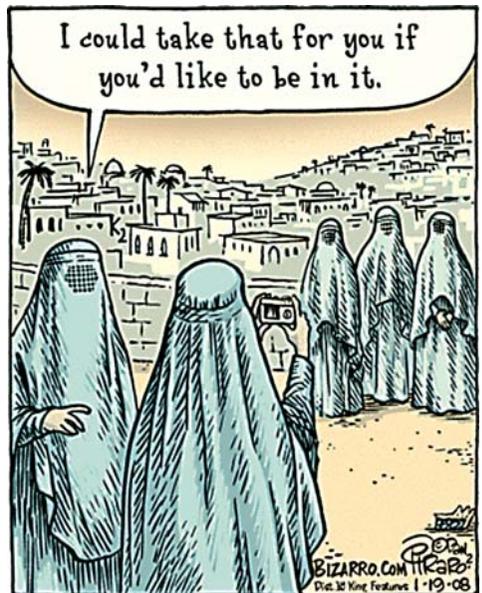
Thankfully, the Lord's strength proved far greater. Jeff Seif stepped in with a gifting only God could have ordained.

The past five years with Jeff have been extraordinary in many ways. During this time, we produced award-winning programming that, in terms of production value, far surpassed anything the ministry had ever done. Bible figures like Ezekiel, David, and Esther came to life as never before. And now Jeff is moving on to other endeavors. While I'll miss working with him, I'm certain that the Lord has planned His very best for him and for us.

I'm excited about an eight-part series based on the Book of Ruth planned for production this summer. Once again, in His season, the Lord has intervened. Myles Weiss and his wife, Katharine, will host the new series, sharing testimonies that remarkably mirror Ruth's memorable love story. Ruth's story of redemption and commitment to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob happens to take place at a specific season of the year.

The Lord's timing is always perfect.

Along with the author of Ecclesiastes, I can gladly attest, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). ★



The Finger Of God... Or The Hand Of Man?

By Myles Weiss

The day after President Obama voiced support for Israel, yet called for a return to pre-1967 Six-Day-War borders, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu firmly called the borders “indefensible” (see video links below) and made it clear that Israel would not follow America’s advice.



BUT GOD!

As readers of the *Levitt Letter*, you know that no one can understand the outcome in the Middle East without the interpretation that comes from Scripture. Only the Bible yields an accurate view of that which is to come.

I remember a conference in Argentina several years ago where the Argentines repented of their Nazi past. As you may know, dictators Juan and Eva Peron exchanged blank passports for stolen Jewish gold. That is how some of the Nazi high command escaped into South America. Our conference met in Mar del Plata, the same city where the submarines with gold were said to dock. After I taught about these shameful alliances, marketplace leaders knelt before the small Jewish contingent and asked forgiveness for their countrymen’s dark complicity with the Nazis, a complicity that opened the door for Hezbollah by entrenching anti-Semitism in Argentina.

Before the public meeting where this repentance took place, there was a private prayer meeting. During that intercessory meeting, a leader stood up to say, “If America abandons Israel, there may be no Israel.” I stopped the prayer meeting.

“With all due respect to my brother,” I said, “If America abandons Israel, there may be no America.” We sat in silence as the Holy Spirit brooded over this confession.

God has restored the Jewish people, land, and language, and is in the process of restoring us Jews to our God (Ezekiel 36:24–28, Amos 9:15).

Zola often pointed to the four principles that support Israel’s right to the land: 1) prior possession—Jewish presence goes back to antiquity; 2) the Abrahamic Covenant, God’s Genesis promise to the Father of Faith; 3) the Balfour Declaration, the early 20th century resolution that the world agreed to; and 4) military might—ignoring it creates the absurd requirement that only Israel, among the nations, needs to return land won in battle.

God is fulfilling His own prophetic Scriptures in our day! It is time to pray afresh for America (Gen. 12:1–3), that the Almighty will grant us time to turn back to Him and be counted as a nation that blesses His people, Israel.

On a positive note, after PM Netanyahu’s chilly visit to the White House (<http://wp.me/pieUD-US>), “Bibi” entreated a joint session of Congress on Israel’s behalf. He received 29 standing ovations (<http://wp.me/pieUD-Va>). Although the Bible was not cited, its principles were employed. To God be the Glory! ★

Video showing why Israel’s pre-1967 borders are indefensible: <http://wp.me/pieUD-V3>



Days of Independence: America & Israel

By Eitan and Connie Shishkoff

Growing up as Americans in the patriotic 1950s, we remember July 4th as a big deal. We were inspired by the heroism and wisdom of our founding fathers: Washington, Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, etc. In 1976 we celebrated 200 years of the special brand of U.S. freedom, which though imperfect, may be the most egalitarian society ever seen in world history.

With that blessed background, we have become an integral part of another nation that also commemorates its independence annually and energetically—Israel. Though Israel's origins go back to Abraham's conversations with God some 4,000 years ago, it was only 63 years ago, on May 14, 1948, that Israel was re-established as a modern state.

So, paradoxically, we are an ancient yet very young nation. In a population of less than 8 million, every family has either paid for national independence and survival with the loss of a loved one, or knows a family who has. Appropriately, Israel's "Memorial Day" always comes the day before our "Fourth of July." We'd like you to see our Haifa Bay town in the rich emotion of this juxtaposition.

Day turns to evening and the streets are blocked off, creating a large public area. A stage and screen are erected, with rows of chairs for the town dignitaries and the families who have lost loved ones in battles or acts of terror. Residents of all ages wend their way toward this center and gather by the thousands.

We arrive and, by chance, see our son-in-law and three of our grandchildren in the crowd. We stand together. At 8pm sharp, sirens sound simultaneously throughout the country. All



stand still, arms at their sides in sober reflection. Then, all of the soldiers from our town who were killed in action, from the beginning of statehood until now, are named with their rank and their parents' names, and their pictures are shown on the large screen. "*David Cohen, sergeant, son of Shlomo and Berta of blessed memory.*"

Young Israelis stand in formation, holding aloft flags of blue and white, their colors reflecting those of the prayer shawl. The program consists of songs, poems, and prayers eulogizing the fallen and lamenting their loss in the prime of life. These bittersweet stanzas enable us to express communally the loss we feel.



We recognize the local woman who sells yarn and the neighbor who built our porch. Our Ethiopian neighbors are there too, members of our congregation, out with their young daughters. It's a small town in a small country that, especially on occasions like this, comes together with touching unity of heart. After all, our Founder is not really David Ben Gurion, though he played a key role. Our Founder is our Father, the Living God of Israel.

The ceremony ends with the singing of our national anthem, *HaTikvah* (The Hope). "...then our hope, the hope of 2,000 years, will not be lost: To be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem." ★

Israel Is God's Timetable Part 1

By Zola Levitt

Obviously, Arafat and the Palestinians could have had peace any time since the Madrid Conference in 1991 or the Oslo Accords in 1993. But they were busy gathering up as much land as possible under the “land for peace” principle, and they refused to close the deal. The terms offered by Prime Minister Barak in the Camp David meetings (2000) amounted to a very serious offer to conclude the endless negotiations. Arafat should have taken the deal; he would have gained practically all he ever dreamed of, including part of Jerusalem, practically all of the West Bank, and a new Palestinian state.

Instead, the Palestinians opted for some ghetto rioting they called the “War for Independence” or the “Battle for Jerusalem,” which was over in a few weeks with some 300 casualties, mostly on their side. They demonstrated that they were no better than the Somalis who murdered prisoners and dragged bodies through the streets. They attacked the mightiest power in the Middle East with rocks and assumed the world would jump in and help them. A Palestinian father suspiciously placed his 12-year-old child [Mohammed al-Dura] between himself and the gunfire, and after the boy was riddled with bullets (which were ultimately established as Palestinian bullets), asked the world for vengeance against Israel over the death of his son. The father survived.

CNN desperately tried to portray a war—they're in the war business, so to speak. During the Iraq war, they dramatically increased the prices of their commercials. They became wealthy covering the Bosnian war, but now, try as they would, couldn't make a major war out of what amounted to the same casualty rate any American city endures on a continuing basis. WFAA-TV, the ABC affiliate in Dallas,

called me during that week and urged me to testify that Israel was in grave danger and that the whole place was going up in smoke. I wouldn't say that; I said that what was going on in Israel amounted to the sort of rioting we had in Los Angeles and Detroit in past times. They, of course, did not quote me on the news.

The media bias against Israel is ubiquitous throughout the world. There seems to be a bias *toward* the Arabs, probably because commercials are purchased on a large scale by petroleum-using manufacturers. Ads for plastics, cosmetics, and similar products represent profitable business for the media, and they respond like any business, catering to their best customers. We've said all this before, but it certainly isn't getting any better. This time, CNN looked almost ridiculous, desperately trying to broadcast a war when there was truly little happening in the way of real hostility. The only true action worth reporting was the Israeli response to the murdering of prisoners in Ramallah. They demonstrated their skills to the Palestinians with razor-sharp surgical strikes on the police station where the prisoners were killed, a radio station, and, in effect, Arafat's front yard. Even the Palestinians could appreciate that they had a formidable enemy—patient but deadly. ★



Katharine's Story Part 1

As a young Catholic girl in my native California, I felt called to serve God. My hope for marriage and a family ruled out becoming a nun, but though I would pray at night in my bed and could feel God listening, He gave no answer.

As a typical teenager, I wandered away from my religious upbringing. After graduating from high school, I found work in San Francisco. This time when I called out to God, a wonderful Filipina approached me about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Do you know that you are a sinner?" she asked me.

"Yes," I answered, well aware that I had broken several of the Ten Commandments.

"Do you know that God sent His Son to be a Bridge for you, so your sins will be forgiven and you can come to God?"

"Yes," I said quickly. "I want this forgiveness."

Joy filled my heart, and as I studied His Word, I gained a heightened awareness of what was and was not pleasing to God.

As I continued my college courses, friends introduced me to Myles. I couldn't wait to share my newfound faith in Jesus. Answering his skepticism, I dared Myles to ask God if Jesus is the Messiah of the Jews. However, I wondered if God could save a Jewish skeptic. On my knees in my room I asked God to reveal His plan.

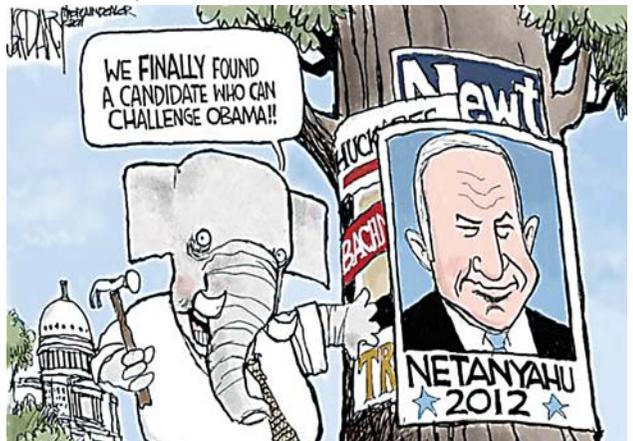
The very next day as I walked on campus, someone handed me a tract from a campus group, Jews for Jesus! Simultaneously, as God was answering my prayer, Myles was asking God for guidance, and met a young pastor. The divine



unfolding of this story can be read at www.visitbethshalom.org, under Resources /Articles /*Meeting My Matchmaker*.

We began studying the Word and attending Bible College. Myles campaigned in New York with Jews for Jesus. I stayed in the San Francisco Bay Area and volunteered at the Pregnancy Resource Center. I also worked with Special Needs young people and watched several come to faith.

Myles and I supported each other and grew in the Lord. We cherished any time we spent together, sharing the excitement of our faith and becoming best friends. We married despite warnings from my family that I could suffer persecution married to a Jew. I reminded them that Jesus was a Jew, and told them that I was not afraid—that was good enough for me. You can read about the riotous clash of our Jewish and gentile cultures in *My Blue and White Christmas* (also at www.visitbethshalom.org). Little did I know that God would lead our united journey directly into the heart of Jerusalem. ★



Shalom From Sandra



The Western Wall is one of the highlights of the Israel tour. Standing at the Wall—men on their side and women on theirs—to say prayers or

put notes to God in the Wall, takes many pilgrims to a newer and closer walk with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God's Temple: it held the Ark of the Covenant, Jesus walked there; so much Jewish history all in one spot. It is no longer called the Wailing Wall because we no longer wail. *Shalom.* ★



*(Above) 19th century photo of Jews at the Western Wall by Felix Bonfils, 1870s
(Below) 21st century Jew takes prayer request via cell phone at the Western Wall*



Israelis Work On Every Problem The World Calls Insoluble

By Gali Weinreb, www.Globes.co.il

“For every problem in the world recognized as insoluble, there is one Israeli or more energetically working on it,” says Dr. Garry Neil, corporate vice president at the Corporate Office of Science and Technology (COSAT) at Johnson & Johnson (J&J). COSAT is responsible for J&J’s early stage cooperation with academic institutions and young companies. “The book *Start-Up Nation* sums it up well. Israelis aren’t afraid of technology and want to solve problems. Apart from that, because everybody knows everybody, they gladly exchange information. It’s wonderful.”

Johnson & Johnson is one of the most acquisitive American companies in Israel, the kind that Israeli start-ups love to be bought by, particularly because of its tendency to allow them a considerable degree of autonomy. Since the early 1990s, J&J has bought companies in Israel to the tune of more than \$1 billion: Biosense for half a billion dollars; ColBar for \$159 million; and Omrix for \$425 million. Biosense and Omrix remain to this day Israeli R&D centers.

J&J has many collaborations at the academic stage, and has good relations with the universities in Israel.

Sometimes, the collaboration proceeds directly from the academic institution to the industry via a PreVenture, a venture that COSAT builds with an academic researcher, in which J&J finances the researcher’s independent R&D, with the aim of setting up a joint company later on.

Areas of recent interest to J&J are biological markers and personalized drugs. “This will gather momentum very soon, together with improvement in computing capabilities and cheaper genome sequencing,” Neil says. “The change will start with cancer. In my opinion, the Pharma industry will improve treatment of the disease substantially in the next five years. The Pharma companies have 800 cancer drugs in clinical trials.” ★

What Would Confucius Advise? By Salim Mansur www.TorontoSun.com

The long and populated arc of the Arab-Muslim world from North Africa to Pakistan is in transition from a deeply troubled and divided pre-modern civilization to some sort of rendezvous with the modern world.

This process will be stretched out over many decades. It will be confusing, cruel, and blood-soaked.

What needs to be done the West is unwilling to consider.

If Confucius, the great Chinese sage from the 5th century B.C., was somehow reincarnated in the West, it would not take him long to fathom the problem and recommend wise measures.

He would remind us how and why the construction of China’s Great Wall began in his time. And he would indicate that building such a wall—in our advanced technological age, constructed with electronic devices—would be mutually advantageous for both the West and the Arab-Muslim world.

This would secure the West from the unwanted spillover, and it would set the Arab-Muslim world apart to work out its historical problems at its own pace and costs.

Confucius just might weep at the flak Israel has received over its security fence...and at America’s southern border. —Myles



Mission Report

By Todd Baker

Coming back from the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem, Kenny and I stopped in to visit the Armenian Christian family who owns and runs the Yerevan Gift shop.



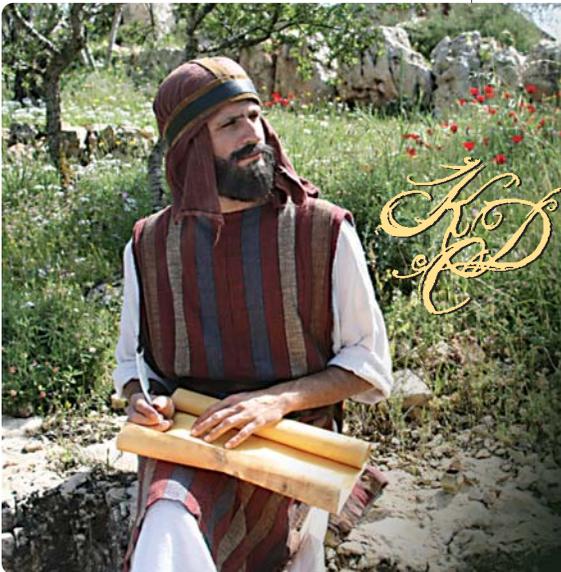
As we sat outside the entrance drinking water we had just purchased, a young Israeli woman with her two daughters came up to me, seemingly out of nowhere. The woman—Alona—pointed to my Cross and Star of David pendant and asked, “Please, what does this mean?” Once again the Lord used my necklace to lead a Jewish soul to the true knowledge concerning the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah.

Her question allowed Kenny and me to explain and show her in the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus fulfilled in the New Testament many of the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, which exclusively identifies Him as the Messiah of Israel! Alona informed us that she was struggling to raise her children without any support after her husband left her and her drug problem eight years ago. She asked how I came to believe in Yeshua—giving me the

perfect opening to share my testimony of how Yeshua revealed Himself to me as God and Messiah. Feeling His *Shekinah* glory (presence) transformed and forgave a hate-filled, drug-addicted nonbeliever into a redeemed child of God, called and commissioned to take His Gospel back to His People. I told Alona that Kenny and I were doing just that with her.

Alona said she believed some of the things she learned at a Messianic congregation she had attended, but now she was struggling. When Alona said she believed and trusted in her heart that Yeshua is the Messiah, we showed her Hebrews 13:5–6, God’s promise that He will not forsake her or abandon her and her daughters. He promises to provide all her needs through the abundance of Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

We gave Alona a Hebrew Bible and instructed her to stand on the promises of God contained in His Word. Kenny and I then prayed for her and her daughters. We laid hands on them knowing that “the effective, fervent prayer of the righteous avails much” (James 5:16). We also gave them fifty shekels in keeping with James 2:15-16 and to reinforce our witness with acts of charity. We hope she feels as blessed by our encounter as we do. ★



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Israel Opens Historic Gospel Trail

By Daniel Estrin, *The Associated Press*

Israel hopes to attract Christian tourists with a new pilgrimage route unveiled this spring in the Galilee—a network of footpaths, roads, and bicycle paths linking sites central to the lives of Jesus and His Disciples.

Developing sites linked to Jewish history has long been a priority for Israel. But the Gospel Trail, inaugurated by tourism officials, is a nod to the growing number of Christians traveling to the country in recent years, outnumbering Jewish visitors.

More than two-thirds of the 3.45 million tourists in Israel last year were Christian, double the amount of the previous year, and about 40 percent of them defined themselves as religious pilgrims, according to the Tourism Ministry.

The 40-mile trail in northern Israel passes sites including Tabgha—the area in Galilee that is the traditional site of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes and the Mount of Beatitudes where He delivered His Sermon on the

Mount. The trail ends at Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus taught.

The new trail includes New Testament quotes carved into stones along the path, and shaded rest areas and picnic sites.

Another hiking route in the Galilee, the Jesus Trail, was spearheaded independently by an Israeli hotelier several years ago and

already attracts backpackers and other Christian tourists. [See November 2008 *Levitt Letter*, page 30.]



Trail ends at Capernaum



7 Survival Principles



Mark Levitt

Articles like the one excerpted below, by Scott Burns (AssetBuilder.com), inspire me to think in terms of being productive and thrifty. His secular principles over the years, more often than not, seem biblically rooted. Eccl. 2:24-26 —Mark

Borrow less or nothing. Reduce the amount of income committed to loan and credit payments. Eliminate credit card debt and pay off car loans, student loans, etc. The income going to them can then be used to build a cash reserve and pay down a mortgage. Our goal should be consumption without credit.

Deferring the purchase of a house or condo can make sense. Most of what we buy depreciates, including houses lately.

Spend less than you earn. This is easier for some households than others. As a certified senior, it's almost inevitable for me. It was not so easy when I was a 30-year-old dad. We gain strength from being able to get through the week, month, or year without leaning on a lending institution. We gain even more strength by having ready savings.

Search for maximum flexibility. Find strength in flexibility and adaptation, not in institutional guarantees. In the new edition of *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable*, investor Nassim Taleb nails it with this simple principle: **Compensate complexity with simplicity.** Our society may be very complex, but we can compensate with simplicity and adaptation at home.

Retain more of your investment return. Our financial institutions have proven a nasty truth: For them, we consumers are just red meat. Worse, our government has given them con-

wise as a serpent

tinued and protected hunting rights. So it's them or us.

Take back as much as possible of the return on your savings and investments. Use index mutual funds for your retirement savings. Move checking and savings accounts to a credit union.

Learn to share. Focus on local and family. It's very difficult to make the entire world a better place. So pick small projects that have a well-defined beginning, middle, and end. You'll discover the gigantic non-money economy of community. The more connected you are, the safer you and yours will be.

Expand your skill portfolio. The world of work encourages us to specialize. This reduces our flexibility and increases our dependence on others. But the more we have in our skill portfolio, gained through education or hands-on learning, the more things we can do to be helpful or earn a few dollars.

Get energy-efficient and energy-local. Help reduce consumption of imported energy by increasing your gas mileage or driving less. Oil, not imports from China, is the biggest single drain on our economy.

And remember the best definition of wealth I've ever heard: *You have enough money when more won't change where you live, what you eat, what you wear, what you drive, or who you come home to.* ★



High Schoolers' Civics Knowledge Waning

By Jill Tucker, www.SFGate.com

Three out of four U.S. students lack a basic understanding of democracy, of how the U.S. political system works, and what it means to be a citizen of this country, according to national test scores released in May.

That equals a failing grade in civics.

Fewer than half the country's eighth-graders were able to identify the purpose of the Bill of Rights on the 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Most high school seniors couldn't identify a power granted to Congress by the Constitution or define the term "melting pot." Relatively few fourth-graders understood the concept of majority rule, as expected for their grade level.

The findings came from the national test, given every four years to thousands of the nation's fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-graders.

Scores for high school seniors dropped to a 24 percent proficiency rate from 27 percent four years earlier. Eighth-graders held steady at 22 percent.

Fourth-graders posted their highest civics scores since 1998, 27 percent proficient in the subject, up three percentage points from the 2006 tests.

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said the results from the Nation's Report Card show the predictable result of decades of neglect to civics education.

"These students will inherit our democracy, and we must empower them to preserve it and continue to perfect our union," said O'Connor, a supporter of civics education. "Knowledge of our system of government is not handed down through the gene pool."

Indeed, fewer than half of U.S. adults can name the three branches of government—executive, legislative, and judicial—according to national surveys.

There is a "civics recession," Charles Quigley, executive director of the Center for Civic Education, said in a statement. "We are all familiar with the anecdote about the woman who asked Benjamin Franklin as he left the Constitutional Convention what kind of government he and the other framers had created," Quigley said. "He replied, 'A republic, if you can keep it.'" ★

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

—Diogenes Laertius, 3rd century AD biographer of the Greek philosophers

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SO WERE THEY

Israel: An Export Superpower

By Elad Benari, IsraelNationalNews.com

As Israel celebrates 63 years of being an independent state, it turns out that it is an export superpower.

According to figures published by the Israel Export Institute and presented by the *Globes* financial newspaper, since its establishment in 1948 Israel has multiplied the volume of goods it exports to the world by an astonishing 13,400.

The figures also show that Israel has gone from exporting a “modest” amount (about \$6 million) in 1948 to exporting no less than \$80.5 billion in 2010.

According to the report, the well-known Jaffa oranges, which were the pride and joy of Israel’s export industry for many years, have taken a few steps back. Israel’s high tech and R&D (research and development) sectors were at the top of the export list last year, totaling approximately \$28.5 billion and constituting about 35% of Israel’s exports in 2010. However, the oranges are not out quite yet, as figures show that agricultural exports also grew in the last year, totaling \$1.3 billion.

Israel has long been a leader in diamond

exports, according to the report. Since the founding of the state, Israel’s diamond exports have multiplied by 3,190. While in the early years of statehood the scope of diamond exports from Israel to the world stood at about \$2.8 million, in 2010 exports amounted to approximately \$8.9 billion.

The Export Institute said that an analysis of data since the founding of the state indicates that North America and Europe have always been the major export destinations of Israeli goods. Exports to Europe have declined over the years, said the report. While in the 1950s and 1960s about 70 percent of Israeli exports went to Europe, today the figure is at about 32 percent. The report notes, however, that the decline in the European market has been compensated by a rise in exports to Asia.

While Asia made up only one percent of total Israeli exports in the 1950s, today it makes up no less than 24 percent of Israeli exports. The U.S. market continues to be the central and largest market, with 33.5 percent of products exported from Israel going there.

As regards the future, the Israel Export Institute estimated that exports will continue to rise in 2011 by about another 7 percent. If these forecasts are realized, the total amount of Israeli exports by the end of the year will be a whopping \$86 billion. ★



Forecasting a record \$86 billion exported this year!



Help, Lord!

By John J. Parsons

חֻשָּׁה לְעִזְרַתִּי אֲדֹנָי תְּשׁוּעָתִי:

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation—Psalm 38:22

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my salvation	O Lord (of)	to help me	Hasten!									

Often the only prayer we have is “Help, LORD!” I use this one on a *daily* basis, that is, whenever I am confronted with the truth of my own condition.

The word translated “hasten” comes from the Hebrew word “chush,” which means to hurry, to act quickly, or to come quickly. The Psalms often plead urgently, “hasten to help me” (*chushah l’ezrati*).

An old Jewish prayer says, “O LORD, I know that You will help us; but will You help us *before* You will help us?” Although God sometimes tarries, He declares, “I am the LORD; *in its time* I will *hasten* it” (Isa. 60:22).

Is it time, LORD? Will You *now* restore the kingdom to Israel? But as Yeshua said, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority” (Acts 1:7). In a sense, we are all “living in the desert” as we await the final redemption. What are you learning as you walk with God through the wilderness of this world?

We live in an “already-not-yet” state of hopeful expectation. In Modern Hebrew the word *teshuvah*, often translated “repentance,” means “an answer.” It is the mind’s turning to a *sheilah*, a question, attending to it with honesty in the pursuit of truth.

Often trials in our lives function as God’s questions to us, and we are asked to answer them with the *teshuvah* of settled faith. Suffering produces endurance (Rom. 5:3), and God promises “to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). The LORD “gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength” (Isa. 40:29).

The last words recorded of Yeshua are: “Surely I come *quickly*” (Rev. 22:20). This is immediately followed by the last prayer given in the Scriptures: “Amen, come LORD Yeshua!”

The LORD will indeed help us, since He is faithful and true, and His salvation is secure. May you be strong and resolute as you wait for Him, and may He come speedily, and in our day. Amen.

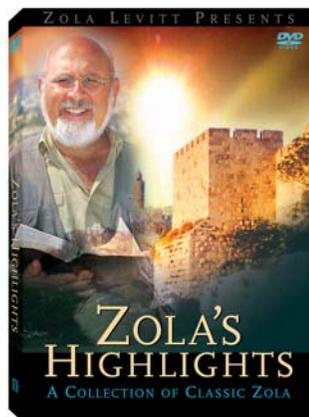


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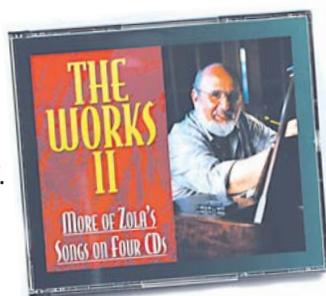
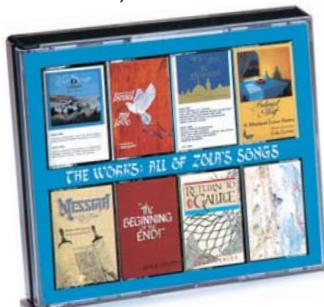
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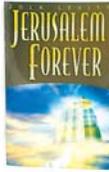
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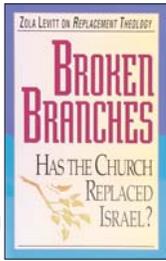
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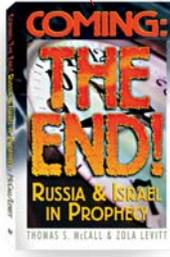
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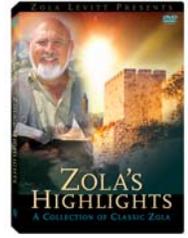
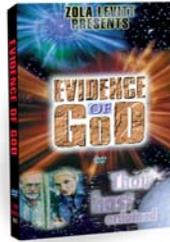


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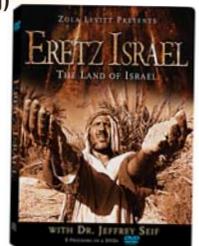


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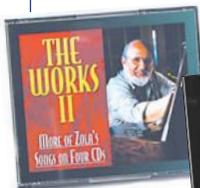
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Introducing Myles & Katharine Weiss

Please see Myles's articles on page 5 of this *Levitt Letter* and page 8 of the June issue. You also can see the *Personal Letter* he wrote at www.levitt.com/letters/2011-06.html. Myles is completing production on our newest TV series on the Book of Ruth, which dovetails serendipitously with the teaching of Ruth applications that he and his wife, Katharine, have emphasized for decades. **Katharine**, a gentile, pointed Myles to his Messiah in 1984. See her story on page 8. **Myles** received his dual Bible College degrees in Ministerial Arts and Biblical Counseling. He's a native of NYC, where he attended Hebrew school until his Bar Mitzvah. They have been Believers in Yeshua for nearly 30 years and married for 25.

Pray for
the peace of
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Sandra's Reunion Tour

Some of you readers recall that Sandra, Zola's widow, announced her retirement toward the first of 2009. Once again, PTL, she has begun writing articles for the *Levitt Letter*. As previously announced, Sandra and her husband, Daniel, will join our Grand Athens tour this October. She is primarily joining our group to fellowship in the Holy Land, which she has dearly missed, but she'll also be available to teach. Sandra has appeared in recent broadcasts of our TV series *Ezekiel and the MidEast 'Piece' Process*. Welcome back, Sandra!



Pamphlet of the Month

Life insurance is an especially flexible planning tool that can be used to meet a variety of personal financial needs.

The pamphlet **Giving Through Life Insurance** includes six questions to determine whether a gift of life insurance would make sense for you. It also offers seven ways to give using life insurance. A table summarizes tax benefits, and the Technical Advisory Section addresses basic tax rules, qualified appraisal rules, and more. To receive this booklet at no charge, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box.

2010 Fundraising Expenses

To comply with the tax code, we calculated the small percentage of newsletter space and television time that this ministry devotes to fundraising. Taken together, they account for six-tenths of one percent (0.6%) of our expenses. An acceptable threshold for many organizations is 20%, which is thirty-three times what has sufficed for us. Our hat is off to you, the supporter, and your responsiveness to our minimal requests for support. You are small in number, amounting to about 3% of our viewership, but your generosity has enabled us to expand this outreach to new frontiers across the globe... *Thanks!*

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"Come Home!"

Zola's
Tours to
Israel:



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Ask The Chaplain

By Todd Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. We have been “walking Torah” for about 8 years, under a rabbi’s teaching. We keep the appointed times, eat kosher, and keep the laws of *nidah* (menstruation). Where do you fall on the “Two Tribes” teachings? —D.H., (TX)

A. The whole kosher issue—to what degree it should be observed—is a nebulous subject that is debated by rabbis. Fortunately, the New Testament Believer is not under the dietary laws of the Old Testament (see Mark 7:14–23; Colossians 2:14–16). The whole issue of clean and unclean under Yeshua and the New Covenant is not what one eats and does not eat. Since food is merely physical, no one who eats it will defile his heart or inner person, which is spiritual. No physical pollution—no matter how corrupt—can cause spiritual or moral pollution. Neither can outward ceremonial rituals, like keeping kosher, cleanse a person morally or spiritually. Only the shed blood of Jesus can make us *kosher* (clean) as revealed in 1 John 1:7.

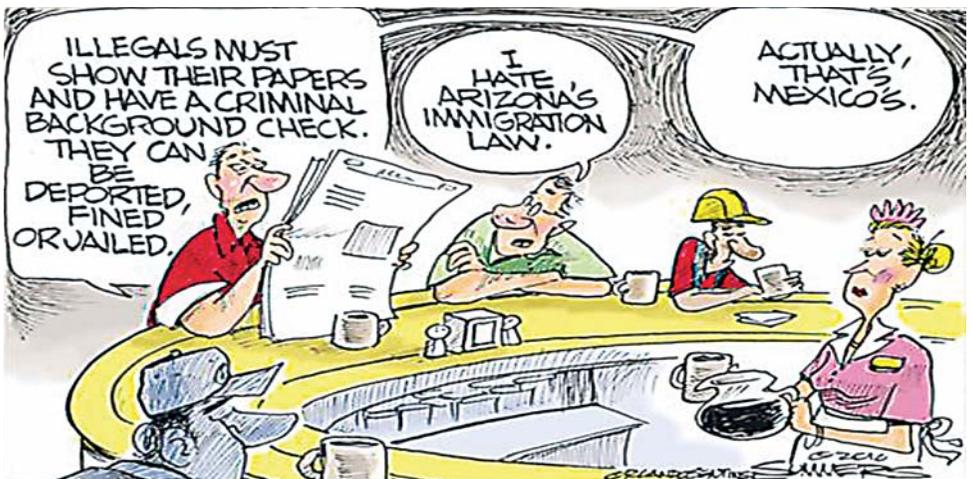
Leviticus chapter 11 lists the dietary restrictions God gave to the nation of Israel. The dietary laws included

prohibitions against eating pork, many types of seafood, most insects, scavenger birds, and various other animals. The food laws—never intended to apply to anyone other than the Israelites—were meant to distinguish the Israelites from all other nations. After this purpose had ended, Jesus declared all foods clean (Mark 7:19). God gave the Apostle Peter a vision in which He declared that formerly unclean animals could be eaten: “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean” (Acts 10:15).

When Jesus died on the cross, He fulfilled the Old Testament law (Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:24–26; Ephesians 2:15). This includes the laws regarding clean and unclean foods.

In the New Covenant of Grace, the Bible is concerned far more with *how much* we eat than *what* we eat. Physical appetites are an indication of our ability to control ourselves. If we are unable to control our eating habits, we are probably also unable to control other habits, and unable to keep our mouths from gossip or strife.

The Two Tribes or Two House theory is unbiblical in that it confuses Israel with the Church and tries to make gentiles to be Israel and Ephraim. There is no credible historical evidence to support this bizarre version of Replacement Theology. For a good critique of this false doctrine see Raymond Fischer’s book *Full Circle*, pages 239-288. ★





Letters to ZLM

Dear Readers—

As you may have noticed, Dr. Seif is moving on to the next phase of his ministry. Reading some of your correspondence makes me acutely aware of how great an impact he has had on so many lives. As the “new kids,” Katharine and I will do our best to answer your questions biblically, thoughtfully, and with great appreciation for the respect Zola and Jeff have garnered over the years. At the outset, I want to say that most letters to ZLM are of the highest quality. We find many of them to be full of spiritual fruit. We will give them the attention they deserve.
—Shalom, Myles Weiss

Comments from www.levitt.com

From H.W. (NC): We enjoy Jeff’s teaching very much and wish he would continue with ZLM.

From Dr. J.H. (MI): I’ve been using the online video and iTunes podcasts. Wonderful and blessed material! Thank you so much for your diligent and loving services. May God bless you in every way.

From J.R.C., Jr (TX): I like Jeff very much, but I sure miss Zola.

From S.M.S. (LA): Thank you for spreading the Gospel of Jesus from a Jewish perspective.

From L.S. (AL): I follow your teaching to gain a better understanding of the Holy Scriptures, of how Christians and Jews relate to God’s Word and to each other. I want to read and understand the Bible through the heart and mind of a Jew and a Christian. Most of all, I desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

From M.S. (KY): I love Zola’s program and am grateful that it is still on the air. I watch it at www.levitt.tv because I can see it whenever I want! Thanks!



From J.B. (AZ): I was sorely disappointed in your “Join the King David Club” message on a recent *Levitt Letter* bulletin board. Although not a large-amount giver, I have donated to your organization for the last 25 years. This is new: kowtowing to the rich for donations and creating a class that is value-based on the amount of funds contributed, over the value our Father sees in all of us. Offering special access for a healthy chunk of change is laughable and very disappointing. As I value your ministry, please re-evaluate your priorities and methods while there is time. In brotherly love. (I expect you to scoff at that statement right now, but I mean it.) [See KDC invitation on page 11.]

Dear J.B.,

Forget scoffing on this one, because I know exactly where you’re coming from. Take this from a parishioner who, last month, was reduced to tears at a prisoner forgoing 13 cups of Ramen noodles (literally going hungry) to mail ZLM a \$5 contribution (see www.levitt.com/newsletters/2011-06.pdf p. 13 of the June *Levitt Letter*.) In fact, you could argue that by publishing his letter and my reply, I kowtowed to the imprisoned, glorified the poor, and (perhaps worst of all) deprived him of heavenly rewards by giving him accolades in the here and now. (Matt. 6:3)

Let’s bypass the questionable sentiment of damned if you do/damned if you don’t and consider this ministry’s television stations and newsletter printing and mailing vendors. They invoice us each and every month. If we fail to pay them, then they can’t serve us. Therefore it is arguable that *they* create an elite class of biblical ministry that has the privilege of being heard.

You readers and viewers who vote with your dollars (Luke 12:34) for our broadcasts and mailings maintain and grow this outreach for the benefit of others who can’t—or just won’t. It may surprise you to learn that our largest contributions come from those who are fortunate but not wealthy. Sorry, but the wealthy typically love their money enough to pray for this ministry without ever writing substantial checks. I covet the prayers, as you well know. But paying these six-figure invoices that arrive without fail requires at least someone to dig deep.

None of this diminishes my profound regard for ZLM’s loyal, long-term supporters. Not to mention those who, living on extremely tight budgets, quietly put us in their wills. I just pray that you’ll appreciate our efforts to ask briefly yet effectively in order to preserve most of our television time and newsletter space for Bible teaching. Thank you sincerely for expressing your concerns, and I mean that too. —Mark

P.S. Guess what the prisoner who gave up 13 cups of Ramen noodles is doing with the check I mailed him. Hint: not spending it on food. Instead, he’s planting a tree in Israel and contributing to: ZLM and our To the Jew First fund, Eitan Shishkoff’s Tents of Mercy, the Hope of Israel Baptist Mission, and Jews for Jesus. Finally, he’s sending a gift to his granddaughter and purchasing *Zola’s Introduction to Hebrew* for his fellow inmates.



Producing Reproducers

Dear ZLM,

Again your *Levitt Letter* has had a very positive impact on me and my fellow inmates. Because of your ministry, I am starting a Hebrew language class here. I praise your ministry and wish you our Heavenly Father's richest blessings. L.D.A. (TX):

Dear L.D.A.—

That's high praise and a good report regarding your Hebrew studies. To hear that you are now teaching a basic Hebrew class due to our training is gratifying. It brings to mind Paul's exhortation to Timothy to reproduce "reproducers." (2 Timothy 2:2). Keep spreading the Good Word! —Myles

Are We To Pray For Jerusalem Or Jews?

Dear ZLM,

Protestants pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Catholics pray for the conversion of the Jews. Which is more important: the welfare of one's country or the salvation of one's soul? —L.G.

Dear L.G.—

Praying for Jerusalem and the salvation of the Jews go hand in hand. The Lord's return to Jerusalem will result in complete Jewish salvation (Romans 11:25–27). Praying that Jews come to faith *now* is a precursor of what will be true for all Israel when Messiah returns to Earth; then Jerusalem will live up to the meaning of its name: "the city of peace" (Psalm 2; Isaiah 2:1–5; 65:18–25). —Todd

The Wisdom of King Solomon

Dear ZLM,

Page 7 in the April *Levitt Letter* asked, "Divide Temple Mount?" Let the wisdom of Solomon answer: "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one and half to the other!" Since Jews don't want to divide the Temple Mount and would rather give it up altogether than divide it, King Solomon would say, "the Jewish People are the Temple Mount's true mother." (1 Kings 3:16–27) —N.LeB. (MA)

Dear N. LeB.—

Thanks for your encouragement about our work here at ZLM. Your application of the "wisdom of Solomon" to the dividing of Jerusalem is duly noted. It is especially significant now that America's president has lent his voice to the hue and cry for Israel to divide itself. As you know, further relinquishing real estate will undoubtedly lead to even less access to Holy sites for Jews and Christians. We need to pray for wholeness on every level for Jerusalem. —Myles



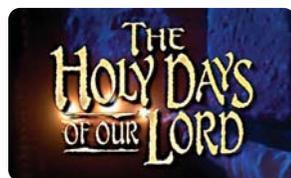
Cringes At “Christmas”

Dear ZLM,

I cringe when I hear you say “Christmas.” Christmas has nothing to do with Jesus (see Isaiah 42:8). The Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem is a special time in October. Why not show the world how great those eight days can be? —C.DeW. (NY)

Dear C.DeW.—

You appear to be on the cutting edge of understanding the Feasts of The Lord and the blessings that Believers gain from them. Thankfully, the number of gentiles who are looking for revelation in the Feasts is growing worldwide. See our previous comments at <http://www.levitt.com/newsletters/2011-02.pdf>. We know of wonderful churches that are committed to the Hebrew calendar. Zola was a forerunner in explaining the Feasts to the Body worldwide. That said, I find it is important to be patient with those who may be less informed about these issues. Regarding Christmas, I choose not to judge people in their traditional celebrations which may have less tangible but still precious connotations for many followers of Yeshua. Check out Zola's teaching on Tabernacles. —Myles



Bachelor Paul

Dear ZLM,

Was Paul, the Apostle to the gentiles, married? Some of our Bible study class say no, because of his stand on marriage; but some of us are under the impression that to be a Pharisee you had to be married. Was Paul ever married? —Thanks, E.B.

Dear E.B.—

When I read what Paul says about the unmarried state in 1 Corinthians 7, particularly in verse 8, it would appear that he was either unmarried or a widower. I lean toward the former since he makes no mention of a former wife in all his writings. The notion that a member of the Sanhedrin had to be married is an apocryphal tale that lacks documentation from a primary source. Paul said that to be unmarried was much more advantageous when serving the Lord because the person is not encumbered with domestic distractions and meeting the earthly needs of a wife and family. The unmarried are free to set themselves apart exclusively to serve the Lord. —Todd

Twelve Tribes of Israel

Dear ZLM,

My grandsons and I have assembled models of the 2nd Temple and the Tabernacle, which I ordered from the Temple Institute website. The Tabernacle model has symbols for each of the Twelve Tribes. I know the lion is Judah, but can you help me identify the others? —R.J.

Dear R.J.—

Find the symbols for the twelve tribes of Israel at the following links:

Descriptions: <http://www.lionlamb.net/v3/YAVOHHeisComing/2002/07> and

Illustrations: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/36376065@N02/5167332724/> —Todd

Closed Captions Online

Dear Webmaster,

I really appreciate your online closed captions, as I am deaf. Where I am in Canada I cannot get *Zola Levitt Presents* on TV. I discovered that you are one of the few ministries that close caption your online media. For this I am grateful; I get to enjoy watching again. I already subscribe to the *Levitt Letter* and monthly gift program. Please accept this one-time gift in addition to the monthly amount. I also appreciate that you are going back and captioning past shows. I really would like to see you close caption the *Passover* and *A Child Is Born* videos. God bless you all. —J.W. (Canada):

Dear J.W.—

Thank you for the comments. It was actually a lot of work to get that done. I've wanted to add captions for a long time and was finally able to accomplish it last year. We're adding captions to older episodes as time permits. Captions are also embedded into many of our downloadable shows and can be seen when you watch using iTunes or on iPods/iPhones/iPads (when captions are turned on). —Webmaster

A Scholarly Question

Dear Todd Baker,

We are studying the relationship of the Passover and Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. In the 20th chapter of John's Gospel, John saw the napkin that was about Jesus' face "wrapped by itself," and believed. Would you please explain the importance of the napkin lying by itself that would convey the truth of the Resurrection to a fisherman like John? I have found several explanations/commentaries that seem more like speculation than knowledge of the customs of the day.

Thank you very much, —C. McD. (AL)

Dear C. McD.—

The Greek text suggests that the linen clothes were not hurriedly thrown about, but rather lying in a cocoon-like state, as if the body of Jesus simply passed through the linen burial clothes. The head garment was not with the rest of the linen clothes but was set apart in its own place. Again, if the body had been simply removed, it was odd that the grave clothes were left behind, and even more odd that the napkin was so carefully arranged. This may suggest that the head passed through the napkin, leaving it in its circular shape, or that Jesus deliberately folded it up before leaving the tomb. —Todd ★

NON SEQUITUR

By Wiley



Is Pakistan A Terrorist State?

By Salman Rushdie, TheDailyBeast.com

In the aftermath of the raid on Abbottabad, all the big questions need to be answered by Pakistan. The old flim-flam (“Who, us? We knew nothing!”) just isn’t going to wash, and must not be allowed to wash by countries such as the United States that have persisted in treating Pakistan as an ally even though they have long known about the Pakistani double game—its support, for example, for the Haqqani network that has killed hundreds of Americans in Afghanistan.

This time the facts speak too loudly to be hushed up. Osama bin Laden, the world’s most wanted man, was found living at the end of a dirt road 800 yards from the Abbottabad military academy, Pakistan’s equivalent of West Point or Sandhurst, in a military cantonment where soldiers are on every street corner, just about 80 miles from the Pakistani capital Islamabad. This extremely large house had neither a telephone nor an Internet connection. And in spite of this we are supposed to believe that Pakistan didn’t know he was there, and that the Pakistani intelligence, and/or military, and/or civilian authorities did nothing to facilitate his presence in Abbottabad, while he ran al-Qaeda, with couriers coming and going, *for five years?*

For a long time now America has been tolerating the Pakistani double game in the knowledge that it needs Pakistani support in its Afghan enterprise, and in the hope that Pakistan’s leaders will understand that they are miscalculating badly, that the jihadists want their jobs.

Pakistan, with its nuclear weapons, is a far greater prize than poor Afghanistan, and the generals and spymasters who are playing al-Qaeda’s game today may, if the worst were to happen, become the extremists’ victims tomorrow.

There is not very much evidence that the Pakistani power elite is likely to come to its senses any time soon. Osama bin Laden’s compound provides further proof of Pakistan’s dangerous folly.

As the world braces for the terrorists’ response to the death of their leader, it should also demand that Pakistan give satisfactory answers to the very tough questions it must now be asked. If it does not provide those answers, perhaps the time has come to declare it a terrorist state and expel it from the comity of nations.

Rushdie is no stranger to the jihadi onslaught unleashed in the world. He was an early, notable *fatwa* target in our era for his novel, *The Satanic Verses*. This is a succinct analysis of the situation with Pakistan. It can be maddening to see how slow the West is to understand the basics of these dynamics. Even the absurdity of “discovering” bin Laden in plain view seems not to be enough to recognize the double nature of Pakistan, which actually is not double at all, but squarely in the radical Muslim camp. —Myles ★

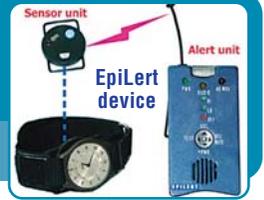


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Flag on fire: Pakistani protesters burn a representation of the Stars and Stripes in protest against the killing of Osama Bin Laden in Multan

Swift Help For Epilepsy

By Bernard Dichek
www.Israel21c.org



Each year, it is estimated that several thousand epilepsy patients in the United States alone will die or suffer severe brain damage from an unattended epileptic seizure.

Epilepsy is an incurable condition that especially affects two vulnerable population groups—young children and people over the age of 65—and although it can be controlled by medication, seizures are often unpredictable and always frightening.

There is an urgent need for patients to be able to notify caregivers or medical staff about the onset of a seizure. Studies have shown that getting care during a seizure can prevent many more serious problems from occurring. However, someone in the grip of an attack, particularly a child, cannot call for help.

This could be about to change with the development by an Israeli startup company of a new medical device. EpiLert is a bracelet that automatically sends an alert signal to caregivers when the wearer goes into an epileptic seizure.

The EpiLert sensor detects the limb movements associated with an epileptic convulsion. The sensor uses a proprietary algorithm developed by a team led by electronics engineer Amos

Shaham, co-founder of BioLert, the company developing EpiLert.

“Although there have been many attempts in the past to develop an alert of this kind, the biggest challenge has always been to find a system that could distinguish between ordinary daily movements and those movements unique to an epileptic seizure,” explains Shaham. “Our breakthrough was in devising a technology that produces virtually no false alarms.”

Shaham is working closely with BioLert's co-founder, Prof. Uri Kramer, director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Service at Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv. “Prof. Kramer was painfully aware of the need for a device of this kind, having treated many patients in his hospital unit and his clinic,” Shaham says. EpiLert consists of a small sensor (worn on the wrist or ankle) and a remote alert unit. The sensor detects and processes movements and vibrations specific to epileptic seizures, and transmits signals to the remote alert unit. That unit alerts the parent, caregiver, or medical assistance service within 20 to 30 seconds of the onset of a seizure. The EpiLert also records essential data of epileptic events for further medical analysis. ★

Pediatric care at Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv



Israel: Third Nation on the Moon?

By Daniel Freedman, blogs.Forbes.com

If all goes according to plan, by December 2012 a team of three young Israeli scientists will have landed a tiny spacecraft on the Moon, explored the lunar surface, and transmitted live video back to Earth, thereby scooping up a \$20 million prize (the Google Lunar X Prize), revolutionizing space exploration, and making the Jewish State the third nation (after the U.S. and Russia) to land a probe on the Moon. And they're doing it in their spare time.

The three engineers—Yariv Bash (electronics and computers), Kfir Damari (communication systems), and Yonatan Winetraub (satellite systems)—all have high-level day jobs in the Israeli science and technology world, and also both teach and study. They all had heard of the Google Lunar X Prize independently before being introduced by mutual friends who, as Yonatan puts it, “thought we were all crazy enough to do it, so we should meet each other.”

By the end of November 2010 they had sketched together a novel plan to win the prize and submitted it to organizers. Since then, they've recruited around 50 volunteers from across the Israeli science and technology community and have gained support from academic institutions, including the prestigious Weizmann Institute of Science (founded in 1934 by Chaim Weizmann, himself a successful chemist who went on to become Israel's first president). They're operating as a nonprofit, and any winnings will be invested in promoting science among Israeli youth... a cause close to these young scientists' hearts.

In the 1960s and 1970s, they say, many

young Israelis pursued careers in science, in part inspired by the American space program. Today that isn't the case, and the number of high school seniors majoring in science is constantly declining. “We want to show that science isn't just about sitting in a lab all day,” says Kfir.

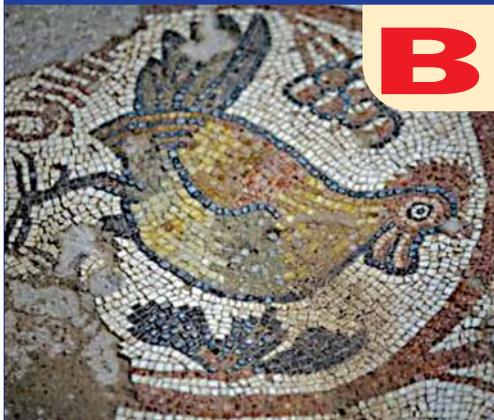
The X Prize's organizers say their competition is intended to attract “mavericks” who “take new approaches and think creatively about difficult problems, resulting in truly innovative breakthroughs.” They see the Moon as a largely untapped resource, and believe that “inexpensive, regular access to the Moon is a critical stepping stone for further exploration.”

According to the X Prize organizers, the 29 competing teams will spend between \$15 million and \$100 million on the project, with the earliest launch not scheduled until 2013. The Israelis aim to spend less than that (around \$10 million) and to launch before 2013.

One way the team intends to keep costs down involves using existing technology that simply hasn't been linked to this purpose, rather than spending a new fortune. Naturally, the team isn't releasing specific details of



the technology they're using, but they're confident that they've got what they need. ★



Zachariah Church Mosaic Vandalized

By Netanel Doron, *Israel Today*

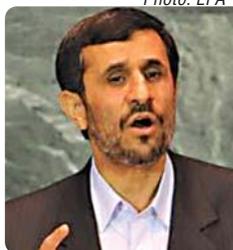
Recently, a Byzantine church at Horvat Midras southwest of Jerusalem was discovered, containing well-preserved mosaic floors decorated with images of lions, fish, foxes, and peacocks. Now Alon Klein, one of the archaeologists who excavated the site, says the priceless mosaic has been vandalized. Describing damage to a section depicting fish and a flock of quail, he said, “It looks as though a grenade was dropped on it.”

The mosaic is now under wraps pending repairs. There is still no indication who the culprits were, but Arabs intent on erasing Israel’s cultural heritage are suspected. The maximum penalty for damaging ancient artifacts is five years in prison. Some 10,000 people had visited the site in the brief period that it was open to the public.

Photo: EPA

Ahmadinejad Says Europe Is Stealing Iran’s Rain

By Barney Henderson
Telegraph.co.uk



Iran’s president says that European countries are using special equipment to force clouds to ‘dump’ Iran’s water on their own continent.

If they give him the “soft rain,” will he promise to keep for himself the “hard

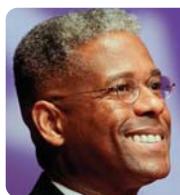
rain” of nuclear fallout? I shudder to think of this psychopath with nuclear weapons. —Myles

Sura 9:5 says, “Slay The Idolaters Wherever You Find Them.”

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Presidents Obama and Bush called Islam “a great religion” which has been “distorted” by a small number of “extremists” to justify committing acts of violence against the West.

But the Koran itself, the holy book of Islam, contains over 100 verses calling for violence against Christians and Jews. To give just one example, Sura 9:5 says, “Slay the idolaters wherever you find them.”



During a panel discussion last year, retired Army Lt. Colonel [and current congressman] **Allen West** responded to a Marine who asked the question, “How do you answer people who say that terrorists are following a warped version of Islam?”

The panel consisted of a number of former military personnel who fumbled around in discomfort, trying to evade the question. Col. West finally answered the question directly and truthfully, a former military man who understands the nature of the enemy we face.

Col. West’s straightforward assessment: “This is not a perversion. They are doing exactly what this book (the Koran) says.”

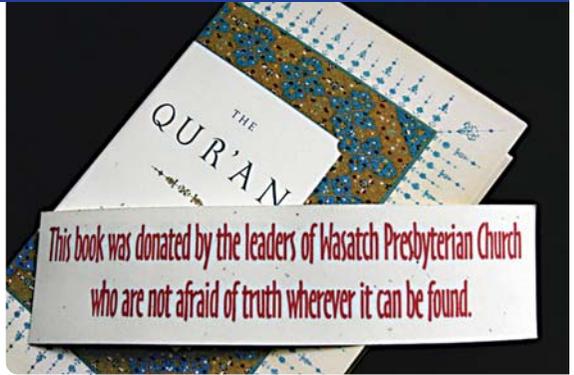
Sura 9:5 says, “Slay the idolaters wherever you find them”: <http://wp.me/pieUD-Uf>

Hallelujah! In this article, Congressman West demonstrates the need to call good and evil what they are, instead of switching them as the prophet warned would happen through time (Isaiah 5:20). —Myles

Presbyterians Recognizing “Truth”?

By Francisco Kjolseth
The Salt Lake Tribune

Wasatch Presbyterian Church leaders are buying dozens of copies of the Koran and having them placed at the King’s English Bookstore to give away for free. This is to counter the message of Florida pastor Terry Jones, who burned the Koran last March. In each, they’re putting a bookmark that says, “This book was donated by the leaders of Wasatch Presbyterian Church, who are not afraid of truth wherever it can be found.”



Fine examples of Political Correctness taken to an extreme. Here is a revolutionary thought for these apostates: How about preaching and distributing the Word of God instead! They are all in clear violation of 2 Corinthians 6:14–18.

—Mark & Todd

Video link: <http://wp.me/pieUD-Ur>

August Is The Month Of Ramadan

Two years ago, the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas and the Dallas Islamic Center shared four *iftar* dinners (the evening meal that breaks a day spent fasting). The events opened with the *azan* (the five-times-daily call to prayer) that is viewable on the link at right. Listening to the call induces one to mimic the *muezzin* (caller)...and cover one’s ears.



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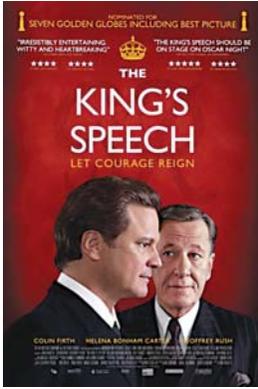
By Dan Piraro



The Nasty King's Speech

By Ruth King, IsraelNationalNews.com

In the movie *The King's Speech*, King (Albert Frederick Arthur) George VI assumed the throne upon the abdication of his older brother David (King Edward) and overcame his stammer to deliver inspiring speeches to his subjects during World War II.



The movie offers flashes of his foppish brother's appeasement, but the abdication is painted chiefly as a love story. In fact, Edward was a Nazi sympathizer who commented in 1970 to an interviewer: "I never thought Hitler was such a bad chap." In October 1937, exiled Edward and his bride visited Nazi Germany, met Hitler, and gave a full Nazi salute. Oh, those Royals. That was not in the movie.

King George, however, is portrayed as a fine chap. He was not. The King rejected the entreaties of Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, and others who advised against appeasing Hitler.

The White Paper (published on November 9, 1938 and approved by Parliament in May 1939) limited Jewish immigration to Palestine to 75,000 people over five years, effectively trapping Europe's Jews. The King not only supported the White Paper but also stated that he was "glad to think that steps are being taken to prevent these people leaving their country of origin."

He went further. He instructed Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax to make sure the Nazis cooperated. Halifax's office telegraphed Britain's ambassador in

Berlin asking him to encourage the German government "to check the unauthorized emigration of Jews." King George VI was stalwart and brave during the Blitz, but unflinching in his hostility to the Jews.

The notorious White Paper remained British policy after the war. A royal admonition might have prevented Britain's post war crimes against wretched displaced persons seeking haven in Palestine. Between August 1945 and May 1948, 65 "illegal" immigrant ships, carrying 69,878 people, arrived from European shores. The British shot them, crippled their engines, and interned those they caught in camps in Cyprus. Approximately 50,000 people were detained in the camps, 28,000 of whom were still imprisoned when Israel declared its independence.

In 1947, the famous ship *Exodus*, carrying 4,500 Jewish refugees, including 600 orphans, was attacked by five British destroyers. The ship limped into harbor, but prisoners were taken to Cyprus and southern France. When they refused to disembark, they were threatened with a return to Germany.

The international media, including British journalists, responded with outrage. The King and Queen, who visited orphans and soldiers and used their rations in a display of solidarity with ordinary people, were unmoved and silent. They did find time, that same year, to salute warmly Indian independence and deliver a message of congratulations to Pakistan, although both countries had engaged in armed resistance to British colonial occupation.

King George died in 1952. He overcame stammering but not his anti-Semitism.



[England's decline can be tied to its mistreatment of the Jewish people. See my article on page 5, and let's pray for America! —Myles](#)

Wisdom With Age

A pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to synagogue. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the rabbi went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the rabbi asked, "Why after all these years don't we see you at services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, rabbi," he whispered. "When I got to be 90 I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must have forgotten about me, ... and I don't want to remind Him." ★



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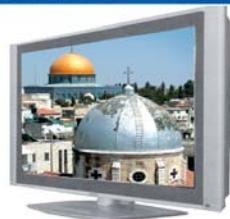
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Return To Pre-'67 Borders?

By Joseph Farah
www.WND.com



In the year A.D. 67, Roman General Vespasian, along with 60,000 soldiers, invaded Israel and conquered its northern territories, killing old and young Jews alike and selling the rest as slaves. Eventually, the Romans would conquer the entire land of Israel and, finally, in the year A.D. 70, destroy Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

That began history's longest exile of any people—almost 1,900 years. No other nation in the history of the world has come back from that kind of diaspora. I believe it is the strongest evidence in the world that God's hand has been on this people since the days of Abraham and Sarah.

How else can one even begin to explain such a miracle—especially since it was prophesied repeatedly in the Bible that the Jewish state would be born again "in one day."

But I digress.

I would like to suggest that the pre-'67 borders are OK with me—as long as we are talking about A.D. 67, not 1967.

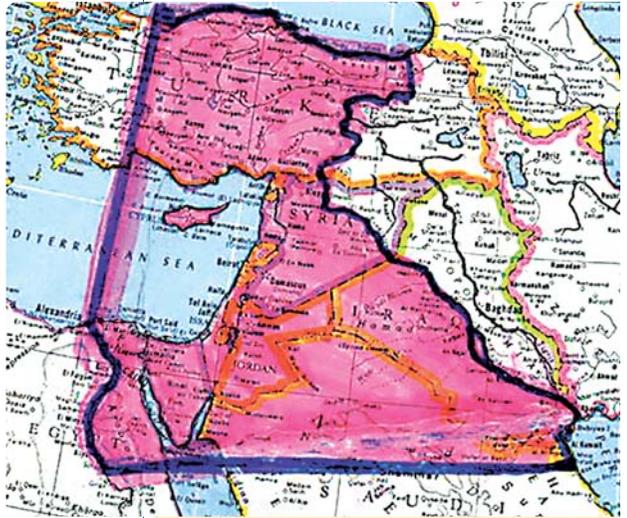
After all, it was the Jewish people who were massacred and deprived of their homeland beginning in A.D. 67. They hadn't even recovered the entirety of those lands in 1967. Even today, many of the historic Jewish lands—I would say lands that rightfully belong to the Jews—are in the hands of their enemies. Those enemies destroy religious and archaeological sites. They use the neighboring lands to terrorize and attack Israeli civilians. They serve

as beachheads to more inevitable invasions in the future.

So I suggest we're picking the wrong date for Israel's border realignment.

Israel's post-1967 borders weren't even as large as the borders the United Nations mandated for the newly reborn Jewish state in 1948—when it was attacked by the entire Arab world. So what's so special about 1967?

How about 1973 when Israel conquered even more land—that it has



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." Cyprus also belongs to Israel and was called The Island of Dan. ■

already returned? Why not go back to those borders? Why is Israel being asked to make sacrifices to appease arrows? How has that land-for-peace idea worked out for Israel so far?

I suggest a safe and secure Israel is a better guarantee of peace than an isolated and vulnerable Israel.

That's why the pre-67 borders are OK with me—as long as we're talking about A.D. 67. ★

The Hamas—al-Qaeda Official Alliance

By Jonathan Schanzer, WeeklyStandard.com

While most of the world celebrates the U.S. military operation that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan, the sentiment is not unanimous. In the Gaza Strip, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh has condemned the United States, accusing Washington of assassinating a “Muslim and Arabic warrior” and the “continuation of the American oppression and shedding of blood of Muslims and Arabs.”

Haniyeh’s reaction underscores the ideological roots Hamas and al-Qaeda share: Hamas was founded by Sheik Ahmed Yassin, a prominent Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood figure; al-Qaeda was cofounded, along with bin Laden, by Abdullah Azzam, another prominent Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood figure. But this only partially explains why Haniyeh and his ilk are now mourning the death of the most notorious terrorist in modern history.

While Hamas insists that it has no operational ties to al-Qaeda, in the early and mid-1990s Hamas members received paramilitary training and attended Islamist conferences in Sudan, alongside bin Laden and his supporters.

The operational ties were confirmed a decade later, when bin Laden reportedly sent emissaries to Hamas on two separate occasions (September 2000 and January 2001). While most analysts believe Hamas rejected al-Qaeda’s offer to coordinate violence against Israel, it appears Hamas never closed the door. In 2002, the *Washington Post* quoted official U.S. government sources as confirming a loose alliance “between al-Qaeda, Hamas, and Hezbollah.”

In 2003, Israel arrested three Hamas fighters returning from al-Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan. That same year, Jordanian security officials

confirmed to *TIME* magazine that two Hamas members went on a recruiting mission in Afghanistan hoping to bring al-Qaeda fighters back to the Palestinian territories.

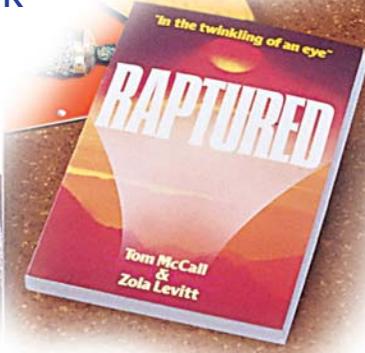
Arab media also reported in 2006 that Syria-based Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal had met in Yemen with Abd al-Majid al-Zindani, whom the U.S. Treasury officially designated as a terrorist in 2004 for his ties to al-Qaeda. Zindani has openly boasted of providing funds to Hamas. Thus, over the course of two decades, Hamas has maintained a relationship with the al-Qaeda network. This explains Haniyeh’s lamentations after hearing of bin Laden’s death, and further explains, in part, why the United States has designated Hamas a terrorist organization.

But Hamas’s sympathies for bin Laden hold a deeper meaning more than ever before. **In May, Hamas entered into a unity government with the rival Fatah faction, the ruling party of the Palestinian Authority.** The deal immediately raised questions about whether Washington could recognize such a government.

If the group’s grisly record of suicide bombings and attacks against civilians since its inception in 1988 were not enough, the aforementioned ties between Hamas and al-Qaeda should serve as further warning to Washington about the terror group that now appears to have a controlling stake in the Palestinian Authority.



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