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



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Now more than ever, we must stand with Israel—the shared destiny of the Church and the Chosen Children of Abraham will be pivotal until Messiah comes. —Myles

God Blesses Israel and the Church Concurrently

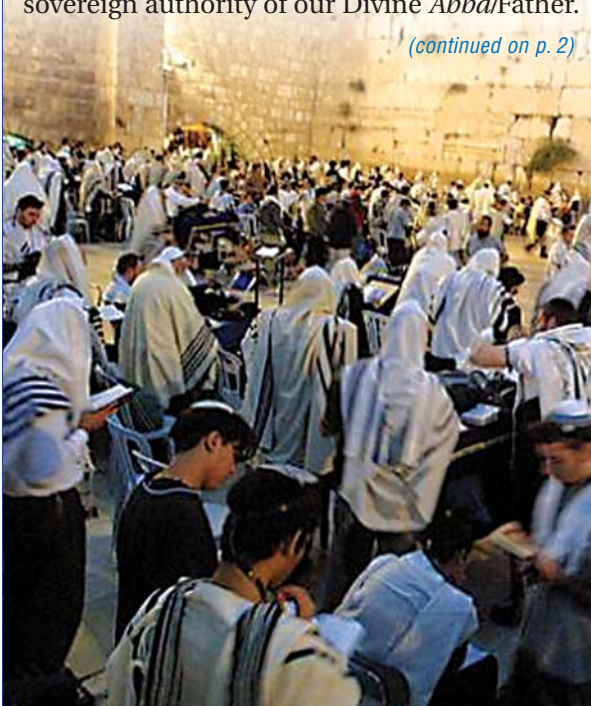
By Myles Weiss



As prophetic Scripture unfolds in the headlines of today's news, it is worthwhile to keep our eyes on the prize of the *increasing* Kingdom of God. Around the world we see good reports about people of faith walking in love and seeing wondrous and merciful manifestations of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (who was renamed Israel by God).

In this fall feast season (see Sandra's article at right), we pray that decisions made in the halls of earthly power would come under the sovereign authority of our Divine *Abba*/Father.

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Yom Kippur observance at the Western Wall

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Shalom from Sandra

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In the September Levitt Letter (pp. 1, 4, and 9) we discussed Rosh Hashanah, the first of the three fall feasts described in Leviticus 23. Here are feasts two and three. We will cover the remainder of the seven feasts as they occur in the coming year.



YOM KIPPUR: Atonement (Lev. 23:26-32) begins at sunset on October 7th this year. However, the ten days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur are called the Days of Awe. It is a time to reflect on the past year—how did we treat others, what have we accomplished? It is also an opportunity to make our amends to others for any hurts we may have caused them. How can I be a better friend, better in the community, or a better family member? In the past, the high priest

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As the psalmist asked in Psalm 2: *Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed... He who sits in the heavens shall laugh...*

With all the chaos taking place, it is encouraging to remember the shared destiny between Christians and Jews, between the genuine Church and the people of Israel.

Several years ago, when Katharine and I hosted a busload of pastors and leaders in Israel, we experienced a joyous revelation of this truth. Orthodox Rabbi Benny Elon, a distinguished member of the Knesset (parliament) welcomed our group and stated, “We (the Jewish people) are the children of Abraham, and you (Christians) are the children of Abraham *by faith.*” **May the following lift your eyes to see the elegant unfolding plan of God.**

There are over 700 references to Jerusalem in the Hebrew Scriptures. God clearly identifies Himself with His

people, His Land, and His purposes. That is one reason we enjoyed filming the 8-part series on Ruth—the quintessential picture of gentiles knitting their destiny not only to the God of Israel but to the people of Israel as well.

In the modern era, as God began to restore the Jewish people to their promised land, we can see parallels between the blessing of that restoration and restoration in the Church worldwide.

In the 19th century, Mark Twain returned from the Middle East with a report about the desolate, rocky, barren wasteland left virtually treeless by the Ottoman Empire. You can read his wry observations in *The Innocents Abroad*. The agnostic Twain ironically became one of God’s instruments bearing witness that His plan to bring the Jews home would bless and renew the Land. As the modern *aliyah* (Jews returning home to Israel) took place, Jews and Christians both experienced the Divine favor of the Lord. Below are some examples of this intertwined destiny:

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ISRAEL	THE CHURCH
Late 1800s—Theodor Herzl campaigns in Europe for the Jewish homeland to be re-established in the biblical heartland.	Late 1800s—The first waves of the modern Pentecostal movement begin—whether you are part of that stream or not, it represents a huge growth of the Body worldwide.
1904–1906—Britain offers Uganda as a Jewish home; Jews choose to wait for “Palestine” (Roman name for Israel).	1904–1906—Azusa Street and Welsh revivals sweep the world with conviction, repentance, and conversions.
1947–1948—The State of Israel is re-established, the land “smiles” according to local Arab proverbs! Jews coming home continue to transform the disease-laden swamps into arable productive lands through their labor of love.	1947–1948—The Dead Sea Scrolls discovery provides archaeological evidence of the inerrancy of Scripture; a fresh evangelistic movement launches Billy Graham and others, bringing thousands to Messiah.
1967—Jerusalem returns to the Jews through a miraculous Six-Day War victory against innumerable odds.	1967—The “charismatic” renewal transforms mainline denominations and stirs personal relationships with Yeshua within previously ritual-bound churches.
1973—God preserves the tiny nation again during the Yom Kippur War.	1973 —The “Jesus people” see thousands saved, especially in the American West. God raises many leaders of the modern Messianic Movement. Moishe Rosen takes Gospel to the streets, Zola Levitt takes it to the airwaves and Israel!

IRS Revokes CAIR Status

www.WND.com

In the wake of losing its tax-exempt status, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is refusing to comply with IRS rules requiring public disclosure of its annual tax disclosure forms. Two news agencies that asked for the forms were brushed off.

The IRS states a tax-exempt organization must make available “for public inspection and copying” its exemption application and its annual return, including Form 990.

The nonprofit-organization monitor GuideStar, which provides online access to the annual returns of nonprofits, states under its listing for CAIR’s national organization that the Muslim group’s “exempt status was automatically revoked by the IRS for failure to file a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF for 3 consecutive years.”

“Further investigation and due diligence are warranted,” the GuideStar notice about CAIR says.

The D.C.-based website Politico also tried unsuccessfully to see the annual returns. Politico said a CAIR attorney initially said the organization’s appearance on the IRS list referred to a defunct arm of the organization, insisting CAIR and the CAIR Foundation were unaffected. However, GuideStar’s listing for CAIR Foundation Inc. states that the group’s tax-exempt status has been revoked, and the section that lists annual returns is blank.

CAIR told Politico that the IRS was to blame but still could not produce the Form 990 disclosure forms for 2007 through 2010 when requested.



Note: This ministry has made available our independently audited financial statements for twenty-two years and our 990 forms since day one. —Mark

GOD BLESSES ISRAEL & THE CHURCH CONCURRENTLY *continued*

“Life from the dead” (Romans 11:15) is Paul’s estimation of the Jews’ salvation and is connected to Jewish return to the Promised Land. The unprecedented spiritual harvests in modern-day Korea, China, and Africa have occurred subsequent to this restoration of Israel in God’s timing and providence.

Here at ZLM, we continue to “connect the dots” of prophetic fulfillment while we announce the Jewishness of Jesus through our TV shows, updated website, newsletters, and Holy Land tours we mention. We will keep Yeshua at the center of all we do, watching for His appearing.

God has a shared destiny for Jews and Christians that continues today. The Church, like Ruth, is finally awakening to this connection and together we (Jew and gentile) find “Boaz” (Yeshua) in the harvest field. ★



Memorial site near Natanya for soldiers killed by a Palestinian suicide terrorist. The bomber approached the bus station on Sunday morning when many soldiers were waiting for buses—returning after weekend break. (IDF Paratroopers’ Memorial)



would enter the Holy of Holies, in the Jerusalem Temple. On this day he would first make atonement (blood sacrifice) for his own sins and then make atonement for the sins of the people.

This is the year's most somber and holy of days. Sin in Hebrew translates as "missing the mark." How many times do I miss the mark? Traditionally, people who are healthy fast for 24 hours. So that day, I will have a big meal before sunset (an In-N-Out Burger) and try to fast for at least part of the next day. I will focus on prayer, read about Jonah (the reluctant prophet's story takes only four brief chapters), and really appreciate the blessings that I have of home, family, friends, and food. At the end of the fast, I will have a meal with my family, maybe a little noodle *kugel*, and celebrate that my sins have been paid in full, once and for all, by Yeshua.

Hebrews 7:26, 27 "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens, who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."

SUKKOT: Tabernacles, booths (Lev. 23:33–44 says, "You shall dwell in booths for seven days.") This last fall feast lasts from sundown on October 12–19. Sukkot celebrates God's care of the Israelites in the desert for forty years. God provided them shelter (and food) every single day. Again, in the agrarian culture, farmers might harvest land far from their homes. They would build and stay in a *sukkah* (shelter) until the harvest was finished. On Yom Kippur, no work is done. Every Jew around the world stops and reflects on the past year, asking God for forgiveness. Since no work is done until Yom Kippur is over, and Sukkot (plural of *sukkah*) begins just days later, it is amazing to watch the activity in between.

I have been in Israel during this time and the *sukkot* pop up right after Yom Kippur.

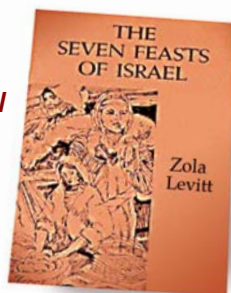
One day there is nothing and the next day, it looks like a sea of thatched roofs all over Israel. Homes, apartments, synagogues, and even hotels build *sukkot*. I can always tell a Jewish neighborhood in the States because of the *sukkot* that are built during this feast. This is a happy celebration. One of much thanksgiving and praise. Maybe it's where we get America's Thanksgiving.

So, on this day, I will decorate the house with flowers and plants. I may also build a miniature *sukkah* and decorate it. My husband and I have been asked to work on Thanksgiving at the soup kitchen, and we are honored to serve. The point of *Sukkot* for me is to appreciate God's care and provision. God takes care of the details—a point I have to remember when times get tough. At the soup kitchen, we usually serve homeless people. They have no *sukkah* at all and yet God provides for them. It is one of the few places where our "guests" will say to us, "God bless you and thank you." When was the last time you heard someone say that to you?

When was the last time *you* said it? At the grocery store, dry cleaners, gas station? Talk about celebrating the care that God gives you—try volunteering to serve the hungry for just one day. I promise you will be humbled and more grateful. It is rewarding to see how God heals the brokenhearted and the homeless.

Zola's booklet *The Seven Feasts of Israel*

is a must-read and an appropriate gift for everyone you know, heightening every reader's awareness of how God shows us the Messiah in these feasts. (Also on DVD and CD; see pp. 18–19.) Yeshua was crucified on **Passover**, buried on **Unleavened Bread**, raised at **First Fruits**, and sent the Holy Spirit on **Shavuot (Pentecost)**. We are waiting for the return of our Lord on **Rosh Hashanah (Trumpets)**. We will not have to go through **Yom Kippur (Atonement)** because our sins have been paid for by Yeshua, and we will dwell with the Lord for a thousand years in our own *Sukkah*. ★



Ask The Chaplain

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. Many people believe that the Church will be Raptured out, but that's not true. They must go through the Tribulation to purify the Church. I have been a Believer my whole life and have taught friends about the 7 Feasts using Zola's booklet *The Seven Feasts*. —J. Van S.

A. Thanks for sharing your views—and Zola's booklet. The Bible uniformly teaches a pre-Tribulation Rapture. Below are some solid reasons why the Church will not go through any part of the Tribulation period as you suppose. (See more reasons and all the supporting Bible verses at <http://wp.me/pieUD-YR>).

The Tribulation Period is signified as the wrath of God upon an unbelieving and unrepentant world. The Tribulation Period (also called “The Time of Jacob’s Trouble”) is not intended to purify the Church. Only the blood of Christ can do that. We must be careful to distinguish between God’s plan for the Church and His plan for Israel. The Tribulation Period is the time of Jacob’s Trouble—not the Church’s.

Most students of prophecy agree that the “abomination of desolation” (which is marked by the antiChrist sitting in the Temple claiming to be God himself) takes place in the middle of Daniel’s 70th week. Doing the math, we see that exactly 3 1/2 years later, Christ will return (bodily) to the Earth, thus destroying the element of imminence.

Please consider past examples of God removing His people before judgment, e.g., Noah and Lot.

The Church meets the LORD in the air, not on the Earth (1 Thess 4:17). For those who believe the Church will

go through the Tribulation, this verse is a big problem. When Jesus comes for His Church, He comes to the clouds and stops. When Jesus returns to the Earth (the Second Coming—not the Rapture), He will set His feet upon the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4).

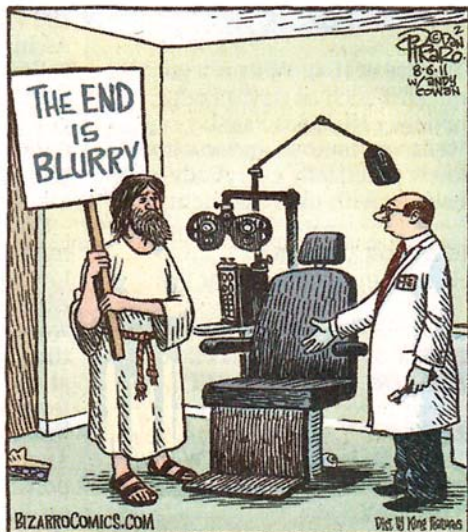
Yet the most convincing evidence that the New Testament Church will be raptured prior to the Tribulation can be summed up in Luke 21:36 and Rev. 3:10.

In Luke’s verse, Jesus clearly talks about the horrors of the Tribulation that is coming upon the world. His instruction to pray that we may be accounted worthy to escape this Tribulation is evidence enough that we **can** escape this terrible time; otherwise that verse makes no sense whatever.

Revelation’s promise to the church of Philadelphia applies to all who are overcomers by their faith. The “hour of temptation” indicates something much deeper than the everyday trials that we all must endure as good soldiers of Christ. This is a “worldwide” hour of trouble—a reference to the Tribulation.

Note: Zola compares the views of pre-, mid-, and post-Tribulation Rapture in his book “Raptured.” (See page 13) ★

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The Suddenness Of Christ's Appearing

By David Dollins
 Blogs.ChristianPost.com

In Matthew 24:37, Jesus compared the time of His return to the days of Noah. In verse 38, He states what He means: **“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage.”** This they did until Noah entered the ark.

Do you see the point? There were no signs! Those people were living their ordinary, everyday life as they always had. Meteors were not streaking toward earth. The stars were not falling from the sky. No antiChrist. No pestilences. No regathered Israel. No cataclysmic signs in nature like we tend to look for. They were getting together with families and friends for a meal or a party. People were getting married just like they did the day/week/year before. Now fast-forward to the present. They were shopping for groceries. They were getting married on the weekend. They were going to the mall. They were at the ball fields watching their kids' games. They were attending family functions on the holidays. Life was “business as usual.” And that was Jesus' point. His return will occur suddenly during the normal course of life when we least expect.

Can we know when He will return?
 Many predictions have been made

over the last 2,000 years. All have failed without exception. Listen to the words of Jesus during this same passage: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (v. 36). Jesus said to be watchful for His return precisely because we *don't* know when it will be: **“Watch therefore: for you KNOW NOT what hour your Lord doth come”** (v. 42). Seems pretty clear, don't you think?

Funny thing about a thief. He doesn't tell you when he is coming. No prior notice. No phone calls. No text messages. And when the thief leaves, something is normally missing. At Christ's return, something will be missing. Jesus said, “Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left” (Matthew 24:40). There is a way to prevent this. Jesus went on to say, **“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into”** (v. 43). We are never told when Jesus is coming, but we are told to be watchful, ready, and expectant.

For those who are ready, watchful, and expectant, Jesus Christ's promise in John 14:1-3 brings confidence, peace, and comfort. “Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” ★

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

By Mike Peters



Israel: God's Timepiece Part 4

By Zola Levitt

Concluding our history of the Land of Israel

'80s: The bad-mouthing of Israel continued, and the "Palestinians" hit upon the Intifada. Schoolchildren would throw stones at Israeli policemen and soldiers and, when the Israelis responded with megaphones and rubber bullets to hold their ground, the news media would portray them as heartless and brutal. It was unbelievable that anyone would buy it, but it was bought lock, stock, and barrel, and now tiny Israel, one of the world's smallest democracies, was being thought of as an overwhelming, imperialistic power!

At the same time, Christian seminaries in Europe and America turned away from the idea of the new Israel being a fulfillment of prophecy and began teaching various forms of end-times prophecy that excluded Israel. Progressive Dispensationalism—an idea that Christ is already sitting on the throne of David, thus placing a Kingdom event in the Church Age—took hold and made normal Dispensationalism seem unimportant.

Graduates from these seminaries began pastoring churches that de-emphasized Israel. And today, as God works furiously in that Land, the most "educated" evangelicals know little about the subject. Ironically, when these graduates live for 1,000 years in the Kingdom, they will be the least equipped among Christians because they know the Land so vaguely.

With the defection of a portion of American Christianity, Israel was rapidly running out of friends in this world. The media were endlessly critical, and even the American government began to, at least for public consumption, turn against its former ally on the issue of the Intifada. The rioting—noisy but almost harmless—was touted to the world as a dangerous war in the offing. So, in the style of the '90s, a peace conference was held in Madrid, Spain.

'90s: Entirely a decade of false peace

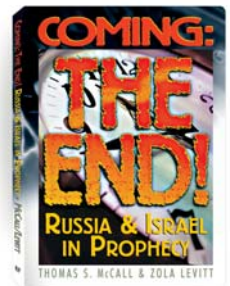
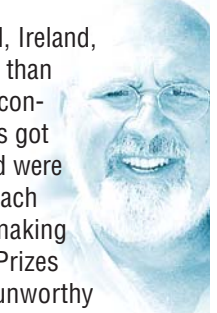
treaties, whether in Israel, Ireland, or anywhere else. Rather than finding true solutions to conflicts, government officials got together in fine hotels and were photographed toasting each other for brilliant peacemaking initiatives. Nobel Peace Prizes were given to the most unworthy recipients, most notably Yasser Arafat, a life-long terrorist who had murdered or ordered the murders of large numbers of innocents. Phony peace was considered better than no peace, and although the public was slow to buy it, the media cooperated with various governments in promoting the Middle East "peace process." **It was likely called a "process" because the sides never agreed on anything**—not from the first session to the present moment, and not one inch of progress has been made toward peace in Israel.

False peace is a very important point in prophecy. It is the antiChrist's prime weapon in dominating the nations and controlling the world. He is able to promote the same myth on a global scale so that nations everywhere feel they are at peace even while they are mobilizing for Armageddon. How he does this is a mystery, but it is elucidated somewhat by the pretensions of the peace conferences: officials toasting each other with champagne and handshakes over complex documents seem to be an adequate substitute for real peace, and so, as the prophet Daniel said of the antiChrist, "by peace shall he destroy many" (8:25).

The false peace established in the '90s tempts us to imagine the Tribulation just around the corner as it seems rational that the antiChrist would capitalize on this theme in the near future. That part we really don't know, but all that has happened since the 1940s in Israel and the rest of the world certainly gives us food for thought on that subject.

And thus Israel, God's timepiece, is the prime indicator for the progress of events in prophecy. ★

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Time to Annex Judea and Samaria

By John Hinderaker, PowerLineBlog.com

I do not understand why Israel has not already annexed Judea and Samaria. These regions, the heart of ancient Israel, are generally known as the “West Bank” of the Jordan River. Three times, Arab states have attacked Israel in an effort to carry out a second Holocaust. Three times, Israel has defeated them.

When the United States defeated Mexico in the Mexican War, we annexed the Southwest. When France defeated Germany in World War I (more or less), it annexed Alsace and Lorraine. After World War II, how did the Dutch obtain compensation from Germany? They annexed certain lands that were later sold back to West Germany for a large sum. Many such examples could be offered.

If Israel had annexed Judea and Samaria decades ago, most of the subsequent tortured history of its relations with the Palestinians would have been avoided. Most observers have assumed it is too late for such a “radical” step. But the Palestinian Authority’s threat to declare its own nationhood unilaterally, along with its *rapprochement* with Hamas, has caused the possibility of annexation to surface once again.

The Jerusalem Post reports:

“A Palestinian declaration of statehood would officially bury the Oslo Accords, which state that final borders will be decided via negotiations and that unilateral actions constitute violation of the accords,” [Likud MK Danny] Danon said. “The Palestinians declaring a state would free us of all the diplomatic, security, and economic commitments we made in the Oslo Accords.”

Some will say that such annexation would violate international law. But,

when has international law ever protected Israel from its enemies? Never.

Did Arab states attacking Israel three times violate international law?

Certainly. Do the Palestinians launching rockets into Israel from Gaza violate international law? Of course. Do Iran and other countries who ship munitions into Gaza and the West Bank for use in terrorist attacks against Israel violate international law? Sure. Has the world ever cared about these violations by Middle Eastern Muslims? Not much—with the honorable exception of Christians.

What of the Arabs now living on the West Bank? I propose that Arabs now living in Judea and Samaria should be allowed, or required, to return to Jordan, Gaza, Egypt, and Lebanon.

Israel should have reclaimed Judea and Samaria long ago. Most think it is now too late for such decisive action; but some will say, better late than never.

This is a radical but well-reasoned idea. —Myles ★

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Watering The Planted Gospel Seed

By Dr. Todd D. Baker

Pastor Ralph Conn joined me on this June 2011 Gospel outreach to Israel. The Lord gave us a wonderful opportunity to witness to our first Jewish person right as we arrived in Tel Aviv and visited the Budget car rental desk at Ben Gurion Airport. Maya (pictured below) looked at my Texas driver's license. "I love Texas," she exclaimed. "I have always wanted to go there."



"And I love coming to Israel," I responded. This opening allowed Ralph and me to share with Maya why we bring back to Israel (where it originated) the Good News and Word of Yeshua the Messiah. When Maya told us that she has a Jewish friend who believes in Jesus, I understood why God crossed our paths: so we could confirm and water the Gospel witness Maya's friend had planted in her about Yeshua being the Jewish Messiah.

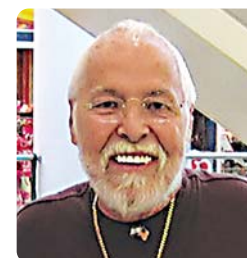
Concerning this vital subject on which every person's eternal destiny rides, Maya simply said that the subject of Jesus as Messiah was very "interesting" to her. Another opening; this one let us tell her that the best way to learn about Yeshua the Messiah's life and ministry was by reading the Brit Hadashah (New

Testament in Hebrew) with a simple study guide listing all the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah that He fulfilled at His first coming. When she accepted these study tools from us, we prayed for her, asking Yahweh (the God of Israel) to give her understanding and faith in Yeshua the Messiah for salvation.



The next morning before we left our hotel in Tel Aviv we had another opportunity to witness Messiah, this time with two young Israeli men. The discussion centered on the grand reason and purpose for God bringing the Jewish people into existence: to bring God's salvation to the world through Yeshua the Messiah who said that Salvation comes from the Jews (John 4:22; Romans 9:5).

The best way to communicate this message to the Jewish people is to offer them the Hebrew Bible with the New Testament, which records the sending of God's Son from the nation of Israel to save the Jew first and also the gentile. Both young men understood our message of Yeshua the Messiah and accepted a complete Jewish Bible with Messianic Gospel tracts that explain God's plan of salvation in its original Jewish context.



Pastor Ralph Conn



Expression In Computerized Voices

The phone company AT&T brought many innovations to the world—phone operators, “Princess” telephones, the “Baby Bells”—and also those monotone computer-generated voices you hear on the phone, computers, and toys, sounding as unnatural as you could imagine.

The name AT&T gave to this product—Natural Voices Text-to-Speech—is either someone’s idea of a joke or a case of wishful thinking.

“There are many areas where more natural-sounding voices will have a major impact on the market, such as in interactive games, speech-enabled websites, and audiobooks,” says **Gershon Silbert**, CEO of Israeli startup Vivotext, which is developing a more “human” approach for text to speech (TTS).



Gershon Silbert used his experience as a pianist to create natural sounding computerized voices.

Today, just 1.2 percent of all books are recorded. “This could be a multi-billion dollar industry, but you need expressiveness in order to make a book understandable, and currently the only way to provide that expressiveness is to hire humans to read and record books.”

Enter Vivotext, Silbert’s expressive solution to natural-sounding artificial voices. “Our text-to-speech technology is based on a multidisciplinary approach drawing on expertise from the fields of music performance analysis, phonetics, syntax, lexicography, and digital signal processing [DSP],” says Silbert. “Our technology can add and adjust expressiveness to computerized voices, making them sound happy, sad, angry, calm, inquisitive—just like human voices.”

The secret is based on music—specifically, the conversion of musical scores

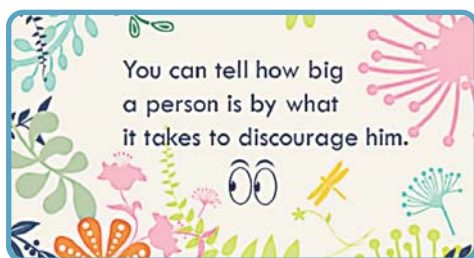
By David Shamah, www.Israel21c.org

into human-like expressive performances—for the conversion of written text into natural-sounding speech. Just as variations in tempo, articulation, and dynamics contribute to the effectiveness of a musical performance, speech attributes such as pitch, duration, and amplitude are at the core of effective TTS, and are critical to conveying the full meaning of words and sentences.

Silbert knows music; he is a professional pianist who has cut several highly regarded albums. “We apply methods developed for music performance, called MOR (music objects recognition) to speech synthesis, and the result is highly intelligible enunciation and natural flow in a variety of speaking styles.”

Based on that technology, Vivotext has developed a large library of samples, applicable to any language, that allow programmers to load in a range of emotions to the voice. Vivotext derives basic expression automatically from the phonetic, semantic, and syntactic analysis of the text—determining, for example, whether the sentence is a statement or question, simple or complex.

The analysis also takes into consideration additional expressive instructions provided by the use of punctuation, italics, underlining, and capital letters. Expression is then determined by a speaking-style preference chosen from a menu. For example, the user can choose a “deliberate” style for news or an “enthusiastic” style for announcing the launch of a new product. ★



Unearthing The Bible's Bad Guys

By Matti Friedman, Associated Press

At the remains of an ancient metropolis in southern Israel, archaeologists are piecing together the history of a people remembered chiefly as the bad guys of the Hebrew Bible. The city of Gath is helping scholars paint a more nuanced portrait of the Philistines, who appear in the biblical story as the perennial enemies of the Israelites.

An Israeli archaeologist cleans a part of a wall at the Gath excavation site.

Photos/Ariel Schalit



Close to three millennia ago, Gath was on the frontier between the Philistines, who occupied the Mediterranean coastal plain, and the Israelites, who controlled the inland hills. The city's most famous resident, according to the Book of Samuel, was Goliath—the giant warrior improbably felled by the young shepherd David and his sling.

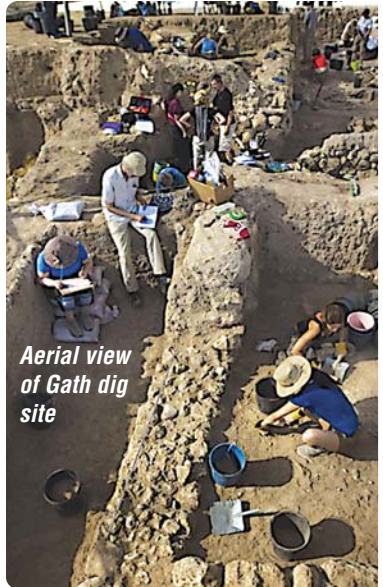
Several Philistine jugs nearly 3,000 years old emerged from the soil. One painted shard just unearthed had a rust-red frame and a black spiral: a decoration common in ancient Greek art and a hint to the Philistines' origins in the Aegean.

The Philistines arrived by sea from the area of modern-day Greece around 1200 B.C. Diggers at Gath have also uncovered traces of a destruction of the city in the 9th century B.C., including a ditch and embankment built around the city by a besieging army—still visible as a dark line running across the surrounding hills. The razing of Gath at that time appears to have been the work of Aramean King Hazael in 830 B.C., an incident mentioned in the Book of Kings.

That would include the era of the kingdom ruled from Jerusalem by David and Solomon. Other Philistine sites have provided archaeologists with information about earlier and later times but not much from that key period.

In 604 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded and put the Philistines' cities to the sword. There is no remnant of them after that.

Diggers at Gath have also found shards preserving names similar to Goliath—an Indo-European name, not a Semitic one. The findings at the site support



Aerial view of Gath dig site



Volunteers and archaeologists work at the Gath site.

the idea that the Goliath story faithfully reflects something of the geopolitical reality of the period, said Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University, the archaeologist in charge of the excavation—the often-violent interaction of the powerful Philistines of Gath with the kings of Jerusalem in the frontier zone between them.

Israel: A Story of Faith and Survival

By Salim Mansur, www.TorontoSun.com

Modern Israel is a testimony of how a people joined together by faith and memory, despite their ordeal and near destruction first by ancient Romans, and then in the last century by German Nazis—survived, overcame immense difficulties, and renewed their history in the land where their ancestors were the first to worship the one supreme God.

It is precisely in this sense, of survival and surmounting obstacles, that Israel is an exceptional nation. And “chosen people” has meant to Jews, by providential command, to be an example for others of faithfulness in the worship of the one and only omnipotent God.

In Israel’s history, ancient and modern, “the hand of Providence” has hovered over it. This is evident in the leaders that have arisen among Jews when they were needed—from Moses, David, and the prophets of the Old Testament to Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion, and others in modern times.

Once again, Israel in recent years is surrounded by enemies near and far. The unremitting hostility of Arabs and Muslims threatens Jewish survival in the land from where Romans expelled Jews nearly 2,000 years ago.

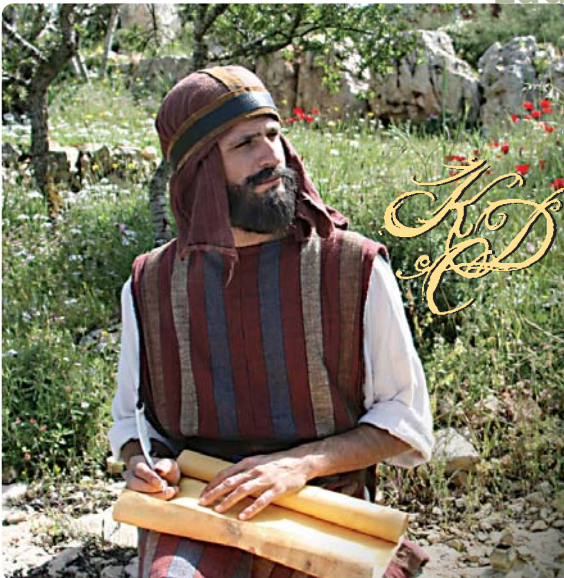
The oddest thing about Muslim hostility to Jews on the basis of religion is there would not be Islam without Judaism. The Koran is a book containing Jewish history, revealed as instructions to a prophet born among idol-worshippers, to raise them from ignorance into worshipping the God of Abraham, patriarch of the Jews.

But if the past foretells the future, Jewish leaders, such as Israel’s current prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, could prove to be the providential tool that eventually cures Arabs and Muslims of their bigotry, as Christians were. Such, ironically, would be the mysterious ways of Abraham’s God.



Whether this moderate Muslim is foretelling peace or military victory, mainstream thought contends that reform would end Islam—not begin improvement as happened with institutional Christianity. —Myles

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Laughing at those Prophets of Doom

By Fay Voshell, www.AmericanThinker.com

The cynical snickering over the failed denouement of Reverend Harold Camping's May 21st predicted rapture, now postponed to October 21st, may be somewhat justified. Sadly, he joins the ranks of hundreds of other preachers throughout history who thought they knew more than the Messiah they professed to follow.

Ersatz prophets throughout the ages continually have failed to heed the words of the Christ, Who said the secret of His return was hidden even from Him, secreted in the Father's heart. But still the irresistible urge to proclaim The End has afflicted cultists and fringe groups from time immemorial.

One need only think of the founder of the Jehovah Witnesses, Charles Taze Russell, who predicted Christ's invisible return in 1874 and a much more noticeable appearance in 1914. Christ did not appear, but world carnage did, in the form of WW I. Russell's successor, undeterred by the failure of Christ to appear on command, visibly or invisibly, determined that the year 1925 was when Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets would return to Earth.

And while Christ Himself exhibited humility by refusing to predict the day and hour of His return, He did indeed speak of an Apocalypse, of a time when all wrongs will be addressed, all false prophets proved wrong; and all that is right, all that is good, true, and perfect re-established. In this respect, among others, He stood firmly in line with the visions of the Hebrew prophets, particularly the great visionary, Isaiah.

Christ and His disciples spoke of a time when scoffing and ridicule will fall away, every cynical and mocking tongue is silenced, every enemy of

God destroyed, and every knee bowed in acknowledgment that He is Lord.

Of course, the above is to say nothing of countless artistic depictions of The End, Michelangelo's chilling depiction of the Last Judgment probably providing the best tingle-up-the-leg vision, including a portrait of the artist himself skinned alive. Definitely an uncomfortable view of God and judgment.

Yet, even many Christians are unaccustomed to the idea of a God Who laughs in derision at the follies and foibles of the human race and Who will eventually judge the misdeeds of all mankind. But such a God has been depicted in biblical literature, Christian art, and music for millennia.

Cynics may scoff and people may imagine all kinds of vanities, including false prophecies, visions, and dreams. Cynical jokesters may imagine themselves both funnier and more knowledgeable than God Himself, but "He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision," as David, king of ancient Israel notes in Psalm 2. In other words,

God has the last laugh. ★

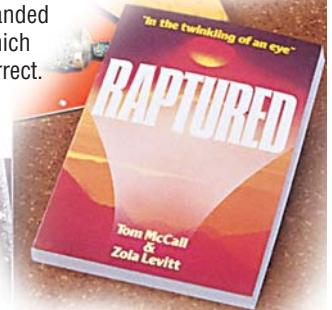
Please read my article on page 1 in this issue to see how God continually advances Israel and the Church in preparation for His Coming! We don't know the day or hour, so we must work while we can. —Myles

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Dr. Thomas S. McCall & Zola Levitt

The Rapture of the Church, discussed fully, with relevant Scriptures. The various views of when it might happen are taken up in an evenhanded debate as to which seems most correct.

A doctrine not always understood by the Church, but one that will affect everyone on Earth—Believer and unbeliever alike. (See pg. 18)



Memories of Yom Kippur War

By Ronen Tregerman

Recent events in the Middle East have taken my memory back 38 years. I remember October 6, 1973 like it was yesterday. At age five, I heard the cry of war sirens for the first time, being born after the Six-Day War. My parents turned on the radio, then immediately turned off the lights in our home so enemy planes would not target us. My dad took my hand, my mom whisked my brother from his crib, and we descended into the bomb shelter under our apartment building, built exactly for this purpose. We huddled with our neighbors listening to the radio news. Seven enemy countries, Egypt the largest of them, surprise-attacked us on our holiest holy day, Yom Kippur.

Most men were home for the holiday, so the enemy gained a swift advantage against God's Chosen People in the Promised Land. The announcer began mobilizing army units, calling my dad's unit to the front right there over the radio. I still remember his words: "Son, Daddy is going to make sure you, your brother, and Mommy are okay. Daddy is going to war." The pride in his eyes and those words became a defining moment when I knew that I too would become a soldier and fight for my beloved Israel.

Being few against many—as in biblical times—and with the grace of the Almighty protecting His Chosen Children, we won the Yom Kippur War, just as we have all the others. The war took place not far from Mount Sinai, the place of our holy covenant with God, the place where He gave us the Ten Commandments. God was with us, we prevailed, and I got my dad back.

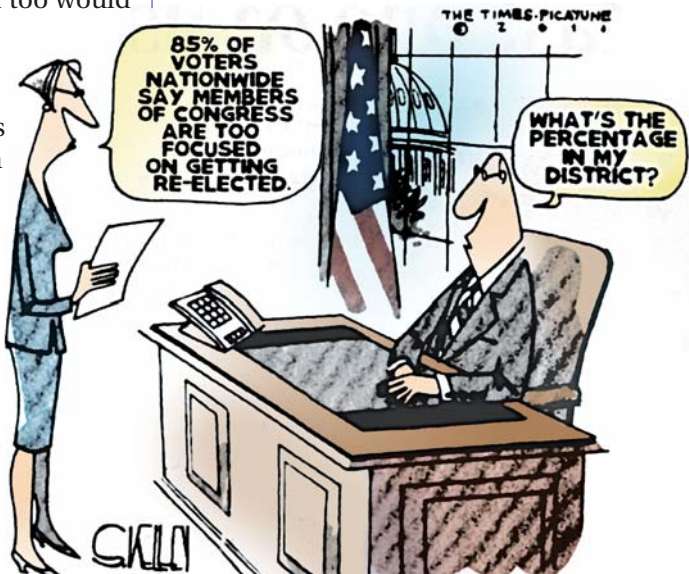
When I became a soldier defending the Promised Land, war after war continued for decades, and by the grace of our Lord we are still standing strong.

In recent news, Egypt, the largest of our past enemies, took to the streets to topple its 30-year-old regime, the same nation that brewed the toughest of wars upon the Chosen People of God. The same Egypt Dad fought when I was five, the same Egypt God sent Moses to deliver us from. This regime was toppled, not by force, but by the cry of its people. When were the seeds of change planted in their hearts?

In Judaism we say, "Mysterious are the ways of the Lord." The whole region has been taken by storm as even the people of Iran and Libya took to the streets rebelling against their leaders and governments. It is history in the making right in front of our eyes.

These winds of change shape the region around my beloved Israel. No matter what direction they take, I have learned throughout the years that our Lord will be right there with His Chosen Children. ★

I never tire of hearing modern Israelis' encounters with God's saving intervention in the trauma of war. Behold, He who watches Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep (Ps. 121:4) —Myles



Boxing Brings Arabs and Jews Together

By Harriet Sherwood, www.Guardian.co.uk

The two men—one a Palestinian, the other an Israeli Jew—square up, the muscles in their faces clenched as they prepare to hit each other. They circle each other, fists raised. Then it begins: punches aimed at the head, accompanied by sharp grunts.

It's over quickly. Panting and dripping with sweat, they pull apart. They grin at one another, and the Palestinian truck driver claps a comradely hand on the shoulder of the Israeli soldier.

They are not fighting as enemies, but training as friends in an unusual subterranean boxing club, based in a converted bomb shelter in a rundown area of west Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Boxing Club opens its doors to everyone: Jews, Arabs, Russians, boys, and girls. Its youngest member is eight years old; the oldest is in his mid-60s.

Gershon Luxemburg, an immigrant from Uzbekistan who has run the club with his brother for 30 years, firmly believes sport can overcome political, religious, nationalist, and cultural differences and act as a bridge across a 63-year conflict. "This is not war, this is sport," Luxemburg, 66, says. "There is never any trouble, never any abuse here between the kids."

The walls are covered with posters of Muhammad Ali, photographs of club members and other boxing memorabilia. Shelves are crowded with trophies and medals. On a warm Sunday evening, around 20 of the club's 200 members turn up for training, including three teenage girls. Luxemburg barks out orders in Russian-accented Hebrew.

Asked if the Palestinian and Israeli members get on, Luxemburg laughs. Some of the Jewish members live in



Ismail Jafrei, right, fights Yehuda Luxemburg at the Jerusalem Boxing Club. Photo/Quique Kierszenbaum

settlements built across the "green line" in East Jerusalem. "When they come in cars, they give a lift to the Arab kids," he says.

A building superintendent by day and the author of three books of poetry, Luxemburg says it became clear to him that Jews and Arabs had to learn to live together. "I understood we can't fight each other forever. They won't expel us and we won't expel them. We need to work together and understand each other in order to change things." He began handing his boxing club card to Palestinians he met.

Back at the training session, Ismail Jafrei, 37, the Palestinian truck driver from East Jerusalem, says he and his Jewish fellow boxers are "like brothers. There is one condition: we leave politics outside."

His sparring partner, Israeli soldier Yehuda Luxemburg, 23, says there is "no relation between me defending my country and boxing with Arabs. They are my friends.

"There is a difference between the Palestinians we fight—the terrorists—and the people we live with. For us it's very clear. Maybe you get the impression that it's all the Jews against all the Arabs, but this is not the case."



In a perfect world, differences would be settled by sport. This is a heart-lifting story, but we need to face the realities as well. As the adage goes, "Trust in God, but tie your camel." —Myles



Keeping Your Focus...

By John J. Parsons

שִׁיתִי יְהוָה לְנֶגְדִי תָמִיד כִּי מִיְמֵינִי בַל־אֲמוֹט

*I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. – Psalm 16:8*

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One of the greatest of sins is to forget who you really are—a prince or princess of God. Forgetting who you are leads to forgetting who the Lord is, just as forgetting who the Lord is leads to forgetting who you are.... Therefore the Lord constantly tells us to remember and not to forget the call of His heart, the message of His love.

Heeding this message is difficult in our fallen world, since God does not want our relationship with Him to be *trivial*. Our hearts must be tested in “desert places” until they cry out, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You” (Psalm 16:2; Deut. 8:16). As Abraham Heschel said, “God is of no importance unless He is of supreme importance.” There is no compromise on this point: We are to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

King David envisioned the Divine Presence standing before him, as close as his right hand. He “set the Lord always before him,” which means that he consciously *chose* to regard all he did in relationship with the Master of the Universe. David’s focus made his heart steadfast and unshaken during the great trials of his life. He understood that “all things work together for good” for those who love God (Rom. 8:28). David’s awe over God’s abiding presence grounded him in reality, and he therefore neither feared nor flattered men. The LORD was his Rock and his Salvation.

There are two great questions God always is asking us. The first is “Who do you say that I am?” and the second is “Do you love Me?” Being in a love relationship with God is the goal of life, the “end of the law,” and the reason we were created. But we cannot truly love God apart from understanding His passion for us. The LORD is the Jealous God, a Consuming Fire, who desires all of our heart upon the altar (Luke 9:23).

The message of the cross is that our lives matter to God. We are “*am segulah*,” a treasured people, called to walk in the zeal of God’s love (1 Pet. 2:9; Titus 2:14). Your life has great value; you are significant and you are truly loved by our Heavenly Father. There is a “future and a hope” reserved for you (Jer. 29:11); there is “a white stone, and on that stone will be written a new name that no one can understand except the one who receives it” (Rev. 2:17). Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

Is there anything more important than setting the Lord always before you? Is there any ill for which this is not sure remedy? Yea, even if war should rise against you, in this will you find confidence... **Therefore, set the Lord always before you; fix your heart upon Him and find comfort in the power of His love.**



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In this eight-part television series, Jeff and Sandra examine Psalms 120 to 134, which are known as the “Psalms of Ascent.” While these psalms may have been sung by ancient Jews going up to the Temple in Jerusalem, they are surprisingly appropriate and timely for Believers today. Eitan Shishkoff from Haifa and the music of Marty Goetz are also featured.

Psalms 120 & 121 From the UN headquarters in Jerusalem and nearby Ein Prat, Jeff reminds us that King David had to deal with deceitful enemies and times of distress but realized that his sure source of help was the Lord.

Psalms 122 & 123 A mantra of this ministry is “Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem” from Psalm 122. This city has had its share of battles, yet it is still central in the hearts of Jews and Christians as we look to the Lord for mercy and ultimate deliverance.

Psalms 124 & 125 Even though Israel’s opponents have been many and fearsome, the Lord has sustained Israel these many centuries. King David saw divine protection and likened it to the mountains that surround Jerusalem.

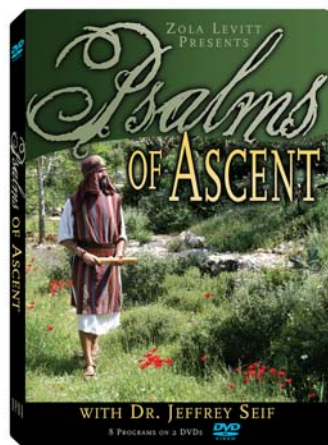
Psalms 126 & 127 Out of captivity and sorrow, the Lord brings joy through deliverance. The Israelites have returned to the Promised Land. From the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount, Jeff reminds us that human efforts to build are in vain without the Lord’s protection.

Psalms 128 & 129 At the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, Jeff considers the Psalms’ clear teaching that fear of the Lord and honoring His ways bring blessings to individuals and families. Israel as a nation has seen much affliction, but the Lord’s support is unwavering.

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Psalms 132 & 133 David wanted to build a temple in Jerusalem because he knew the Lord had chosen it. Zion became His abiding place and remains His to this very day, despite replacement theology. In this fractious world, dwelling together in unity is a blessing.

Psalms 134 Sandra and Jeff conclude this series having seen many coming up to Jerusalem, seeking and praising God. On the Mount of Olives, Jeff invites all Believers to journey together to our ultimate destination. Marty Goetz sings a wonderful rendition of “Benediction.”



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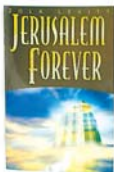
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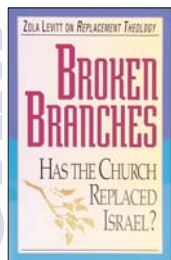
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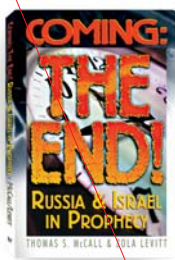
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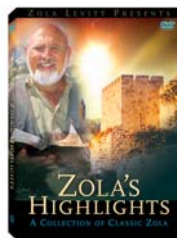
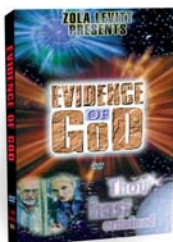


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ZLM Bulletin Board

3 Minutes of Bittersweet

Last summer, Philips Cinema and director/producer Ridley Scott launched a global filmmaking competition *Tell It Your Way* that followed its Cannes Lions award-winning short-film project, *Parallel Lines*. After following two rules—1) dialogue of exactly six lines and 2) a three-minute limit—the entrants had freedom of expression and could take up any theme they wanted. View the winning entry, worth the time: www.PorcelainUnicorn.com



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36 for details



Righteous Gentile— Aristides De Sousa Mendes

By Rob Miller, JoshuaPundit.blogspot.com

Aristides de Sousa Mendes

was the Portuguese consul general in Bordeaux, France when the Nazis invaded in 1940.



Thousands of refugees fled to the south of France in the wake of the Nazi invasion. For most of them, the only possible escape was the Portuguese port of Lisbon or one of the Spanish ports, which meant getting a Portuguese transit visa.

De Sousa Mendes was instructed by his government not to issue any transit visas. De Sousa Mendes defied his government's instructions. He and a handful of his staff worked around the clock to issue visas to an estimated 10,000 Jews and 20,000 other people fleeing the Nazis.

The following is from Yad Vashem's website:

Rabbi Haim Kruger... rejected Mendes' initial offer to issue visas only to the rabbi and his family, insisting that visas also be issued to the thousands of Jews stranded on the streets of the city. After further reflection, Mendes reversed himself and decided to grant visas to all persons requesting it. "I sat with him a full day without food and sleep and helped him stamp thousands of passports with Portuguese visas," Rabbi Kruger relates. To his staff, Mendes explained: "My government has denied all applications for visas to any refugees. But I cannot allow these people to die. Many are Jews and our constitution says that the religion, or politics, of a foreigner shall not be used to deny him refuge in Portugal. I have decided to follow this principle. I am going to issue a visa to anyone who asks for it—regardless of whether or not he can pay... Even if I am dismissed, I can only act as a Christian, as my conscience tells me."

It was an unseemly sight as people of all ages, including pregnant women and sick persons, waited in line to have their passports stamped with the Portuguese visa. The reaction of the Portuguese government was not long in waiting. Two emissaries were dispatched to accompany home the insubordinate diplomat. On their way to the Spanish border, the entourage stopped at the Portuguese consulate in Bayonne. Here too, Mendes, still the official representative of his country for this region, issued visas to fleeing Jewish refugees, again in violation of instructions from Lisbon.

For this heroic act, Aristides de Sousa Mendes was fired from Portugal's diplomatic service and publicly dishonored. He was forced to sell his family estate to support his family and spent the rest of his life in poverty, dying in 1954.

Aristides de Sousa Mendes was named a Righteous Gentile and is honored at Yad Vashem in Israel, the museum dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.

In 1988 Portugal's parliament voted unanimously to make amends and posthumously reinstated him as a diplomat, promoted him to the rank of ambassador, and paid compensation to his surviving relatives, who used the money to repurchase the family home.

Aristides de Sousa Mendes became a hero when he was put in circumstances where he simply made the choice to do the right thing, no matter what it cost him. ★

See what God can do with one brave Believer? —Myles



Mendes family home still honors God



Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From M.P. (MI): I love your ministry. I love the changes too. God bless you all and God bless Israel.

From J.I. (NV): Love what the Lord does through you. I think it is great that God moves us and we get His surprises, both for Jeff and the Weisses. God is fun and keeps everything and His people fresh. God has a special portion for Jeff as well; it is not that He is displeased but just has something new, fresh, and special for everyone.

From K.E. (AL): Love the program. Was surprised to read that Jeff was leaving. Good luck to him. He was very educational and informative.

From L.K. (NE): Thanks for your commitment to share the Lord's Gospel. Goodbye, Jeffrey. Thank you for the last five years. God bless you.

From J.B. (IL): Keep true to the mission.

From N.R.C. (CO): We are praying for your ministry and the Peace of Jerusalem (even so, Come, Lord Jesus!).

From B.P. (MS): Keep on plugging. You are making a difference.



*Galilee/Caesarea
See Israel tours
on page 36*

Kingdom of God Explained

Dear ZLM,

What does Kingdom mean? What is the Kingdom of God?

Thank you, M.M.

Dear M.M.—

The Kingdom is simply the rule of the sovereign God over the universe and all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. ***“The Lord is King forever and ever”*** (Psalm 10:16). This Kingdom was previewed when Jesus walked this Earth in Israel. It included healing, salvation, deliverance from the devil, exercising control over nature, and calling on the sinful to repent. The Bible presents two aspects of God’s Kingdom: the eternal and the temporal. The full manifestation of this divine, sovereign, and supernatural Kingdom will come when Jesus the King of kings returns to bring its fullness on Earth (Psalm 2; Isaiah 2, 11; Revelation 19–20). We can only enter this Kingdom by spiritual rebirth through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. —Todd



Jesus By Any Other Name...

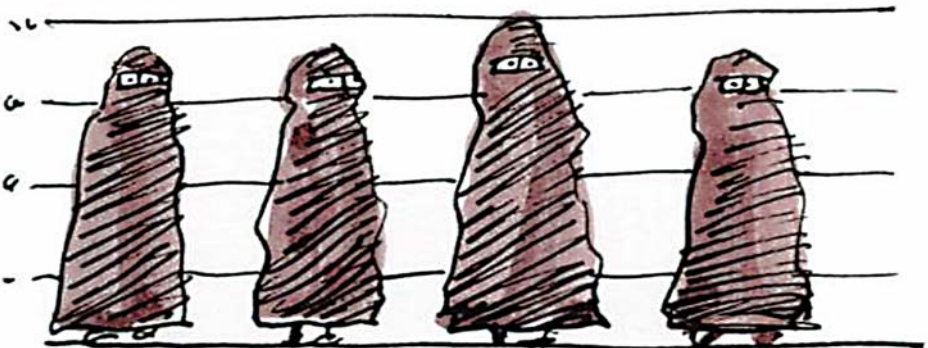
Dear Myles,

Your article in the August *Personal Letter* troubled me by using the name “Jesus.” The more I study or understand, it should be “Yeshua.” I know God is a jealous God and He has only one name and there is no other name to be saved by. Who changed Yeshua’s name to Jesus? Constantine? Trying to tie His name to pagan gods? When I pray, I wonder, “Am I really talking to God?” Can you help? —T.B.

Dear T.B.—

Take a deep breath and relax. You are not insulting the Jewish Messiah by using His poorly translated name, Jesus. It is not a pagan trick to cause you to stumble, but merely a linguistic series of changes that were effected by the cultures of the day. The name Yeshua literally means The LORD’s Salvation, or Salvation from the LORD. In comparison, prior to being transliterated from the Hebrew Bible, the name Jesus did not exist in Greek. Through multiple translations and changes in pronunciation, a tradition of saying “Jesus” has obscured His name, “Yeshua.” It has shifted His perceived message and identity from Hebrew to Greek. *Baruch Ha-Shem* (blessed be The Name) Believers around the world are learning to call Him by His Hebrew name...as ministries like ours emphasize the Jewish nature of the Gospels. As this develops, don’t worry! —Myles

IDENTITY PARADE



Supporting Jewish Christians

Dear ZLM,

Besides the persecution that Jews experience from outside sources, what about acts of discrimination, harassment, and even violence that Messianic Jews face in the Jewish communities from Orthodox groups such as Yad L'achim?
—J.R.D. (MS)

Dear J.R.D.—

This is a very real issue that makes it incumbent on gentile Believers to support the Body of Yeshua in Israel. Katharine and I have been standing with Believers in the Land for many years, bringing pilgrims to see the “ancient rocks AND the Living Stones” (the living, present-day Body). I am blessed to see ZLM has the same heart, supporting “Our Man in Haifa” (Eitan Shishkoff) and other ministries there. The Jerusalem Institute of Justice, under the leadership of ZLM friend and attorney Calev Myers, continues to battle for the rights of Believers in the courts of Israel. —Myles *(Please see Journeystone description on page 8)*



Focus On The Message

Dear ZLM,

With Jeff gone, I don't believe I will support Zola any more. —N.M.C. (PA)

Dear N.M.C.—

Please see the following letters from H.D., J.P., and S.McC. Taken together, they answer your concern on target. This is about Messiah, not the various servants who come to help. Jeff did an awesome job during his tenure, but there is still much to do as we prepare for the coming of the Lord! Blessings —Myles

Dear Myles,

If Jeff isn't at ZLM anymore because the Lord wants him somewhere else, why do people grieve God? I was saddened when I read that your offerings were down because Jeff left. Jeff wasn't the basis of Zola Levitt Ministries, Christ is. God bless you all.—H.D. (NC)

Dear ZLM,

I've been a supporter a long time. Faces change, but the message stays the same ... and that's good. —J.P. (WY)

Dear ZLM,

I admire how you can change horses in the middle of the stream, so to say, and keep putting out excellent teaching and ministering Christ Jesus to the lost. May God richly bless all of you. —S.McC. (MT)



Thirst For Knowledge

Dear ZLM,

I just received my first *Levitt Letter* and I drank in every word. What a blessing! —D.L. (FL)

Israel, Jews, Gentile Believers, Messianic Jews

Dear ZLM,

Reading the *Levitt Letter* leads me to believe that you think that a Messianic Jew is superior to a gentile Believer. —R.L.D. (MN)

Dear R.L.D.—

Quite the contrary. As you will see in our new TV series on Ruth, the fullness of God is expressed through the Body when Jew and non-Jew (gentile) work together. The “one new man” of Ephesians chapter two is a beautiful picture of that. We need the “oil of the gentiles and the oil of the Jews” to fully light the menorah of God on Earth. —Myles (a Jewish follower of Yeshua who is married to a quite-equal gentile Believer!)

Dear ZLM,

Regarding Todd Baker’s comment on Replacement Theology (August *Levitt Letter*, p. 21 www.levitt.com/newsletters/2011-08.pdf):

Romans 11:17 “*you (gentiles), being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them (Jews).*”

Romans 11:25 “*Blindness ... has happened to Israel until the fullness of the gentiles has come in.*”

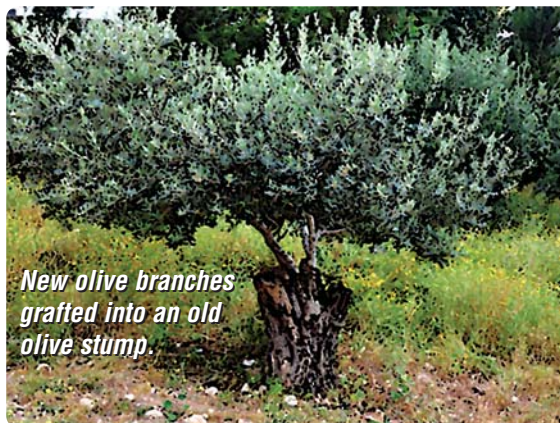
Ephesians 3:6 “*... that the gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel.*”

Do I understand this correctly, that we are one body? —R.H. (KY)

Dear R.H.—

Yes, gentile and Jewish Believers are one body called the Church, Jewish Believers being charter members and gentiles grafted in. Todd was addressing a question about the Church supplanting Israel (Jews, most of whom are still ignorant of Yeshua as their Messiah). The Church (Believers) is NOT Israel. Israel has a distinct role in God’s plan and heart. Israel will still be here after the Church (Jewish and gentile Believers) has left to celebrate the marriage feast with the Lamb of God. The Remnant (the 144,000 Jews in whom the seed of faith was planted, but which takes root only after the departure/Rapture of the Church) will continue the Gospel’s message during the Tribulation.

Now, to answer R.L.D., ZLM is working fervently to gather as many Jews (and gentiles) as possible among Believers, and to plant enough seeds that 12,000 of each of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Rev. 7:4) will be primed to recognize the truth of God’s own Words regarding their Messiah.
—Editor



New olive branches grafted into an old olive stump.

Remembering Zola

Mark,

God bless you and this wonderful ministry. My first trip to Israel was with your dad in 1994. I went again last year in the spring. Both trips were a blessing.

I will never forget the day we visited the Upper Room and Zola played his flute for us. If I remember correctly, the song was “Amazing Grace.” I really miss him. Stay strong. If God be for you, who can be against you? Blessings, —S.D. (TX)

On Your New Website...

Dear Webmaster,

Is there any chance on your new website that we will be able to preview what we are interested in purchasing? Maybe some sample pictures and short video clips of DVDs, etc.? *Today* (Thanks) —P.H. (OR)



Zola in Upper Room

Dear P.H.—

My college dean may want to reclaim my business management diploma if he reads this: you can view *all* of the programs we sell on DVD at levitt.tv for free! This aspect of our ministry’s outreach costs us dearly in lost sales while appealing to lost souls. Please help us stay solvent as we “feed His sheep.”—Mark

Remembering Zvi (at right)

Dear ZLM,

I request that my contribution go to the Good News Fund for Zvi Rivai’s son Joel. I know that the Lord will take care of him. My trip to Israel was rich with information that only someone like Zvi could provide. I thank God for him. —D.C.J. (MN)



Proclaim Your Love For Israel

Dear ZLM,

Do you still sell the round pins with the Israeli flag on front? They used to come in a set of four pins—I think others said, “Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem” and “Shalom.” —P.P. (OR)



Dear P.P.—

Yes, but not enough. Please buy a bunch for your fellow church members. Also, please visit www.levitt.com/store.html and either click on “Enter Store” or open a PDF of our catalog and its supplement. You may also click on “Specialties” and browse there. —Mark

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

By Mike Peters



“All Israel Will Be Saved” Romans 11:26

Dear Todd,

In his booklet *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, Zola quotes Romans 11:26: “All Israel will be saved.” What does that mean? I have seen commentaries that say all *Jews* will get to Heaven whether saved or not, others that only *Jewish Believers* will see Heaven. I would like a clarification from a scholar. —R.S. (AL)

Dear R.S.—

The term “all Israel” used in Romans 11:26 refers to the believing Jews who will survive at the end of the Great Tribulation when Jesus returns to Earth. It cannot refer to every Jew who has ever lived, since the Bible teaches that salvation is based on belief in Jesus Christ (see Matthew 3:9; John 1:12–13; 8:39–44). We are told that unbelieving Jews will suffer the same fate as unbelieving gentiles: condemnation from God and consignment to the lake of fire (John 3:18–19; 8:21, 24; Romans 2:8–9; Revelation 20:11–15). We can only hope that “all Israel” means that all Jews will eventually put their faith in Christ. —Todd

Blessed By A Prisoner

Shalom Dear Friends,

This is to notify you of my new address. This is a very good move for me. It is a move up, an answer to prayer. As far as prisons go, this one is excellent! The entire prison is in transition to become a “Faith & Character Based Program.” Ain’t that cool?!

Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. From the bottom of my heart, I am grateful!

Shalom u Brachot (peace and blessings), K.S. (GA)

Dear K.S.—

You have done more for yourself by striving to bless Israel than this ministry ever could do for you. Then again, it is our delight to inspire you to uphold God, His Word, and the Apple of His eye. America’s media haven’t blessed Israel so well lately. Hence, the cartoon on page 29 might amuse you. The media prefer the type of propaganda below. *Today* (Thanks) —Mark ★



London Jew Hatred

Pea-Size Telescope Implant Gives Sight To Elderly

By Abigail Klein Leichman
www.Israel21c.org

A tiny telescope implant developed in Israel to improve vision in patients with end-stage Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) made *Popular Science* magazine's annual list of 100 "Best of What's New" innovations.

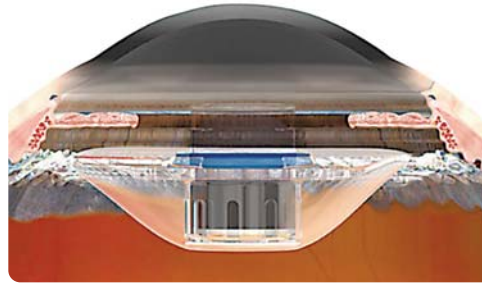


A new device from an Israeli company is the only solution for end-stage AMD, the most common cause of blindness in the elderly in developed countries.

Kathryn A. Colby, an ophthalmic surgeon at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston and assistant professor of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, calls the device "a breakthrough technology."

The miniature telescope is implanted in one eye, enlarging central vision images over a wide area of the AMD-damaged retina, while the non-operated eye provides peripheral vision for mobility and orientation. During rehab, patients are taught how to make the most of their new visual capabilities. ★

The tiny telescope implant developed by VisionCare is the size of a pea.



An Observation

The Muslims aren't happy!

They're not happy in Gaza.

They're not happy in Libya.

They're not happy in Iran.

They're not happy in Yemen.

They're not happy in Pakistan.

They're not happy in Afghanistan.

They're not happy in Egypt.

They're not happy in Morocco.

They're not happy in Iraq.

They're not happy in Lebanon.

They're not happy in Syria.

And where are they happy?

They're happy in England. They're happy in France.

They're happy in Italy. They're happy in Germany.

They're happy in Sweden. They're happy in the USA.

They're happy in India. They're happy in Norway.

They're happy in every country that is NOT Muslim.

And whom do they blame?

Not Islam. Not their leadership. Not themselves.

THEY BLAME THE COUNTRIES THEY ARE HAPPY IN!



Transitions at ZLM



Mark Levitt

a note
from mark

I had misgivings about revealing (in my August *Levitt Letter* article) the extent of this ministry's red ink. Would it have been more palatable to read "six figures" rather than a hard figure in the half-a-million range? Did I scare off the supporters who abide the axiom "If you can't take the heat"?

It has always been intimidating to divide our monthly expenses by the number of *Levitt Letter* subscribers—let alone our even smaller quantity of donors. This ministry's donors are few enough to remind me of Judges 7 where Gideon's 300 men used trumpets, jars, and torches to run off hundreds of thousands of Midianites. If Gideon's elite recruits were outnumbered by 1,000:1, then this ministry's potential television households outnumber its supporters by even more!

In addition to the 88+ million homes our television networks reach (ION, ABC-FAM, Daystar, INSP; see page 33), we have 100 full-power networks. Please see <http://www.levitt.com/airsch.html> or send for our free National TV Airing Schedule. The high-powered airwaves of *Zola Levitt Presents* are comparable to the Midianites' camels: "without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude." Broadcasting Bible teaching on-location from the Holy Land into viewers' living rooms has at least as much potential as trumpets,

jars, and torches. Especially with God in our corner, since each and every broadcast blesses Israel.

This ministry's recovery from last year is markedly underway! Our red ink year-to-date is only half that of last year. (Red ink is typical, by the way, for nonprofit organizations that begin counting anew each January after substantial year-end gifts.) Jeff's returning to academia has created a clearing for Myles's and Katharine's fresh voices. Letter after letter indicates that our audience is embracing the Weisses. (Please see excerpts on pp. 22 and 24.)

It is apparent to all that our new duo brings an abundance of clear, passionate teaching. Stewardship dictates that we finish broadcasting the excellent programs produced with Jeff. I'm asking you to support us through this transition: enjoy Jeff's fine teaching as we fill the hopper with that of Myles and Katharine. Quality takes time, as always, and you can be certain that our newest productions will be well worth the wait.

High Definition video using multiple cameras on location with anointed music and Bible, Bible, Bible. Jesus said to feed His sheep, and we're doing that with a shout across the airwaves and the Internet. Free to all who hunger. Paid for (like salvation) by someone (Someone) else. ★

NON SEQUITUR



Our ministry's "existence" is massive and feeds the masses.

By Wiley



Jewish “Guardians” Keep London Streets Safe

By Ronen Medzini, www.YNetNews.com

Shomrim (“guardians”), a volunteer Jewish organization, has been keeping London’s Jewish neighborhoods safe in cooperation with Scotland Yard for years. Now, with the riots in the British capital, their work has become doubly important.

During the recent riots, “We decided to go out and show a presence in the streets,” Gary Ost, chief executive of Shomrim North-West London, said. “We realized that people start riots when there is no police presence on the scene, and then it is hard to control them, so we want to stop it in the Jewish neighborhoods before it gets started.”

On an average day, Ost says the volunteers responded to 300 calls—from break-ins and burglaries to missing children. The riots “started as a small protest in Tottenham, which is ten minutes away from the *haredi* [Orthodox] neighborhood of Stamford Hill. Then some teenage boys began to riot and burned three police cars and a bus. Then the looting started,” Ost noted.

The Shomrim decided to expand their operation, working around the clock in two 30-men shifts that patrol the Jewish neighborhoods in northwest London.

Since the start of the London riots,

the Shomrim callers have expanded to include concerned citizens outside of the Jewish community. The local police force has been heaping praise on the volunteers.

4 of 5 Palestinians Support Hamas

By Julie Stahl, www.CBN.com

The Israel Project found that 80 percent of Palestinians support Hamas. The desire to annihilate the Jewish people is one of the main goals of the Hamas organization.

“Eighty percent is a very frightening number but not surprising because they have been indoctrinated over several generations to hate Israel and Jews,” said Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, founder and president of The Israel Project.

The Israel Project is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to getting the facts about Israel and the Middle East to the press, policy leaders, and the public.

The sad truth. The ancient jealousy requires the miracle of salvation through the Jewish Messiah to turn the hearts of the Arabs.
—Myles



Resort Vacation in West Bank or Gaza

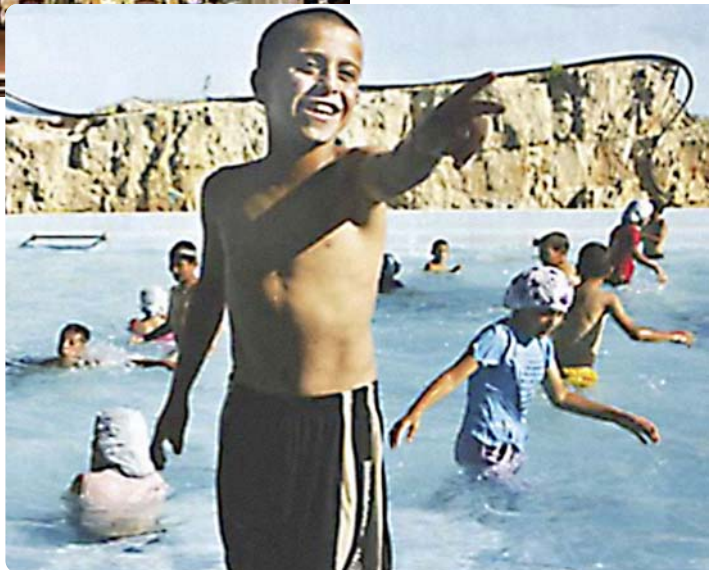
By Ryan Jones, *Israel Today*

Gaza receives so much foreign aid that a good portion of its residents are cared for and fed for free. Yet based on economic growth, the coastal enclave doesn't even need all that aid. The International Monetary Fund reported that last year, the Gaza economy, which is purportedly being choked by Israel, grew dramatically.

Evidence of this tremendous growth is seen everywhere. Gourmet restaurants are all the rage in Gaza City, resorts that rival anything to be found in Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat have sprung up along the Mediterranean coast, and the popular Gaza Mall is one of the larger luxury shopping centers in the region. Water parks are also a favorite new pastime not only in Gaza, but across the Palestinian territories.



There is so much evidence attesting to normalcy that a growing number of foreign journalists, human rights officials, and local Palestinians are fessing up and telling the truth. "If you walk down Gaza City's main thoroughfare... grocery stores are stocked wall-too-wall with everything from fresh Israeli yogurts and hummus to Cocoa Puffs



smuggled in from Egypt," reported Janine Zacharia in *The Washington Post*. "Pharmacies look as well-supplied as a typical Rite Aid in the United States."

"A sense of absolute prosperity prevails, as manifested by the grand resorts along and near Gaza's coast," wrote Egyptian journalist Ashraf Abu al-Houl during a visit to Gaza. "The sight of the merchandise and luxuries filling Gaza shops amazed me."

"A sense of absolute prosperity prevails."

There "is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza," admitted Mathilde Redmatn, deputy director of the Red Cross in the Hamas-ruled territory. "If you go to the supermarket, there are products. There are restaurants and a nice beach."

A Reuters report noted that if the recent flotilla activists had made it to Gaza, "they might be surprised by what they see... Roads are being paved, houses are being built, new cars have taken to the busy streets, and shops are full of myriad products. Even the longtime scourge of unemployment is easing marginally."



Winning the Hearts and Minds of Muslims

By Andrew C. McCarthy, NationalReview.com

News Flash One: The war in Afghanistan, an Islamic land, is a war waged by infidels (that would be us) against Muslim forces—the Taliban, al-Qaeda, etc.

News Flash Two: The operating theory of the American counterinsurgency (COIN) strategy in Afghanistan is that the hearts and minds of the population of this tribal *sharia* (Islamic law) society will side with us non-Muslims in a war against their fellow Muslims.

Which is to say, our strategy is insane.

That does not mean our troops cannot kill a goodly number of jihadists. They have done that, and they will no doubt continue to do that as long as U.S. and allied forces remain in Afghanistan. Naturally, the number of terrorists we manage to get will dwindle as we draw down, while our diminishing numbers will make our own troops increasingly vulnerable to attack. But, sure, we can stick around forever, killing pockets of jihadists and overtaking their strongholds, however temporarily.

That, however, is not victory. It is an ever-worsening stalemate. Victory, under our chosen strategy, can never be achieved.

“Victory” has been downgraded to “success,” but even success is not much discussed—and that is because, as conceived, success is a pipedream too. The idea is that we stay and hold the Taliban at bay until we have finally trained enough Afghan soldiers and police officers to fight the Taliban for us. Because once we win over their hearts and minds, the theory goes, these Afghans will believe they are actually fighting the Taliban for themselves—fighting “their war,” not ours, as the heady plan was explained by



Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the former theater commander and Kennedy School fellow who now teaches international relations at Yale. It’s all very cerebral, psychological, and sophisticated, the kind of war professors could love.

There’s just one problem with it. What on earth makes us think the Afghan Muslims are going to fight their fellow Afghan Muslims in furtherance of American national-security interests?

The Muslims of Afghanistan see themselves as Muslims first. They are not going to side with us over their fellow Muslims. In this life, in the *sharia* schema of Muslims versus non-Muslims, they are with their fellow Muslims—and would risk grave peril, both here and in the afterlife, were they to cross over to the other side.

Victory is not a step that can be skipped. Its stark absence cannot be disguised by miniaturizing the enemy, by pretending it is an aberrant fringe of violent extremists. The Taliban enjoys broad popular support—or, at least, sympathy—because the Afghan public is more aligned with its beliefs than with ours. That makes the population the enemy. There is a reason why so many U.S. and allied troops are being attacked and killed in sneak attacks by the Afghan recruits they are trying to train.

It is madness. ★

Democracy is founded on Judeo-Christian principles in direct contradiction to the dictatorial Muslim rule desired by sharia seekers. —Myles

Outsmarting The Police

Ira Kantor was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. Ira opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?"

Ira said, "No." Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. Ira said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said, "I thought you said you shot them!"

Ira said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"



Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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Blowin' In The Wind

By Eitan Shishkoff

You may not be a Bob Dylan fan, but his music has had profound impact on Western culture since he broke into the music scene in 1961. The Jewish troubadour grew up as Robert Zimmerman (Hebrew name: Shabtai Zisel ben Avraham) in Hibbing, Minnesota. He has composed over 500 songs and released 70+ albums during his phenomenally enduring career.

You may be wondering why “your man in Haifa” is reporting on a pop singer. The inspiration comes from attending his June 20 concert in Ramat Gan Stadium outside Tel Aviv. I joined approximately 20,000 Dylan fans to see and hear the 70-year-old legend perform. Many of us were inspired during the social revolution of the 1960s by his refusal to accept the status quo and his unique use of words and melody to express our struggles, hopes, and dreams.

Connie and I prayed for Bob Dylan from the time we began to follow Yeshua in 1972. He was such an honest seeker, we longed for him to meet Jesus. Then it happened! In 1978 Bob embraced the Messiah as his own. Beginning with the “Slow Train” disc, he declared the Gospel in his own “out-of-the-box” way. This brought massive rejection from fans. Two more albums followed from 1978–1981. Even now, thirty years later, he opened the Israeli concert with “Change My Way of Thinkin’,” a tune from the unabashedly Gospel release, Shot of Love. Is he still a Believer? The gravel-voiced veteran is well known for concealing his private processes. Judging from his lyrics, which are peppered with 100s of biblical references, Dylan has never stopped drawing from the deep well of Scripture to fashion his poetry.

What really impressed me that balmy

Eitan and Connie Shishkoff



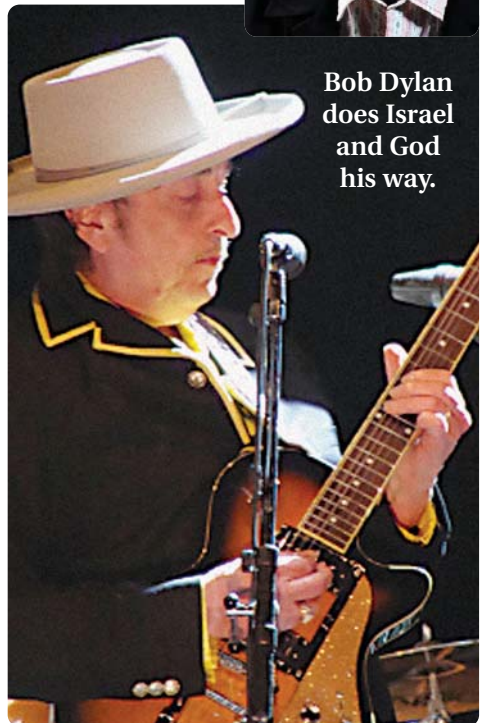
June night was the man's energy and creative passion. He attacked the keyboard, standing behind it like a wrestler ready to pounce on his opponent. He crouched low during piercing harmonica solos. He took old songs and stood them on their heads with a mischievous sense of humor.

There he was, still using his voice to connect our hearts with the experiences of life.

I've gotta hand it to the guy. Sure, I wish he'd loudly proclaim that Yeshua is his Messiah King and that the Prince of Peace is the only hope for what ails the world. I don't know all that's in Bob Dylan's heart about the Lord. But I do know that he's an aging baby boomer who's at the top of his game, still having a good time reinventing himself and his art form, while challenging his listeners to re-evaluate their lives. His example provokes me. ★



Bob Dylan does Israel and God his way.



Flotilla & Flytilla A Bust

By Shlomo Mordechai, *Israel Today*

Israel scored a rare public relations victory when it thwarted two provocations by pro-Palestinian activists aimed at delegitimizing the Jewish state and harming its image. A year after Israeli commandos stormed a flotilla trying to break the Gaza blockade and killed nine Turkish militants, international activists organized Freedom Flotilla II.

The flotilla planned to sail to Gaza with 10 boats and two cargo ships loaded with “humanitarian aid” for the Palestinians. There were about 300 activists on board, including journalists, politicians, writers, and religious figures.

Israeli diplomacy working feverishly behind the scenes began to bear fruit. The U.S., EU, and UN demanded the cancellation of the flotilla, saying aid could reach Gaza through legal channels over land—a tacit recognition that Israel’s blockade is necessary to prevent weapons from reaching Hamas terrorists in Gaza. With Israel warning that the flotilla would be intercepted by the Navy, the international community feared that a violent confrontation would raise tensions in a region already rocked by major instability.

The big surprise came from Greece, which unexpectedly blocked the flotilla from leaving its ports. The Greek Coast Guard, backed by heavily-armed commandos, intercepted several ships that tried to sail without permission.

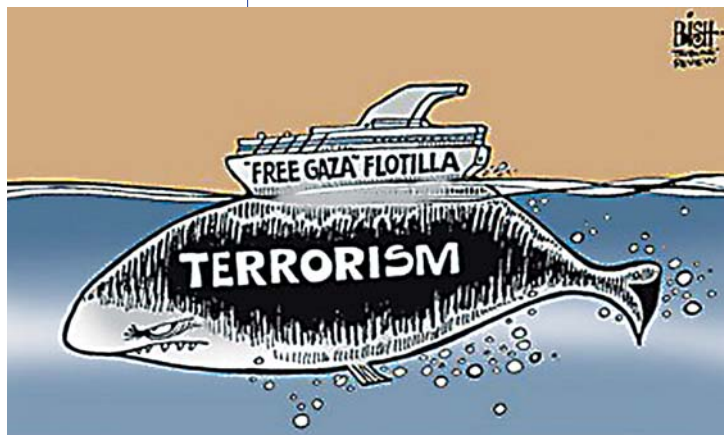
When Israel’s military alliance with Turkey crumbled in the wake of last

year’s flotilla affair, ties between Israel and Greece quickly warmed up. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Israelis have been flocking to Rhodes and Crete, bringing in hard foreign currency to cash-strapped Greece.

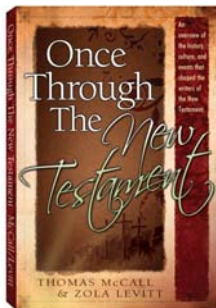
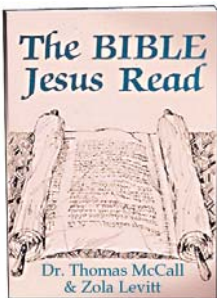
As the flotilla fizzled, organizers came up with another plot: the “flytilla.” Hundreds of activists would swarm into Israel’s Ben-Gurion Airport aboard international flights on a designated Friday and cause disruptions. Tracking the group’s activities on Facebook, Israel launched a “preemptive strike.” More than 200 pro-Palestinian activists in Europe were barred from boarding flights to Tel Aviv after Israel sent a blacklist. Some 600 police officers were deployed at the airport, and when hundreds of activists landed they were taken to an isolated terminal and detained for questioning. In the end, more than 120 of them were deported.

The two episodes show that Israel learned an important lesson from last year’s flotilla fiasco, which was marred by complacency, faulty intelligence, and poor preparations. This time, Israel took major precautions to tighten security on land and sea.

The flotilla and flytilla ended with a whimper and not a bang. There were no dramatic TV pictures and the story was barely a blip on the international news. And in Israel, no news is good news. ★



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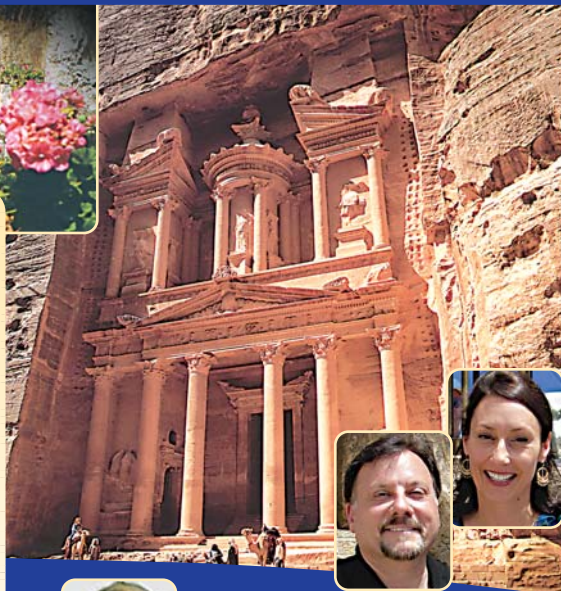
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