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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



No matter what time of year He was born, we remember this fulfillment of prophecy.

The Cave of Christmas

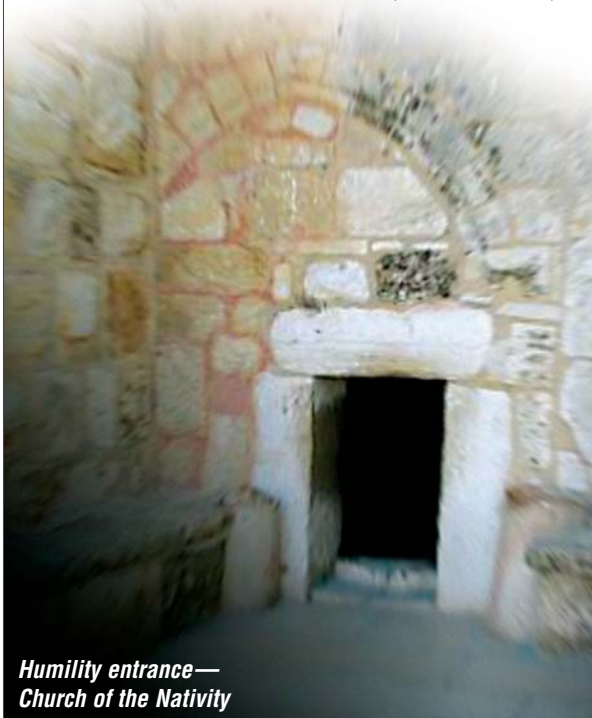
By Jim Denison, www.ABPnews.com



A visit to Bethlehem reveals the traditional site of Jesus' birth—a dark, dank cave beneath an ancient church. [As knowledge increases, many believe He more likely was born in a booth that Jews build during the Feast of Sukkot. In either case, the site was lowly.]

Bethlehem, "house of bread," was named for the fertile fields of its surrounding valleys. The tribe of Judah settled the region. A man named Salma, from the family of Caleb, founded the town itself (I Chron. 2:51). A road linking Jerusalem with Hebron to the north and Egypt to the south gave the town significance.

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Humility entrance—
Church of the Nativity

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Israel leaves the "ninety-nine" to find "the one."—Luke 15:3-5

Gilad Shalit and Prisoner Exchanges

By Hannah Sternberg
PajamasMedia.com



The moral dilemma accompanying Gilad Shalit's release from Hamas captivity has no easy solution. The cruel reality boils down to this: what is the price of a single human life? Is it worth the return of one thousand captives who may go on to destroy more lives?

The moral dilemma of Gilad's release is still difficult, but a second dilemma has also been raised: the moral dilemma of how we react to it.

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Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, died and was buried in Bethlehem. Her shrine is a holy site to the Jewish people to this day (Gen. 35:19; 48:7). Generations later, Ruth moved to Bethlehem, where she met and married Boaz. Her great-grandson grew up in the town, so Bethlehem will be known forever as the “City of David.”

Imagine yourself in the Bethlehem cave at night. There’s no light except the fire you build inside, and the smoke stings your eyes and fills your lungs. There’s no circulation, so the air feels damp and musty. Animals were stabled here. Imagine the smell of a barn, multiplied many times.

Jesus was laid not in a nice wooden crib but in a stone feed trough two feet off the ground, chiseled out for feeding animals. Where donkeys and mules and sheep had been licking up barley and oats, the Lord of the universe made His first throne on Earth. The wonder is that Jesus chose to be born here. He was the only baby ever to choose His birthplace. He could have chosen Jerusalem, or Athens, or Rome, but He chose Bethlehem. He could have chosen a palace, but He chose to be born in a cave.

What happened to the cave of Christmas?

First the Romans attempted to eliminate the memory of Jesus’ birth here by planting a grove dedicated to their pagan god Adonis. They wanted their subjects to use the cave for pagan worship.

When Constantine assumed leadership of Christianity, he and his mother built churches to

commemorate holy sites. They began with this cave. In 330 AD they constructed the oldest church building in Christendom, the Church of the Nativity, directly above the cave of Christmas.

Visitors the world over came to this humble site. Justinian I performed further remodeling in the 6th century, and the Crusaders in the 12th. This church is today the most visited site in all of Israel, bringing millions of pilgrims from across the world to the place of our Lord’s birth.

Why was it so important that all this happen in a lowly place? Not in a house, or a palace, or a field, but in a cave? One possible reason: you stoop to enter a cave if its ceiling is low like the Bethlehem cave. You come in humility.

That’s how the shepherds came in worship—on their knees. Eventually the door to the Church of the Nativity was lowered, so pilgrims today must enter it stooped over in humility. This is as it should be.

Just as Jesus made a lowly place His temple, so He chooses to make our lives His dwelling: “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” (I Cor. 3:16). We are the cave of Christmas today. ★

Church of the Nativity at Manger Square



Grief is not logical. The grief that Gilad and his family, and the families of victims of terror, must bear is mighty. In today's Israel, no one is untouched by terrorism. But those with the emotional and mental fortitude to support Gilad and his family owe them this act of kindness, as their neighbors: to leave bitterness out of Gilad's homecoming, or the homecoming of any other soldier whose freedom is the subject of a harsh moral test. Don't pry into his psyche and surmise on his potential remorse. Welcome him with open arms and be grateful he is home.

It is impossible not to think of these moral dilemmas. Even if one is solidly in favor of Gilad's release, it is impossible not to fear for his mental health under the burden of the price of his freedom. But if one is concerned, the best way to work off worry is to think of ways to help the person one is concerned for.

If Gilad were my brother and I wanted to comfort him, I would start by discouraging people from associating him with the crimes of terrorists who were released in connection with Gilad's release. No one has forgotten those victims, and no one will forget simply because Gilad has been released and so have the terrorists. But connecting their memory explicitly with Gilad's release, whether it's to shame him or more innocuously, because of a misled feeling of sympathy, accomplishes *absolutely nothing*.

If Gilad were my brother, or if one of the victims of a terror attack by a released Hamas member were

my brother, I would urge the people who were concerned for our family to focus on the future: how to convince the world to stand on Israel's side; how to perfect anti-terror devices, physical and diplomatic, to prevent another situation like this from arising; how to combat the ideology of death that is embodied by radical Islam; and how to perform acts of kindness and generosity to honor the victims of terrorism, dead and alive.

Grief is not logical. That is why it is the duty of those with some distance, however slight, from the tremendous event that Gilad's release was, to provide public support to him and his family and the families of terror victims. Sometimes that means it's better to keep a few of our thoughts and speculations about his mental state to ourselves.

This is sound biblical advice as well as proven psychological counsel. We need to be "both / and" people who celebrate this young man's deliverance and recommit to combat evil wherever we can. May his release ring through the Land with the joy of *Am Yisrael Chai* (the people of Israel live).—Myles ★

PHOTO: ISRAELI CHRISTIAN-ARAB SOLDIERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Christian Arab Israeli soldiers get their Christmas gifts from their commanding officer Lt.Col. Wasaffi (R) as their Jewish and Bedouin Arab comrades gather around their Christmas tree in their base December 21, 2005 near Kerem Shalom in southern Israel. All the non-Jewish soldiers serving in this unit, the Bedouin Trackers Brigade, are volunteers to the IDF.



Have A Holly Jolly Ps. 83 Christmas

By Myles Weiss



The Arab Spring is increasing the likelihood of an Israeli winter as the uneasy, modern-era peace with Israel's ancient enemy fades and radical, Jew-hating, Islamist powers take control of Egypt.

We here at ZLM encourage focusing on the Good News—the Light of the World. Yeshua was likely conceived during the Feast of Dedication / Hanukkah / the Festival of Lights, though it is His birth we traditionally celebrate this time of year. It makes more sense that He was born during Sukkot / Tabernacles, as Immanuel—God with us. But no matter when we choose to celebrate the birth of Jesus (every day!), we must live with the tension of God's goodness juxtaposed with the evil in this world.

Egyptian mobs attack Coptic Christians as a new anti-Christian season grips that nation. The so-called Arab Spring has not led to freedom of religion and speech for Egypt's 8 million Christians. Mounting violence is the fruit of the real new “freedom” (and power) of Muslim fanatics. The Egyptian military encourages this new “liberty” be used for sectarian violence. Freedom, yes ... only for Islamists (advocates of Islam as a political system).

After President Hosni Mubarak's ouster, Egypt is descending into chaos of ... well ... biblical proportions. And the Bible correctly interprets these events. The Muslim Brotherhood **waits in the wings** to exercise expanding power, looking past Egypt to a global caliphate. The Brotherhood is patient. Islamists think in terms of centuries. The offense of Islam being displaced by a secular dictator was never forgotten. It lay smoldering, waiting to catch fire when Western salt lost its savor and would no longer smother the embers of Islamic rage.



Israel's embassy in Cairo has been repeatedly attacked. The gas pipeline from Egypt to Israel and Jordan was bombed six times before Thanksgiving. Following a terrorist attack, Egypt increased its troop presence in Sinai. A gesture of cooperation? That same increase could be a staging for war against Israel. Advanced weapons travel from **Libya through Egypt** to Hamas in Gaza. Ahhh ... Gaza, that testimony to the assurance of democracy's positive outcome. I remember brainstorming with a group of Jews and Christians in the summer of 2005 to find a way to stop Ariel Sharon from handing Gaza over to Hamas.

Now Sharon is off the world stage and the prophetic fulfillment of Psalm 83 is looming. Psalm 83 illuminates many keys to the tumult that prevails in the neighborhood of the Lord, preceding His return.

Israel's ancient enemies are its modern foes. There is nothing new under the sun, and God will defend the “apple of His eye” once again. As always, His goal is that humility will lead to salvation.

As the psalmist concludes, **“That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.”** ★

Ask The Chaplain

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. Why do you talk about only the southern kingdom coming to know Yeshua? The northern kingdom needs to realize who they are and follow Torah and walk as HE walked! As it says in Ezekiel 37:17, “The TWO sticks shall become One....”

Shabbat Shalom and Happy New Year!

A. On our Gospel outreaches to the Holy Land, we go to all parts of Israel—north and south. From your question, it sounds as if you think that only Jews of the southern kingdom are Jews; but Scripture calls those of the northern kingdom Jews as well. The names “Jew” and “Israelite” became synonymous around the time of the Babylonian captivity.

It is absurd to presuppose that the term “Jew” stands primarily for a descendant of Judah. The term Jew stands for all those from among the sons of Jacob who acknowledged themselves as subjects of the theocratic kingdom of Judah, which they expected to be established by the promised “Son of David.” To say 10 tribes are not Jews or are lost is incorrect and not supported by history or Scripture. God

has preserved all 12 tribes and knows every one of them even though they may remain unknown to man. If they were lost to history, the promise of Jeremiah 30:1–3 would become null and void. God forbid!

In the New Testament, the same people who are called “Jews” 174 times are also called “Israel” no fewer than 74 times (check out such statements as given in Matthew 19:28; Acts 21:39; 22:3; 26:1–7; Romans 11:1–2; 2 Corinthians 11:22; Philippians 3:5; and Romans 9:4–5). From the time that the first few Jews returned under Nehemiah and Ezra after the Babylonian exile, sacred historians, prophets, apostles, and the Lord Himself regarded the “Jews”—whether in the Land or in “dispersion”—as representatives of “all Israel,” and the only people to inherit the covenants and the promises that God made with the Fathers.

The terms Jew and Israel are interchangeably used in Scripture to refer to one and the same people. None of the twelve tribes is excluded or singled out from this fact. Paul said he was both an Israelite and Jew who came from the tribe of Benjamin (Philippians 3:5; Acts 21:39). Furthermore, when our To the Jews First missionaries go to the Jews, we are going to Israel; and when we go to Israel, we are going to the Jews. Enough said. ★

Ladies & Gentlemen



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Gilad and Am Yisrael

By Eitan Shishkoff

After 5 years and 4 months of captivity in the blood-drenched hands of Hamas, Gilad Shalit came home on October 18, 2011. All of Israel was glued to the continuous news coverage following every emotional phase of the 25-year-old soldier's return. It was truly a national experience. Most of Israel became one family, one rejoicing people, joined at the heart.

Not everyone rejoiced, however. There were those—particularly families whose loved ones had been slaughtered by some of the 1,027 prisoners who were exchanged for Shalit's freedom—who felt betrayed. Their protests were not ignored, but felt keenly by the entire country from the prime minister on down. Yet this was the day that many had been praying for, marching for, and petitioning our government for. Fully 80% of the public supported this difficult decision to release convicted terrorists in order to bring back one of our sons. The enormity of the ratio—1:1,027—is a tribute to the value Israel places on the life of one of its children.

Worth pondering is the courageous perseverance shown by Gilad's parents, Noam and Aviva. Here was an expression of devoted parenthood to inspire all of us. After four years of national and international appeals, they camped for more than a year in a tent facing the Jerusalem residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In June of 2010, they led a walk involving 10s of 1,000s of Israelis from their home in the northern kibbutz Mitzpe Hila all the way to Jerusalem, some 86 miles.

Eitan and Connie Shishkoff



After Gilad was safely brought home, I found myself at a wedding reception. There I spoke with a young

Israeli who works in production for the country's most watched television station. She described the multi-monitor, lightning-paced, all-hands-on-deck effort to report each unfolding moment of Shalit's release. With cameras and reporters stationed at every stage of the process, one could follow the event from before his appearance with Hamas officials (10:23am) until his arrival at the scenic northern kibbutz he calls home (5:07pm). This event recorded the highest viewer ratings in Israeli television history.

Beyond the statistics and the intensity of the newsroom, a nation wept for joy to see a young man come home after 1,940 days of incarceration following his kidnapping. Gilad's visible fragility, a victim smiling shyly, drew the people of Israel together in a quality of oneness beyond anything I have seen in my 19 years as an Israeli. It begged comparison with the oneness that will take place when another young Israeli who long ago suffered for His people—I speak of the Suffering Servant—returns home to receive His well-deserved hero's welcome. ★

Barak, Netanyahu, Gilad & Father Noam Shalit



When Bethlehem Was Given To Muslims

By Zola Levitt

Christmas 1994 was the most historic Christmas in Bethlehem since the original—when Jesus was born there. On *this* particular Christmas, almost the entire Christian community silently watched as Bethlehem was given to the Muslims. But not only the city was given to the Muslims; also the Savior who was born there. Yasser Arafat proclaimed Jesus to be a Palestinian, and the Muslims, the media and, most shamefully, the Christian Church, scarcely objected.

The only strong objection that I spotted was by Andrea Levin in the January [’95] *Jerusalem Post International Edition*. Ms. Levin, head of CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), specializes in watching media biases. She is very eloquent in the piece we excerpt below.

JESUS WAS A PALESTINIAN! So did Yasser Arafat inform thousands of Christmas celebrants in Bethlehem as the Palestinian Authority took control of the town.

Yet the brazen lie did not cause an international scandal. It did not prompt journalistic comment on Arafat’s chronic tendency toward fantastic invention, nor did a single commentator ask whether the word of a man prone to such bizarre statements can be trusted.

On the contrary, the appropriation of Jesus by Arafat was widely reported as if it were the most acceptable of claims. No disclaimer noted that Jesus was a Jew born in Judea, or that he died more than 100 years before Rome imposed the name Syria-Palestina on the area to mock the Jews’ defeat by recalling their battles with the Philistines. And these events preceded the creation of Islam by many centuries.

Although a number of reporters noted in passing that Christian Arabs are nervous about their dwindling population relative to the Muslims, only a couple devoted serious attention to the story.

The widespread lack of candor about the fears of Palestinians (both Christian and Muslim) at the advent of Arafat’s rule ill serves those striving to establish genuine peace. Bassam Eid, the Arab chief field investigator for B’tselem, an organization devoted to defending the rights of Palestinians, has issued reports about grave abuses against Arabs by the Palestinian Authority. For his efforts, he was arrested and held for a day by Arafat in Jericho. So dangerous were the threats against Eid that Amnesty International issued an Urgent Action Appeal on his behalf to head off violence against him.

Regrettably for Arabs and Jews alike, the media that so assiduously publicize reports of misconduct by Israelis appear almost totally indifferent to the thuggery now rampant in areas under Arafat’s dominion. Kidnapping, extortion, torture, murder, detention without trial, and pervasive lawlessness are passed over in silence. A couple of admirably hard-hitting stories by *The Washington Post* have been notable exceptions.

What is one to make of the indifferent journalistic response both to the potentially tragic appearance of yet another Arab police state and to Arafat’s ludicrous mangling of Jewish history and Christian theology? Repetitious as the answer may be, **it seems inescapable that reporter interest in the fate of the Arabs and the actions of their leaders all but evaporates if the story cannot be linked to an anti-Israel premise. That is unfortunate for both Arabs and Jews, and for all who seek reliable news.** ★

The delegitimizing of Israel and Christianity is another reason we need to keep ZLM alive and able to combat such abuses. Several of the remaining Arab Christians in Bethlehem were blessed when we taped our *Ruth* shows there in June, asking if our message could be shown to the entire Arab world. —Myles



A silent night in Bethlehem

Zola On The Internet

By Greg Hartwig
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In early October, I noticed that the Wikipedia web page for Zola Levitt had been deleted.

As you may know, Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia created in 2001, maintained by over 82,000 active contributors, and edited by more than 1,500 volunteers.



Zola's page deletion was accompanied by comments like this one: "Nothing special about him; just a televangelist. All his info comes from himself or his friends. He does not deserve recognition in an encyclopedia."

Was this an anti-Semitic action? I don't think so. In fact, an editor who appears to be a Muslim is one who has been arguing for reinstatement. Was it an anti-religion action? Maybe. There are a few comments about Zola not being notable except in the "evangelical world," and there seem to be some editors with an anti-Messianic bent.

But these things usually work themselves out. After Zola's page was marked for deletion, arguments were made for legitimacy and it was moved to an "incubator" section, awaiting updates

to bring it up to Wikipedia standards and reinstate it. We're working on that, so don't worry.



But all of this got me thinking. We are making a push into what are known as "Social Media"—**Facebook, Twitter**, etc. (see the November *Levitt Letter*, p. 8). Incidents like this are bound to happen again and ZLM is not a large organization. Because ZLM pursues its mission with a very small staff, we may not see every instance as problems like this increase and people on the Internet attack us.

You can help us—and yourself—by following us on Facebook and Twitter. If you like what you see, tell your friends. We're posting interesting and educational information, and you can help monitor the comments people make.

If you see erroneous information about Zola Levitt Ministries on the Internet, you might post a correction or let the staff know (staff@levitt.com).

I'm **not** suggesting vigilanteism! Please, don't attack Wikipedia or anyone else on our behalf. But correcting errors makes the Internet a better place.

This is not about ZLM being popular. It's about *not* hiding your light under a bushel (Mt. 5:15, Mk. 4:21, Lk. 11:33). If you've gained from this ministry, tell someone about it and bless them by keeping it accurate. ★





Blogging On Zola Tours

In concert with this ministry's push into social media, Fall Tour pastors Myles and Katharine Weiss periodically posted a blog (short for "web log"). Had you known about it—and now you do!—you could have been privy to the information excerpted below *weeks ago*. During the next tours (check dates on the back page), log on to blog.Levitt.com to share events as our pilgrims experience them.

Athens Blog for October 19, 2011

Greetings from sunny Athens where the clouds of economic insecurity hover over the entire area.

Today we had an amazing opportunity to be on the frontlines of the story unfolding here in Greece. The TV crew and I went to Constitution Square and taped the events that are rocking this country and garnering world attention.



As the crowds swelled to thousands of marching, disgruntled Greeks, the demonstrations illustrated yet another instance of the news headlines "catching up" to the Bible. The perplexity displayed here strongly pictures the fate of man without trust in God.



We documented the evidence of Scripture prophecies being fulfilled—we were actually in the midst of "wars and rumors of wars"—in this case, war in the heavens playing out on this earthly plane. Anger and grief permeated the demonstrators' chants and saturated every interview. Oddly though, no one could give a cogent account of how Greece fell into such disar-



ray. There was blame galore (the government, the bankers, the president, greed, other countries), but no clear explanation of the current economic slide and certainly no solutions suggested!

Notably, when I asked various interviewees if they considered that there might be a spiritual connection to the mess, I was met with blank stares and requests for clarification that could not be attributed to language barriers.



The folks on the street uniformly expressed a lack of interest in and connection to any spiritual relationship with everyday life. There is plenty of "religion" here: church buildings and historical documentation regarding the presence of Christianity, but no felt need to be personally involved with the Creator. Like Athens of old, idols decorate shops on every corner and the Greek pantheon of gods can be seen everywhere as well.

There is an eerie sense that time has stood still, and the issues that Paul faced in the first century are still prevalent in modern Greece. The "isms" of man have utterly failed, leaving the people without a human solution to their quandary. ★

Vindicated: Ridiculed Israeli Scientist Wins Nobel

When Israeli scientist Dan Shechtman (rt) claimed to have stumbled upon a new crystalline chemical structure that seemed to violate the laws of nature, colleagues mocked him, insulted him, and exiled him from his U.S. research group.

After years in the scientific wilderness, though, he was proved right. And in October, he received the ultimate vindication: the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

The lesson?

"A good scientist is a humble and listening scientist and not one that is sure 100 percent in what he reads in the textbooks," Shechtman said. The shy, 70-year-old Shechtman said he never doubted his findings and considered himself merely the latest in a long line of scientists who advanced their fields by challenging the conventional wisdom and were shunned by the establishment because of it.

In 1982, Shechtman discovered what are now called "quasicrystals"—atoms arranged in patterns that seemed forbidden by nature.

The discovery "fundamentally altered how chemists conceive of solid matter," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the \$1.5 million prize.

Since his discovery, quasicrystals have been produced in laboratories, and a Swedish company found them in one of the most durable kinds of steel, which is now used in products such as razor blades and thin needles made specifically for eye surgery, the academy said. Quasicrystals are also being studied for use in new materials that convert heat to electricity.

Shechtman is a professor at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel. "Every citizen of Israel is happy today and every Jew in the world is proud," said Israeli Prime

By Aron Heller
Associated Press



Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I told everyone who was ready to listen that I had material with pentagonal symmetry. People just laughed at me," Shechtman said in an account released by his university.

Shechtman, who also teaches at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, said he never wavered even in the face of stiff criticism from double Nobel winner Linus Pauling, who never accepted Shechtman's findings.

Shechtman's battle "eventually forced scientists to reconsider their conception of the very nature of matter," the academy said.

Nancy B. Jackson, president of the American Chemical Society, called Shechtman's breakthrough "one of these great scientific discoveries that go against the rules." Only later did some scientists go back to some of their own inexplicable findings and realize they had seen quasicrystals without understanding what they were looking at, Jackson said.

"Anytime you have a discovery that changes the conventional wisdom that's 200 years old, that's something that's really remarkable," said Princeton University physicist Paul J. Steinhardt, who coined the term "quasicrystals" and had been doing theoretical work on them before Shechtman reported finding the real thing. Steinhardt recalled the day a fellow scientist showed him Shechtman's paper in 1984: "I sort of leapt in the air." ★

There are times when only God Himself knows what is in our heart and He alone is our advocate. However, it is very satisfying to see good work duly noted and rewarded! —Myles

Muslims Want Cross Removed From Swiss Flag



By Soeren Kern, www.Hudson-NY.org

An immigrant group based in Bern has called for the emblematic white cross to be removed from the Swiss national flag because as a Christian symbol it “no longer corresponds to today’s multicultural Switzerland.”

Ivica Petrusic of a lobbying group that represents mostly Muslim second-generation foreigners says the group is asking Swiss citizens to consider adopting a flag that is less offensive to Muslim immigrants.

In the Swiss newspaper *Aargauer Zeitung*, Petrusic said the cross has a Christian background and with Switzerland’s religious and cultural diversity, Switzerland needs new symbols with which everyone, including non-Christians, can identify. As an alternative to the current Swiss flag, Petrusic proposed the former flag of the Helvetic Republic, officially introduced in 1799. Similar to the flags of Bolivia and Ghana, it would “represent a more progressive and open-minded Switzerland,”

Petrusic said. The proposal to change the Swiss flag has been met with outrage across the political spectrum and is sure to fuel anti-immigrant sentiments in Switzerland.

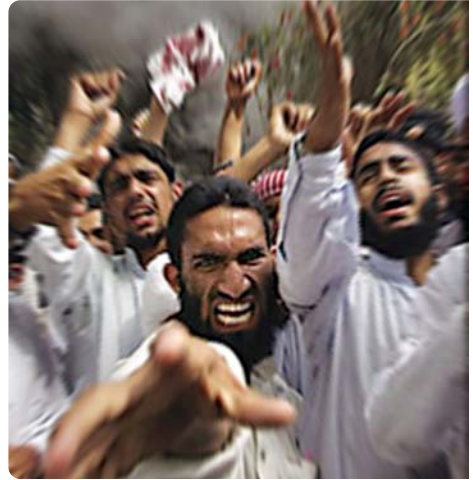
(Conservative) Swiss People’s Party (SVP): “Totally unacceptable. The next thing you know, they will demand even more, that we change our constitution.”

(Center-right) Christian Democrats (CVP): “The Swiss flag is part of Swiss identity, precisely because it is inviting for all to want to be involved ... even the immigrants.”



(Libertarian) Free Democrats (FDP): “This is utter nonsense. The Swiss cross is an extremely successful and valuable global brand. It is a symbol of success and quality. We will tightly hold on to it, out of love for Switzerland.”

The Muslim population in Switzerland has more than quintupled since 1980, and now numbers about 400,000, or roughly 5% of the population. Most Muslims living in Switzerland are of Turkish or Balkan origin, with a smaller minority from the Arab world. Many of them are second- and third-generation immigrants who are now firmly establishing themselves in Switzerland.



The new Muslim demographic reality is raising tensions across large parts of Swiss society, especially as Muslims become more assertive in their demands for greater recognition of their Islamic faith. (This is their method of global conquest.) <http://wp.me/pieUD-10E>

The ensuing controversies are fueling a debate over the role of Islam in Swiss society and how to reconcile Western values with a growing immigrant population determined to avoid assimilation.

This is not surprising. Muslim doctrine includes both the concept of *dawah* (the cultural influence on a host society while the Muslim population is small) AND jihad (the military subjugation of infidels when the Muslim population attains sufficient numbers). Non-Muslim nations need to wake up and push back. Hopefully, Switzerland is. —Myles ★

2,000-Year-Old Labyrinth Hid Jews From Roman Soldiers

By Rose Parker, www.DailyMail.co.uk

It is a long journey down into the dark, and into the depths of history. But it certainly isn't a trip for the claustrophobic. The ancient tunnels near the Sea of Galilee in Israel are so tight that they are almost impassable in places.



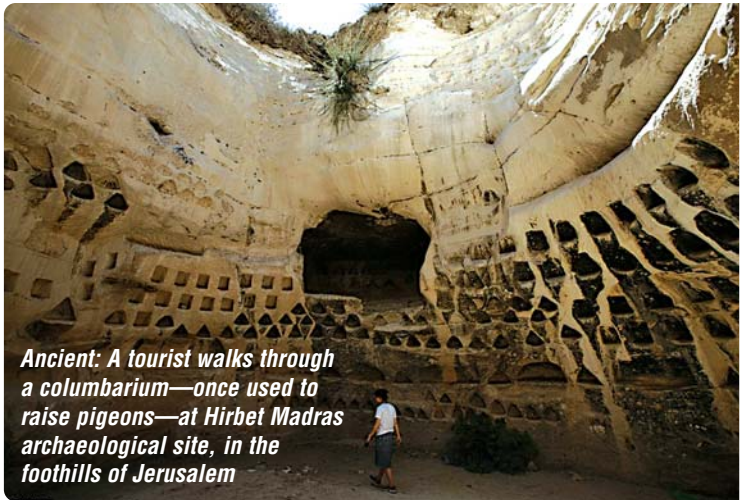
The sprawling underground labyrinth was dug by Jewish rebels fighting the Roman Empire and offers a haunting insight into how the Jewish rebels lived and fought in 70 AD, and again decades later under leader Bar Kokhba. It is a fascinating part of history that attracts visitors from across Israel but is virtually unknown to foreigners.

Cavers crawl along with the complex illuminated by light from a head torch. The system was once reached through trap doors in Jewish villages, now mostly archaeological sites or destroyed. Today, they may be no more than an indistinct, shoulder-width opening in the ground or hillside.

The intrepid may have to crawl, even slither for a few minutes through a pitch-black burrow too cramped for a fully armed Roman legionary. Turns can be so tight that cavers may have to back up to a spot where they can flip from head to feet first in order to continue.

Along the way are niches that once held oil lamps, and carvings in the rock. There are expansive columbaria, with hundreds of holes in the wall once used to raise pigeons, and decorated storerooms.

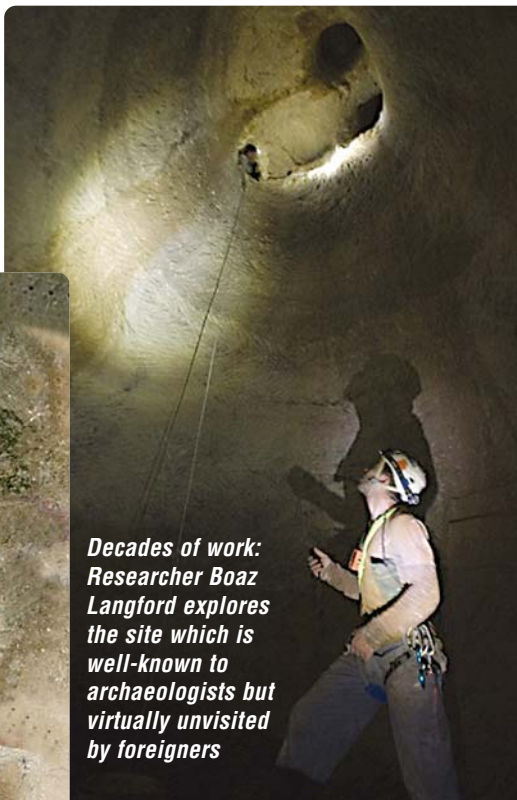
For decades Amos Frumkin, a professor at the Geography Department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem who heads the school's Cave Research Unit, and his team have explored and mapped newly discovered systems. They have found ancient weapons, trap doors, and olive presses during their surveys.



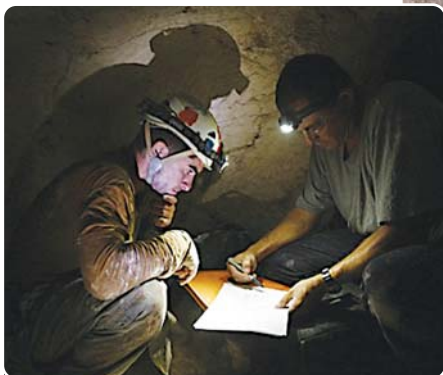
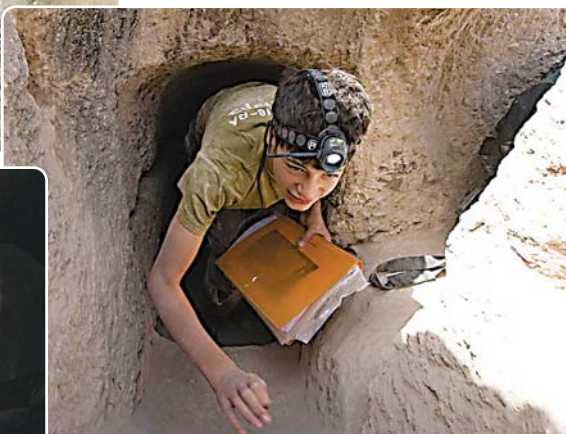
Ancient: A tourist walks through a columbarium—once used to raise pigeons—at Hirbet Madras archaeological site, in the foothills of Jerusalem

Earlier caves have been found farther north in the Galilee, where team members were called to explore a tunnel system found just a few months ago. Archaeologists had uncovered what they thought was a standard water cistern, but later noticed it had narrow crawl spaces shooting off its base.

Researchers have also mapped many of the cavern hideouts that dot the cliffside of Mount Arbel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Roman historian Josephus described how King Herod lowered his men in chests from the cliff to the cave openings and, using fire, overtook the rebels. ★



Decades of work: Researcher Boaz Langford explores the site which is well-known to archaeologists but virtually unvisited by foreigners



Daylight: The caverns were once illuminated by oil lamps but visitors now use head torches to find their way through the maze



Media Ignore Hate Crime In St. Louis

By Jamie Glazov, www.PajamasMedia.com

Alaa Alsaegh, an immigrant to the U.S. from Iraq, was attacked in August by Muslims in the streets of St. Louis, Missouri. They stabbed him and carved a Star of David into his back. His crime? He published an Arabic language poem on the website ArabsForIsrael.com. The poem expressed his love for the Jewish people and his sorrow over their fate in the Holocaust. The Muslim community in which he lived was outraged. He was called an infidel and received threats for articulating his taboo feelings for the Jewish people. Alienated from the Muslim community, he continued to write his poetry, with the same themes that so upset his fellow Muslims.



In broad daylight and heavy traffic, Alsaegh paid the price for expressing love for the Jews. And it happened **right in the heart of America**. Author and courageous freedom fighter Nonie Darwish described the horrific event as his car was cut off by two cars whose occupants entered Alsaegh's car, stabbed him, and carved the Star of David on his back while laughing as they recited his pro-Jewish poem.

Alsaegh thought that the perpetrators were Somalis; he was taken to the hospital where the photo of his injury was taken.

The FBI has concluded that this was a hate crime. Question: apart from the Nonie Darwish article and a handful of other reports, where exactly is this horrific story of *sharia* street justice in America being reported? It is **nowhere in the media**.

Rodney King became a household name. The inhabitants of one American city rioted over what happened to that man.

Will Alaa Alsaegh become a household name? Will the inhabitants of an American city riot over his case? We know the answers to these questions.

Three more questions:

1. What if Alaa Alsaegh was a Muslim who was attacked in St. Louis by Christians who carved a cross on his back? Do you think this story would make it into the media?
2. What if Alaa Alsaegh was a black man, attacked by skinheads who carved KKK or a swastika onto his back? Do you think this story would make it into the media?
3. What if Alaa Alsaegh was a Jew who expressed love of Muslims and was attacked for that by Jews who carved a star and crescent moon onto his back? Do you think the story would make it into the media?

We know the obvious answer to those three questions. We also know that not only would these scenarios lead to mass media coverage worldwide and spark anti-American hysteria, scenarios 1 and 3 would most certainly lead not just to U.S. congressional committee investigations, but also to entire UN commissions.

Why are our media silent when a Muslim infidel has a Star of David carved on his back in a hate crime perpetrated by Muslims? Why is the literary culture silent? Where is Hollywood? Why is even our own president silent? ★

Canada Gets Tough On Anti-Semitism



By Avi Benlolo, www.HuffingtonPost.ca

The government of Canada took an historic step this fall by signing the Ottawa Protocol to Combat Anti-Semitism. By doing so, it recognized anti-Semitism as a pernicious evil and a global threat against the Jewish people, the State of Israel, and free, democratic countries everywhere. As Prime Minister Stephen Harper has noted, **“Those who would hate and destroy the Jewish people would ultimately hate and destroy the rest of us as well.”**

The protocol is a declaration that hatred of this nature will not be tolerated in Canada. It sets out an action plan for supporting initiatives that combat anti-Semitism, and provides a framework for other nations to follow.

It also sets out a vibrant definition of anti-Semitism which, for the first time in history, links anti-Semitism to the denial of the right Jewish people have to their ancestral homeland—the State of Israel. This, in fact, is what sets post-World War II anti-Semitism apart from its historic roots. Today’s anti-Semitism is all about denial: denial of the legitimacy of Zionism as a Jewish movement to reclaim the Land of Israel; denial of a Jewish history in connection to the Holy Land and, in particular, the centrality of Jerusalem to the Jewish people; denial of the Holocaust (while at the same time accusing Jews of Nazism); and denial of Jews to live free of anti-Semitism, hate, and intolerance.

In announcing the Protocols, Foreign Minister John Baird expressed his government’s unequivocal support for the State of Israel. In referring to recent turmoil at the United Nations and the Palestinian threat to unilaterally declare a state, Baird

said, “Canada will not stand behind Israel at the United Nations, we will stand right beside it. It is never a bad thing to do the right thing.”

But the fight against anti-Semitism must be won in Canada as well. The Ottawa Protocol is mostly the result of a report published last summer by a Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism that probed the increasing and alarming tide of anti-Semitism in Canada.

A letter accompanying the report said, “The Inquiry Panel’s conclusion, unfortunately, is that the scourge of anti-Semitism is a growing threat in Canada, especially on the campuses of our universities.” The report cited numerous examples of anti-Semitism on various campuses.

Universities should put an immediate end to hateful and fallacious events like Israeli Apartheid Week; they should state unequivocally that freedom of speech should not be abused to provide a cover for anti-Semitism.

The Ottawa Protocol to Combat Anti-Semitism is a template for every Canadian to consider. But it is especially a document of significance for universities that have allowed themselves to become vehicles of hatred and complicit in its promotion. Every person of conscience should take note of the Ottawa Protocols and never forget the lessons of the Holocaust when the world was silent. ★



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“Immanuel”—Faith Establishes the Sign By John J. Parsons

אם לא תאמינו כי לא תאמנו

If ye will not believe, ye shall not be established (Isaiah 7:9)

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In the days of the divided kingdom, faithless King Ahaz of Judah fearfully anticipated an invasion by Syria and Israel (Isa. 7:1-2). All of Judah trembled with him. Was Judah done for? Was the vision of Zion to be lost? But what about the Lord’s covenant with King David and the promise that David’s house and kingdom would be *made sure* forever? (2 Sam. 7:16)

Interestingly, the qualifier *made sure* comes from the Hebrew verb *‘aman* (from which the word “amen” is derived), which means “to be reliable, to support.” In other words, the House of David was made secure in the covenantal promise of the Lord.

In response to this crisis, the Lord sent the prophet Isaiah and his son to the king to proclaim the message of deliverance (Isa.7:3-9). The phrase *im lo ta’aminu, ki lo tei’ameinu* employs a play on the Hebrew verb *‘aman*. The House of David will indeed be established (*‘aman*), but only through faith (*emunah*—the noun form of *‘aman*) in the promise of the Lord. That is, the House of David will be established only *by faith*.

King Ahaz’s faith was tested. The Lord offered him a sign to establish His word, but he balked. Therefore the Lord gave a sign of His own accord: A young woman would bear a child and call his name *Immanu ‘El* (“God with us”), but before the boy would know how to tell good from evil, the enemies of David (both Syria and Israel) would be taken captive by Assyria. Therefore, understand that the covenant made with King David was indeed sure (*‘aman*), and God Himself would establish his throne through the giving of a Child of Promise.

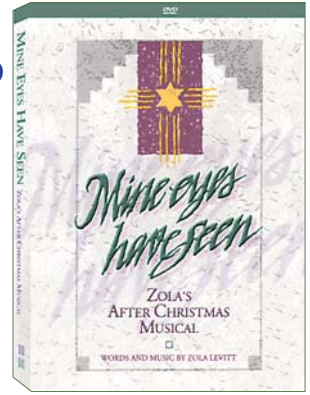
Yeshua the Messiah is the promised “Son of David” whom the earthly Immanuel merely foreshadowed (Matt. 1:23). He is the rightful King of Judah whose house and kingdom will never end (Luke 1:31-33).

As Immanu ‘El, Yeshua is indeed the true Presence of God among His people. The kingdom of God is established within you when you put your faith in Him.



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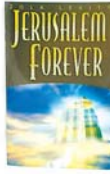
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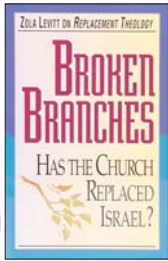
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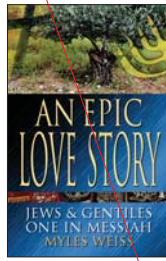
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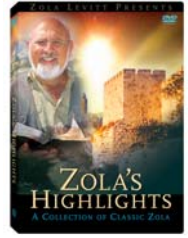
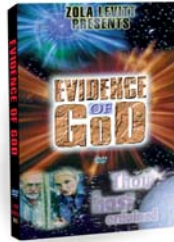


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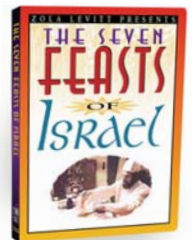
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Israel's 9/11 Memorial

In September 2001, crowds of Muslims in numerous nations passed out candy and danced in the streets to celebrate the treacherous destruction of the World Trade Center. Israel's Jewish National Fund, known for planting trees in Israel, dedicated a "Living Memorial" on November 12, 2009.

You can see highlights of the opening ceremony and learn more in the four-minute video at <http://wp.me/pieUD-13n>. Anyone who doubts that Israel is a staunch ally of the U.S. should see this.

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Yeshua beckons us to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).



"Come Home!"

Zola's
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9/11 Charities and Pudding



By Mark Levitt

a note
from mark

As you read the excerpts below from a recent Associated Press article, please note the contrast between failed charities and the prudent stewardship with which this ministry is managed to the glory of God.

Some 9/11 Charities Failed Miserably

By Brett Blackledge and David Caruso

Americans eager to give after the 9/11 terrorist attacks poured \$1.5 billion into hundreds of charities established to serve the victims, their families, and their memories. But a decade later, an Associated Press investigation shows that many of those nonprofits have failed miserably.

There are those that spent huge sums on themselves, those that cannot account for the money they received, those that have few results to show for their spending, and those that have yet to file required income tax returns. Yet many of the charities continue to raise money in the name of September 11.

One charity raised more than \$700,000 for a giant memorial quilt, but there is no quilt. Another raised more than \$4 million to help victims, but didn't account publicly for how it spent all of the money. A third helps support a 9/11 flag sold by the founder's for-profit company.

There are other charities that can account for practically every penny raised—except that all the money went to pay for fund-raising, and not the intended mission.

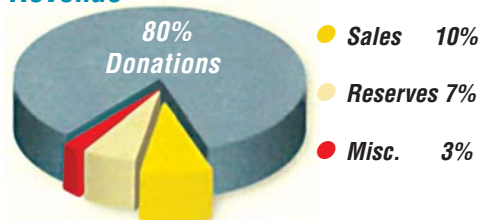
In virtually every category of 9/11 nonprofit, an AP analysis of tax documents and other official records uncovered schemes beset with shady dealings, questionable expenses, and dubious intentions. Many of those still raising money are small, founded by people with no experience running a nonprofit.

Most of the 9/11 charities fulfilled their missions, but the AP analysis found dozens that struggled, fell short of their promises or did more to help their founders than those affected by the terrorist attacks.

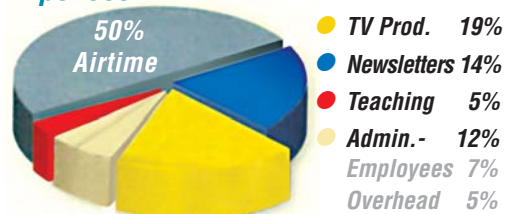
Now for the good news about Zola Levitt Ministries. We don't spend huge sums on ourselves. An independent audit assures each year that we account for all funds received and spent. ZLM has filed a tax return for every year since 1979, and you're welcome to a copy. We spend less than 1% of our revenue on raising funds. Though this ministry is small, we're highly experienced and efficient—not only our staff but also our suppliers.

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From K.T. (OK): A friend who has studied the feasts referred me to your website. I am now teaching them to 1st–6th graders at my church.

From G.McD. (TX): Our fifteen-year-old son faithfully awaits the monthly *Levitt Letter*. The *Letters* remain on a table in our living room for our entire family and visitors to enjoy. Thank you for the dedicated work you put into creating the *Letters*. Blessings.

From S.H. (Canada): Thank you for what you are doing in this ministry and for walking what you teach: Freely given, freely give. I learned of this ministry when I was unemployed, and I was able to download a lot of free teachings from your website. Now that I am working, I want to keep my promise (to the Lord) to give offerings to this ministry so that others can benefit from it. Please give part of this offering to Tents of Mercy in Israel (as I am impressed to help Eitan Shishkoff's ministry).

From T.K. (ME): Please use this donation to support Zvi Rivai's son.



Praise Report: Sandra wrote a sweet tribute to our beloved Israel tour guide, Zvi Rivai (may God rest his soul). You can see it on page 4 of the August *Levitt Letter* (<http://www.levitt.com/newsletters/2011-08.pdf>). On that page, we offered to forward contributions to care for Zvi's 2-year-old son, Joel. The gifts totaled \$5,459, and Tracie delivered a check for the full amount to Joel's mother during the fall tour. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" (James 1:27).

—Mark

This makes me proud (in the *kosher* sense of that word) to be associated with ZLM. What a *mitzvah* (good deed, blessing, in accordance with Scripture)!

—Myles

Yoel/Joel
Zvi's son



From A.W. (AR): I receive the *Levitt Letter* and I download your shows onto my iPod. Thank you so much for helping me to understand the Jewish people. I love the *Psalms of Ascent* series. Thank you so much for all you do!

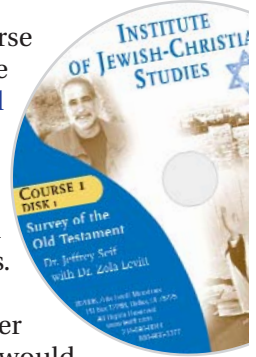
From J.H. (NJ): I love the clear biblical teaching from *Zola Levitt Presents!* Thank you for making your resources and TV presentations accessible.

From R.W. (WI): Could you offer your correspondence course *The Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies* on Kindle, or online in maybe a pdf format? [These are audio courses.](#) But good suggestion; we'll work on it. —Webmaster (*Also see page 17.*)

From M.G. (MI): I devour your *Levitt Letter* from cover to cover and enjoy it immensely. I pray that my small donation will multiply your ministry. God bless you for your faithfulness.

From J.E. (MI): I am so glad to have found your website after watching *Psalms of Ascent*. I knew that somehow the Lord would guide me to the information that I have been looking for. God bless all of you.

From R.R. (CT): I was raised Jewish and have recently accepted Jesus as my Messiah. I want to grow in my faith and be able to witness to other people, and I want to raise my children as Believers who understand their Jewish roots. I am blessed to have found you.



Scripture is Trustworthy

Dear ZLM,

I read Zola's *A Christian Love Story* in which he concludes that the Rapture will happen on Rosh Hashanah or Feast of Trumpets, with Jesus' Bride (the Church) being taken prior to the seven-year Tribulation. This is, in essence, our "wedding day." However, I have a friend who says that Jewish weddings are only permitted on certain days and Rosh Hashanah is not one of them. Is this true? Wouldn't Zola have known this?

She has now concluded that from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur are 40 days. So, she is saying that the wedding of the Church cannot coincide with Rosh Hashanah, which Zola's book states is the next festival to be celebrated if Jesus continues His pattern. We know that Jesus abides with the Jewish laws. Is my friend incorrect? I was excited after reading your book because it made so much so clear, and now she has caused me skepticism in your teachings. Please help! —C.W. (OH)

Dear C.W.—

Though no Jewish weddings may be scheduled on Rosh Hashanah, no set dogma in Rabbinic Judaism prohibits marriages during the Ten Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Some Jews permit it, others do not. Furthermore, your friend errs when basing the biblical doctrine of the Rapture on spotty rabbinic tradition and incorrect chronologies: we must let Scripture interpret Scripture.

With that said, Zola's prophetic forecast for the Rapture possibly coinciding with the Feast of Trumpets remains intact. A clear reading of Leviticus 23:23–27 shows that there are only ten days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement, not forty! —Todd



The Apostle Paul a Roman Spy?

Dear Todd,

Historians on *The Naked Archaeologist* TV show claim that the Apostle Paul was really a Roman spy and that in 1945 they found manuscripts referring to this. I refuse to believe this. —D.R.

Dear D.R.—

Continue your refusal. This is a ridiculous theory with no proof. Paul was a Pharisee and a rabbi. He was saved by a supernatural encounter with Yeshua on the road to Damascus as related in Acts 9. The theory about the Apostle Paul is so absurd that it almost doesn't deserve a response. This fabricated "Paul" is borne out of anti-supernatural secularism and is just another satanic attempt to explain away the biblical Paul as he was changed and transformed by Yeshua the Messiah. —Todd



Timing of End-Time Battles

Dear Todd,

When does the battle of Gog and Magog take place? Is it before the Rapture of the Church? During the Tribulation? After the Millennium? It seems as if it may be soon with the nations aligning themselves against Israel right now; however, some believe that Revelation 20:8 indicates that it will occur after the 1,000 years of peace.

—E.N.

Dear E.N.—

The battle of Gog and Magog will take place right before the seven-year Tribulation since they will be burying bodies and weapons for a full seven years after the battle, which nicely corresponds with the entire length of Daniel's 70th week (Ezekiel 39:9). The battle in Ezekiel 38–39 will involve only a group of nations who will invade Israel; whereas the battle in Revelation 20 will involve a worldwide rebellion against the Messiah Himself and will take place near the end of the 1,000-year reign of Jesus. For these reasons, the two battles are distinctly different. —Todd

Rita Cosby Interviews Raj about Border Security
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAclGx-nxdl>



Not A Computer Person

Dear Editor,

I received my September *Levitt Letter* and, as usual, couldn't wait to read it. I can't tell you how upset I was when at least two articles referred me to the Internet to read the rest of them.

Do you think all your readers and supporters are young and have computers? I'm 76 years old and a widow. I don't like being left hanging because I can't read the rest of the article.

—R.K. (SC)

Dear R.K.—

Thank you for your feedback. When massive postal rate increases forced us to reduce the size of the *Levitt Letter*, I wondered how we would fit articles from other publications into our smaller format. Giving a brief overview in the *Levitt Letter* and then referring readers to levitt.com if they were interested in more information seemed like a good solution. It usually works.

The articles you mention (*Islam: The Ultimate Obsessive-Compulsive Religion* and *Israel is Sitting Pretty*) were too long and too good to reduce, so I tried to tempt readers to visit the website to finish them. Many did. My own mother is 90 and pretty good at getting around online once we bookmark her favorite sites. Perhaps you have a friend or family member who could be of similar help by bringing a small computer when they visit so that you two could experience www.levitt.com together.

Our ministry realizes that not everyone has access to the Internet. We do our best to accommodate them; but we also must inspire those who spend oodles of time online to explore our website. Especially since we can't fit all of our teaching and biblical commentary into two monthly newsletters. —Editor ★

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Honor Killings Moving West

By Michelle Goldberg

Newsweek/TheDailyBeast.com

Forced marriage and honor violence are often viewed in the West as backward customs relegated to impoverished developing nations. But a spate of gruesome honor killings in the UK, and new research about the prevalence of underage marriage in the U.S., show that this kind of violence against women is widespread. In 2005, the British government's Home Office and Foreign Office launched a joint Forced Marriage Unit to address these crimes, and in 2010 it handled 1,700 cases of forced marriage.



Perhaps the most high-profile honor-violence case in Britain is the tragic 2006 killing of **Banaz Mahmud**. An Iraqi Kurd living in South London, Banaz entered into an arranged marriage at the age of 16 to a man who allegedly raped and beat her. Two years later, fleeing the union, she returned to her family and fell in love with another man. Enraged, her uncle, father, and other members of the Kurdish community called a council to discuss killing Banaz and her new boyfriend to protect the family name. Knowing that her life was in danger, Mahmud reported the death threats to the police but was too terrified to move to a safe house. But after a brazen murder attempt by her father—that Banaz recounted to disbelieving police officers—she decided to cooperate in pressing charges against her family. She never got the chance. Several days later, a gang of men, including two cousins, reportedly trapped Banaz in her home, tortured and raped her, and strangled her with a shoelace before stuffing her body into a suitcase and abandoning it in another town. The two cousins immediately fled to Iraq, thinking they would be safe abroad. Eventually, the Metropolitan Police tracked them down and they became the first-ever honor-killing suspects to be extradited to Britain.

“There is legislation that exclusively addresses this issue in developing countries, but there’s an absence of similar legislation addressing this issue domestically,” says Julia Alanen, founder of the Global Justice Initiative, a Washington, D.C.–based organization. Even though the State Department considers forced marriage a violation of human rights and, when involving minors, a form of child abuse, “there’s no awareness of the practice here in the U.S.,” Alanen says.

Few social-service agencies, in fact, know how to intervene in such situations. The laws in many states—written without forced marriage in mind—are more concerned with parental consent; they generally don’t require the consent of the young people themselves. Often parents will take children out of the country to marry them off—not an illegal practice. In some cases, there has been clear violence or the threat of violence, which allows agencies to interfere.

The 500 responses to a nationwide survey of people and organizations that might have encountered forced marriage—from law enforcement and religious leaders to legal advocates and social-service providers—suggest a widespread knowledge that forced marriage is occurring in America, and an equally widespread lack of resources to deal with it. Only 16 percent felt that their organizations were properly equipped to help victims. ★



“Benefits” of Sharia Law:
1. Fewer Adulterous Women

Refusing to Kill Their Gang-Raped Child

By Frank Crimi, FrontPageMag.com

A Pakistani family is now under brutal assault for refusing to murder their daughter for being a victim of rape. This underscores Pakistan's role as the world epicenter of "honor killings."

Kainat Soomro was 13-years old when she was kidnapped in 2007 and viciously gang raped for three days by four Muslim men. While fortunate to finally escape her captors, Kainat's ordeal was just beginning. Despite being the victim of rape, Kainat was instead declared to be a *kari*, or "black female," by tribal elders in her town for having sex outside of marriage. Kainat's family was expected to commit an honor killing.

However, despite the pressure to murder Kainat, her family refused. Instead, her family sought to have Kainat's rapists prosecuted for their heinous acts. Unhappily for the Soomro family, their decision subjected the family to years of sustained attacks and beatings by fellow Muslims that eventually drove the Soomros into a grim state of poverty.

Unfortunately, Kainat's rapists were acquitted in May 2010 after a local judge declared her testimony as an "alleged rape survivor" to be insufficient. A month later, Kainat's brother was murdered by unknown assailants, ostensibly for the sin of defending his sister. Sadly, the decision by the Soomros to

resist community efforts and not kill their daughter remains the exception to the rule in Pakistan. The sad reality is that more often than not, Pakistani families stand ready to murder their wives and daughters for any "damage" they may have done to the perceived "honor" of the family. That "damage" can occur when a woman has the misfortune of being raped, marries a man of her own choosing, has any contact with an unrelated male, dates a Christian, openly flirts, or adopts Western ways of dress and behavior.

According to the United Nations, about 5,000 honor killings take place each year, most of which take place in Muslim countries in the Middle East and South Asia. Pakistan accounts for nearly 20 percent of those killings, nearly 1,000 a year, the most of any nation.

According to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), 46% of all female murders in Pakistan are considered to be honor killings. Pakistan's penal code treats honor killings as murder, but also allows the family of the victim to pardon the murderer, who is usually a relative who committed the murder on the family's behalf.

As Gulnar Tabussum, spokeswoman for Women's Action Forum said, "The status of women is low and brutality is growing." ★

This is normal obedience to the Koran for many Muslims. My wife and I often ask each other,

"WHERE ARE THE FEMINISTS?"
That usually vocal group is alarmingly silent on issues of Muslim abuse of women. Heart-breaking. Speak up, women, please!
 —Myles



3. Respectful Children



2. More Obedient Women

Outrage Over Polish “Jihad” Banner

www.news.com.au

Anti-racism groups have called on European football’s governing body UEFA to punish Polish club Legia Warsaw after fans brandished a “Jihad” banner during a Europa League match against Israeli side Hapoel Tel Aviv.

“This is yet another case of anti-Semitic behavior by extremist groups active in Polish football stadiums, and it could have been predicted,” said Rafal Pankowski of the campaign group Never Again.

At the start of the game in Warsaw—which Legia won 3–2—a group of fans unfurled a huge banner stretching across three blocks of a stand.

Written in Arabic-style letters, it read “Jihad Legia.” The banner was green, which is one of Legia’s colors but also that of Islamist groups.

“Some Legia fans have been known for anti-Semitic and extreme-right behavior for years and they had a chance to express their hatred of Jews again when Legia played an Israeli team, this time adopting a pseudo-Islamist guise,” added Pankowski, who runs the UEFA-backed Football

Against Racism in Europe network.

Mirosław Starczewski, deputy head of security at Poland’s PZPN football association, said Legia could be hit hard by UEFA. “Legia should pay the price for this,” Starczewski said. “A fine is the most likely penalty. And UEFA may even ban Legia fans from the second leg in Tel Aviv.” Legia’s away game in the Israeli city is scheduled for December 15.

Under its disciplinary rules, UEFA could levy a fine of up to a million euros (\$1.4 million). The club’s spokesman Michał Kocieba said Legia is investigating. “We certainly didn’t approve the display of this banner,” he said. Stadium racism and hooliganism are in sharp focus in Poland ahead of the 2012 European Championships, which the country will host along with neighboring Ukraine.

“It can be expected that UEFA will take this case seriously, in light of its efforts to tackle racism and anti-Semitism in Euro 2012 host countries,” said Pankowski.

Far-right and anti-Semitic banners and slogans are notably shocking given Poland’s World War II history, when millions perished at the hands of occupying Nazi Germany, including the overwhelming majority of Europe’s Jews. ★



Progress In Diagnosis Of Bladder Cancer

The indignity and discomfort faced by bladder cancer patients may top the long and unpleasant list of cancer-related woes. Diagnosing and monitoring the disease is done via an optical device called a cystoscope inserted into the bladder through the urethra. Patients with transitional cell carcinoma (TCC), the most common form of the disease, are supposed to undergo cystoscopy every three months to detect recurrence—but the pain, potential urinary tract infections, and bleeding keep many people from these crucial follow-up visits.

A novel answer to the problem is on the horizon. An imaging system developed by the Israeli company RealView can be inserted into the urinary bladder in a one-time procedure, enabling long-term monitoring of TCC without the pain and indignity.

The device contains an image sensor, transmitter, energy source, and orientation actuator that allows the sensor to be shifted from the outside—all packed inside a miniature capsule with a soft silicon shell, which protects the equipment and the patient.

“This is not like ultrasound,” says **Dr. Amos Neheman**, (*top*) co-founder and medical director of RealView. “The images produced by our device are full-color, high-resolution photos that let doctors see the status of the bladder area exactly. The physician can guide and navigate the capsule’s position for accurate visualization of the bladder’s interior. RealView’s proprietary image-processing algorithms ‘stitch’ the images together for a 360-degree view.”

The advantages go way beyond patient comfort. “Doctors get a significantly more accurate and comprehensive visual inspection of the interior bladder wall and can implement a more rigorous and effective monitoring regime, with more patient compliance, as patients are less likely to avoid

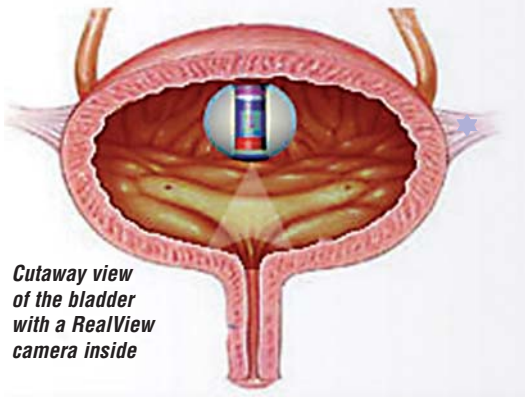
By David Shamah
www.Israel21c.org



Dr. Amos Neheman

follow-up treatments,” Neheman says.

Once inside the body, the capsule may remain in place for up to two years, a critical time period because of the high chances of recurrence. In order to view the images, the doctor places a navigation and detection system next to the patient. The capsule transmits high-quality images to an external recording device for viewing, processing, and storing for future comparison purposes. The procedure is completely non-invasive.

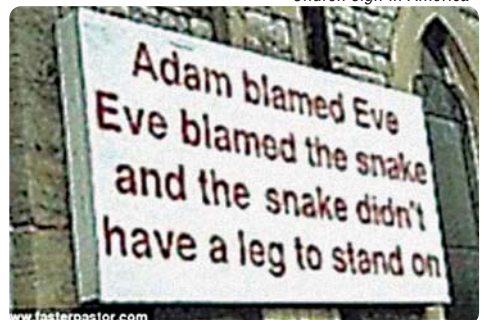


Cutaway view of the bladder with a RealView camera inside

The high rate of recurrence among TCC patients (40%–70%) and the risk for disease progression and metastasis necessitate regular monitoring.

More proof for my “Thank God For The Jews!” essay in last month’s Levitt Letter. God has allowed our people to be a significant blessing to all the Earth, which makes anti-Semitism ever more tragic. —Myles

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Syrian Response To Foreign Intervention

www.Telegraph.co.uk

Syria will strike Israel and “set fire” to the Middle East if foreign forces choose to launch a military strike on the protest-ridden country.

“If a crazy measure is taken against Damascus, I will need not more than 6 hours to transfer hundreds of rockets and missiles to the Golan Heights to fire them at Tel Aviv,” Syrian President Bashar Assad said.

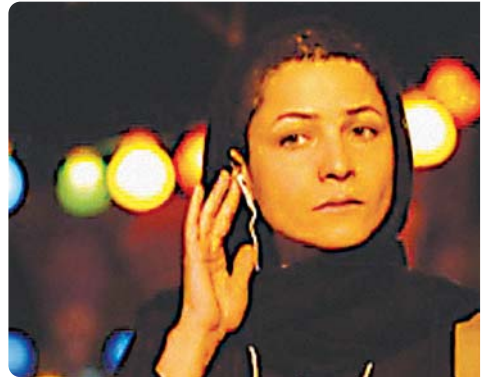
In addition, Assad told the Turkish Foreign Minister that he would also call on Hezbollah in Lebanon to launch a rocket attack on Israel, adding: “All these events will happen in three hours, but in the second three hours, Iran will attack the U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf and the U.S. and European interests will be targeted simultaneously.”

Assad’s comments to the Turkish FM came after Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that he would set out his country’s plans for sanctions against Syria after a visit to a Syrian refugee camp near the border. That move heralds a further deterioration in previously friendly relations between Ankara and Damascus since the start of Assad’s crackdown on protesters.

Iran Sentences Actress To 90 Lashes

By Emanuelle Degli Esposti
<http://uk.IBTimes.com>

The news that Iranian actress **Marzieh Vafamehr** has been sentenced to a year in jail and 90 lashes for her role in a film about the limits imposed on artists in the Islamic Republic speaks of a dangerous level of censorship and intolerance in Iran.



Vafamehr was arrested in July 2011 after appearing in *My Tehran for Sale*, which tells the story of a young actress in Tehran whose theatre work is banned by the authorities.

Ironically, the sentence seems to make Vafamehr’s fate parallel that of her character in the film, and has angered opposition groups and activists campaigning for an end to censorship in Iran.

The Islamic Republic monitors and controls most forms of media and art, and the country’s press situation is ranked as “very serious” by Reporters Without Borders, the worst ranking on their five-point scale.

Two Iranian filmmakers were arrested the previous month after being accused of providing reports to the BBC.

Most Israeli Arabs Are “Proud To Be Israeli”

ElderOfZiyon.blogspot.com

Israeli Democracy Index 2011 survey released their results recently. One question they asked was intriguing: **How proud are you to be an Israeli?**

Among Jews, the vast majority—nearly 88%—said they were either “very proud” or “quite proud” to be Israeli.

But the Arab response was positive as well. 52.8% said they were proud, as opposed to 41.6% who said they were not. Nearly 64% of Israeli Arabs said they were “certain” they wanted to live in Israel for the long term, with another 18% saying they want to but are not certain.

Not all the news is good, though. In response to the statement “It is never justified to use violence to achieve political ends” over half the Arabs (55%) strongly or somewhat disagreed.

When I'm in Israel, I always privately ask the Arab hotel/restaurant/shop workers, “Are you ready for a Palestinian state?” Almost universally, and with a furtive glance over their shoulders, they say that they would MUCH rather be governed by Israelis than by either Fatah or Hamas. Not a scientific sampling, but enlightening. —Myles



Many Palestinians Prefer Israeli Rule

By Nir Hasson, www.Haaretz.com

A new opinion poll shows that Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem are relatively satisfied with their lives under Israeli rule. The survey, implemented by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy in cooperation with Princeton University and the Beit Sahur-based Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, found that almost half of East Jerusalem Palestinian respondents said they preferred to remain under Israeli sovereignty. Only 23 percent of respondents said they would definitely prefer Palestinian citizenship to Israeli citizenship.

Among the reasons respondents cited for wanting to remain under Israeli sovereignty were relative freedom of movement, higher income, employment opportunities, and social rights. ★



No Church Left in Afghanistan

By Edwin Mora
www.CNSNews.com



There is not a single, public Christian church left in Afghanistan, according to the U.S. State Department.

This reflects the state of religious freedom in that country ten years after the United States first invaded it and overthrew its Islamist Taliban regime. In the intervening decade, U.S. taxpayers have spent \$440 billion to support Afghanistan's new government and more than 1,700 U.S. military personnel have died serving in that country.

The last public Christian church in Afghanistan was razed in March 2010, according to the State Department's latest International Religious Freedom Report. The report, released in September, covers the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, and also states that "there were no Christian schools in the country."

"There is no longer a public Christian church; the courts have not upheld the church's claim to its 99-year lease, and the landowner destroyed the building in March [2010]," reads the State Department report on religious

freedom. "[Private] chapels and churches for the international community of various faiths are located on several military bases, PRTs [Provincial Reconstruction Teams], and at the Italian embassy. Some citizens who converted to Christianity as refugees have returned."

In recent times, freedom of religion has declined in Afghanistan, according to the State Department. "The government's level of respect for religious freedom in law and in practice declined during the reporting period, particularly for Christian groups and individuals," reads the State Department report.

"Negative societal opinions and suspicion of Christian activities led to targeting of Christian groups and individuals, including Muslim converts to Christianity," said the report. "The lack of government responsiveness and protection for these groups and individuals contributed to the deterioration of religious freedom."

Most Christians in the country refuse to "state their beliefs or gather openly to worship," said the State Department.

There are good reasons why Afghanistan is called "the graveyard of empires." The British, Soviets, and now Americans can try, but the end seems to be a reversion to centuries-old factions untouched by modern thought. Democracy requires a basic standard that only the Bible provides.—Myles ★



The Haircut

Young Chaim had just gotten his driver's license. He asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut; then we will talk about it."

A month later, Chaim again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get a haircut!"

The young man replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Yes Son, and they walked everywhere they went!" ★



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An Educated Non-Jew's Take On Israel

By Denis MacEoin, www.Aish.com

The following letter was written to the Edinburgh (Scotland) University Student Association (EUSA) after they voted to boycott Israel because of its "apartheid."

Dr. Denis MacEoin is an expert in Middle Eastern affairs and a senior editor of the Middle East Quarterly. Here is his letter to those students:

May I be permitted to say a few words to members of the EUSA? I am an Edinburgh graduate (M.A. 1975) who studied Persian, Arabic, and Islamic History in Buccleuch Place under William Montgomery Watt and Laurence Elwell Sutton, two of Britain's great Middle East experts in their day.

I later went on to do a PhD at Cambridge and to teach Arabic and Islamic Studies at Newcastle University. Naturally, I am the author of several books and hundreds of articles in this field. I say all that to show that I am well informed in Middle Eastern affairs and that, for that reason, I am shocked and disheartened by the EUSA motion and vote.

I am shocked for a simple reason: there is not and has never been a system of apartheid in Israel. That is not my opinion, that is fact that can be tested against reality by any Edinburgh student, should he or she choose to visit Israel to see for themselves. Let me spell this out, since I have the impression that those members of EUSA who voted for this motion are absolutely clueless in matters concerning Israel, and that they are, in all likelihood, the victims of extremely biased propaganda coming from the anti-Israel lobby.

Being anti-Israel is not in itself objectionable. But I'm not talking about ordinary criticism of Israel. I'm speaking of a hatred that permits itself no boundaries in the lies and myths it pours out. Thus, Israel is repeatedly referred to as a "Nazi" state.

In what sense is this true, even as a metaphor? Where are the Israeli concentration camps? The Einsatzgruppen? The SS? The Nuremberg Laws? The Final Solution? None of these things or anything remotely resembling them exists in Israel, precisely because the Jews, more than anyone on Earth, understand what Nazism stood for.

It is claimed that there has been an Israeli Holocaust in Gaza (or elsewhere). Where? When? No honest historian would treat that claim with anything but the contempt it deserves. But calling Jews Nazis and saying they have committed a Holocaust is as basic a way to subvert historical fact as anything I can think of.

Likewise apartheid. For apartheid to exist, there would have to be a situation that closely resembled how things were in South Africa under the apartheid regime. Unfortunately for those who believe this, a weekend in any part of Israel would be enough to show how ridiculous the claim is. ★

See the whole letter from this non-Jewish, Scottish professor offering proof of how non-apartheid Israel really is.

<http://wp.me/pieUD-12u>

This type of commentary needs to be trumpeted throughout the Western world, especially on our college campuses. Our brightest people are fed an anti-Semitic, anti-Israel diet of empty curricular calories by Saudi-bought faculty chairs on many campuses. —Myles

ElderToons

EVERY YEAR, THOUSANDS OF AFRICAN REFUGEES RISK THEIR LIVES TO GO TO ISRAEL, TRAVELING THROUGH MUSLIM COUNTRIES TO GET THERE.



I GUESS NO ONE TOLD THEM THAT "ISRAEL IS AN APARTHEID STATE."

Saudis Export Textbooks of Hate

By Charles Lewis, <http://life.NationalPost.com>

Textbooks used in Saudi Arabia's schools contain virulent forms of anti-Christian and anti-Jewish bigotry that continue to fuel intolerance and violence around the globe, says a new report.

The problem is far greater than the five million students in Saudi Arabia who use these texts every day, said Nina Shea, director of the Washington-based Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom.

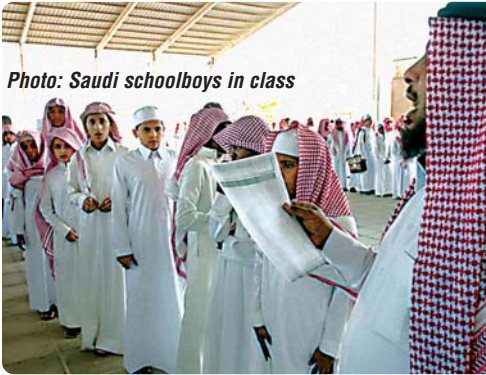


Photo: Saudi schoolboys in class

These textbooks are posted on the Saudi Education Ministry's website and are shipped and distributed free by a vast Saudi-sponsored Sunni infrastructure to many Muslim schools, mosques, and libraries throughout the world.

"This is not just hate mongering, it's promoting violence," she said in an interview. It is exporting terrorism through textbooks.

Christians are referred to as "swine" and Jews as "apes," while being blamed for much of the world's ills. Since the Saudis control Islam's holiest shrines in Mecca and Medina, they can "disseminate religious materials among the millions of Muslims making the *haj* [pilgrimage to Mecca] each year. Hence, these teachings can have a wide and deep influence." It was not a coincidence that 15 of the 19 attackers on 9/11 were Saudis, she added.

Ms. Shea, a human rights lawyer for 30 years, said a prime example of the texts' influence can be seen in Indonesia, a country with a history of religious tolerance.

In 2005, Abdurrahman Wahid, the then-president, wrote about the danger of the Saudis' exported ideology, saying it was fueling a "well-financed, multifaceted, global movement that operates like a juggernaut in much of the developing world, and even among immigrant Muslim communities in the West."

Four years ago the Saudis gave a solemn promise to undertake a program of reform to "eliminate all passages that disparage or promote hatred toward any religion or religious groups."

The following excerpts come from supposedly revised books produced in 2010–11:

From a Grade 8 text: "The Apes are the people of the Sabbath, the Jews; the Swine are the infidels of the communion of Jesus, the Christians."

Suggested lesson for Grade 8 class: As an exercise, students can spend time listing "Jews' condemnable qualities."

From a Grade 10 text concerning the vicious anti-Semitic tract *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, written in 19th-century Czarist Russia: "These are secret decisions that aim at achieving Jewish domination of the world. They were exposed in the 19th century and the Jews have tried to deny them, but evidence exists to prove their validity and their reproduction by the Elders of Zion."

For Grade 11: "Baha'ism: is one of the most destructive esoteric sects in the modern age."

Last year, the BBC said they were being used by 5,000 Muslim students in Britain. Some of them have turned up in Islamic schools in the U.S., Shea said. And because the texts are posted online, they are easily available.

Ms. Shea is especially critical of the U.S. State Department for not exerting enough pressure on the Saudis to change the texts. It talks about getting the Saudis to reform, but does little, she says. "It is a certain amount of naiveté because [State Department] staffers believe what the Saudis tell them. But in the end we're hooked on their oil, that's what it comes down to." ★

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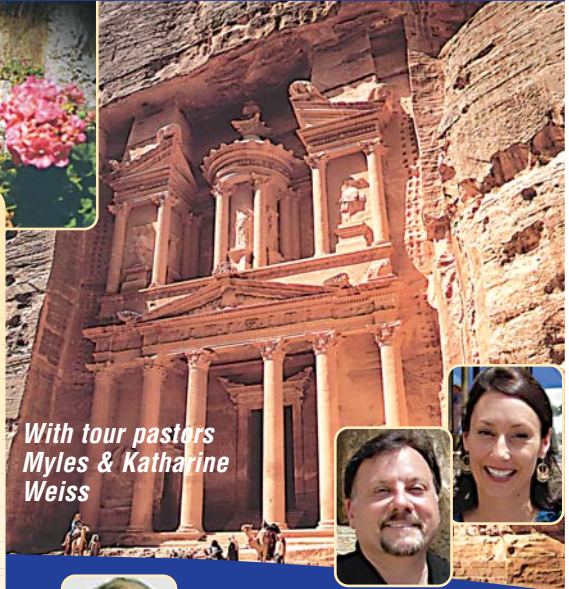
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