

Levitt

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



Letter



God says, "Choose Life!" (Deut. 30:19) Alas, Israel's neighbors choose death. —Myles

Hamas: Vote For Us. We Kill More Jews!

By Ryan Jones
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Hamas marked its 24th anniversary in December by playing up how many Jews it has managed to murder. The highly publicized event (and grisly casualty figures) came just months before Palestinians are scheduled to go to the polls in May to elect a new parliament and president.



In an official statement, Hamas's military wing, the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, boasted of killing 1,365 Israelis and wounding another 6,411 in 1,117 terror attacks over the past two decades. The group also noted that it had fired over 11,000 rockets and missiles from Gaza into southern Israel.

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At Whose Banqueting Table Are You Feasting?

By Katharine Weiss



Purim, the Feast

of Lots, is found in the Book of Esther. Like Hanukkah, it is not a biblically mandated feast of Leviticus 23, but holds prophetic significance for us today. It occurred when Persia ruled the known world in the 5th century BC.

In the Book of Esther, God reveals His end-time plan for the Church, for the Jews, and for their enemies. Through Esther's story, we learn that if we humble ourselves and pray (2 Chronicles 7:14), God will open a way of deliverance for us, both individually and corporately.

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Hours later, tens of thousands of Palestinians gathered in Gaza City to celebrate Hamas's founding and its successes against the hated Jews of Israel. Speakers at the event reiterated Hamas's dedication to eliminating Israel, and decried ongoing Middle East peace negotiations as a failed experiment.

Hamas leaders expect to score another landslide victory in May. The 2006 Palestinian election produced a surprise Hamas takeover of the Palestinian parliament, a result that left clueless Western diplomats baffled.

If recent electoral results in Egypt are any indication, the general sentiment on the street has only drifted closer to the Islamist viewpoint in the intervening years. ★

Speaking of overachieving exterminators, a documentary from back in the day included an interview in Germany with an exasperated concentration camp administrator. He was utterly distressed at the sheer number of Jews he was supposed to incinerate with so few ovens.

—Mark



WON BY ONE!

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

Notify a friend today. Have them contact us today and help us build "an army of one."

Thanks. — Myles Weiss

Fire in Jewish Bookstore

By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu

www.IsraelNationalNews.com



A raging fire set by anti-Semitic arsonists destroyed \$100,000 worth of holy objects in a Florida Jewish bookstore.

A surveillance camera disclosed that just before the fire broke out, several people were seen running away from the South Florida Judaica store, which was stocked with items for sale for Hanukkah. Firefighting officials said they are sure the blaze was the result of arson, and added that the back door of the store apparently had been kicked in.



Storeowner Michael Katz noted, "There was nothing taken. So you have to ask, 'Why focus on a place like this?'" The fire destroyed *tefillin* (phylacteries) that contained texts from the Torah, menorahs for Hanukkah, and hundreds of holy books.

Anti-Semitism and hate crimes in the United States occur daily.

The statistics clearly show the disparity between the abundance of anti-Semitic crimes and the relatively low number of anti-Islamic ones in America. What's amazing is that the media are very vocal about Muslim cases and nearly silent regarding Jewish victimization. It must be another sign of "chosen-ness." As Tevye the milkman looked to Heaven and said, "Once in a while, could You choose someone else?"—Myles

The characters in Esther's story provide types and shadows for contemporary instruction:

- **Vashti:** the king's first queen: outward beauty covering inner rebellion based on religious privilege (a false sense of security)
- **Mordecai:** the Lord Yeshua and the Holy Spirit, and by inference, the Messianic Body today
- **King Xerxes:** the natural king who ruled from India to Cush, a giant reign. He ruled in Shushan, which means "a lily among thorns"
- **Esther:** "star," or brilliance; her Hebrew name Hadassah implies that her name is hidden, waiting to be revealed
- **Haman:** "splendid," the superficial leader and a type of the antiChrist

The king orders a banquet and commands Vashti to appear before his leaders to display her beauty. Her independent spirit causes her to refuse and she misses her opportunity to favor the king. She stands as a warning to us: Church! Do not allow an independent spirit to divide you from the call of the King.

Today, bodies of nations (e.g., the UN) think that they can independently bring about a supernatural effect through natural alliances. They are failing.

Watch the news coming from the Middle East, especially from sources like the *Levitt Letter*. Religious and political systems are making alliances that look beautiful on the outside but hide a nefarious agenda.

As the media extol the process, listen for words like "peace," "safety," and even "Chrislam," a demonic attempt to unify Christianity and Islam! Temple rebuilding based on ecumenical "cooperation" and "unity" is on the horizon.

A counterfeit bride is emerging, positioning herself to be "queen" of the world body. This points to the "falling away" of which the Scriptures warned (2 Thessalonians 2:3). The apostate queen-led alliance taking shape requires supernatural discernment in order to know where we are aligned in the days ahead.

When Vashti was providentially set aside, God raised up Esther.

Esther's true identity was hidden for a season. Thanks to her cousin Mordecai, orphaned Esther found herself at the center of history. Today, the true Church— orphaned from her Jewish roots—is at the center of history and will be until the King returns. Praise God, she is discovering her roots.

She will be positioned in preparation for the King ... for she has been "brought into the Kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). You and I are modern Esthers, brought into the Kingdom for such a time as this.

Let's pray that we are found at the "right" banqueting table, led by Mordecai, the Holy Spirit, into the presence of the King. Psalm 23:5 pictures that banquet. **See you there!**



For Such A Time As This

By Myles Weiss



As Purim approaches (March 7–8), I am gripped by the intensity of events in the Middle East. The story of Mordecai, Esther, and Haman illustrates God's commitment to His people and holds special meaning for me: My given name is Mordecai. I am named after my maternal grandfather, Max (Mordecai) Cohen.

By His grace, the Lord Yeshua has called me to help awaken Believers to their destiny. You (the ZLM community) are a modern-day Esther (bride of the King, with Jewish roots) interceding for His people. A modern Haman (Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad) has made his intentions clear: to “wipe Israel off the map.” As always, the Jews are the target of this demonic rage. As nations debate whether to hinder Iran's acquisition of nuclear weapons, they make decisions that will seal their future (Genesis 12:3). Anti-Semitism's current rise is reminiscent of Europe in 1938. More than once we have heard that, had we believed Hitler in his speeches and writing, we would have stopped him sooner.

Much of history involves the changes brought to this little planet by a small group of people whose reward in this life has often been harassment, torture, and death. Is that same fate taking shape in this era? We Jews have survived Haman, Herod, Hitler, and Hamas ... with the net effect being more blessing for *all* the world.

God has been faithful to preserve our people throughout the centuries, in order to fulfill His word to Abraham:

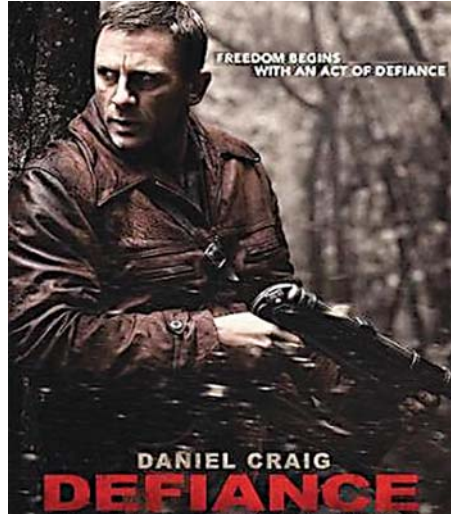
Genesis 12:1 *Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family, And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.*

2 *I will make you a great nation; I will*

bless you; And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

3 *I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

What a promise! How powerfully it has been fulfilled—first and foremost by choosing our Jewish people to birth the Savior of the world, Jesus. God is so kind that He didn't stop there. After continually delivering us from the hands of our enemies, He blessed us by giving us His *Torah* (the five Books of Moses). The teachings of the Scriptures form the background for all the achievements in science, medicine, economics, and social change wrought at the hands of the Jewish people. Even in warfare, Jewish cyber technology profoundly stalls the Iranian nuclear march. Let's pray that the cyber war continues to hinder the maniacal march to Armageddon.



The 2008 movie *Defiance* recounts the story of the Bielski brothers and their guerrilla war against the Nazis in the frozen Eastern European woods. Their commitment to survival is theatrically portrayed, but the essence of the story is this: the Jews (and, by inference, the Church!) co-labor with the Lord to see His purposes accomplished. Here at ZLM, we take this mandate seriously—to survive, yes; but beyond survival, to see the life-giving Gospel go “to the Jew first” (Romans 1:16). ★

Ask The Chaplain

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. How many Jewish men in obedience to the Torah have long hair? The December 2011 Jewish Humor (p. 33) is truly giving false information about our Savior. As an obedient Jewish man, Yeshua **WOULD NOT HAVE HAD LONG HAIR.** We must not believe the deception in artistic renderings.

A. Thank you for your question. Actually, the whole issue of long hair is relative; how do you define what is and what is not long hair? This is especially relevant when you consider that some Jews did take the Nazarite vow and vowed not to take a razor to cut their hair, but let it grow very long. Both Samson and John the Baptist took a Nazarite vow and had long hair (Numbers 6:1–21). Furthermore, God required the Jews in Leviticus 19:27 not to shave their sideburns but to let them grow into long curls.

To this day the Hasidic let their hair grow long on the sides of their heads. Long hair in ancient Judaism went to the waist—which is how women wore their hair; whereas men wore their hair down only to the shoulders. So what we consider long hair today—down to the shoulders—the ancient Jews considered as short for men. ★

Women in the IDF

www.IDF.il

The Chief of the General Staff's Women's Affairs Advisor, Brig. Gen. Gila Kalifi-Amir, presented data indicating an improvement in the incorporation of females in the Israel Defense Forces and an overall positive trend.

“Women make up 33% of the IDF. Some 51% of IDF officers are females serving as both career soldiers and

reservists. Women make up 3% of combat soldiers and 15% of technical personnel.”

Today, almost every single position in the IDF is open for female soldiers, including combat, field instruction, intelligence, and more. Combat positions include artillery, field intelligence, Home Front Command, and search and rescue. The Karakal infantry battalion was created to enable female IDF soldiers to serve in a combat position alongside males. The K9 unit, Oketz, also drafts females as elite combat soldiers.



The position of Women's Affairs Advisor to the Chief of Staff was created in 2001. The female officer holding the position is in charge of ensuring more opportunities and a suitable environment for female soldiers, as well as better enhancing their skills. ★

Friends' daughters serve in the IDF—a heroic endeavor. We salute these “daughters of Zion” who stand for their tiny country's well-being. Messianic Believers among their ranks have distinguished themselves in battle and behind the lines. We pray for their safety and the salvation of all the troops.—Myles



A Comeback Tale

By Eitan Shishkoff

The Jewish people have a long history of coming from behind, overcoming impossible obstacles, and being reborn as a nation liberated from death's grip. Escape from slavery in Egypt, the Maccabees' Hanukkah victory, and Esther's reversal of Jewish destruction in ancient Persia all come quickly to mind.

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, a 27-year-old Israeli woman embodied Jewish history. In a grueling contest held off the Australian coast, near the city of Perth, **Lee Korzits** became the windsurfing champion of the world for the second time. The first was in 2003, when at 19 she was



the youngest woman ever to win the race. What set Korzits apart from her competitors was not just her superior skills and veteran's experience. A mere two-and-a-half years earlier, the native of Michmoret, on the sea between Tel Aviv and Haifa, was almost killed in a surfing accident that resulted in a broken leg and two broken ribs. While hospitalized, the doctors told her that she would never surf again. Yet Korzits, who says that the sea is the one place where she can truly concentrate and feel completely alive, refused to accept that verdict.

After battling her way back to competition—a painful process that required a full year—the windsurfer was almost drowned during the 2010 European Championships. Another surfer rammed into her and Lee was trapped underneath her sail, unconscious. Unfazed, the heroic athlete regained her stride



**Lee Korzits,
windsurfer
extraordinaire**



Eitan and Connie Shishkoff

and began placing at or near the top of the next events. Gold medal finally in hand again, she reflected on the enormous

achievement. "In recent years, I learned to deal with pressure that used to unnerve me," she said. "I was focused on the goal and really wanted to reach this moment. When I got out of the water, I felt joy like I've never felt in my life."

This victory represented a personal comeback, reminiscent of Israel's collective comebacks. Fittingly, both our prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and our president, Shimon Peres, contacted Korzits by phone to commend her for her courageous persistence in overcoming adversity, danger, and disappointment.

What Lee Korzits's story tells me is that we should never give up when blocked or injured while pursuing our life's calling. There are bound to be times of discouragement, damage, and even despair. What sets a champion aside is not a hassle-free life, but the capacity to rebound from reversals of even tragic proportion.

Sources for this article included Uri Talshir in Haaretz, Dec. 14, 2011 and Allon Sinai, writing for the Dec. 12 Jerusalem Post.



Media and Leaders, Call It Like It Is

By Zola Levitt

Zola was often prescient; this decade-old article is just as pertinent today!

Recently, chatting with folks in Florida, I mentioned that I had led groups to the Middle East and into places like Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, Greece, etc. Suddenly, one of them glared at me and asked suspiciously, “So, do you speak Arabic?” She thought she had discovered a terrorist. I humored her and spoke a few phrases in Arabic. Not much was said after that.

I tell this story to underscore the frustration I feel these days when I hear the term “Middle East.” It’s a misnomer in our current conversation about terrorism. We’re not fighting “Middle Easterners.” We’re fighting Arabs and Muslims, but our leaders and our media are too afraid to call it like it is.

This “foot-in-mouth” disease has carriers in the Christian arena too. In a recent letter from Tom Getman to his supporters, this longtime head of the Jerusalem branch of World Vision reveals nothing but hatred for the Jewish people around whom he has lived for years. Let me share with you a few of his anti-Jewish sentiments.

In describing Israelis and their response to the suicide bombings of the PLO, etc., Getman uses terms like these: rampaging Israeli soldiers, Israeli occupation, illegally occupying, ethnic cleansing, massacre, diabolical, cruel, oppression, apartheid, evil, and terrorism. In con-

trast, he lauds PLO mouthpiece Hanan Ashrawi, and includes her vicious appeal for help in the “Palestinian” cause.

Interestingly, when a friend of mine inquired about sponsoring a Jewish child, he was told that World Vision does not offer such opportunities, but that it “has worked in the Holy Land since 1975” sponsoring some 8,500 children in “the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.” Nowhere is “Israel” ever mentioned.

All this to say that you always need to *do your homework* when considering a donation to any organization, even if it claims to be Christian. Unknowingly, you may be giving your money to charities that foster an environment of hatred, buy weapons for use against Israeli civilians, and support suicide bombers.

Daniel Pipes, in a recent article for *Commentary*, pointedly exposed the weakness of the U.S. policy that uses vague terms such as “evildoers” and “evil ones” in describing those who attacked us and those who support, promote, fund, and harbor others that could. “The message of September 11 was loud and clear, allowing for no ambiguity: the enemy is militant Islam,” wrote Pipes. ★



George Washington's Letter to the Jews

American Jewish Historical Society, www.ajhs.org



On August 17, 1790, Moses Seixas, the warden of Congregation Kahal Kadosh Yeshuat Israel, better known as the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, penned an epistle to George Washington, welcoming the newly elected first president of the United States on his visit to that city.

Moses Seixas's letter on behalf of the Newport congregation expressed the Jewish community's esteem for President Washington. Not surprisingly, it is Washington's response, rather than Seixas's epistle, which is best remembered and most frequently reprinted.

Washington began by thanking the congregation for its good wishes and rejoicing that the days of hardship caused by the war were replaced by days of prosperity. Washington then borrowed ideas—and some of the words—directly from Seixas's letter:

The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for giving to Mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights.

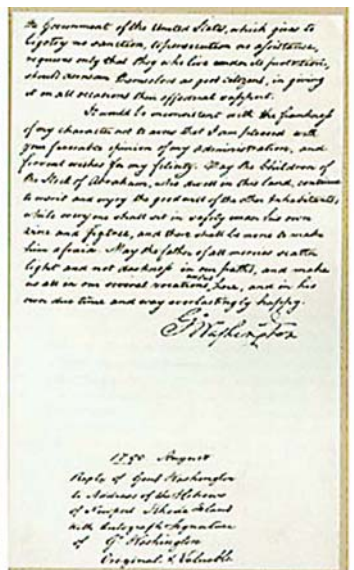
For happily the Government of the United States, *which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance*, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens.

Washington's concluding paragraph perfectly expresses the ideal relationship among the government, its individual citizens, and religious groups:

May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while everyone shall sit under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.

The president closed with an invocation: May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

The letter, a foundation stone of American religious liberty and separation of church and state, is signed, simply, "G. Washington." Each year, Newport's Congregation Kahal Kadosh Yeshuat Israel, now known as the Touro Synagogue, re-reads Washington's letter in a public ceremony. The words deserve repetition. ★



The Word of God Is Not Chained—2 Timothy 2:9

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



As the October *To The Jew First* mission tour drew to a close, the Gospel continued touching Jewish souls. On our last day, Harvey Zion (Zola's friend since childhood) and I went to the Western Wall to pray and minister the Word of Yeshua. I was abruptly stopped by the security detail after they let Harvey go through. Three guards poured through my bag and carefully examined the Hebrew Bibles and Messianic Gospel literature. Then, they denied me entrance. This was a first!

In 25 visits to the Wall, security has checked and passed my bag carrying the very same Bibles and literature. This time, they sternly said I would not be allowed entrance to the *Kotel* (Western Wall) with *these kinds of materials!* One guard flat out asserted that Jews do not accept such things. Yet, another guard casually leafed through a Gospel tract. Ironically, I was being barred from the site of the Second Temple—which the Messiah called His Father's House and where much of His ministry took place.

I explained to the guards that my ministry is devoted to the spiritual benefit of Jews; that what I was bringing originally came from them—God sent Yeshua first to the Jews. I told them that I come to bless Israel with the Gospel about Yeshua being the Messiah. I offer Bibles and tracts only to people who are interested.

Undeterred, I stood my ground for Yeshua's sake and refused to be denied access. The guards admitted that they feared the hostile reaction of Orthodox Jews who consider the name of Yeshua

profane. I reminded them that Israel is a democracy that allows freedom of religion and speech. At this point, they called the police officer patrolling the area to come and examine my Bibles and Messianic reading materials. After he rifled through my bag, he shrugged his shoulders and told me I was free to enter the *Kotel*.

To my surprise, the guard who had shown an interest discreetly asked if he could have one of the Messianic Gospel tracts. God truly turns every situation to His own purpose.

I could not help but recall Paul's being summarily escorted out of the Temple because the unbelieving Jews falsely accused him of bringing unclean people (Acts 21:27–29). I was being barred from bringing Yeshua's Word into the very same area 2,000 years later! It is disheartening that today in Israel, there are still unbelieving Jews who prevent fellow Jews from learning about Jesus and His Gospel of salvation. But the Lord prevailed, and the Word of God in Hebrew—including the New Testament—was placed in the synagogue at the Wall. And Harvey and I offered a prayer for the salvation of Israel. For the Word of God is not chained (2 Tim. 2:9).



Todd's boldness is refreshing as he meets the Jews and Arabs at their points of need. Go Todd! —Myles

Photo: Todd in Jerusalem with Harvey Zion, fellow missionary and lifelong friend of Zola.



Israeli Start-Up Helps London Save Water

The following two articles serve as modern parables in which God shows Himself mighty on behalf of humanity. In the first He appears as life-giving water, then as He who looks upon the heart. —Myles

As water gushes through the labyrinthine infrastructure of the London water supply system, an aging pipe creaks, whines noisily, and finally bursts. Within seconds, an alert starts flashing on a remote computer in the tiny office of Takadu—an Israeli start-up in Tel Aviv.

Once picked up, the information is transmitted to Thames Water—the utility company responsible for bringing water to Londoners.

“Almost instantly, we’re able to detect, alert, locate, and basically inform the utility that there’s something wrong,” says Amir Peleg, Takadu’s co-founder and chief executive, pointing to a computer screen. The firm specializes in smart water systems. Thanks to Takadu and other measures, Thames Water managed to achieve five annual leakage reduction targets in a row.

According to the World Health Organization, about three billion people on Earth—almost one in two—live in water-scarce conditions, with demand growing drastically while supply remains constant. And out of all the water that’s being supplied to consumers, more than 12 billion gallons per day globally are lost to leakage—around 20-30% in developed countries, and close to 50% in developing ones.

For instance, in the UK, it is estimated that around 870

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million gallons of water are wasted every day, mainly in pipes—the equivalent of 1,000 Olympic swimming pools.

An estimated global total of \$23 trillion will be spent on improving public infrastructure that handles water and sewage from 2005 to 2030. To reduce operational costs, utility companies are turning to innovative solutions and new technologies to detect leaks early and eliminate them as soon as possible.

“Takadu is a 24/7 computer watchdog,” says Peleg. “We operate in big metropolitan areas, picking up data from different meters of the network, such as flow, pressure and others.

“If the data show that something is wrong—a small leak, a big burst, faulty equipment, or just a technician who left a valve open—we determine the location, the magnitude, when it started, and then send the data straight to the repair team.” ★

A beautiful example of the grace of God working through the Jewish people. Of course, the greatest “water” gift is in John 4, where the *mayim chayim* (Living Water) makes Himself available to the Samaritan woman. —Myles



Detecting leaks used to be harder when utility companies had to rely on methods such as “listening sticks.”

Personal Trainer For Weak Hearts



By Abigail Klein Leichman
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For many of the 26 million people with chronic congestive heart failure (CHF), medical treatment fails to get their hearts pumping normally. Shortness of breath and general weakness just don't go away, as heart muscle damaged by genetic conditions, heart attack, coronary artery disease, or persistent high blood pressure cannot deliver adequate oxygen and nutrients to the body.

A unique potential solution in the pipeline for these patients is now being developed in Israel. The minimally invasive Optimizer III is a pacemaker-sized device that electrically stimulates diseased heart muscle, enabling it to contract more strongly and pump blood where it's needed.

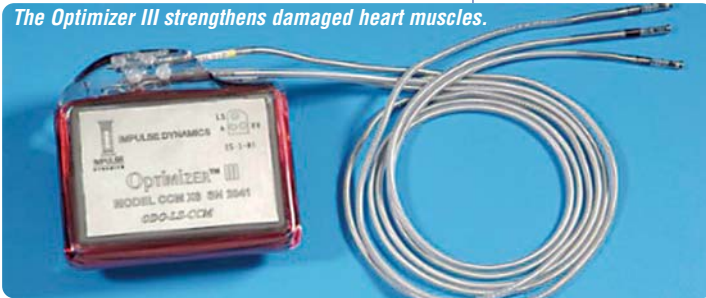
effects, not just serving as an assistive device but actually strengthening the heart the same way any exercise builds muscle.

A multi-center study to confirm the device's safety and efficacy is aimed at getting approval from the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA). The Israeli company has already been selling the product for eight years in Europe and the Far East. More than 1,000 patients have received an Optimizer implant.

Says Impulse Dynamics CEO, Dr. Irit Yaniv, "Patients are usually treated with medications that help the symptoms

but not the cause of the problem, or with implanted devices such as pacemakers or defibrillators. Nothing else targets the muscle itself, and nothing else actually 'trains' the heart."

The Optimizer III strengthens damaged heart muscles.



Implanted in a surgical procedure under local anesthesia and sedation, the Optimizer III just needs to have its battery recharged at home weekly for about an hour. And it has lasting

What a picture of God as the One who can remove a heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh! (Ezekiel 36:26) —Myles



Can the Word of God Be Trusted? *Israel Today*

Believing Christians and Jews will both answer this question with Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” If the word of God is not eternally valid, then this crowning verse for Christians would also be null and void: “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Nevertheless, many Christians question the validity of statements that God directed toward the Jewish people, as if the promise that God’s word “stands forever” does not apply to the Jews.

The September session of the UN General Assembly caused many Christians to stumble. That is because, at the request of the Palestinians, it dealt with recognition of a Palestinian state in biblical Judea and Samaria, the Land that God has promised to the Jewish people. When it is a question of their salvation, which is clearly promised in the Bible, these Christians choose to trust firmly in God’s word; but exhibiting a double standard, they lack this assurance when it comes to God’s promises to Israel.

Let’s take a little Bible test regarding God’s promises to the Jewish people. Answer each of the following statements by marking with an “X” whether it is still valid or not valid:

“I will bless and will make him [Ishmael—the Arabs] fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. But My [eternal] covenant I will establish with Isaac [Israel].” Genesis 17:20-21

Valid Not valid

“I will bring you to the Land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob [Israel], and I will give it to you [Israel] for a possession; I am the Lord.” Exodus 6:8

Valid Not valid

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the Land of Canaan.” Leviticus 25:38

Valid Not valid

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘...See the Land which I have given to the sons of Israel’...This land shall be yours for a possession before the Lord.” Numbers 27:12; 32:22

Valid Not valid

“The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of earth. The Lord did not...choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples...but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers.” Deuteronomy 7:6-8

Valid Not valid

“I [the Lord]...led you into the Land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you.’” Judges 2:1

Valid Not valid

“My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.” Psalm 89:34

Valid Not valid

“When the Lord will have compassion on Jacob, and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land.” Isaiah 14:1

Valid Not valid

“If this fixed order [of the sun, moon, and stars] departs from before Me, then the offspring of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me...Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done.” Jeremiah 31:35-37

Valid Not valid

“I [the Lord] will...gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.” Ezekiel 36:24

Valid Not valid

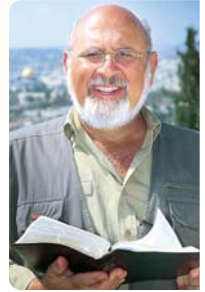
“I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them.” Amos 9:15

Valid Not valid

“If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? May it never be!” Romans 3:3-4

Valid Not valid

Christians should apply the same standards to all of God’s promises. We cannot accept some of what God said and not the rest.



The Apostle Paul and Jihad Turkeys

By Jack Kinsella, www.OmegaLetter.com

According to their website, Butterball® is one of the largest global turkey producers in the world, currently exporting 100 million pounds of turkey annually to fifty countries.

Their ad used to include its *halal* certification until the website was scrubbed of any reference to halal just before Thanksgiving when America discovered what *halal* really meant. The revelation that Butterball turkeys are dedicated to Allah when slaughtered, in accordance with Islamic law, spawned a media war. The mainstream media immediately pounced on those who objected to eating turkeys sacrificed to idols as “Islamophobes” afraid of “jihad turkeys.”

Astonishingly, Butterball chose at first to cover it up, then denied it, saying only *exported* turkeys were *halal*. In the end, Butterball was forced to admit all its turkeys were certified *halal*, but then took the curious step of denying that Islamic prayers were said during the slaughter.

If the denial is true, then Butterball is admitting to selling turkeys as *halal* that weren't really *halal* in the first place. This would be an extraordinary admission of fraud, if true. If the prayers aren't recited at the time of slaughter, the birds aren't *halal*. Selling them as *halal* certified when they are not is far more offensive to observant Muslims than selling stealth *halal* turkeys would be to most Christians. Muslims don't like to be offended.

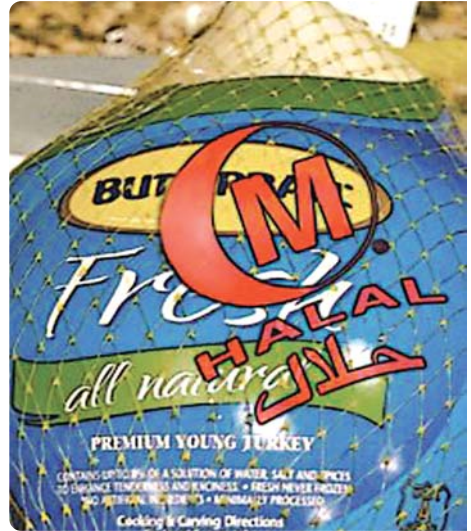
Assessment:

Using Acts 15 and Galatians 2, the author reviews the discussion of the Law between Paul, Peter, and other disciples. See this review at <http://wp.me/pieUD-15w>.

Conclusion:

We are saved by grace through faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:7-9)

Your salvation is eternal and secured by Jesus Christ, not by following a ritual, obeying a set of rules, or behaving in a certain way.



“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

And neither could eating a Butterball turkey at Christmas.

(I still won't buy one. It's the principle of the thing. But if I already had one in the freezer, I probably wouldn't throw it away, either.) ★

Kinsella's understated humor is refreshing. He draws the stark contrast between the biblical God of relationship and love, and the desert moon god of Islam. Butterball's hypocrisy in the service of profit is being exposed. Praise God our prayers are greater than a turkey's personal history of religious obligations. I won't buy one either, but if I were starving, I would defrost and eat. —Myles

Hezbollah Profits from U.S. Cocaine Market

By Sebastian Rotella
www.ProPublica.org

U.S. authorities are building a politically explosive case that Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group, finances itself through a vast drug-smuggling network that links a Lebanese bank, a violent Mexican cartel and U.S. cocaine users.

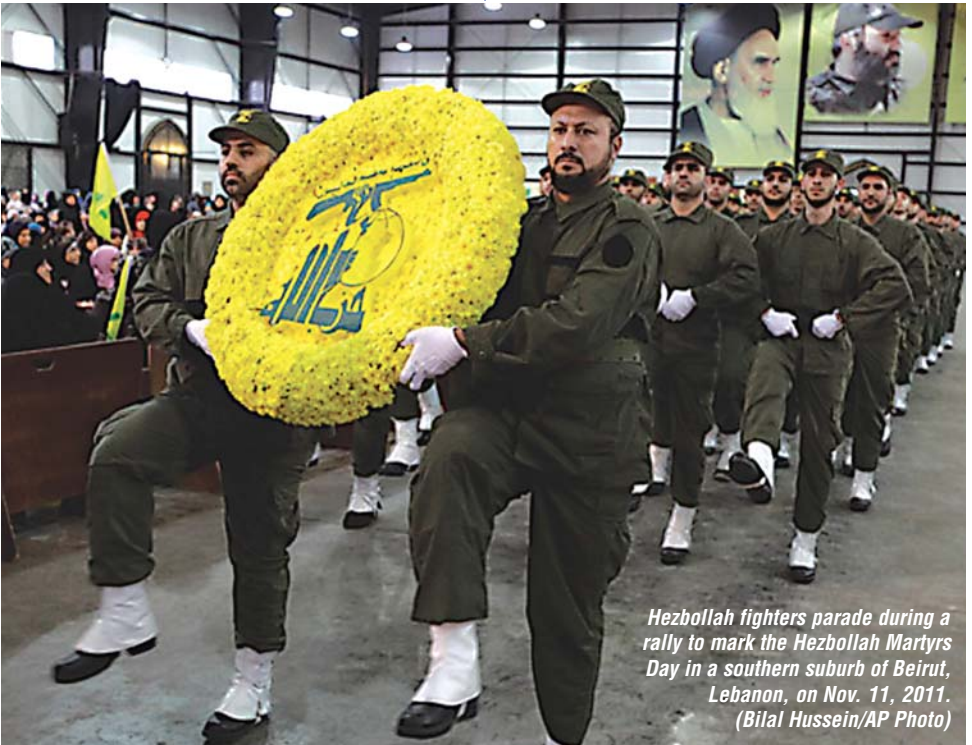
Federal prosecutors recently charged Ayman Joumaa, an accused Lebanese drug kingpin and Hezbollah financier, of smuggling tons of U.S.-bound cocaine and laundering hundreds of millions of dollars with the Zetas cartel of Mexico.

"Ayman Joumaa is one of the top guys in the world at what he does: international drug trafficking and money laundering," a U.S. anti-drug official said. "He has interaction with Hezbollah. There's no indication that it's ideological. It's business."

A recent indictment in Virginia resulted from a continuing investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration targeting Hezbollah, which has a bloody history of terror attacks against the United States and Israel.

Now a powerful partner in Lebanon's government, Hezbollah presents itself as a legitimate political party and rejects allegations of terrorism. But this case reflects increasing concern that Hezbollah and its ally, Iran's intelligence service, are expanding their presence in Latin America as conflict with the West intensifies over Iran's nuclear program.

Hezbollah allegedly uses the cocaine trade to develop revenue and build foreign networks, according to U.S., European and Israeli officials. In October, the Justice Department charged an Iranian-American resident of Texas and two Iranian intelligence officers with plotting to hire Mexican cartel gunmen to assassinate the Saudi ambassador in Washington.



*Hezbollah fighters parade during a rally to mark the Hezbollah Martyrs Day in a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, on Nov. 11, 2011.
(Bilal Hussein/AP Photo)*

Switzerland Is A Jewish Plot

By Ryan Jones
www.IsraelToday.co.il



A columnist for the Saudi Arabian daily newspaper *Al-Riyadh* has finally uncovered the cornerstone of the Jewish plot for world domination. It is Switzerland. Yes, the entire nation of Switzerland is apparently a Jewish plot.

Writing on September 4, Fahd 'Amr Al-Ahmadi pointed out that over the past four centuries, Europe has experienced numerous major wars, and yet Switzerland sat there right in the middle completely unscathed. At the same time, Switzerland refused to join any major international alliances or organizations. (It only became a UN member in 2002.)

The conclusion for Al-Ahmadi is simple: Switzerland must be the "safe haven where the [Jews'] wealth can be guarded against the wars they themselves spark," a safe haven spoken of in the czarist blood libel *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

For those in the West who naively believe that Holocaust-inducing anti-Semitism is a thing of the past, blood libels such as *The Protocols* are actually an increasingly prominent part of political discourse in the Middle East. So much so that major Arab newspapers reference *The Protocols* as though it were common knowledge that the Jews are planning a global takeover. And to them, it is.

Of course, Al-Ahmadi's reasoning ignores the subhuman treatment of the Jews throughout all those wars during which their wealth was supposedly piling up and being guarded

in Switzerland. A sane person may wonder why such powerful and wealthy Jews, capable of turning a whole nation into their private assistant, did not use some of that money and power to protect themselves from expulsion, forced conversion, pogroms, and genocide.

But anti-Semites rarely allow the facts of history to get in the way of a good Jew-bashing story.

[See translation of *Al-Riyadh* article provided by MEMRI at <http://wp.me/pieUD-15R>]

Does it get any more absurd? Yes, actually it does. The following website provides the "top ten" anti-Semitic slurs of last year, an astounding array of hate-filled statements by some leaders on the world stage:

<http://wp.me/pieUD-16V>

We are living in the era of telling big enough lies long enough, to virtually rewrite history. Lord, have mercy!
 —Myles



An elderly activist has message for Ahmadinejad



The Light in Our Darkness

By John J. Parsons

זָרַח בְּחֹשֶׁךְ אֹר לְיֹשְׁרִים חֲנוּן וְרַחוּם וְצַדִּיק

“Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.” – Psalm 112:4

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We are undoubtedly living in the perilous time before the return of our LORD, a time so egregiously wicked that even God’s own children may find themselves perplexed by the distortions and deception that exists all around them (2 Tim. 3:1-5). Nonetheless, despite the presence of seemingly ubiquitous darkness, God has promised to shine forth light to those who are “*yashar*,” that is, who are honest and upright before Him.

“Light shines in the darkness for the upright...” Note that the word translated “shines” (i.e., *zarach*) refers to the dawning of the new day, when the rising sun suddenly overcomes the darkness of night. For those who are trusting in God’s salvation given in Yeshua, the darkness of the outer world can never extinguish the inner light given by the Holy Spirit. As King David affirmed, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). The darkness can never overcome the overmastering radiance and power of the LORD God of Glory!

Divine light overcomes the darkness for the upright ones, and God is the source of that light. Note that the Hebrew participles “gracious, merciful, and righteous” are *singular* and therefore imply that the LORD is the subject. Recall that these attributes were revealed to Moses after the dreadful sin of the Golden Calf (Exod. 34:6-7). Despite the darkness caused by sin and the breaking of the covenant, the LORD declared that He is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...”

The Midrash says, “The Holy One Himself, as it were, made light for the upright.” Thus it says, “The LORD is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1) and “When I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me” (Micah 7:8). While I sit in darkness in this world, during these latter days before the promised return of Yeshua, when troubles may afflict me and lawlessness may abound—then God’s light will shine brighter still, for the LORD is good to those who trust in Him, and this favor and love will be manifest for me.

The darkness of this world is forever swept back before the overmastering radiance and power of Yeshua, the King of Glory, the Root and Descendant of David, and the Bright Morning Star (Rev. 22:16). **Those who believe in Him are given the “light of life” that overcomes the darkness of this world** (John 8:12). ★



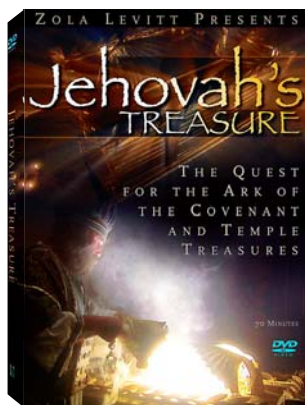
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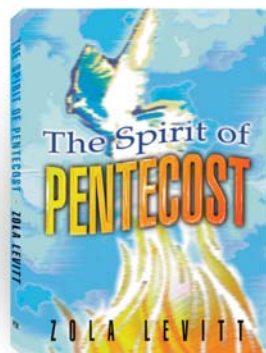
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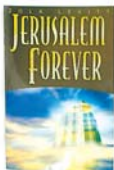
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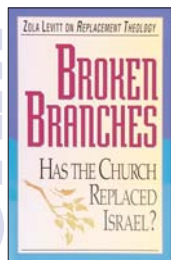
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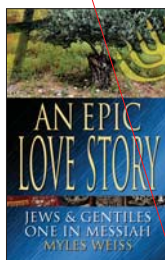
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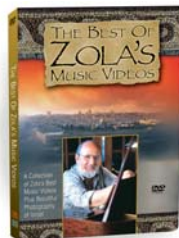
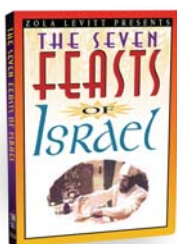


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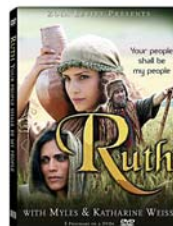
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Just How Big Is Israel?

At 263 miles long from north to south, Israel measures 8,000 square miles. Its width varies from 9 to 71 miles. Its updated population consists of 5.9 million Jews (75%), 1.6 million Arabs (21%), and more than .3 million others (4%). <http://bit.ly/sDbscz> has an interactive map toward the bottom that allows you to click on any country or state and, once it loads, see its size compared to Israel's. Note: Israel could fit into Florida eight times!

Pamphlet of the Month:

Our featured pamphlet *When Should a Woman Have a Will?*

enumerates 11 answers, including: when she is single or married, when she has children (minors or adults), and when she owns property. It suggests reviewing estate plans when her marital status changes, when she wants to name her own personal representative, or when she has charitable wishes. Reason #8 explains, "A properly drafted will or trust can reduce estate taxes, probate expense, and other costs—even for modest estates." To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box.

Prepare to Be Disappointed...

...if you visit our office suite. Our ministry's "headquarters" isn't much. No grand fountains, modern art, or palatial accommodations. It's essentially a rented, 3,100-square-foot basement space filled with about a dozen desks, some good office equipment, lots of Bible-teaching materials in a sizable warehouse/shipping area, and casually dressed, very willing workers for our Lord. Hiring outside vendors for our printing, mailing, tape duplication, etc. has allowed us to stay small. When the Rapture comes, we won't leave much behind.



"Come Home!"

Zola's Tours to Israel:



See page 36 for details



ZLM Is Joining the ECFA!

By Mark Levitt



By Mark Levitt

a note from mark

Our ministry has applied for membership with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Founded in 1979, ECFA provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, fundraising, and board governance. www.ecfa.org

Since 1989, our ministry has offered independently audited financial statements for free. Now I view ECFA membership dues as an investment in: 1) Providing you extra peace of mind about this ministry's administration and 2) Attracting new supporters who agree that ECFA is the gold standard in ministry accreditation.

To apply, we submitted a dozen items (see samples, *right*). Then, ECFA's vice president interviewed me and our volunteer auditor. His incisive questions made it obvious that he had reviewed our file thoroughly. If accepted, our ministry must meet all ECFA standards all the time. Please pray that their board takes their VP's suggestion and approves our application. At www.ecfa.org, you can click on "About ECFA" to see their statement of faith, foundational pillars, standards and commentaries, tax return, and newsletter archives. Clicking on "ECFA Standards" shows what they expect in terms of Doctrinal Issues, Financial Oversight, Use of Resources and Compliance with Laws, Transparency, and Stewardship of Charitable Gifts, among others.

On the one hand, an ECFA affiliation won't directly impact *Zola Levitt Presents*, the *Levitt Letter*, or www.levitt.com. Our organization's integrity has remained intact since Zola's first television show aired in December 1988. On the other hand, this ministry might broaden our viewership and readership by being recognized as submitting to such a high level of scrutiny.

Over the decades, we have passed 22 independent audits and two IRS audits with flying colors. You are well aware that our fundraising is minimal and dignified. The quality in our television productions speaks for itself.

Now, thanks to Myles and Katharine, you are witnessing some of the most edifying, inspirational television programs and newsletter articles in a long time. In more ways than one, this ministry is emerging from the recession all the better. Aren't you just as excited about this as I am?



Below are some of the documents submitted to ECFA.

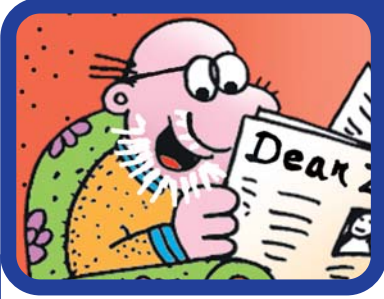
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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



and so at age 75, Abraham receives word from the 'boss' that retirement will be delayed. **Genesis 12:1-4**



Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From J.M.S. (AU): God ingrafted me to Messianic Israel after I became disenchanted with Christianity and told Him so. I have completed a year of learning Hebrew to know God better and it worked.—As you enjoy your deeper study of His Scriptures, J.M.S., remember to maintain unity with the universal Body of Christ while hoping that they incorporate the Hebrew Roots of the Christian faith into their life. We need to stay connected as we endeavor to do “good to all, especially those of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). —Many blessings, Myles

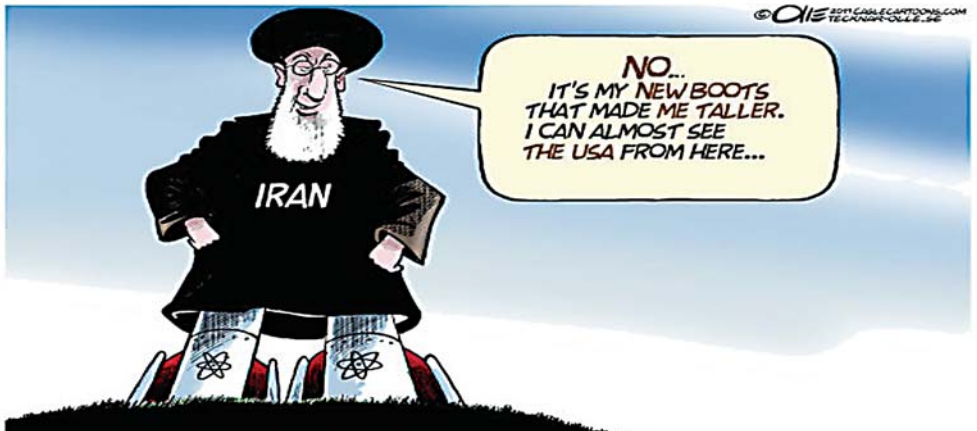
From M.P. (UK): I have been in receipt of the *Levitt Letter* and *Personal Letter* by email for years, and bought *An Israeli Love Story* from Zola himself when he used to answer the phone!



From M.B.: While on a mission trip in Africa, our leader gave us *A Christian Love Story* to read, and immediately the Spirit of God began inspiring my soul. Thank you for being a blessing in my life and in the lives of so many. “To God be the glory!”

From B.J.H. (MO): On *Zola Levitt Presents*, Katharine said that “even though” she was raised in a Catholic home, she still knew and loved Jesus. Saying “even though” is disrespectful to us Catholics and hurtful to those of us who are in deep relationship with Christ. Many of us work to teach the Jewish people about their own Scripture, let alone the New Testament. I know that you are very anti-Catholic, but you can communicate without being so hurtful. *Baruch Hashem*. Ouch! This is a little hurtful to us, especially since Katharine and I have helped to conduct interdenominational (Jews, Catholics, Protestants) reconciliation services in South America, Hawaii, and mainland North America. With our dear friend, Father Dimitri Sala (author, *The Stained Glass Curtain*), we have experienced the joy of finding what we have in common in *Mashiach* when we are born of the Spirit.

I believe her “even though” statement was a footnote to the fact that most of her peers and family did not have a personal relationship with Christ at that time. I am not “anti-Catholic.” I do believe, however, that we need to examine the true history of the Catholic institution vis-à-vis the Jewish people. —Myles



From P.V.K.: I had been watching Zola for years, and after he died I lost contact. I'm so happy I have rediscovered you again. I support ALL the Jewish programs on DirecTV. To see our Television Airing Schedule, click on "TV Show" at www.levitt.com and scroll down. Beneath our four national networks, you will see our full-power broadcast stations. Toward the bottom we've listed our satellite and international broadcasts, including the five networks we reach via DirecTV.

From J.T. (GA): Please air some of Zola's old videos such as the one on the marriage customs of the Jewish people. I believe it is much needed today, and maybe it will prompt more orders. Thank you. *Your prayerful request was being answered before you sent it!* Please see p. 21 of the January *Levitt Letter* by visiting www.levitt.com and clicking on "Levitt Letter." *Zola Levitt Presents* is presently featuring a grand finale encore of Zola's best teaching! —Mark

From M.E. (PA): In a thrift shop, I came upon a music CD *The Covenants of God* by Zola Levitt. It has been a great blessing to me and takes me into worship.

What we do for our Messiah goes far and wide and blesses many. The work that you do is not in vain. There are many rewards. I bless you today and say, "Continue to be obedient to whatever our Lord is calling you to do in this hour."

From E.H.: When Hamas demanded 1,027 terrorists in exchange for their one Jewish captive, Gilad Shalit, Hamas tacitly recognized that one of theirs is worth 1/1027th of someone they consider "apes and pigs."

From R.H. (CA): I have been a viewer for many years and I miss Zola. However, Myles and Katharine are WONDERFUL! I enjoy watching them and hope they are with us for MANY, MANY YEARS! As my grandmother would often say, "From your mouth to God's ears!" —Shalom, Myles



From W.M. (IN): The music—*To The Heavens*—that accompanies *Ruth* is like honey to my ear. Thank you for making the CD available. Glad you enjoyed it. We hope to see and hear more from the Poberejny family in the near future. —Myles

From D.D. (TX): I love your iPod ministry... wonderful!

www.levitt.com is iPod-, iPhone-, and iPad-friendly. You can play the videos and listen to Zola's music on your iPhone. We have posted our latest television programs in a widescreen format, so they completely fill the iPhone screen while playing (rotated) and will fill the screen on your widescreen TV, via Apple TV or a cable from your iPod.



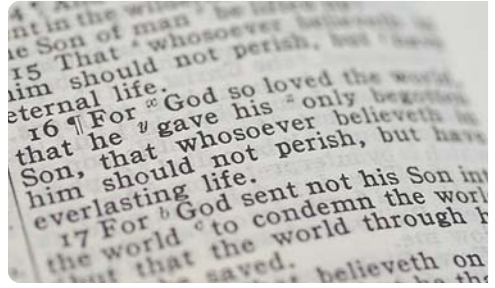
(NEW Music CD available on p. 19)

John 3:16 Says It All

Dear ZLM,

After the destruction of the Temple, what/where/how do Orthodox Jews substitute for sacrificial atonement under the Law?

—G.L. (TX)



Dear G.L.—

Rabbis generally teach that the Temple was destroyed and the sacrifices stopped because Jews were disobedient to the Law of God. So God scattered them from Israel for their disobedience as He said He would (Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28).

Rabbinic teaching says that Jews can make atonement by doing various good works (*mitzvot*) and making sincere attempts at keeping the *Torah*. But in reality, God accepts Jew and gentile on the basis of belief in Jesus Christ alone and nothing else (see John 3:16; Galatians 2:14–16; Ephesians 2:8–9).—Todd

Visigoth Israelites?

Dear Todd,

In your December 2011 column, you state that the names “Jew’ and ‘Israelite’ became synonymous around the time of the Babylonian captivity.” Nothing could be farther from the truth. Would you call the Scots “Jews”? They date their origin to the Exodus. The Visigoths of Spain date back to the Assyrian captivity. These people were descendants of Jacob (Israel); therefore, they are Israelites, but were never Jews. The biblical definition of “Jew” is a citizen of the southern kingdom of Judah (2 Kings 16:6).

The prophecies in Genesis 49 refer not to the Jews, but to individual tribes. Many are fulfilled in the Jews, but many are fulfilled by non-Jews. For instance, 49:19 where “Gad” refers to the Visigoths of Spain.

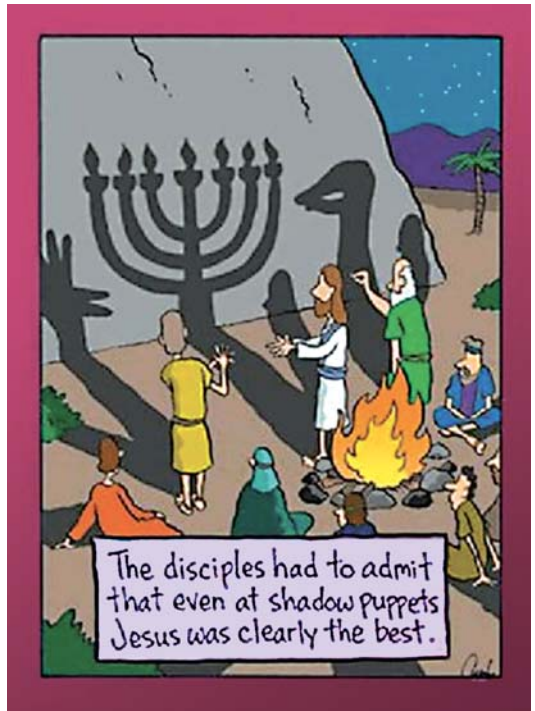
—L.C.B. (AL)

Dear L.C.B.—

You should probably re-read that column, carefully following the Scripture references. Don’t create a false dichotomy between the Israelites of the northern kingdom and the Jews of the southern kingdom of Judah by claiming that Scripture and history say they are not the same. Both are indeed called Jews and Israelites in the Bible; “Jew” and “Israel” are interchangeable terms there. Non-Jews are simply not addressed in Genesis 49. Twelve tribes of Israel make up the Jewish People. Period. —Todd

For more details, see:

www.levitt.com/faqs#jews_judah



Rating ZLM

Dear Mark,

After seeing your article about statistics for Zola ministries (*Levitt Letter*, Dec. '11, p. 21), I can't understand why you only have a one star rating on Charity Navigator. Maybe they have wrong information that needs to be corrected. —S.R.

Dear S.R.—

Charity Navigator quit counting Efficiency, which was our strong suit (we had four stars out of a possible four). And this ministry scored low on their new Accountability/Transparency scale primarily because, though we offered our financial information free for the asking, we had yet to post it and other administrative documents at our website. However, they are there now, viewable at www.levitt.com/about, and our Accountability/Transparency score has shot up to four stars!

The only way to improve our diminished score of two stars for Financial Strength is to receive more contributions. This I believe will occur thanks to Myles and Katharine's incredible, captivating Bible teaching. Especially once our viewers and readers get the message that this ministry legitimately utilizes their support. Some non-profit organizations have only nominal expenses (e.g., glorified email operations); others' coffers overflow with decades' worth of revenue just sitting in perpetual reserve.

Contributions sent here will cause better television production and farther-reaching broadcasts. And that is all there is to that! Would you kindly read my article on page 21? —Mark

Proverbs 16:16

Dear Mark,

I have a unique situation. I was originally incarcerated when I was 17. I am now 27. When I get out of prison, I don't have the first clue about finances, except tithing and how to balance a check-book. I don't know anything about credit or "stocks and bonds." I read everything in your "Wise as a Serpent" series, but I don't speak the language. Help! I want to be prepared when I get out. Do you have any suggestions? —R.Y. (GA)

Dear R.Y.—

Yes, a few. The Bible (Proverbs in particular) offers a fountain of wisdom about stewardship and financial management. Beyond that, educate yourself over time by reading newspapers and browsing news magazines*, perhaps from the library. It can be valuable to rely on a circle of friends and advisors when contemplating certain purchases and contracts.

Bear in mind that most Americans spend too much and save too little. Read your Bible and be smart about sleep, diet, and exercise. Invest in your health and marketable skills, and remember: the quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. "Don't take any wooden nickels" (be cautious in your dealings). —Mark

*with a grain of salt, considering their secular, liberal slant. Incidentally, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Advertisements ... contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper."

Close to Home by John McPherson



The famous question is asked for the first time.

Genesis 12:3

Dear ZLM,

Laid-off three years ago, I have been financially destitute. Thank you for continuing to send me the *Levitt Letter*. Now with two part-time jobs, I enclose my humble “widow’s mite.”

I still have a roof, clothes, and food; I can witness that the Lord blesses those who bless Israel. —E.G. (MA)

Dear E.G.—

What a joy to hear from someone who has seen such setbacks yet maintained an amazing attitude. Your continued support for our ministry is noted with great appreciation and, I believe, with rejoicing in heaven.

When you connected God’s care to your continued blessing of Israel, you made our day. Blessings and Shalom —Myles

Truly Free Where It Matters

Dear ZLM,

I am a born-again, Spirit-filled Russian Jew, recently introduced to your *Levitt Letter*. I can’t tell you how great I think your ministry is and informative your articles are to someone like me, incarcerated in an Oklahoma prison. I praise God every day because four years ago He found me and brought me out of darkness into His light. I am truly free where it matters: in my heart. Would you please place me on your mailing list?

God’s grace and peace, V.S.A. (OK)

Dear V.S.A.—

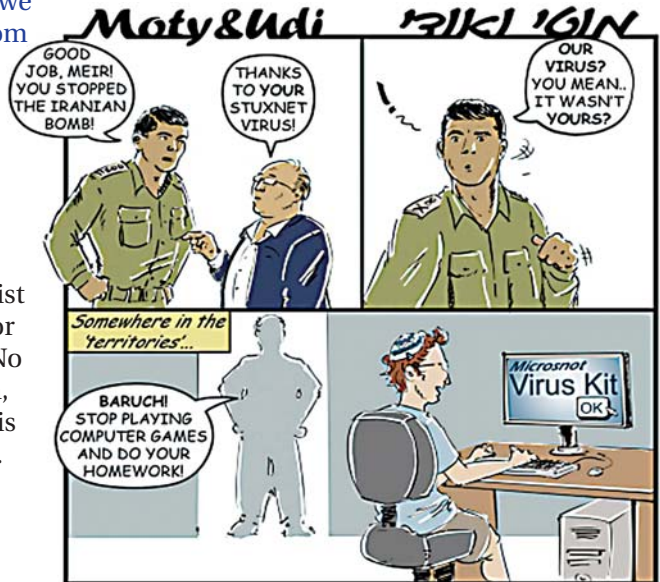
I agree with your view that you are truly free in your heart, where it matters most. We will gladly put you on our mailing list, and in return, I ask that you please pray for us at ZLM, that through this ministry, more of our brethren will come to know Yeshua. I too am descended from Russian Jews on my mother’s side. What God is doing among our people, especially the Russians, is amazing and confirms His Jeremiah 16 promises: bringing us up from all the nations of the world, to Israel—and we believe—to Himself! Shalom and *Spasiba* (Russian, thank you) —Myles

I’m Thankful

Dear ZLM,

At the top of my list of things to be thankful for is Zola Levitt Ministries. No matter who is at the helm, God is in the lead. May His favor be with each of you.

Love, —M.C. (OK)



Jesus Still Clearing the Temple

Dear ZLM,

Re: complaints about the (Sept. *Levitt Letter*) cartoon of Jesus “clearing” (successfully jumping over) the Temple on a skateboard. I adore the comics in your publication. Legalism holds that *all* images of Messiah—cartoon or otherwise—are “false images” of God. I keep one such “false image” of Jesus—with that crown of thorns (the sins of the world) being pressed into the precious head of the Lamb of God—with a cross hanging next to my bunk (in my prison cell). It is the last thing I see each night and the first thing I see each morning. It reminds me of what Christ did for me and how much He loves me.

Let’s not, as a Body, become so hung up on cartoons that we become like those who masquerade as ministers of righteousness but know neither Yeshua nor the Father (that is, the Muslims and several other “isms” that come to mind).

God’s peace, R.M.N. (IL)

P.S. I wish I could send more, but based on previous *Levitt Letters* (June ’11), I know that you know how many noodles this is!

Dear R.M.N.—

Thank you for your well-reasoned assessment of our “cartoon controversy.” You seem to have a positive perspective on the whole thing. Much to my surprise, “Cartoongate” continues to light up the season here at ZLM. After fielding many letters expressing points of view as divergent as the Body of Messiah is diverse, I have concluded (drum roll...) humor is VERY subjective. That is, one person’s sense of humor is another person’s “blasphemy.”

I must say, though, some letters have thrown the term blasphemy around without regard for Yeshua’s own definition of the unpardonable sin, “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 12:31). In 1617, Archbishop Marco Antonio de Dominis said, “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all else, charity.” ZLM attempts to live by those words. Shalom —Myles

More Cartoon Controversy

Dear Myles,

This cartoon is not “humorous.” Which god or God do you serve? You and Mark are no different than the creators of TV’s animated cartoon series *South Park*. These “adorable” little cartoon kids use as much or more profanity than I hear from the prison inmates I’m doing time with! Sadly, this is what ZLM and *South Park* are feeding our next generation of kids. *Brachot* (blessings).
—C.D.L. (NC)

Dear C.D.L.—

Please see my answer to R.M.N., above, regarding our use of cartoons. May I suggest that the “skateboard” cartoon does not quite achieve the level of profanity and “blasphemy” of *South Park*.

On a more serious note, we are definitely not in the same camp as *South Park* when it comes to “feeding our next generation of kids.” We are fervent about sending a Messiah-centered, Israel-affirming, salvation-oriented message “to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). If you put the few cartoons in the context of our commitment to that overall mission, you will see this clearly. Blessings ... and by all means, Shalom—Myles ★



Increasing Discernment When Dealing with Arab Christians

By Dan Calic, GodsEverlastingCovenant.com

This is the first in a limited series on a topic that can easily create confusion for Believers: Arab Christians.

We are not attempting to promote prejudice, but rather instill a better understanding of this important matter, and promote true reconciliation. *[Please note: this is not about the effort of some Muslims to convince Believers that Jesus is a prophet of Islam. That is an entirely different issue.]* Despite a tremendous amount of material on this topic, in our effort to simplify the matter, we will address these basic issues of concern:

1. **Replacement Theology**
2. **Three Distinct Revisionist Scenarios**
3. **Revisionism**
4. **What About “Palestine”?**
5. **The Importance of Discernment**

Replacement Theology

From time to time we are informed about an Arab who has “come to faith.” It’s always wonderful to see someone give his or her heart to Messiah. When it comes to Arabs, we believe some additional discernment may be necessary. Why?

“Replacement Theology” is the belief that the Jews have been “replaced” by the “Church” as holders of God’s Covenant promises. Another term often used to identify Replacement Theology is “*spiritual Israel*.” Virtually all Arab Christians embrace Replacement Theology. Why?

Not to embrace it means they would have to recognize Israel’s biblically prophetic role, which means that they would be standing with Israel as Christian Zionists do. Given the cultural/political problems that exist between Jews and Arabs, such a stance would present a huge challenge for Arabs, possibly even life threatening.

Moreover, the vast majority of Arab Christians in Israel feel closer to the viewpoint of Hamas, Fatah, the PLO, and other anti-

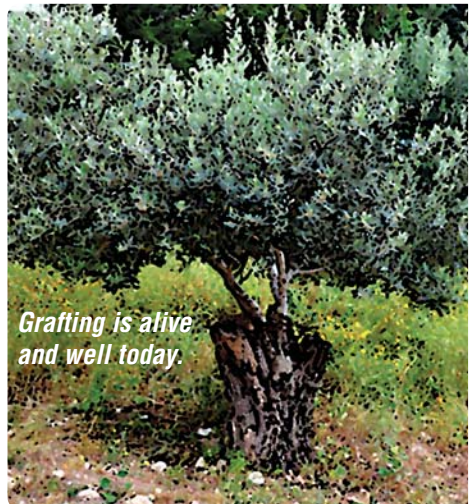
Israel groups when it comes to the conflict. That is, they believe Israel is an occupying force and needs to relinquish control over what Arabs view as *their* land. Virtually the same percentage of Arab Christians who live outside Israel have similar views. Ironically, Hamas and other Arab Muslim groups are the major perpetrators of brutality against Arab Christians, yet many in the media would have you believe Israel is the cause.

In light of the above, it’s a good idea to exercise discernment when hearing of Arabs coming to faith. One should consider asking their views on certain issues before proclaiming “Hallelujah!”

Here are three key issues and supporting Scripture:

1. **Are the Jews still the covenantal promise holders of God’s plan?** (Romans 11:1–2)
2. **Does the covenant God has made with Israel and the Jews include the Land?** (Genesis 15:18; 17:8)
3. **Does he/she understand that gentiles (non-Jews) are grafted into Israel, not the other way around?** (Romans 11:16–18)

The answer to each of the questions should be “**yes**.” Some will try and convince you that Arabs have just as much historical right to the Land as the Jews. Scripture is quite clear on this (see #2 above). Standing firm on these points is important. God’s Word does not change to suit man’s agenda. The way non-Jews inherit the promises made to Israel, including the Land, is by being grafted into Israel *through* the Jewish Messiah. ★



Herod Began The Western Wall But Didn't Finish It

Who built the Temple Mount walls? Every tour guide and every student grounded in the history of Jerusalem will immediately reply that it was Herod. However, in the archaeological excavations of Jerusalem, a very old ritual bath (*mikveh*) was recently discovered that challenges the conventional archaeological perception which regards Herod as being solely responsible for its construction.

Maintaining Jerusalem's main street from 2,000 years ago, used by pilgrims as they went up to the Temple Mount, was part of the project to re-expose the drainage channel that passes beneath the street, running from the Siloam Pool in the City of David to the Jerusalem Archaeological Garden near the Western Wall. The excavations are being conducted on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

According to Professor Ronny Reich of the University of Haifa, "It became apparent during the course of the work that there are cisterns, ritual baths, and cellars that existed before King Herod decided to enlarge the Temple Mount compound. The Jewish historian Josephus, a contemporary of that period, writes that Herod embarked on the project of enlarging the compound in the eighteenth year of his reign (22 BC) and described it as "the largest project the world has ever heard of."

When Herod decided to expand the compound and the locations of the Temple Mount corners were determined, it became apparent that one of the ritual baths was situated directly in line with the Western Wall. The builders filled in the bath with earth, placed three large flat stones on the soil, and built the first course of the wall on top of this blockage.

While sifting the soil removed from inside the sealed ritual bath, three clay oil lamps were discovered of a type

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that was common in the first century AD. In addition, the sifting also yielded seventeen bronze coins that can be identified.



Dr. Donald Ariel, curator of the IAA's numismatic collection, determined that the latest coins were struck by the Roman procurator of Judea, Valerius Gratus, in the year 17/18 AD. This means that Robinson's Arch, and possibly a longer part of the Western Wall, were constructed after this year—that is, at least twenty years after Herod's death (which is commonly thought to have occurred in the year 4 BC).

This bit of archaeological information illustrates the fact that the construction of the Temple Mount walls and Robinson's Arch was an enormous project that lasted decades and was not completed during Herod's lifetime.

This dramatic find confirms Josephus' descriptions, which state that it was only during the reign of King Agrippa II (Herod's great-grandson) that the work was finished, and upon its completion there were eight to ten thousand unemployed in Jerusalem. ★

This supports the much larger story: the FACT of consistent Jewish presence and connection with the Land "from time immemorial." Even adept revisionist historians cannot alter this truth—yesterday, today, and forever. —Myles





READY, AIM, FIRE! Israel as seen from a Palestinian state



New Website "Targets"

Israel By Kerstin Braun, *Israel Today*

A group of Zionist supporters of Israel has developed a website with 600 photos depicting the country in breathtaking, panoramic views. The true intent of the site, however, is to illustrate the immense threat under which Israelis live. When you sign in, a warning appears: "Do not press the green button!" Of course everyone clicks, causing the screen to turn green with "My Israel" becoming "My Palestine." Now the photos turn into a hi-tech target; you can set your sights, enlarge portions of the photos, and take aim. For instance, one can target an airliner taking off from Ben Gurion Airport; another is the triple Azrieli Towers in Tel Aviv. On the right side of the screen, the viewer can choose from a variety of Palestinian weapons, including rockets, mortars, and missiles. It is an effective way of demonstrating Israel's vulnerability and the dangers of a Palestinian state.

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Heaven's Angels

By Shlomo Mordechai, *Israel Today*

It wasn't your everyday sight at the Western Wall: Dozens of tough-looking bikers swooped into Jerusalem's Old City on their Harleys, in a scene that was more reminiscent of the mean streets of Los Angeles than the Holy City. But the brash bikers were actually "holy rollers"—a group of 71 American Evangelical Christians on a nine-day pilgrimage to Israel. Including pastors and military veterans, they were members of Mission: M25, a Texas-based Christian group.

"This visit to Israel is an overwhelming experience," said Pastor Gary Burd, the group's leader. "Jerusalem means so much to us as Evangelical Christians and to arrive in the city on our favorite mode of transportation—it just doesn't get any better than that!"



Holy Rollers Christian bikers ride into Jerusalem's Old City

The burly, grizzled bikers were an instant attraction for Israelis and tourists alike, who were bemused by this unusual spectacle. The group placed prayers in the ancient crevices of the Wall and posed for pictures with soldiers.

And they didn't come empty-handed. "The members of the group collected a donation of \$600,000 to buy medical equipment for the needy in Israel," said IDF Reserve Lieutenant Shalom Almog, who accompanied the M25ers.



Albania Calls Iran, Ahmadinejad “The New Nazis”

By Chana Ya’ar
www.IsraelNationalNews.com



Like most politicians, Albanian Prime Minister **Sali Berisha** is no shrinking violet.

But despite the fact that the nation he leads is a Muslim nation, Berisha made his commitment to the Jewish State crystal clear during his most recent visit to Israel, visiting the Western Wall and ignoring the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Albania, Berisha emphasized, is a “country of religious tolerance,” and noted that Israelis have begun to spend their tourism cash there as an alternative to venues that are no longer as welcoming as they once were.

Albania was strongly supportive of Israel during the recent session of the United Nations General Assembly, and did not support the bid by the Palestinian Authority for the Security Council to grant recognition of statehood and membership in the international body.

In meetings with [Israel’s] President Shimon Peres, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, and Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin, Berisha reiterated his opinion that any unilateral action by the Palestinian Authority to establish an

independent Arab country *sans* talks with Israel “sabotages the peace process.”

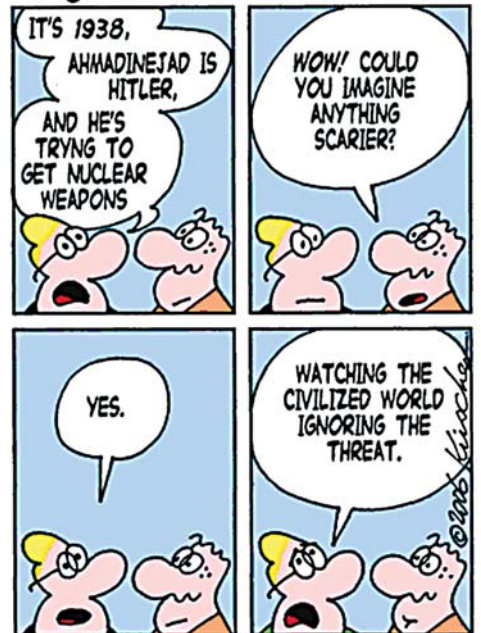
Berisha’s visit, deemed a sterling success by Jerusalem sources, was capped by his telling Israel’s largest Hebrew-language newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*, that Iran and its president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad are “the new Nazis,” and the world must learn from the Holocaust and stop them before it’s too late. The Holocaust taught the free world’s conscience not to let such a scenario repeat itself.

Berisha vowed that his country, as a member of NATO, would join any military strike against the nuclear facilities in Iran, “just like we supported the operation in Libya.” A nuclear Iran, he said, remains the “biggest threat to peace in the Middle East and in the entire world.” ★

We are truly in a Joshua 5 season. The question on the table is not “whose side is God on?” but “who is on the Lord’s side?” It is encouraging to hear this level of clarity from a Muslim leader. Let’s pray for continued insight and success for Sali Berisha. Let other nations “connect the dots” between blessing Israel and national progress, according to Genesis 12:3. —Myles



Dry Bones THE BEAST IN THE EAST



Russian Missiles to Syria

By Elad Benari, IsraelNationalNews.com

Russia delivered anti-ship cruise missiles to Syria in a \$300 million contract, the Moscow-based Interfax news agency reported recently. Their source did not say when the deliveries took place. "This weapon allows coverage of the entire coastline of Syria from possible attack from the sea," the source added.

The deal took place despite the growing pressure on Syrian president Bashar Assad, who has been brutally cracking down on anti-regime protesters.

Russia, along with China, is against any sanctions on Syria. In October, the two countries vetoed a Western-backed UN Security Council resolution condemning Assad's government.

Reuters recently reported that Moscow has spoken out against further sanctions imposed by Western and Arab League states on Syria, and has defended its right to sell Syria weapons. Selling arms to Syria accounted for seven percent of Russia's \$10 billion in arms deliveries abroad in 2010.

Meanwhile, the Arab League tightened its sanctions against Syria. The Cairo-based regional body added 17 high-ranking Syrian officials to a list banning travel to other Arab states.

The list now includes Assad's brother Maher al-Assad (considered the second most powerful man in Syria and commander of the feared Syrian Republican Guard), Syria's ministers of Defense and the Interior, senior military and intelligence officials, and Assad's millionaire cousin Rami Makhlouf, head of the country's mobile phone network.

The United Nations has estimated that over 5,000 people have been killed in the developing civil war in Syria.

The end-times chess game is underway. The pieces think that they are making the moves. But there is a Master who is moving them into position. Before the Ezekiel 38 and 39 wars can take place, we are likely to see an Arab war (according to Psalm 83) against Israel by the proxy states who are Israel's neighbors. The Lord will use these painful circumstances to cause the nations of Earth to cry out to Him. Let's continue to pray for successful cyber warfare to hinder Iran's nuclear ambition. Victory without loss of life! Only God could do that...Hallelujah! —Myles ★

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Public Service

Jacob Cohen went into the city clerk's office to register as a candidate for city council.

While taking down the information, the clerk asked him, "Have you ever been convicted of a crime?"

"Why?" asked Jacob. "Is that a requirement?"



Off The Record

Delivering a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in a large city, a visiting rabbi told several anecdotes that he expected to repeat at meetings the next day.

Because he wanted to use the jokes again, he asked the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn in to their newspapers.

A reporter from the *Jewish Tribune*, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: "The rabbi told a number of stories that cannot be published." ★

Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

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“No Virgins, More Homosexuals” If Women Drive

www.DailyMail.co.uk

Repealing a ban on women drivers in Saudi Arabia would result in “no more virgins,” the country’s religious council has warned.

A “scientific” report claims relaxing the ban would also see more Saudis—both men and women—turn to homosexuality and pornography.

The startling conclusions were drawn by Muslim scholars at the Majlis al-Ifta’ al-A’ala, Saudi Arabia’s highest religious council, working in conjunction with Kamal Subhi, a former professor at the King Fahd University.

Their report assessed the possible impact of repealing the ban in Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world where women are not allowed behind the wheel.

The report warns that allowing women to drive would “provoke a surge in prostitution, pornography, homosexuality, and divorce.” Within ten years of the ban being lifted, the report’s authors claim, there would be no more virgins in the Islamic kingdom. And it pointed out that “moral decline” could already be seen in other Muslim countries where women are allowed to drive.

In the report Professor Subhi described sitting in a coffee shop in an unnamed Arab

state. “All the women were looking at me,” he wrote. “One made a gesture that made it clear she was available ... this is what happens when women are allowed to drive.”

The astonishing report comes after Shaima Jastaniya, a 34-year-old Saudi woman, was sentenced to 10 lashes with a whip after being caught driving in Jeddah. There has been strong protest in the country about the sentence—and about the law generally. But resistance to reform and change remains strong among conservative royals and clerics. ★

I sincerely doubt the coffee shop incident occurred. Nevertheless, perhaps the better lesson is, “Let them out more and teach them how to behave.”

—Editor

Articles like this “drove” Katharine to write *Selective Sisterhood* (January ’12 *Levitt Letter*, p. 11). Where are the Western voices of feminism standing up for women’s rights? They need to get in gear. —Myles



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The Moderate Sheik of Hebron

By Nadav Shragai, www.IsraelHayom.com

Arab **Sheik Farid Khader el-Ja'abari** of Hebron is one of the Palestinian Authority's most outspoken opponents. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, Fatah's military wing, has made open threats on his life. The reason is the sheik's firm statements against the establishment of a Palestinian state, and his close ties with the IDF and the Jewish settlers of Hebron and Kiryat Arba. Those loyal to the sheik, who has hundreds of armed men at his service, are seething with anger at Fatah, but the 63-year-old has ordered everyone to show restraint.

Ja'abari heads a clan of approximately 35,000 people. His opinions and worldview are hard to label. On the one hand, in recent years he has become the ally of the settlers and of the State of Israel. On the other, he is one of the most vigorous opponents of the establishment of a Palestinian state: Ja'abari believes that it is tantamount to treason and territorial concessions, which Islam strictly forbids.

He calls Mahmoud Abbas, who "chatters about dividing the country," a crook, and says that he has no authority. Ja'abari is a man of honor and of coexistence and practicality, a firm opponent of terrorism and violence who supports dialogue and discourse as values in themselves. Regarding the Jewish presence in Hebron, he says, "It is an indisputable historical fact, and so we must find a way to live with each other."

One of the sheik's close associates tries

to explain. "The sheik understands that Israel is a fact that cannot be changed, and says: 'I will help them and I will protect them, and they will help me and protect me. In the end, the Messiah will come. If our Mahdi comes first, all the Jews will become Muslim. If the Messiah of the Jews comes first, we will all become Jews.'"

The sheik has been putting his unique worldview into practice for several years. Statesmen and generals



from both peoples come to see him. What sets the Ja'abari clan apart from the rest of the Palestinians in Hebron is their tribal loyalty. The Ja'abaris have thousands of armed "representatives" in Hamas and in the PA's security services, but their tribal loyalty takes precedence over all other loyalties, and the sheik's word is considered sacred.

What will he do if a Palestinian state ends up being established after all? "If Israel does not support [it]," the sheik tells his close associates, "the PA will not last more than two hours. It will be swept quickly from the streets." See the video and full story at

<http://wp.me/pieUD-15e>



A rare voice of reason from the Muslim world. I've tracked this sheik for a while. He is a balanced and wise man, seeking the best for his people. Let's pray that he stands strong and logical as the winds of war are whipped up by less-reasonable leaders.—Myles



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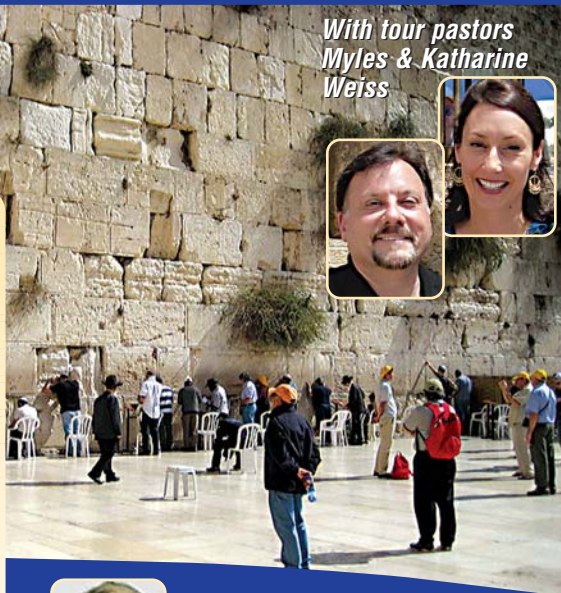
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