



How many Holocausts is enough? —Myles

Mark Steyn: Possible Second Holocaust

By Joanne Hill
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Western society is complicit in a resurgence of anti-Semitism that may lead to a second Holocaust, for which humankind will have no excuses, warned **Mark Steyn**. "There is something profoundly wicked in the contortions that Europeans are willing to make with respect to their own complicated history with the Jewish people," said Steyn. "We are on the verge of the biggest, most disgusting and evil event of all, in part because of the complicity of the West."

About 1,000 people filled the sanctuary at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple recently to hear the best-selling author and political commentator in conversation with Dr. Elliott Malamet, founder of Torah in Motion and associate professor of Jewish Education at York University.

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Shalom From Sandra Passover Memories



The Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. Exodus 12:23

The first Messianic Passover I ever attended was taught by Zola. I fondly remember his *kittel* (white ceremonial robe) and priest's hat. He read from the *Haggadah* (the book laying out the order of the *seder*, which is the family ritual dinner). I was so awed by the visuals of Yeshua -Jesus in the Feast and the order of the *Haggadah*, that I talked about it for hours afterward.

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Steyn decried the “nimbleness of the Western mind in regarding a relatively small and peripheral group of people as the source of the problem” in the Middle East. “The Western intellectual says the State of Israel was the imposition of an alien, Western European culture on the Middle East.... It’s easy then to see the next step. You wake up in the morning, there’s a mushroom cloud over Tel Aviv, and you see the European foreign minister saying, ‘Obviously we regret the loss of life but it brings to a close this tragic chapter in Middle East affairs.’”

He elaborated in an interview with the *Jewish Tribune*: “The Holocaust happened because people said Jews are sinister, rootless, cosmopolitan people, who are not citizens [with] allegiance to a conventional nation-state. So the ones who were left got themselves a conventional nation-state and now they’re hated for that, too. That tells you something about Jew-hatred’s ability to adapt. But the fact that the intellectual class in Europe is able to swivel so swiftly, from hating them for one reason in the 1930s to hating them for this reason now, says far more about Europeans than it does about Jews.”

Some Europeans can sidestep blame for the Holocaust because it truly was unprecedented and inconceivable, he continued. It’s one thing if it happens the first time and you go, ‘oh, never again...’ If, two generations down the road, so-called civilization permits a crime of that magnitude to occur a second time, it’s far harder to take refuge in the defense that these crimes were literally unimaginable. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax and the rest of them have that excuse; our generation does not.” Allowing a second

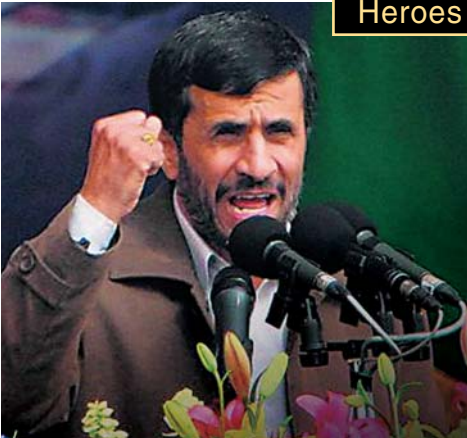


Holocaust to occur “would illustrate an almost industrial-scale corrosion of basic humanity.”

We could use more Christians like Steyn vocally supporting Israel. —Myles



Heroes of Hatred



I got it: Passover is amazing when you see the Messiah in the Feast! I set up the Passover table each year. One year, I brought a bag of plagues—frogs, lice, locusts, etc. The kids loved it.

During my son Will's first Israel Passover, he said that he wanted to run through the streets and ask everyone if they "got it"—if they saw the Messiah in Passover.

I was so nervous during the first Passover I taught in a church setting, that the teaching seemed to take about five minutes. The Passover *seder* usually lasts from sundown until about midnight. I was a little short on the time, but I can still see the faces of the audience as they too "got it"—the Messiah in Passover.

I celebrated Passover many times in Israel. At times, we sat eight at a table designed to seat four. There were friends and family and pecan pies (always!) and the feeling of renewal watching Israel bloom in the spring during Passover, bringing hope.

What good memories we associate with Passover: the preparations (read: spring cleaning), Yeshua (our Passover lamb), blessing the bread and wine (our communion), and the white linens worn. As Zola would say, "Passover tells your whole story—from your bitter life of slavery before you met the Lord to your final trip to be with Him in the Promised Land. Israel did everything you've done and will do."

About a year ago, I joined a women's book club, whose fellowship has been a real blessing to me. We have explored some interesting writing: biographies, books we've read brought to life on the silver

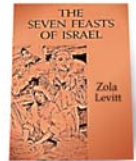


screen, a Shakespeare play enacted in the park, and even a G-rated romance novel for Valentine's Day. We are open to learn from books. This year, when it is my turn to lead, our group will read Zola's *The Miracle of Passover* (described on p. 17), and I will lead us in the Passover *seder*.

Good memories help us smile through the tough times. The Israelites endured some hard times, but God was with them every step of the way, just as He is with us. This year, Passover begins the evening of April 6. Here is the plan: Get Zola's book, have a Passover *seder*, invite some family and friends, and make a memory that is eternal.

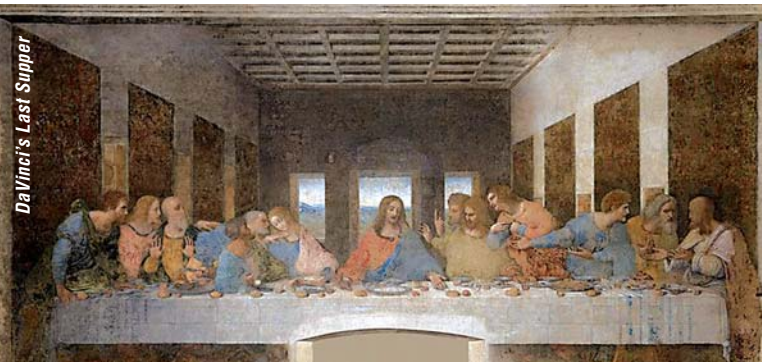
—Blessings,

Sandra



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

Be sure to read Katharine's column on *Spring Cleaning God's Way* (p. 8).



Da Vinci's Last Supper

Lion, Lamb... or Both?

By Myles Weiss



As the nations rage against Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:9), and everything that can shake *is* shaking, we see the preparation for the promised Messiah. Israel's restoration is the cosmic trumpet that signals the ticking prophetic clock: Messiah is on His way.

But which Messiah ... the suffering servant of Isaiah 53 or the reigning King of the Psalms, Prophets, and the NT?

Isaiah (53:3–6) poignantly describes the Messiah as

A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. ... and we did not esteem Him. ... He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The 53rd chapter of Isaiah has been described as the “Gospel according to Isaiah.” In fact, ZLM made an eight-part series by that same name. I have seen Jews come to faith in Yeshua after hearing this Messianic description. As a new Believer—and “lit up” from a month of street witnessing with Jews for Jesus—I gathered my New York family and read Isaiah’s gospel to them. A holy hush fell over them, and eventually both my mom and sister came to faith. *Baruch HaShem* (praise His Name)!

Taken together, the many other descriptions of this suffering servant describe a *Mashiach Ben Joseph* (literally, Messiah son of Joseph) who, like His natural ancestor Joseph the patriarch, suffered many injustices before becoming the Deliverer of His people, Israel.

However, we Jews are not that keen on more suffering but, rather, would like a King who triumphantly vanquishes our enemies and makes us “the head and not the tail” (Deuteronomy 28:13) for a change!

That was the quandary in which the early disciples found themselves—how could this carpenter, neighbor, and friend be He who would deliver them from the oppression of Rome? Matthew 6:33, 8:11, and Luke 11:20 tell us that the mystery of the Kingdom was progressively revealed to Yeshua’s followers. Some were still looking for an earthly kingdom in Acts 1:6.

THAT DAY IS COMING ... AND SOONER THAN WE MAY THINK!

The reigning Messiah—*Mashiach Ben David*—will establish His throne in Jerusalem and reign for a thousand years. Now, that is a Divine Dictatorship that I can accept, a benign monarchy ruled by the only One fit to lead us all.

Hallelujah!

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, this King is praised and promised.

Daniel 7:9–22 describes the reigning King as the “Ancient of Days.” In verse 9 we read

**I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire ...**

We have an extraordinary opportunity to point people to Him—in His role as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world ... AND as the Lion of Judah, the coming King! ★



Ask The Chaplain

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. If the Scripture (Romans 11:25) says that the Jews are blinded and will not “see” that Christ is the Messiah (Deliverer of Zion), until ALL the fullness of the gentiles has come in, why continue to try to reach the Jews? —S.T.V.

A. Paul is speaking of Israel in general and national terms. To say that it means every single Jew in the present time would mean that we should not approach them individually with the Gospel. But that would violate Romans 1:16, which states that the Gospel is to go to the Jew first. Experience also shows the error of such thinking as I have personally led several Jews to salvation in the Lord.

Satan loves to encourage a theology that abandons the Jews under the faulty interpretation that they are all blinded anyway and won't come to faith until Yeshua returns—so why bother sharing the Gospel with them now? This is a false reading of Romans 11:25. It is a *partial* blindness, not a *complete* blindness. Therefore, some Jews will be saved in the present time by the Gospel witness of the Church—which I do and will do until death, so help me God!

going to change anything according to prophecy? Thanks, —K.E. (AL)

A. The Bible is very clear that the antiChrist is not some movement or concept. Wherever the Bible mentions him, he is spoken of in the third person masculine singular—and thus should be understood in terms of being a literal, male human being (see Daniel 9:26–27).

He will do things that an idea or movement could not do: He will oppose the Lord Jesus and force people to worship him alone as God when he goes into the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and commits the Abomination of Desolation (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4; Revelation 13). These prophecies would be nonsense if they were not speaking about an actual person.

Remember the first rule of hermeneutics (Bible interpretation): “When the plain sense makes sense, seek no other sense; otherwise, you end up with nonsense.” Please read the excellent book called *The Antichrist* by A.W. Pink for further education and edification about this person who already may live among us.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem because God commands it (Psalm 122:6). There will be peace when the Prince of Peace returns to set up His Kingdom on Earth, to rule from the throne of David in Jerusalem. Come, Lord Jesus! ★

Q. How do you feel about the message that the anti-Christ will not be a human being, but a movement from Muslim nations starting in Iran? I kind of believe it, because Iran is champing at the bit to take out Israel and drag other Muslim nations along.

Why do we “pray for the peace of Jerusalem”? Is praying for peace

UNESCO IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE PALESTINIAN STATE.

TOUCH ME AGAIN AND THE JEW GETS IT.



Saving Purim

By Eitan Shishkoff

On what day does Israel celebrate Halloween? Actually, Israel doesn't celebrate Halloween. Yet Purim, the biblical holiday instituted in the Book of Esther, looks more and more like the American extravaganza of All Hallows Eve. The costumes become more grotesque and include the usual themes of witchcraft, hell, and death so prominent in Halloween's imagery. Why?

How did the joy and thanksgiving of Purim, which falls on March 8–9 this year, become perverted into the gross displays in today's Israeli shopping malls and schools (kindergarten and up)? One obvious reason is that the media-driven pop culture has for decades been taking over in the biblically rooted nations of Israel and America.

Yet, there is another cause of garish costumes and excessive gaiety, and it lies within the nature of the Festival of Purim itself. As instituted in the Book of Esther, the celebration commemorates Jewish victory over certain annihilation at the hands of the wicked Persian official Haman (think: Ahmadijad). Infuriated at Mordechai's refusal to pay him homage in Shushan (think: Tehran), he ordered the extermination of every Jew in the Persian Empire, stretching in those days from India to Ethiopia. Persia was renamed Iran in 1935. How ironic that Jewish destruction is again being demanded from the same address!

Haman, however, was hanged on the gallows that he built for Mordechai, and Queen Esther became the heroine by revealing her Jewish heritage to King Ahasuerus (Xerxes). The Persian Jewish community received the right to defend itself and "had rest from their enemies." To celebrate this dramatic deliverance, they made the 14th of Adar a day of feasting and gladness (Esther 9:17).

Eitan and Connie Shishkoff



The biblical history of Israel contains many accounts of last-minute rescues. Whether it's Moshe (Moses) & Co. watching the

Red Sea drown Pharaoh's chariots or Joshua blowing away the walls of Jericho with nothing more than shouts and *shofars* (horns), the Lord has a penchant for close calls. What brings such a smile and invites the parody at Purim is the utter and sudden reversal of Jewish fortunes. One moment we're doomed, and the next we're dominating. No wonder our people found ways to bring cheer and comic relief during the holiday through the centuries, especially in Europe, where oppression was common. Thus, Purim became an opportunity to laugh at tragedy-turned-to-triumph through the satiric drama affectionately known as the Purim *spiel*, or embellished story. Costumed characters from the story of Esther re-enact the tale, often with absurd twists.



I don't enjoy seeing skeleton costumes during Purim in Israel. But I love seeing my grandchildren and others masquerading as Mordechai and Esther. May these little ones identify with their biblical heroes and may our deliverance from the Hamans of today be as resounding as it was in Esther's time. ★

Around the world, Jews raise children with the same Purim joy and costumes. Once again we see the Jewish people connected over space and time through our adherence to our collective story. God is the hero of Purim!

—Myles a.k.a. Mordechai



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For Sinners Only

By Zola Levitt

I finally heard a “St. Peter at the Pearly Gates” story worth repeating. This one had to do with a rather learned and pious minister of a large church. The good pastor was quite confident as he approached St. Peter, seeking entrance into Heaven.

“I’m sure you’ve heard of me,” he told the Apostle. “I’ve occupied a very important pulpit for the past forty years and sent quite a few people your way. I imagine my good works have been noticed up here, and I’d now like to come in.”

“Actually, we haven’t heard of you,” Peter replied, “but we have a point system in Heaven in order to be fair to everyone. Perhaps you could outline your career in the ministry for me and I’ll give you the appropriate score for each of your actions.”

The pastor was very cooperative. For the next hour or so he regaled the patient Peter with work after good work, especially emphasizing his unblemished character and his forgiving nature. At the end of it all Peter was duly impressed. At length he told the minister that he would award him a “10.”

“Does that mean I can go into Heaven now?” asked the minister.

“Not at all,” said Peter. “You need 100 points.”

The churchman was aghast. “Are you kidding?” he exclaimed. “I spent my whole life in the service of the Gospel and you’re

giving me a measly 10 points!”

Peter said, “Can you offer me anything more that we might credit you for?”

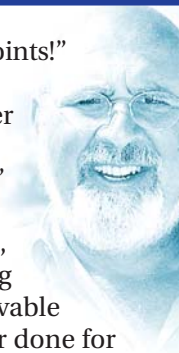
Well, as the day wore on, the minister kept digging around for every conceivable good service he had ever done for the Lord, his church, his community, his denomination, etc., etc. The hour grew late. The pastor’s jacket was thrown over a chair and his tie was loose. Perspiring, he finally looked up at Peter piteously and said, “Dear Apostle, surely there’s mercy in Heaven. How many points do I have now?”

“20,” Peter told him.

“Oh, I just don’t understand this,” exclaimed the pastor who was extremely frustrated. “Where will I ever get 80 more points? If it weren’t for the grace of God, nobody would ever get into this place!”

“That’s 100,” replied Peter calmly. “Go on in.” ★

*This “joke” from Zola’s toolbox illustrates the very essence of God’s Message: **No one is good enough to gain entrance into His presence. It is His grace only through the death of His Son Jesus that admits us.***
—Editor



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Spring Cleaning— God’s Way!

By Katharine Weiss



With our two sons off to college, Myles and I have been paring down, cleaning up, and tossing accumulated “stuff.” The days begin to get longer, and we know that the season of Passover and traditional Easter is not far off. Spring—the season of renewal—leads many of us to implement diets, exercise programs, and all manner of improvements in our lives.

What a joy to discover that God Himself originated these ideas!

His *Moedim* (appointed times) still elegantly lead His followers through the calendar with “a season for everything” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Leviticus 23 clearly defines the “Holy Days” that belong to God and that are full of revelation for us.

Each of these special times has a historical, prophetic, and personal meaning.

Historically: they were given to and through Israel.

Prophetically: they point to the Messiah, Yeshua.

Personally: we can always learn about our walk with God by studying them.

In preparation for Passover, Jews are commanded to remove all the leaven (*chametz*) from the house. Leaven in the *Tanach* (Hebrew Scriptures/OT) is a type, or representation, of sin. Exodus 12:19—“For seven days, no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land.”

In the *Brit Hadashah* (New Covenant/NT), we see the same admonition about our walk with Christ: 1 Corinthians 5:7,8—“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new

lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.”

Traditional Jewish families change out all the dishes and use a set dedicated to Passover. They make a special ritual of inspecting the house and cleaning out all leaven before Passover, traditionally using a feather to gather all crumbs of leavened bread and cookies into a wooden spoon, which they take outside and burn.

In an irony hidden to those who do not know Jesus, one can see the feather as a picture of the Holy Spirit, the wooden spoon as the cross, and the burning as complete sacrifice! Looking back with the perspective of history, we see that even this simple tradition points to the Messiah. (*See Sandra on p.1*)



This preparation for Passover is the historical root of what has come to be known as “spring cleaning.” We can take this portrayal of outward cleanliness and appropriate it as an inner change that will draw us closer to the Lord.

As we look toward spring, let us prepare our hearts and lives with the light of God. Let’s sweep away all sin, and ask God to burn it up with His fiery love and cleansing blood. Let this season be one of genuine renewal! ★



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The Holy Spirit at Work in Israel

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
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During the Gospel outreach I reported on last month (Feb. *Levitt Letter* p. 9), Harvey Zion and I watched with astonishment as a security guard changed from open hostility to Yeshua, to warm acceptance of the Gospel. Our presentation of Jesus as the one and only true Messiah of Israel was powerful, but we knew that such a radical change of heart can only come from the power of the Holy Spirit working through our preaching (1 Corinthians 2:4–5).

In Tiberias, at the entrance to the tomb of the great medieval rabbi Maimonides, we popped into a Judaica gift shop, and an affable young man greeted us—**Aaron**. With the shop's many portraits of famous dead rabbis of Judaism watching us, we told Aaron that we had come to him and the Chosen People as followers of the risen Rabbi Yeshua of Nazareth. In His name and by His command, we visit His Land to bring His Word back to His people; “back” because they first gave it to the gentile world.

In another demonstration of the Spirit's ability, this Orthodox young man accepted a Hebrew copy of the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) with the *Tanach* (Old Testament). Aaron also took pamphlets that list the Messianic prophecies of the *Tanach* and their historical fulfillment in the life of Jesus. We prayed with Aaron, asking the Lord to lead him through the Scriptures into the presence and power of

Jesus the risen Messiah. He joined in by saying “Amen” with us at the prayer's conclusion.



Reut and Todd

Harvey and I met **Reut** in a coffee shop in Kiryat Shmona. As she read the life-changing words of John 3:16 in Hebrew from my Bible, we explained that this is the quintessential message of the Jewish Bible. Exclaiming that she wanted to read more about the “beautiful act of God sending the Messiah,” Harvey and I just smiled and handed her a complete Hebrew Bible of Old and New Testaments. This young woman now has access to eternal life in Messiah, just as Jesus promised in John 6:63: ***“The words I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life.”***

Todd and his team are a vital component of the ZLM community. The Romans 1:16 mandate is for the Gospel to go “to the Jew first.” It is very encouraging to see Todd preaching to the people of Israel as we are pastoring the pilgrims who join Zola Tours. They deserve our prayers and support. You can designate contributions to our To the Jew First (TJF) Fund. —Myles ★



Aaron and Harvey



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Classic Antennas Harness Sun Power

Some solar devices, like calculators, only need a small panel of solar cells to function. But supplying enough power to meet all our daily needs would require enormous solar panels. And solar-powered energy collected by panels made of silicon, a semiconductor material, is limited—contemporary panel technology can only convert approximately seven percent of optical solar waves into electric current.

Profs. Koby Scheuer, Yael Hanin, and Amir Boag of Tel Aviv University's Department of Physical Electronics and its innovative new Renewable Energy Center are now developing a solar panel composed of nano-antennas instead of semiconductors. By adapting classic metallic antennas to absorb light waves at optical frequencies, a much higher conversion rate from light into usable energy could be achieved. Such efficiency, combined with a lower material cost, would mean a cost-effective way to harvest and utilize "green" energy.

Both radio and optical waves are electromagnetic energy. Traditionally, detectors based on semiconducting materials like silicon are used to inter-

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face with light, while radio waves are captured by antennas.



For optimal absorption, the antenna dimensions must correspond to the light's very short wavelength. According to Prof. Scheuer, "old school" antennas can collect wavelengths across a much broader spectrum of light. The solar spectrum is very broad, he explains, with UV or infrared rays ranging from ten microns to less than two hundred nanometers. No semiconductor can handle this broad a spectrum, and they absorb only a fraction of the available energy. A group of antennas, however, can be manufactured in different lengths with the same materials and process, exploiting the entire available spectrum of light.

When finished, the team's new solar panels will be large sheets of plastic which, with the use of a nano-imprinting lithography machine, will be imprinted with varying lengths and shapes of metallic antennas. ★



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This nano-country, Israel, continues to astound the world by providing solutions for a sustainable energy future. Their reward? Being hounded and vilified by the mega-nations that will benefit from Israel's breakthroughs! —Myles

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Protecting Normal Cells from Radiation Therapy

An Israeli-developed biodegradable “balloon” separates tumors from healthy tissues, greatly reducing side effects of radiation therapy in prostate cancer.

The well-known problem in cancer radiation therapy is that it indiscriminately zaps both malignant and healthy tissues. But what if it were possible to shield normal cells from the powerful rays?

BioProtect, one of a cluster of notable Israeli biotech innovators, has come up with a unique solution that accomplishes this task for prostate cancer sufferers. Its ProSpace biodegradable balloon keeps radiation from healthy tissues surrounding the tumor.

This type of cancer was a logical place to start because of the prostate's proximity to the rectum. Radiation therapy for the cancer can inadvertently cause soreness, diarrhea, perforation, and severe bleeding or bloody discharge. Inserting ProSpace between the prostate and rectum has been shown to reduce the volume of rectum exposed to radiation by 69.9%, a dramatic reduction.

“It’s a quality of life issue,” says BioProtect CEO Amir Shiner, noting that radiation therapy can also result in health conditions that require significant interventions. “There’s a real need for such a protection device.”

Made from biodegradable polymers, the balloon is implanted in a simple, minimally invasive procedure and dissolves within three to six months.

Nearly 50 percent of cancer patients in the United States are treated using radiation therapy, and ProSpace may have a role in offering many of them a safer and more enhanced radiation therapy experience.

“Physicians tell us that they prefer our

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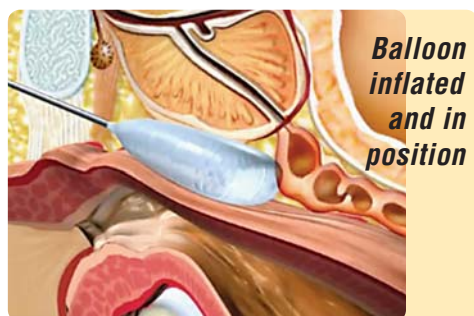
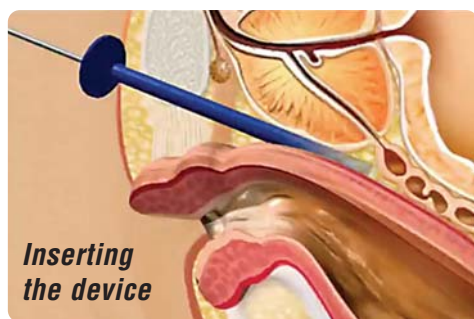
product to the only alternative available—a gel that is injected and performs a similar role. The great advantage of the ProSpace device is that it’s reproducible. Its well-defined boundaries under a CT scan, and reproducible shape and size, help the doctor to effectively administer treatment.”

What’s more, patients report little or no pain from the implanted balloon, although they occasionally experience mild and temporary discomfort at the access area. There are other advantages, Shiner notes: ProSpace enables more efficient treatments using more concentrated radiation doses, meaning fewer treatment sessions at a lower cost.

BioProtect is a small company based in Kfar Saba, with a highly dedicated R&D team. Manufacturing is on site. ★



Some cancer treatments are nearly as dangerous as the disease. Let’s pray the Israelis continue to excel in their medical research. —Myles



Sifting Project Reveals First Temple Bulla

BiblicalArchaeology.org

Jerusalem archaeologist Gabriel Barkay announced early this year that the Temple Mount Sifting Project has discovered a fragment of a seventh-century B.C. clay bulla impressed with the ancient Hebrew inscription *[g]b'n lmlk*, or “Gibeon, for the king.” According to Barkay, the bulla is evidence for royal taxation of different Judahite cities, in this case the town of Gibeon. More than 50 other such “fiscal bullae” are already known, but most lack contextual information. “All the fiscal bullae known until now come from the antiquities market, and our bulla is the first one to come from a controlled archaeological project,” wrote Barkay on the project’s website. “This bulla enables us to fully illuminate and discuss the entire phenomenon of the fiscal bullae.”



Barkay is a leading voice in the world of biblical archaeology. God is using him and his colleagues to verify the facts of the Bible. Eventually, science catches up with Scripture!
—Myles

Buzz Over Jewish Scrolls Find

By Gil Shefler www.JPost.com

The scholarly world is abuzz over the discovery of ancient Jewish scrolls in a cave in Afghanistan’s Samangan province. If the scrolls are authenticated, they may be the most significant historical finding in the Jewish world since that of the Cairo Geniza in the 19th century.



“We know today about a couple of findings,” Haggai Ben-Shammai, professor emeritus of Arabic language and literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was quoted as saying. “In all, in my opinion, there are about 150 fragments. It may be the tip of the iceberg.”

The scrolls, which were part of a *geniza*—a burial site for sacred Jewish texts—date from around 1,000 years ago and are in Arabic, Judeo-Arabic, and ancient Persian. One scroll was apparently a dirge written for an important person whose identity has not been determined.

“Where has he gone?” reads the text. “His family members are now alone.”

Other texts are said to include an unknown history of the Kingdom of Judea, passages from the Book of Isaiah, and some of the works of 10th-century sage Rabbi Sa’adia Gaon. In addition, rings with names such as Shmuel Bar-Yosef inscribed in Hebrew on them have surfaced.

The area in which the scrolls were discovered is on the Silk Road, a trade route that connected eastern Asia with the Middle East and Europe, and that Jewish merchants often traveled. ★

How Muslims View Spread of Islam

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In recent speeches to Muslims, Ahmad-Hossein Sharifi, deputy chairman and research director at the Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute, discussed the dangers presented by the West to Iran's Shiite society. He said that the West had decided to undermine this society by disseminating its corrupt, immoral, and anti-Islam culture, and that it was targeting Iran in particular—because Shiite Iran, unlike the Sunni Wahhabi Saudi Arabia, was the center of the pure Islam. Yet despite the West's efforts, Sharifi added, Islam was spreading rapidly in the West, and the U.S. and Europe would become Islamic countries within a few decades.

In November 2011, Sharifi stated that the Islamic way of life and Islam itself were spreading in the West: “In contrast to what people think, Islam is spreading in the world. For example, between 2000 and 2010, one thousand mosques were built in France, and 60 churches were turned into mosques or shut down. One out of every two babies born in the Netherlands is raised in a Muslim family, and therefore it can be expected that by 2025 all the Dutch will be Muslims. At the beginning of the [1979] Islamic Revolution in Iran, the Muslim population in the U.S. was 300,000 to

400,000—but in light of the growth of the Muslim population in that country, this number today has reached nine million.”

In October 2011, he explained, “The Islamic societies [that will develop in the West] might not be ideal as far as we are concerned, but in general an Islamic spirituality will prevail in them, and they will gradually march towards the ideal spirituality.” He added that Western society was very fearful of this Islamic trend, and was therefore fighting “the pure Islam whose center is Iran.” He added, “Sowing doubt is one of the important elements that the [West, led by the U.S.] uses in hope of harming the Shiite school of thought.

“Everyone acknowledges that the Islamic spirituality, and particularly Shiism, is spreading rapidly in the world—to the point where Islam has become an unrivalled religion in the world. If the Islamic trend continues at the present pace, the U.S. is predicted to become an Islamic country by 2070... by 2045 Germany will be completely Islamic; the Netherlands ... by 2025, and by 2050 more than 70% of the French will be Muslims.” ★

The infighting between the various factions of Islam does not bode well for those within each sect. Whichever prevails, eventually some form of *sharia* (Islamic law) and oppression will increasingly impact the world.

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Iran's Take on Israel's History

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The Iranian president says that “Zionists feign piety” regarding Jerusalem in order to strip it of its Islamic identity, and claims that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the most important issue in the world.

Speaking to a delegation to the Turkish-Palestinian Parliamentary Friendship Group, Ahmadinejad was quoted by Iranian state television as saying, the “Zionists, who have no faith in religion or even God, now claim piety and intend to take away the Islamic identity of the Holy Quds [Arabic name for Jerusalem].”

Speaking of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Ahmadinejad was quoted by Iran's official news agency IRNA as saying that the “issue of Palestine is the main issue in the region and the whole world, and nobody can ignore it.” Iran has been embroiled in a standoff with the West over its contentious nuclear program, which Israel and the United States claim has military aspects.

Most recently, Iran and the United States have been involved in a heated verbal spat over an Iranian threat to close off the Strait of Hormuz—a

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waterway crucial to the distribution of Persian Gulf crude oil supplies—if the West sanctions its oil sector.

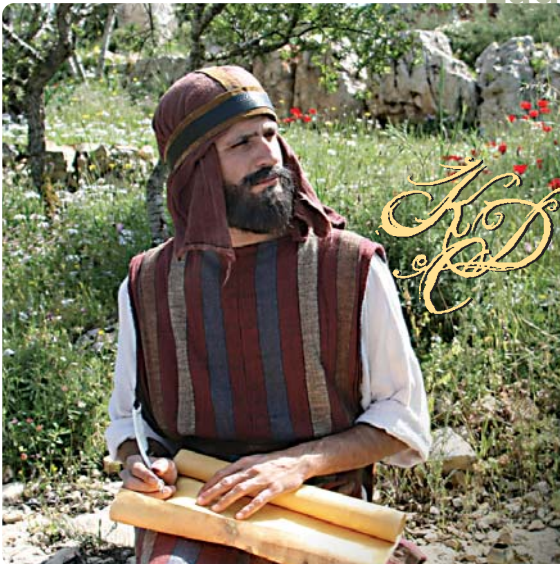
Referring to Iranian threats, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the U.S. saw “these threats from Tehran as just increasing evidence that the international pressure is beginning to bite.” ★

Iran continues to be the head of the snake: fomenting anti-Semitic disinformation throughout the world. It also funds and equips its proxy armies throughout the region. The spirit of Haman is alive and needs to be dealt with again. —Myles



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IDF Takes Care to Spare Civilians in War

By Leo Rennert

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In a year-end review of countering rocket fire from Gaza, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reports that its retaliatory fire killed 100 Palestinians, including nine civilians. The rest were combatants linked to Palestinian terror organizations. Put another way, the Palestinian fatality toll included 10 terrorists for every civilian.

The 1:10 noncombatant-to-combatant fatality ratio is unique among conflicts around the world. No other army can boast of similar records of minimal civilian collateral damage. In fact, the United Nations estimates that elsewhere, 30 civilians are killed for every 10 combatant fatalities. That's three times as many non-combatants as combatants.

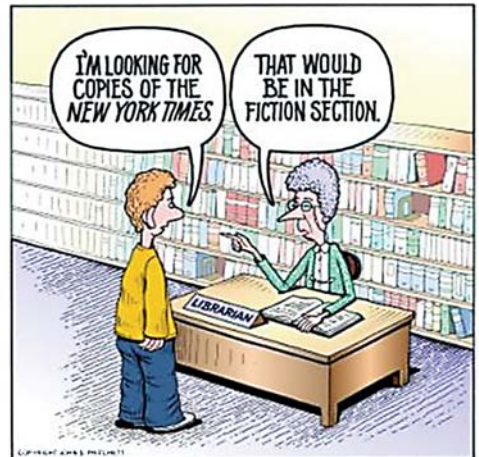
The IDF's record is the more remarkable when one considers that Palestinian terror groups are deeply embedded in civilian neighborhoods, requiring ever greater IDF pinpoint accuracy in retaliatory strikes as well as extensive intelligence inside Gaza. Also, quite often, IDF commanders will forgo ordering an attack when the potential for civilian casualties seems too high.

Yet, if one reviews mainstream media reports in 2011 about the continuing Gaza conflict, scant attention is paid to the paucity of Palestinian civilian casualties. Headlines regularly announce that "Israel killed 3 Palestinians"—leaving readers in the dark about who these casualties are or, worse, concluding erroneously that they're probably civilians. And virtually never do reporters dig into the lengths to which the Israeli military goes to spare civilians.

This remains most notable in coverage of Israel's counter-terrorism incursion into Gaza in the winter of 2008–2009. To this day, media like *The New York Times*, abetted by spurious reports from human rights organizations, still buy into Palestinian casualty figures hook, line, and sinker, vastly exaggerating Palestinian civilian fatalities while overlooking hundreds of combatant fatalities.

The IDF, which conducted a detailed post-offensive investigation into Palestinian fatalities, found that there were 1,166 Palestinian fatalities, including 709 combatants, from what was dubbed Operation Cast Lead. And it identified every one of them. In three weeks of grueling ground combat, in the face of terrorist fire from amidst Gaza civilians, the number of Palestinian combatant fatalities still substantially exceeded the number of non-combatants—by a margin of 6 to 4.

These breakdowns, however, were mostly ignored by mainstream media, while overall casualty totals were vastly inflated by the Palestinian side and by self-appointed human-rights groups. And, more often than not, combatant-versus-noncombatant breakdowns never made it into print.



Ironically, Hamas—long after the ground war was over—reported breakdowns much closer to the truth. Why? Because, on reflection, phony big numbers for civilian deaths and phony small numbers for combatant deaths were apt to minimize Hamas's "heroic" resistance against Israeli forces. So, Hamas belatedly announced that it had lost 600 to 700 of its fighters—a range quite close to the IDF's conclusions. ★

Leo Rennert is a former White House correspondent.

We marveled at the IDF's surgical precision in Gaza, and their repeated efforts to spare civilians. Of course the media missed that story and reported on the alleged cruelty of Israel's armed forces. The facts are finally coming out, praise the Lord. —Myles



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Hebrew Lesson

The Inner is not the Outer...

By John J. Parsons



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“For man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”
– 1 Sam. 16:7

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When the prophet Samuel was commanded to anoint Israel’s next king from among the sons of Jesse, he was admonished not to be distracted by the outward form and superficialities that mark the way of men and their vanities. After being initially impressed with the looks of Jesse’s firstborn son Eliab, the LORD said: “Do not look on his appearance or the height of his stature...” Why? Because God delights to choose the least likely of candidates to confound those who are esteemed in their own eyes: “For it is not as a man sees; for man looks *for the eyes*, but the LORD looks *for the heart*.” Therefore it was David—the youngest son, the overlooked, the lowly family servant covered with *schmutz* from tending the sheep—who was chosen; it was David who had the “beautiful eyes,” that is, who had eyes of faith to behold the goodness of the LORD (1 Sam. 16:12). God turns everything upside down: what is big in this world is small in the world to come, and vice versa.

A principle of spiritual life is that the “inner is not the outer,” and vice versa. People are easily deceived by mere appearances, yet the eye of faith must be trained to look beyond surface phenomena to discern the underlying Reality that upholds the world. This is perhaps most evident in the case of the cross of Yeshua, which the carnal eye regards as a matter of shame and defeat, but the eye of faith regards as the very wisdom, power, and love of Almighty God Himself.

Those who rely on mere appearances will invariably find themselves confounded. The LORD therefore commissioned the prophet: “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive’” (Isa. 6:9). Where it is written, “God gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own devices” (Psalm 81:12; Rom. 1:24); and “they went backward and not forward” (Jer. 7:24), we learn there is no place of “neutrality” or studied indifference toward God. We are either going forward with Him or going backward; we are either drawing near or pulling our hearts away (Rev. 3:16).

“For God so loved the world” that He became entirely unesteemed—“despised and rejected of men, a man of pains, acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53:3)—so that He could taste rejection, sorrow, pain, and death for every man (Heb. 2:9). “For our sake God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). It was the love of God that put Yeshua on the Cross, and because of Yeshua,

God exchanges our inner hell and abandonment with His everlasting love and acceptance. ★



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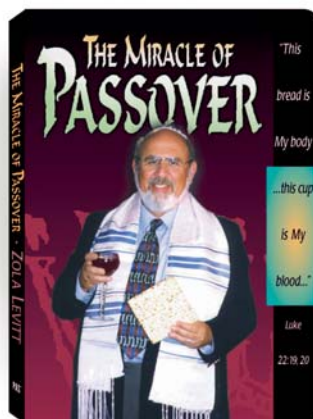
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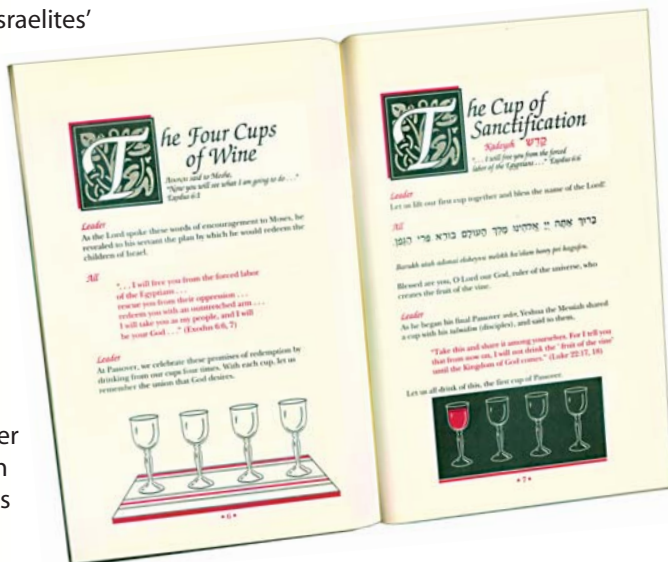
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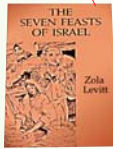


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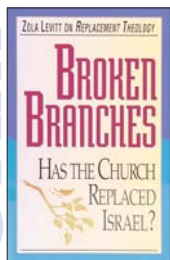
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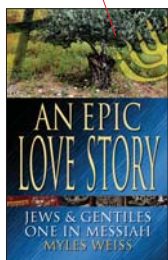
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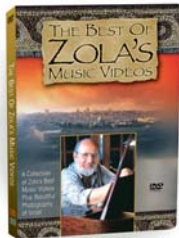
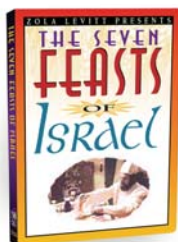


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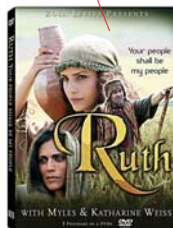


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Mark Levitt

You who love the Jewish people owe yourself a visit to your local Jewish Community Center* (The J). Then you'll want to consider joining at least their sports & fitness program. Let me explain.

To begin with, your body is the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19). Good stewardship mandates that we Believers invest in our health. Therefore, we owe ourselves adequate/moderate food, sleep, and exercise. In fact, sustaining and improving our health easily involves worship and praise. Just as you fast to focus on a spiritual concern or say grace before eating, you can pray and meditate before, during, and after exercise (even if you're not Tim Tebow).

"Cross training" refers to training in different ways to improve overall performance. It involves using more than one type of exercise to achieve your training goals. Jesus is well known for being a remarkable walker. Walking is a load-bearing exercise that staves off osteoporosis while offering cardiovascular benefit to those who step up the pace. Boxers and body builders alike use "road work" and other forms of "cardio" to build stamina and burn fat.

Most health clubs feature not only treadmills, stair climbers, and elliptical cross-country machines, but also a track. Whether you use a machine or walk a mall, the resulting endorphins can enhance your praising God's glory along with His gifts, such as your body, health,

wise as a serpent

physical challenges, etc. The following day, you might knock out some reading on an exercise bike. Some stationary bikes are designed to accommodate reading materials, allowing you to kill two birds with one stone.

"Day Three" could involve swimming/walking laps in the pool or light, high-rep exercises with weight machines that are designed for safety and efficiency. Assuming your doctor agrees that you should exercise, a personal trainer can help you design a cross-training program for you to follow independently after several training sessions.

What I found at The J in Dallas is not only a workout facility *par excellence*, but also a friendly collection of considerate, educated citizens of varied ages and abilities. Gentiles are welcome and make up roughly 30% of the membership. Working out there treats me to hearing people speak Yiddish and Russian, not to mention tidbits of Jewish humor. Some wear *yarmulkes* (skull caps). The locker and wet area facilities are first rate, especially considering the reasonable membership dues.

Cross training with God's Chosen at The J blesses me as I contemplate the Jewish One who died on a cross. ★

*You can find a J near you at
www.discoverjcc.com





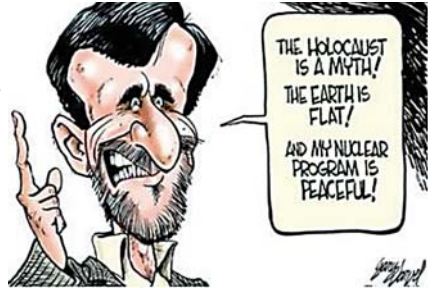
Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From D.D. (MN) on *Ruth* series: The heart of the Lord really pours out powerfully through it.

From S.DeV. (CT): I want to double my current monthly contribution and brag on the Lord's provisions. While I was unemployed last year, I continued to make my online donations to you and other Bible-based ministries. I saw the Lord provide for me and my family in unexpected ways. Now that I'm employed again, I want to increase my giving.

From T.W. (China): I am a gentile foreigner on scholarship in China. I don't have a credit card, but I'll pray for the Lord to touch people's hearts in such a way that they give on my behalf also. I'll be praying for your team to always be passing the Word through.



From S.H.: I check out the cartoons in the *Levitt Letter* first, then read the articles.

From P.A. (FL): The people I work with take pictures of your cartoons and send them to their friends. Yes, we want Muslims saved too, but God does use sarcasm to make His point. Anyone who doesn't believe this must not have heard much from Him. Please continue your efforts.

From Y. (OR): Despite some opinions, I like most of your jokes—they help lighten up the publication a little. Life is tedious enough.

From P.S.: I love your humor! Please don't change a thing. I believe God created us in His image, and that includes His sense of humor.

From C.L.: Zola would be (is) very pleased.



Why is this OK? ... And this isn't?



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From T.V. (IN): Myles's article *Waiting for Martin* (January, 2012) was a little disturbing. MLK was hardly the example for Christian values, nor was Martin Luther the example for Christian values and pro-Jewish/Israel views. *Gracious, if we had to ignore all good deeds performed by less-than-perfect people (Romans 3:23), we wouldn't have much—apparently not even the poetic Bible that King James ordered translated: see the following letter. —Editor*

If you read the article again, you will notice that I was careful to point out Martin Luther's (quite serious) flaws. As for Dr. King, Jr., I believe his contributions to race relations outweigh his personal foibles. His stand for Israel was also righteous and significant. —Myles



From G.F. (FL): What particularly offends many is to have the King James name on our Holy Bible. King James was despicable—a drunkard, vile, and a pederast. He even tried to justify his sodomy by declaring that our Lord Jesus had a similar sick relationship with John. I hope that KJV defenders would erase his name from the cover. *The contribution of King James was making the Bible available for the general population. Newer translations attempt to overcome the effect of 1,700 years of Replacement Theology. David Stern's Complete Jewish Bible and William Morford's One New Man Bible are two such editions. Though not perfect, they are restoring the Jewish "flavor" of the Book. —Myles*

From S.B. and R.D. (GA): Myles's *Have a Holly Jolly Psalm 83 Christmas* in the Dec '11 *Levitt Letter* (p. 4) gave us the perfect prayer for Israel and against its enemies. Psalm 83 could have been written today as the enemies Israel faced in the Bible are the same enemies it faces today. Thank you for this gem!

From T.J. (NYC): Your new website is beautiful. And that logo is the most elegant one I've ever seen—it needs to be made into a sterling silver necklace and tie pin. I'd love to wear it to work!



From M.B.J.: I am blessed by your new hosts, the Weisses. They touch my heart.

From G.M. (MA): I found your website when I googled a question I had about Luke and found the answer on your site. I have more reading to do about your ministry.

From B.S. (KS): The Weisses are a great addition. I was concerned for the future of the ministry when Zola died and again when Jeffrey announced his departure, but God has provided.

From J.Q. (NY): I believe that Israel is the Chosen Land and People. God will keep His promises to protect them. My blessing comes because I'm not a giver and I'm giving. Here is my donation.

From S.D.L. (SC): I asked for 15 of your *Levitt Letter* magazines to hand out to my Bible study. Wish you could have seen everyone's excited faces! *Thanks for multiplying our outreach by sharing Levitt Letter overages that otherwise would go to waste. —Mark*

From Mr. R.A. (FL): The husband and wife team is a blessing and shows how much Myles loves God by showing his love for his wife. A great testimony! God bless ZLM. *—I know that lots of women would love to meet a man like you who understands Paul's directive in Ephesians 5:22–33. Thank you for reminding us. —Editor*

Reliable Authors

Dear Todd or Myles,

Can you please recommend a book documenting the history of the modern State of Israel by a reliable author? —S.B.

Dear S.B.—

Yes, we can. The book *Israel: A History* by Sir Martin Gilbert is a solid work. As is *From Time Immemorial—The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine* by Joan Peters. —Todd

Amen, Todd! Two of the best. Gilbert is considered a leading authority, and Joan Peters is unique because of her personal journalistic journey. She set out to write a pro-Arab, anti-Zionist tome and in the course of her research, discovered Israel's rights to the Land; historically, legally, and spiritually. —Myles

First-Century Jewish Women

Dear ZLM,

I have heard that women like Mary and other 1st-century Jewesses in Israel were uneducated chattel, tolerated as cooks and baby makers. I don't see that as very accurate, judging from descriptions of men and their mothers' influence throughout Scripture. Can you give me any insight? —R.R.



Dear R.R.—

What you heard is not accurate at all. Women attended school at an early age and were tutored in the Scriptures by older women. Many owned businesses with their husbands, and also ran their homes. A really good study of this can be found in Alfred Edersheim's book *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*. The book looks at the various facets of Jewish society in first-century Israel, including how women lived during that time. —Todd

What Do We Call Them?

Dear ZLM,

When I think of the term “born-again Christian,” I picture a person of gentile birth. When I think of “born-again Jews,” I think “Messianic/completed Jewish Believers.”

What is the proper term when referring to born-again Jewish Believers in Yeshua? Do they consider themselves “Christians of Jewish heritage”? Any clarification to my confusion would be much appreciated.

—M.S.W. (TX)



Dear M.S.W.—

You are no different from the millions of well-meaning gentile Christians who imagine there is some distinction between Jewish and gentile Believers, largely because the Church has failed to emphasize the Jewish roots of the faith. Both groups are saved in the same way—by faith in Yeshua the Messiah. Because Jewish Believers are saved the same way as gentile Believers, both can be referred to as “born-again Believers in Yeshua the Messiah,” as He requires from both in John 3. Zola would respond: “In the first century, they called us ‘Christians.’” —Todd

Striving to Be a Good Son

Dear ZLM,

Congrats to the Weisses for fitting right in at ZLM. I am very pleased with what I've seen on the TV program and in the news magazine. I know Zola would be very pleased.

Mark, as a father and a grandfather myself, I am sure that Zola was comfortable leaving the ministry in your hands. You would be a credit to any parent. Well done to you and all the staff. You can count on our continued support. Love in Yeshua, —C. and L.McD. (AL)

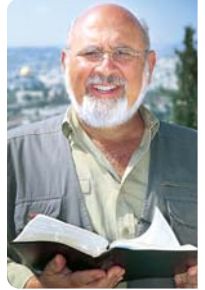
Dear C. and L.McD.—

I often imagine consulting face to face with Zola, apprising him of the latest events with ZLM's battles and the newest craziness in the world. (He would wonder if I were pulling his leg on a few items, you can be sure!) Thanks for the heartfelt affirmation, especially since I seek to honor him and his memory—*mazel tov* (a blessing on his head). —Mark

New Website Look

Dear ZLM,

I really don't care for the new look of your website. It's too bland. Seems to me you would keep a picture of Zola on the front page. Has Sandra Levitt retired? —T.R. (OH)



Dear T.R.—

Thanks for your input. Our website designer believes that a “clean look” will prove more functional than our prior approach. Not to worry; Zola's photos will remain to an optimal degree. Yes, Sandra has retired but periodically returns to join a tour or write an article, such as the one on page 1. —Mark

“Free” Salvation and Subscriptions

Dear ZLM,

I don't contact you very often, but I really do appreciate you and *Zola Levitt Presents*. I wish that I had money to help support your very important ministry, but I paint houses in the Ozarks and what money I do bring goes to Momma & Pop for their bills and groceries.

Is the *Levitt Letter* still free? I have not received one since October. If you have had to start charging for it, I understand. Please keep everything going. —C.V.



Dear C.V.—

We may not charge you for it, but the *Levitt Letter* is not free ... In fact, like salvation, it has been paid for by someone else. Still, when we don't hear from you for such a long time, all you have to do is ask in order to receive. You're back on our mailing list. Now that you're receiving the newsletter again, please send God a word of thanks for your fellow readers who feel honored and blessed to bear your burden while you support your aging parents. And maybe share your *Levitt Letters* with them. God bless them and you. —Mark

Please Speak in English, Not Hebrew!

Dear Myles,

Sometimes I only listen to the TV and cannot see the English subtitles when you speak Hebrew. You probably reason that the Hebrew makes it “more Jewish,” and it does. But, please focus on *communicating* with us, not teaching us Hebrew. Sorry, that’s just the truth. —E.B. (NJ)

Dear E.B.—

Easy there. We pepper our shows with small amounts of Hebrew, but never so much as to obscure our message. Yes, it makes the programs “more Jewish,” but it is a larger issue than that. We have an obligation to correct 1,700 years of Replacement Theology. One way we do that is to “connect the dots” regarding the Jewishness of the Gospel, the Church, and the coming Kingdom. Praise God that we can ALL (Jew and non-Jew) be in on His marvelous light, by saying “Yes” to Yeshua!—*Shalom v ahava, bat Zion* Peace and love, daughter of Zion. —Myles

The Fragmented Church

Dear Myles and Katharine,

You two truly are ONE! A tremendous team.

As a senior citizen, I’ve become fed up with denominationalism in the Church. How do we go about serving our Lord? We pray for you; please pray for our health issues.

—J.E.J. (IL)

Dear J.E.J.—

Thank you for your kind words. We are blessed to help ZLM continue the important message connecting the Jews to the Church and to the return of Jesus.

Your heartfelt concerns about the limitations of “denominationalism” are noted. May I suggest that the Church is imperfect (at least it has been since I showed up!), but still needs to fellowship according to the mandates of Scripture. Pray for God to iron out our wrinkles and for the Church to align with Israel and God’s purposes for the days ahead. We pray that God will touch you and your wife physically during this health challenge. —Myles

TV for the Hearing Impaired

Dear ZLM,

Thank you very much for the Closed Captioning. I need it! —S.O. (PA)

Dear S.O.—

Our webmaster worked long and hard getting it right. Thanks for the note of appreciation. You may have a physical hearing issue, but you clearly are one who is hearing what the “Spirit is saying to the church” (Revelation 2:7). May God bless you in the days ahead. —Myles



After fifty years as the church organist, Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

God Works in Mysterious Ways

Dear ZLM,

I am 81 and I don't like change. But the Lord is blessing me through Myles's ministering. My aunt married a Jewish man. He accepted Jesus and became "dead" to his own family. But God is working through the new generations because of Uncle Mike's testimony. Praise God! —B.R. (MO)

Dear B.R.—

I read your letter with interest as many of my Messianic peers have experienced that rejection by family. Upon Jews' profession of faith, tragically many family members do not understand us. Some actually "sit *shiva*" (hold a funeral service) for the Believer. This is another reason why ZLM continues to explain to Jewish people that faith in Messiah does not make us gentiles, but is actually the MOST Jewish thing we can do!

I was very blessed; my family did not reject me. In fact, both my sister and mom came to faith before their deaths (or should I say graduations!). Please keep Jewish Believers (and all Believers, especially those in the Middle East) in prayer. —Myles



God's Very Mysterious Ways

Dear ZLM,

I was saved when I was young, but I backslid so far that, because of my sin, I am incarcerated. I believe that God put me here to bring me back to the fold. I have since rededicated my life and experienced God's grace and forgiveness.

My Bible study leader turned me on to the *Levitt Letter*. I would like to receive it. It is a great ministry to people like me who want to turn their lives around. —G.Y. (FL)

Dear G.Y.—

Thank you for your honest assessment of your situation and God's cure for all our issues, whether we are incarcerated or not. I am blessed to be part of ZLM, in part because of our commitment to roughly 2,400 prisoners and our effort to bring the truth to those who are in jail. Bless you as you grow in Yeshua! Shalom, Brother —Myles

Teach Your Children



Dear ZLM,

We are enclosing an essay that our grandson wrote for school. He was introduced to Zola through the *Levitt Letter* we receive each month. We had no idea the impact it was having on him spiritually. May God bless you and your work. —G. and J.E. (MO)

Dear G. and J.E.—

WOW! Your grandson's essay detailing Zola's mentoring effect on his life was inspirational. It confirms for Katharine and me that one of our primary mandates is to reach the next generation. So few of our children have an accurate appraisal of Israel, God's Kingdom, and His return. We MUST reach them.

Thank you! —Myles and Katharine



From Anti-Semite to Zionist

By Kasim Hafeez (photo) www.TheJC.com

There is real anti-Israel and anti-Semitic feeling on British university campuses. How do I know this? Because until recently, I was anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. Until recently, I was the one doing the hating.

Growing up in a Muslim community in the UK, I was exposed to materials condemning Israel, painting Jews as usurpers and murderers. My views were reinforced when I attended Nakba Day rallies where speakers called for Israel's demise.

My hate for Israel and for the Jews was fueled by images of death and destruction, set to the backdrop of Arabic melodies about jihad and speeches of Hezbollah leader Hasan Nasrallah or Osama bin Laden.

There was also constant, casual anti-Semitism around me. My father would boast of how Adolf Hitler was a hero, his only failing being that he didn't kill enough Jews. The most moderate clerics I came across refused to condemn terrorism against Israel as unjustified.

What changed? In a bookstore one day, I found myself in the Israel and Palestine section. To this day I don't know why I actually pulled it off the shelf, but I picked up a copy of Alan Dershowitz's *The Case for Israel*.

In my worldview, the Jews and Americans controlled the media, so after a brief look at the back cover, I scoffed thinking, "vile Zionist propaganda."

But I decided to buy it, eagerly awaiting the chance to deconstruct it so I could show why Israel had no case, and claim my findings as a personal victory for the Palestinian cause.

As I read Dershowitz's systematic

deconstruction of the lies I had been told, I felt a real crisis of conscience. I couldn't disprove his arguments or find facts to respond to them. I didn't know what to believe. I'd blindly followed for so long, yet here I was questioning whether I had been wrong.



Hafeez before learning the truth about Israel

I decided to visit Israel to find the truth. I was confronted by synagogues, mosques, and churches, by Jews and Arabs living together, and by minorities playing huge parts in all areas of Israeli life from the military to the judiciary. It was shocking and eye-opening. This wasn't the evil Zionist Israel that I had been told about.

After much soul searching, I knew what I had once believed was wrong. I had to stand with Israel, with this tiny nation—free, democratic, making huge strides in medicine, research, and development—yet the victim of the same lies and hatred that nearly consumed me.

It is time to make the facts known, to defend Israel against delegitimization. It is time to stem the tide of Israel-bashing before it becomes even more mainstream and consumes even more people like me. ★

Kasim Hafeez is a British Muslim and the founder of the website www.TheIsraelCampaign.org

Hallelujah! May God bless and keep Kasim Hafeez, and grant him success in his efforts to right the wrongs in which he participated.
—Myles



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LIFE IN ISRAEL

Israel's Winter Wonderland

Cafeteria at the Hermon summit offers amazing views.



The Mount Hermon ski resort slopes quickly fill with skiers and snowboarders—once it snows. But Israel's only ski resort on the Hermon Mountain has churned out a generation of skiers who would not otherwise exist.

"There are far more Israeli skiers now than there used to be," says Stanley Rubinstein, honorary president and former chairman of the Israel Ski Federation. As many as 50,000 go to Europe every winter to ski; some 15,000 amateur and competitive skiers belong to 10 Israeli skiing clubs.

Incongruous as it may sound, skiing and snowboarding have become popular among Israelis, thanks to the Hermon site. "Every type of Israeli skis nowadays," says Rubinstein, "and most of them start on the Hermon."

The resort first opened in December 1971. In those days, there was only one ski lift and a tiny local skiing fraternity. The resort underwent a development boom after the Knesset passed the 1981 Golan Heights Law, which brought the area under Israeli jurisdiction.

Now the site covers almost 600 acres and includes 10 chairlifts and cable cars, more than 40 kilometers of trails from novice level to competitive professional standard, a ski school, shops,

By Daniel Ben-Tal
www.Israel21c.org

equipment hire, and several eateries, including a cafeteria at its summit. Two of the *pistes* (ski runs) are recognized for Olympic-level races by the International Ski Federation (ISF).

The summit cafeteria, reached by chairlift, has breathtaking panoramic views of the Hermon range and northern Israel. About 300,000 visitors pass through its gates every winter, and another 40,000 during the summer months when the summit cafeteria becomes the launching point for treks and mountain-bike excursions through the surrounding national parkland.

"Skiers are going over to snowboarding in droves," says Roy Itelson, who oversees the ISF's snowboard department. "We see a great future for snowboarding in Israel. Meanwhile, we're constantly upgrading the infrastructure and expanding our ability to service more visitors. This includes more and better parking spaces and shuttle connections." Visitors can now stop at the new ski equipment store at the nearby village of Neveh Ativ, on the way to the resort, to rent gear and take in the surroundings. Computerized ski passes open cable-car gates automatically. ★



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Israelis take to the slopes at Mount Hermon
by Yaakov Naumi/Flash90



Poll Asks If Jews Killed Jesus

By Ethan Sacks
www.NYDailyNews.com

FOX Latin America has apologized for setting back Jewish-Christian relations 2,000 years. A staffer posted a poll on the Spanish-language network's Facebook page as part of a promotion of a National Geographic Channel Christmas special asking, "Who do you think is responsible for the death of Christ?"

The choices were: A. Pontius Pilate, B. Jewish People, and C. High Priests.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center office in Buenos Aires slammed the poll, telling the Associated Press that it's an obvious reference to archaic views of the Catholic Church that "resulted in the persecution and murder of Jews for two millennia" and were rejected by the Vatican back in 1965.

In *Jesus of Nazareth Part II*, Pope Benedict XVI explains why there is no basis in Scripture for the argument that the Jewish people were responsible for Jesus' death.

A FOX spokeswoman publicly apologized and said the poll was immediately removed.

Israel Better Off Without American Aid?

By Ryan Jones
www.IsraelToday.co.il



As expected, the Israeli-Arab conflict has been a major foreign policy campaign topic in the run-up to the 2012 U.S. presidential election. Many Israelis and Americans argue that U.S. financial and military aid is what allows the Jewish State to maintain a qualitative edge over its enemies, and therefore deter existential threats.

Others argue that the U.S. aid is ultimately a burden that more often than not forces Israel to mold its policies to please the White House.

Those who like to argue against massive American aid often point out that in 1948, 1967, and 1973, Israel won full-scale wars against multiple Arab enemies bent on its destruction without the benefit of the enormous American aid that it enjoys today.



Bible-believers recognize those past victories as evidence that, with or without America's help, Israel would still overcome any existential military threat. According to the Bible, the real loser should America's support of Israel falter would be America itself.



Ugandan Pastor Attacked by Muslims Treated in Israel

By Ziva Mougrabi-Kubani
www.IsraelHayom.com

An Evangelical pastor from Uganda had to receive extensive emergency medical treatment in Israel recently after he was splashed with acid by Muslim extremists in the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

Pastor Umar Mulinde, 38, arrived in Israel seeking urgent medical attention after extremists doused him with acid, causing severe burns to his face, torso, and hand, and damage to his right eye. Mulinde recently began preaching support for Israel, and was attacked on Christmas Eve. He was initially admitted to the International Hospital in Kampala, but made a request to receive advanced medical treatment in Israel at the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer.

The Ugandan pastor revealed that he spent most of his life as a Muslim and was a late convert to Christianity. Recounting the brutal attack against him, he said, “I was attacked by someone who called out to me and when I turned to look over, he spilled acid on me that burned part of my face. When I turned around again, another person spilled acid over my back. They then ran away yelling ‘Allahu Akbar’ [Allah is greater].”

Mulinde contacted JerusalemOnline U.com for financial and logistical support so he could be treated in Israel. Sheba Medical Center agreed to help Mulinde. The pastor was then brought to Israel and provided with medical treatment free of charge.

Upon his arrival at the Sheba Medical



Dr. Josef Haik of Chaim Sheba Medical Center and Ugandan pastor Umar Mulinde. Photo: Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer

Center, Mulinde underwent an initial medical assessment by the head of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery’s Burns Unit, Dr. Josef Haik, and the head of the hospital’s Goldschleger Eye Institute, Dr. Joseph Moisseiev.

“The pastor will need to undergo a series of reconstructive surgeries over the next few weeks,” Dr. Haik said. “The injury inflicted to [Mulinde’s] eye is severe and the initial surgery, expected to take place over the next few days, will focus on reconstructing the eyelid of the affected eye, and will include skin grafts.”

Dr. Noa Avni-Zauberman, an eye doctor working at the Sheba Medical Center who also treated Mulinde, spoke on the pastor’s injuries, saying, “The damage caused is severe and it is still too early to determine whether [Mulinde] will be able to see out of that eye.” ★

Mulinde’s family is being cared for and financially supported by two Messianic congregations in Israel.

Meanwhile, a brother in India was set on fire for preaching the Gospel. His response: after surgeries and time, he returned to his village and preached again! We need to stand with our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. —Myles



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For Many, 'Losing My Religion' Isn't Just a Song: It's Life

By Cathy Lynn Grossman, *USA TODAY*



Sunday mornings, when Bill Dohm turns his eyes toward Heaven, he's just checking the weather so he can fly his 1946 Aeronca Champ two-seater plane. (above)

When Ben Helton signed up for an online dating service, under "religion" he called himself "spiritually apathetic."

Helton, 28, and Dohm, 54, aren't atheists. They simply shrug off God, religion, Heaven, or the search for meaning and/or purpose. Their attitude could be summed up as "So what?"

"The real dirty little secret of religiosity in America is that there are many people for whom spiritual interest, thinking about ultimate questions, is minimal," says Mark Silk, professor of religion and public life at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Clergy and religion experts fear for souls' salvation and for the common threads of faith snapping in society. Others see no such dire consequences to a more openly secular America as people not only fess up to being faithless but admit they're skipping out on the spiritual, the cool default word of the decade.

Only now, however, are they turning up in the statistical stream. Researchers have begun asking the kind of nuanced questions that reveal just how big the "So What" set might be:

- 44% told the 2011 Baylor University Religion Survey that they spend no time seeking "eternal wisdom," and 19% said, "it's useless to search for meaning."
- 46% told a 2011 survey by Nashville-based Evangelical research agency, LifeWay Research, that they never wonder whether they will go to Heaven.
- 28% told LifeWay, "It's not a major priority in my life to find my deeper purpose." And 18% scoffed at the idea that God has a purpose or plan for everyone.
- 6.3% of Americans turned up on Pew Forum's 2007 Religious Landscape Survey as totally secular—unconnected to God or a higher power or any religious identity, and willing to say religion is not important in their lives.



Hemant Mehta, who blogs as *The Friendly Atheist*, calls them the "apatheists."

"I don't want to change others, and I don't want to debate my view," says Ashley Gerst, 27, a 3-D animator and filmmaker in New York.

Most "So Whats" are like Gerst, says David Kinnaman on young adults drifting away from church. They're uninterested in trying to talk a diverse set of friends into a shared viewpoint in a culture that celebrates an idea that all truths are equally valid, he says. Personal experience, personal authority matter most. Hence, Scripture and tradition are irrelevant artifacts. Instead of followers of Jesus, they're followers of 5,000 unseen "friends" on Facebook or Twitter.

This trend may have been leaving subtle tracks for years. The hot religion statistical trend of recent decades was the rise of the "Nones"—those who checked "no religious identity" on the American Religious Identification Surveys (ARIS). The "Nones" numbers leapt from 8% in 1990 to 15% in 2008.

The "So Whats" appear to be a growing secular subset. The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life's Landscape Survey dug into the "Nones" to discover that nearly half said they believed "nothing in particular." ★



Brotherly Love

Sadie was making some pancakes as a treat for her two young sons, Simon and Nicky. But the boys began to argue as to who should get the first pancake she made.

“Shame on you boys,” said Sadie. “If the wise King Solomon were here today, he would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake.’”

Nicky looked at Simon and said, “OK, Simon, you be King Solomon today.” ★



10 Lame Excuses for Not Sharing Our Faith By Greg Stier ChristianPost.com

1. “It’s the pastor’s job, not mine.” (According to Ephesians 4:11–12, the pastor’s job is to equip you to do the work.)
2. “I don’t know what to say.” (There are plenty of resources out there to help you.)
3. “I just live the Gospel with my life.” (Good, now open your mouth and declare the Good News.)
4. “I’m waiting for the perfect timing.” (There’s no such thing.)
5. “I don’t have the gift of evangelism.” (Well, I don’t have the gift of mercy but I still should show mercy.)
6. “They could reject me.” (No, Jesus said they *will* reject you ... at times anyway.)
7. “I have bad breath.” (Testamints!)
8. “I don’t know how to bring it up.” (How about just ask, “What are your spiritual beliefs?”)
9. “I’m terrified.” (So am I. So was Paul! Let’s ask God for boldness like he did. Ephesians 6:19)
10. “They may ask me a question I don’t have the answer to.” (You don’t have to know all the answers. You just need to introduce them to the One who does! Plant a seed; God will water it.)

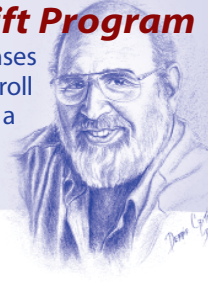
This is a cursory but helpful list. God is not willing that any should perish, and it is up to us to share our faith. —Myles

Note: see Zola’s television series on witnessing at www.levitt.tv/media/series/DWIT



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Hear, O Israel!

By Christine Colbert



When the Canaanite woman came to Yeshua, pleading for His healing power on behalf of her daughter, He told His disciples (and her), **“I am sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** And when Jesus commissioned His primary disciples, He told them to go only **“to ... Israel.”**

Scripture provides two strong “pictures” of Jesus’ coming return to His own “brethren.”

The first is the amazing story of Joseph. Abraham’s great-grandson was one of two sons born to Jacob and Rachel, the love of Jacob’s life. But Joseph had 10 brothers who were the sons of his father and Leah or his father and two “handmaids.” Joseph’s favor with their father, together with the spiritual dreams that came to him as he matured, caused his 10 older brothers to become so resentful that they threw him into a pit and left him there, telling their grief-stricken father that he had been killed.

Joseph subsequently survived slavery and wrongful imprisonment in Egypt—for some 13 years.

He ultimately won promotion to a position in Egypt that was second only to Pharaoh’s. He was responsible

for providing food for Egypt through a prolonged famine. When Joseph’s brothers traveled to Egypt hoping to purchase grain, he eventually revealed his identity to them.

Joseph was deeply moved to see his brothers again; he was *dressed as an Egyptian*—so for some time his brothers *did not recognize* him. Can you see the Anglicized, Sunday school portrayals of our Jewish Yeshua? Joseph still loved his brothers deeply; they acknowledged their wrong, he forgave them, and ultimately they *rejoiced together*.

The second powerful “picture” of Jesus’ return occurred when all of the “civil war”-type strife between those who had supported King Saul and those who had supported David to be king of Israel finally came to an end. But David hadn’t heard from his—and later Yeshua’s—own tribe.

Second Samuel 19 shows David waiting until the people of Judah went out to “conduct him over the Jordan” to his return as king.

Each of these stories reveals how dearly Jesus loves Israel—will *always* love Israel—and that He is waiting for His own nation to welcome Him back. We have this “from the *Source’s* mouth”: **“You [Israel] shall not see Me again until *you* say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’”** ★



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Understanding Arab Christians

By Dan Calic, GodsEverlastingCovenant.com

This is the second in a limited series on a topic that can easily create confusion for Believers: Arab Christians. A better understanding of this important matter will promote true reconciliation. Last month, we discussed Arab Christians' embrace of Replacement Theology, likely due to fear of living among Muslims while aligning with Israel.

THREE DISTINCT REVISIONIST SCENARIOS

SCENARIO #1:

Some Arab Believers may say they love Israel, or love the Jewish people; or they may indicate they are promoting "reconciliation, peace, and justice" between Arabs and Jews. On the surface this sounds nice. However, promoting such "noble" goals is rooted in human reward such as the oft-promoted "two-state solution," which means dividing up God's land. **Joel 3:2 says: "I will enter into judgment there for My people, My heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided My land."** Here God tells us three things:

1. He affirms the Jewish people and the Land of Israel as "My people" and "My heritage."
2. It is on their behalf that He will hold the nations accountable.
3. They [the nations] will be accountable for "dividing My land."

SCENARIO #2:

You may also hear Arab Believers say they love Israel and the Jewish people because Jesus compels them to forgive their *enemy*. On its face, this is a true and conciliatory statement. However, the sad truth is that their own words still define Israel and the Jews as the "enemy." This view represents a critical distinction and is incompatible with biblical truth as shown in the Scripture references we discussed last month.

SCENARIO #3:

Another often heard statement is: "We are all children of Abraham." This is a revisionist attempt to promote equal status among Arabs and Jews regarding God's covenantal promises. **Genesis 17:20-21 says: "But as for Ishmael, ...I have blessed him. I will make him fruitful and give him many descendants ...and I will make him a great nation. But I**

will establish my covenant with Isaac."

Thus, the true seed of Abraham is through Isaac. This is confirmed in **Romans 9:7— "In Isaac your seed shall be called."**

PROMOTING REVISIONISM

The Arab world has long been attempting to rewrite history, denying biblical truths in order to "legitimize" their false claims against Israel and the Jewish people. While Replacement Theology has been promoted by the "Church" as a whole for nearly eighteen centuries, there are some more recent terms (such as Christian Palestinianism and Palestinian Liberation Theology) that have emerged from the Arab world specifically designed to target the Jewish people and Christians who stand with Israel.

To read more on these issues, please visit: <http://wp.me/pieUD-18n> and <http://wp.me/pieUD-18s>

To view other examples of the Arab world attempting to rewrite history, visit <http://wp.me/pieUD-18C> ★

This is a valuable teaching for those of us who are committed to seeing the "one new man" of Ephesians chapter two come to life in our day. As we reach for and minister alongside our Arab brothers in Yeshua, we MUST ask ourselves these difficult questions so that we build our fellowship on the solid foundation of the Word. —Myles



We're constantly clubbed on the head with the claim that the Muslim world condemns 9/11, abhors 9/11, etc. So, who printed these shirts, knowing they'd be able to make profitable sales?



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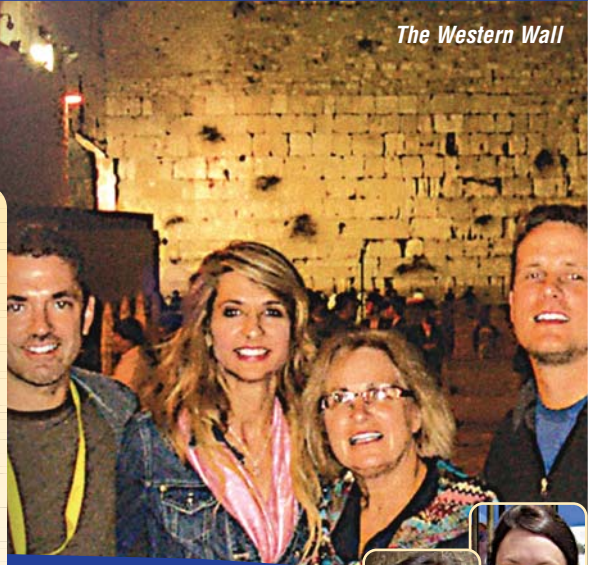
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