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The mystery and wonder of Christmas is that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. No one ever would have expected the Son of God to enter the world in such an unobtrusive, almost unnoticeable way. Before Jesus was born, God's presence was always unmistakable.

The glory of God was accompanied by such things as fire, radiant light, or earth tremors. When God revealed His majesty, people noticed. But on that first Christmas, God's glory was revealed in a much quieter way: in the birth of a baby. It's hard to fathom, but if you had been one of the shepherds who saw the baby Jesus that first Christmas night, you would have gazed directly at the face of God.

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In God Israel Trusts

See evidence of God's protection on p.20
By Ryan Jones

Long ago, the people of Israel were admonished not to put their trust in

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armies or foreign
powers when facing threats to
their nation: "Woe to those who
go down to Egypt for help, who
rely on horses, who trust in the
multitude of their chariots and in
the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy
One of Israel" (Isaiah 31:1).

While Israelis don't want war, there is a growing sense that war is coming.

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Had you been one of the Wise Men who presented gifts to the Christ-child, you would have kneeled in the presence of the King of kings. Had you taken the baby of Bethlehem into your arms, you would have cradled the glory of God. That is the incredible message of Christmas—that God was willing to become so vulnerable and so accessible.

Christmas celebrates the fact that God was willing to come to us in such an ordinary way. No one ever would have thought to make this the script for God's arrival in the world. The fact that Jesus came to the world in such a humble way is what makes the story of Christmas so compelling and credible. No one would ever have invented a story like this. Not only that, the fact that God was willing to appear so small and vulnerable is of great comfort to all of us. It assures us that there is no place we inhabit that Jesus is not willing to visit and no experience we go through that we have to endure alone. He came as a helpless baby. That means He understands and accepts every

person who feels small and unimportant.

"Vulnerable...so accessible"

He was born in a stable. That means every difficult place in which we find ourselves is a place where we can experience His companionship. All the struggles of our lives are known to Him. Do you feel discouraged or alone? Jesus has been there. Do you sometimes feel that you don't matter to anyone, or feel hurt by the way others let you down? Jesus understands.

Sometimes we may be tempted to think that we'll never get the happy or purposeful life we want. The good news of Christmas is that we don't have to worry about achieving or finding the meaning of life. It has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ. We could never have climbed our way up to Heaven, so God reached down to earth. He came to us on Christmas.

God's glory was poured into the tiny and helpless baby of Bethlehem. It was all so subtle and so unexpected. But it's also the light of God's glory that brightens every dark corner of our lives.









The Birth of Jesus, by Carl Heinrich Bloch

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Israelis are immensely proud of their military and of their ability as Jews to finally defend themselves after centuries of persecution. They are also keenly aware of the "special relationship" between Israel and the U.S., and many believe America would never allow the Jewish State to be destroyed. In the face of past threats, it was upon those two rocks that most Israelis placed their trust.

But the Iran threat is so big that it appears to be shifting the balance.

The survey company *Dialogue* asked Israelis: If and when war with Iran comes, in whom will you trust for deliverance?

Given the choice of God, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), or the United States,

52 percent of Israelis ranked God first, 29 percent said they would put their trust first in the IDF, and only 13 percent said the U.S.

It seems that as the threats to modern Israel increase, a solid majority are looking to God to bring deliverance.





Merry Messiah-mas!

Christmas is a classic season of celebration for the followers of Jesus—the culturally religious and the true disciples. But the difference between the two has been a major stumbling block for my Jewish people throughout the ages. Dr. Michael L. Brown painfully detailed this history in his book *Our Hands Are Stained With Blood* (see page 20).

How transforming this connection with our Jewish forebears should become for those who come to faith. Love for Israel and the Jewish people should be a basic maxim, a fundamental tenet for Believers. Sadly, that has not been the case. Replacement Theology repeatedly rises. Various Christian denominations now divest themselves from Israeli companies in a bid to punish the Jewish nation for "mistreating" their Arab neighbors. This is especially egregious when Middle Easterners privately acknowledge that Arabs live better in Israel than in any of the surrounding dictatorships and Islamic theocracies. (See story next page.)

The tragic history of "Christians" persecuting, exiling, and murdering the Jews has created a gap when we witness to Jewish people about the Jewish Messiah.

Especially in this season, Jesus is portrayed so "gentilized" that He seems foreign, not Jewish. He is like Joseph, who at the end of Genesis had become so assimilated as a ruler in Egypt that his own brothers could not recognize him. Joseph had to arrange a very private meeting to prove that he was part of their family.

That is the challenge before us today. Whether we are "wild olives" (gentiles) grafted in or "natural olives" (Jews) re-grafted by the mercy of Messiah, we become *mishpochah* (family).

We move through levels of intimacy—from strangers to servants to friends to the bride of Messiah. What a privilege! But it carries the responsibility for us to be living manifestations of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ... that is, Israel.

Thankfully, around the world God is arranging that same private meeting with our Joseph, the King of Kings. Ministries like ZLM and others are awakening the

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Myles To Go / By Myles Weiss Zola Levitt Presents co-host

Jewish world to the Messianic person of the Rabbi from Galilee.

Even Orthodox Jews are experiencing private, spiritual encounters with the "luminous figure of the Nazarene," as Albert Einstein dubbed Jesus.

During this holiday season, we are wise to remind those we love of the vital connection between Hanukkah and Christmas (see Katharine's article on page 8). God supernaturally preserved the anointing oil AND the Jewish people out of

love for the Jews and to safeguard the line of Messiah. The light of Hanukkah points us to the Light of the world. As the shamash (servant candle), HE stands at the center of both celebrations, inviting us into eternal relationship.

Merry Messiah-mas!



"Christian" Leaders Accuse Israel of Thwarting Peace www.JTA.org

Fifteen leaders of U.S. churches and other faith-based organizations recently asked Congress to re-evaluate U.S. military aid to Israel. The religious leaders sent a letter to members of Congress calling for an investigation into possible violations by Israel of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act and the U.S. Arms Export Control Act, which would make Israel ineligible for U.S. military aid.

The letter, signed by leaders of the Lutheran, Methodist, UCC churches, and the National Council of Churches, decried what it called "a troubling and consistent pattern of disregard by the government of Israel for U.S. policies that support a just and lasting peace," citing Israel's failure to halt settlement activity despite repeated U.S. government requests.

The Rabbinical Assembly, the international umbrella organization of Conservative rabbis, called for a re-evaluation of the interfaith partnerships between the assembly and the denominations represented in the letter.

The American Jewish Committee said it was outraged by the Christian leaders' call. "When religious liberty and safety of Christians across the Middle East are threatened by the repercussions of the Arab Spring, these Christian leaders have chosen to initiate a polemic against Israel, a country that protects religious freedom and expression for Christians, Muslims, and others" said Rabbi Noam Marans, AJC director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations.



What Is Zionism?

As Israel is unique among the nations, so **Zionism is unique among movements**. It has many facets and is complex. The encyclopedia defines Zionism as "a movement aimed at establishing a national Jewish state in Palestine, the ancient Jewish homeland" (*World Book Encyclopedia*, 1969, Vol. 20, p. 499). It is even more complex than that definition suggests. Zionism is a religious, sociological, and political movement that promotes the return of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel.

It is religious, because it is based on biblical promises and rabbinic interpretations about the restoration of Israel. In the beginning of Zionism, the leaders actually considered the idea of bringing the Jewish people of the world to one of the countries of Africa. The religious leaders soon weighed in with objections that the only country that would appeal universally to the Jewish people would be the ancient Land of Israel. Four thousand years of religious and historical associations would attract them from all over the world to the Land of their ancestors. There was also the appeal of the hope of the Messiah. The biblical prophets had prophesied that the Messiah would one day come, bless the Jewish people in the Land, and bring peace to the whole world.

Zionism is sociological as well. The attraction of the ancient Land alone probably would not be enough to motivate the Jewish people. They would have to leave their homelands, businesses, and professions to undertake the rigors of pioneer life in a harsh environment. The founder of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, realized in the Dreyfus trial in Paris in 1894 that anti-Semitism was an active force even in the enlightened country of France. It took ruthless and massive persecution in Russia, Europe, and the Arab nations for the Jews to leave and seek a haven in a new land. Israel became a safe haven to which they could escape from age-old gentile persecution. The motivating persecutions of the 19th century began with the pogroms of Russia and Eastern Europe and came to a horrendous head in the 20th-century death camps of the Nazis. Millions of Jewish people became

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By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

Prophecy Fulfilled

Dr. Thomas McCall, the senior theologian of our ministry, served as Zola's co-author, mentor, pastor, and friend for nearly 30 years. This article originally appeared in the *Levitt Letter* from May 1994 to February 1996. Read the whole essay at www.levitt.com/essays/dh. Here, Dr. McCall continues detailing the historical events of the last two centuries that led up to the establishment of the modern nation of Israel.

convinced that the only way they could survive was if they had the safe haven of a land of their own.

Zionism is a political movement as well. Once the Jews returned to the Land of Canaan, who would provide protection for them? Would the nations that had persecuted the Jews for centuries now become their defenders once they were back in the Land? Very unlikely! To be a valid return, there would have to be a new state of Israel, with its own government and army. This is political. Zionism could not be a permanent reality without the political element. It took all the organizational skills of the returned Jewish people to create an economy, a democratic government, and a dependable army. To the astonishment of the world, the theretofore peaceful Jews forged a citizen army that has become a military wonder. This small but powerfully skilled army has waged four full-scale wars and many lesser conflicts in a hostile Arab environment that the Russian Communist empire supported for many years.

All three elements—religious, sociological, and political—are important parts of Zionism. It has taken all these to motivate millions of Jews to return to the Land, build up the economy and protect Israel from its many enemies.





Christmas—Tradition or *Teshuva?*

My Christmas growing up in a Catholic home centered on Christmas Eve service, a brightly lit tree, and shiny packages.

Myles experienced the winter holiday season very differently. No midnight mass, and the lights were on the Hanukkah menorah, a memorial of God's preserving power and His eternal covenant with the Jewish people.

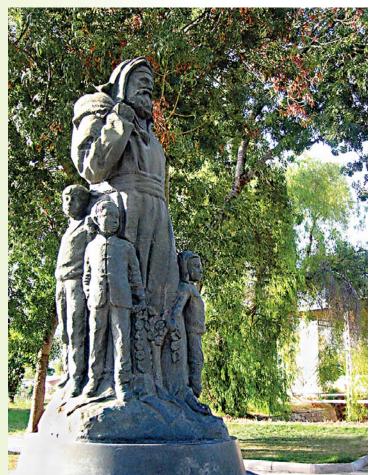
When God brought Myles and me together, we recognized it as the Mighty One of Israel working something special between us through the Messiah, Jesus. He taught us early in our relationship about the two of us becoming one through Christ.

We learned that we could have the best of both worlds, the best of both family lines.

When our two sons were old enough to understand, we walked them through the myth of Santa Claus and taught them about Nicholas, a 4th-century Greek who lived a vibrant testimony to gift-giving based on Christian charity.

With our boys, our focus became Jesus, the Jewish Messiah and His mission on

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Nicholas, 4th-century Greek who lived a vibrant testimony to gift-giving based on Christian charity.

By Katharine Weiss Zola Levitt Presents co-host

Earth. Salvation through faith in Him became our holiday theme, and we took care to connect it to Hanukkah. We read our sons the Christmas story with angelic announcements from Luke 2. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace; good will toward men" (2:14). The boys learned that wise men from the east came with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts fit for a king.

It was natural for our sons to associate the two holidays together, and to know that without Hanukkah there would be no Christmas. If Antiochus Epiphanes had extinguished the Messianic line during the episode memorialized by Hanukkah—almost 200 years before the birth of Yeshua—Yeshua would not have been born!

As a Messianic family, Christmas returned us to the simple things, especially putting Jesus first. Beyond the traditions of culture, we celebrated it as *teshuva*, a repentance and new beginning, a return to God. We battled the pressure of materialism, and made fresh commitments each year to "keep it simple." We focused on blending the two stories, Jewish and Christian.

I grew fonder of biblical history and the reality of God's faithfulness each year. The Hanukkah anointing oil that lasted eight days and the light that it provided and symbolizes gained presence in our home.

We didn't discourage others from celebrating traditional Christmas; but for us, the season proclaimed the seamless connection between the two holidays.

Although December 25 was chosen initially to line up with Hanukkah on the 25th of Kislev, it provides a wonderful, annual opportunity to reach for godly practice and to proclaim the Good News of Yeshua, the Light of the World.



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Born the Sacrificial Lamb

BY JERRY HODGES

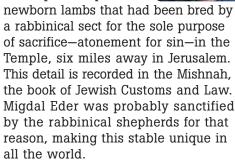
The birth of Christ likely occurred in the same place where newborn lambs for Temple sacrifice were sheltered and selected for sacrifice.

Months earlier, Mary had been visited by and made pregnant by The Holy Spirit. Thus, the bloodline of her child was not of man, as was the rest of the world, but of God Himself. The birth of this Son of God Almighty was unique, as were the circumstances that had brought Mary and Joseph to this tiny town at this specific time.

Traveling from Nazareth to Bethlehem takes a couple of hours in a car, days on a donkey. Many women of Mary's day died traveling long distances because of the conditions; being pregnant added to the stress. In case they met death on the road, women customarily wore ceremonially clean linen around their waist, so to be buried in clean linen as required by Jewish law.

We know the story: Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem late and all available rooms were taken. They were directed to a stable on the outskirts of the village. It is the only stable that exists there cut out of the stone.

According to the book of Micah (4:8), the stable was near a place called Migdal Eder-watchtower of the flock, near the tomb of Rachel, wife of Jacob (Genesis 35:21). Shepherds used it as a place to protect

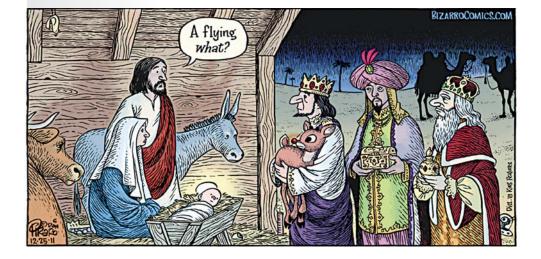


When Christ was born, angels appeared to the shepherds in the watching fields not far away. They were told to find the baby-the "sacrificial lamb" of mankindwrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger... in the stable where they took their own newborn lambs.

Mary likely wrapped her newborn baby in the first clean cloth available: the burial cloth she had worn for the trip. Imagine: the physical presence of Godmankind's Sacrificial Lamb-wrapped in that cloth intended for death. We celebrate the birth of Jesus because of His death.



Jerry Hodges, former TV-airtime buyer for Zola Levitt Presents, in this touching piece reminds of the power of Yeshua's gift to us. Merry Messiah-mas everyone! -Myles



Ask The Chaplain

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER: ZLM Staff Theologian

B.R. asks:
Is YHWH in ancient Hebrew used as plural to refer to the Trinity? In Modern Hebrew, is Elohim used with YHWH to refer to the Trinity?

In the beginning, YHWH created the heavens and the earth. In the beginning, the Trinity was involved in Creation. Does this mean that YHWH is plural? I have noticed that in the *Levitt Letter's* Hebrew Lesson, Elohim is used with YHWH to show the Trinity. What is the proper understanding of YHWH in ancient and Modern Hebrew? Thanks.

The name Yahweh comes from the consonant spelling of YHWH in the Hebrew language. The Masorete scribes added the vowels to make it Yahweh. Jews would say Adonai (Lord) instead of saying YHWH; they would often insert a different vowel (e.g., Yahwih) and so mispronounce instead of uttering the precious name.

Yahweh means, "I Am that I Am" to denote God's self-existence and eternality; and with Elohim (plural of El) does indicate the plurality of Persons in the one Godhead to point to the Trinity. Jesus also claimed to be Yahweh in John 8:58: "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham existed, I AM," which was the same Yahweh who revealed Himself to Moses in a burning bush (Exodus 3:14). Two good books on this subject: (1) The Trinity: Evidence and Issues by Dr. Robert Morey and (2) All the Divine Names and Titles in the Bible by Dr. Herbert Lockyer.

Rev. D.S. asks:

I keep running into claims that when Jesus was growing up, He was pointed at as a bastard, or illegitimate. Would Mary have been looked on as immoral, or as a whore? These are strong words, but in the Jewish context of that day,

would these be fair descriptions? Also, are the Catholics correct in considering Mary the "mother of God"?

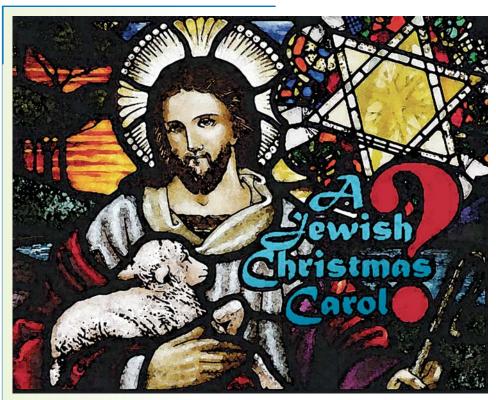
Jesus was falsely accused by his enemies (John 8:41) of being illegitimate and born out of wedlock. They were either ignorant of or did not believe in His supernatural, virgin birth. Mary would have been considered unfaithful to Joseph, who had just cause to "put her away" (Matthew 1:19) but who believed the angel instead.

Mary is not the cause or origin for the deity of Christ since He existed as God from eternity past and therefore existed before Mary (John 1:1–2; 8:58). She is the one who gave birth to His humanity. For a full refutation on the Catholic idea that Mary is the mother of God click on: http://tinyurl.com/c523ku5

The concept that God could or does have a mother would assume that such a mother would have to be in existence before God, which is impossible. The Bible states that God is eternal and had no beginning. God can have no mother and still be God. Also, there can be no person who existed before God.







Old hymns and carols are particularly intriguing, but perhaps none of their backstories is as curious as the evolution of *O Come*, *O Come Emmanuel*.

This carol was written between the 8th and 12th centuries AD, when Rome was ravaged by plagues and by war. Was the pre-Christian Jewish perspective of this hymn a matter of artistic choice, or could a Jew possibly have written it?

Consider the lyrics of the third verse:

3. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny, From depths of Hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

The oppression of Satan and the looming fear of death and Hell were tangible threats during the Dark Ages. Waves of the bubonic plague (which reached pandemic levels in 541–542 AD), leprosy, and an assortment of other pestilences filled people with terror. Like the Israelites of old who waged war against pagan nations, many of which upheld barbaric rituals such as child sacrifice, the early Christians must have felt some kind of demonic aggression was behind those deadly plagues and bouts of violence that claimed their children's lives.

"Christianity," said Rabbi Howard Siegel of Congregation Beth Shalom in Santa Clarita, California, "has always laid claim to the Hebrew Bible as an account of their pre-Jesus history. In accordance with the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Jewish tradition, a Messianic era is referred to as a time when all peoples will come together in peace. The Messiah (unnamed in the Hebrew Bible) is to come from the seed of King David. Hence the numerous references to David in this song."

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By Jennifer Grassman

Communities. Washington Times.com

When asked about the unusual and rather mysterious-sounding terms employed in these lyrics, such as "Thou Rod of Jesse," Dr. Lee Irons, who holds a B.A. in Greek from UCLA and a Master of Divinity from Westminster Seminary California, explained that "Jesse's Rod" is an allusion to one of Jesus' Messianic titles. "He is called 'a shoot from the stump of Jesse' (Isaiah 11:1), 'a righteous Branch' (Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15), or 'the Branch' (Zechariah 3:8, 6:12). The royal line of kings that came from Jesse was cut down when the last king of Judah was taken into exile and became a stump. But Jesus is the shoot that is coming out of the seemingly dead stump, thus reviving and fulfilling

the Davidic royal line. The actual phrase in the current lyric derives from the King James Bible (Isaiah 11:1), which reads. 'And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse. and a Branch shall grow out of his roots."

Rabbi Siegel revealed an interesting differentiation between Judaism and Christianity. "For Christians," he says, "the future Messianic era is the Second Coming. For Jews, it is the first."

As the composer said so long ago, "Rejoice, rejoice; Emmanuel shall come to thee. O Israel!"

Jennifer Grassman is an awardwinning recording artist. See the discussion of all five verses at http://wp.me/pieUD-1si.



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The gist of this piece touches the heart of a worldwide movement to restore the "Jewishness" of the Christian story. We at ZLM are committed to proclaiming the Hebraic roots of Yeshua's life on Earth and the world to come. 18th cent. Tr. T. A. L.

-Myles

COME, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel, That into exile drear is gone Far from the face of God's dear Son. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw; From the dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.

3 Ocome, Ocome, thou Dayspring bright! Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Pour on our souls thy healing light; Dispel the long night's lingering

And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

4 O come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free; Safeguard for us the heavenward And bar the way to death's abode.

A Pure Language—TJF Mission Report

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER: ZLM Staff Theologian

As Robert and I walked past a North Face outdoor clothing store in Jerusalem, the Lord led us into the store. A salesman by the name of Eli greeted us and immediately pointed to my Messianic necklace. "I like it very much," Eli said.

When I receive a positive comment from an Israeli about my necklace, I explain the Jewish nature of the Messiah: He was born in Israel, ministered, died, and rose from the dead in Israel, and will return to Israel to save the Jewish people when He returns.

Eli understood that we were Messianic believers and accepted the gift of a complete Bible. In it, we told him, he would discover the Jewish Jesus and learn that His teachings are very rabbinic.

Eli's co-worker was not interested and seemed suspicious of what we were saying. Robert and I assured him that we were sharing biblical Judaism: The Messiah coming to Israel is the central tenet of Jewish belief. We reviewed some of the Messianic prophecies located in the *Tanach* (Old Testament) and their corresponding fulfillment by Jesus/Yeshua.

Next, the Lord led us to another young Israeli, Ran. He was very interested in reading the *B'rit Hadashah* (New Testament) and learning about Israel's prophesied past, present, and future as revealed in both Testaments. We discussed with him the restoration of

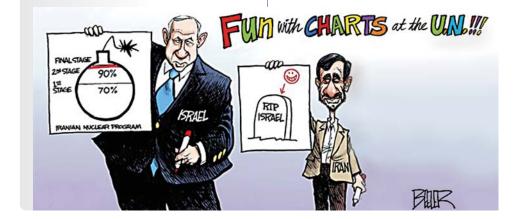
the Hebrew language, the regathering of the

Jewish people to their ancient homeland, and the rebirth of the nation of Israel. When we told him that Bible prophecy foretold God's restoring Hebrew as a pure language at the time of the regathering, Ran wanted to see it for himself in Zephaniah 3:9. He read the Hebrew text and then translated it into English.

He acknowledged that this end-time prophecy had been fulfilled by **Eliezer Ben-Yehuda** (top right) (1858–1922)—considered to be "the father of modern Hebrew"—when he revived Hebrew without any dirty or obscene curse words. Modern Hebrew was launched as a "pure language" in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Ran said that this was true because when Jews today curse or use a dirty word, they borrow it from the Arabic or English languages!

When I offered Ran a Hebrew Tanach and B'rit Hadashah in one volume, he readily accepted and expressed a desire to read the New Testament. We explained that if you read the Scriptures with the Messiah as the chief subject of both Testaments, you will see that all the different authors point to One—Jesus/Yeshua of Nazareth—as the Messiah of the Jewish people and the world.

We pray that Ran will read his Bible with this holy perspective in mind, because God wants all the Jewish people to believe His Word.





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<u>When</u>: January 4–6, 2013. <u>Where</u>: The Hyatt Regency DFW Airport. <u>Who</u>: Myles and Katharine will join dozens of speakers including Hal Lindsey and Bill Koenig. <u>What</u>: Three days of feature presentations and workshops on a wide range of increasingly

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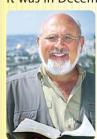
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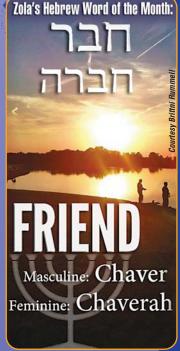


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HebrewLesson

Opening Your Heart ...

By John J. Parsons



וְאַהֲבַת עוֹלָם אֲהַבְתִּיךְ עַל־כֵּן מְשַׁכְתִּיךְ חָסֶר

"I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I draw you in kindness" – Jer. 31:3

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The Hebrew name for the Lord is YHVH (הוה"), a word that means "God is Present" (Exod. 3:14) and "God is Love" (Exod. 34:6–7). The Name is first mentioned when God breathed the "breath of life" into Adam (Gen. 2:7), and indeed, each of the four letters of the name are *vowel* sounds, which suggests that God's Spirit is as close as our very next breath. Yeshua likened the Spirit to the inscrutable motions of the wind: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Just as the wind cannot be seen but encompasses us, so the Spirit of God surrounds and fills us (Acts 2:2–4). Therefore we see how Yeshua breathed on His followers and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22).

Allow God to love you. There is nothing left for you to do other than to open your heart and receive. "It is finished," were Yeshua's last words from the cross, meaning, "It has been *perfected*—it is complete and present for you; there is nothing left to add." Never, ever, give up hope; never believe that you are beyond the reach of God's love. Even in your worst moments, and despite your character defects and your many sins, God sees what is beautiful and worthy of redemption in you. Yeshua stands at the door and knocks, asking for you to open the door of your heart to receive His love (Rev. 3:20).

When we open our hearts to God's love and Presence, we are set free from the need to justify ourselves or to be admired by others; we can let go of our fear of rejection and our hopeless perfectionism because we no longer need the acceptance or approval of others to find our worth. God's love sets us free from the trap of comparing ourselves to others, and we are free to "accept that we are accepted" just for who we are.

It is a terrifying possibility that we can disallow what we need most of all, and that we can choose the self-imposed exile of a loveless and tragic existence. God forbid that we should miss God's heart for us! Above all, then, we must repent of our self-hatred, of self-abuse, and we must forever repudiate the lie that we are unable to be truly loved

and accepted by God. We must begin first of all with God's unconditional love for us revealed at the cross of Messiah, and only then can we move forward spiritually.

May the Lord help us open our heart to His Presence this very hour. *Amen.*





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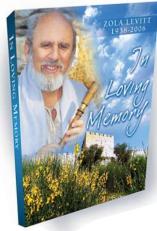
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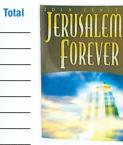
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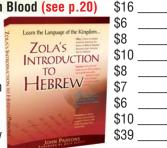
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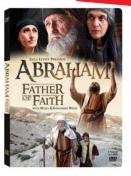
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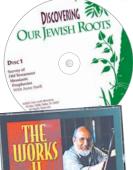
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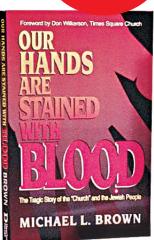
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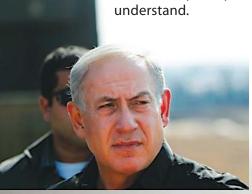
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Israel trusts in God's protection.

Israel's Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** visits an Iron Dome rocket shield command after Palestinians fired dozens of rockets into Israel from Gaza (below). An Israeli air strike killed a militant in a surge of violence after the Emir of Qatar embraced the enclave's Hamas leadership with a visit. Reuters



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Parading Our Sister Missions

A NOTE FROM MARK: By Mark Levitt

As this Levitt Letter goes to press, I'm in Israel for the first time in two decades. Ever since Zola gifted a pilgrimage to my bride and me, my desk has compelled me to stay close to home. Someone has to put out fires while those with charisma guide Holy Land pilgrims and teach TV viewers.

Myles and Katharine may never be administrators, but oh, how they exude warmth when teaching to an impersonal camera lens. Frankly, in front of the camera, I feel like a pitcher who's trying to hit a baseball. Pitchers, as you may know, spend very little time in batting practice, and I gravitate more toward management than public speaking.

Nonetheless, it's time for me to step into the limelight and highlight several missions our outreach has fostered on the side while televising and mailing first-rate Bible teaching (featuring real news and Bible commentary rather than fundraising fluff).

It's an age-old racket here in America to seek and bank funds for the sake of supposedly helping the needy overseas. In fact, it is acceptable to hold back a substantial percentage for overhead and send whatever remains to the actual cause. Our ministry, however, forwards 100% of designated contributions. We trust that if you tell us to relay certain dollar amounts to the organizations listed below, then you eventually will cover our needs as the Lord leads. AND that if you are called to support only the ancillary outreaches, then God will take care of ZLM elsewhere.

Is this practice a mistake on the same order as posting at www.levitt.tv the very programs we market on DVD? Yes, in a here-and-now sense. But not in the heavenly, eternal realm. I would rather you designate all your contributions to our sister ministries via ZLM (or even contribute to them directly) than send any of your funds to less-

efficient or non-evangelical organizations.

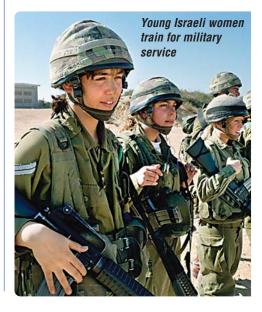


Does Zola Levitt Ministries need your loyal prayers and support? Yes, most certainly. In the same vein, if your heart gravitates toward the efforts of our sister missions below, then we're happy to serve as a conduit to them.

- To the Jew First Fund witnesses in person to Jewish Israelis
- Our Man in Haifa offers Tents of Mercy to those in need in the Holy Land
- Good News Fund provides general benevolence locally and abroad
- Lone Soldier Fund provides essentials to soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces
- Plant trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund
- Bridges for Peace welcomes refugees to Israel with food and clothing
- The Temple Mount Fund subsidizes archaeological digs in the Holy Land

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Thank you for sustaining our ministry and these other missions that we admire and support.





Letters to ZLM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From L.M. (AL): My son told me about your booklet *The Seven Feasts Of Israel,* so I am ordering one copy for myself and several to share with others. May God continue to bless your ministry.

From D.R.M. (AZ): I enjoy the *Levitt Letter* and its most insightful observations. I love the articles by Myles and especially Katharine.

Thank you L.M. and D.R.M. for your kind feedback. -Myles and Katharine

From M.A.B. (SC): I thank God for your ministry and your letters. The *Levitt Letters* help me stay focused on my prayers for Israel and keep me updated on the current events. I believe that The Creator is truly at work in your ministry and that the Holy Spirit guides you every step of the way.

A truly worthy validation of our work. We hope and pray that your words remain true. —Editor

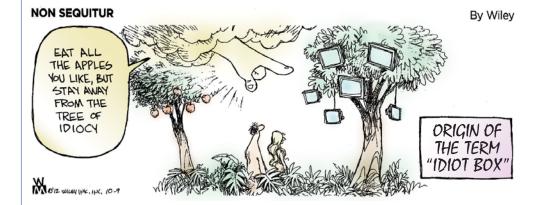
From S.C. (IA): Thank you so much for putting the old shows on DVD.

Zola's Introduction To Hebrew teaches both print and script, so you can read, speak, write, and understand Hebrew in Israel. It offers a gradual path toward a unique intimacy with God's language. Then, practice with the monthly Hebrew Lesson by John Parsons in the Levitt Letter. —Mark

From a viewer of *Zola Levitt Presents* on YouTube: Thank you for the easy-to-understand interviews. So much the American Christians do not understand about Israel. Shalom.

From P.K. (WI): ZLM's teaching resources are a great help as I teach the Jewish connection in my classes. Although retired and on a fixed income, I feel that supporting ZLM is just something the Lord leads me to do. May God continue to bless you in what you do.





Joseph's Relationship to Jesus

Dear ZLM,

How do you explain that Jesus is the son of Joseph when Isaiah 7:14 states, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive..."? -M.O.

Dear M.O.-

There is no difficulty here. People who were not aware of Jesus' divine Sonship with the Father, and were not privy to the virgin birth, assumed that Joseph was the natural father of Jesus. Luke makes this qualified observation in Luke 3:23. There is no contradiction. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus and no more. -Todd

"Writing My Own Commentary"

Dear Myles and Katharine,

I must tell you how much I enjoy your Levitt Letter. I have always wanted to walk where Jesus walked, but I waited too long and now my feet won't take me. So, the next best thing is seeing it through your words and your camera's eye.

While reading the Bible, I write down what I learn in my own words, and have learned much that I never knew before. I have learned more in two years than I did in forty!-D.J.B. (SC)

Dear D.J.B.-

What a powerful undertaking! To read that you are systematically reading through the Bible and making notes of what you are learning is very encouraging. Thanks for your positive feedback about the news magazine and TV programs. It is our joy to connect people with the Land and Jewish life.







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One Way to Heaven

Dear Myles,

My wife and I are born-again evangelicals with a heart for Israel. However, we disagree on a very important point: Romans 11:26. She believes this to mean that the Jewish people do not need to accept Jesus before they die, that the Jewish people have a different covenant with God by which they will be in Heaven.

Can you help me show her that Jesus is the only way? If you agree with her, then please explain it to me. -Wondering

Dear Wondering-

As a Jew, I can attest to the fact that we do not have a "special deal" with God. We need Yeshua! However, the Scriptures point to a soon-coming spiritual awakening in which we "will look upon Him whom we have pierced" (on His return) and recognize our Messiah. That will be a bittersweet moment of "mourning" as we realize what we have missed. Pray for my Jewish people. Today is the day of salvation. -Myles No "special deal"

Giving Chai

On your donations webpage, you offer a selection of amounts. May I ask specifically about the number 18? -M.L (TN)

Dear M.L.-

Jews often give gifts and donations in multiples of 18, which is called "giving chai." Chai (77) is a Hebrew word and symbol that means "life." It is spelled with the Hebrew letters Yod (7) and Chet (7). Mailings from Jewish charities Back to usually suggest the amounts to give in multiples of chai (\$18, \$36, \$54, etc.) rather than the usual multiples of \$25. -ZLM Webmaster, quoting Wikipedia





One-Fifth of Americans Now "Nones"

By Abby Ohlheiser, Slate.com

Nearly 1 in 5 Americans now identify themselves as "unaffiliated" when it comes to their religious denomination.

That's according to a new Pew survey tracking the so-called religious "nones," a group that's increased by 5 percentage points in the past five years—and roughly 10 points in the past two decades—to 19.6 percent of all Americans. Indicating that the increase owes something to generational shifts in the general population, the number of younger "nones" is even bigger: A third (32 percent) of American adults under 30 are now unaffiliated.

Pew breaks down the category into three sub-groups: atheist, agnostic, or "nothing in particular." Two-thirds of the entire "unaffiliated" category express some sort of belief in God.

But here's where things get interesting: While the religiously unaffiliated

have a strong liberal stance on social issues, the group's preferences on government size and role actually largely mirror

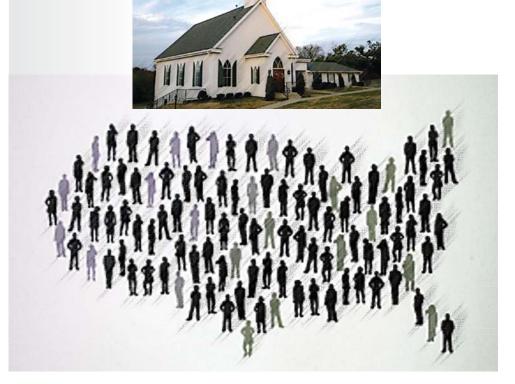
the breakdown of the general population: 50 percent of the unaffiliated would prefer a smaller government, compared to 52 percent of the general population.

This kind of makes sense, given that the group expressed strong support for the role of religious institutions in fighting poverty and building community (77 percent and 78 percent), but were considerably less keen on the role of religion in "defending morality" than the general American public (52 percent vs. 76 percent). The latter role, of course, is more readily associated with the conservative Religious Right attitude towards religion's role in American governance.

See article:

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Military Know-how Applied to Medicine

By Sarit Rosenblum, YNetNews.com

RAFAEL (Israeli defense contractor) engineers are usually kept busy with the daily production and development of weapons; but when doctors from the Kaplan Medical Center sought them out to help a patient suffering from a severe jaw infection, they did not think twice. The best experts convened, took technology



that is usually used to produce missiles, and built the patient an artificial titanium jaw that was then successfully transplanted into the patient's mouth.

Vladislav Zaitsev made *aliyah* (immigration) to Israel in 1997 from the former Soviet Union where he worked as a missile engineer. His jaw recently became useless due to a severe infection that prevented him from eating, speaking, and drinking.

Dr. Roy Connolly, a mouth and jaw specialist at the Kaplan Medical Center, said Zaitsev's jawbone was slowly disappearing. "The lower jawbone was so thin that you could no longer fix it in the usual manner. There was no choice but to put in an artificial jaw," Dr. Connolly explained. In similar cases, doctors construct a new jaw from a bone cut off the leg, a complicated process that involves a lengthy recovery. Zaitsev's bone was not strong enough to be used as a basis for the new jaw.

RAFAEL-MANOR division scientists decided to take the project seriously and created an exact model of the missing jawbone using technology mostly used to produce the Stunner missiles—advanced missiles meant to intercept Hezbollah Grad missiles.

Two days before the surgery, the computerized scanned files of the injured jaw were converted to a 3-D format and the artificial jaw was constructed using lasers. During the operation—at which two RAFAEL engineers were present—Dr. Connolly transplanted the jaw, and within four hours the procedure was completed successfully.

"As someone who produced missile ships, Zaitsev can understand the quality of the materials from which his new jaw has been created," said Dr. Connolly.

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Israeli Advances in Science & Medicine

Breaking Through a Cure for Parkinson's & AIDS

By David Shamah, TimesOflsrael.com

A new technology developed by Ben-Gurion University could soon provide better, more accurate, and more effective therapies for patients suffering from diseases like Parkinson's, AIDS, and a host of brain disorders. The technology, called V-Smart, uses nanotechnology to develop a system that can bring drugs to the exact area in the body where they are needed, rather than administering them through the bloodstream or directly to the central nervous system, which can cause side effects.

V-Smart, according to Eliahu Heldman, professor emeritus of Ben-Gurion University's Department of Clinical Biochemistry and one of the system designers, offers the best hope for curing brain and central nervous system diseases because it enables drugs to traverse the normally uncrossable "blood-brain barrier" (BBB). V-Smart uses microscopic bubble-like membranous structures, known as vesicles, to deliver drugs. Vesicles occur naturally in the body and are used to carry proteins and other molecules through membranes. Vesicles are one of the few things that can permeate the BBB, which consists of special cells around the central nervous system to keep

blood and brain fluids separate.

Sometimes, however, pathogens break down the BBB, enabling bacteria or toxins to attack parts of the brain—possibly resulting in diseases such as meningitis, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and HIV Encephalitis. Any disease that is able to break through the BBB



Prof. Eliahu Heldman, flanked by Dr. Sarina Grinberg & Dr. Charles Linder

is serious and difficult to contend with because it is difficult to target the areas of the brain affected with the amount of drugs needed for treatment. Several methods exist for breaching the BBB, most notably targeting the brain directly with a needle; but that, too, is an imprecise method, because it is difficult to target the specific area of the brain where help is needed. That's where V-Smart comes in.

Nano-developed vesicles administered intravenously or orally deliver encapsulated material such as analgesic peptides that can target specific cells or proteins in the brain with drugs. The nano-sized vesicles are formed from compounds that are programmed to release their drugs when they hit a specific environment in the body. The nanovesicles are highly stable and provide a controlled release mechanism which allows the drug to pass through biological barriers, including the blood-brain barrier, targeting specific cells and tissues.

Research grants for the development of V-Smart and drugs that can be used with it came from the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Campbell Foundation.



Ahmadinejad Calls for the AntiChrist

In his address to the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 26 September 2012, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad laid out the suffering of the world under the "current world order" headed by nations who "trample on the rights of others" and "sacrifice human and ethical values to win votes."

He proposed "joint global management" as "the basis of lasting peace." The Non-Aligned Movement, "as the second largest trans-regional group after the UN, held its 16th summit in Tehran with the motto of 'Joint Global Management." On behalf of NAM, Ahmadinejad invited "all countries of the world" to move beyond the failed systems of Marxism and capitalism "to play a more active role in making it possible for everybody to contribute to the global decision-making processes."

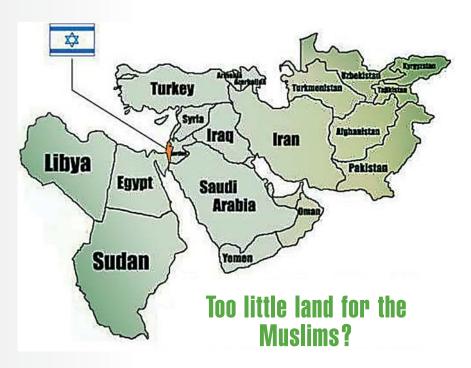
He urged the "inefficient UN" to restructure and pledged, "NAM stands ready to aid the UN in this essential endeavor."

Then the president of Iran called for the antiChrist:

—God Almighty has promised us a man of kindness, a man who loves people and loves absolute justice, a man who is a perfect human being and is named Imam Al-Mahdi, a man who will come in the company of Jesus Christ (PBUH) and the Righteous. By using the inherent potential of all the worthy men and women of all nations and I repeat, the inherent potential of all the worthy men and women of all nations, he will lead humanity into achieving its glorious and eternal ideals.

—The arrival of the Ultimate Savior will mark ... the beginning of peace, lasting security, and genuine life.

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The Takeover Continues

—Excerpts from his UN address

—His arrival will be the end of oppression, immorality, poverty, discrimination, and the beginning of justice, love, and empathy.

—The arrival of the Ultimate Savior [Al-Mahdi], Jesus Christ, and the Righteous ... will bless humanity with a spring that puts an end to our winter of ignorance, poverty, and war ... a spring that ... doesn't belong to a specific race, ethnicity, nation, or a region, ... that will soon reach all the territories in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the U.S.

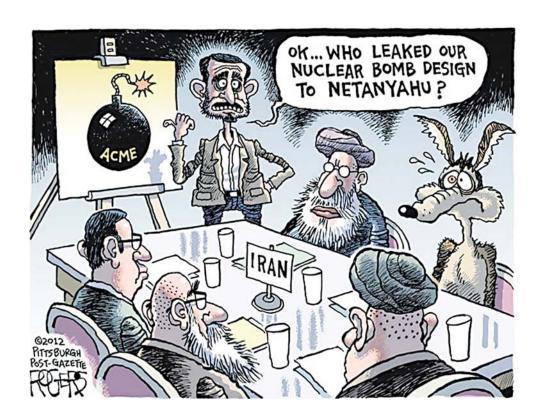
—Let us march on this path to salvation for the thirsty souls of humanity to taste immortal joy and grace.

Long live this spring, long live this spring and long live this spring.

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/67/IR_en.pdf or http://wp.me/pieUD-1rM

We have been warned! Muslim disinformation continues to proclaim all Israeli cities and communities part of "Greater Palestine" in which no Israel exists. Wake up, America! —Myles







Iranian Woman Fights Back—Literally!

By Ladane Nasseri, Bloomberg.com

An Iranian cleric said he was beaten by a woman after giving her a warning for being "badly covered," the state-run Mehr news agency reported. Hojatoles-lam Ali Beheshti said he encountered the woman in the street while on his way to the mosque, and asked her to cover herself up, to which she replied "you, cover your eyes." The cleric repeated his warning, which he said prompted her to insult and push him.

Since the 1979 revolution that brought religious leaders to power, women in Iran have been required to cover their hair and body curves in public with headscarves and loose-fitting coats, to protect religious values and "preserve society's morals and security."

The government condemns short, tight,

and colorful coats and loosely tied headscarves, and routinely organizes police patrols to enforce the Islamic dress code. Public surveillance increases in summer when some women opt for flimsier, cooler clothing.

Beheshti said he was hospitalized for three days. The Iranian cleric said it was his religious duty to apply the principle of

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"commanding right and forbidding wrong," and that he would continue to do so even after living through what he called "the worst day of my life."

Men Scared by Little Girls

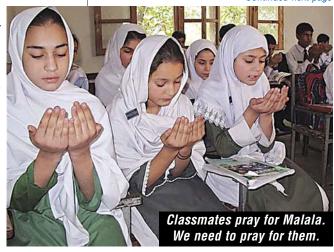
By Kelly James Clark, HuffingtonPost.com

In October, 14-year-old Pakistani Malala Yousufzai was shot in the head and neck by the Taliban. Her "crimes"? The courageous Malala exposed Taliban atrocities and advocated for the education of girls. A Taliban gunman walked up to her bus as it carried her home from school and shot her, also hitting her classmates. Malala is recovering from her wounds in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The Taliban has pledged to finish what it started. (See a video report: http://wp.me/pieUD-1sY.)

Thousands of Pakistanis have rallied to express their support for Malala and their condemnation of the Taliban. They pray for Malala and for what she advocates: the education and rights of women.

Malala has been an activist since she was 11, writing a blog to protest Taliban edicts against the education of girls. The Taliban carried out these edicts by destroying hundreds of schools for girls. Malala spoke truth to the world with no regard for her own well-being.

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Afghans Ax "Friendship" From France Pact

Agence France-Presse

In October, Afghanistan's senate voted to cut the word "friendship" from a pact with France because Islamic texts say it cannot be used to describe relations between Muslims and infidels.

France, which has seen 88 of its troops killed as part of the NATO coalition backing the Afghan government against Taliban insurgents, signed the 20-year "friendship and cooperation treaty" earlier this year.

"Some senators said that based on sharia rulings, we cannot use the word friendship with infidels; so after voting, the word 'friendship' was replaced with 'relationship'," Sen. Zahra Sharifi said. Afghanistan has signed partnership agreements with several countries, including the United States, but none of the others had included the word "friendship."

Islamists vs. Eradicating Polio

By Frank Crimi, FrontPageMag.com

The Pakistani Taliban has banned UN health workers from administering polio

vaccine to almost 250,000 children living in South and North Waziristan, the Taliban-controlled region along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Despite the near eradication of polio worldwide, Pakistan remains one of three countries (with Afghanistan and Nigeria) where the disease still remains endemic.

The one common thread that links the three countries is the occurrence of polio in Muslim areas that are home to anti-Western and anti-American insurgencies.

In Nigeria, for example, Muslim clerics have long tried to block UN immunizations of children, which they consider an orchestrated Western-led plot to depopulate the Muslim populace through vaccines laced with HIV and sterilization chemicals.



Many Pakistani parents, fearful that vaccination is either a U.S.-led plot to sterilize Muslims or violates Islamic law, are refusing to let their children become vaccinated.

Beyond pathetic, the anachronistic worldview that is self-defeating. Maybe because Salk and Sabin were Jews? —Myles



Huge Cave Beneath Old City of

Beneath the Old City of Jerusalem, not far from the Damascus Gate, is the entrance to an enormous cavern, one of the largest manmade caves in Israel. The American Colony photographers visited the cavern 100 years ago.

From the cave's entrance to the end is 1,000 feet; its width is 300 feet, and its height in some parts is 50 feet. The total size is estimated to be five acres. The cavern, which was used to quarry limestone blocks, dates back 3,000 years.

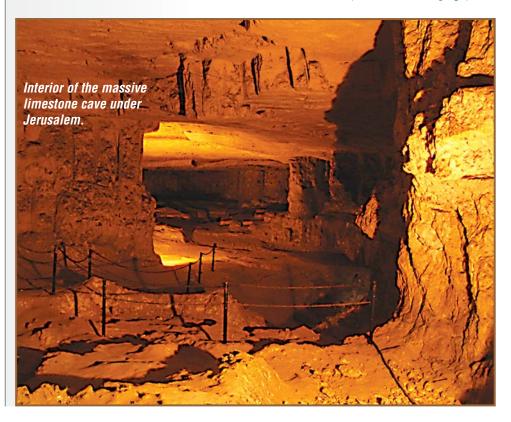
According to legend, King Solomon may have taken blocks from the cave to build the First Temple (circa 950 BC). While archaeologists are skeptical, there is little doubt that King Herod (circa 50 BC) quarried stone for building his massive expansion of the Second Temple, including what we call today the Western Wall.

Another legend claims that King Zedekiah of Judah (circa 586 BC) fled from the Babylonian conquerors through the cave. Talmudic literature dating back to the 2nd–3rd century AD refers to Zedekiah's Cave.

The quarry was used throughout the Middle Ages, but was sealed in the 16th century by Suleiman the Magnificent to prevent enemy infiltration under the Old City.

The cave remained sealed and undiscovered until 1854 when, according to another legend, missionary Dr. J. T. Barclay was walking his dog outside of Damascus Gate. The dog ran down a hole that had been opened after heavy rains. Barclay followed him in and discovered the massive cavern.

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In the 1880s, a German cult took over the cave until they were removed by Turkish authorities. In 1893, the Turks sealed the entrance once again.

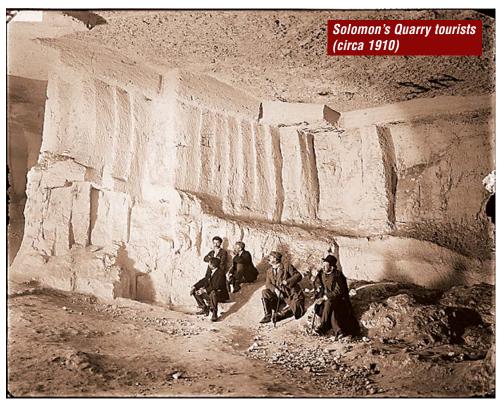
To secure stones for a clock tower the Turks were building at Jaffa Gate, they reopened the guarry in 1907. Presumably, the American Colony photos are from that period because the cave was sealed again in 1914 during World War I.



An advertisement announcing tours and admission rates to the cave appeared in a Hebrew paper Hatzvi in April 1909. Translation of Ad: "Entrance to Zedekiah's Cave: From now residents of Jerusalem will pay 3 grush per person. Groups of 10 pay 25...".

During the British Mandate, Zedekiah's Cave was reopened and converted to a bomb shelter during World War II. The cavern was closed again in 1948 by the Jordanian authorities because of its location along the Jordan-Israel armistice line. In 1967, after the reunification of Jerusalem, Israel reopened the cavern.





Notes From the Road

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As you know, I travel a lot with our tours and to many speaking engagements around the country. When I do, I carry along a small pocket recorder to remind myself of tasks, but also to record quotes and thoughts about what I feel is important for our viewers and readers. This month I thought it would be good to hit the play button and let you hear some highlights from my recorder:

Airport Security

Airports have become difficult, of course, but they're certainly not foolproof as far as protecting us. A captain with a major airline, a Believer, admitted recently that it was really all cosmetic. Nobody's really trying to protect anybody. Sandra had to surrender a nail clipper because it had a 1-inch nail file on it. My wife can really commandeer an airplane with a 1-inch nail file!

Israel and War

Whenever Israel has had to defend

itself from Arab invaders in modern times, it responded swiftly and

decisively. Often the campaigns lasted only days or weeks, because 1) they were not trying to win a PR award with the world, 2) they knew their nation's survival depended on their actions, and 3) God was on their side. Yes, that's true. Think of the Yom Kippur War or the Six-Day War or the Sinai Campaign. Israelis were outnumbered by as many as 20 to one, and yet God gave them victory. God is surely at work in Israel today, whether this is known at our seminaries or not.

The United States and Israel lose the PR war every time because we're not liars with the skill of the Arabs, who can tell the tallest tales with a straight face, including Arafat and Osama bin Laden. We're just not willing to talk that way. Thus, we lose the battle for the Arab street, for what that's worth.



1973: Israeli Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan consults with General Ariel Sharon who marches towards Cairo.



Jewish humor, etc.

Merry Christmas to All

On a cold December night, in a small town, there was no synagogue. Avram went into a church, put on his tallit (fringed shawl) and yarmulke (skullcap), and proceeded to pray.

The minister entered to start services: "Will all non-Christians please leave."

Avram continued davening (rocking lightly in prayer).

Again the minister asked, "Will all non-Christians please leave."

And still, Avram prayed.

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Finally, the distraught minister moved to Avram. "Will ALL JEWS please leave."

At this, Avram removed his yarmulke, packed up his tallit, then went to the Nativity display and picked up the baby Jesus from the manger. "Come Yeshua, they don't want us here."



A cheerful heart is good medicine -Proverbs 17:22



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