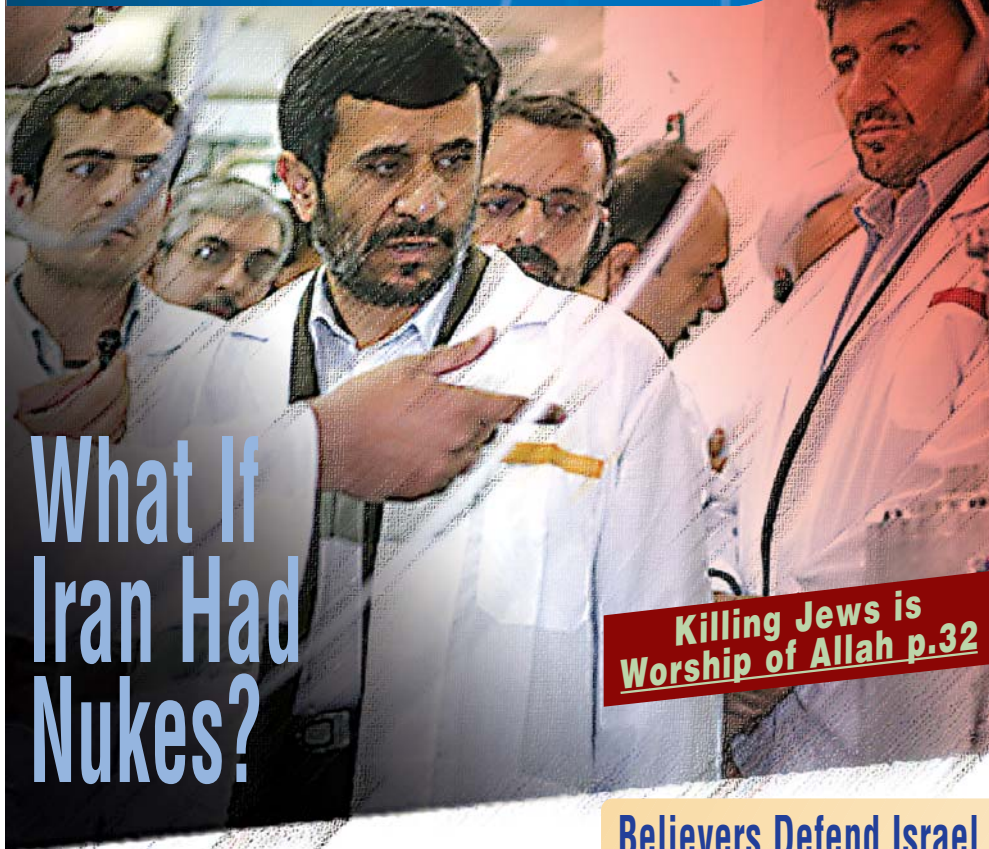


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Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.—Rom. 10:1



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# What If Iran Had Nukes?

**Killing Jews is  
Worship of Allah p.32**

**By Clifford D. May**  
[NationalReview.com](http://NationalReview.com)

Israel—as its friends and enemies never forget—is a “one-bomb country.” One nuclear weapon is all it would take to wipe out a nation whose territory is smaller than Djibouti, with a population not as large as that of Burundi—fewer than 8 million people, 20 percent of whom are Arabs enjoying rights denied to Arabs elsewhere in the Middle East.

Israel is surrounded by Muslim-majority states which have 60 times its population and 650 times its territory. Most of those states refuse even to recognize Israel. Some go farther. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, threatens genocide: “Israel must be burned to the ground and made to disappear from the face of the Earth.”

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## Believers Defend Israel

By David Lazarus / *Israel Today*

One of the big stories of the recent Gaza War was the overwhelming success of Israel's Iron Dome. The Israeli-made and American-financed anti-rocket defense system knocked down hundreds of Hamas rockets that otherwise would have struck Israeli population centers.



Elisha, a Messianic Jewish soldier, served with an Iron Dome crew protecting Beersheba. On a hilltop overlooking the desert city, the crew awaited the next rocket attack from Gaza.

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Hamas's charter is similar: "Muslims will fight the Jews (and kill them)."

Both Israel's friends and its enemies are keenly aware that this is the backdrop against which Hamas launches its missiles. Many others choose to be oblivious. So you constantly hear journalists suggesting that the missiles that Hamas has been raining down on Israel from Gaza are merely a form of "resistance" to Israeli "occupation"—ignoring the fact that Israelis gave up their claims to Gaza seven years ago, removing every farmer, every soldier, and every grave.

Hamas does not seek a two-state solution or any other compromise. No one who embraces the ideology of jihadism can. Again from the Hamas charter: "There is no solution for the Palestinian question, except through jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors." Hamas can accept the occasional truce. During such breaks, Hamas does all it can to prepare for the next battle.

Hamas commanders understand that when they wage war—and that's what missile attacks are—and when they commit war crimes—and that's what missiles aimed at civilians are—repercussions will follow. Israel takes great pains to spare non-combatants, but Hamas routinely uses Palestinian women and children as human shields. That, too, is a war crime.

Recently, despite Israeli efforts to block deliveries of advanced weaponry while simultaneously facilitating the flow of humanitarian aid, Hamas received an estimated 100 Iranian-made Fajr-5 missiles—longer-range weapons that can threaten not just Israeli villages near Gaza but more than half of Israel's population. Such missiles have been fired at Tel Aviv, while M-75 missiles (made with Iranian assistance) have landed just outside Jerusalem. Muslim clerics, who routinely proclaim Jerusalem "Islam's third holiest city," have not expressed outrage.

If Iran's jihadist rulers acquire nuclear weapons, will they use them in support of Hamas? Might they transfer one or two directly to Hamas, or perhaps to Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy with thousands of missiles in southern Lebanon aimed at Israel? Would Jerusalem, the holiest city for Jews and Christians—and supposedly Muslims—be a target?

Iran's former president, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani: "Application of an atomic bomb would not leave anything in Israel. But the same thing would just produce damages in the Muslim world."



**Leon Panetta and Ehud Barak join forces in support of Iron Dome.**



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"When the alarms went off and that first barrage of missiles came, we were really scared. Fifteen rockets all at once came raining down on us and it looked like they were going to fall right on top of us," said Elisha.

The hill these brave young men and women command on the southern edge of the city is in the direct line of fire.

"We put on our helmets, kept our heads down, and prayed. That was the moment of truth, to see whether all our hard work and training had paid off."

It had. Most of the missiles aimed at Israel's city centers were brought down by this and other Iron Dome batteries. "When we saw those rockets blown up by our unit, we all started laughing and jumping up and down," said Elisha.

The air-raid sirens rang out over the city. Within seconds, two missiles erupted from the Iron Dome battery en route to intercepting the terrorist rockets. It was impossible to see the incoming missiles, but a grey puff of smoke more than a mile overhead and the loud "boom" of the missiles colliding in

midair signaled that the Iron Dome had again scored a direct hit.

The repeated success of the Iron Dome was a huge source of inspiration to the rattled civilian population. "People from the city come up here to bring us care packages," said Elisha. "They wanted to thank us for saving their lives. It's great that we are joined together in these difficult times. It really feels like one big family. Everyone wants to help."

Like most Messianic Jews in Israel, Elisha said he is proud to serve his country. Hundreds of Jewish Believers serve in the Israeli army, many of them in elite fighting units that were called up to take part in the Gaza operation. Most are exemplary soldiers who want to demonstrate that faith in Yeshua (Jesus) is not a betrayal of their Jewish heritage. In fact, faith in the Messiah has given them an even greater purpose and desire to serve the nation of Israel.

"I feel like I am doing something really important," Elisha says. "This is something I have prepared to do for my people. I am glad that I can be here for such a time as this." Elisha asks that fellow Believers pray for him and all the soldiers in the Israeli army. ★

# Never, Never, Never, Give Up!

Spoken by Winston Churchill during England's darkest World War II hours, this thought inspired a nation to push back against the Nazi onslaught. It has recently resonated in my heart because not only does it apply to geopolitical circumstances, it also has a spiritual application.



The Good News of Messiah is often a stumbling block for Believers' friends and family. They see our excitement about God's transforming power as a "holier than thou" attitude. They see us change from "living for self," and watch us attend services, assist in a local congregation, and talk about "short term missions." They see such behavior as evidence of a soul gone awry.

God did not give up on me! Yeshua confirmed that He is the promised Messiah. Many people helped in that process. Pastors, Jews for Jesus staff, friends, and gentiles (non-Jews) who understand the Jewishness of the Gospel, all prayed and taught and helped me. It was a "corporate" effort, as Paul says of the Believing community.

Churchill's idea recently reminded me of God's faithfulness. The Messianic Leaders Roundtable, hosted in Arizona by Jonathan Bernis of Jewish Voice Ministries International, gathered over two hundred Messianic rabbis, pastors, and administrators from around the world. The mature expression of spiritual fatherhood as we celebrated the success and prayed for the trials of each other sent us away refreshed and encouraged.

One moment stands out. Walking into the dining room, I noticed an unusual, but familiar, surname on a colleague's nametag.

"You don't have a father or uncle in NYC, do you?" I queried.

"Yes, I do" he smiled.

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## Zola's Hebrew Word of the Month:

# רוח הקודש

## Ruach haKodesh | Holy Spirit

John 14:26 TLV || But the Helper, the Ruach haKodesh whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything that I said to you.

## Myles To Go / By Myles Weiss

Zola Levitt Presents co-host



"He wouldn't be Mel, would he...? An accountant?" I asked tentatively. "Did he work with (my family's business)?"

"Yes, he did. I saw that business name when we went through his papers after he passed away. I had been sharing the Gospel with Dad since the '70s."

I said, "When I became a Believer in the '80s, I nearly drove your father crazy with my excitement about Yeshua every time I was in New York!"

I had been part of the answer to the son's praying, "God, send others to witness to my family"!

In His faithfulness, God had brought us together at this conference decades later.

My new friend told the story of his dad's passing. He had shared his faith with Dad for decades and exhorted him: "When you pass, if Yeshua comes to you, say 'yes'." His mom had called him, explaining that Dad had died, but that she "wasn't sure he is really dead."

"His face is glowing," she said, "and there is a peace around him that I have never seen before."

Did Yeshua come to him? It fits the character of God. We don't know for sure, but it has renewed my heart regarding the things of God.

If you are praying for a family member, never, never, never give up!



## Ramifications of UN vote

By Dan Calic / [GodsEverlastingCovenant.com](http://GodsEverlastingCovenant.com)

It seems worthwhile to take a look at some serious ramifications of the UN's vote to recognize Palestine as an official entity.



Consider the motivation for [Palestinian Authority president] **Mahmoud Abbas** (*above*) to bring the matter to the UN. It's no secret that direct negotiations between the PA and Israel have failed to produce a breakthrough. While several issues contributed to the difficulty, one rises above all of them: not Israel's willingness to accept a Palestinian state, but the refusal of the Palestinians to accept the Jewish State of Israel—even though Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and all his predecessors have agreed to recognize a Palestinian state.

During the Camp David II negotiations for example, Israeli PM Ehud Barak offered 97% of Judea and Samaria, the Christian and Muslim sections of the Old City, control of the Temple Mount, and the Gaza Strip—all for a Palestinian state. Yasser Arafat rejected the offer. President Clinton was furious with Arafat, indicating "the deal was so good I couldn't believe anyone would be foolish enough to let it go." He blamed Arafat for the collapse of the summit and subsequently lost confidence in him.

Mahmoud Abbas has stated on numerous occasions that he will never accept a Jewish State of Israel. Since any peace agreement between the PA and Israel resulting from direct negotiations between the two will require that he accept Israel as a Jewish state, he cannot achieve a Palestinian state by taking this path. Thus he turned to the UN, whose Human Rights Council passed 33 resolutions against Israel during its first four years. *(continued p.7)*

# God Is There!

Our fall Zola Tour to God's Promised Land was wonderful—full of insight and practical touches from the Word of God. After the pilgrims left, Myles and I remained awhile to shoot segments for our TV program, staying on a *kibbutz* just outside Jerusalem.

At breakfast one day, I noticed an older couple sitting by themselves. We exchanged greetings; but our conversation was challenging. They spoke Spanish and Hebrew and a little French. My Hebrew is limited. However, love can speak through hands and eyes.

One morning, while I was filling a water bottle for the road, Sam motioned that he would like a bottle as well. It was one of those moments when life comes down to a small question: "Do I take the time to show God's love, or am I too busy?"

I quickly grabbed bottles for him and his wife Jaffa. They appreciated my gesture and this began a wonderful interaction of getting to know them. We saw them at breakfast and dinner. My heart was so drawn to this couple that I asked the staff about them. The hostess said that they were children of the Holocaust. Sam, a survivor from Romania, still carried the number tattooed on his arm. He had made *aliyah* to Israel as a child. Germany sends them on holiday as part of its reparation and pays for the entire kibbutz fees.

Day after day, Myles and I chatted with our new friends. We tried to communicate in English, Hebrew, and Spanish, but were most successful with hand gestures. When *Shabbat* came, families gathered at the hotel to pray, play, and

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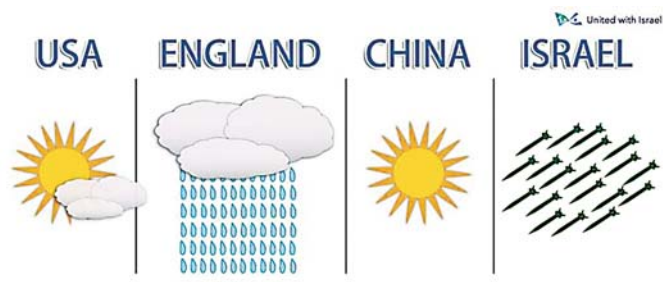
*Katharine shares the Word with pilgrim tree-planters in Israel during a Zola Tour.*



**By Katharine Weiss**  
*Zola Levitt Presents co-host*

thank God for His goodness by blessing each other. We watched as the fathers blessed the children, especially the younger ones. In a moment of joy and laughter, I asked Sam to bless me. He blanched and said in Spanish, "No creo" ("I don't believe"). He withdrew and was silent. Even his eyes said, I don't believe. My heart sank and grieved for him. Sadly, this is the testimony of many Holocaust survivors, never able to answer the question, "Where was God?"

That night Myles and I prayed for Sam and Jaffa. The following day, as we prepared to leave Israel and our new friends prepared to go home, Sam caught me in the lobby. He lit up and took my hand and put his hand on my head and blessed me in Hebrew. It was incredibly special! In spite of the language barrier, we were able to meet in the love of God. As Believers, we need to share our faith wherever we go. We can encourage everyone to remember our Maker and help them on the path to Messiah. ★



**SUPPORT ISRAEL. STOP THE "RAIN" OF TERROR.**



**Ramifications of UN vote** *continued from p.5*



No other country had more than one resolution passed against it.

With recognition of non-member status, Abbas achieves worldwide legitimacy of Palestine as a state without making a single concession to Israel. This is a huge diplomatic victory for Palestinians, and it occurred on the same date as the 1947 UN resolution that created the original two-state solution—a resolution which the Arab world rejected. Has anyone reminded the Arabs or the UN about this?

Abbas now wants to resume direct negotiations using the just-passed resolution requiring Israel to return to pre-1967 borders to bolster his position. He may even attempt to bring charges against Israel in the International Criminal Court.

The UN's vote is also tantamount to accepting several other disturbing Palestinian elements. For example, the official emblem of the Fatah party includes a map that makes no distinction between Israel and borders of a proposed Palestinian state. In other words, Israel doesn't exist, only one state of Palestine.

More disturbing is the Fatah charter which says in Article 12: "Complete liberation of Palestine, and eradication of Zionist economic, political, military, and cultural existence."

By approving Palestine as a permanent observer, the UN is welcoming an observer that is bound by a charter requiring the destruction of a member nation to sit among the General Assembly. *(Also see pages 10 and 30.)* ★

# Christian Forgiveness

I received about a dozen letters in reply to my remarks about the Germans and the Holocaust. I expressed myself imprecisely. I should have written, "I cannot forgive the actions of those Germans who participated in the Holocaust," rather than the way I put it. But with that said, I was discouraged both with the doctrine in some of the letters and with the bitter and sarcastic tone used by a few of the writers.

While most people criticized me in love, some gloated and others demanded to be taken off the mailing list, offended by my lack of knowing that the Gospel says "forgive."

The Gospel certainly does not say that Christians are to forgive everyone around them. If that were true, the Church would be of no effect in this world. God has not forgiven Satan, and our Lord did not forgive the moneychangers in the Temple. If everyone were forgiven everything, there would be no Hell.

I think this kind of error comes from the modern Church's "gentle Jesus, meek and mild" philosophy, which is not even close to the Gospel of Christ. This doctrine says that we are to look the other way in the face of evil and accept the bad works of the unbelievers with a meek, apologetic nature. Are we to equate the murders of 20 million innocent children, women, and men with forgiving the grocer for overcharging us for a loaf of bread?

As far as relations with Germany, I hold nothing against today's Germans. Nevertheless, I cannot forgive the Germans who participated in the Holocaust, other than the ones who ultimately repented and came to the Lord for their salvation. On that score, we certainly must forgive anyone whom God forgives.

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## **Judged by Their Actions** By Ken Connor / Townhall.com

*Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.* (Matthew 7:20)

As rioting and violence erupt across the Muslim world in response to perceived insults against their prophet and religion, apologists assure us that despite appearances to the contrary, Islam is a religion of peace. I am certain that I speak for many Americans, however, when I say that I can't help feeling a bit skeptical about Islam's supposedly "peaceful" nature. If, as the Good Book tells us, "By their fruits you shall know them," then what do the seemingly endless riots, protests, mobs, and murders tell us about this religion?

While anger at having one's religion insulted is understandable, the violent backlash that results after each instance tells us that "turn the other cheek" does not hold much sway with Muslims. Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* (published in 1988) resulted in violence across the Muslim world, death threats, a fatwa, and the "blasphemous" book being banned in several Muslim countries. Filmmaker Theo van Gogh's murder by a Muslim avenger stemmed from his film critical of Islam's treatment of women. His collaborator Ayaan Hirsi Ali still lives under threat of death for criticizing Islam and Mohammed.

America is the land of "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it" (Evelyn Beatrice Hall, published in 1906 under the pseudonym Stephen G. Tallentyre). For Christians, this means enduring insults and denigrations of our faith—a crucifix suspended in urine as "art," an elephant-dung-smearing Mary, a play depicting Christ and His disciples as gay lovers. And I hardly need to list the history of insults and atrocities committed against the Jewish faith.

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### Classic Zola: 1998—15 years ago

By Zola Levitt

But frankly, forgiveness for the Holocaust is not up to me; I was not there. As Elie Wiesel has stated (he was in Auschwitz, the worst of it), "Only the ones who perished can forgive." In our ministry I teach exactly what the Bible says whether it's popular or not. I am not in the P.R. business, and I am not writing to please customers. If you want to get off the mailing list because of something I have said, know that you are forsaking a worthwhile ministry with offerings of television programs, books, tapes, music, and personal prayer that may very well be beneficial to you and to many others if you support it. Other theologians and teachers are available to you through our outreach, in our *Levitt Letter*, and through our various television interviews.

I really am thankful for all your letters and for your criticism, which is a learning experience for me. I am sincere when I say that you teach me at least as much as I teach you.

See how Dr. Thomas S. McCall, the senior theologian with this ministry, and Todd Baker, our younger theologian, address the claim that Christians are to forgive all sins—even the Holocaust. ★

McCall  
[www.levitt.com/essays/forgiven](http://www.levitt.com/essays/forgiven)

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[www.levitt.com/essays/forgiven2](http://www.levitt.com/essays/forgiven2)



Hall of Names, Yad Vashem



In her book *Infidel*, **Ayaan Hirsi Ali** (Somali born, she suffered persecution as a Muslim woman) asserts that bloody vengeance is the fruit of *Islam*, not of extremism; that it is the logical consequence of mainstream Islamic teaching. Insult the prophet, off with your head. Dishonor your husband, off with your head. Explore alternatives to Islam, off with your head!

Islam, we are told, means "submission"—supposedly of the voluntary sort—to the will of Allah. But the kind of submission being lived out by the screaming mobs in the streets is not that of the "bondservant" set out in the Bible, not the loving obedience born of humility before a graceful savior. Islam's version of "submission" looks more like "submit or die."

The time has come for Americans to come to grips with the implications of an Islam on the march worldwide. The goal of the rioters does not appear to be equality, but dominance—a global caliphate. Are we in denial about the true nature of Islam and its implications for religious liberty, political freedom, gender equality, and freedom of speech?

**Are we so politically correct that we can't call a spade a spade, ask critical questions?**

If we don't come to terms with what we are dealing with, it may soon be too late. ★

# Why Did the UN Reward the Palestinians?

BY JAY D. HOMNICK: [Spectator.org](http://Spectator.org)



The UN bestowed legitimacy on an entity that is already divided before it ever united. The West Bank of the Jordan is a piece of land Israel conquered from Jordan in the Six-Day War (although much of it had been granted to Israel in the 1947 UN partition agreement).

Israel took the Gaza Strip from Egypt in that same war. These parts of two separate countries were united only in conquest by a third and are now trying to merge into a fourth.

These two segments are under two different governments. One is run by Fatah and the other by Hamas, two organizations whose hatred for Israel is exceeded only by their distrust of each other.

What legitimacy does each one bring to the table? Certainly none of the democratic variety. Yes, Fatah was elected in the West Bank and Hamas was elected in Gaza. But that was years and years ago. Their terms have long since expired and no one is even thinking of having their dominance tested via plebiscite. Come to think of it, Hamas was not elected to total control but to a majority of seats; then

they kicked out Fatah and grabbed the rest.

Try this on for size. A mere two weeks before the UN voted, the government in Gaza killed six people without a hearing on charges of collaborating with Israel. They had the bodies dragged through the streets behind motorcycles. We all got to watch the action live on the Web. Then, two weeks after this primitive, barbarian, bloodthirsty atrocity, the United Nations jumped in to reward this behavior.

Rhetorically, Palestinian leaders still preach destruction of Israel. They still target civilians for murder. They still propagandize children to hate. They continue to practice terrorism and aggression to gain advantage. In any other context, their behavior would provide an object lesson for how not to structure a society. Instead they are rewarded.

*The blood boils at the specter of what the UN has become... a haven for thugs that reprimands Israeli democracy and rewards Muslim dictatorships. How long, O Lord... —Myles (See related articles on pages 5 and 30.)*



# “Come and See” (John 1:46)

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER: ZLM Staff Theologian

TJF Mission Report

“To The Jew First...” Rom. 1:16

Our ministry began even before Harvey Zion and I left our hotel to share the Gospel in Herzliya. Yoav, one of the Israeli land agents for Zola Tours, asked me to give a copy of the Scriptures to one of the young women at the front desk. Yoav and I had had an intense discussion during the outreach in June 2012, after which he accepted a copy of the complete Bible (Old and New Testaments). He wanted to learn and familiarize himself with the evidence that proves Jesus is the Messiah.

*Yoav, Dana, Todd*



Now, just months later, Yoav was himself a witness for Yeshua to another Israeli! He took me to Dana, who was excited to receive the Word of God about the Messiah. Here, one we had touched with the Gospel now wanted a fellow Jew to hear about Jesus the Jewish Messiah.

It recalled the story of Philip inviting Nathanael to **“Come and see”** Jesus the Messiah (John 1:45–46). This is exactly what Yoav said to Dana. Harvey and I told Dana that the Hebrew Bible we offered included the New Testament, but she already knew this and still wanted a copy to read for herself—especially after learning this from Yoav! Amazing, simply amazing.

We left Dana with this important observation: the message of all Scripture is John 3:16—God so loved Dana that He gave His one and only, unique Son Yeshua; that no one who believes in

Yeshua will perish but will have eternal life. Dana was emotionally moved and teared up over this simple and infinitely profound truth that encompasses time and eternity.

From the hotel, the Spirit of God led Harvey and me into Herzliya to the Arena Mall where we met Samuel. He was affable and easygoing, and not at all worried about a nuclear Iran because he believed that Israel would always exist. We affirmed his views and placed his statement within the context of Scripture where God promised that Israel would exist as a nation before Him forever! (Jeremiah 31:35–37) All who oppose and seek to destroy the Jewish people, God will destroy (Genesis 12:1–3).



*Samuel and Harvey*

Samuel stunned us by saying that when the Messiah comes, the antiChrist will oppose Him. Samuel’s knowledge of the Bible—and in particular the New Testament—amazed and surprised Harvey and me. Sadly, the average Jew in Israel today does not possess such familiarity. Harvey and I filled in the blanks for Samuel, showing him how the Messiah was prophesied in great detail in the *Tanach* (OT) and the corroborative, historical fulfillment found in the life of Jesus the Nazarene. Samuel was so impressed by our Gospel presentation that he eagerly accepted a complete Hebrew Bible and Messianic study materials. He wants to better understand the details of this great truth from the Jewish Bible. ★

# Ask the Chaplain

**Q** ■ **LeeJai writes:** Though I enjoy reading your *Levitt Letters*, some of the beliefs you promulgate will in the future prove to be invalid.

I quote from cover of January's issue: "Indeed, the continued existence of the Jewish people, in spite of centuries of persecution, is the best proof of the Bible's inspiration, and of the existence of the God who promised to preserve the Jews, return them to their homeland, and bring them to a time of great national blessing in the Last Days."

The following comments—which I believe will be validated in the days to come—are not meant to criticize the Jewish people; they merely preview events to come.

[1] After Jerusalem sustains a terrorist attack in the near future, it won't be rebuilt.

[2] Jesus will never rule the world for a thousand years from Jerusalem. Elijah will, for many thousands of years to come.

[3] Jesus will never again appear on Earth in a physical body.

[4] The Jews rewrote their history during the Babylonian captivity. Early Christians revised the Old and New Testaments to support their beliefs.

[5] There is no "chosen people." God loves all his children equally.

[6] Jews worldwide will not be gathered together in Israel in the days to come.

[7] A careful reading of the covenant between God and Abraham reveals that the Jews were never promised the land called Israel as an everlasting possession.

I was given some of this information by celestial sources. In fact, I fully believe that Elijah himself will confirm these statements.

**A** ■ **Todd responds:** LeeJai, I believe that you are misinformed and deceived. Please let the Word of God speak alone on these matters.

The Bible does say Jesus will rule 1,000 years from Jerusalem (Psalm 2; Isaiah 2). Indeed, six times Revelation 20:1–7 declares Christ's Kingdom on Earth will last a thousand years! Jesus will return in the same physical body with which He rose and ascended to Heaven (Zechariah 12:10; 14:3–4; Matthew 24:27–31; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 19:11–16).

Your assertion that the Jews and Christians rewrote history to advance a secret agenda is baseless. Outside observers, like Philo and Josephus, corroborate what earlier biblical historians wrote about Israel's history. You offer no evidence of revision.

Chosen People: God chose Israel for this role so that through them Messiah could come (Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Acts 15:16–19; Romans 3:1–3; 9:4–5). The Jews will always be a nation and people before God (Jeremiah 31:35–37; Romans 11:1).

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**By Dr. Todd D. Baker**

ZLM Staff Theologian

Bible prophecy repeatedly states that God will re-gather the Jews at the end of days (e.g., Leviticus 26:40–44; Deuteronomy 30:1–3; Isaiah 11:11–12; 49:1–13; 66:7–9; Ezekiel 37).

What Bible are you reading?

God gave the Jews a divine mandate to live in the Promised Land under God's everlasting covenant (Genesis 17:7–8; Psalm 105:7–12). Your faulty claims fly in the face of God's Word. I think the truth of Romans 3:4 applies to your mistaken logic here—"Let God be true but every man a liar." ★

*Way to go, Todd! Line upon line, precept upon precept ... you have given this poor soul some meaty nuggets of truth if he is willing to turn from his "celestial sources" [an angel of light, perhaps? (2 Cor. 11:14)] to a mere earthly theologian like you! —Myles*

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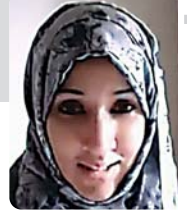
**"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am Christ,' and will deceive many." Matt. 24:5**



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# Electronically Tracking Saudi Women

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Denied the right to travel without consent from their male guardians and banned from driving, women in Saudi Arabia are now monitored by an electronic system that tracks any cross-border movements.

Since last fall, Saudi women's male guardians began receiving text messages on their phones informing them when women under their custody leave the country, even if they are traveling together.

**Manal al-Sherif** (*top right*), who became the symbol of a 2011 campaign urging Saudi women to defy a driving ban, began spreading the information on Twitter after she was alerted by a couple. The husband, traveling with his wife, received a text message from the immigration authorities informing him that his wife had left the international airport in Riyadh.

"The authorities are using technology to monitor women," said columnist Badriya al-Bishr, who criticized the "state of slavery under which women are held" in the ultra-conservative kingdom.

Women are not allowed to leave the kingdom without permission from their male guardians, who must give their consent by signing the "yellow sheet" at the airport or border.

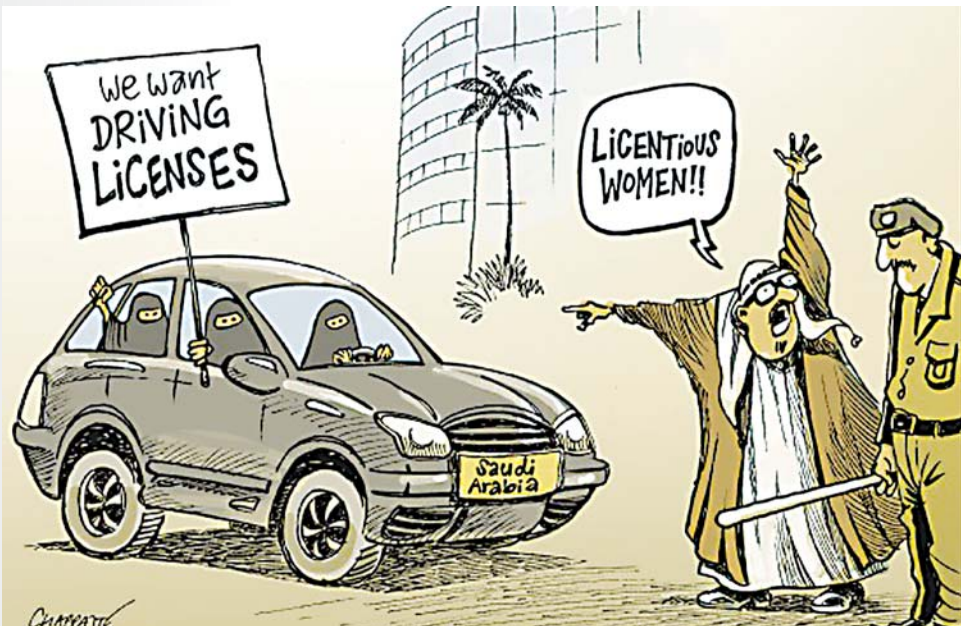
The move by the Saudi authorities was swiftly condemned on social network Twitter—a rare bubble of freedom for millions in the kingdom—with critics mocking the decision.

"Hello Taliban, herewith some tips from the Saudi e-government!" read one post.

"Why don't you cuff your women with tracking ankle bracelets too?" wrote Israa.

"Why don't we just install a microchip into our women to track them around?" joked another.

"If I need a text message to let me know my wife is leaving Saudi Arabia, then I'm either married to the wrong woman or need a psychiatrist," tweeted Hisham. ★



# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Sunday Mornings on ABC Family & INSP

Since November, **ABC Family** network has broadcast *Zola Levitt Presents* on Sundays at 5:30 a.m. on both coasts. That's 4:30 a.m. Central Time and, depending on the station you watch, either 6:30 a.m. or 3:30 a.m. Mountain Time. On **INSP**, you can see us at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. That's 8 a.m. Central, 7 a.m. Mountain, and 6 a.m. Pacific. (Cable viewers, please check your listings.) Or you can "tune in" anytime at [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv).



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Jerusalem

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Sample the Holy Land's pulsating urban life with brief footage from Tel Aviv, Haifa, Eilat, and Jerusalem.

Savor breathtaking nature with tidbits from the Jordan River, Red Sea, Dead Sea, and Sea of Galilee. Take in a rainbow of cultures, traditions, and cultural scenes. All in six minutes. Then read about our Spring and Fall Tours to Israel on page 36.

## Recruiting Spiritual Warriors

Calling all those willing to pray for this ministry to prosper the Lord's work more than ever. Our prayer chain will be linked by those willing to exchange emails or telephone calls with fellow two-Testament Believers who uphold *Zola Levitt Presents* and the *Levitt Letter*. If you're ready to team up for spiritual battle, please send us your email address and/or telephone number that we will share with two (2) other like-minded recruits (but no one else). Then you and your prayer partners can determine how often to pray (daily? weekly?) to multiply the impact of this ministry's message. Contact: [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com)

## Pamphlet of the Month

**"An Estate  
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Your answers to this informal 25-question quiz may reveal areas of your estate and financial plans that merit further consideration.

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## "Come Home!"

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Israel:



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# Hebrew Lesson



## The Shema and Holy Listening

By John J. Parsons

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

“Hear, O Israel, the LORD is our God; the LORD is One.” – Deut. 6:4

אֶחָד	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	יְהוָה	יִשְׂרָאֵל	שְׁמַע
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one	the LORD (is)	our God	the LORD (is)	Israel	listen!

**Which commandment of the Torah is the most important of all?** Or, to put it another way, what is it that God requires of us? What is the purpose of our lives, and how can we fulfill that purpose? Yeshua began to answer this question by declaring the *Shema*: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is one” (Mark 12:29).

The great commandment is always *shema*, “listen,” because sincere listening requires that we surrender our self-centered perspective and immerse ourselves within the meaning and needs of another. Listening opens us to God’s heart in all things, and therefore is essential for the “conversation” between your soul and the LORD. The act of listening is a sign of love, and that’s why we feel so lonely when we have no one willing to hear our words. Many people are quick to speak but precious few sacrifice themselves through selfless listening. The spiritual life, however, ultimately is *shared* life: We can do together what we cannot do individually. Yeshua prayed that we would know how much we need one another (John 17:21–23). The first step is to *listen* to God.

Genuine listening creates a sense of trust and openness between people. When real listening is going on, there is no need to “talk over” the other person, because the listener “speaks” through his or her respectful silence. Nonetheless we must set godly boundaries. It is *not* loving to listen to someone gossip, slander, abuse themselves, or chatter about vanities—*unless* this somehow leads to honest self-disclosure. Spiritual listening is “set apart,” holy, and hears the words spoken from the heart in a place of refuge.

God never asks of us what He does not do. If He urges us to listen to Him, to heed the voice of His love, then we can trust that He likewise listens to us and will answer the call of our hearts for Him. Regarding the *Shema*, “holy listening” involves more than just hearing with the physical ear, of course, but *hearing with heart*: “You shall love... you shall talk of God’s love at all times, in all places, and know Him in all you do (Deut. 6:5–9).

We are able to listen to God by the agency of God’s Spirit. God’s words are breathed out and made alive to us in a mysterious way (John 3:8; 6:33). And just as God breathed into us the “breath of life” to become a living soul, so Yeshua breathes into us the Holy Spirit to quicken eternal life within us (John 20:22). **Communing with God and others means breathing out the words of life that were first breathed into us.** ★





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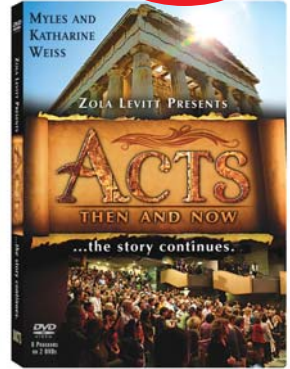
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**To Hear Something New** On Mars Hill in Athens, Myles teaches about what Paul encountered while bringing the Jewish Gospel to the Greek world. Dr. Dan Juster explains the theological connection between Jewish and Greek thought.

**The Word Goes Forth from Zion** Out of Paul's Corinthian letters come timeless instructions on how to live together in a vibrant faith community. Myles interviews Asher Intrater and his son regarding the faith life of the contemporary Messianic community.

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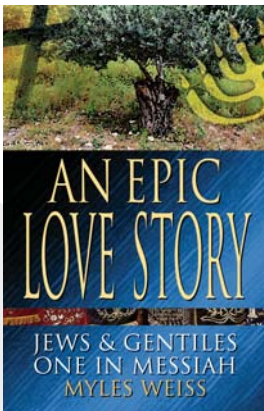
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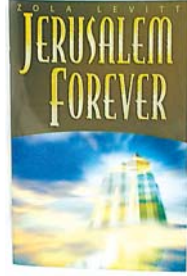
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This readable booklet tackles topics including 1) Is Jesus Coming Soon? 2) Why Did Judaism and Christianity Part Ways? 3) God's 9-11, 4) Turning Points in the Modern Era, and 5) The Olive Tree as a Modern Parable. *See page 18.*

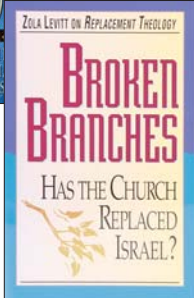
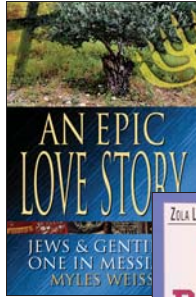
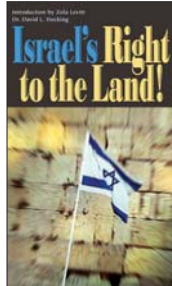
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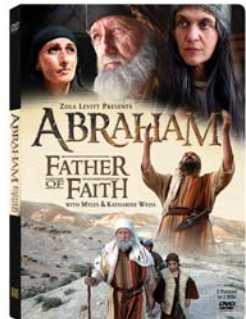
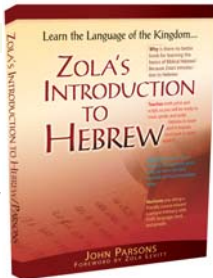
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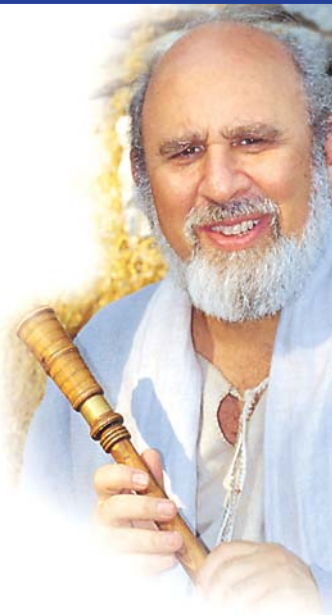
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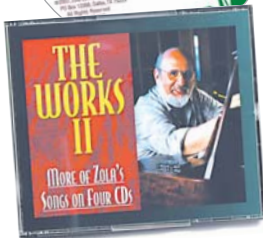


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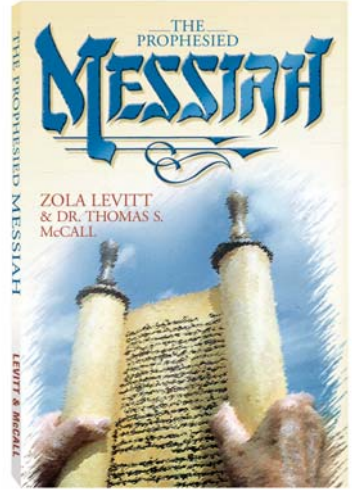


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*Please order on page 19.*



# Leaner But Not Meaner

A NOTE FROM MARK: By Mark Levitt



Army boot camps originated the phrase “lean, mean, fighting machine.” New recruits toughen up and lose fat to prepare for active duty. Psyching themselves up to fight the enemy hones their patriotism and fosters an *esprit de corps*. Many brothers-in-arms develop closer bonds with one another than they have with their siblings back home.

For decades this ministry has been a lean, mean, fighting machine in the sense that we perpetually minimize fat, if you will, or waste. Some larger, highly reputed ministries accomplish more than we do, but few are as efficient. Let me explain.

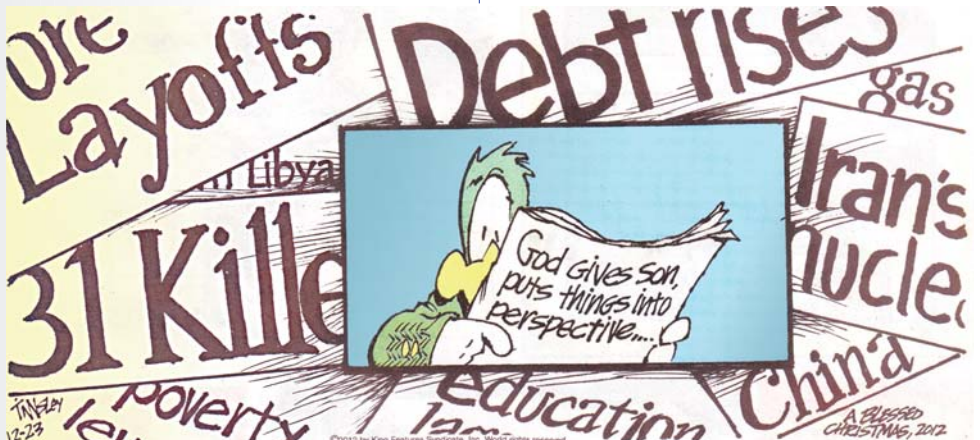
Even before I joined this outreach in 1988, Zola used independent suppliers to fill certain needs better than we could in house. For example, the shop that prints and mails our newsletters has bigger, faster machines than we could justify owning.

We happen to outsource most of our mission work. First, Todd Baker, the leader of our To the Jew First missionary trips to Israel, has his own ministry. You donors cover his travel expenses, but he relies on his own ministry for income. Second, it makes better sense to pay the Jewish National Fund to plant trees in Israel than to hire our own employees to do so.

You get a better value when we relay contributions designated for missions on the ground in Israel than you would if we paid full-time coordinators here to oversee an in-house subsidiary over there. There’s nothing mean about that approach; it’s simply a matter of optimal efficiency.

Regarding “lean,” let me emphasize that because of our thin administration and modest overhead, more of your donation dollar goes to the Lord’s work than with organizations who own large office buildings (our rented space is about 3,500 square feet) and maintain sizable staffs (we have only 11 employees). Our cash reserves are so low that your gifts immediately impact our planning for how many new TV programs to produce and how far and wide to broadcast them. That is not necessarily the case with ministries that bank millions and could pay all of their bills for a year without receiving a dime of your support.

Rather than bragging, I’m humbly asking that you weigh our minimal fundraising expenses/overhead while considering the tremendous efficiency of teaching people via television and newsletters. Not only do we depend on your support as well as your prayers, but your stewardship glorifies God when you mobilize this outreach for spiritual battle. This ministry is a *loving, lean, fighting machine!* ★





# Letters to ZLM

## Comments from [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

After nearly two years with Myles and Katharine on board, here is a sampling of recent comments posted on ZLM's website. To be sure, we receive our share of criticism, but these praises were especially satisfying. We also hear that our television viewers are using the *Ruth* series for women's home Bible studies and *The Stones Cry Out* to share the Gospel with their friends and family.

**From B.H. (IA):** Good teaching on Abraham by Myles and Katharine! Please accept this donation. Thought I should pay for the "free" viewing.

**From C.H. (OR):** I have been teaching my adult Sunday School class about the Feasts of the Lord and types and shadows of Christ found in the Old Testament. I was thrilled to discover your list of materials that will aid in this type of teaching. Thank you so much for your wonderful program that offers access to so much wonderful material. God richly bless you.

**From L.W.P. (GA):** I look forward to your *Levitt Letter* each month and am sharing it with incarcerated women. I also appreciate the online videos. Blessings!

**From K.L.W. (OH):** I can see God working through all the hosts that ZLM chooses! God bless you!

**From S.S. (KY):** After studying Zola's study booklet *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, I am reading the Bible in a whole new way. I have been and continue to be blessed by your ministry. God bless you!

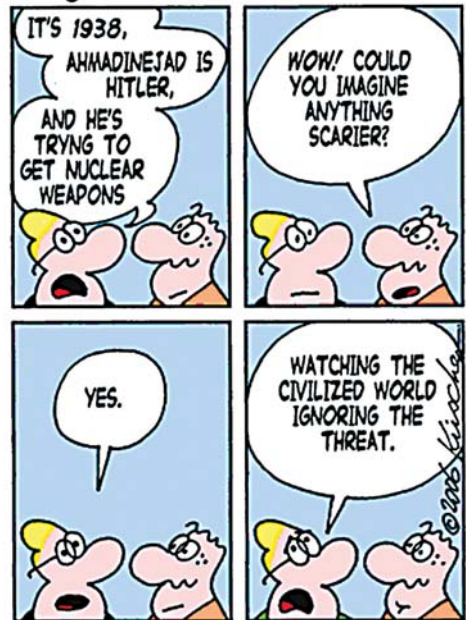
**From K.L. (IL):** I am enrolling in your Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies correspondence course because I want to know more about how the Old Testament and New Testament tie together.

**From B.A.C. (FL):** I am ordering your *Things to Come* and *Prophesied Messiah* bookmarks and several books as gifts for my Jewish friend, who is a new believer in Yeshua.

**From R.d'A. (CO):** I knew Zola when I was an Air Force doctor in Fort Worth in the late 1970s. What a blessing to discover that his ministry continues!

**From R.C. (TX):** Love Israel, love your ministry. Miss Zola, but Myles and Katharine are doing a wonderful job.

## Dry Bones THE BEAST IN THE EAST



## From a Friend in Jerusalem

Shalom friends at ZLM,

The rocket that was sent towards Jerusalem was a more advanced rocket (made in Iran, we understand). It landed six miles south of the city, in an open field. But this shows the escalation of hostilities with Iran behind it. We heard the siren, but we weren't sure what it was all about—but of course, NOW we know.

We have received instructions about what to do when we hear the warning siren. And we only have a few minutes to get away from the windows and outsides of the buildings into a "safe space." We have to stay there for about 10 minutes and then can go back home unless we hear another siren (each siren represents an incoming missile or rocket).

We DO trust in HaShem—live or die, we are connected to Him and that is most important. So we have no fear. It's like driving on a trip and due to possible traffic congestion, we are not certain the exact route to take. But we know that in the end, we will reach our desired destination. So there is no fear about traffic accidents or tie-ups.

ALL will be well for those who put their trust in the Lord. AND... Your prayers at this time are greatly appreciated.

*Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim* (Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem).

—Y.B. (Jerusalem)



## Beloved or Ostracized?

Dear Todd,

Was Timothy a "mamzer"? I learned in Sunday School that he was not allowed into the synagogue because he had a gentile (non-Jewish) family. As a result, they said that he could not be circumcised under Jewish law and could not attend synagogue to learn the Scriptures; plus he could not read Torah.

As I looked at the Scriptures from Acts 16:1–3, 2 Tim. 1:1–5, and 2 Tim. 3:15, it seemed that he was held in high regard as were his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. Please help me understand the Jewish viewpoint on this issue. —E.N.

Dear E.N.—

The rabbis declared as a mamzer someone born from certain forbidden relationships, e.g., adultery by two Jews who are married, but not to each other; incest; or the child of a mamzer.

There is no evidence that Timothy was any of these. In fact, under Halakhic law, Timothy would be considered Jewish because his mother was Jewish, even though his father was a gentile (2 Timothy 1:5). —Todd

## Archaeology Proving the Bible—Again

Dear ZLM,

Do you know if the “Joseph Stone” is a real stone testifying of the years of famine in Egypt or is it creative archaeology? —E.R.

Dear E.R.—

There is such a stone. It is an ancient Egyptian stone that refers to the seven-year famine that occurred early in Egypt’s history. The stone dates to the Ptolemaic period (332–30 B.C.), but tells of a subject that belongs to a much earlier time, and very probably represents a tradition dating from the Early Empire. For more information see [www.egyptianmyths.net/mythfamine.htm](http://www.egyptianmyths.net/mythfamine.htm) —Todd

## No Isaac?

Dear ZLM,

I am puzzled. I was reading “When Abraham Murdered Isaac” by Haviv Rettig Gur on TimesOfIsrael.com. I find this very strange teaching. Your thoughts, please. —Thank you, D.R.



Dear D.R.—

Good instincts! Gur is reviewing the hypothesis of author Tzemah Yoreh, whose idea is absurd on many levels. Basically, if Abraham had murdered Isaac, there couldn’t be a Jacob (his son) or the twelve tribes (Jacob’s sons), or the Davidic line to the Messiah. Furthermore, God and Moses—who wrote Genesis under the inerrant inspiration of the Holy Spirit—would be liars! But rest assured that if Isaac had been killed, Hebrews 11:17–18 tells us that God would have raised him from the dead. Yoreh fails to think through these serious ramifications of his fiction. —Todd



## Salvation of the Jews

Dear Brother Weiss,

God told me to love and support His Chosen People, and I’m doing the best I can. I pray for you and Israel every day and for Jews all over the world.

I would like to ask whether [Israel’s prime minister] Benjamin Netanyahu knows that Jesus is the Christ of God and that the U.S. or another country can’t do much for him. His—and all our—help comes from the Christ of God.

—D.L.W. (NY)

Dear D.L.W.—

Thanks for your heartfelt note of support for our ministry and the Jewish people. Regarding Benjamin Netanyahu: As far as I know, he is not a born-again believer in his Jewish Messiah (yet!). Thankfully, he is a man of honor and a serious student of the Hebrew Bible! His son (an Israeli Bible champion) and he study the Word together every Shabbat. As you know, Yeshua the Messiah beams from the pages of the Bible. So it is only a matter of time and circumstances until “all Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:26). *Brachot* (blessings)

—Myles





## Is There Enough Time?

Dear ZLM,

Regarding the Third Temple: on one hand, several voices state that the Tribulation is right around the corner and current events seem to be pointing in that direction. However, building the Third Temple and training the Temple priests would require a considerable amount of time; so how can this be imminent? How long would it take for the Temple to become functional? —R.L.

Dear R.L.—

Because Orthodox groups like The Temple Mount Faithful and The Temple Institute have already made most of the instruments and accessories required for Temple service and sacrifice, preparations are well under way. Also, science has identified the Levite gene carried by descendants of the priestly tribe of Levi, so the Orthodox can accurately determine candidates for the priesthood. In Mizpah Jericho (a small Jewish town near present-day Jericho), modern-day Levite priests already practice animal sacrifices in a Temple mock-up. All that is missing is the Third Temple's construction. It can be up and running fairly quickly. —Todd

## Who are the Two Witnesses?

Dear ZLM,

Regarding the “two witnesses” in Revelation chapter 11: who or what are they? I've heard that they are the Old and New Testaments. —M.K.

Dear M.K.—

The two witnesses are not allegorically understood as the Old and New Testaments. John speaks of them as two physical men who will prophesy in the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half years. At the end of this period, they will be killed by the antiChrist and their bodies left in the streets. After three and a half days, God will raise them back to life and take them to Heaven. How can these possibly be the Old and New Testaments here? Read what Revelation 11:7–12 says about the two witnesses, remembering the first rule of Bible interpretation: When the plain sense makes sense, seek no other sense; otherwise, you end up with nonsense! —Todd

## Source of Hamas's Rockets

Dear ZLM,

I keep Israel in my daily prayers. I am truly concerned about the events taking place around them. However, I give thanks for your most welcome *Levitt Letter*. Be strong for our enemies are near. **One question:** I wonder where the hundreds of missiles and rockets that are fired into Israel come from and who supports this madness. Thank you for your answer. —W. and L.M. (TX)



Dear W. and L.M.—

Shalom and many thanks for your belief in our work and your sincere prayers for Israel. Regarding the origin of Hamas's rockets: Many of them come from Iran. They are smuggled into Gaza through tunnels on the Egyptian border. Hezbollah in Lebanon get theirs from Iran via Syria. We need to pray for peace while preparing for war. We know that in the end, Messiah triumphs; but we need to remain “watchmen on the wall” until He comes! Blessings —Myles ★

# Stem Cells Make Biological Pacemaker

By Richard Gray / [Telegraph.co.uk](http://Telegraph.co.uk)

Scientists have grown fully functional heart muscles by reprogramming stem cells and skin cells from patients. They found that these reprogrammed cells can “reset” the rhythm of any unhealthy heart tissue that is placed around them.

The researchers believe that patients suffering from irregular or slow heartbeats could be treated with an injection of new heart cells grown from stem cells to create a “biological pacemaker” that will regulate their heartbeat.

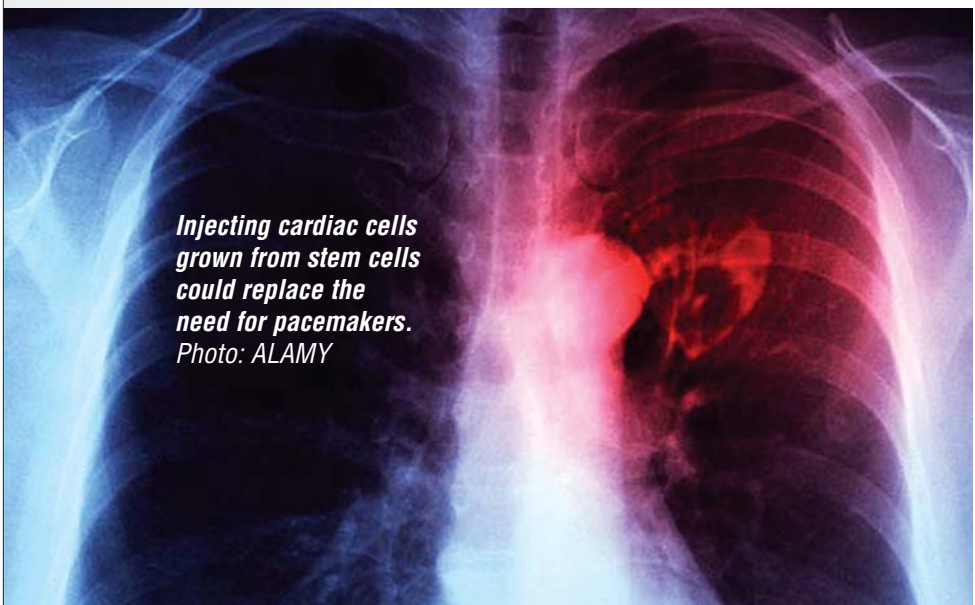
Currently patients who have suffered heart attacks that cause their heart to pump out of sync or who suffer from irregular heartbeats have to undergo surgery which fits a battery-powered pacemaker to control the organ’s rhythm.

Dr. Oren Caspi, from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology who has been carrying out the research, said the heart cells they created appeared to behave like young, healthy heart tissue found in newborn babies.

“We found that the electrical signal from the heart cells we created synchronized the beat of any surrounding heart tissue. We have seen this happen in dishes in the laboratory and in animal models. When we integrated the cells into the hearts of pigs, they were paced by the cells that were injected. It seems that the cells that beat fastest control the pace, so it could be used to replace artificial pacemakers for people with slow or irregular heartbeats.”

Dr. Caspi and his colleague last year became the first to generate beating heart cells by reprogramming skin cells taken from patients. They converted the adult skin into a type of cell that has the potential to develop into any tissue found in the body.

The researchers believe it will be possible to use skin cells from patients to create injectable biological pacemakers—reducing the risk of rejection by the patient’s body.



*Injecting cardiac cells  
grown from stem cells  
could replace the  
need for pacemakers.  
Photo: ALAMY*

## Israeli Advances in Medicine & Science

# Science Discovery by First Israel President has Modern Applications

By Robert Sanders / [newscenter.Berkeley.edu](http://newscenter.Berkeley.edu)



UC Berkeley scientists have discovered that a long-abandoned fermentation process once used to turn starch into explosives can be used to produce renewable diesel fuel to replace the fossil fuels now used in transportation.

Campus chemists and chemical engineers teamed up to produce diesel fuel from the products of a bacterial fermentation discovered nearly 100 years ago by the first president of Israel, chemist Chaim Weizmann. The retooled process produces a mix of products that contain more energy per gallon than ethanol that is used today in transportation fuels, and could be commercialized within 5–10 years.

While the fuel's cost is still higher than diesel or gasoline made from fossil fuels, the scientists said the process would drastically reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from transportation, one of the major contributors to global climate change.

"What I am really excited about is that this is a fundamentally different way of taking feedstocks—sugar or starch—and making all sorts of renewable things, from fuels to commodity chemicals like plastics," said Dean Toste, professor of chemistry and co-author of a report on the new development in the journal *Nature*.



## Seeing Through Frosted Glass

By David Szondy / [Gizmag.com](http://Gizmag.com)

Taking a shower secure in the knowledge that no one can see through the curtains may soon be a thing of the past. Researchers Ori Katz, Eran Small, and Yaron Silberberg of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel have developed a method for de-scattering light to form coherent images in real time. In other words, they have found a way to look through shower curtains, frosted glass, and other image-blurring materials. The technique may one day aid scientists in seeing through living tissue or around corners.

The technique involves taking the scattered light and passing it through a Spatial Light Modulator (SPL). An SPL is a common device found in overhead projectors for showing computer images. It works by modulating the phase and intensity of light. In wave-front shaping, the SPL takes the frosted glass or other light-scattering medium and uses the modulation to change it into a light-scattering lens with a known focal length. So, instead of having one big fuzzy image, you get a lot of little focused fuzzy images. These little images interfere with one another to produce a "memory effect" that recreates the original image. This is then passed through a bandpass filter that removes unwanted optical wavelengths and enhances the image, which a lens can then focus.

This technology can not only make shower curtains transparent, it can also recreate in real time images reflected off of walls that would otherwise be invisible, so it can effectively "see" around corners. ★

# Taking Down Hamas Necessary for Israel & Humanity

Sounding more like the frustrated resident of a southern Israeli city after suffering days of sirens and rocket strikes than the son of one of Hamas's founders, Mosab Hassan Yousef told an Israeli TV broadcast that taking down his father's terror organization "is a necessity, not just for Israel, but for humanity."

Speaking from a safe house in the U.S., the former terror operative turned Israeli informant said, "Let's not forget that our enemy is a barbarian enemy and they are using women and children as a shield."

"Hamas was born to destroy. Hamas does not know how to build," he said. "I doubt they will be able to build a modern Palestinian state, and hope their lies will be exposed to the Palestinian public."

The son of Hamas founder Sheik Hassan Yousef, Mosab Yousef broke ranks with Hamas in 1997 and began working for the Israeli domestic intelligence service Shin Bet. Ten years later, after helping Israel thwart dozens of terror attacks and arrest many members of his former movement, Yousef left for the United States where he sought political asylum and later converted to Christianity.

Asked to weigh in on the eight November days of Operation Pillar of Defense, Yousef, 33, said, "Among the poor, hungry, and ignorant Palestinians, Hamas's credit went up; but I am sure that at the end of the day, Hamas cannot provide Palestinians with peace."

The solution, according to Yousef, is to educate Gazans about their real friends and foes. "We need to expose the lies and educate the Palestinian public that Israel is not the enemy. Israel actually helps the people of Gaza more than anybody else. We need the average Palestinian to see this clearly."

In a particularly poignant part of the interview, Yousef chose to use the camera to speak directly to his father, the man who publicly disowned him two years ago.

"I am sure that Hamas people, people like my father, are listening to this interview. It is not courageous of them to hide behind children and launch missiles. Israel was out [of Gaza, having removed all its civilians

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*"Hamas cannot provide  
Palestinians with peace."*



**By Ron Friedman**

TimesOfIsrael.com

and its military in the disengagement of 2005]. The battlefield was out of the populated areas. If they [ Hamas members ] had courage, they could have come out of the Gaza Strip instead of hiding like rats," he charged.

Addressing video footage of Hamas operatives dragging a body of a suspected collaborator with Israel through the streets of Gaza, Yousef said: " Hamas thinks they can kill the will of people by intimidation. Most of those who are killed for collaborating with Israel had nothing to do with Israel."

Yousef concluded the English-language interview with a smile and by wishing viewers *Shabbat Shalom*, a good Sabbath, in Hebrew.

The savage reign of Hamas was dealt a strong blow during the last conflict, but not strong enough to ensure safety for Israel. Our prayer is that, like the Midianites at the time of Gideon, Fatah and Hamas will be confused and remain at each other's throats in the days ahead. ( See Judges 7:18-23. ) Of course, the Lord desires that they will come to everlasting life. In the meantime, may they be too disorganized to attack Israel! —Myles ★



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# SELECT NEWS

onset of Operation Pillar of Defense—to prove to Israel that the Jabari assassination did not mean that the Palestinian nation stopped producing heroes.

## UN: 9 Israel, 0 Syria

By AWR Hawkins / [www.Breitbart.com](http://www.Breitbart.com)

Just before Christmas, the UN adopted nine resolutions concerning Palestinian rights and the Golan. Not surprisingly, these resolutions were highly critical of Israel. At the same time, the UN conveniently overlooked Syria's December attack on a mosque "in a Palestinian refugee camp near Damascus."

In addition to the attack on the mosque, Syria is openly "massacring its own people," yet Israel is the world's bad guy?

Hillel Neuer of UN Watch responded: [This] farce at the General Assembly underscores a simple fact: the UN's automatic majority has no interest in truly helping Palestinians, nor in protecting anyone's human rights; the goal of these ritual, one-sided condemnations remains the scapegoating of Israel. (See related articles on pages 5 & 10.)

## New Baby Names Commemorate Israel-Gaza Conflict

By Elior Levy / [YNetNews.com](http://YNetNews.com)

Less than a week after the declaration of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, Operation Pillar of Defense left its mark on the people of Gaza in a rather unexpected way.

Some parents from the Strip named their newborn babies after operation-affiliated icons—from assassinated Hamas commanders to long-range missiles fired at Israel.

Muhammad al-Shafi'i Abu Nassat named his son after the Fajr missile. Naming his baby Fajr, he said, was his way of expressing his gratitude to Iran, which was responsible for supplying Gaza with rockets.

Amira Abu Assus, from northern Gaza, also named her child Fajr, Arabic for "dawn," and says she picked out the name because she knew that the baby would have "a bright future within Palestinian resistance. He would carry the rockets whose names he bears so as to free Palestine from Israeli occupation."

Adham Murtaja named his son Ahmed Jabari—after the Hamas military chief who was assassinated by the IDF at the

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## Denmark Becoming a Muslim Country

By Soeren Kern / GatestoneInstitute.org

Muslim immigrants in a town near Copenhagen forcibly cancelled traditional Christmas displays while spending lavishly on Islamic celebrations marking the end of Ramadan. The controversy escalated into an angry, nationwide debate over the role of Islam in post-Christian Denmark, where the burgeoning Muslim population is imposing its will on a wide range of social and civic issues.

A Muslim member of a housing complex tenants' board defended the decision to cancel the Christmas tree and party, arguing that no one had offered to organize the celebration. But a non-Muslim board member refuted him, saying that she herself had offered to take on the responsibility, but was overruled by the Muslim board members.

The issue has snowballed into a national topic for debate in the Danish media as well as in political circles. A spokesman for the Danish Conservative Party, Tom Behnke, says he fears there are people who want to convert Denmark into a Muslim country. Behnke said: "I think it is deeply alarming that our integration efforts are so ineffective that the moment there is a Muslim majority, we do away with good-old Danish traditions and introduce Muslim traditions instead. We must not have a Denmark where Danish traditions disappear as soon as there is a Muslim majority. People should be allowed to celebrate whatever festivals they want to, but they also must respect the festivals in the country they have come to."

A growing number of no-go zones in suburbs of Copenhagen and other Danish cities are becoming enclaves ruled

by Muslim youth gangs. They are areas where Danish police fear to tread. Immigrant gangs are involved in countless criminal activities, including drug trafficking, illegal weapons smuggling, extortion, human trafficking, robbery, prostitution, automobile theft, racketeering, and murder. Many of the gang members are ethnic Arabs, Bosnians, Turks, and Somalis. They also include Iraqis, Moroccans, Palestinians, and Pakistanis. Over the past several years,



the immigrant gangs have proliferated geographically across all of Denmark.

Danish authorities estimate that each year more than 700 immigrants between the ages of 18 and 25 choose crime as a permanent career by joining one of the more than 100 gangs operating in Denmark.

Recently, Muslim gangs have been extorting shops and bars in the Nørrebro district of Copenhagen, threatening local business owners with violence if they refuse to pay protection money for operating in "Muslim territory." Some non-Muslims have refused to give in to the threats. The Café Viking bar has been the focus of repeated attacks by Muslim gangs because of 67-year-old owner Jane Pedersen's refusal to pay. Pedersen's Facebook page "No to Bullies, Yes to Beer" has drawn national and international attention to her plight. (Politically correct BBC managed to report on Pedersen and Copenhagen's gang problem without once using the word "Muslim.") ★

**From *Israel Today* magazine:**

During Israel's military response to incessant Palestinian rocket fire from Gaza, Hamas media repeatedly encouraged the population to sacrifice itself to destroy Israel. Among the broadcasts on Gaza's Al-Aqsa TV was a music video featuring the lyrics, "Killing Jews is worship that draws us close to Allah." [See article that follows.] This message is so important that an actor holds a sign drawing attention to it throughout the video. This and similar broadcasts demonstrate that the conflict is religious at its core, and that the Arab public is being brain-washed to fight and kill Jews as the ultimate act of service to Allah.

# Hamas: Killing Jews is Worship of Allah

By Itamar Marcus & Nan Jacques Zilberdik  
[www.PalWatch.org](http://www.PalWatch.org)

During the November 2012 eight-day military conflict between Hamas and Israel, Hamas broadcast various ideological messages on its official Al-Aqsa TV station. One recurring message called for the killing of Jews, which Hamas defined as a religious Islamic act in worship of Allah. During one music video, these words were shown on the screen:

***"Killing Jews is worship  
that draws us close to Allah"***

The following are additional lyrics from the video which boasted of "terrifying the Jews" and glorified Hamas's military wing, the Al-Qassam Brigades:

*"[Oh] lovers of the trigger:*

*Killing the occupiers [Israelis] is worship that Allah made into law...*

*Arabic text on sign: 'Killing Jews is worship that draws us close to Allah'*

*Arise, oh determined men.*

*The color of [the Martyr's] blood protects the land.*

*Oh masked one wearing a keffiyeh (i.e., Arab headscarf), terrifying the Jews... call out in Zionism's face: 'Muhammad's army has begun to return.'"*

Another song on Hamas TV also bragged about killing Jews in a series of short phrases highlighting the achievements of Hamas's Al-Qassam Brigades:

*"Brigades—we kidnap soldiers; Brigades—we kill Jews"*

While the song was broadcast in Arabic to accompany pictures of Israelis being attacked and of an Israeli funeral, Hebrew words appeared on the screen addressing Israelis:

*"Your body parts are scattered everywhere"*

*"The cemeteries await you"*

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# Muslim Logic in Action

... according to their book

Even the ceasefire and the cessation of hostilities did not end the Hamas hate promotion. The day after Hamas signed a ceasefire agreement with Israel, the same Islamic ideology was broadcast in a different music video:

*"Repeat in the name of your jihad: Death to Israel!"*

While showing footage of explosions and Hamas fighters firing rockets, this song called to "destroy" Israel—"the house of absolute evil" and "the enemies of humanity."

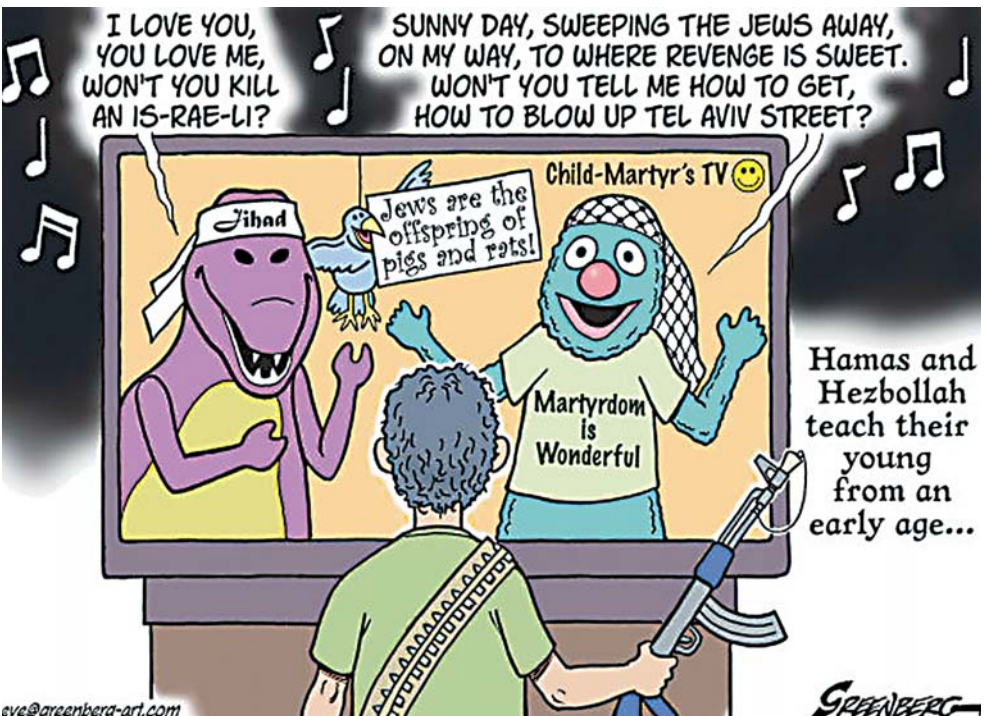
Hamas calling to kill Jews is not new. Palestinian Media Watch has documented that both Hamas and the PA in the past have called for killing Jews. PMW has also documented that both Hamas and the PA describe the conflict with Israel in religious terms as a war for Allah and not merely a territorial conflict. ★

Our interview with Itamar Marcus was a highlight of our recent TV productions. His dedicated crew of young people provides the tremendous service of revealing the true terrorist nature of Muslim broadcasts. They are doing the courageous job that the Western media shrink from and refuse to do. —Myles

See all mentioned videos here: <http://wp.me/pieUD-1zP>



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# 3,000-year-old Wheat Supports Bible Story

**ARCHAEOLOGY:** By Asher Zeiger / TimesOfIsrael.com



Traces of burnt wheat found in Israel's Upper Galilee are evidence of the 13th-century-BC Israelite conquest of the Promised Land, an archaeologist said.

Tel Hazor, a national park, has long been recognized as one of the country's most important archaeological sites. From the 18th to the 9th centuries BC, it was the largest fortified city in the country and had commercial ties with both Babylon and Syria. The Book of Joshua describes Hazor as the "head" of several kingdoms that united to fight the Israelites. In 2005, Tel Hazor was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In recent years, the archaeological digs at Tel Hazor revealed a monumental structure, which scholars believe was the royal castle of Hazor, dating back to the Canaanite Period (third to second millennium BC).

A current excavation, conducted under the auspices of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, uncovered a storage room in the castle. In the room were 14 large clay jugs containing seeds of burnt wheat.

Professor Amnon Ben-Tur of the Hebrew University—in charge of the Hazor excavations since 1990—said that the jugs were destroyed around the 13th century BC, a period that coincided

with the Joshua 11 biblical account of Joshua's capture of Hazor, the only city in the Land of Israel that was destroyed by fire during the conquest.



*Jugs containing wheat found in a storage room*

While most accept the theory that Hazor was destroyed by the Israelites in or around the 13th century BC, many scholars think that Hazor was destroyed by either the Egyptians, the Sea Peoples, or nomadic tribes that wandered the region at the time.

Ben-Tur disagreed, noting that Hazor was not included in any of the lists of Israelite cities destroyed by the Pharaohs, and that the Sea Peoples traditionally stayed close to the coastline and would not have conquered a city as far inland as Hazor. ★

*Ruins of ancient Tel Hazor*



## JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.

A journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. She went to the Kotel to check it out and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site. She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

"Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?"

"Morris Feinberg," he replied.

"Mr. Feinberg, sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?"

"For about 60 years."

"60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews, and Muslims. I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man. I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests."

"How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?"

"Like I'm talking to a stone wall." ★



*A cheerful heart is good medicine —*  
Proverbs 17:22



### *From the writings of the ancient Hebrew sages*

"You teach," said Emperor Trajan to Rabbi Joshua, "that your God is everywhere, yet I cannot see Him."

Joshua said that unlike human kings, the LORD was too powerful for people to see; as it is written in the Torah: "No person shall see Me and live."

The emperor was skeptical, however, and insisted that unless he could actually see God, he would be unable to believe. Joshua then pointed to the sun high in the sky: "Look into the sun and you will see God."

The emperor tried to look into the sun, but was forced to cover his eyes to keep them from burning. "I cannot look into the sun," he said.

Joshua replied: "If you cannot endure the light of one of God's creations, how can you expect to behold the resplendent glory of the Creator?" ★



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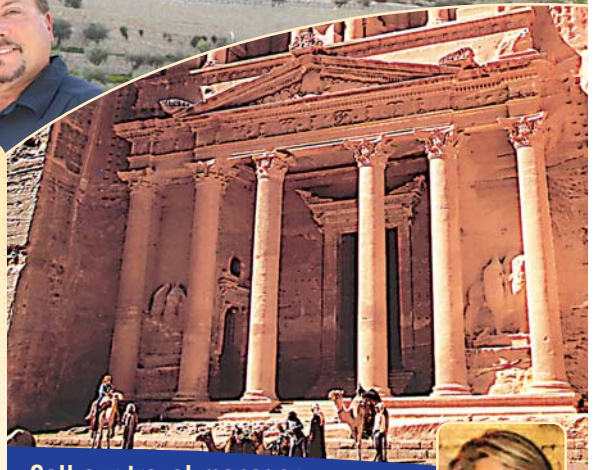
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