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Dear Friend,

## AN IMPORTANT TAKEAWAY

"The claim that Israeli settlements are illegal was flimsy in 1978 and is ridiculous in 2019." That's the primary takeaway in one of my favorite editorials of 2019, written by Professor Eugene Kontorovich at George Mason University Scalia Law School. Below I've bolded its key points.

### International Law

**Israeli settlements in the West Bank do not violate international law.** That is now America's official view, announced November 18 by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. The historic decision repudiates the conclusions of a 1978 State Department memorandum.

For decades, Israel's detractors have appealed to consensus, asserting that settlements are illegal because the entire international community agrees they are illegal. As with Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, the Trump administration has refused to be cowed by a hollow consensus. By dissenting, the U.S. has destroyed both the consensus and the frail arguments that relied on it.

The four-page 1978 memo, written by legal adviser Herbert Hansell, was hardly a thorough study. It painted with broad strokes across several issues and cited no precedent for its key conclusions. Most important, its legal analysis of occupation and settlements has never been applied, by the U.S. or anyone else, to any other comparable situation.

Hansell's memo took two analytic steps. First, it concluded that Israel was an "occupying power" in the West Bank. Next, it invoked an obscure

provision of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which says the "Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its civilian population into the territory it occupies." Hansell concluded that Jews who have moved past the Green Line into disputed territory have somehow been "deported or transferred" there by the state of Israel.

### West Bank never part of Jordan

Under international law, occupation occurs when a country takes over the sovereign territory of another country. **But the West Bank was never part of Jordan**, which seized it in 1949 and ethnically cleansed its entire Jewish population. **Nor was it ever the site of an Arab Palestinian state.**

### Strongest Claim

**Moreover, a country cannot occupy territory to which it has sovereign title, and Israel has the strongest claim to the land.** International law holds that a new country inherits the borders of the prior geopolitical unit in that

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Mark Levitt



Professor Eugene Kontorovich at George Mason University Scalia Law School

territory. Israel was preceded by the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, whose borders included the West Bank. Hansell’s memo fails to discuss this principle for determining borders, which has been applied everywhere from Syria and Lebanon to post-Soviet Russia and Ukraine.

**Even on its own terms, the memo’s conclusions no longer apply.** Because occupation is part of the law of war, Hansell wrote, the state of occupation would end if Israel entered into a peace treaty with Jordan. In 1994 Jerusalem and Amman signed a full and unconditional peace treaty, but the State Department neglected to update the memo.

**Even if there were an occupation, the notion that it creates an impermeable demographic bubble around the territory — no Jew can move in — has no basis** in the history or application of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Almost every prolonged occupation since 1949—

from the Allies’ 40-year administration of West Berlin to Turkey’s 2016 occupation of northern Syria — has seen population movement into the occupied territory. In none of these cases has the U.S., or the United Nations, ever claimed a violation of this Geneva Convention provision.



Mr. Pompeo’s action shows the U.S. understands that we can’t have one international law for one country and another for the rest of the world.

To Professor Kontorovich’s excellent secular analysis, Zola would have added that Israel, unlike any other nation ever, has a divine right to its land, thanks to the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1–3). To see this ministry’s classic 11-program television series *Israel: By Divine Right!*, visit [www.levitt.tv/classic\\_zola](http://www.levitt.tv/classic_zola) and look beneath the subheading “Israel.” While there, you might also appreciate our hard-hitting, classic three-program *Whose Land Is It?* series (see p. 7). Check out, too, our booklet, *Israel’s Right to the Land!* (described on p. 8).

## 2019 — A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Regarding this ministry’s two-Testament, pro-Israel Bible teaching, 2019 was a fine year for our weekly television program, monthly newsletters, [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com), and other outreaches.

### **OUR JEWISH ROOTS television program (previously Zola Levitt Presents)**

Our ministry televises top-drawer theological teaching from a variety of experts. Meanwhile, all of the teaching from Zola, Jeff & Sandra, and Myles & Katharine is archived indefinitely at [levitt.tv](http://levitt.tv) for free viewing, 24/7 on demand.

David and Kirsten Hart host in a manner similar to Ed Sullivan, introducing veteran Bible teachers, including theologians who reside in Israel. The *OJR (Our Jewish Roots)* format offers

digestible segments of inspirational teaching, spectacular scenery, and inspirational music.

Throughout 2019, *Zola Levitt Presents* (now called *Our Jewish Roots*) featured fine television series such as:

- ***The Warrior King*** The Old Testament prophesied the Messiah from David's line — Yeshua.
- ***Divine Deliverance: from Avraham to Yeshua*** The Lord offered His message of salvation through many Bible heroes.
- ***Psalms of Ascent*** Jeff and Sandra illuminate Psalms 120 to 134.
- ***The First Christians*** Customs and manners of Jesus' day reveal the Jewish roots of Christianity.
- ***Return to Eden*** The Bible's narrative from Genesis to Revelation.



## FREE MONTHLY LEVITT LETTER AND PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY LETTER

For four decades, our ministry has dispersed tens of millions of newsletters and other Biblical items across America and overseas. Did you know that more than 1,100 brothers and sisters in bonds read our *Levitt Letter* each month? For over 30 years, our small outreach has been one of America's steadiest, most effective prison ministries.

Several times per year, our To The Jew First benevolence sends pairs of emissaries to witness in the Holy Land. Writing our monthly "On the Ground in Israel" column, recording artist and ZLM Hebrew teacher Sarah Liberman shares anecdotes about living as a *Sabra* (native Israeli) and completed Jew.

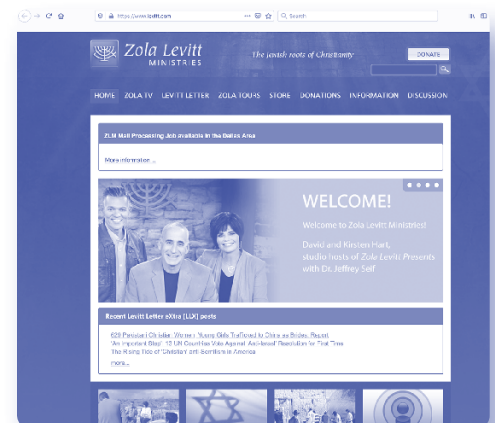


This ministry's monthly *Personal Bible Study Letter* complements the *Levitt Letter* by offering in-depth Bible lessons from Tony Derrick, who earned a Master of Divinity from Criswell College in Dallas and served as Zola's understudy while managing our Holy Land tours.

## WWW.LEVITT.COM

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The "Zola TV" tab opens to our Broadcast Schedule, Video Archives, and more, including a dedicated "Watch Zola" icon. The "Levitt Letter" menu offers our newsletter archive and a free subscription to our free flash newsletter, *Levitt Letter Extra*. Clicking on the "Donations" tab lets you contribute cash, vehicles, gift cards, and assets such as stock and real estate.



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## LOOKING AHEAD

The New Year 2020 will bring more edifying Messianic Bible teaching from Dr. Seif, music with David & Kirsten, and pro-Israel commentary:

- ***Joshua: More than a Conqueror*** Rising from service as Moses's assistant to become a leader over the land of Canaan, Joshua's example inspires modern Believers\*
- ***In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus*** After examining Paul's travels throughout the Roman Empire, Jeff Seif analyzes Paul's divinely inspired letters to early Church congregations.
- ***Kings and Kingdoms*** Beginning with Saul, Dr. Seif goes through I and II Kings, elucidating how life went well for Biblical-era kings who followed God's will and poorly for those who didn't — a cautionary tale for all politicians.

As "cord cutters" abandon cable television, airtime rates may fall and become bargains. Let's hope and pray for that to happen since Freeform, ION, and INSP networks became too secular for us to stay with them. Our program remains on Daystar Network as well as on dozens of independent stations. Now we are ready to pursue new networks and stations with our customary on-location teaching and updated program title, *Our Jewish Roots*.

This is where I ask you to prayerfully help us rebuild our television audience even as ZLMers increasingly turn to our free, on-demand programming at [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv). Loyal donors have been practicing sensible stewardship by focusing their giving on our small, efficient organization rather than on larger ones who seem to focus on fundraising more than Bible teaching.

If it is God's will for this outreach to flourish in the tumultuous battleground of broadcast television, then it's time for your renewed commitment to contribute funds and prayers now and throughout the new year. Even if not, at least this ministry has blazed the trail to become a monumental provider of timeless Bible teaching in many forms at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com).



In His service,

Mark Levitt

**P.S.** Because of reader and viewer response, **fundraising accounts for less than 1% of ZLM's expenses!** Still accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), this ministry delivers solid, Messianic Bible teaching and pro-Israel commentary via television, bulk mail, and the Internet. Thank you so very much for your ongoing help! ★



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is ECFA  
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\* "Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."

## A Note from David and Kirsten Hart

Happy New Year! How in the world is it already 2020? What an exciting beginning to the next ten years of our lives! I hope you can catch the excitement we have at the ministry. Are you ready to join us in the new things God is doing? (Isaiah 43:19)

The first characteristic we learn about God is that He is a creator. And He has *never stopped* creating. It's His infinite nature (another characteristic). The good news? You and I are made in His image. We, too, were designed to create. What a magnificent quality to embrace. That's exactly what we workers at Zola Levitt Ministries are doing with *Our Jewish Roots*.

Producer Ken Berg, the whole TV production team, Dr. Seif, and Kirsten and I are working on new, creative, and insightful ways to spread the Good News through Jewish eyes. With Zola's timeless insights and wisdom guiding us, we are producing innovative television series with dramatic re-enactments (Ken Berg's specialty) and, of course, incorporating Zola's timeless music. Get ready! I think you're going to love watching what *Our Jewish Roots* program will bring every week in 2020.

It's a treat to hear from Mark Levitt in this *Personal Letter*. We are thankful for his strategic guidance and wisdom as we venture into our program's new season. Words can't express the gratitude we feel for all of you readers, especially our numerous and *valuable* prayer warriors.

Kirsten and I pray that 2020 will be the year that Zola Levitt Ministries reaches more people in more countries than ever with the Good News of Yeshua's Gospel. Your contributions will make that a reality. Your prayers, whether or not you can donate, will, of course, multiply our resources.

### Zola Tours to the Holy Land



What better way to bring the Bible to life than to take a study pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Our cutoff date for the March tour is quickly approaching. If you have a passport in hand and your suitcase ready, call our office to reserve your seat. If you need a little more time, consider journeying with us this coming fall. We can make your dream of walking where Jesus walked a reality. In fact, we love doing that! Ask your whole family or Sunday School class to join you in exploring the Holy Land. The more the merrier!

For Zola Tours questions and itinerary details, please contact Sandra at **214-696-9760**, email her at [travel@levitt.com](mailto:travel@levitt.com), or visit [levitt.com/tours](http://levitt.com/tours).

#### Spring Tour 2020 options

Deluxe (Israel only)	Mar 16–26	\$5,288
Grand Petra (Israel & Petra)	Mar 16–29	\$6,488

#### Fall Tour 2020 options

Deluxe (Israel only)	Oct 19–29	Prices to be determined
Grand Petra (Israel & Petra)	Oct 19–Nov 01	
Grand Athens (Greece & Israel)	Oct 13–29	
Ultra Grand (Greece & Israel & Petra)	Oct 13–Nov 01	

*Prices include tips, taxes, & fuel surcharge (subject to change).*

**NOTE:**  
We now spend  
*one extra day*  
in Jerusalem!

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## Our Jewish Roots programs this month

We hope you're watching *Our Jewish Roots* every week. Our parents watch the broadcast on TV, while we watch it through levitt.tv. Whether you see our program via television or computer, we think you'll treasure this month's new episodes:

Entitled **OJR: Our Future**, the first program of the year will complement 2019's year-end program, *ZLP: Our Past*. In the weeks following, you'll see the first four programs of *Joshua: More than a Conqueror*.

**OJR: Our Future**—In the debut program of *Our Jewish Roots*, we survey the first TV series of the year: *Joshua: More than a Conqueror*, *In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus*, and *Kings and Kingdoms*. You'll also see teaching samples from our social media outreach with **The Bearded Bible Brothers**, Faith Foundations with **Dr. Todd Baker**, and Hebrew lessons from **Sarah Liberman**.

**Joshua: More than a Conqueror**—The *Joshua* series (with Bearded Bible Brother Joshua in the title role) explores Joshua's rise from dependable apprentice to faithful leader of Israel. **Dr. Jeffrey Seif** offers valuable leadership lessons from corresponding Holy Land locations. David and Kirsten Hart discuss the meanings and applications with Dr. Seif during dramatic reenactments from Joshua's life.

**At Sinai** — We meet Joshua waiting with other recently freed Hebrew slaves at the foot of Mount Sinai for Moses to descend with God's laws. Joshua's years of leadership training begin as he apprentices with Moses.

**The Spy** — Twelve men are sent to investigate Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb return with hopeful accounts while the other ten report pessimistically.

**At the Jordan** — Joshua succeeds Moses as leader of the Israelites as they prepare to cross the Jordan River to battle for the Promised Land. God demonstrates that He will be with Joshua just as He was with Moses.

**At Jericho** — The first battle for the land of Canaan occurs at a fortified city. Joshua proves his faith by following God's instructions for attacking Jericho. The Lord miraculously brings down the walls, and all the Israelites join the battle.



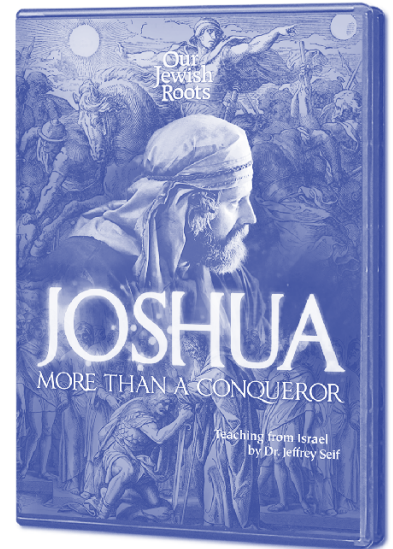
Todd Baker



Sarah Liberman



Jeff Seif



*Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim!*—

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!* — Psalm 122:6

*David & Kirsten*

David & Kirsten

**P.S.** Thank you, Dear Reader, for joining and staying with our battle for the Lord. ★

## Whose Land Is It?

DVD and study booklet

(Three 30-minute TV programs on one DVD)

What a blessing that such controversial programs weren't censored by our more sensitive TV stations! These programs could be the ultimate crash course on credibly and diplomatically asserting Israel's right to its land.



**Program 1:** Zola irrefutably reasons why only the Jews are the Holy Land's rightful owners, then defeats arguments that attempt to undermine the Abrahamic Covenant.

**Program 2:** In Ramallah, Zola interviewed Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who articulated the Palestinians' best arguments for claiming Israel.

**Program 3:** Two scholarly Christians — Arab-American journalist Joseph Farah and Professor Ergun Caner (a former Muslim) — unveil the fallacies in Ashrawi's assertions.

### Whose Land Is It? DVD and study booklet

- 1 DVD – \$26
- 2 DVDs – \$47
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### Pro-Israel collar buttons

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## Israel's Right to the Land! booklet

Just as its title implies, this booklet answers head-on the question: "What right does Israel have to its land?" Featuring an introduction by Zola, *Israel's Right to the Land!* pulls abundant evidence from the Scriptures to directly address the 12 key issues that resolve this topic once and for all.

Let's spread the Word about who owns the Land ("from the river of Egypt to the River Euphrates" — Genesis 15:18) by divine right!

### Israel's Right to the Land! booklet

- \_\_\_ 1 booklet – \$7
- \_\_\_ 2 booklets – \$11
- \_\_\_ 3 booklets – \$15

### Combo Value Package:

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- 1 **Whose Land** study booklet
- 1 **Israel's Right to the Land** booklet
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Dear Mark, (please check appropriate boxes)

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