



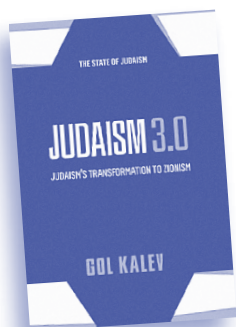
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A PERSONAL LETTER FROM MARK LEVITT

Dear Fellow ZLMer,

"Anti-Zionism is anti-humanity." This is the focus of Gol Kalev's excellent *Jerusalem Post* opinion piece, excerpted below. Kalev is the author of *Judaism 3.0: Judaism's Transformation to Zionism* (see Judaism-Zionism.com). He's also chairman of the America-Israel Friendship League Think Tank, which explores issues relating to Zionism and Judaism.



Many recognize that humanity is advanced through the Jewish state — through Zionism. Acknowledging Zionism as the anchor of Judaism would help remove a hurdle in humanity's advancement.

Theodor Herzl

Theodor Herzl (1860–1904) was confident the world would support his endeavor to reestablish the Jewish state. This would not be due to a moral obligation or Europe's 2,000 years of persecuting Jews, nor as compensation for deporting the Jews from Judea. *Gevalt* or European guilt will not get us a state. The Jewish state will exist because it is a necessity to mankind!

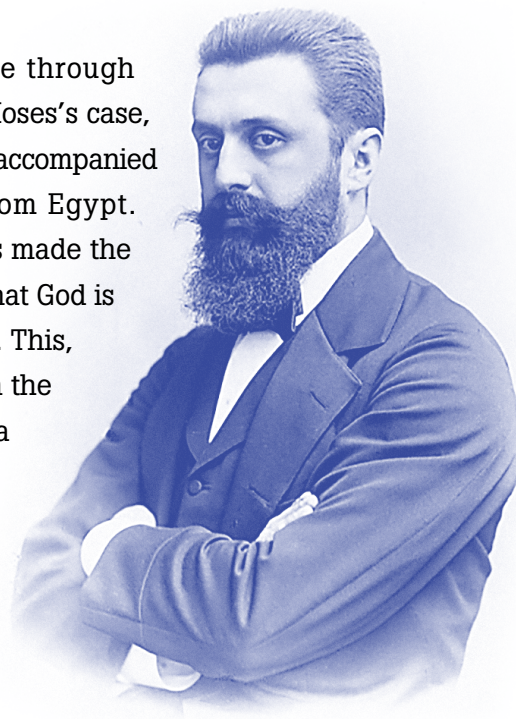
Herzl believed that once the Jewish mind and spirit are liberated from European oppression, Jews in the Jewish state would make extreme advancements for humanity. Hence, the world needed the Jewish state to exist and prosper.

Herzl was correct. Each edition of this ministry's monthly *Levitt Letter* includes current examples of Israel's monumental contributions to medicine, agriculture, environmental science, military defense, and much more. — Mark

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Herzl, like Moses, championed the concept

we call "peace through strength." In Moses's case, great miracles accompanied the Exodus from Egypt. Those miracles made the world aware that God is with the Jews. This, as described in the Song of the Sea [Exodus 15:1–18], generated deterrence: *"The chiefs of Edom were affrighted; the mighty men of Moab trembling..."* [v. 15].



Theodor Herzl

In Herzl's case, miracles also accompanied the exodus: Innovations from the Jewish state would alter the state of humanity, such as fighting famine by turning air into water and generating medical innovations that increase longevity. Many recognize

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that humanity advances through the Jewish state, through Zionism.

Therefore, Anti-Zionism is Anti-humanity

As Herzl predicted, nations around the world partake in the success of Zionism. In August 2022, non-Jews, including the leader of Israel's Druze community and a dignitary from Dubai, went to Basel to participate in the 125th anniversary celebrations of Zionism.

But in both Moses's and Herzl's case, not everybody was happy. The story of Amalek, who attacked Israel on its path toward freedom, remains paramount in Jewish ethos. There is even a Shabbat called "Remember," recounting that event. Today again, some attack Israel on its path toward elevating humanity. Paradoxically, those attackers accuse the Jewish state of committing crimes against humanity.



Most people who abhor Israel would fail the Israel Test as noted on page 15 of the December 2022 *Levitt Letter*: Economist George Gilder asks whether you envy or admire those who surpass you in

invention, creativity, and wealth. Enviars typically hate Israel. Gilder's assessment of Jewish accomplishments in Israel — benefiting Hebrews, Arabs, and other gentiles there — leads to his observation regarding misdirected anger.

The Israel Test, he explains, is the central divide in the world today. Whether a society envies and resents Israel's success or celebrates and tries to replicate it is indicative of that society's progress. Countries that "pass" the Israel Test tend to rise. Those that don't tend to sink.

Yet because Satan opposes God's selection of the Jews, anti-Semitism would persist even if Israelis were less successful. — Mark

Crimes Against Humanity vs. the Elevation of Humanity

As discussed in the book *Judaism 3.0 — Judaism's Transformation to Zionism*, there are startling parallels between the early days of the anti-Semitism movement in the 1890s during Herzl's time and the still early days of the Israel-bashing movement today in the 2020s. One such parallel is the accusation that Jews corrupt humanity.

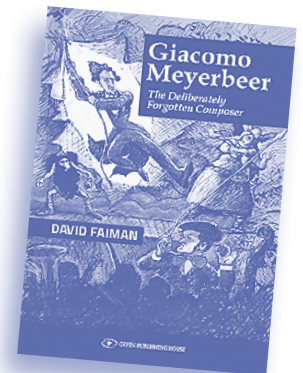
Celebrated German opera composer Richard Wagner argued that Jews cannot compose proper music.

But his argument faced a problem, since Europeans flocked to concert halls and opera houses to hear Jewish composers' music. In his book *Giacomo Meyerbeer: The Deliberately Forgotten Composer*, Prof. David Faiman shows how Meyerbeer, who was Jewish, was the world's top opera composer of the 19th century.

Therefore, Wagner had to adjust his argument and claimed in his article "Jews in Music" that inside that seemingly sweet music resided Jewish poison. Jews, like Meyerbeer and Mendelssohn, are corrupting humanity through their music — from the inside. It is not just through music, but also through science and the arts. What seems to be, to the unsuspecting



Richard Wagner (1871)





observer, as Jewish contribution to humanity is just “pinkwashing” for the polluting actions Jews commit against humanity.

So, what to do about it? What is the solution to such hideous acts against humanity? Indeed, Wagner’s philosophy was a cornerstone in the German-led mass murder of European Jewry.

Similar circumstances emerged in the 2020s. Peace broke out between Israel and much of the Arab world, and there is a trajectory toward de facto normalization with much of the Palestinian population. Therefore, Israel bashers and Occupationalists (Westerners who hijack the Palestinian cause for their own benefit) face an existential crisis. Their response is like Wagner’s response to Europeans loving Jewish music: This is no longer about the Israeli-Arab conflict nor about the Palestinians. This is about humanity.

Israel bashers now accuse the Jewish state of crimes against humanity, just like Wagner accused the Jews of crimes against humanity. Wagner was an expert. He understood what is inside the music; therefore, a reasonable person can rely on his opinion that through music, Jews pollute humanity.

Similarly, the Israel bashers’ accusations are channeled through expert organizations — Amnesty International, UN Human Rights Council, and even respectable media outlets. Therefore, a reasonable person could conclude that indeed the Jewish state commits crimes against humanity.

So, what to do about it? The world united against South Africa, and then against Putin. Should the world — for the sake of humanity — now unite against the Jewish state, which (once again) commits crimes against humanity? Many believe so, some obsessively. And that is why Israel-bashing has replaced traditional anti-Semitism as the primary existential threat to Judaism and to all Jews, including those who bash Israel themselves.

However, those Israel bashers must stay in Judaism 2.0. This way, they can mask their opposition to Judaism as opposition to Zionism. Once there is a broad global recognition that Judaism has transformed to Judaism 3.0 and Zionism is now the anchor of Judaism, they can only be Israel bashers if they are okay being Jew bashers. And like with Edom and Moab back then, that Jew basher label alone serves as a powerful deterrence.

Zionism as the Anchor of Judaism

The October 14 *Jerusalem Post Magazine* was dedicated to tackling the question: Is Zionism really becoming the anchor of Judaism? Ten prominent thinkers shared their views. The president of the Jewish state, Isaac Herzog, in a special message to *Magazine* readers, said it bluntly: Reclaiming Zionism is the mission of our generation.

This mission should have partners not just in Israel — where Zionism is the consensus

ideology that enables disagreements to be argued passionately but safely (99% of Israeli Jews vote for Zionist parties) — but also around the world.

Just like not everybody in 19th-century Europe agreed with Wagner and the anti-Semites, not everybody in the 21st century agrees with Amnesty and the Israel bashers.

In fact, even before Herzl, non-Jewish philosophers pointed to the enormous advancements in humanity that the Jewish state would bring. French thinker Ernest Laharanne predicted in 1860 that the Jews' return to their land would lead to a dramatic advancement of humanity. "March forward because you are a generous nation ... you [Jews] will be the triumph-arch of the era of the future — that is, the era of peace and unity." Other thinkers had similar views, and Herzl took note of that: "I did not know until I came into this movement that the Christians, just as Jews, view our return as the beginning of the era of wonder," he wrote. "The wonder of this era will be expressed

through our aspiration for our infinite ideal — to the elevation of humanity."

Zionism is a light upon the nations (Isa. 49:6). Those who oppose it rob the world's nations from that crisp light emanating from Zion and, in so doing, cause great harm to humanity.

ZLMers support this ministry because we deliver impactful, pro-Israel teaching and commentary like Gol Kalev's article above. Please renew your dedication to supporting our outreach so that we can continue blessing Israel and, as a result, every Zionist nation in accordance with Genesis 12:3.



In His service,
Mark
Mark Levitt

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Zola Tours: Biblical cinema

Each week on *Our Jewish Roots*, you have the wonderful opportunity to see the Holy Land. What a gift it is. But what if you could see, touch, taste, smell, and hear everything Israeli first hand? Our study tours to Israel immerse you into a vivid, multi-sensory journey where your Bible will come alive before your very eyes. It's truly life changing.

Some long-time ZLMers will be interested to know that Sandra Levitt Turner (Zola's widow) will be with us on our March tour. We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate 40 years of leading pilgrims to the Holy Land!

Please contact our delightful tour manager, Sandra Luttrell, at **214-696-9760**, travel@levitt.com, or levitt.com/tours.

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A Note from David and Kirsten Hart

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OUR JEWISH ROOTS

Ken Berg, *OJR*'s producer, and his small staff work diligently to film, edit, and produce our weekly television program. Dr. Seif, Kirsten, and I (David) join Berg Productions every quarter to tape new programs at Berg's Dallas-area studio. We also join them for on-location filming in our beloved Israel.

NEWSLETTERS

Each month we publish the *Personal Letter* and the *Levitt Letter*. Behind the scenes of both publications are contributing writers, editors, and designers. These individuals work tirelessly to bring you visually appealing periodicals with extremely valuable content.

WATERING THE VINE

Just like a garden plant needs water to thrive, the *vine* of Zola Levitt Ministries needs financial nourishment to keep our many branches healthy and thriving. Since we are a 100% donor-sponsored ministry, **we rely solely on you.**

This new year holds great promise for our ministry, and we need your help. Your gifts may be tax deductible, and they are greatly appreciated.

ONLINE

One of the most understated features of ZLM is our website! At levitt.com you can watch programs, read current Israeli news, listen to Zola's Messianic music, and much more. You can also communicate with fellow Believers across the globe 24/7 to discuss ideas, share prayer requests, and more. Give yourself an afternoon to search our impressive website.

MINISTRY STAFF

Our Dallas office isn't overflowing with people, but our dedicated ministry personnel serve ZLMers by fulfilling product orders, sending out materials, and much more. The captain of this ministry, Mark Levitt, ensures that ZLM's heartbeat stays true to our mission.

From the bottom of our hearts, *thank you.*

Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim! —

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!" (Psalm 122:6),

David & Kirsten

David & Kirsten



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Our Jewish Roots TV programs in January

We begin the new year as we ended 2022, as we continue the “rehash” of our popular series, *Ezekiel and the MidEast “Piece” Process*.

As a reminder, a “rehash” is created by reusing perennial segments from a previous series. Jeff Seif and Sandra Levitt hosted the original *Ezekiel* series on *Zola Levitt Presents*. In this updated edition, we take the original dramas and teachings and add contemporary studio segments, an opening, a closing, and more to create a refreshed TV series. The original 2008 series remains available at <https://store.levitt.com/video>.

Ezekiel and the MidEast “Piece” Process

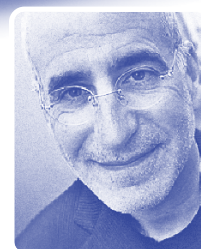
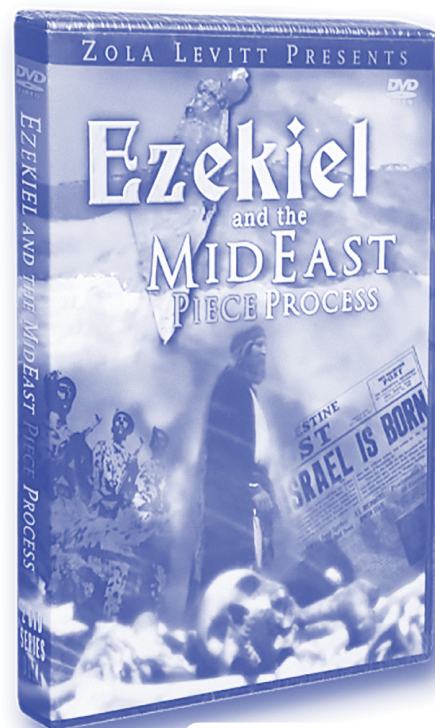
In this eight-part series, **Dr. Jeffrey Seif**, David, and Kirsten take viewers into one of the Bible’s most mysterious and fascinating books. Ezekiel prophesies Israel’s re-emergence as a nation-state at “day’s end,” and also warns that neighboring nation-states will marshal military resources as they seek to annihilate the fledgling state.

Troubles Then and Now — A survey of the Book of Ezekiel — judgment on Judah and the surrounding nations, Israel’s re-emergence, a climactic war, and a restored Temple — with emphasis on prophecy fulfillment today.

That You Might Know — Dr. Seif examines key pieces of prophecy, noting Judah’s painful downfall and God’s everlasting mercy through His promise to gather and rebuild Israel — something that is happening today.

The Hope of Restoration — A major piece in God’s prophetic, End Times puzzle are predictions of Israel’s rise in the last days. Today, we see that a once-desolate land has become almost like Eden.

Neighbors Ready for Judgment — Israel will rally against its hostile neighbors; this program highlights Ezekiel’s predictions that larger regional forces will mobilize against Israel in a climactic war that the foes will lose.



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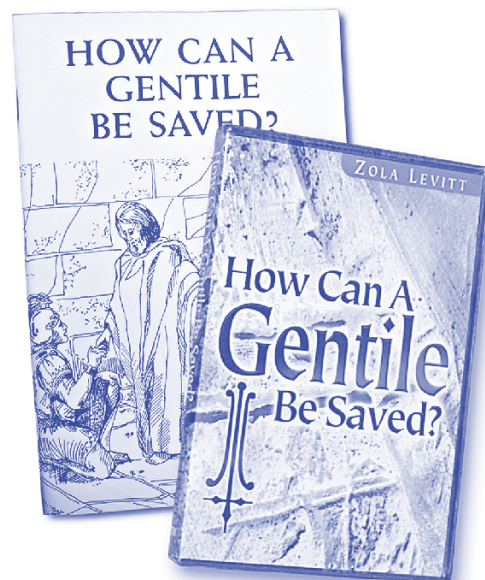
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