

THE LEVITT LETTER

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HAVE ZOLA IN YOUR CHURCH

Now you can have Zola and his staff in your community or at your church live and in person.

This spring Mr. Levitt is gearing up to reach more and more communities with his in-depth and meaningful studies in prophetic and Old Testament studies. You and your area can be richly blessed by these solid biblical studies that are more and more in demand.

Zola is looking for openings for his Passover and Seven Feasts messages and evangelistic outreaches. Too, with his staff, he's pioneered what we're *calling* the Marathon Bible Seminar. With nine to twelve hours of concentrated study, a given community or church is saturated with studies on: The Coming Russian Invasion of Israel; Daniel's Seventy Weeks; An Outline of the Book of Revelation; the Rapture issue; the events of the Tribulation . . . as well as Zola's Passover, Seven Feasts and Christian Love Story presentations.

If you're interested call us. Let us discuss with you the possibilities open to your church as well as a date. To make these studies spiritually profitable, we suggest a potential audience of 75 people or more. Often the Seminars start on Saturday and run through Sunday afternoon. We ask that the sponsoring group cover transportation and lodging. Because most of the funds we receive go into the TV ministry, we need a meaningful honorarium to support this work.

God could use Zola and this teaching ministry to strengthen and fortify your community . . . to bring many to Christ and give believers new spiritual purpose and insights.

Please let us hear from you. We would be delighted to be of service.



THE CANAANITE IN THE LAND — PLO 1948 - 1980

In the past newsletters we've focused on various dilemmas in the Middle East. As space permits in upcoming issues of "The Levitt Letter", we will continue to touch on the prime crisis of the Holy Land — the claim to the Land by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

In our preceding article we discussed the mythology of Arab propaganda, "Palestine was always and exclusively Arab country.". We pointed out that there was never an autonomous Arab State or Palestinian nation in the land. Scattered squatters simply took over territories abandoned by the rightful owners, the Jewish people, during the long dispersion. Now that God has seen fit to bring back the House of Israel, in accordance with voluminous Bible prophecy, the struggle has become intense and bloody.

Rather like in the time of Joshua, "the Canaanites were in the land" when the Jews began to return in force in 1948. And again the Canaanites greatly feared the return of the rightful owners of the land — — Joshua 5:1 says "their hearts melted" in their panic. Terrorism against the Jews in Palestine had gone on for some years so that by the beginning of 1948, 6,000 Jews had died in the land. In January of 1948 the "Arab Liberation Army" entered Palestine from Syria and Jordan. Their intention was to "nip in the bud" any attempt at independence by the Jews. But they ultimately failed in the subsequent War of Independence in May and June of 1948. The relative handful of Jewish immigrants, armed with pistols, hunting rifles and the like, somehow defeated the combined Arab armies and established an autonomous Israel. The United Nations at that time partitioned the land so that both Arabs and Jews would have their part and there began an uneasy truce situation. The surrounding Arab nations continued to exacerbate the situation in Israel, telling their fellow Arabs to get out of the land because armies were coming to "push the Jews into the sea". For their part, the Jewish people lived within their boundaries and began to plant their trees and irrigate their fields.

Fully 600,000 Arabs abandoned their territories and thus became the "refugees" now called the Palestinians". (The name derives from that ancient pagan nemesis, the Philistines.)

Not content with only a part of the land, the Arab states continued to cross the partition borders and to assure the "Palestinians" that the land would be re-captured for them. It should be realized that the Jewish people seized no land. Actually they bought it at horrible prices. The Jews paid over \$1,000.00 an acre for arid and ruined lands during times when rich soil could be purchased in Iowa for \$110.00 per acre!

After the 1948 war, the Palestinians were understandably

discontent. They had sold or left their homes on the promise that their mighty Arab neighbors would come in and annihilate the Israelites, and now that didn't happen. The restored Jewish people proved to be as competent militarily as they were at husbanding their ancient land. From 1949 to 1956 there were 1,339 armed clashes between Egyptians and Israeli soldiers, 43 cases of incursion by Egyptian forces, 172 cases of Arab sabotage, and 364 Israelis killed. For all of that, the God of Israel was not discouraged and His chosen people stubbornly remained entrenched in the Holy Land. The Palestinian Arabs, who could have gone to their choice of a dozen Arabic nations, remained just as stubbornly in Israel, settling in refugee camps and broadcasting their plight to the world. They finally deteriorated into the sort of terrorism we are still seeing today. The PLO was born and the attacks on schools, hospitals, hotels and seemingly every other defenseless civilian encampment were undertaken. The idea now was to demoralize and terrorize the Jews out of their land, but the Canaanite has never understood the Israelite mind nor the plan of the God of Israel. The more the Arab would attack, the stronger the Israelite became, until vast lands fell to the Jewish people, again in accordance with prophecy, after each war.

In 1966 Russia started supplying the Arabs with weapons and newer, more escalated conflicts resulted. Even the Russian technology did not help the invaders, however, especially not in 1967 when the Jewish people captured East Jerusalem and the West Bank in a war that took only 6 days. God had recreated ancient Israel in the same amount of time that He created the whole world!

The rest of the story is within memory. In 1973 there was another vicious and especially unfair attack on the day of Yom Kippur — — The Day of Atonement — — when the Israeli soldiers were busy at their fasting and prayers. That war, orchestrated largely by Russia, left the Egyptians and Syrians completely stunned, as the Israelis very nearly overran those two large nations! The war was quickly brought to a convenient conclusion by intervention of the super powers lest the Arab nations suffer the total embarrassment of occupation by the tiny Israeli forces.

At present we are seeing continuing terrorism by the PLO and the interesting move by Egypt toward peace with Israel. The Egyptians apparently have concluded (and rightly so) that Israel, with God, is unbeatable. The nations of the world have lined up hostile against Israel, as the Lord prophesied ("Ye shall be hated of all nations") and Israel stands under a seige-like ongoing threat. How all of this leads up to the coming Russian invasion of Israel will be covered in a future newsletter.



JEAN ROSENBERG

WHAT'S A NICE YIDDISH BAUBEY (GRANDMA) LIKE YOU DOING ON A JOB LIKE THIS?"

*Jean Rosenberg simply has to be met to be believed! Many of you know Jean because of the hundreds of letters she has handwritten in response to your questions and comments. Almost all of you have received books or tapes from her as she **alone** has shipped over 15,000 books and tapes since joining this ministry last year! Her apartment looks like an office/bookstore and she is just thrilled with the situation. She often works through the night to get all the orders filled. This is a spiritual gift in action. She is the most "colorful" worker on our staff and we all greatly love and appreciate her tremendous dedication to the Lord. Her testimony follows, and I hope it will encourage each of you to witness to Jew and Gentile alike.*

I was born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 7, 1914. My parents considered themselves to be Orthodox; however, they only attended the synagogue on High Holy Days. My two brothers were bar-mitzvah but then lost interest in religion. I was confirmed in Temple Beth El, a reform temple, at the age of 14.

I was married at 18 in my mother's home by a conservative rabbi. There was no real religion in my home at that time. After 19 years of marriage and two children, my husband and I were separated.

A reconciliation was attempted later and I suggested that we have religion in our home, but my husband felt his income did not justify our joining the synagogue.

I left my husband in 1960, very much aware that there was an emptiness I couldn't seem to fill. Eventually I ended up in Miami, divorced. I worked very hard and became the proprietress of a most successful nightclub. I realized that this was a poor environment (could I write a book?!), and it is not surprising that I lost most of my money through gambling, my failing health, and lending to people who did not keep their word.

This all led me into quite a depression. Fortunately, with the help of my psychologist son and the care given to me by my other son and his wife (who kept me while I recuperated) I was able to obtain a position as manager for a chain of shoe stores.

On the surface everything seemed fine, but I knew the void was still there. In 1971 I became friends with a Christian couple who told me about the Lord. They presented a lovely Bible to me that I never read. Later, the Lord in all His goodness sent two Christian neighbors—Ginny Jahnke and Betty Jeffers—whose lives made me wonder if there might be something fine in Christianity.

They invited me to attend a Bible class in someone's home, and rather than be "nasty" I accepted. On the way to that home Ginny remarked that she thought our host might be Jewish! I said, "He can't be a Jew and be a believer in Christ."

That memorable Saturday night I walked into a house that was full of Jewish believers. Before the evening was over, I was aware of a love I had never experienced in **any** group. This was the home of Al Brickner, who is now a minister in California with "Jews for Jesus". Soon afterward, I accepted the Lord as Messiah and was baptized by Mr. Brickner. I found peace of mind at last.

A few months later I was planning to visit my son and I wondered how I might tell him about all this. I called him and said, "Calvin, are you sitting down?" He said, "Mother, nothing you could say would shock me." I said, "I've found what I've been hunting for all this time. I've found it in Jesus and have accepted Him as my personal Savior." He replied that he and his wife, Alma, had noticed a new vibrance in my voice during the few previous months and thought that this must be good for me. Upon telling my older son, I was surprised when he disclosed that he had known Jesus for a long time! My older brother and sister demonstrated a typical Jewish attitude of tolerance for my decision although they did not agree with me. I was glad to be able to tell them that I was **not** giving up being a Jew but rather being **more** of a Jew. For the first time I really **felt** Jewish and took tremendous pride in **being** Jewish.

I hope all of you reading this will pray for my two wonderful sons, their families and the rest of my relatives.

Shalom, and may God bless you all,

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE SUCCESSFUL

Though our numbers were small over the Christmas holidays, most felt definitely the Institute for Jewish and Middle East Studies was successful and spiritually beneficial to those attending. The class received about 24 hours of solid teaching led by instructors Zola Levitt, Mal Couch and Dr. Tom McCall. Three courses covered an overview and introduction to the Old Testament, the prophetic feasts and types of Scripture and a look at the current Middle East.

The students who attended had these comments to make:

"The Institute for Jewish and Middle East Studies which you recently held was an added dimension to my Bible knowledge.

"Teaching an overall grasp of the Bible, as well as indepth studies into prophecy and Jewish feasts and festivals, was very helpful to me and my desire to become a good teacher in the church.

"The excitement of unified hearts and minds of those present to learn was a boost to my spiritual hunger. Also, forming new Christian friends and sharing thoughts was very meaningful to me."



ZOLA AND HIS TELEVISION STAFF

"Hello, again, I thought you might enjoy meeting the people who bring our show to you each week. Let me introduce you to: (l. to r.) Ken Berg, Producer, Dottie Kingston and Deirdre de Coverly, Production Assistants, and Jim Pearce, Director."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Sunday, May 25, is Pentecost this year, the birthday of the Christian Church. So Happy Birthday to all of you!

Sometimes the churches tend to overlook the deeply significant festival of Pentecost explained in Acts 2 and Lev. 23:15-23. But in a very real way, if it weren't for Pentecost presumably everyone would have to go to Israel to be saved!

It was at Pentecost that God presented His ingenious method for taking the Gospel outside of Israel to the Gentile nations. Though the Messiah had come "only unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:5-6) the disciples were now required "to make disciples of all nations". And so the miracle of the speaking in tongues occurred on that remarkable day when 3,000 were brought to salvation by the

testimony of the few Galileans. Those 3,000 had come from many nations to celebrate the feast, and now they would be returning as new creatures in Christ ready to witness to their countrymen.

Significant also is the number of people that were saved. When the law originally came to Israel, the people in the valley below Mt. Sinai had built a golden calf and were involved in idol worship. Moses was infuriated and the Levites slew 3,000 souls on that difficult day (Ex. 32:28). Now God, at Pentecost, returned to Israel exactly 3,000 souls to start the Christian Church.

Indeed, "the letter kills, the Spirit gives life".

“O JERUSALEM!”

I doubt if those of you who contributed to our TASKFORCE ISRAEL project will realize the impact of your kind gift until you actually meet the Lord. But please know that the idea was a big success and, by the time you read this, some 800 prophetic books will have been distributed throughout the Holy Land because of your donations.

We mailed out the TASKFORCE ISRAEL cards with past newsletters and also distributed them in churches. The idea was for the viewers to purchase prophecy books – not for themselves but for those who need them the most. Virtually all end times prophecy will happen in Israel and the three million or so unaware human beings in that land must be alerted.

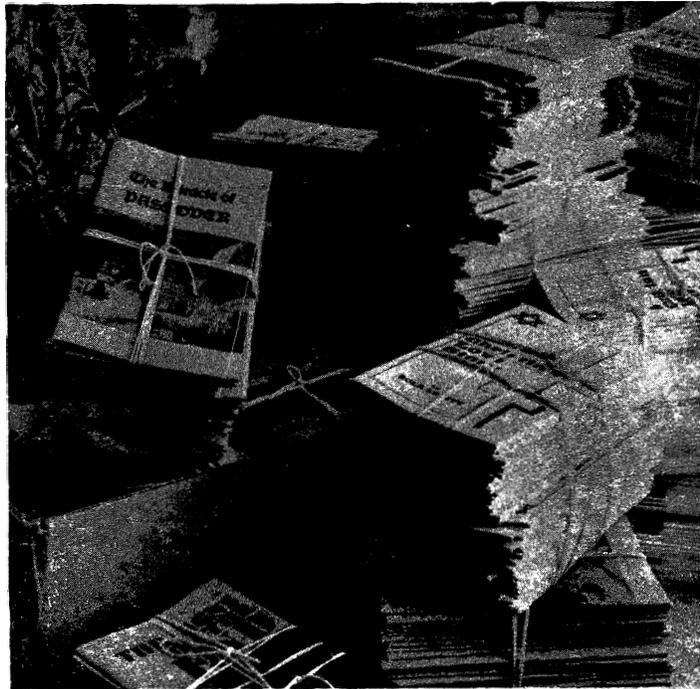
The 800 books will have quite an effect, I’m sure. The Word of God never returns void. Furthermore, while people discard newspapers and magazines every day, nobody ever throws a book away unless it’s a very bad book. We think those books will pass from hand to hand and we think they’ll make a difference, thanks to every one of you who helped us with this.

I’m not at liberty to disclose our system of distribution, but suffice it to say that the books will be taken safely into the country

and placed at strategic locations where the information is most needed. The books we have selected are on Passover, The Seven Feasts of Israel, The Christian Love Story and The Signs of the End. All of these have prophetic messages deeply related to Jewish history and tradition. All of them spell out the drastic times ahead for the Israelites.

There were probably not 800 books in all of Israel back in the days when Paul asked the churches of Asia to help the church of Jerusalem. We are honored to be your messengers in this endeavor. We will come up with other ideas as time goes by to help unbelieving Jews and Gentiles everywhere we can. This ministry gives to Iron Curtain ministries, literature crusades, skid row kitchens, and to Israel, God’s country. We do not give away your donations meant for the television shows, of course, but where we have the means, we act as a go-between and help fund other missions in need.

Won’t it be a pleasure in the kingdom to come to walk past the trees you’ve planted in Israel, and perhaps to discover in the library of an Israelite one of the books you sent to him in the nick of time!



HOMEWARD BOUND!

ZOLA LEVITT LIVE Sends the message of prophecy back where it came from, to Israel.

“Behold, all things are become new...”

It may come as a shock to many of you, but we are actually proceeding to make new shows! In fact, some of you may have already seen the first ones since we thought we would run them in August, and then again later in the season.

We've been a long time in reruns, but as I gather from your response most of you enjoyed seeing the repeats, especially of the teaching shows. Some of our topics are new to a lot of people and they enjoy the chance to review them. But now, thanks to your prayers and support, we are able to take the risk of new productions, and believe me we have been awaiting this time as eagerly as you have!

For openers; we went to a local college campus to ask the young people about the future and whether they thought they had one. We talked with them about the Lord's words in Matthew 24 in answer to His disciples' questions, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" We found the students of this Christian college eager to learn and to share their views on prophecy. We found many of them quite convinced that they will not die natural deaths - that the Lord is coming that soon.

Then we went back to the studio to interview Bible expert Dr. Charles Ryrie on the question of inerrancy of the Scriptures. My own position in this popular discussion is that each verse of the Bible is accurate and that's all there is to that. Our guest, the author of the Ryrie Study Bible, feels quite the same way. It is one thing, however, for the host of a show to give his views and quite another for a scholar who is fluent in Hebrew and Greek to lend his authority to the argument. To me, if the Bible is inaccurate, we might as well close our churches. All of you are aware of churches which have stopped using the Bible, and it's easy to see that they might as well close, so far as salvation and true faith are concerned.

We shot a second show with Dr. Ryrie to answer the varied and interesting questions about the Bible which come to us in the mail every day. While we can't deal with each letter, since our staff is too small, we took this method of answering your questions. Some questions come up repeatedly and we drew Dr. Ryrie's attention to those.

Moody Press, which has published a number of my books, was kind enough to donate a supply of Ryrie Study Bibles for us to offer on the show. We deeply appreciated their good spirit and helpfulness. This 800 page Bible is expensive to handle and mail and will require us to ask an *appropriate* contribution.

We then interviewed our own Jean Rosenberg, whose testimony appeared in the last newsletter. Jean has too much to say to merely write about; she has to be seen to be appreciated. It was a nice show, giving me the chance to speak Yiddish and Hebrew with a Christian comfortable in those languages. In addition, Jean has lived a long and varied lifetime and enjoys an especially fruitful relationship and ministry with the Lord.

Our next productions will concern the Seven Churches of Asia (Rev. 2-3). There is so much talk about churches today that we thought we would turn to the opinions of the Lord about those early ones. The hopes and dreams, the faithfulness and the critical errors of the first century churches haven't aged a bit. It would be easy to find seven churches in Dallas which match them perfectly, and I know you can do the same in your own community. Our Lord's remarks are ever relevant; "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches ... " (Rev. 2).

Upcoming shows will have to do with considerable Old Testament teaching and the relevance of the lessons to life in this world today. We will deal with the beautiful types and shadows of the tabernacle; a look at Israel in a period when that nation had literally lost the Bible, and a chronological division of the scriptures into easy to remember periods. Interspersed with the teaching shows will be personalities, as the Lord brings them along, worth hearing from. We also hope to present some more footage from Israel, and hopefully an Arab guest to discuss with me the ongoing conflict in that land. We did not actually layout a week-by-week schedule for a whole year like the big networks do. First of all, we have the factor of God and His will; we try to be very sensitive to what ought to be done with this precious national television time to serve Him best. To know God is to realize that you have to be ready to change your plans. And secondly, we depend on donations and gifts rather than fees from commercials. We cannot make a long-term contract with our viewers and know that the funds will be readily available for new production. On the other hand, we don't have to be bothered with taking time to sell you razor blades, cars, and soap as they do. We must go along as all missionaries do assuming that God will provide, through His people, what we need. As the new shows become possible, I'll keep you posted in this newsletter as to the subjects.



ON THE SET!

Dr. Charles C. Ryrie, author of the Ryrie Study Bible, discusses inerrancy with Zola.

“JEWS AND JESUS”

I'd like to call your attention to one of my very special books which has been on our order blanks for some time. I think those of you who are interested in the situation between the Jewish people and Jesus Christ would be gratified by this particular book.

I wrote it several years ago under the title “Jews Against Jesus” but the publisher felt that was too provoking. In any case the book is a very complete discussion of just why the Jewish people won't listen; why it seems they do not want their own Messiah. Many Jewish people have read the book and responded in various ways, including the way of salvation. On the other hand, a lot of my brethren got after me about it since it lays bare the spiritual poverty of what is known as modern Judaism.

I especially wanted to recommend it because we have so many questions along these lines in our letters and as I previously informed you we simply can't handle all those questions. A book like this one will answer queries about the Sabbath, the Jewish feasts, Messianic prophecy, Israel, the end times, and the like.

It's one of my very good books that has gone out of print, simply having seen its day. But now that the television show is on in so many places people are asking myriad questions which are already answered by these earlier books. It's not in the bookstores any more but Moody Press was kind enough to supply us with a special shipment so that we could offer the book.

Those of you who feel a calling toward the Jews or who are interested in any of those areas explained above should order this book from us. Just as with the television show we ask you for a suitable donation. It's a large book, trade-size paperback with a great deal of pertinent information. We'll be receiving our shipment about June 1 so if you order soon after you receive this newsletter we'll process your request immediately.

Write for “Jews and Jesus” by Zola Levitt.

THE SHAH IS DEAD

The Shah is dead and with his passing we have the end of an important era in prophecy.

It should not be thought that each and every newsworthy event can be traced to some verse of Scripture, of course. We are all aware of the excesses to be found in the teachings of certain well-intentioned students of prophecy who try to help God fulfill his plans. But the Shah's death is an event on which we might reflect, in view of the times and the high-pressure situation in the Middle East.

Let's consider a moment what the situation would be if the Shah were alive and well, and still on his throne in Iran. He was no great statesman and he had many obvious faults, but one thing is clear: If the Shah were still in control, there would be no difficulty between Iran and the United States, or Iran and Israel. A recent *New York Times* article stated that in his memoirs the Shah expressed bitterness toward the present American administration “for showing insufficient gratitude to him for his role as a longtime ally and bulwark against the Soviet Union in the Persian Gulf.” The Shah was, for his own purposes, an American ally, and fiercely anti-communist. With Israel he seem to have no quarrel, and it was plain to see throughout his long reign that no accommodation between Iran and Russia was possible.

The article quotes the Shah's memoirs as to his feelings after he was deposed. He wrote that he had to watch his country “slide into chaos” and that he had always fought what he called “the red and the black” – the communists and the Islamic clergy. Interestingly, the article goes on, “he predicts that the Soviet Union will reach the apogee of its strength by 1983 or before.” The Shah was the sworn enemy of Russia to his dying day.

But now things have drastically changed in Iran. The volatile Ayatullah bears such hatred for the United States and for Israel that he may just turn toward the Russian hordes camped on his border with Afghanistan. This aged priest may actually embrace the communists through economic need resulting from our boycott of Iran, senility, or just plain orneriness. As we have seen, he is capable of irrational anger and totally unpredictable political policies. A ruler who executes his own subjects through applications of a barbaric ancient law is capable of almost anything.

To set the Russian invasion of Israel in motion perhaps the communists will approach with a “good neighbor” policy. Perhaps the Kremlin is saying to Khomeini even now, “We'll take care of Israel for you, and even the United States. We'll get rid of your biggest problems.” In return, the Russians would only ask for passage through Iran to do their bloody work in the oil fields and in Israel.

We have detailed the Russian invasion of Israel previously in these columns and we will have another television show shortly to bring the matter up to date. As that event grows nearer so does the coming of our King.

“Amen, come Lord Jesus.”

“Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem”

Jerusalem has been made the capital of Israel and that's all there is to that. All the protestations of all the governments of the surrounding nations will not change God's plans.

The Israeli armies, with God, are prepared to enforce the establishment of the one, eternal, indivisible Holy City, just as they were the last time this happened. Bible readers should realize at once that history is repeating itself. Three thousand years ago the Israeli government made Jerusalem its capital. King David was in command and any nation that wished to contend the point was as welcome to meet with him as was Goliath.

Jerusalem must be the capital of Israel in for the return of the King to that city. The recent governmental decree establishing the capital falls perfectly in line with end times prophecy, and we are already seeing Jerusalem become a “burdensome stone” to all the world (Zech. 12:3). The nations near and far are very interested at this point and the Antichrist will be equally interested in his time (II Thes. 2:3-4). The Temple will have to be constructed on the site where the Dome of the Rock now stands, and the establishment of Jerusalem as the national capital will help provide for that future event.

As Americans we must be careful not to act in the manner of the ancient Romans concerning Jerusalem. That great city was the capital of Israel in the time of our Lord, but the Romans barely acknowledged that fact. They stood aloof from the Jewish government, operating their own interests in that far-flung province of their empire. We as Americans also stand rather aloof, operating our own interests in that far-flung base of our military objectives. We stood by recently as our representation in the United Nations abstained from approval of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Our government keeps the American embassy in Tel Aviv, rather than in Jerusalem, so as not to step on anybody's toes (especially the toes of those who cater to our thirst for oil).

God loves Jerusalem and that is apparent throughout the scriptures. He directed Abraham to that holy temple mount for the intended sacrifice of Isaac (Gen. 22). He called for the reign of the kings in Jerusalem and the building of the House of God there. He sacrificed His only Son in that city and He



“ON LOCATION: Zola and TV crew at the center of the earth.”

established the first Christian church there. Missions went out from Jerusalem to share the faith until Christianity overwhelmed the Roman Empire.

God will so greatly honor Jerusalem in the future, making it the home of the reign of the King and requiring the whole world to make a pilgrimage to that city each and every year of the thousand years (Zech. 14:16). Finally, even in eternity God will not give up Jerusalem but will instead create “a new heaven, a new earth and a new Jerusalem” (Rev. 21:1-3). There is clearly a love relationship between Almighty God and the city of Jerusalem.

But for the moment Israel is having a tough time of it with their burdensome stone. President Sadat of Egypt is offended even as he sues for peace by the Israeli action of declaring Jerusalem “indivisible”. The more hostile surrounding nations can hardly be taken seriously anymore—they object to each and every Israeli policy, even the archeological diggings which recover for the whole world its history and heritage. But they are viciously condemning on this particular point. Terrorist action is on the increase and Israel is having to fight border skirmishes quite typical of the first thousand years of Jerusalem.

The Church must love its homeland just as every individual loves his homeland. We

sometimes forget that the Church is not American nor European nor at home anywhere else in this world. The Church belongs to a kingdom “not of this world” but a kingdom to ultimately be established in Israel with Jerusalem as its capital city. The scriptures teach us that we are to be good citizens of whatever nation in which we find ourselves, but more emphatically that we are to love the land and the brethren of our Lord (Matt. 25:40) (Rom. 10:1)

I have been saying in Hebrew at the end of each of the new shows, “Sha’alu Shalom Yerushalayim” — “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem”.

Won't you join me in that prayer at this critical time?

KEEP US POSTED!

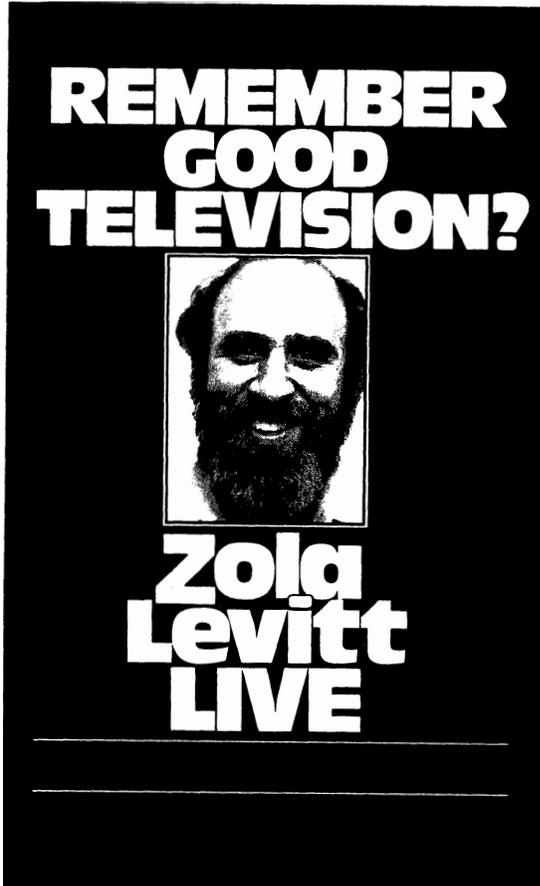
We know we're not broadcasting our shows to an audience of rich people and we know that every one of you can't always help with a financial gift. Many of you have written to ask if there are other ways in which you could help us. We've been thinking about that.

One of the most critical and difficult areas of cable television is promotion. We have no way to reach all of the remote communities, or even all of the large cities in which our show is broadcast, in order to promote it. We really wouldn't have the funds if we did. What we are able to do, however, is print posters which attractively advertise the show and

give the local time and channel. It is very important that these posters be placed in public places such as shopping malls, churches, Christian bookstores — almost anywhere that posters are allowed. We know that only a small percentage of the people in Dallas, our home city where our show has been broadcast for nearly two years, are aware of the time and channel. We have no money for billboards, radio spots, etc., to help with that, but we did place posters in Dallas and we gathered quite an audience from them. We originally placed about 200 posters in this large city and

they had their effect. But I still have the experience of speaking to huge church audiences here and finding only a dozen viewers in the crowd and all the rest unaware that we're on the tube at all.

Would you be able to help us with this



in your community? We will be glad to send you the posters if you would be willing to find good locations for them and place them there on our behalf. Let me repeat that this is a most important outreach and vital to our success in the outlying cities.

Believe me when I tell you that the placement of a poster in a busy area or a large church will do more for

us in the long run than the largest money gifts we receive.

But please let me say clearly that we use good materials and we make very good posters. Ken Berg, the producer of ZLL, is the artist and he has done a fine job. The posters are expensive and we can't waste them, so please be sure that you can place each and every one we send you in an important location. Be sure that you can get permission from the merchant or pastor or whomever before requesting them.

If you feel led to help us in this way, carefully estimate the number of posters you can use ("count the cost") and then write to us. We'll be glad to send them to you.

And that way you can keep us posted.

A Note From ZOLA

I wouldn't feel completely candid with you this month if I didn't say something about my health. The Lord tapped me on the shoulder in September with two heart attacks. I have been advised to slow down and take it easy.

Please don't be upset. In reality the heart attacks were very mild and served as useful warnings which some unfortunate people don't get. I now know the exact condition of my coronary arteries and from what I gather I wouldn't put up with this in the fuel lines of my automobile. It seems that I've been eating like an American and have filled my arteries with the American dream—rich foods, heavy sauces and all the rest. I also inherited a rather discouraging heredity where heart conditions are concerned and so I'll have to be careful.

I am not in any way incapacitated and I'm doing my normal day's work under my doctor's advice. I pop green pills and white pills quite regularly despite my general distrust for green pills. I am using energy as wisely as possible, being a good steward of the arteries I have left, and frankly I have the conviction that I'm going to be working for God for a long time to come. I now have to just watch for undue exertion. I've always wanted to have an excuse when driving up to a church in which I am speaking to get those smiling deacons to carry my boxes of books for me and God has finally provided it. I will probably curtail a certain amount of travel since I like to be near my own doctor and I may have to do a few less new television productions as time goes on.

Frankly I just can't get all excited about this. If I am to see the Father then I'm just as eager as Phillip was in John 14. I used to tell it as a theory but I now have absolute proof—the Christian does not fear death. There was one rather critical moment associated with the second heart attack in which I more or less felt what death was like and I can say with Paul "Death, where is thy sting?" "O grave, where is thy victory?"

There is a small chance that I will have a third heart attack, and a much more meaningful one, in the upcoming months. More likely I will just take up exercise slowly again and eat a much more sensible diet based on clearing out those coronary arteries. But I want to tell you this now—that even if I am called home to the Front Office ZOLA LEVITT LIVE will operate in reruns for as long as you continue to support the show. And I'm very serious when I say this; your support will allow millions of people to see the teaching we have done year-in and year-out even if the teacher has been called to a heavenly ministry.

Now I didn't tell too many friends about these incidents when they happened, nor about my hospital stay because I'm not one for flowers and get-well cards. What I like is money, to put it in a word, because money helps me minister. Money makes television possible and it can make Zola Levitt very much alive even after he is dead! Flowers die. Bible teachers live on and on long after they have joined the Lord, as witness the value of the lessons of such as Dwight Moody, John Wesley, C. S. Lewis, C. I. Scofield and so many others.

Actually my illness gave rise to a bunch of teachings on the resurrection which I undertook in church engagements immediately after my first attack. I suppose I was reviewing these heartening passages as much for my own edification as for that of the congregations. By the time I finished the lessons those who heard them were completely convinced, as I was and as Paul was, that it certainly made little difference if a Christian continued to serve here or went on to the Father to serve there. That is a matter that is in God's hands and we trust in Him to utilize His workers to His best advantage.

On the day of the first attack I experienced quite a bit of chest pain but when the cardiologist described the necessary arteriogram I chose a different course instead. I left the clinic and went to a Jewish delicatessen for a fine corned beef sandwich and a couple of cups of coffee. As I expected the pain went away immediately with the

wholesomeness of the Kosher food. I then taught my course for that evening at a local Christian college where I am on the faculty, and finally proceeded to my own doctor's home in the late hours. He told me that I was a fool, which was not exactly a revelation to me, and that I must take these matters more seriously. Soon the doctors got me with their needles and electrocardiograms and drugs and at this point I have found what I have been looking for for years — a really good reason not to exercise every day.

Ironically I have written books on dieting and exercise which I still stand behind. As a matter of fact more than one doctor pointed out that if I were not in the good physical condition that I have maintained for several years, I may not still be ministering—at least not on earth.

Let me urge all of you to care for your temples. How precious a thing you have been given by God and how easily we are led in this particular society to abuse it.

The end of the year is coming, if not the end of the whole Church Age. My task seems to be to produce television and yours seems to be to pay for it, at least so far as this particular ministry is concerned. My dear friends, I'll be glad to stay at my task if you'll stay at yours. Year-end donations have a greater advantage, by way of tax deductions, than those made earlier in the year. And it so happens we will be facing much higher costs as the new year begins. Please help us now if you can. I was a bit discouraged with the donations of August and September when we offered you perfectly new and very expensive shows but received the same amounts you have been sending us for re-runs. Please do consider that we're going to much greater expense and trouble for you at this time and react accordingly as God would lead you to do. Thanks for all your good help and, as you have time, I covet your prayers for me.

Your messenger,

Zola

One Man, One Vote

I feel sort of uncomfortable about being told how to vote.

With all of the talk about things called “the Christian vote” or “the fundamentalist stand” I feel like I’m not getting my privilege of telling Caesar what I think. As a citizen in good standing of one of the few countries which allows the persuasion of each individual opinion to have some bearing on the conduct of the government, I don’t want to be disenfranchised by group thinking.

Neither am I some kind of rugged individualist or obsessive non-conformist; the way I think politically would surprise very few people and is of no interest to anyone but the candidates for office, and then if they can manipulate some other individual in the opposite direction my vote is more or less neutralized anyhow.

All the same I have my own ideas about how things should be done and I want my own chance to express them. My father was born in a country in which the ideas of the individual citizens meant nothing, (unless they were Jewish and in that case they meant less than nothing). But my father chose to emigrate to a fine nation, as nations go these days, and as soon as he got here he found out his ideas counted for something. So do mine.

Don’t jump to conclusions, please, on how I might feel on this or that issue. Frankly, my mind is in a muddle over many of them. I find things rather more simple than the candidates make them and rather more complex than some Christian leaders make them. To me what is being popularly recommended as the “born-again vote” this time around is a very mixed bag. Weapons, warfare and women’s rights are different things and are not easily gathered together under one voting

booth lever. Christians are not always “conservatives” and progressive people are not always filled with the devil. People who wish to stem the tide of Communism or control the rate of inflation or insist on integrity in government tend to have different ideas on how these formidable goals are accomplished. My knowledge of the Bible clarifies only certain moral issues, not every problem that faces these United States in their 204th year. The pastors and teachers whose opinions I value differ in their instructions on how Christians are to vote, if they give any such instructions at all. From preacher to preacher and from village to village political preferences and knowledge varies, and nothing is rightly more American than that.

If there is a particularly Christian way to vote on every issue in this fearsomely complex political environment, I’m not aware of it. The pages of the Bible fairly ring with the careers of volatile personalities taking sharply liberal or conservative stands on particular governments in power and the only repeating theme is the complexity of knowing God’s will. Consider the career of the sometimes unpopular kings, Hezekiah and Josiah, who turned their governments upside-down and backward seeking the true will of the God of Israel. Consider Paul insisting on the letter of his rights as a Roman citizen and bidding us all to be the good and true servants of the worldly governments under whose jurisdiction we find ourselves. Finally consider our Lord, the willing taxpayer who so precisely divided our allegiance to Caesar from our allegiance to God. Jesus was hardly a conservative of His time, more often being accused of revolutionary tendencies, however wrongly. In any case, a visit to the Temple by the Galilean Carpenter invariably provided long days for those in power.

I’m not sure how I’ll vote on November 4th, but one thing is certain—the decision is mine and mine alone. And, my fellow Americans, the same goes for you.

What We Believe

Once in a while we are asked just what this ministry does and what it believes. Sometimes the question is accompanied by the threat, "I won't support you until you tell me!"

Well, we have no secrets and we are glad to make our purposes known, to the cheerful givers and otherwise.

Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc., is difficult to define since it changes its thrust from time to time as God wills. Principally it is a teaching and evangelistic association guided by the standard of Romans 1:16: "To the Jew first and also to the gentile."

The outreach presently spends most of its time and energy on the national television program ZOLA LEVITT LIVE, which is carried on the three Christian networks, CBN, PTL and TBN, and numerous large city broadcast stations. The show features teaching, interviews and film footage particularly directed to the studies of Israel and prophecy. The prolific writings of Zola Levitt are offered on the show — including some 44 books with major publishers — to help fund the television effort and enhance its educational value.

Zola and his associates also undertake quite a lot of church speaking engagements, civic groups, university conferences and the like, giving updated Middle East reports and general Bible teaching. Zola has acted as lecturer and tour host on nine trips to Israel, Egypt, the sites of the seven churches, Mediterranean islands and European capitals, etc. He regularly teaches a course on "Christ in the Old Testament" at Dallas Baptist College and gives seminars at other educational institutions.

Through the vast mailing list of the ministry Zola and his staff advise and



Zola on break during recent productions at Biblical Art Center, Dallas, Texas

counsel believers and unbelievers in fifty states. Various projects to help sister ministries are undertaken on a regular basis. Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc., was able to provide 6,000 bowls of stew for a skid row kitchen in Dallas, some 800 books to various strategic locations in the Holy Land and the planting of hundreds of trees throughout Israel through various of these peripheral efforts. Ministries such as Jews for Jesus, The American Board of Missions to the Jews, Messianic Vision, etc., receive the help and cooperation of Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc., on a variety of joint endeavors.

Zola is a Jewish Christian thoroughly educated in the synagogues and brought to the Messiah in 1971. He has, in his Christian walk, addressed millions of people concerning the gospel

through his top-rated radio talkshow, "The Heart of the Matter" in Dallas, his books, speaking, and now the syndicated television program. His writings have been translated into several foreign languages, and the ministry has served believers in Europe, Scandinavia, behind the Iron Curtain, Africa, the Orient and Israel.

By way of a doctrinal statement, Zola Levitt Ministries holds to a strictly literal and inerrant Bible interpretation, salvation through Christ alone, a soon pre-tribulation Rapture of all the believers and the establishment of a thousand-year kingdom on earth. The evangelism of the unbelievers and the exhortation of the believers take precedence over all other activities of this ministry.

A VOTE FOR TERRORISM

The new United States government has not even officially taken office but it already bears careful watching. On a recent trip to Russia, Senator Charles Percy told Brezhnev and company that he favors a Palestinian State in Israel with Yassar Arafat as its head. The implication was that he was speaking for President-elect Reagan, though this was later denied.

I, for one, am dumbfounded. Nothing can be further from established American policy than support of the PLO and the partitioning of Israel. Americans are well aware of the difference between the PLO—the small group of hit men whose specialty is sneak attacks on unarmed civilians—and the Palestinian people in general. The PLO represents the Palestinian people about as well as the Mafia represents the American people. Senator Percy, a Republican (and remember, the Republicans are the “Christians” now) has certainly overstepped his responsibilities. Since when does a U.S. Senator, placed into office by the voters of just one state, speak for the foreign policy of this entire nation? Since when is Senator Percy capable of expressing an opinion on the fortunes of the people of Israel and the Palestinian people, to say nothing of the Russians and their plans? Since when does the President-elect have to disavow the irresponsible statements of a minor and obviously uninformed provincial politician?

It is dangerous in the extreme to even tempt the Russians where Israel is concerned. We know from biblical prophecy (Ezekiel 38-39) that the Communists have targeted Israel and are only waiting for their opportunity. We have been documenting this situation as it develops. Where Israel's security and well-being is concerned, Senator Percy's statement can provide as much

devastation as the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

If Arafat and his fellow gunmen were able to actually control a state within the borders of Israel the bloodshed would begin at once. Russia would love the situation since she thrives on such conflicts. Fighting within Israel's borders would open the door to the Russians, just as the fighting in Eastern Europe did and the fighting in Iran and Iraq will do. In any case, to go right to the bottom line, any person who would favor the placing of an international terrorist at the head of the government of a new nation needs a psychiatrist.

Let's watch our government and watch it every day. Throughout the Old Testament prophet after prophet warned the nations that God was watching their relationships with His Chosen People and His Chosen Land. He would judge them, He said in a thousand scriptures, according to how they treated Israel. Yassar Arafat will answer to the God of Israel for His murders and Senator Percy for his ignorance. Let the rest of us beware that God is still on His throne and has not changed His policies toward the Middle East.