



## “For Zion’s Sake”

by Dr. Thomas S. McCall

*The following theology was written by Dr. McCall, our ministry’s consulting theologian, in response to the recent broadcast I described to you last month. Israel’s spiritual obedience was in question on the broadcast and Dr. McCall addressed the fact that a temporarily unbelieving Israel is to be expected at the time of the restoration to the Land.*

The Scriptures make it clear that Israel will *initially* be returned to the Land *in unbelief*. This would appear to be the significance of the “Dry Bones” vision in Ezekiel 37. The dry bones are seen to be gathered together out of the graveyards of the nations, but have no life in them. Subsequently, God breathes into them and they become vibrant with life. Our conviction is that this refers to a gradual process in which the Jewish people return to the Land in unbelief, but by the end of the Tribulation they are ready, willing and able to receive Christ at His return. This is the view reflected in many Christian publications and films, including the classic film on the subject, *His Land*, produced by the Billy Graham ministry.

Indeed, it seems that the Jews *must* return to the Land in unbelief in order for many of the prophecies related to the Tribulation and the Second Coming to be fulfilled:

1. Sign the treaty with the Antichrist (Dan. 9:25).
2. Rebuild the Temple by the middle of the Tribulation (Dan. 9:24-27; II Thess. 2:4; Mt. 24:15).
3. Mock the Two Witnesses of the Lord in Jerusalem (Rev. 11: 7-11).

4. Receive Christ in Jerusalem at the *end* of the Tribulation, when He returns to the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4).

Furthermore, to indicate that God would allow Israel to become a nation again after two millennia of dispersion, remove them and then bring them back to the Land yet again for the Second Coming, would be to charge the Lord with playing some kind of cruel game with the Jewish people. Such a scenario is purely speculative, with no Scriptural warrant. The Scriptures clearly speak of a *third* return of the Jewish people to the Land (after the Exodus and the regathering from Babylon); the burden of proof would be upon those who would attempt to argue for a *fourth* or *fifth* return.

It is therefore my conviction, along with many other evangelical believers, that the modern state of Israel is part and parcel of the divine prophetic plan to return the Jewish people in unbelief to the Land in the end times, and prepare them for the difficult events of the Tribulation, and the glory of the Second Coming of our Lord.

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What, then, should be the position of the Church corporately, and individual believers in Christ with regard to Israel in such a time of prophetic fulfillment?

First, we must recognize the fact of the Jewish *ownership* of the Land by reason of divine decree in the unconditional Abrahamic Covenant. This is a unique situation, and one that must not be taken lightly by anyone who believes the Bible. No other nation on earth has a written divine land grant of a particular section of the planet. Only Israel has such a land grant. Gentiles can not rightfully claim ownership of this Land, nor can the descendants of Abraham through Ishmael. The only people who have a title from the Almighty to this Land are the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. Thus no Christians, Gentiles, Arabs or the United Nations have any rightful say as to the *ownership* of this unique Land. That is a matter settled forever by God. We must keep this fact concerning rightful ownership in mind in any discussions about the Land. Ownership has much bearing on any considerations concerning legal rights.

*Possession* of the Land is a different matter. God has allowed Israel to possess and be dispossessed of the Land several times during the 4,000 years since the Abrahamic Covenant was enunciated. However, God never allowed man to decide whether or when Israel would possess the Land or not. He always made the decision, and never delegated that decision-making power to anyone else, except, on occasion, to Israel itself, such as in the time of Moses. The Jewish people possessed their Land during times of both obedience and disobedience to the Lord in the Patriarchal period, the Judges era, the time of the monarchy, in the days of the Second Temple and in the Church age. Who besides God has the authority to decide whether the Jews should or should not possess the Land to which God has given them everlasting title? Should we Christians arrogate that authority to ourselves? Should the Arabs? Should the Gentiles? Should the United Nations? How dare we or anyone else take it upon ourselves to decide whether it is all right for Israel to possess the Land which they own by unique divine decree?

Inasmuch, therefore, as I am a Gentile believer in Christ and His inerrant Word, I recognize the right of Israel as the perpetual owner of the Land, and the right of God to allow the Jewish people to re-

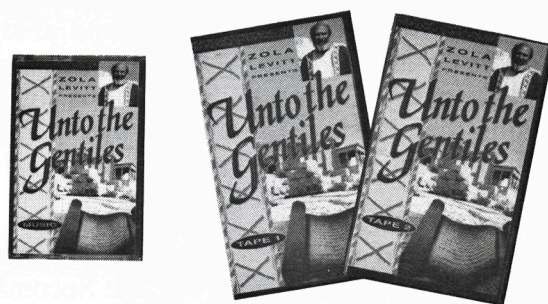
possess the Land whenever He chooses. As a believer in the Prophetic Word, I further recognize that Israel must return to the Land in unbelief in preparation for the Tribulation and the Millennium. I am constrained then to realize that the current development of the state of Israel in my lifetime is the beginning of the fulfillment of these prophecies. I cannot accept the alternative notion that the Lord is playing some kind of cruel cat-and-mouse game with Israel, in which the current possession of the Land is a hoax and is of a transitory nature.

If, therefore, we believe that the current state of Israel is of God and is the beginning of prophetic fulfillment, what should our position as Christian believers be concerning the enemies of Israel, most prominently the Arab nations and the Palestinians who would destroy Israel if they could, and drive the Jewish people there into the Mediterranean Sea?

It has been argued that Israel must be held accountable to international law with regard to its actions in the West Bank and the so-called “occupied territory” and the claims of the Arab Palestinians.

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## UNTO THE GENTILES



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# A Look at The Book

by Steve Ger

Last month we began an examination of God's "New Covenant", revealed in Jeremiah 30-33. We saw that the Almighty is most definitely not yet through with His covenant people Israel, and in fact, has tremendous future plans for them. The New Covenant is composed of five major elements, and last month we looked at the first, which states that God's Covenantal ideal ("I will be your God and you will be my people") will surely be realized.

Today many people, even theologians, are stating that God is through with Israel and that the Church has replaced Israel as His Chosen People. Others state categorically that Israel will not receive God's blessings until they accept their Messiah. To those people, Jeremiah's prophecy is a potent corrective. This month we will explore the preservation of Israel as a nation, the promised regeneration of the Jews and their acknowledgement of the Lord along with their ultimate repentance.

God promised that Israel would be preserved as a nation, no matter what their behavior or state of sinfulness. This is much like our eternal security as believers in Messiah. Our salvation rests not with our faithfulness, but with His. If God's blessing on us depended on our level of obedience to His righteous standards, our souls would be riding a spiritual roller coaster of eternal consequence. We can praise God that our salvation is not insecure but is sure, because God Himself has assured us.

In the same way, Israel has been, and will continue to be, preserved as a nation solely because God has decreed it so. Even though Judah and Israel's sin was great, God's faithfulness and commitment to His promises was still greater. The Lord had made distinct promises, in the form of covenants with Abraham and David, that Israel would *never* cease to exist as a people and nation. And although the Almighty momentarily had to discipline the nation severely by sending them into captivity, in keeping with the promises of the Mosaic Covenant (Deut. 28-30), He clearly reiterates that only if the cycle of nature can be changed and heaven and earth measured (in other words, never) will He completely cast off His chosen or allow the nation to be destroyed (Jer. 31:36-37; 33:25-26). So the next time some supposedly well-educated and Biblically knowledgeable person tells you that God is through with the Jewish people, you can ask him when was

the last time he measured the heavens, or how many stars fell on him this week! There's nothing quite like God's word to put to rest faulty theology.

The establishment of the New Covenant will usher in a new kingdom. Israel and Judah will again be united as one nation (30:17-18; 31:4; 33:6-7). Of great importance will be the restoration of the nation of Israel to the land. They will be brought back from wherever in the world they have been dispersed, to eternally possess the land that the Lord gave their ancestors, and to be firmly planted there by Him (30:3, 10:31:8; 32:37,41). This is such a tremendous word of prophecy! And we are seeing the beginning of this fulfilled in our day. Israel is indeed back in the land, after almost 2000 years of exile. What other nation can say that after so long an absence they are now living again in their ancient homeland? Only this people can make that claim — again, not because of anything they themselves have done, but because God has promised it to them. In the future, Israel will experience great social and economic prosperity as the Lord showers abundant material blessings on the nation (31:4-5, 12-14; 32:42-44; 33:6). Israel may be experiencing economic difficulties at present, but this will not last forever. *God keeps His promises.*

When God establishes His kingdom, His capital city will be no surprise to believers. Jerusalem will be rebuilt, in safety and holiness (30:18; 31:38-40) and will reflect the righteousness of the Lord (33:16). The security and blessings on the city will cause Jerusalem to be exalted and bring honor to God before all nations (33:9). The monarchy of Israel will be restored, and will be ruled with justice and righteousness by the Messiah, a direct descendant of King David in fulfillment of God's covenant with David. The Messiah will have a special, unparalleled intimacy with God (30:21; 33:15). The Gospels complete Jeremiah's revelation by demonstrating that the King Messiah and God are one.

This topic is of such significance that we've decided to extend it to one more part. Next month we'll conclude by examining the coming persecution of the Jews, their acceptance of Messiah and, in particular, what we'll call "The Christian Connection."

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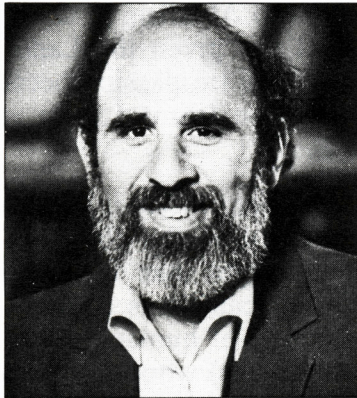
Our *Grand Tour - Eilat Extension* (Sept. 29 - Oct. 13) will take us across the Negev Desert to the beautiful beach resort of Eilat. After three delightful days, we will return to Jerusalem for the preparation and beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:40).

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## A NOTE FROM ZOLA



Dear Friends,

You may have wondered why you didn't receive our typical *Personal Letter* with a business reply envelope at the beginning of June. The fact is, I had written one similar to my May 1 letter explaining my difficulties in achieving a face-to-face meeting with those who had appeared to me as anti-Semitic on the radio program I described last month.

That letter was printed and literally being folded when they came through at last. To their credit, Dallas Theological Seminary supplied the professor who was on the talk show and other faculty members, including the president of the seminary. Probe Ministries, who sponsored the talk show, appeared in force and I brought an advisory board member, our two consulting theologians, Dr. Thomas S. McCall and Steve Ger, and my son, Mark.

At the meeting we were able to reconcile our differences to a great extent. While the professor from the talk show vehemently held to his position, he gave Dr. McCall, Mr. Ger and me a fair hearing. Tom was eloquent in presenting the case for blessing Israel in this troubled time and I have included his theology as our cover article this month.

In answer to my complaints I was granted equal time, along with Tom and Steve, on the same talk show and, in addition, invited to speak to the seminary's student body at an upcoming chapel

service. If any anti-Israel damage has been done at the seminary, I will have an opportunity to give the case in favor of Israel.

All in all, it was a fair and just resolution of a difficult situation. I would say, in all humility, that the people on the talk show never did understand the import of what they were saying and did not truly intend to offend Israel or Jewish people. They may be teachable.

Still in all, we halted the mailing of our June *Personal Letter* and still must pay our printer \$1900 for his work. I sent the message below to some of our ministry's major donors and would like to share it with you.

May 20, 1992

Dear Friends,

*I devoted May's Personal Letter to pointing out two occurrences of covert anti-Semitism which I recently witnessed. I believe very strongly that spotlighting and stopping all expressions of prejudice directed against Israel and His Chosen People is a most important mission.*

*Unfortunately, because of space limitations and because I did not want to detract from my message, I did not address fund raising at all in my letter. Some things are simply more important than financial support.*

*However, the cold reality is that we must receive financial support in order to continue with our ministry and His mission for us. The majority of our supporters tend to forget how important their contributions are to us without reminders, so naturally, our donations were much less than normal this month.*

*I really thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your past support, and I want to ask you if you can help us over this rough spot now? As always, your money is put to good and immediate use producing and purchasing air time for programs such as our prime time special, "Secrets of the Scrolls," broadcast Friday, May 22 on the Family Network.*

Your messenger,

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Israel and the Arabs continue in a decades-long dispute over the occupation of the Land. The Arabs claim to have lived there for centuries, together with their holy places on the Temple Mount; the Jews claim it is their promised land, and their heritage goes back for millennia in the Land. What should the attitude of the Christian who believes the Word of God be toward this age-old conflict?

Perhaps we should consult the Lord much as Father Abraham did in a similar situation about 4,000 years ago. The conflict between Isaac and Ishmael (and their respective mothers, Sarah and Hagar) came to a head at the weaning party for Isaac. There was no peace between them, and their claims and counter claims created an intolerable situation for Abraham. Wisely, Abraham took this domestic problem to the Lord, and asked Him what to do about this extremely difficult problem between his two sons and heirs.

Did God respond to him: “Abraham, you know the international law of *primo geniture*, the first born son is the prime heir. Ishmael is your first born son, and is therefore the primary heir of your estate. You must put Isaac in his place, and you must hush up Sarah and all her talk about ‘the promised seed.’ Furthermore, Abraham, you know the international law of prior possession. Ishmael has preceded Isaac here in this land by quite a few years. He has the right to your estate by prior possession. You must accommodate Ishmael and cause Isaac to cease and desist his provocations against Ishmael.” Is that the way God spoke to Abraham?

Absolutely not! The Lord answered through Sarah with a thunderbolt through the heart of Abraham, “Cast out the bondwoman and her son! For the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. . . In all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.” In effect, the international laws and norms of *primo geniture* and prior possession were in this case superseded, and the higher law of God’s election superseded them. Ishmael was not to inherit the estate the Land and promises of Abraham with Isaac. Rather, Ismael was to be cast out into the desert to become a wild man, with his hand against every man (Gen. 16:12).

Nevertheless, God promised to protect Ishmael as a son of Abraham, but in the desert, not in the prom-

ised Land! If we think that this is a hard command for us, think of how hard it was for Father Abraham!

Thus, for the Arabs (Ishmael) to claim possession of the Land given to Abraham is not only trespassing because God has given the Land to the Jews (Isaac), but is double trespassing because God has specifically forbidden Ishmael from attempting to inherit the Land.

If we believe the Word of God, and that is a big *if*, we can in no way give the claims of Ishmael as great or greater weight than the claims of Israel. The best thing we can do is attempt to come up with some proposals of humane ways to deal with the Arabs (Palestinians) who have been trespassing on the Land of Israel for generations and now must yield to the more genuine and more Godly claims of Israel.

I believe we should urge the Arabs and Palestinians to welcome Israel as the best thing that ever happened in the Middle East. I believe that if they welcomed Israel with open arms, God would bless them beyond all measure. Already, with their very grudging non-tolerance of Israel in our time, God has blessed the Arabs with the discovery of the greatest oil reserves and wealth in the world. What have they got to complain about? It boggles the mind to imagine what would happen if the Arabs would say to the Jews, “This is your Land; God has given it to you forever. Come, occupy it, and we will do whatever we can to help facilitate the immigration of Jews from around the world. There is room enough and wealth enough in the Middle East to share and to spare!” Surely the windows of Heaven would open in blessing if they would take such an attitude.

Alas, after over forty years of cold and hot wars in the Middle East, built upon 4,000 years of mutual distrust between the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael, such a welcome is extremely remote, and it is almost laughable to propose such a policy. Nevertheless, I cannot help but think this would be the will of God for all parties concerned. But what if this is not done? What if the animosity and acrimony continue, as appears highly likely? What position should Christian believers take?

I believe we should support whatever policies would enable the Jewish people to possess their own Land. What of the Arabs, the Palestinians who have lived in this area for generations? My obser-

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vations lead me to believe that many desire to live there as part of Israel. This would be particularly true of the Arab Christian communities in Nazareth and Bethlehem. They never fared very well under Moslem rule, and they have flourished under Israeli rule, until the PLO moved in and began threatening them for cooperating with the Israeli government.

But many of them, mostly the Moslem Arabs (although some of them would like to remain in Israel), would prefer not to live under Israeli rule. What should our policy be toward them? We could agree with them that they have more right to the Land than the Jews, but this would be a denial of the Biblical Land grant and the end time prophecies, and we must not deny the Word of God. We could urge the surrounding Arab nations to provide refuge for them, but they have been reluctant to do so, primarily because to leave the Moslem Arabs in Israel gives the Arab nations leverage in their struggle against the Jewish nation.

What if the United Nations, including the Western Powers, were to offer refuge and voluntary resettlement to the Arabs living in the Land of Israel who wanted to leave? What a revolutionary concept! Many thousands would undoubtedly accept the offer as a desirable solution to a very difficult personal situation. I believe the nations could absorb this influx without too much difficulty, if they were willing. Most Arabs would probably prefer to live in a Moslem country. This offer from the nations might actually shame the Arab countries into offering refuge to the Palestinians themselves, which really seems the most logical solution to a very difficult problem. If we are convinced as Bible believing Christians that the Jews have an inherent Biblical right to possess the Land which they own, God willing, then this kind of solution would appear to be the most humane policy we could urge upon the nations. It would be better than war, better than trying to force Israel to give up possession of the Land which God has given them and better than allowing this situation to fester without offering a humane solution.

There are Biblical examples of Gentiles who assisted Israel in its possession of the Land. Notable are Rahab and Cyrus. Rahab represents the non-Jewish inhabitants of the Land who recognize that God has given the Land to the Jews and they offer to help them even if it means that their own people would be dispossessed of the Land. Rahab was

willing to give up her Philistine claim on the Land because of her faith in the Word of God and His promise to give the Land to the Jews. God greatly blessed Rahab, saved her family and actually made her an ancestress of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cyrus, on the other hand, represents Gentile governments who recognize the right of the Jewish people to possess the Land. Such possession was vehemently opposed by the then current inhabitants of the Land (the Samaritans) and the surrounding countries, and they tried every way to annul the decree by Cyrus that the Jews could return to the Land to rebuild their Temple, Jerusalem and their nation. God greatly blessed Cyrus by naming him “His anointed” one through the prophet Isaiah (44:28 - 45:1) over 100 years before his birth, and by granting the Persians a long and prosperous empire.

We now face a situation similar to the one Rahab and Cyrus experienced in the time of the first and second occupations of the Land by the Jewish nation. The third occupation has begun and the Jews are returning to the Land just as the Scriptures indicate, largely in unbelief. It should be noted, however, that there is a sizable minority of Jews in Israel who are believers in Jesus as their Messiah, just as in New Testament times. They are enduring a difficult struggle, but they are having an increasingly strong testimony in Israel. They are precursors of the 144,000 Jewish believers in Christ who will bear witness to the Lord during the Tribulation. We must not ignore the struggling church composed of Jewish, Arab and Gentile believers in Israel today.

But as to our attitude toward the revived nation of Israel, do we stand with Rahab and Cyrus, or do we side with the multitudinous enemies of Israel? I trust we will strive to serve the Lord and support the possession of the Land by Israel.

I would greatly appreciate your thoughts on these arguments and positions. If there is a genuine debate on this matter among evangelical believers, perhaps we can reach a consensus that will move the nations in which we reside to a biblically correct and humane solution that will honor the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, even the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ultimately, of course, we realize that there can be no truly lasting peace until the Prince of Peace returns. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

## Dear Pastor...

*Leaders in the Christian community are often guilty of spreading the most deadly form of anti-Semitism. These "well-meaning Christians" often do not realize the harm they do by sanctioning such false doctrines as Replacement Theology, the erroneous belief that the Church has somehow replaced Israel and His Chosen People, or supporting the Bush administration's deplorable behavior toward Israel. In their ignorance they propagate this subtle anti-Semitism which is difficult for many mainstream Christians to recognize and therefore, renounce. I recently received such a letter from the pastor of a Christian church! His letter is quoted below, in full, word-for-word. I showed this letter to a supporter of our ministry as an example of anti-Semitism. She asked to be allowed to reply to this pastor and I was so impressed with her response that I am reprinting it here, edited for space considerations, for all our readers' benefit.*

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Dear Zola,

Recently every month you have been on your soap-box about how badly Israel is being mistreated, how they shouldn't attend the peace conference, etc. I thought Prime Minister Shamir and the Israeli delegation came off rather well.

Israelis have gone from an oppressed group to oppressors themselves. No, I don't agree with the PLO. Yet the Palestinian people living under military rule simply want some rights and respect. Picture it this way: You and your family have lived and worked in Dallas for, say, five generations. Suddenly a group of American Indians, armed, powerful, come in and say you must move because historically the land you "own" belongs to them. Additionally, their sacred writings say so. Naturally you don't want to move, but they force you to. See the analogy?

Granted, the PLO and Arabs have been quite vindictive and harsh. Yet the Israelis in many ways have matched them in kind. Why shouldn't the two sides talk? During the height of the Cold War, shouldn't the U.S. and U.S.S.R. have talked?

My sister-in-law served as a foreign missionary in Israel. She said the Arabs were much more open to the Gospel, and very hospitable. In contrast, the Jews were rude and hostile to Christianity.

Understand, I support the Jewish state, support its right to exist, support the United States' unilaterally propping up its economy. Yet continued, rock hard intransigence by the Likud government would lead to more killing, hurt, retaliation. Obviously many Israelis support this view, as the Labor party is a *strong* minority.

Yes, Jews are the Chosen People. But that gives them a responsibility to God, and mankind as well, to act as such. That also does not mean we in the Christian community and as citizens of the U.S.A. should bow down to Israel's every want and whim. The same stiff-necked resistance to Christ we see in the New Testament carries through in a variety of their actions today. The Palestinians are people, too. They hurt, bleed, suffer, hope for a better future as well. Do those who were oppressed under

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### To Receive Our Major Donor Note

**We have two newsletters that are mailed to a small portion of our readers. The Levitt Letter Extra, as you probably know, is a rush-printed, express commentary, mailed first class to those who subscribe for \$25 per quarter.**

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Nazi Germany become oppressors as well? Can't some reconciliation take place? Can't you support negotiation?

By the way, I support a unified Jerusalem under Israeli control and keeping the Golan Heights for security purposes.

I'm curious to see if you'll respond to this letter.

Sincerely,

R. C., Pastor  
Reno, NV

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Dear Pastor,

The Abrahamic covenant in Exodus 19:5-6 confirms your statement that the Jews are chosen of God. This is a unilateral covenant (in verse 5, God says, "My covenant"). In Genesis 15, God obligated Himself and *only* Himself to fulfill this oath. This everlasting covenant (Genesis 17:8) of the land to Abraham and through his seed to Isaac and Jacob and Jacob's seed meets today's problems in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, Israel is being mistreated. Secretary of State James Baker, for example, announced the White House telephone number via national media for "Israel to call when it wants peace." Of course it is the Arabs who are at war with Israel.

Linking humanitarian loan guarantees to a freeze of "Jewish" settlement, the Bush administration has disregarded the 15-year absorption of 150,000 Arabs into the areas, including 50,000 refugees from Kuwait.

Reagan publicly asked Gorbachev to allow "refuseniks" and Jews to immigrate to Israel. Why do we now refuse the loan guarantees needed to settle these people? Israel, never having defaulted on a loan, offered payment to guarantee the loans. This is different from foreign aid. Incidentally, more than half of the aid we provide Israel is returned to our economy for military hardware, thanks to her hostile neighbors.

William Safire of the *New York Times* confirmed that Secretary of State Baker has twice used profan-

ity to describe the Jews. On the April 1 *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*, Baker revealed, "I told the Arabs that I won't deliver Israel."

On April 3, the State Department withdrew charges accusing Israel of selling US technology to China.

Lebanon's puppet government, controlled by Syria, talks peace with Israel while permitting Iranian backed Hezbollah terrorists to lob katyusha rockets from Lebanon into Israel. Their target? Innocent civilians.

Syria discusses peace with Israel while importing advanced scud-C missiles from North Korea. Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy observed that Syria is following in Iraq's footsteps.

The "International Conference to Support the Islamic Revolution of Palestine" is sponsored by the *parliament* of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its effort to lead the jihad against Israel and the West. Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani opened the proceeding by declaring Iran's preparedness to fight Israel. Amazingly, our administration considers Rafsanjani a *moderate*, someone we can work with.

All of the Arab League countries participated in this conference — even Egypt with whom Israel has a peace treaty. And *all* 400 delegates signed the conference's 28 resolutions such as the "elimination of the Zionist existence." The U.S. urged Jerusalem not to make an issue of the matter.

The Palestinian/Jordanian delegation rejected Israel's ten-point plan including civil authority, transportation, schools, tourism, housing, etc. because they desire a *Palestinian* state with *Jerusalem* as its capital! They simply refuse to recognize the right of Israel's existence.

Responding to President Bush's guidance, Helmut Kohl withheld Germany's pending \$3 billion loan to Israel.

Bush has reconciled with King Hussein of Jordan, the one who allowed scuds to fly through his country enroute to Tel Aviv but threatened retaliation if his airspace was violated by any other nation.

Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Shamir said that "Israel will not be driven back to the borders of Auschwitz." Since Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, how can it possibly negotiate with dictatorships and puppet regimes?

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## Dear Pastor...

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Just last week photographs surfaced in the news media of U.N. troops arm-in-arm with Hezbollah terrorists! (these were taken when UN troops blocked Israelis from retaliating against the terrorists who were sending rockets into Israeli villages.)

Pastor, you asked, "Why shouldn't the two sides talk?" To start with, members of the Palestinian/Jordanian delegation are fighting among themselves over who will "rule" the Palestinian people, instead of who will "liberate" them.

I agree with you that, "The Palestinians are people, too." Unfortunately their suffering stems from their Arab brethren, not the Israelis. Publisher Paul Ajlony of the East Jerusalem **Palestinian** newspaper *Al Fajr* (a free press in Israel) charged that, "Financial corruption is rampant and only getting worse in the PLO" and specifically cited allocation of money meant for Palestinians living in the territories.

Many Palestinians are in refugee camps as a direct result of the 1948 Arab high command orders telling them to leave their homes for two weeks, implying that Israel would no longer exist as a result

of Arab armies "pushing the Jews into the sea." None of the 22 Arab countries, except Jordan, would take in the refugees of 1948. Again, we see only Jordan taking in the Arab refugees expelled from Kuwait following the Gulf War.

If King Hussein of Jordan really wanted the Palestinians out of refugee camps, why didn't he give them East Jerusalem and the West Bank while these were under his control? The Arabs have abandoned their Arab brothers.

Since the start of the intifada, 548 Palestinians have been killed by *fellow Arabs*.

In Israel, Arabs have been elected to the Knesset and are serving now. If arrested in Israel, Arabs have democratic rights of due process, contrary to laws in the lands of their brethren.

You asked, "Do those who were oppressed under Nazi Germany become oppressors as well?" It should be obvious, Pastor, that their oppression has yet to end. Can you blame them at all for being hostile to Christianity?

It was a Jew who poured out his life's blood to retain *their* faith in God and *their* chosen/covenant identity. They were Christian hands which came with swords in the form of a crucifix to convert the Jew or slaughter him. Why, today, doesn't the Christian Pope, head of the Vatican, recognize the nation of Israel? Why?

Now I will respond to your declaration that being the Chosen People gives the Jews a responsibility to God and mankind. Naturally we are all individually responsible to God and accountable for our actions toward mankind.

Everything we know of God and His plan, our moral, ethical and civil laws come from the Jews. Their God-given responsibility was to be a "light unto the Gentiles" and they have fulfilled this responsibility. Without the Jews and their God, we would be in darkness serving a pagan deity. It is through the Jew that "their" Messiah has brought salvation to us.

God has not forsaken the Jews. We will one day bow down before the Jew who gave His life's blood on Calvary. And *every* knee shall bow.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Ott

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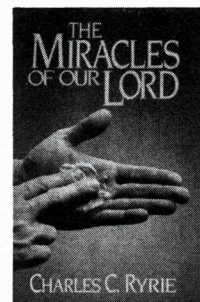
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