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

We've run this articulate columnist before. It's time to pull up Arafat's anchor once and for all! — Zola

Ship of Truth

By Charles Krauthammer, The Washington Post

What does it take for the world to acknowledge the obvious truth that Yasser Arafat has no intention of making real peace? How much incontrovertible evidence is required before one admits that the Oslo "peace" was a fraud and a deception? Are 50 tons of smuggled weaponry insufficient to demonstrate that the truce the

Gaza. The ship's captain has been a member of Arafat's Fatah for 25 years. He is an officer in the Palestinian navy. His ship was purchased by the Palestinian Authority. His instructions came from Arafat's arms paymaster.

Arafat is shocked — shocked! — by these revelations. Comically, he has



Anti-tank Russian made Sagger missiles (foreground) and mortars seized on the cargo ship Karine-A (Background) are displayed January 6, 2001 in the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat. 50 tons of weapons and explosives were discovered.

United States is seeking to establish would be nothing more than a breathing space for Arafat and the terrorists he supports to rearm, regroup and prepare for the next, more explosive phase of the war he began on Sept. 28, 2000?

The weapons were on the ship Israel intercepted en route from Iran to

ordered an investigation. This will rival Hitler's investigation of the Reichstag fire. Palestine is a nasty police state where, if you make a sideways crack about Arafat in the men's room of the local cafe, you find yourself arrested within hours by one of Arafat's eight separate security forces. To believe that a

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People on group tours know that the smaller the group they travel with the more valuable the tour. You enjoy the individual attention of the guides and teachers, and can ask more questions, talk over dinner and really get to know your traveling companions. With that said, let me tell you that, as of this printing, less than 25 people are signed up for our March tour! Only six for Greece! In view of the fact that group tours remain safe as always, this is your once in a lifetime opportunity.

We are aware that there is action in Israel right now, but there is here, too. And in 72 trips spanning 30 years, including four in this current Intifada, we've not seen one disturbance to our tours. And we believe things will clear up by the time we go. So, join me in March. Our tours are safe, comfortable and unforgettable and our skilled staff on the ground will insure that you are treated like royalty. And consider one of our fascinating Greek excursions retracing the footsteps of Paul. You won't want to miss what we've got planned! See pages 4 and 7 for details. — Zola



Thy Kingdom Come: The Future of Believers

This twelve-part series chronologically follows the prophetic future that awaits believers. Instead of dwelling on events that happen on earth to unbelievers, each program focuses on a glorious event in Bible prophecy that every believer can count on: the Rapture, the wedding of the church, the Messiah's return, the Millennial kingdom and our place in eternity.



V732 - Overview

From a scenic park near Jerusalem, Zola gives us an overview of the series, revealing our future according to Bible prophecy.

V733 - The Rapture

A graveyard on Mount Zion is the setting for Zola's teaching on the "catching up" of believers, the first End Times event on the prophetic calendar. From the studio, Zola and Dr. Tom McCall talk about the amazing surprise and the timing of the Rapture of the Church.

V734 - The Judgment Seat of the Righteous

Among the ruins of ancient Caesarea is where Zola teaches on how believers are to be rewarded for the works they have done. We interview a Christian living in Israel, who is not working for temporal gain but is looking toward heavenly rewards.

V735 - The Wedding

At the beautiful rose garden next to the Knesset in Jerusalem, Zola teaches about the believers' wedding to the Messiah and its Jewish context. We interview two Messianic believers as they show us their wedding ceremony and discuss its significance.

V736 - The Second Coming

There is no better place for Zola to teach about the return of the Lord than from the place from where He ascended, the Mount of Olives. Later, Zola and Dr. McCall exalt in the significance of the Messiah's return.

V737 - The Throne of Judgment

From the Valley of Decision in Jerusalem, Zola teaches on the judgment of those who will live and die during the Great Tribulation. Today, the Christian Friends of Israel ministry blesses the brothers of the Messiah by helping Jewish immigrants as they return to the Promised Land.

V738 - The Kingdom Begins

Viewing the Temple Mount, Zola teaches on the beginning of the thousandyear reign of the Messiah on earth. Zola and Dr. McCall talk about day-today life in the Messianic Kingdom.

V739 – The Kingdom in Progress

From the Mount of Olives, Zola explains how different it will be to live in the Millennial Kingdom. Today, Israeli-American citizen Reuben Prager of Jerusalem is looking to the future as he makes preparations for the next Temple.

V740 - The Gog & Magog Invasion

Zola reveals how at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, Satan is released one last time to do battle against the Lord. Israel Defense Forces spokesman Avi Lipkin looks at the possibility of military invasion from a modern-day perspective.

V741 - The Great White Throne of Judgment

We see the wicked doomed to eternal separation from God as Zola teaches on this last and final judgment. Dr. Tom McCall offers a revealing examination of famous wicked people of generations past.

V742 - Eternity

Near David's tower, Zola speaks of the New Heaven, the New Earth and the New Jerusalem. Zola and Dr. McCall discuss the delightful conditions for believers at their ultimate destination.

V743 - The Music

Combining new songs with significant melodies from the past, Zola presents the beautiful scenes of Israel that we have seen in the music videos featured in the programs of this series.



Thy Kingdom Come Chusic

on Audiocassette

From the television series by the same title, this music with Zola's oboe solos will give your soul a glimpse of heaven.

Please order from page 15.

\$100 million arms shipment could have been made on anything less than Arafat's orders is to know nothing about the Palestinian revolution.

The ship's cargo is a candy store of terror. Two tons of explosives. Countless machine guns. Fourteen-hundred mortars. And dozens of Katyusha rockets, the quintessential weapon of terror:

They go 12 miles and have no accuracy, perfect for random killing in Tel Aviv.



Arafat's strategy is crystal clear: After Sept. 11, after the American rout of the Taliban, after the Dec. 1-2 terror bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa, he came under enormous international pressure to restrain the violence.

So...he orders his terrorist allies to cool it. Temporarily. (Hamas announced it was suspending suicide bombing "until further notice.") He lies low, plays nice, tries to sucker the Americans with a few low-level arrests. Meanwhile, he leaves the entire Hamas infrastructure intact and orders \$100 million worth of weapons — obvious preparation for war, later.

This is plain as day. Yet the State Department professes puzzlement. "We have told him [Arafat] we need a full explanation." Need a full explanation? I can save State the time and the translator's fees. Arafat is embarked on a strategy of war — and has been ever since he signed the September 1993 Oslo "peace" accords on the White House lawn. Don't take it from me. Take it from the mouth of one of the leading Palestinian moderates, Faisal Husseini. Shortly before his fatal heart attack last year, he openly admitted that Oslo was "a Trojan Horse ...just a temporary procedure...just a step towards something bigger."

That something bigger is "Palestine from the river to the sea," Husseini said, i.e., from the Jordan to the Mediterranean. That means eradicating Israel. Oslo? Just a way of "ambushing the Israelis and cheating them." How? Oslo gave the PLO an army, autonomy, money and territory — the perfect base from which to fight for the ultimate eradication of Israel.

There is nothing new here. This strategy has been the declared PLO position ever since it adopted the "Phased Plan" in Cairo in 1974. Phase 1: Accept any territory offered of whatever size within Palestine. Phase 2: Make it the forward base for the war to destroy Israel.

Our refusal to acknowledge this over-

whelmingly obvious strategy is one of the great acts of self-delusion in diplomatic history. European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana says that he hopes the weapons ship incident will not scuttle peace talks. The peace efforts, says a U.S. official, will not be derailed. "The Zinni mission will continue, ship or no ship."

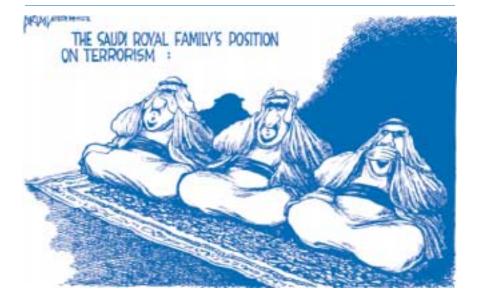
This is madness. The ship is not an incident. The ship is not an accident. The ship is an announcement, inadvertent and therefore indisputable, of Arafat's duplicitous intentions: a temporary truce — as he girds for war, a far wider, deadlier, more explosive war.

What to do? Dare to face the truth. Arafat is not a peace partner. Any truce Gen. Anthony Zinni gets him to sign will have the same durability as the dozens of truces Arafat signed while destroying Lebanon in the 1970s. If we want peace, Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have to go. They must be de-legitimized, de-recognized, de-funded by the United States. And by Europe. And if that does not bring them down, Israel should be allowed to go in and do the job itself.

Anti-Semitic Satire on Arab TV

Israel Today

In a satirical comedy aired on Abu Dhabi Television, [Israeli] Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was shown drinking a bottle of Arab blood. In another scene entitled "The Terrible Jew." Sharon appears as a greedy killer, who murders 20 Arabs at a time so that he can quench his thirst with their blood. Then, Dracula appears, sucks Sharon's blood and drops dead! The "joke" here is that Jewish blood poisons even the most bloodthirsty of characters. Israel issued a sharp protest with the two sponsors of the show — the American company Proctor and Gamble and the German company **Kinder Chocolate.** ■



ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

Next Month in Jerusalem

There is still time to join those who have decided to proclaim their faith in Jesus and support of Israel by visiting the Promised Land. Whether you visit just Israel or also go to Greece, Petra and Eilat, your Bible will never read the same. See the variety of tour options in the chart on page 7. For a color brochure, please contact Tony at (214) 696-9760 during office hours or call (800) 966-3377 (1-800-WONDERS) anytime.

Zola's Birthday in the Lord

On March 14, Zola will turn 31. It was on this date in 1971 that he came to know Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. He gets around fairly well for a 31-year-old, wouldn't you say? Your gift to the ministry in honor of this anniversary would be most welcome.

"Little Israel" Tour in Dallas

On Saturday, February 23, our ministry is hosting a one-day prophecy conference and virtual Israel tour at the Biblical Arts Center. Travel to first-century Israel, visit the Garden Tomb and see the famous *Miracle at Pentecost* painting, an oil-on-canvas masterpiece, 124 feet long and 20 feet high, portraying the coming of the Holy Spirit. "Visit" Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and the Upper Room and witness the events of Pentecost via exhibits, etc. Only \$49, including lunch. Please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 or write to our P.O. Box.

Zola on the West Coast

During July and August, Zola plans to be in Washington state, and then travel south through Oregon and finally to southern California, speaking at churches in these areas. If you know a church that would like to host him when he's going to be "in the neighborhood," it would save considerably on travel expenses.

In the meantime, Zola is aware that "a prophet is not without honor except in his own country," but he reminds Dallas area congregations that he is still available for the next few months while not traveling! It would certainly be better stewardship to have Zola without airfares and hotel expenses, as he would be "in his own country."

Incidentally, with Passover coming up on March 27, Zola annually demonstrates this important Jewish feast along with its New Testament applications to many congregations. Consider this as a special event for your church. Contact Cynthia for all scheduling information at (214) 696-8844.

Airing Updates

On Wednesday nights at 8:30, Zola Levitt Presents airs on KTLN-68 in the San Francisco area.

WLCB-44 in Orlando, FL airs Monday-Friday, 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

WGGN-52 in Sandusky, OH now airs Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.

Dear Friends:

ast month, Britain was declared free of foot and mouth disease, but I'm more worried about the *foot-in-mouth* disease we suffer from in this country.

Recently, I was chatting about our work with some folks in Florida and mentioned that I was taking tours to the Holy Land Experience (a local attraction), as well as having led groups over to the Middle East into places like Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, Greece, etc. Suddenly, one of the ladies glared at me and asked suspiciously, "So, do you speak Arabic?" She thought she had discovered a terrorist.

Well, what would you do? I humored her and spoke a few phrases in Arabic. Not much was said after that.

I tell this story to underscore the frustration I feel these days when I hear the term "Middle East." It's a misnomer in our current thinking about terrorism. We're not fighting "Middle Easterners." We're fighting Arabs, but our administration and our media are too afraid to call it like it is. And this kind of policy can be lethal, as my article on page 7 explains.

"Foot-in-mouth" disease also has its carriers in the Christian arena. Many years ago I wrote a letter to Robert Seiple, president of World Vision at that time, about a story put out by that ministry about supposed Israeli atrocities. I never received a reply. I remember being shocked at the time that a Christian mission would even take the trouble to tell such a story, but now I know that organization as being totally partisan to the Palestinians and critical of the Jews, the family of the Lord.

In a recent letter from Tom Getman to his supporters, this long-time head of the Jerusalem branch of

A Note From Zola

World Vision reveals nothing but hatred for the Jewish people around whom he has lived for years. Let me share with you a few of his anti-Jewish sentiments.

In describing Israelis and their response to the suicide bombings of the PLO, etc., Getman uses terms like: rampaging Israeli soldiers, Israeli occupation, illegally occupying, ethnic cleansing, massacre, diabolical, cruel, oppression, apartheid, evil, terrorism. In contrast, he lauds PLO mouthpiece Hanan Ashrawi, and includes her vicious appeal for help in the Palestinian cause. We will be following this story and bring you updates in future issues.

Interestingly, when a friend of mine wrote and inquired as to the sponsorship of a Jewish child, he was told that World Vision does not offer such opportunities, but that it "has worked in the Holy Land since 1975" sponsoring some 8,500 children in

"the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem." No where is "Israel" ever mentioned. All this to say that you always need to do your home-

work when considering a donation to any organization, even if it claims to be Christian. Unknowingly, you may just be giving your money to charities that foster an environment of hatred, buy weapons for use against Israeli civilians, and support suicide bombers.

Daniel Pipes, in his recent article



for *Commentary*, "Who Is the Enemy?," pointedly exposed the weakness of the U.S. policy which uses vague terms such as "evildoers" and "evil ones" in describing those who attacked us and those who support, promote, fund and harbor others that could. "The message of September 11 was loud and clear, allowing for no ambiguity: the enemy is militant Islam," writes Pipes. He continues:

At least since 1979, when Ayatollah Khomeini seized power in Iran with the war-cry, "Death to America," militant Islam, also known as Islamism, has been the self-declared enemy of the United States. It has now become enemy number one. Whether it is the terrorist organizations and individuals Washington is targeting, the immigrants it is questioning, or the states it is holding under suspicion, all are

Islamist or connected with Islamists. Washington may not speak its mind, but its actions express the real views.

Militant Islam... now enemy number one.

How serious is the threat of militant Islam? Pipes elaborates:

Although the constituency of militant Islam is limited to Muslims, this constituency represents, in all, about a sixth of the human race, enjoys a very high birth rate, and is found in virtually every part of the world.

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NewsBriefs

Church Leader Sentenced to Death

A court in China sentenced to death the founder of one of China's largest independent church groups. Gong Shengliang, 46, was convicted of "using a cult to undermine the enforcement of the law" in a secret trial on Dec. 18. Government officials banned the South China Church, with 50,000 members spread across 10 Chinese provinces, last spring for what they call cult activities.

U.S. Troops Assist Rescue of Missionaries

By Noel T. Tarrazona, Assist News Service

PHILIPPINES - Military sources...said that around 100 U.S. troops will be arriving in [Zamboanga City] to train Filipino soldiers in fighting the Abu Sayyaf, a terrorist group operating in Basilan Province that is holding American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Deborah Yap.

Armed Forces spokesman Gen. Edilberto Adan said the troops will not participate in combat operations against the ASG but will only be involved in intelligence gathering and training of Filipino soldiers.

NBC Abandons Families

By Brent Bozell, Creators Syndicate

In January 1999, NBC's new entertainment chief, Scott Sassa, declared that parents "want to watch (TV) with their kids," and that his network "should have some shows" featuring "traditional families." Last month, Sassa reversed himself completely. NBC has no plans to launch any family series, he announced, because they don't appeal to his web's "upscale" audience.

...Among Sassa's reasons for disdaining family shows is his claim that it's hard to find acting and writing talent for them. This is ludicrous. Hollywood is filled with talented pro-family actors, writers, producers and directors — many with Emmys on their mantels — but NBC just doesn't want them.

...The verdict on NBC is in. The Peacock has abandoned families, so families should abandon the Peacock. If you oppose Scott Sassa's approach to prime time, stop watching his network. If enough viewers tune out, NBC will get the message that the family audience matters.

The political correctness prize goes to the media for covering up the fact that the young man who flew his plane into the Florida bank building was inspired by standard Arab propaganda and, as a matter of fact, is the son of an Arab. — Zola

Suicide Pilot's Father Sought for Questioning

The death of 15-year-old teen pilot, Charles Bishop, who flew a stolen Cessna plane into a Tampa skyscraper is likely to be judged a suicide. Friends and family members insist that the boy was sane and patriotic, despite the handwritten note found in his pocket at the crash site describing his support of Osama bin Laden, the Arab terrorist who sent his subordinates flying into the World Trade Center. Questions continue to be raised about the boy's family life — his own parents had tried to butcher one another with knives years before — and even his acne medicine, currently under investigation for serious side effects.

Few media outlets, however, are reporting that Charles' last name was originally "Bishara," an Arabic name found throughout the Middle East, including among Palestinians. Federal authorities have so far been unable to locate Charles' father for questioning. ■



In Israel Today

Danger: Harmful If Swallowed

By Zola Levitt

Toxic chemicals carry on their labels the warning that the contents are poisonous and fatal if swallowed. In the case of accidental ingestion, consumers are advised to call 911 or the local poison control center for immediate help.

But who does a consumer of the news call when toxic terms are served up like lemonade, when the media elite forcibly makes us swallow their poisonous mixtures of truth and untruth?

Case in point: the term "Middle East."

The government just announced it would pursue thousands of "Middle Eastern" men who have overstayed their visas and ignored deportation orders. Just who is a "Middle Eastern" man? A Turk? A Druse? An Israeli? A Kurd? All of these people dwell in the "Middle East." Are we targeting all of these groups in our investigation? Certainly not! It demonstrates that "Middle East" is an innocuous term and wrongly applied to our current war on terrorism.

Who should we be talking about? Arabs. The "Middle Eastern" men who attacked us on 9-11 were Arabs. The terrorist on trial now. Zacarias Moussaoui, is an Arab. The visa violators the government is now tracking down are Arabs. The so-called "charities" President Bush shut down were Arab organizations. Why? Because Arabs attacked the United States. Because Arabs, the founders of Islam, are the predominate subscribers to radical, suicide-bombing Islamic ideologies.

Turks didn't attack the World Trade Center. Citizens of Cyprus didn't fly a jet into the Pentagon. And Israelis are not terrorizing the U.S., Indonesia, and the rest of the world in the name of "jihad." But all of these people groups are actually known as "Middle Easterners." What a travesty of terms! And what of the Maronites, the Copts, the Greek Orthodox who inhabit the region? Are we hunting these Christian groups as part of our war on terrorism? Absurd!

Let's get back to basics and speak in plain language. Arabs born and raised in environments of Islamic religious hatred and intolerance planned and carried out an attack on our nation. Not Turks, not Kurds, not Israelis, but Arabs. It's kind of like a district attorney saving that he's going after the crime syndicate of "Americans" in Chicago, when what he really means is the "Mafia."

Other terms are thrown at us everyday and we've developed quite a taste for them. Words like "settlers," "occupiers," "West Bank," "Palestine," and the like. The media call Israelis settlers and occupiers when, in fact, the Jews have possessed the Land for 3,000 years!

Settlers are those who come onto the property of others and set up a residence. In the American West, for example, our people were called the "settlers," not the Native Americans whose land we "occupied." Occupiers forcibly enter another's land and refuse to leave. The Indians were not the occupiers and neither are the Israelis. They were the original inhabitants. The Land belongs to Israel. So who are the settlers and occupiers? The Arabs (the ones calling themselves "Palestinians," another misnomer). In fact, the more accurate term for them would be "squatters" because the Palestinians are setting up a residence on Israeli land without regard for the rights of the property owners.

And yet, the world seems to be at the mercy of politicos and media elite who have changed the labels on their brand of news in order to sway the masses, in essence, against the nearly 6 million Jews living on that tiny sliver of Middle Eastern land surrounded by... Arabs.

Quick! Somebody call the poison control center and tell them you're sick of swallowing the media's toxic terminology!

For details of our March Tour, please see "Next Month in

Jerusalem" on our Bulletin Board, on page 4. **JARCH 2002** A'S SPRING

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Dear Zola:

I've been a fan, supporter and prayer partner for years...[and] I have learned so much from you about Israel and my brothers and sisters, the Jewish people. I

do, however, have a concern about the *Levitt Letter*. I do not understand how you can have Hal Lindsey articles in your letter. I have found Mr. Lindsey to be basically wrong about most things prophecy-wise.

He still has not apologized for the false fear he...promoted with his Y2K books and television programs.

...I don't want to criticize a brother in Christ, but there has to be a line drawn with Mr. Lindsey. — JB

Dear JB:

I've known Hal Lindsey for 30 years and am pleased to put his timely articles in our newsletter from time to time. Hal is both a sincere and an outstanding Bible teacher, whose writings and programs have touched literally millions around the world. His *Late Great Planet Earth* was not only a best-seller (over 25 million copies sold), but also was used greatly to bring others to Christ and many Christians to a more serious study of Scripture. Whatever you or I may think of another Bible teacher, particularly on minor issues, should not deter us from giving a listening ear to those who genuinely seek to teach us God's truth. In the end, we're not to let our loyalties for earthly teachers muddle our true loyalty to Christ, as Paul admonished the Corinthians I Cor. 1:11-13. — Zola

Dear Zola:

Great documentary last night [*Upon This Rock*, New Years Eve]. I thought it was very fair to both Jew and Muslim. — KB

Dear KB:

Thanks for your heartfelt comments. Your appreciation is representative of many who watched. Over a year in the making, it was the result of a tremendous effort on the part of our producer Ken Berg and his extraordinary staff at Berg Productions. Thanks to all who helped make this possible. — Zola

Dear Zola:

I love your way with words...as in the second commandment you wrote, "He loves us and has given Himself

Some letters have been edited for space.

passionately to us; He is entirely committed to our relationship with Him." I tape your program and watch it during the week when I need peace and

quiet. Please don't take of-fense at this, but sometimes I can't sleep and I just pop a Zola tape in and zzzzzzzzzzzzzz. Of course, I already know what is said; it's just the calmness of your voice and the music is very soothing. — SM

Dear SM:

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Thank you...I think...for your kind words. Many viewers benefit greatly from the teaching in our programs. I suppose now they can benefit in other ways, too!

— Zola



Matzoh Postcards

Imagine receiving a greeting on a postcard made of matzo (the Jewish unleavened bread). Unfortunately, matzo is difficult to write on and doesn't mail very well, so we have created a 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" post card. One side is functional, with areas for postage, an address and a message. The other quotes Isaiah 53:5: "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."

Offered on page 15.

The LEVITT LETTER has warned constantly that we can lose this war by "political correctness." — Zola

A Deadly Error

By Daniel Pipes, New York Post

How well is the Bush administration conducting the war on terrorism?

Overall, it deserves high grades, having shown an impressive seriousness of purpose, discipline, and vision. It made winning the war the guiding principle of U.S. foreign policy and almost flawlessly pulled off the military campaign in Afghanistan.

It carefully picked out the next steps (soldiers to the Philippines, pressure on Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority, warning signals to Yemen and Somalia). It correctly made counter-terrorism a high priority in American domestic life.

There is just one glaringly weak spot: The Bush team adamantly refuses to acknowledge that there is an ideology that inspires America's enemies, preferring to ascribe its motives to simple "evil."

Evil it is, but it follows from the specific set of radical utopian ideas known as militant Islam. Ignoring militant Islam today is like fighting World War II without fighting fascism, or fighting the cold war while wishing away communism.

The consequences of this mistake are practical and farreaching. For example, airline security is a casualty. U.S. Department of Transportation (DoT) guidelines issued after Sept. 11 forbid airline personnel from relying on "generalized stereotypes or attitudes or beliefs about the propensity of members of any racial, ethnic, religious, or national origin group to engage in unlawful activity."

Appearing to be Middle Eastern, speaking a Middle Eastern language, or having a Middle Eastern accent are inadmissible grounds for paying special attention to a passenger, as are Islamic attributes such as a woman's veil or a man's beard.

The government insists on what it calls the "but for" test. "But for this person's perceived race, ethnic heritage or religious orientation," security personnel must ask themselves, "would I have subjected this individual to additional safety or security scrutiny?" If the answer is no, extra scrutiny is not just disapproved of, but illegal.

It's like having reports of a tall, bearded mugger but requiring the police to devote equal attention to short females. Worse, DoT regulations permit additional inspections only if passengers are "properly selected on a truly random basis." Stopping every 10th or 20th passenger is legal — but not stopping those who are nervous, shifty, or otherwise suspicious to the trained eye.

This disallows airline personnel from drawing on their experience or using their common sense, ignoring that many counterterrorism breakthroughs occurred precisely because an inspector followed a hunch. "A lot of it is in the nose," says John Beam, a former head of security for TWA.

Government regulations demand a militant dumbness and a pretense not to know what everyone does know — that the would-be hijackers come overwhelmingly, if not exclusively, from the ranks of militant Islam. They send the unfortunate signal that it is politically easier to send troops to Afghanistan than to confront the fact that the enemy has certain characteristics.

And woe to an airline that has the misfortune of stopping an Arab-American who happens not to be a terrorist but who is politically connected! Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) "caused quite a scene and . . . wasn't very polite" when Air France delayed him a day, according to a company spokesman. A presidential bodyguard named Walied Shater turned "very hostile" and engaged in "confrontational behavior," in the words of the American Airlines captain who denied him transportation.

(They're not terrorists, but both of these two gentlemen do, interestingly, associate with militant Islam. Issa has declared his "tremendous sympathy" for the work of Hezbollah, a group the U.S. government deems to be a terrorist organization. Shater rushed with his case of alleged bias to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington-based group with ties to another designated terrorist organization, Hamas. The extra attention given them turns out not to be entirely undeserved.)

The time has come for the Bush administration to find the courage to acknowledge that the enemy is not made up of random and featureless "terrorists" but is specifically staffed by the cadres of militant Islam.

The sooner it does so, the more efficiently the country will be able to protect itself by clamping down on the forces of militant Islam. The more the government delays, the more likely that attacks will continue.

The question boils down to this: How many more lives must be unnecessarily lost before American leaders have the courage to stand up to political correctness?

Ministry Outreach

To the Jew First

By Kevin L. Parker

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved." (Romans 10:1).



Last month I described the events surrounding Todd Baker and me during our mission outreach in Jerusalem and how the Lord gave us open doors to share with Jewish young people the love of Y'shua. In this final installment of our missionary report, I want to tell you of the warm response from a special group of Israelis we encountered.

Before leaving Jerusalem for the Galilee, we observed Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement; Leviticus 23:26-32, 25:9) at the Western Wall with the Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Jews. I'm continually amazed at the zeal, passion and reverence these Jews have for God and the Tanakh (Old Testament). At the same time I'm profoundly saddened for them because they worship with no Temple, no Shekinah Glory, no High Priest, no altar, no sacrifice and with no recognition of the once and for all sin atonement Christ provided (Exodus 30:10; Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:7, 9:22).

In the Galilee region of northern Israel, our Lord Y'shua scheduled a special appointment with the Chosen People, an extraordinary meeting that will forever be imbedded in our souls.

After enjoying a hearty Israeli supper, our focus shifted to the group surrounding us at the restaurant. These dear people were witnesses of the Shoah (Holocaust) and the prophesized birth of the nation of Israel (Isaiah 66:8) and were gathered to celebrate Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles; Leviticus 23:33-36). Think of it. They've seen it all — the horrors of anti-Semitism, the struggle for independence and the continual barrage of attacks through six wars and the current PLO Intifada.

Todd and I, keenly aware that the Lord wanted us to minister to them, struck up a conversation with those at the next table, telling them that we were sent by American Bible-believing Christians to comfort and encourage them during the trying times of the Intifada. Astonished at our efforts, one man commented that "they" should be encouraging us after the WTC event. And indeed they were! Weeks after 9-11, they continued to donate blood for the victims in America.

The love of Y'shua was so wonderfully evident that we were asked to join them as they toured the Golan Heights in their chartered bus. Honored and esteemed to be witnesses to this group, some of whom were Holocaust survivors, God provided numerous opportunities to

share that love with them. On the Mount of Beatitudes Todd shared the "blessings" from his Hebrew-English Bible with several members of the group. It happened that some two millennia ago in this very same area, Y'shua shared those same blessings with His brothers and sisters, the Chosen People of His generation.

Surely the Word of the Lord does stand forever (1 Peter 1:24-25). The seeds of the gospel are being sown throughout the land of Israel and the ground appears to be fertile . Pray that more workers are sent to sow His seed, for the harvest is great (Matthew 9:37-38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35-37). The Rapture is approaching, the Lord is near. Pray that God will bring fruit from these encounters when we return to Israel during Passover 2002.

Here are some items for intercession:

- "Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim." Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).
- Pray that we have the Father's wisdom and guidance in everything we do (Psalm 32:8, 48:14; Colossians 4:5)
- Pray for witnessing opportunities (John 4:35; Luke 10:2; Acts 1:8).
- Pray that God will open the hearts of those who will hear (Psalm 110:3: Acts 16:14).
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us boldness to proclaim the Gospel to the Jew first and also the Gentile (Act 4:31; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19).
- Pray for spiritual unity and agreement among us (Psalm 133:1).
- Pray for favor among the Chosen People as we share the Gospel with them (Proverbs 12:2.)
- Pray that the Chosen People will come to faith in Messiah (Christ) Jesus (Romans 10:1; Matthew 15-16; Mark 8:27-29,14:61-62; Luke 9:18-20; John 4:25-26).
- Pray for spiritual fruit that will last (John 15:7-8; Galatians 5:22-23).
- Pray for our health, protection and safety; and Divine protection from the hand of the enemy, both seen and unseen (Psalm 91; Matthew 6:13).

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U.S. Army Uses Israeli Bandages

Israel Today

The U.S. Army has placed a \$60,000 order for bandages from the Jerusalem-based Firstcare Company...specially adapted for the Rangers...in Afghanistan. One of the bandage's features is pressure application to stop blood flow while dressing the wound. ■

BiblicalInsights

Driving Down the Bible Study Highway

By Lawrence Ford, Staff Theologian

If our goal as believers is to obey Christ and be conformed to His image, then we first need to know what He says about how we ought to live. That's where regular personal Bible study comes in. Remember, the Bible is the "living" Word of God, able to renew our minds and transform our lives (see Heb. 4:12).

There is no substitute for personal Bible reading and study. Listen to great Bible teachers (I do), but "study to show yourself approved," as Paul commanded.

And when you study your Bible, keep these points in mind:

- **1. Pray before you read.** It's God's Word and we need His guidance to understand it. Jesus promised in John 14:26 that He would send the Holy Spirit to give us insight into His Word. So, ask Him.
- **2. Use a good translation.** Not all English Bibles are made for in-depth Bible study. The KJV, NASB, and even the NIV are suitable for digging deep into Scripture, but pick one that you can read easily enough. In fact, it's

good to have 2 or 3 translations in front of you for comparison as you study.

3. Remember your road map. Unlike maneuvering through traffic, there are no shortcuts in effective Bible study. The route is the same each time. The first stop is OBSERVATION. Keep a notebook handy to record as many things as you can about your passage and its context: elements like words, grammar, style, audience, writer, etc.

The more observations you make, the easier and more accurately will you arrive at the second stop, INTER-PRETATION. In this step you will look for that primary meaning the writer or speaker is getting at in the verses you're studying.

But be careful not to confuse this part of Bible study with stop number three, APPLICATION. Here you will discover one or more ways in which the passage before you can apply personally to your life. Of course, no Bible study is complete without one last step, OBEDI-ENCE.

In our next issue we'll expand on the need for thorough *observation*. Until then, put these three rules to use on Genesis 12:3 and send me your lists of observations. How many can you find? ■



Hebraic Insight

Jewish tradition is filled with the sages' reflections on the way (derech) and the truth (emet) and the life (chaim) of the pious Jew. Each of these special words represents a universe of meaning to one who studies and reveres the Torah of the God of Israel. In this verse from the Brit Chadasha (New Covenant), Jesus (Yeshua) states that these vital words all refer to Him – He is the beginning and ending of their true fulfillment and significance! It is in the Lord Jesus Himself that we see the way and the truth and the life of God; it is in the Lord Jesus that we can find the fulfillment and significance that our hearts truly seek; and it is in the Lord Jesus that we find our means of drawing near to the heavenly Father. Jesus states that no man will come to the Father without the means of His hand — implying that it is solely by His sovereign election and grace (by means of His own "outstretched hand") that a soul can be admitted into the very presence of the Father. Thank God for the way and truth and life of the Lord Jesus, our Savior!

Dr. McCall last month spoke to us on the subject of Progressive Dispensationalism, in particular how highminded seminary presidents talked down to our readers and viewers. In the article below, we quote from one of these rather insulting letters received by one of our people from the president of Biola/Talbot, a seminary we have criticized all along. I have very serious questions about his characterization of his colleagues Charles Swindoll and Joseph Stowell as "men of unquestioned integrity" since I personally have been disappointed so far in dealings with those personalities. — Zola

The Big Three Deviations: Dallas, Moody and Biola/Talbot-Part 2

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

In the first part of this article, I endeavored to show that I have had a very close association with the Dallas, Moody and Biola/Talbot schools. They are either my alma maters or publisher, so for me to criticize them is in no way pleasurable. But many of their professors are no longer teaching in the classrooms the strong Dispensational doctrines, the powerful Pre-Trib Rapture view, and the confident pro-Israel positions that were so prominent when I was a student or publishing books with them.

More than that, the school administrations are not willing to admit that there has been a change. As we and other writers have exposed the drift that has occurred during the past decade, the administrations have taken great pains to demonstrate that any changes are minimal, and do not detract from the mission, purpose and growth of the schools. Furthermore, they charge that anyone who criticizes them is being disloyal and harmful to the ministry of the schools.

In the concluding part of this article, we look at a case study in how Biola/Talbot Seminary has shifted into Progressive Dispensationalism, and has fired orthodox Dispensationalists in the process. This is sad, but we do rejoice over other schools that are continuing to proclaim the Rapture of the Church, God's protective covenant with Israel, and the dispensational truths of the Scripture.

Talbot/Biola and "The Father of Progressive Dispensationalism"

Most of our emphasis over the years has been with the doctrinal problems at Dallas Seminary and Moody. Recently, however, there has been some correspondence with Talbot Seminary, and its parent school, Biola (Bible

Institute of Los Angeles). Dr. Clyde Cook is the current president of Biola. He was a couple of years ahead of me at Talbot Seminary, and, as I recall, he had a reputation of being one of the best student preachers in the school. He spent many years as a missionary in Japan, and returned some years ago to take the helm at Biola. By then, of course, the theological landscape had changed. The dominant voice in the School of Theology at Talbot was Dr. Robert Saucy, who has come to be known as "the father of Progressive Dispensationalism," having written one of the primary books on the subject, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism*.

Many eyes were on Dr. Cook to see what he would do about the situation. Instead of taking steps to correct Dr. Robert Saucy, he removed one or more of the more conservative professors, who were considered to be "too narrow," and they went on to smaller conservative Dispensational seminaries.

At any rate, one of our California readers wrote to Moody about their doctrinal slide into Progressive Dispensationalism, and sent a copy to Dr. Cook at Biola. He took the occasion to respond to our reader and defend not only Biola/Talbot, but also Dallas Seminary and Moody, the fellow members of the Big Three fraternity of large, formerly strong dispensational schools.

Dear ER:

I received the copy of your letter to Joseph Stowell regarding Moody Bible Institute [MBI] and was quite disappointed. I know Moody Bible Institute quite well and know what they stand for and I would trust that you would continue to support them.

To have such incredible institutions as MBI and Dallas, that God has used and continues to use, mentioned this way is disappointing. Mr. Levitt has also stated that, "We found disillusioned students and faculty members everywhere," which is also disappointing. If the situation is as he says, the faculty members in these institutions are acting hypocritically, as they are allowing themselves to be kept as "window dressing" so they don't deserve donors.

He also included Biola University in his criticism and just for the record, here is a statement from Biola's official teaching position which every faculty signs at the time of initial appointment and reaffirms annually [cited below].

So you can see, Biola clearly teaches that there is a distinction between the Church and Israel and does not "blur" them.

Charles Swindoll and Joseph Stowell are both men I know

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personally and are men of unquestioned integrity and are true servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cordially, Clyde Cook

The Big Three Schools Are Sacred Cows That Must Not Be Criticized

The first argument Dr. Cook makes is that we should not criticize institutions that God is blessing, such as Dallas and MBI. We should state that all of the Big Three remain orthodox in their theology and are still preaching the Gospel, and in this they are far superior to the liberal schools and seminaries that deny the Gospel. God does bless those who proclaim the Gospel, and that is not the issue. The question is whether the Big Three are remaining true to the dispensational, pro-Israel, pre-Tribulation Rapture distinctives that characterized the schools at their founding and early history. All of the evidence points to the fact

that the schools have shifted predominantly to Progressive Dispensationalism, at best have a neutral attitude toward modern Israel, and demonstrate an acceptance of post-Tribulationalism and other deviant views of the Rapture. This shift is widely known and discussed in theological circles, but is little understood by the supporting Christian public. Are we wrong in pointing it out to the readers of our newsletter?

Who Is Being Hypocritical?

Dr. Cook's next amazing argument is that it is not the institutions that are being hypocritical. Rather, he says, it is the remaining professors who are faithfully teaching the Word in accordance with the original teachings of the schools, who are the hypocrites. Some of these faithful teachers have complained that

the schools are keeping them on as "window dressing" for use when alumni or other supporters ask questions about the changes. The administrations then point to the venerable professors and say, "There's no problem, these men are still teaching here, just like they always have." Dr. Cook, however, accuses these venerable professors of being hypocritical for remaining at schools where they are so used. This is turning logic on its head. These professors are only doing what they have always done. It is the schools that have changed, and they are trying to camouflage their change by pointing to the remaining faithful teachers. Is it possible that the administrations at these schools think that the professors who are continuing to teach their original Biblical distinctives are hypocritical? What a travesty if this is the case.

Doctrinal Statements Are Malleable in the Hands of the New Theologians

Finally, Dr. Cook brings forth a paragraph from Biola/ Talbot's doctrinal statement to show that there has been no change in the teaching:

The Scriptures are to be interpreted according to dispensational distinctives with the conviction that the return of the Lord for His Church will be premillennial before the Tribulation and that the Millennium will be the last of the dispensations.

From this Dr. Cook concludes that this proves that "Biola clearly teaches that there is a distinction between the Church and Israel and does not 'blur' them." The doctrinal statement may imply all of this, but several professors at Biola/Talbot teach Progressive Dispensationalism, including "the father of Progressive Dispensationalism." Dr. Robert Saucy. But Progressive Dispensationalism does blur the distinctions between the program for Israel and the pro-

gram for the Church, and between the Church Age and the Millennium, as has been demonstrated emphatically in the writings of Dr. Walvoord, Dr. Ryrie, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Ice and many others over the past decade. The Progressive Dispensationalists say they simply interpret the doctrinal statement differently. If they can use figurative interpretation of the Scriptures, they can certainly use figurative interpretation of the doctrinal statements.

Such is the muddled situation the Big Three schools find themselves in. They are evangelical, conservative, Gospel-preaching schools. However, some (though not all) of their professors have strayed significantly from their moorings founded in unequivocal Dispensationalism, an uncompromising anticipation for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church, and an attitude that rejoices in the current restoration

of Israel that is setting the stage for the Second Coming of Christ. These deviating professors are being protected by the administrations, and are becoming the dominant teachers in the schools.

Some Smaller Schools are Holding True

Our readers should be aware that there are still good dispensational, Rapture-believing and Israel-loving schools and seminaries in the country. Some of these are Tyndale (Ft. Worth), Louisiana Baptist (Shreveport), Masters (Los Angeles), Cedarville (Ohio), Philadelphia College of the Bible, Liberty (Lynchburg) and others. There are many spiritual attacks on these schools, and we need to pray that the Lord will keep them strong in their teaching of the truth "once delivered to the saints."

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NATO Secretary General Willy Claes declared that, since the end of the cold war, "Islamic militancy has emerged as perhaps the single gravest threat to the NATO alliance and to Western security." Indeed, Claes said, not only did militant Islam pose the same kind of threat to the West as Communism before it, but the scale of the danger was greater, for militant Islam encompassed elements of "terrorism, religious fanaticism, and the exploitation of social and economic injustice."

Unfortunately, instead of heeding the general's warnings, we allowed the Muslim community to intimidate NATO and force it to retreat on such offensive posturing. This was in 1995. And we're still walking on tiptoes around the Muslims. So we introduce Islamic postage stamps, we host Islamic prayer services at the White House, and we teach public school children to dress up in Muslim clothing and recite verses from the Koran!

Why? What's behind all of this kowtowing to Arab voices? The reason is that we're still bowing down in Arab throne rooms to negotiate better oil prices. In any business when a supplier treats you wrongly, you either change to another supplier or you make the same product yourself. In view of there being no major competing supplier for Arab oil, we need to take those oil fields and do it ourselves. We have a golden opportunity to eliminate oppressive Arab dictatorships from the earth, utilize the oil fields, and thus, bless all democracies, including Israel, presently being tormented by Arabs (not Middle Easterners, but Arabs).

I don't mean to start up hostilities, but I have the feeling that there are reasonable men in Bagdad, Tehran, Damascus, and Riyadh. I think if we contacted them and said, "There's a B-52 over your head; you'd better start packing!" they would go. And when the folks in those terrorist capitals saw the Rolls Royces heading out of town, the fanaticism would stop on a dime, like it did in Kabul (or in Germany or Japan). The day the Taliban rode out of town, the barber shops opened, the radios came out, and ladies' faces were seen once again in the streets!

In any case, we need to eliminate the "authority" of Yasser Arafat, who now stands exposed to the entire world for the serial killer he is. Who really believes that he was unaware of the \$100 million paid to Iran for the shipment of arms and explosives that Israel intercepted recently? Bush and Powell should stop talking in generalities and delegitimize this terrorist so that the U.S. and the rest of the world can get on with more important issues facing the Middle East like Iraq, as well as troubles brewing in Southeast Asia and China! If we don't act decisively and forcefully, we will lose this war on terrorism.

Thankfully, though, we need not lose our faith. Yeshua said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Ultimately, our trust is not in Bush or in the U.S. or in any other human

entity, but in Christ
alone. The promises
of the Word of God
reassure us that even
in the midst of chaos,
the Lord stands firm with
power and justice and
unfailing love. I truly believe,
my friends, that the time is
drawing near for our Lord to
return for His Bride (the Church)
and take us to His Father's house. It
could be any day now! Are you ready?
Have you put your trust in Christ alone
for salvation? Do it today and let me hear from you.

I long for His coming, but I'm happy to minister for Him during the time He gives me on this earth. That's a major reason why for 30 years I've been taking pilgrims each year to Israel, to teach the Word of God in the Land of God among the Chosen People of God. Consider some of these opportunities available to you (before the Rapture, of course):

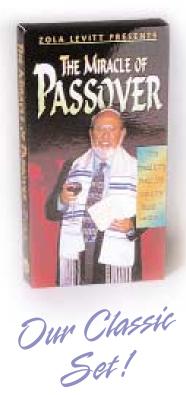
Join me March 3-24 on any one of a number of itineraries in our Spring Holy Land Tour. Go to Greece and learn about the first-century Church with visits to Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and many more Biblical sites. Then take a Mediterranean cruise before flying to Tel Aviv on El Al Airlines to begin an unforgettable journey of the Holy Land. Add to that a visit to Petra and Eilat to make your pilgrimage complete. We have a tour package that's just right for your family. Time is running out, but we have room for you! Call Tony, our tour manager, at 214-696-9760 or 1-800-WONDERS anytime for a full-color brochure.

Any time of the year is a good time to study the Scriptures on location and we've made arrangements to have back-to-back teaching tours at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL in May. Register now for our Mother's Day tour (May 10-12) or our Pentecost tour (May 17-19). What a turnout we had in November and December! Sign up early for these popular "domestic" Israel visits. Additionally, we'll be providing a week of day trips from May 13-16 to other sites around central Florida.

Father's Day will find us in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for a brand new tour to this popular Christian site, complete with replicas of the Tabernacle a Jerusalem street, and the highly-acclaimed *Passion Play*. You won't want to miss our premiere tour to this family-friendly vacation spot. Contact Tony for details.

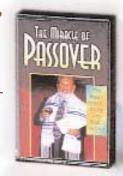
Be encouraged in these uncertain days that Christ your Savior and Lord will shed light upon your way and make your path straight. And, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,



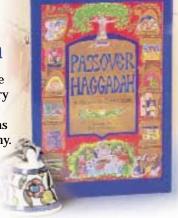
The Miracle of Passover Book, Video & Audio

Passover, the crown jewel of the Biblical feasts, begins this year at sundown on March 27. In the videotape, booklet and audio-cassette, Zola explains the origin and significance of Passover and demonstrates the feast, where Christ is revealed through its very elements. This is one of the most basic and important Bible studies, shedding clear light on the mysteries of the Lord's Supper. Please see page 15 for the video series, booklet and audiocassette.

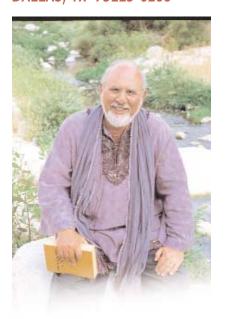


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