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

It's about time. Everyone knows it's true. To watch "news commentators" or the Saudi princes or other dictators like Yasser Arafat nowadays is to become sick to one's stomach. Finally, a journalist speaks out on the pathetic ineptitude of the Arabs and the real reason they are "incapable of constructing a rational polity."— Zola

Why Don't I Care About the Palestinians? thinking person. I'm a Christian,

By John Derbyshire, The National Review

Why don't I care about the Palestinians? It is, of course, wrong of me not to care. It can't be much fun being a Palestinian. You, or your parents, or your grandparents, ran for their lives in the 1948 war. You — and/or they, plus a couple of generations of

uncles, aunts, siblings, and cousins — have been huddled in some squalid refugee camp ever since, living off UNRWA **[United Nations** Relief and Works Agency] handouts. ("UNRWA," by the way, stands for "U.S. taxpayer." But you knew that!) There is no



economy worth participating in. Your leaders won a fragmented, half-way sort of autonomy for you at Oslo; but it didn't work, you're not sure why. Nothing really got any better, and now the Israelis have smashed it all up anyway. The other Arabs all hate you.... Things look bad, and you are sunk in despair. Shouldn't I feel sorry for you?

Sure, I personally favor Israel in this conflict. That's my right as a free-

though, aren't I? Shouldn't I have some Christian compassion to spare for the poor suffering Palestinians?

Well, I suppose I should, but to be honest about it, I don't. Why not? Why don't I care about the Palestinians? The answer is NOT any of the following.

leaving the central mosque after Muslim prayers in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

- I like taking showers with Jews. Palestinians have dark skin and I'm a racist.
- My name was originally Derbstein.
- My British blood is boiling with shame over the lost empire.
- I am a lackey of, or am trying to ingratiate myself with, the Jews who run the U.S. media.
- I am a cruel, hard-hearted bigot.

...The Palestinians are Arabs; and the Arabs, whatever their medieval (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

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Jewish Guilt?

By Professor Stephen Berer, Tel Aviv Medical Center

Following the latest atrocity in Jerusalem, Secretary of State [Colin] Powell pleaded with the Palestinians to issue some form of denunciation. Arafat complained that only the Palestinian side is ever required to denounce terror. Predictably, the Palestinian denunciation later mumbles that they "deplore the murder of civilians on both sides."

Perhaps the Palestinians have a point, and so to set the record straight, I do hereby denounce the following in the name of the Jewish people:

- All Jewish suicide bombers who have ever acted against Arabs
- · All Arab buses blown up by Jews
- All Arab pizza parlors, malls, discotheques and restaurants destroyed by Jewish terrorists
- All airplanes hijacked by Jews since 1903
- All Ramada feasts targeted by Jewish bombers
- All Arabs lynched in Israeli cities

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ISRAEL: BY DIVINE RIGHT! TV SERIES

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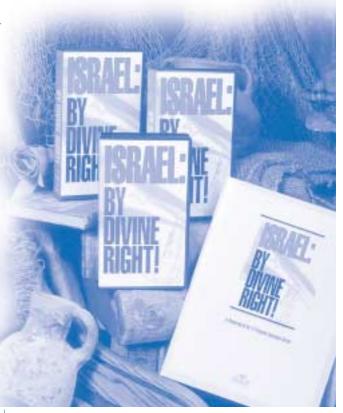
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Jesus . . . "The Palestinian Prophet." The editor and publisher of *The Jerusalem Post* voice their concern over growing Arab-Muslim influence in the Israeli Christian church matters.



The Reverend Speaks. Christian Embassy Director Rev. van der Hoeven holds forth on God's gift of Israel to the Jewish people and the injustices presently happening in the Promised Land.

The Reverend Speaks (cont.). Reverend van der Hoeven continues speaking on God's gift to Israel.

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achievements (as best I can understand, they were mainly achievements of transmission — "Arabic" numerals, for example, came from India) are politically hopeless. Who can dispute this? Look at the last 50odd years, since the colonial powers left. What have the Arabs accomplished? What have they built? Where in the Arab world is there a trace or a spark of democracy? Of constitutionalism? Of laws independent of the ruler's whim? Of free inquiry? Of open public debate? Where in your house is there any article stamped "Made in Syria"? Arabs can be individually very charming and capable, and perform very well in free societies like the U.S.A. There are at least two recent Nobel prizes with Arab names attached. Collectively, though, as nations, the Arabs are no-hopers.

All of this applies to the Palestinians. I spent some of my formative years in Hong Kong, a barren piece of rock with zero natural resources, under foreign occupation, chock-full of refugees from the Mao tyranny. The people there weren't lounging in UNRWA camps or making suicide runs at the governor's mansion. They were trading, building, speculating, manufacturing, working - with the result that Hong Kong is now a glittering modern city filled with welldressed, well-educated, well-fed people, proud of what they have accomplished together, and with a higher standard of living than Britain herself. If, following the Oslo accords — or for that matter, in the 20 years of Jordanian occupation — the Palestinians had taken that route, had set aside their fantasies of revenge and massacre, and concentrated on building up something worth having, I might have respect for them. As it is, I don't.

The only halfway sympathetic thing I can find to say about the Palestinians is that UNRWA has surely been part of the problem. If you go to the UNRWA website, you will see how proud they are of having fed, clothed,

sheltered, educated and cared for the Palestinian refugees of 1948... and their children... and their grandchildren. The number of people UNRWA cares for has gone from 600,000 in 1948 to nearly four million today. Now, I understand that the prime impulse of bureaucracies, especially welfare bureaucracies, is the consolidation and expansion of their turf, and a steady increase in the number of their "clients;" but this is ridiculous. The good people of Hong Kong should go down on their knees every night and thank God that there was no UNRWA in the colony in 1949. So, come to think of it, should the German and East European refugees who flooded into Western Europe after WWII. (I have seen the number 14 million somewhere — the Sudeten Germans alone numbered three million. Where are the festering camps? Where are the suicide bombers?)

Even if their lives had not been poisoned by the ministrations of a huge welfare bureaucracy, though, I doubt the Palestinians would have got their act together. None of the other Arabs have. Everywhere you look around the Arab world you see squalor, despotism, cruelty, and hopelessness. The best they have been able to manage, politically speaking, has been the Latin-American style one-party

kleptocracies of Egypt and Jordan. Those are the peaks of Arab political achievement under independence, under government by their own people. The norm is just gangsterism, with thugs like Assad, Qaddafi, or Saddam in charge. It doesn't seem to be anything to do with religion: the secular states (Iraq, Syria) are just as horrible as the religious ones like Saudi Arabia. These people are hopeless. We are all supposed to support the notion of a Palestinian state. Why? We know perfectly well what it would be like. Why should we wish for another gangster-satrapy to be added to the Arab roll of shame, busy manufacturing terrorists to come here and slaughter Americans in their offices? I don't want to see a Palestinian state. I think I'd be crazy to want that.

What, actually, are the possible futures for the Palestinians? I think the following list is exhaustive.

- 1. An independent state, under Arafat or someone just as thuggish.
- 2. Military occupation by Israel.
- 3. Re-incorporation into a Jordanian-Palestinian nation.
- 4. Some sort of U.N. trusteeship.
- 5. Expulsion from the West Bank and Gaza, those territories then incorporated into Israel.

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Most businesses are fair and equitable with Zola and this ministry. Others, however, seem to go out of their way to waste our time and your tithes and offerings. During the last quarter, PayPal (see www.PayPalWarning.com), Delta Airlines and MCI are at the top of our "Two Thumbs Down" list. The suppliers who have treated us well are too numerous to mention, but these three have been particularly offensive.

Johnny-Come-Lately Arabs

Question: Which of the following statements is true? Saudi Arabia was not created until 1913, and Lebanon until 1920. Iraq did not exist as a nation until 1932, and Syria until 1941. The borders of Jordan were established in 1946, and Kuwait's in 1961.

Answer: All of them! Any of these nations that would say Israel is only a recent arrival would have to deny their own rights as recent arrivals as well. They did not exist as countries. They were all under the control of the Turks. God gave Israel to the Jews 4,000 years ago!

Dear Friends,

uicide bombings are a "legitimate means used by a people whose land is being occupied." So says Arab poster boy Saddam Hussein. Strict Koranic theologians tell us that suicide terrorism goes against Islamic teaching. No matter, Saddam is not really super religious anyway. And besides, he invests \$25,000 in each and every bomber through his cash incentive program for Palestinians. His statement is not new and it could have been said by any number of people, including a gaggle of Arab despots, European Union citizenry, UN Secretary General Kofi Anan or any number of anti-Semitic journalists like ABC's Peter Jennings, New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis or any CNN commentator. It's the perpetuation of the occupation myth.

At times it wearies me to have to keep repeating the same truths about history against the perversion of those truths by the media and government leaders. No where at no time in no century did the Palestinians own an inch of real estate within Israel's borders, or anywhere else. This is demonstrated conclusively by the Bible, secular history and archaeological discoveries. As my friend Dr. Tom McCall, an Old Testament scholar, has proven time and time again, the Palestinians are not even a genuine nationality.

And yet, the world chants this occupation mantra. Let me show you some facts.

To begin with, today's "Palestinian people" are not under occupation, since 98 percent of the land upon which they live is under the control of Yasser Arafat. In 2000, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered the greatest land for peace deal in history, but Arafat refused it and started the current Intifada.

The Arabs currently occupy 21 nations that were not previously Arab

A Note From Zola

nations. They were not the original people governing these lands. Egypt is a perfect example. No Arab built the pyramids or obelisks that stand as ancient reminders of greater civilizations. In fact, the Arabs have never really been good with their hands at all. They simply were able to run over nations and kingdoms with the sword, establishing their own dictators to subjugate the commoners. I saw a seventh- century map of the Middle East which showed clearly that the Arab people we see today originated from one small county, as it were, in Saudi Arabia. From there, they expanded all over the Middle East, forcing their way into the establishment or takeover of 21 nations.

Today, we see their Islamic imperialism dominating other nations like Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, etc.

The statement that the only people —

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the Chosen People — with a divine land grant for a tiny sliver of Mediterranean real estate, are "occupying" Arab land is beneath com-

ment. Furthermore, it is significant that the Arabs are now down to one reason for suicide bombings — "occupation."

Irish terrorists blamed Britain for potato famines and for muscling them for centuries, but they never engaged in suicide bombings. There's never been a famine among the Palestinians. The Arabs in Israel eat



better than the majority of Arabs in the entire Middle East.

Their claim that Israel has "attacked" them is ludicrous. Israel always acts in defense of itself. (Isn't that what the United States claims to be doing by dropping 5,000-pound bombs on the Afghan people?) Israel is doing police work, hunting down gangsters and thugs and terrorists, plain and simple. The idea of "resisting occupation" only applies if hostile foreign forces besiege a nation. This does aply to the non-nation of Palestine.

Think of other resistance movements in history. On both fronts during World War II — Asia and Europe — nations run over by Japan and Nazi Germany, respectively, gathered up resistance forces to push the occupying forces from their lands, often utilizing guerilla warfare strategies.

But they did not use suicide bombers. And they did not target innocent civilians in malls, at bus stations, in restaurants, etc. And not

religious services, either. The purpose was to dislodge the occupying military forces.

To say that I am sick of the lie of occupation is an understatement. What makes it worse is that diplomats and media perpetuate this lie as fact. I'm convinced that not many ordinary citizens in America believe it, either.

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NewsBriefs

Our Intolerant Friends

WorldNetDaily.com

Saudi Arabian authorities have deported two Filipino Christians... for possession of a Bible and some Christian CDs....

A local court sentenced them to a month's imprisonment in April 2001, and a higher court increased their sentence to include 150 lashes in January 2002.

The release stated the two men were taken from their apartment on April 10 and de Guzman's wife, Evelyn, told CSW that he spoke with her hurriedly on the phone: "He just said, 'Don't worry, God will help us. Take care of the children.'"

The public expression of religious belief other than Islam is forbidden in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.... ■

"If Only You Had Done It"

Israel National News

While [French Presidential candidate] Le Pen's racism and anti-Semitism caused an uproar throughout Europe, the most virulent anti-Semitic rantings are to be found nowadays in the Arab media, with little world comment. In a recent egregious example, the Egyptian government-backed daily, *al-Akhbar*, printed an article entitled "Accursed Forever and Ever" about what it calls "the plague of the generation and the bacterium of all time" — the Jews.

...The Egyptian editorial states that "Hitler himself, whom they accuse of Nazism, is in my eyes no more than a modest 'pupil' in the world of murder and bloodshed. He is completely innocent of the charge of frying them in the hell of his false Holocaust!" However, the author does not consider this a defense of the Nazi leader, but rather a condemnation of him. "I, personally... complain to Hitler, even saying to him from the bottom of my heart, 'If only you had done it, brother; if only it had really happened, so that the world could sigh in relief (without) their evil and sin."

Exporting Evil

WorldNetDaily.com

U.S. intelligence agencies have traced a shipment of missile components from North Korea to the Middle East, a sign the communist state is continuing its policy of selling missile components and material to rogue states.... Twice last year the U.S. government imposed sanctions on North Korea [for selling] missile parts to Iran.

The administration has imposed sanctions on Chinese companies three times since last year for sales of missile components to Pakistan and chemical weapons material to Iran.

Saudi Arabia a Threat

WorldNetDaily.com

Britain fears that Saudi Arabia's arsenal of Chinese missiles could pose a threat to London by the middle of the decade, according to a report by the British Ministry of Defense...[which] said Iran, Iraq, Libya and Syria are developing ballistic missiles that threaten London. North Korea was also on the list.

Palestinian Mailbox Bomb?

Fox News

Federal agencies in Philadelphia [are] investigating a mailbox bomb that blew up... as it was being diffused.

The bomb, packaged in a Styrofoam restaurant take-out box with no postage, no address, wires poking from it and a note that read "Free Palestine" and mentioned Al Qaeda, alarmed the mail carrier who found it in a sidewalk postal box.... ■

Anti-Semitic Riots in U.S.

By Melissa Radler, Jerusalem Post

After being surrounded by a mob of students shouting, "Hitler didn't finish the job," and "Get out or we'll kill you," pro-Israel students at San Francisco State University are finally finding an ally against hate.

The university president is so fed-up with the hate-filled atmosphere on the Bay Area campus that he has asked the local district attorney's office to help bring pro-Palestinian hate-mongers to justice.

The May 7 incident received widespread press attention.... More than 100 anti-Semitic incidents, including graffiti, vandalism, hate speech, and violence have occurred on U.S. campuses since January, according to the Anti-Defamation League. ■

It should be kept in mind that these rioters are invariably Arab students. — Zola

In Israel Today

Tunnel into Egypt

Associated Press

Israeli soldiers have found a narrow tunnel — one of its entrances beneath the shower in an abandoned Palestinian house — that burrows under the Egyptian border and was being used to smuggle weapons, ammunition and drugs.

...The military said it has uncovered seven such tunnels along the 2-mile Gaza-Egypt border in the last two weeks.

Terrorist Released by PA "Kangaroo Court"

Israel National News

The [Palestinian Authority] High Court in Ramallah today dismissed the case against Fuad Shubaki, the person who masterminded the Karin-A weapons freighter. The court ruled that Shubaki was not guilty due to the lack of evidence against him.

Shubaki, a senior PA finance official, was behind the weapons freighter intended to smuggle 50 tons of military hardware, weapons, and ammunition into the PA.

[He] is one of the PA terrorists transported to Jericho where he was to serve a jail sentence for his crime under the watchful eye of U.S. and UK wardens.

Hamas-cide Bombings

NBC News

The Islamic militant [that means "terrorist"] group Hamas has claimed responsibility for many of the deadliest suicide attacks on Israeli targets [that means Israeli schoolchildren, grandparents and shoppers] over the past 19 months.... In an interview Tuesday with NBC's Charles Sabine, movement leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin declared that attacks against Israel will continue....

Palestinians Raise Dead

Israel Insider

[Israeli Defense Force] intelligence officer Colonel Miri Eisen screened a four-minute tape of a staged Palestinian funeral photographed by an Israeli drone flying over Jenin.... Pallbearers repeatedly tried to carry a green blanket wrapped around a man who pretended to be dead....

The film was screened to foreign reporters and later shown on Israeli television, causing considerable amusement among the TV commentators and journalists, since the "corpse" kept tumbling out of the blanket.

Col Eisen narrated, "When he came back to life in the middle of the crowd, the crowd breaks up because they didn't know he wasn't really a corpse." Israel Radio reported that many reporters laughed at the point in the tape that the "corpse" seemed to "rise from the dead," causing the people around him to flee in terror.

...Israeli intelligence sources reported that Palestinians have been exhuming corpses from nearby cemeteries and burying them in a mass grave of those who fought the Israelis in Jenin.

NYPD in Israel

By Patrice O'Shaughnessy, Daily News

NYPD investigators are in Israel undergoing training to detect and investigate suicide bombers....

For the first time, a U.S. police department is being trained by experts from Israel's military and municipal police forces, who have had to respond to scores of human bombs in the last 18 months. ■

Volunteer Murderers

By Khaled Dawoud, The Guardian

Young Egyptians are making daily attempts to cross the border into the occupied territory of Gaza to fight alongside the Palestinians against Israel.

According to guards on the strongly fortified crossing at Rafah, one or two Egyptians in their teens or early 20s are arrested every day trying to cross into Gaza.

...Last month Milad Mohammed Hameed, 22, tried to walk across the border but was spotted by Israeli guards and shot dead. He is now being called Egypt's "first martyr of the Palestinian intifada," and senior opposition politicians leading protests against Israel pay regular visits to his poor family in their village.

Dear Zola:

For about 20 years I have been a monthly supporter. I have often felt vou were hypersensitive, as a member of a minority, and writing "sour grapes," as most

of your exposes and criticisms were really about matters that must happen for prophecy to be fulfilled. Once I wrote a negative letter and the Lord said, "Don't send it."

(I still have it.) My apologies. What you have told us about Yasser and friends is the simple truth. One thing I prize about a Jew — like me, they will tell you the truth! — RD

Dear Zola:

Thank God for men like you who have the courage to speak out and hold the line on true Bible teaching. You are an endangered species! - WA

Dear WA:

Well, I'm not ready to become extinct just yet! — Zola

Dear Zola:

What is the matter with our president? I though he wanted to destroy terrorist states instead of creating another (Palestine). — DG

Dear DG:

You and I aren't the only ones upset about our president's double-talk when it comes to Israel fighting Palestinian terrorists. As I've said, we will lose this war on terror if we don't deal with Yasser Arafat, the Saudis, the Iranians, the Iraqis and all the others as the terrorists they are. — Zola

Shalom, Mr. Levitt:

You can tell your viewers for me that Israel is safe, very safe. I went last October 3-9 (Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles) by myself, and I'm disabled. If I could, I would return right now and stay. - TR

Dear TR:

Many, if not most, of our tourists would choose to stay in Israel if they could. — Zola

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

I (and many of your other viewers) realize that Zola is in



Some letters have been

the same boat as the rest of us in that he approaches the whole Israeli/Palestinian issue from a certain biased perspective. I couldn't believe Zola's com-

ments...in which he stated "there are no Jewish terrorists...." I have seen at least one story on how a reporter for *USA Today* (by the name of Kelly, I think) stated that he had run a story about a group of Jews in Israel that had attacked a busload of Palestinians. — AN

Dear AN:

I am truly amazed at your statements! Of the million or so viewers that watch Zola Levitt Presents, how many do you represent? You state that USA Today reported about "Jewish terrorists," but you're not certain who wrote this scathing article. With all the anti-Israel journalists out there reporting against Israel every day for CNN, ABC, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles *Times,* etc., why is it that this claim of Jewish "terrorism" hasn't been the subject of these daily news services? These organizations bash Israel constantly, but have yet to detail any report about Jewish "terrorism." Why do you think this is so? It's because it does not exist. Otherwise, they'd be after it around the clock to justify their anti-Israel bias. And tell me, how many terrorist groups are there around the world that are not Muslim? — Zola

12 Million Deaths!

By Ahmed Rashid, London Telegraph

An American intelligence report says a nuclear exchange between India and Pakistan could kill up to 12 million people and injure seven million.

The U.S. assessment said a limited nuclear exchange would have cataclysmic results, overwhelming hospitals across Asia and the Middle East and requiring vast foreign assistance, particularly from America, which would be forced to go in and clean up the radioactive mess.

Millions more people would die of starvation, disease and radiation. Most of the bombs would explode on the ground, spreading radioactive debris over a large area and destroying agriculture for years.

... The contamination would spread far beyond India and Pakistan. U.S. and British troops in Afghanistan and U.S. troops in Pakistan and Central Asia would be affected.

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This potential global catastrophe has caught the world off guard. The fighting has been brewing for quite some time and actual killings have already taken place. But instead of covering this extremely dangerous powder keg, biased news services have amassed hundreds of journalists in the tiny land of Israel where fewer casualties from terrorism are being reported each day than typical highway fatalities here in America.

Now, with millions of lives at stake, hoards of reporters are not flying to India and Pakistan to cover this. They remain in Israel, waiting expectantly for another teenage Palestinian to murder grandmothers and babies in Israeli shopping malls. It is a dereliction of duty on the part of the media. And I believe it is also another indication that time is running out; Jesus is standing at the door. Hatred against Jews worldwide is increasing exponentially, and Israel finds itself at the center of divine prophecy once more. — Zola

Number 1 is what we are all supposed to want. As I have already indicated, I don't want it, and I can't see why anyone else would, either. Except Palestinians, I suppose: If they yearn to be ruled by amoral hoodlums (as, according to polls, they apparently do), I suppose they have some theoretical right to see their wishes fulfilled but why should the rest of us allow it to happen, given the dangers to us? Number 2 might work for a time, but the Israelis would eventually get fed up with it, and then we'd move on to one of the other options. Number 3 would get us back to the pseudo-stability of pre-1967, but is deeply unpopular with Jordanians — and look what happened in 1967! Number 4 undoubtedly has the UNRWA bureaucrats drooling, but as with number 1, it's hard to see what's in it for the rest of us. Aren't we handing over enough of our money in welfare payments to our own people?

Which leaves us with number 5: expulsion. I am starting to think that this might be the best option. I'm not the only one, either. Here is Dick Armey, Republican leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, talking to Chris Matthews on *Hardball*:

MATTHEWS: Well, just to repeat, you believe that the Palestinians who are now living on the West Bank should get out of there?

Rep. ARMEY: Yes.

When I say "the best option," I don't mean "best for the Palestinians." I don't think they have any good options. Being Arabs, they are incapable of constructing a rational policy, so their future is probably hopeless whatever happens. Their options are the ones I listed above: to be ruled by gangsters, or Israelis, or Jordanians, or welfare bureaucrats. Or to go live somewhere else, under the gentle rule of their brother Arabs. Would expulsion be hard on the Palestinians? I suppose it would. Would it be any harder than options 1 thru 4? I doubt it. Do I really give a flying falafel one way or the other? No, not really.





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BiblicalInsights

Todd's brilliant article below details the beginning of the Jewish "blood libel" accusation.

The old story of Jews using blood (which they are forbidden to eat) in baking their Passover bread has been resurrected recently by the Saudis. These friends of ours truly rival the Nazis in their hatred of the Chosen People. Rev. Baker deals with the whole question from Scripture to the Saudi telethon. — Zola

"His blood be upon us..."

Matthew 27:25 and the Jewish People

By Todd Baker, Th.M.

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this Just person. You see to it." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be upon us and on our children." (Matthew 27:24-25)

Matthew 27:25 arguably stands out as one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted passages in all of Holy Scripture. Of the proposed interpretations for Matthew 27:25, the anti-Jewish interpretation is the oldest and most frequently cited in the history of the Church. This view says the Jewish people are permanently guilty and condemned in the eyes of God for their murder of Jesus Christ. As such, the cry of "His blood be upon us" means that the Jewish crowd in Jerusalem admitted full guilt for killing the Lord Jesus Christ and thereby invoked God's curse upon themselves and their descendants until the end of time. This interpretation first surfaced in the writings of the early church fathers in the second century AD. It became universally accepted by the Middle Ages. The result, among other things, was the slanderous accusation that all Jews were "Christ killers" and "murderers of God." Sadly, this is still a widespread belief in the Church today.

The anti-Jewish interpretation of Matthew 27:25 provided a convenient excuse for outright persecution and slaughter of the Chosen People and the unwarranted replacement of Israel in God's plan with the Church by Replacement Theology. Jewish historian Haim Cohen painfully observes the terrible judgment wrongly made against the Jews because of the prevalence of the anti-Jewish interpretation of Matthew 27:25. He writes:

None of the many charges leveled at the Jews...has held so obdurately against them as unassailable proof of guilt and responsibility for the crucifixion as has this exclamation of theirs "His blood be upon us and our children." (The Trial and Death of Jesus of Nazareth, p. 171)
Furthermore, it can be said without fear of exaggeration that the devastation imposed and inflicted on the Jewish people by the Church's anti-Jewish reading of Matthew 27:25 has shed oceans of Jewish blood issuing into a ceaseless stream of misery and desolation that horribly culminated in Hitler's Holocaust. In light of this it is extremely important that the true meaning of Matthew 27:25 be obtained so that the Chosen People can be free of the false accusation of "Christ killers" that is constantly imputed to them, resulting in the inevitable persecution and murder of the Jews that follow.

The true meaning of Matthew 27:25, like any other Bible verse, is found within the context in which it is written. When looking at the context of Matthew's Gospel (specifically, chapters 26 and 27) it is quite obvious that the entire Jewish race was not totally responsible for having Jesus crucified. Matthew 26 and 27 informs the reader that one individual and three distinct groups were responsible for the death of Jesus Christ. They are (1) Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus into the hands of the Jewish authorities (Matt. 26:14-16; 47-50); (2) the Jewish leaders. This group was made up of Caiphas the High Priest, the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. They united to form the Sanhedrin of Jerusalem which tried Jesus on the charge of blasphemy (Matt. 26:47, 57-67; 27:1-2, 5, 18, 25); (3) the Romans, comprised of the Procurator Pontius Pilate who handed Jesus over to be crucified and the Roman soldiers who actually nailed Jesus to the cross (Matt. 27:11-37); (4) the Jewish mob of Jerusalem. Though their role in Matthew 27 seems passive and subordinated under the control and influence of the chief priests and elders, their guilt in the death of Christ cannot be overlooked. They had the opportunity afforded them by Pilate to have Jesus released, but they chose instead a criminal named Barabbas (Matt 27:17, 20-26).

From the context of Matthew 26-27 Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus applies only to Judas, the religious leaders of Jerusalem, and the mob of Jerusalem before the judgment seat of Pilate. It was the unbelieving Jews of Jerusalem and Israel, not all Jews in general, whom Matthew and the New Testament indict for their failure to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and their complicity in His death.

In part 2 we will look in depth at how Matthew's words themselves tell us exactly who "our children" are. ■

- · All Arab Olympic athletes murdered by Jews
- · All Arab embassies bombed by Jews
- All mosques, cemeteries and religious schools firebombed or desecrated by Jews in North Africa, France, Belgium, Germany, England or any other country
- The destruction of American military, governmental and civilian institutions in Kenya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, along with the murder of U.S. Marines and diplomatic personnel
- All Jewish school books which claim that Arabs poison wells, use Christian blood to make pita, control world finance, and murdered Jesus; or that Arab elders met secretly to plot a world takeover
- And I am particularly ashamed of the way my fellow Jews attacked the World Trade Center, Pentagon and civilian aircraft on September 11, and danced in the streets to celebrate the act. ■

HebrewLesson



By John J. Parsons

בּטְחוּ בָיהוָה עֲדֵי־עַד כִּי בְּיָה יְהוָה צוּר עוֹלֶמִים:

Trust in the LORD forever, for Yah the LORD is an everlasting Rock (Isaiah 26:4).



Hebraic Insight

Surely it is one thing to believe in God – in the sense of acknowledging God's existence or assenting to certain creeds – and it is another thing to personally trust in God to meet your deepest needs. Trust in God is called *bittachon* in Hebrew, a word that comes from a root word meaning "to lean on, feel safe, or be confident."



Although not without its cognitive side, bittachon primarily involves an act of the heart and will: when I trust God I emotionally decide to put my expectations, my hopes, my dreams, my desires – in short, all of my life – into the care of the Lord and His provision for me.

In this verse, Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) urges us to put our trust in Adonai forever, because unlike this world of shadows and vaporous dissipation, in Adonai we find the unchanging Rock of refuge and security, the Source of strength and reliability. The world about us is in constant flux, but Adonai endures throughout all generations and is a refuge to all who come to Him in trust.

Truly encountering God through the decision of trust might be referred to as a "panim elpanim" (face-to-face) moment of life; it is a defining moment that the Lord Jesus called His followers to practice (see Mark 1:15, 11:24, Luke 8:12, John 6:29, 8:24, 14:21). Such bittachon is the source of deep assurance amidst the storms of this life.

Starbucks, YES; France, NON!

By Debbie Schlussel

Want to fight terrorism and anti-Semitism, while enjoying a beverage?

Then, buy Starbucks. And boycott the French, for that matter. Howard Schultz, founder and CEO of Starbucks, has repeatedly seen his company come under criticism and boycotts from the radical left fringe. And he's beaten each one.

But now, a group of American Muslims — which supports terrorism and homicide bombers — has started a new Starbucks boycott.

The campaign is a lie. Plain and simple, it is just another form of anti-Semitism. The Muslims just can't handle that one of America's most outspoken, principled, and successful CEOs is proudly Jewish, pro-Israel, and not afraid to say so.

What Schultz did say in his April 4th speech was simple. As reported by Seattle KING5-TV reporter Elisa Hahn, Schultz said, "What is going on in the Middle East is not an isolated part of the world. The rise of anti-Semitism is at an all-time high since the 1930s. . . . If you leave this synagogue tonight and go back to your home and ignore this, then shame on us."

This is "inciteful"? That Muslims would use a speech against anti-Semitism as an excuse to boycott and attempt to silence the principled Starbucks CEO is instructive in what is really going on. To wit, Schultz is correct — this isn't about Israel or land. It's about anti-Semitism and legitimizing attacks on and murder of Jews. Nothing less.

And now, Muslims are boycotting Starbucks. And I'm hoping to help make up the difference. Despite a dislike of coffee and high-calorie drinks, I'll do my part, and I urge like-minded consumers to do theirs.

Then there's the French.

Despite hundreds of well-documented, violent anti-Semitic attacks on Jews throughout France — many perpetrated by Muslim Arabs — French President Jacques Chirac does nothing to stem the tide. The attacks are increasing almost geometrically. But Chirac won't risk upsetting the 5 to 10 million Muslims in his country. After all, a vote is a vote. 700,000 Jews are just dispensable. What is indispensable, however, are Jewish consumers

and others who despise these vile attacks. They are boycotting everything French — cheese, perfume, designers, vacations.

The boycott is already having an impact. But rather than do the right thing, the moral thing, and end the attacks, President Chirac called Israeli Prime Minister Sharon on May 11th and threatened "consequences," according to *The Jerusalem Post*, if the boycott is not halted and France continues to be presented as the anti-Semitic country that it is. One wonders, what consequences? Maybe making all French Jews wear yellow stars of David. Or how about, rounding them up and putting them into concentration camps? France has a lot of skills and experience in these types of consequences for its beloved Juifs (Jews). We saw how the haute-couture French practiced these "consequences" with such politesse, joie de vivre, and fin-de-siecle in the '30s and '40s.

"The French massively demonstrated their refusal...of anti-Semitism," the Post quoted Chirac as saying. Puhleeze. Which of the massive wildings against Jewish soccer teams, stonings of Jewish schoolbuses, destructions of Jewish synagogues and cemeteries, and beatings of Jewish citizens — are the "massive demonstrations" of "refusal of anti-Semitism"?

I'm happily among those boycotting France. Good-bye to my favorite perfume, which is French.... Hello to my new favorite, "Happy" by Clinique. Clinique and Estee Lauder, owned by the American, Jewish Lauder family, like Starbucks, are being boycotted by Arab Muslims for one reason — they are owned by Jews. This has nothing to do with Israel. The Lauders aren't Israelis. It's anti-Semitism, plain and simple.

7 Reasons for Israel

(please see page 2)

In a speech before the Senate, Senator James Inhofe offered seven reasons why Israel alone is entitled to possess the Holy Land and should not be a part of the "peace process."

- 1. Archaeological evidence,
- 2. Historic right through a continual presence that predates the Roman Empire,
- 3. Israel's contribution to agriculture and science,
- 4. A humanitarian concern, considering the Holocaust,
- 5. The value of Israel as an ally of America,
- 6. A roadblock to terrorism,
- 7. Because God said so.

Not Friend or Foe

By Daniel Pipes, New York Post

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – friend or foe of America? Having been asked exactly this question on such shows as CNN's "Crossfire" and ABC's "Nightline," I've come to the conclusion that the answer is "neither." Rather, Saudi Arabia is a rival.

Saudi Arabia has been friendly to the extent that, since a dying Franklin D. Roosevelt met an aging King Ibn Saud in 1945, its leaders have kept their part of a crucial bargain: They provide oil and gas and in return Washington provides security.

This deal has sometimes held, as when the Saudis opened their oil spigot, to the annoyance of their fellow energy exporters; or when a half million U.S. troops were rushed over to Saudi Arabia in 1990-91 as Iraq threatened the kingdom.

In other ways, however, the relationship has been hostile, as in 1973-74, when a Saudi oil embargo helped spur the deepest economic crisis in the United States since the Great Depression. Former CIA Director R. James Woolsey has stated, "Much of the money for al Qaeda has come from Saudi Arabia," tying the Saudis directly to 9/11.

And since September, they repeatedly have failed Americans. They neither endorsed the U.S. attack on the Taliban, cracked down on their own bin Laden sympathizers, forthrightly acknowledged the role of Saudis on 9/11 nor made a priority of closing down the continuing financial flows to al Qaeda.

More, as a leading Saudi figure warned just last month, the kingdom might join America's enemies to survive: "If that means we move to the right of [Osama] bin Laden, so be it; to the left of [Libya's ruler Moammar] Khadafy, so be it; or fly to Baghdad and embrace Saddam [Hussein] like a brother, so be it."

This cannot be dismissed as an empty threat. Symbolic of these tensions, the Pentagon recently excluded the kingdom from a listing of U.S. allies in the war on terrorism.

Such differences mean that Saudi Arabia cannot be thought of as an ally. Instead, it should be seen as a rival, along the lines of like France, Russia or China.

Granted, compared to those three, Saudi Arabia looks

pretty unimpressive, with a population officially estimated at 22 million, a political system dominated by thousands of princes and an economy deeply dependent on oil revenues. Its culture is notoriously backward (women banned from driving), closed-minded (total censorship) and barbaric (executions as public spectacles).

Despite these disadvantages, the kingdom's rulers see themselves as leaders of the billion or so Muslims worldwide and the vanguard of a movement that eventually will vanquish and replace Western civilization, which they dismiss as corrupt and doomed.

This outsized ambition derives in part from the Saudi state being "protector of the two holy places," the cities of Mecca and Medina. In part, it emerges from Wahhabism, the extremist vision of Islam that predominates in Saudi Arabia.

Worse, as *The New York Times* recently noted, an evermore radical version of Wahhabism is gaining strength

in the kingdom: an "extremist, anti-Western world view has gradually pervaded the Saudi education system with its heavy doses of mandatory religious instruction [and then it] seeped outside the classroom through mosque sermons, television shows and the Internet, coming to dominate the public discussions on religion."

Anti-Western views have stuck; in particular, Saudis have shown themselves wildly sympathetic to bin Laden. One American hospital worker in Saudi Arabia reported "Saudi doctors and nurses around him celebrating on 9/11." A confidential survey

found some 95 percent of young educated Saudis sympathetic to his declaration of war against the United States.

A century ago, most Muslims viewed Wahhabism as little more than an Arabian curiosity. Today, thanks to vast oil revenues well spent, a vast Wahhabi institutional structure exists to spread these ideas, so that it has become a powerful force wherever Muslims live, from Afghanistan (where the Taliban embodied this ideology) to most mosques in the United States. There are times and places when cooperation with the government of Saudi Arabia makes sense.

There are also times and places when confronting it is necessary. The larger point is this: However much the United States predominates today, there are any number of would-be successors and Saudi Arabia is no less ambitious than the others. It must be watched with great caution.

A NOTE FROM ZOLA continued from page 5

During my recent slew of speaking engagements across the Southeast and tours to the Holy Land Experience in Florida, I took a survey at every meeting, asking these three questions: 1) How many believe that Saudi Arabia is our friend and ally? 2) How many believe that Yasser Arafat wants peace? and 3) How many believe that the U.S. is a member of a coalition against terrorism that includes Iran and Syria? In every place, with thousands attending, not one hand was raised to any of these questions. And I've come to the conclusion that the only folks who believe this gibberish is George W. Bush and his advisors. I hesitate to say that I am ashamed of the American administration. So I'll just say that I'm terribly disappointed in our president.

The persistence of the Arab nations in claiming that they are real countries with real citizens who have a voice in the affairs of their own lands is believed only by those who hate the Jews, and by President Bush.

And the hatred of Jews is not relegated anymore to Muslims. Anti-Semitism is on the rise in exponential proportions throughout Europe and North America. As long as the myth of occupation continues to be believed and perpetuated around the world, the "plight of the poor Palestinians" will incite more and more people to violent acts against Jews everywhere.

Jesus told His Jewish disciples that they would be "hated by all nations" (Matt. 24:9).

The more the world turns against the Chosen People, the more desire there is for peace in Israel, which lays down the red carpet for the Antichrist. He will eventually succeed in securing a seven-year peace treaty with Israel, which will usher in the Tribulation.

The news we read today about terrorism and Israel and peace conferences should make every student of Scripture sit up and take notice. The pieces of the prophetic puzzle are coming together and we may just be living in the final days before the Rapture of the Church. Read more about the current situation in Israel and the world in our soon-to-be updated book *Signs of the End: the Millenium*.

With the last days winding down, this is the time to concentrate our efforts on evangelizing the lost, especially the Jews. Jesus said that the fields were white for harvest. Will you be a laborer in the Lord's fields? You may do so by praying, sending or going (or all three!). Get involved in finding out about mission opportunities through your local church. Pray for those who give their lives in true evangelistic service to the Chosen People. Send these workers with your offerings and watch God bless you with eternal fruit. And go to the field yourself. Learn about witnessing to others, particularly the Jewish peo-

ple (see our *Witness-ing* video for detailed teaching). Then, do it. Share your changed life with Jew and Gentile alike before the Lord calls us home. If your church can't do the job, then consider contributing to the work we have in place for just such missionary activity.

Part of getting involved in this work is learning all you can about the Bible and Israel. That's one reason I continue to lead scores of pilgrims to the Holy Land and to Israel sites here in America. Consider one of these teaching times:

"Bless Israel" Solidarity Tour – Saturday, July 13 at the Biblical Arts Center in Dallas, Texas. A full day of teaching, touring and worship as we view magnificent replicas of Israel sites along with the famed "Miracle at Pentecost" sight and sound show. A full day for only \$49. Sign up early!

Fall Israel Tour – October 19-November 9. Choose from our Deluxe 10-day tour or add on extensions to Greece, a Mediterranean cruise, or Petra. This is a premier Israel tour. Call our tour manager Tony at (214) 696-9760 for full details or 1-800-WONDERS anytime to request a color brochure.

Finally, I am hoping to see you as I speak in churches from Colorado to the West Coast. If you live in the Southern California area, find out if your church would be interested in having me visit for a time of teaching toward the end of August and beginning of September. Call Claudia at 817-417-0059 for complete scheduling details.

This may be the last *Levitt Letter* I am able to produce. The Rapture could come before you get to read this. If so, then we'll have a nice long chat in our Father's house. If not, then please continue to pray for this ministry, that we'll continue serving the Lord with informative and edifying programs, books and periodicals. And, please, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,

Send in the Clowns

"There is no conclusive evidence that the senior leadership of the [Palestinian Authority] and the PLO were involved in planning or approving specific acts of violence." So says the U.S. State Department in their semi-annual report on the PLO. ■

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Adopting Anatot



Jeremiah purchased the parcel of land known as Anatot in 590 B.C. when Jerusalem was under siege. The Israelis were even more troubled by the Babylonians than they are today by the Palestinians. Situated at the northern border of Jerusalem, Anatot's record of sale is found in Jeremiah 32:9: "I bought the



field which was at Anatot from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I weighed out the silver for him, seventeen shekels of silver." It's easy to see that the land was already Jewish-owned. This transaction occurred 1,200 years before the birth of Mohammed. Read Jeremiah 32:6-15 for the Biblical account.

Joni Arden, one of our tour guides, and her husband, Stuart, were among the first to reclaim Anatot, Jewish land for thousands of years. This community needs a proper fence, bulletproof vests and other such defensive equipment to maintain itself in this generation. Please help these brave Israelis — who are not moving for anyone — to hold this important piece of land!

Designate a gift to our Anatot Adoption Fund and see "16 Cents on the Dollar" on page 4. Next month, we'll give a complete background on Anatot and the courageous Israelis who live there.



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