

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

We have the choice... At a Crossroad



As we prepare this issue, the US is having some differences with Syria, so we are not certain how that will turn out. But presently our country is a member of a "Quartet" including Russia, the EU, and the UN. We're presently aligned with the worst of company and their influence points us in the wrong direction. This is like attempting to play bridge with three baboons.

This quartet has published a "Road Map" for Israel, which, if realized, would build another dictatorship on the West Bank—while the US is busy removing the same sort of tyranny in Iraq. Only a person out of his mind would favor a Palestinian state, especially at a time like this.

Since Syria has expressed hostilities toward our actions in Iraq, what we should do is turn our attention toward that nation (and Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the PLO). What the war with Iraq demonstrates more than anything else is the amazing ease of dismantling a regime in the Middle East. The Iraqi people suffered for decades, being robbed, tortured, and murdered, but in a matter of weeks their brutal government's reign of terror is over and that nation is on the road to recovery.

And Iraq was supposedly the toughest nation in the region (except for those who control by means of money, like the Saudi Arabian gangsters known as the Royal Family).

We have a choice of models to follow at this point. We can choose the one utilized after World War II in Germany and Japan; we occupied those nations for a period of time and put democracies in motion. And as fan-

INSIDE ITEMS

The Next Steps in Iraq

By Capt. William King

Now that the Pentagon has declared that hostilities have all but ended in Iraq, many people are asking exactly when our troops will be coming home. While some sailors and airmen have already started returning from the region, the work on the ground in Iraq is far from over. What, then, is the role of our military in a post-war Iraq?

The US still has three primary objectives in Iraq: 1) To stabilize and bring security to the country, to provide humanitarian aid to civilians, and to restore as necessary civil infrastructure (power, water, etc.);

2) To locate and secure weapons of mass destruction (WMD), as well as

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atical as those two nations had been, those free societies are still running well after 60 years.

Of course, we can invest even less time and money to create changes. A good example was Muammar Khadafi, Libya's dictator. When our jets sent a rocket to his house, nearly killing him, he abruptly discontinued his overt support of terrorism and all but vanished from the world scene with hardly a whisper. Our nation doesn't realize the power we have. That wasn't a matter of deploying aircraft carriers, Marines, and tanks, it was just a few precision-guided weapons fired at a deserving target. While Libya is hardly a friendly nation, it has not bothered us since then.

The worst path we can take is to allow the continued Islamization of the world, with ongoing terrorism and ultimately the engulfing of Europe and the US by a new Dark Age. (This may seem a very radical view, but I believe that's the crossroad at which we now stand—see Guy Milliere's "Nastiness, Treason, and Cheating," elsewhere in this issue, to see how rapidly the Islamization of a nation can happen.)

Frankly, I'm pessimistic as to the choice we'll make, for three reasons. Number one, the awful political correctness that dictates that we should be concerned about our reputation with people who hate us.

One recent example of political correctness run amok happened late in April when Iraq's Shiite majority started seizing control of southern cities, as well as the large Shiite slum in Baghdad. These Shiite leaders have ties to Iran and are already thwarting US efforts to create an interim government by boycotting Americanled discussions. And according to USA Today, American intelligence officers think Shiites from neighboring Iran are infiltrating Iraq with an eye toward creating discord; already these groups are organizing huge demonstrations outside mosques, demanding that the US troops leave Iraq.

The Bush administration's response? All but insane. On April 20th, the president praised the Shiite demonstrators, saying, "I'm not worried. Freedom is beautiful, and when people are free, they express their opinions."

I don't get the logic here. This is like being glad when the Soviet Communists took Eastern Europe. These Shiites are the same sect that took American diplomats hostage at our embassy in Iran decades ago, virtually the same religious zealots who more recently sent suicide bombers to the World Trade Center, and now they're busy sabotaging our efforts to create a free democracy in Iraq. They don't promote freedom or tolerance and never have. And yet the president is praising their efforts as something "beautiful?" Such statements make Bush sound crazy.

This is like having thugs, sent out by Jean-Bertrand Aristide, take over the Dominican Republic (at the other end of the island with Haiti), and then having our president say, "Hey, that's okay. A free people are always exuberant and celebrating. I love it." Such political correctness and accommodation dash all hope for freedom in the Muslim states in the Middle East.

Another reason I'm pessimistic as to what choice we'll make is that we seem intent on accommodating France and various factions in the UN that don't have our best interests in mind.

Thirdly, we are presently surrounded with what appears to be impending End Times prophecy fulfillments, with the present war in Iraq being part of the picture (as we detailed in our last *Personal Letter*). That means a more likely scenario for the future is continued escalation of assaults on Israel, culminating with the invasion of Gog and Magog and the battle of Armageddon.

The shame of our current situation is that the US has the rare chance to create democracies or at least affect regime changes, which would bring an end to the torment of 350 million Arab people, all of whom are created by God.

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to uncover the sites exploited for the production and storage of WMD;

3) To oversee the creation of a new Iraqi government that is representative of the Iraqi people. Until these objectives have been met, coalition troops will be required to maintain a presence in Iraq.

In providing security to the country, coalition troops will first ensure that no credible military threat remains to endanger troops or civilians. Coalition forces will spread over Iraq, engaging or accepting surrender from any regime military forces still existing. Our troops will also be on the lookout for any unconventional threats in the form of snipers, suicide bombers, or any other terrorists from outside Iraq (sometimes dubbed "Arab volunteers" by the media) who seek to harm troops or civilians, incite violence, or attempt to destabilize the country.

Parallel to this security effort, our troops will provide the conditions necessary for humanitarian aid and civil affairs workers to safely enter the country and begin their relief and rebuilding efforts. Afghanistan has been an excellent example of how we can combine the peacekeeping kind of mission as seen in Bosnia with the humanitarian relief kind of mission as seen initially in Somalia, and we can expect many parts of the Afghan model to be incorporated into the plan for Iraq.

In Afghanistan we have liberated the people from an oppressive regime; we have rebuilt schools, bridges, and other key infrastructure; we've provided food and water to the starving population: and we've established and trained a new national military force that will eventually accept total security responsibility for the country, and established a free and democratic government representative of the Afghan people. In Iraq, just as in Afghanistan, stability and security are the first and most important steps in setting the conditions for achieving our other strategic goals.

Once security has been restored to Iraq, coalition forces will begin in earnest a systematic search for Saddam's WMD. Combat patrols will act on intelligence gathered from multiple sources, including Iraqi citizens, and search suspected locations where the regime has hidden WMD. If upon initial inspection of a site it is determined that further, more detailed inspection is needed, a team of experts will be sent to test any materials or equipment found at a site.

Along with searching potential WMD sites, troops will continue their hunt for scientists and regime leaders who have detailed knowledge of Iraq's WMD materials, sites, and programs. While coalition forces have already inspected a number of sites in Iraq, these inspections were conducted while hostilities were still ongoing. Once we have transitioned to stability and support operations, and a level of security has been brought to the country, the inspections will be able to proceed virtually unimpeded.

The next step for the coalition will be establishing the new Iraqi government. During this process, the role of coalition ground troops will be to maintain security and continue inspections of potential WMD sites. Diplomats from several countries, and perhaps even the UN, will oversee the establishment of the government.

Maintaining security throughout Iraq will be paramount during each of these phases, from now until coalition troops leave. Although the military threat has been all but eliminated, a tangible security threat still exists in the form of terrorists, and more recently in the dangers presented by mass anti-US demonstrations throughout the country. While the demonstrations have yet to turn violent, the number of demonstrators has been quite large, indicating a growing anti-US sentiment. This anti-American attitude isn't limited to Iraq; it's blossoming throughout the Muslim world and poses several potential problems for the US-backed Iraqi government that will soon emerge.





A Bump in the Road Map

By Capt. William King

In what appears to be one of the most amazing coincidences (but in actuality is a clear message to Israel and the "Quartet"—the US, Russia, EU, and the UN), the Palestinian legislature confirmed on April 29th the appointment of Abu Mazen as Prime Minister. It was no coincidence that on Holocaust Remembrance Day the Palestinians made this announcement: Abu Mazen is a known Holocaust denier. In Abu Mazen's 1983 doctrinal dissertation at Moscow Oriental College, "The Other Side: The Secret Relations Between Nazism and the Zionist Movement," he references such notable Holocaust deniers as Raoul Hilberg, Robert Faurisson, and Frenchman Paul Rassinier.

Mazen asserts, among other things, that gas chambers were never used for killing, that only about 890,000 Jews were killed, and that the Jews significantly exaggerated the number killed in order to gain sympathy for their movement to form their own nation. The appointment of Abu Mazen was clearly a slap in the face to Israel from their "partners in peace," and a man in whom the West has placed trust to execute their Road Map.

Politicians here in the US and in other nations around the world have been dismissed or forced to resign for equal or even less severe Holocaust denial statements; instead the US-led Quartet has labeled Abu Mazen as "one of the good guys," a true partner for peace. The Quartet is asking Israel and the world to believe that a terrorist associate of Yasser Arafat's, a man who believes that the Jews' establishment of modern Israel is based on a Zionist conspiracy with the Nazis, will be the one who brings peace to the region. This flawed line of reasoning presents a large bump in the Road Map, one that will not be overcome so long as Arafat and his cronies refuse to even acknowledge Israel's right to exist.



A seasoned traveler knows that when he undertakes a trip, he should visit as many sites as he can for the simple reason that he's

already packed (which is why our pilgrims often undertake side trips to Greece or Petra on our tours). At this moment the US is in the Middle



East with equipment mobilized and ready for use. Instead of bringing troops and carriers home from Iraq, our forces should simply be turning toward the next dictatorship in the Middle East and taking it down. I believe we would need little if any military force with many of these regimes; most are unstable and would collapse in a hurry if a little pressure were applied to their "governments."

Think about it. If Iraq, the "strongman of the Arab world" took about a month to defeat, then Syria, a much weaker country that's mostly in the business of running drugs and renting headquarters to terrorist organizations, would probably capitulate in a week. Saudi Arabia, still weaker, would most likely fall without a shot being fired. It's conceivable Iran would succumb in a month, or perhaps has even learned a lesson from what happened next door and would capitulate with hardly a struggle. Iran looks like a formidable problem, but there is already a fledgling democracy struggling for legitimacy and existence there, and we could make that happen. As for the PLO, it could be put out of business by Israel, which could handle the task without our help. (Let's stop "helping" this perfectly capable democracy.)

We're at a crossroad where one route leads to an Islamic Dark Age and the other to a much freer, better world. As responsible stewards of this planet, we must make the best choice.



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Managing the News

According to multiple sources, CNN and The New York Times have been sanitizing their reporting from Iraq for years due to threats of torture and death from the Iraqi government. Being truthful, they argue, might also have cost them their access. The question: Why didn't they just leave and explain why instead of staying and filing misleading reports?

Stop, Thief!

Nobel Peace Prize laureate and serial killer Yasser Arafat made Forbes magazine's list of the world's richest people in a new category reserved for kings, queens, and despots. He is a talented embezzler.

With a personal fortune of at least \$300 million stashed away in Swiss banks, Arafat is featured in Forbes, special annual issue on the world's top 500 billionaires. Arafat placed No. 6 on a list of world leaders in the "kings, queens, and despots" category. Saudi Arabia's King Fahd topped the list at \$20 billion, and Saddam Hussein was fourth with \$2 billion.

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Web Site of the Month

www.masada2000.org/holocaust.html addresses the famous quote from Yassar Arafat, "The creation of Israel is 'Palestine Holocaust Day' and the Palestinian People were subjected to the worst Holocaust in history." Tell a lie enough times, and it becomes the truth. That was the strategy of Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda director, a technique employed against the Jews of Europe. It worked then, and unfortunately it is working today in many parts of the world.

NewsBriefs

From the Religion of Peace

As the showdown between the US and Iraq approached in March, Palestinian couples demonstrated their true sentiments through the naming of their sons. According to the London-based pan-Arab daily *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, the favorite was "Saddam," so-named after the Iraqi dictator. Reporter Ala Badarneh noted, "Many Palestinians are proud of this name. Many families are also keen on keeping posters of Saddam Hussein in their homes. Usually you would find pictures of Saddam Hussein and Yasser Arafat together at previous meetings between the two. Many people are buying these pictures in the market and keeping them at home."

The reporter also noted that when a US helicopter was downed or American soldiers killed or captured, "Drivers start honking their horns, passersby start chanting, and others fire shots into the air."

Source: Jerusalem Post

Abu a-Thug

The Palestinian Authority demanded the release of Abu Abbas after his detention in Iraq by US forces in April.

"We demand the United States release Abu Abbas. It has no right to imprison him," Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said. "The Palestinian-Israeli interim agreement signed on September 28, 1995 stated that members of the Palestine Liberation Organization must not be detained or tried for matters they committed before the Oslo peace accord of September 13, 1993."

Abbas masterminded the 1985 hijacking of the *Achille Lauro* cruise ship in the Mediterranean, during which his henchmen killed disabled American passenger Leon Klinghoffer in front of his wife and children and then ordered his body and wheelchair thrown overboard. In 1990, Abbas mounted an abortive speedboat attack on bathers on a beach near Tel Aviv. For these and other terrorist acts, Abbas has been sentenced in absentia to five life terms in Italy, and he's been wanted by the US since 1985.

Source: Reuters and CNN

Abu is a thug like Arafat and should be punished for his crimes. (He should not be given a Nobel Peace prize.) We should not give this monster up. — Zola



Anti-Semitic attacks in the US increased by eight percent in 2002, with incidents on campus spiking nearly 25 percent, according to the Anti-Defamation League. These rose to 1,559 attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions.

On campuses, anti-Jewish sentiment heightened after Israel entered the West Bank last April. One incident took place at the University of Colorado in September where Jewish students were confronted with taunts including "Nazi" as they gathered at a peace rally.

The numbers of incidents dropped in Florida and New York, but rose in Pennsylvania and nearly doubled in California (223 as compared to 122 the year before).

Source: Jerusalem Post

This article shows one reason why it's important for me to speak on US campuses in the Midwest this summer. If students are presented only with lies about the Jews and Israel, that is what they tend to believe. Contact Claudia at (717)417-0059 for information about how you can help us do that. — Zola



Islamic publications often present a very distorted picture of the West. Recently one Egyptian newspaper pictured President Bush, on each page of its war coverage, dressed in a Nazi uniform. Egyptian papers also regularly refer to American and British forces as "allies of the devil." Rare civilian casualties are frequently reported as "massacres," or, as one Egyptian paper put it, an "American Holocaust."

The *New York Daily News* reported in April that Islamic schools in New York City use textbooks containing "passages that are blatantly anti-Semitic." One book, *What Islam Is All About*, used in grades 3-6, tells readers that Jews and Christians lead "such decadent and immoral lives that lying, alcohol, nudity, pornography, racism, foul language, premarital sex, homosexuality, and everything else are accepted in their society, churches and synagogues."

Elsewhere the book asserts that "Jews subscribe to a belief in racial superiority." According to the newspaper, the book has sold more than 40,000 copies and is used in more than half of the city's Muslim schools.

Source: Cal Thomas, Tribune Media Services

Mr. Levitt:

Please remove my name from your mailing list. I'm a devout Baptist and do not agree with your Jewish philosophy. I am outraged at the fact Jewish/communist

groups like the ACLU and ADL have taken prayer and Bible reading out of our lives and our schools as well — and have denied us the right to publicly display our cross that represents Jesus Christ's death. — EC

Dear EC:

Are you referring to the Jesus Christ who is the King of the Jews? — Zola

Dear Zola:

I am concerned that you are so critical of President Bush. Please join many Christians who are praying for him to do God's will and what is best for the United States. God is still in charge. — BR

Dear Zola:

I agree fully with your remarks about President Bush. I think we should make it known that we are fully committed to protecting Israel. Our president should not be riding the fence with Muslims, saying they are a peaceful religion. As for his stand on a Palestinian state, he better read the Bible. Who owns the land? — LR

Zola:

My heart-felt thanks for your truth and no-holds-barred approach against the enemies of Israel and America. You, sir, never pull punches and I love you for it! Much of the opposition heard in America about Iraq is from one of two types of people: 1) Old hippies who never understood what we were trying to accomplish in Vietnam and assuredly don't understand Iraq and the big picture, or 2) Young people who haven't been anywhere, listen to people who don't know anything, and now are following like blind mice being led to the cat.

If we don't support Israel, the Father won't bless us. — CS $\,$

Dear Zola:

Read your article, "Dead Wrong." I am writing because I am distressed that Bush's statements have caused you so much grief. I was also shocked when Bush mentioned a "Palestinian State." I believed then and now that this was something he said for strategic reasons. Like Solomon, I believe this president prayed for wisdom and Some letters have been edited for space.

God has granted it in abundance.

Like you mentioned in your defense of how you questioned Ms. Ashwari: "Enough

rope." I think Bush had the guts to call Arafat's bluff. If Arafat and his bunch want nothing less than to push Israel into the sea, then the offer of a Palestinian state, negotiated for fairly with Israel's input, would never be accepted. Bush unmasked their true motives for the world to see. I believe Bush is giving the Palestinians every chance for peace so there can be no doubt when steps must be taken by Israel to defend itself. — KW

KW:

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Well put. I hope you're right. — Zola

Dearest Zola,

I have watched your show for many years now, and cannot imagine having to live without your ministry. Please keep up the good works your staff and you are doing. God bless you and everything you do. — PR

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Staff at ZLM:

Please tell Zola I agree with him one hundred percent on his recommendations for giving. It is my belief that all charity should be so given as to glorify the Lord. I gave one time to operation "Wings of Eagles" and after it was suggested to me that a big amount of their intake was directed to causes other than the primary one, I checked and the overhead to raise the money seemed too high. —WR

Zola:

I must say how much I enjoy your newsletters. They keep getting better and better with each issue! I always sit down to read a few articles and find myself reading it cover to cover before I know it. It's like a history lesson we never get from the secular press.

I also enjoy your TV show on Friday nights, which is where I found out about Gerald Schroeder. I have purchased three of his books.

Thank you for all your good work, straight talk, and nononsense approach to the Gospel. — PJ

PJ:

I have the same habit. I read it cover to cover before I know it. Unlike many of Dr. Schroeder's critics who write to us, you have an understanding of what he actually has said. -Z

Our readers express their love to the Israeli people who have served Zola Levitt Ministries for many years through our "Good News from a Far Country Fund." The tour guides (who wrote the letters below) have been almost without work because of the Palestinian problem. Some time ago we asked if our audience would give support to those who have shared their talents with us for so many years. The response was terrific!

We also support our guides, TV personnel, and bus drivers in Israel. Checks toward this purpose can be made to the "Good News from a Far Country Fund." — Zola

"...the Greatest of These Is Love"

Dear Staff:

Where do I begin? I am overwhelmed with joy and thanksgiving, and deep appreciation. This morning I went to buy some groceries for *Shabbat* [Sabbath], went to my P.O. Box, and found one envelope from Zola Levitt Ministries. Immediately the thought came to me, oh this must be the check for the trees that Cynthia told me about yesterday in an email.

When I opened it, I almost fainted, because yes, this was a check, but it was not for the settlement. It was for me, from the Good News Fund. I was shaking, laughing, and crying all at the same time. All I could think was, what an incredible answer to prayer, because my car insurance is due in May, only a few days away, and there was absolutely no money available for the payment.

This is indeed an incredible *Shabbat*, one that will be filled with extra thanksgiving and prayers for all who gave to this fund, and for Zola Levitt Ministries which has made this possible. I could not wait for Stu to come home to tell him the news. I called him immediately, and told him that we have an answer to prayer, the car insurance will be completely covered! He kept saying, "Wow, I don't believe it"! Indeed, a very heavy burden has been lifted from us. I can hardly sit still to write this email, I am so excited.

Today there is a heat wave sand storm, very difficult to see, & breathe, and tomorrow and Sun. we might have rain! It looks like the blessings are falling on Israel as well as Joni & Stu. Israel is going to receive the "latter rains" spoken about in the bible, and Sandra and Zola are going to see the Sea of Galilee full at the end of May. Another answer to prayer.

Thank you again for this blessing for Stu and I, our hearts are full of joy! Zola's message included with the check were words of encouragement and understanding, and touched us very much. Thank you.

Shabbat Shalom, — Joni and Stu



Our chief guide, Zvi, is a man of few words... - Zola

Shalom dear Zola and Sandra,

Today Sarah and I got Good News from a Far Country. Your country is far but your hearts are close to us. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity and kindness. You didn't forget us. We are blessed to have people like you as our friends, brothers and sisters.

God bless you in Yeshua's name. See you in May with a big and wonderful group,

— Zvi and Sarah

Dear Friends,

e get letters from viewers asking if I'm really as kindly, humble, and/or holy as I appear to be on our program.

The answer is: Of course not.

It first should be appreciated that TV rather magnifies a personality. When you see me, I am wearing a certain amount of makeup and have a very skilled production team running the lighting and cameras. If anything, I look better than my very best in real life. The picture presented can be impressive. I've even had a woman write in to propose marriage to me (my wife answered that letter very kindly).

Likewise my personality is nothing like what you see on TV, though this is for a much different reason. What you see on TV is properly referred to as an "anointing" (not the true "anointing" of a Bible personality, but simply an ordinary man working for God). In real life I'm the real me: Impatient, irascible, argumentative, and very much a "Type A" personality.

If you really look at many of Scripture's characters, you will see God delighting in choosing what we would see as the wrong man for the job (look at Moses, who claimed a speech impediment, or Gideon, who was nearly afraid of his own shadow). He choose a whimsical teenager (David) and had him anointed king of a nation. Jeremiah was a depressive; today Ezekiel would be classified as insane. Samson was dating a prostitute. And Solomon kept 300 concubines as a diversion from his 700 wives!

I am not saying that such shortcomings are good things. But none of these stops a person from being anointed by God or disqualifies him from being a soldier in the Lord's army.

When I first went on TV, I determined to go on with plain talk, no tie, no

A Note From Zola

holy pronouncement, or the like just Bible teaching. And that has remained our ministry.

In this ministry I argue with every sort of person, believer and unbeliever alike. The seminaries utterly detest me. Campus Crusade would not help me get speaking engagements on college campuses (even though I was saved at one of their meetings and volunteered with that organization, giving up a fine secular job). "Finer Christians" won't have me speak at their churches, nor will they witness to Jews.

Of course, some of the attitude embraced by these groups is good old garden variety anti-Semitism. But a lot of it is due to my own failings and lack of character. (Peter and Paul evidently had similar problems.)

What we should understand is that God is not looking for "good people," spiritual people, or even holy peo-

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ple, but simply for believing people who will get His job done.

It is interesting to see people's reactions when they

are presented with my real self as opposed to my TV personality. I conduct tours to the Holy Land and am often with those who have watched my program for many years. When I say something funny, at first there is almost no laughter and some of those in the tour are disconcerted because they are not sure what their response should be. They have categorized me as a "holy man," and



typically such religious persons do not tell jokes. (Although the Lord did present such ironies in some of His parables, such as the man who tries to remove a splinter from his brother's eye while he has a wooden plank in his own, as told in Matthew 7:3. Likewise, He sometimes spoke with a deadly ricochet, such as when He asked His critics "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?" in John 10:32.)

Another type of letter that comes in from time to time will take me to task for appearing on this or another TV network and supporting its "doctrine" (which, of course, is invariably at odds with that of the writer). So I would like to take a little space here to set this idea straight as well.

> As to why I would appear on any given network, I can only say that I'm a "renter" on the networks that will have me. If we rent an apartment

or a store, we are not held responsible for the behavior of the other tenants or the landlord. When a network on which my program is not carried reaches out to me with an invitation to appear, I accept it almost without fail because I can reach more people that way.

I would like to note that you don't have to have a big ministry or appear

A NOTE FROM ZOLA continued

on a weeklyTV program to be important in the Lord's sight. If you feel like a very plain Christian, you may be very surprised when you get to Heaven. You may even find yourself the ruler of a city, or in another position of authority, because God knows your real heart and what you are capable of. He does not judge the way men appear "...for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7).

I produced a song, with our lyricist Charlynn Johns on our *Chapions of Faith* album, which contained this verse:

I witness in each hero of faith What we all hope to be. Followers, friends, leaders of men, Loving God as God loves me!

On another note, I must say that I continue to be troubled by the "vision" that America and many European nations have for a Palestinian state. I recently visited what are claimed to be the capitals of two occupied nations: Ramallah, the capital of the so-called occupied Palestinian territory, and Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee Nation. Interestingly enough, the Cherokees were courteous, helpful, and didn't invade any local Wal-Marts and blow up any "occupiers of America" (i.e., us) — even though they truly are members of an occupied nation. Meanwhile, the people in Ramallah, who are actually squatters on land that is not their own, attempt to murder those they charge with being occupiers.

Their claim that Palestine is the only occupied nation is more than just false. Almost every nation in the world could be considered to be occupied. In fact, the only one inhabited by its land-grant owners is Israel. The US and Australia both have native populations displaced by Europeans, and arguably most nations that are now considered Arabic have had their native populations slowly assimilated through intermarriage or even by the forceful sword of Islam.

In fact, there are three things motivating the desire for a Palestinian state — cash, cash, and cash. It's the preference of the Saudis and other oil merchants to buy off the UN and even some US officials who will do anything for money, including becoming the proud founding fathers of a terrorist Palestinian state.

Of course, there are some who misguidedly want to create a Palestinian state to make peace. But having the best of intentions doesn't make something right. *The Jerusalem Post* recently referred to President Bush's "vision" for a Palestinian as "blurred vision" and that about says it all.

There's another argument that Israeli Prime Minister Sharon's position of agreeing to a Palestinian state under "certain circumstances" is the best position. Max Singer in a *Jerusalem Post* article last November wrote, "The advantage we get by saying that Israel is ready to agree to a Palestinian state under certain circumstances, is that we fulfill our

vital need for a vision of an ultimate solution that is believable to the great majority of the public and to fair minded people in other countries."

The part that works in this statement is that the Palestinians will never really adopt a democratic government that is peaceful and accommodating to Israel, and so it is safe to promise them a country with such qualifications. People in other countries simply can't believe that the Palestinians wouldn't agree to do it (in large part because they believe the propaganda that Palestinians are peaceful and only want a homeland - thereby making their rejection of treaties appear senseless).

Still, all in all, it seems wrong to me for the president to make a statement that he "has a vision for a Palestinian state." There is simply no truth in the idea that the Palestinians really want to peacefully coexist with Israel, and any discussion toward those ends is a waste of time. If Arafat and his crowd (including his flunky "prime" "minister") had

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a choice between a viable Palestinian state living peacefully next to Israel or a chance to murder as many Jews as pos-

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Our senior theologian at work... More Battles with Seminaries



By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, was established by the venerable Dr. Earl Radmacher some years ago on sound Dispensational foundations. The Bible was taught as the inerrant Word of God, the Rapture of the Church was eagerly anticipated as an imminent event, and modern Israel was correctly perceived as a miraculous restoration in preparation for the Tribulation and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, as has been true of other leading evangelical schools (such as Dallas, Talbot and Moody), over the last ten years the teaching faculty at Western have gradually become what is known as "Progressive Dispensationalist." This view blurs the distinction between the Church Age and the Millennium, and incorrectly maintains that Christ has already been inaugurated as king and is currently sitting on the throne of David in Heaven.

Numerous articles have been written over the years by such scholars as John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Thomas Ice and others about the theological dangers and errors of such confusing interpretations. Zola and I have chronicled our own lengthy articles and correspondence over the last decade with these schools in our book *Battles with Seminaries*. However, the schools continue to defend the Progressive Dispensationalists and hire new ones, while at the same time refusing to hire orthodox Dispensationalist teachers.

Until recently, the schools have been downplaying the transition to Progressive Dispensationalism, and indicating that only a minority of the teachers holds to such views. Now, though, Progressive Dispensationalism has become so predominant that the schools are proudly admitting that they are now such institutions. Western is a case in point. One of our readers wrote to Western, asking about the school's views on Israel, and received a response from Stephen Thomas, the Enrollment Counselor at the school. He begins the letter with the following statement, "Greetings from Western Seminary. I was forwarded your inquiry regarding Western's theological convictions about the nation of Israel. You are wise to investigate the theological background of the schools to which you are considering applying. After all, the school you choose will have a large impact upon your beliefs.

"I'll let you know up front that Western would best be cate-

gorized as a progressive dispensational school. However, there might be a few classic dispensationalists here as well. Knowing this, please read on as I will not only answer your question but challenge you to give us a good look anyway."

Thomas readily admits that the seminary is Progressive Dispensational. This is something new, for a school administration to admit this fact openly. As stated before, they usually say that there are some Progressive Dispensationalism teachers, but they are relatively insignificant. But the inexorable turn toward Progressive Dispensationalism has moved on, and now the administration proclaims, somewhat apologetically, that the school is currently Progressive Dispensationalist. Thomas senses displeasure of this fact in our reader, and urges him to consider Western "anyway" in spite of its stand.

The counselor goes on to explain the theological philosophy of Western as not requiring the students to adhere to any particular theological system:

"A phrase that guides Western's theology classes is this: 'It is a sin to do theology with your Bible shut.' Meaning that at Western students are encouraged to create their own doctrinal statements based on sound grammatical/ historical interpretation of scripture, not adopt a theological system."

The implication is that not only are the students supposed to create their own theology, but the teachers also, with their Bible open. This sounds very pious, but downplays the vast body of literature on the history of theology, as gifted teachers have, through the centuries, endeavored to understand the Word of God, develop sound hermeneutical principles, and defend the faith against all kinds of heresies and false teachings. Thomas further ignores the Dispensational foundations of Western, and the desire of its founders to propagate sound Dispensational teaching.

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One can imagine that the founders of Western would be greatly surprised to know that the current administration does not want the students to "adopt a theological system." There were plenty of liberal and amillennial seminaries around when Western was founded, and, as with most of the evangelical institutions, it was specifically created to present the conservative, Dispensational truth of the Word of God. The founders would probably be extremely disappointed to learn that the professors were telling the students to come up with their own theological system.

Next, Counselor Thomas attempts to explain the intricacies of Progressive Dispensationalism by describing the main proposition of the view:

"The point of contention is usually around an inaugurated Davidic covenant. Most progressive dispensationalists follow the idea that as David was anointed king but only later became ruling king, Jesus is currently anointed messianic king, but not yet ruling messianic king. That will be literal in the millennium."

It is true that Jesus is the anointed Messiah, and that His reign will be realized when He returns to establish His millennial kingdom. However, the Progressive Dispensationalists attempt to assert that Christ was inaugurated upon His resurrection and ascension as well as being anointed. Thomas mentions the inaugurated Davidic covenant, but he glosses over the great distinction between the anointing and the inauguration of the Lord. The clear Biblical teaching is that Christ will be inaugurated when He assumes the throne of David in Jerusalem, just as the previously anointed David was inaugurated when he actually became king over Israel.

Finally, Counselor Thomas comes to the main question our reader asks, which is about the position of Western Seminary on Israel, to which he responds:

"A central point of difference often comes with the role of the current nation of Israel. Is it a fulfillment of prophecy, a preparation for fulfillment or an amazing fact? Most dispensationalists make the point that the rapture is what restarts God's prophetic time clock and the current nation is a preparation for the restoration, the time of Jacob's troubles of Jeremiah 30:7, etc."

It should be noted that Thomas does not really answer the question. He does not clearly state the position of Western on Israel, probably because there is no agreement among the faculty. He acknowledges that views about Israel constitute "a central point of difference," and concludes by stating what "most dispensationalists" believe. These people dance around important issues more skillfully than politicians. No wonder people who write in to these schools come away more confused about the faculty's position than before they wrote. What Thomas does not say is that the Western faculty unequivocally believe that modern Israel is the miraculous restoration of the Lord's chosen nation largely in unbelief in preparation for the prophesied events of the Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, and the national redemption of Israel before the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom. Why is that so difficult for these people to state clearly? Probably because they do not believe it.

While it is true that most Orthodox Dispensationalists believe that modern Israel is a miraculous preparation for the Tribulation (with the Rapture of the Church occurring before the Tribulation begins), the Progressive Dispensationalists by and large are gravitating toward the disastrous view presented by the president of Dallas Seminary, Dr. Mark Bailey. In a previous issue of the *Levitt Letter*, I endeavored to respond to his view, and described it as follows:

"The new president of Dallas Seminary, Dr. Mark Bailey, has published an article in the *Veritas* publication of the seminary in which he advises Christians not to get 'caught up in the political divide' in the controversy between Israel and the Palestinians. He deduces that neither the Jews nor the Arabs have any 'permanent' claim on the Promised Land until Christ returns to establish His future reign in Israel for the Millennium. Therefore, he urges believers to adopt an evenhanded approach, in which the Arabs must recognize God's future promises to Israel, and the Jews must treat the Palestinians in their midst as they would want to be treated. In other words, Dr. Bailey is exhorting us not to take a stand for Israel under the current circumstances."

You may wish to refer back to our complete article in response to Dr. Bailey's tragic position, which is so widely accepted today in evangelical circles (which is on page 1 of our September 2002 edition of the *Levitt Letter* and also available online via the *Levitt Letter* link at www.levitt.com). I conclude with the same exhortation used in that article:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! Get off the fence and say to Israel with our ancient sister Rahab, "I know that

the Lord has given you the Land" (Joshua 2:9-10). ■

Battles with Seminaries, Defending Israel

Is it really worth liberalizing Biblical doctrine to enroll a few extra students? We don't think so, and this book is designed to combat the lack of interest in Israel and prophecy that has gotten hold of our major seminaries. Includes letters to and from seminaries and Zola's readers regarding Progressive Dispensationalism, a pox on the church that is striking its pastors before they graduate and give their first sermons. *To order see page 31*

"Nastiness, Treason, and Cheating"

By Guy Milliere, FrontPageMagazine.com

French-bashing is everywhere in the American media. I am French, and I must say if Americans knew completely what's happening in France, the French-bashing would be far harsher.

[President] Jacques Chirac has been a friend of Saddam Hussein for more than thirty years. He allowed the sale of nuclear facilities to Iraq that were destroyed just in time by Israel. He sold Iraq the planes that were being used to gas thousands of Kurds. These days, it is becoming hard to find a French politician ready to speak about human rights, freedom or democracy. All of them are anti-American, anti-Israeli and "pacifists." They regard Western civilization as something filthy and abhorrent.

In many French cities with a growing radical Islamist population, no teenage girl can go out in the evening, at least not without a full *burqa*. If she does, it will mean that "she is for everybody" — in short, a whore. In the same cities, every teenage girl — regardless of religion has to wear the Muslim veil if she does not want to be harassed or killed. Policemen do nothing. Every decent person knows the problem is Islam, but no one dares to say it. It could be dangerous.

Three radio stations in France are Muslim radio stations, and if you listen to them, they are dedicated to broadcasting the voice of hate and racism all day long.

If you want to understand why all this is happening, you have to understand one thing: Thirty years ago, French governments started to have a new "Arabian Policy." France became closer to Arab countries — all of them disgusting dictatorships. France "benefited" by doing business easily in these countries. "Professors" came from the Arabian dictatorships to teach the Arabic language to the young Arabs living in France. The only book they used was the book, *Al Kuran*.

Now comes the time to pay: Six million Muslims live in France, at least ten per cent of them are radical Islamists poised on the edge of violence. And these radical Muslims have allies on both the extreme Left and the extreme Right. France is not a Western country anymore; it is now the leader of the Arab/Muslim world. Israel has to know France is its main enemy. The United States has to understand they have nothing to expect from today's France except nastiness, treason, and cheating. ■

France is simply the latest of nations to realize, too late,

how they have been taken over. Little by little many countries have been transformed from their original cultures into Islamic states. For example, Egypt was a thriving world power for several thousand years, yet slowly the Arabs moved in, intermarried, and eventually gained control until Egypt officially became the United Arab Republic and today can't even feed itself.

Today America is headed down this same road, clueless to the fact that Islam is built around con games: News organizations become propaganda sources, governments are based around bribes and power, and clerics are often engaged in illegal activities. The con here in the US is that "Islam is a religion of peace." Once sold, America opens its borders to Muslim immigrants who come in droves, not only because of the good life, but also because they feel like vigilantes doing good works in converting our nation to Islam.



Last November, Secretary of State Colin Powell started a state dinner with this statement, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Ramadan Kareem. I would like to welcome you to the State Department and thank you for sharing your blessed Ramadan Iftaar with us this evening." And Bush entertained a Saudi prince on his ranch, celebrated Muslim holidays at the White House, and so forth.

Minor gestures, yet they ultimately lead down the same path taken by France just a few decades ago. Twenty-two Middle Eastern nations and France now are lost; if we don't move to stop this trend, our country may soon follow. If we are foolish enough to listen to their doctrine, we can be taken over by them. The Achilles heel of a democracy is its freedom, and the Muslims are now exploiting our open society to gain a foothold in it.

Many cities in the US are already on the way to becoming small islands of Islam. For example, when I visited Minneapolis I was surprised to learn that that city has 50 mosques. Dearborn, Michigan, and Detroit also now have huge populations of Muslims.

With the building of mosques, intermarriage, and the blessings of our president, we're well on the road to becoming the United *Arab* States of America. — Zola

"A Marvelous Fight"

By Mark Twain

Note: In 1899 Anti-Semitism was widespread in the US. Large companies did not hire Jewish people and universities either did not admit Jews or limited their numbers with strict quotas. Respectable people like Ford and Edison expressed their anti-Jewish feelings openly. Mark Twain had this to say on the subject in the conclusion of his article "Concerning the Jews," printed in *Harper's* magazine in September 1899. The entire article can be found on the Internet at: http://www.boondocksnet.com/twaintexts/concerningjews.html.

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way.

Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers.

He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality? ■

Bible-reading people realize that God's covenant with Abraham is "everlasting." — Zola

HebrewLesson

The Way of Love

By John J. Parsons

Hebraic Insight

In the Bible, the word translated "path" (orech) often is parallel with the word derekh, meaning "way, road, or lifestyle." "Teach me your way (derekh), O Lord, and lead me in a plain path (orech)" (Psalm 27:11); "Do not enter the path (orech) of the wicked, nor go in the way (derekh) of evil men" (Proverbs 4:14). The paths of the Lord (orechot Adonai) refer to Torah, God's direction and instruction graciously revealed to mankind (see Isaiah 2:3). The mercy *(chesed)* of the Lord is expressed in His covenant with us *(chesed* refers to God's covenantal mercy), and the truth *(emet)* of the Lord is expressed in His sure testimonies to us (the word *edah* refers to the witness of God's revelation). The Lord Jesus distilled these paths of the Lord to be the way of Love: the love of God and the love of one's fellow man (see Matthew 22:37-40). When we adhere to the covenant of the Lord and believe in His testimonies, our way of life will be marked by love expressed in mercy and integrity for one another. The Lord Jesus stated that a lifestyle of such love will demonstrate to all people that we are truly His disciples (see John 13:35, 15:12). May you "keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 1:21).

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All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies (Psalm 25:10 KJV).





Betrayal: Phone Companies and the End Times By Zola

One sign of the End Times is found in Matthew 24:10, where Jesus warned, "You will hate one another and will betray one another." One example of such betrayal today is with businesses that deceive their customers.

This was recently brought home when MCI's collection agency started repeatedly ordering us to call them at 1-800-988-5037, which we will never do. Our problem with MCI originated when they changed his long-distance calling rates from around 27 cents per minute to \$3 per minute—without informing us! Subsequently calls from Israel ran up bills in the hundreds of dollars instead of the same nominal charges that had previously been enjoyed. The irony is that this attempt at highway robbery occurred when MCI advertised that carrying their calling card while traveling was "like having a friend in your pocket." MCI's misstated earnings reports are still in the headlines, so apparently investors and callers alike have not heard the end of being shortchanged.

We're hoping our readers will give MCI a call (at the above number) and explain to them Jesus' verse about betrayal in the Tribulation Period in Matthew 24:10.

Unfortunately, you aren't necessarily safe from such chicanery with other phone companies, AT&T has also betrayed our trust and while it's true that most telephone companies keep things as confusing as possible to basically cheat customers, AT&T did an unusually good job of this.

When I travel in my RV, I carry a cell phone to stay in touch with my staff, family, and friends since I have no other telephone. I had an arrangement with AT&T to get more minutes on the phone at a cheaper rate. Without warning, we got a bill in the hundreds of dollars instead of the tens we had been paying each month.

Shocked, we called AT&T and asked about it; the operator explained that on the last bill there was a small line

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Pestilence and the Tribulation

By Jasper Becker, The Independent (UK)

Things to Come: Sig

As of mid-April, Beijing, China, had over 700 confirmed and unconfirmed cases of SARS [severe acute respiratory syndrome], ten times more than initially admitted, putting it among the communities hit hardest in the world, behind only Guangdong province and Hong Kong. The government's actions come after an emergency politburo meeting ended weeks of lies and evasions by top officials who tried to deceive the World Health Organization about the number of SARS cases.

The sense of panic amid the Chinese population spiraled during that time. People there stopped flying on planes, public meeting places became deserted, and school and university classes were suspended. In Beijing all the main international hotels were nearly empty and people on the street wore double face masks. Many disinfected their homes and offices while others ate garlic and other vegetables which were thought to be an antidote.

The growing unease was also evident in Canada, the country affected worst outside Asia, where a 14th person has died. Fears that Toronto's health system was infected saw a leading hospital close its critical care unit after four staff members began showing symptoms.

Meanwhile, Singapore, the country with the fourth-biggest toll, shut its wholesale vegetable market and quarantined all 2,400 workers. South Korea said it was considering a ban on some blood donations. Indonesia deployed troops to help medical staff to examine returning workers and normally bustling Hong Kong was like a ghost town. (Zola's comments follow on page 18)



ns of the Tribulation Hated of All Nations By Jackie Mason

and Raoul Felder, Jewish World Review

A war on terror should not omit Syria, which supplies terrorist regimes with headquarters and has hidden war criminals. Syria also sent operatives to Iraq with the expressed intent of causing US casualties in the recent Iraqi war. This nation has also regularly given assistance to Al-Qaeda. Charles Krauthammer, a reliable commentator on the Middle East, gives some useful insights on this in the following article. — Zola

Rumors of War: Syrian Power Play

By Charles Krauthammer, Jewish World Review

What to do? No one wants to invade Syria. No one wants to see the United States occupying a second great Arab capital. To be sure, the very knowledge of that reluctance seriously weakens our hand. Nonetheless, we have coercive power short of invasion. We've already employed one, cutting off the pipeline that sends Iraqi oil through Syria. That deprives [President] Assad of about \$1 billion out of a government budget of \$7.5 billion.

This should be followed by further ratcheting of economic pressure — up to and including a blockade of Syrian ports, if we determine that Syria is actively supporting anti-coalition fighters in Iraq.

We have other instruments beyond economic ones. We should quietly let Syria know that if its provocations continue — if, for example, it does not turn over the Iraqi leaders it is harboring - we reserve the right of hot pursuit, striking at the time and in the manner of our choosing. This does not mean a land invasion. It could mean a sudden taking out of Damascus's air defenses or destroying one of Assad's Republican Guard equivalents.

The effect on Assad would be profound: His policy of provocation, designed to show power and command, would instead show weakness and fragility - a potentially fatal demonstration in a regime that, like Hussein's, rests on brute force, a small ethnic and religious minority and a bankrupt Baathist ideology.

In Iraq, America demonstrated the capacity, extraordinary and historically unique, to destroy a regime while leaving the country intact. Assad needs to learn the lesson of Iraq: Change regime behavior — or suffer regime change.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. — Matthew 24:6

Not many years ago, when one Israeli life was innocently lost, Israelis were shocked and there was a sudden hush in the atmosphere and wonderment in our voices. Why is it that now we think of it as an unavoidable sacrifice, as if there are certain questions for which there are just no answers? Why was the loss of an Israeli life so inconceivable before and so acceptable now?

Since the Arabs could not tolerate the presence of Jews in their neighborhood they tried to destroy us whenever they could put an army together. Every time they lost a war they couldn't understand it, and they couldn't believe that they wouldn't win the next war.

Like the Americans in Vietnam and the Russians in Afghanistan, the Arabs possessed such a huge advantage of resources, population and power that they couldn't accept the experience of defeat by the tiny state of Israel. As we were winning more and more victories we were paying a bigger price and getting more and more tired of victories in the battlefield at the cost of losing so many of our young Israeli lives. We became so weary and fearful of the next possible war, that we blinded ourselves into believing all the fraudulent gestures of the Arabs about making peace.

We never realized the extent of our self-delusion until Prime Minister Barak offered the Arabs 98 percent of what they demanded and we were answered with an avalanche of suicide bombers taking more Israeli lives than ever before. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 18**



Betrayal continued

of type providing notice that if we failed to notify them to renew our current arrangement, they would switch us to a different (and much more expensive) program. Which is exactly what they had done.

When we complained that this was like tripping over a wire that someone had rigged as a trap, they came back with, "Well, okay, how about paying us half of the amount?" Apparently AT&T, like all accomplished thieves, will share the loot if caught.

Today, everyone needs to read every line of every telephone bill very carefully, whether from AT&T, MCI, or some other company. We do not pay such bills; we stand fast because we don't want to waste your tithes and offerings.

Every so often we give a list of companies that have damaged our ministry without cause, but this time we felt it called for a full explanation because we would like to have readers avoid being cheated in this or a similar way.

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another" — (Matthew 24:10).

Pestilence continued

Our ministry's medical consultant, Dr. Randolph Byrd, contacted us to say that the SARS epidemic is very serious, and he sees it as a major pestilence that may truly become out of control and there appears to be little that can be done about it. Such diseases have historically rampaged through human communities for a time and then seem to die off. There's little we can do about this other than trust the Lord to bring us through it.

In Matthew 24:7, Jesus warned, "There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Certainly SARS is characteristic of such diseases prophesied for the End Times which are Biblical in their proportions and in the end will leave doctors stumped as to how to control them. During the time of my ministry I have seen a parade of diseases from Asian flu to Legionnaire's Disease to AIDS to Ebola to TB, and now SARS, none of which can easily be treated. And each successive scourge has been a exponential leap in its seriousness from the one before.

The AIDS epidemic in China may also figure in Bible prophecy. In the past, those critical of the Bible have scoffed at the very notion that any Eastern nation could assemble an army of millions, let alone a 200-million-man army. However, today we're seeing several ways that such an army might be created and also the motivating force that would cause an army to move westward to invade Israel.

China has the manpower to supply such an army. And AIDS is becoming an epidemic in China. The Chinese government has done all it can to hide this fact, not even admitting that the country was facing a serious AIDS crisis until 2001. But our consultant Dr. Byrd believes the actual number of HIV and full-blown AIDS cases in China may actually be around 100 million.

Many of these AIDS victims are men. China has created a situation where there are many more young men than women in the nation (due to a policy of infanticide of girl babies). This, in turn, has caused many young men to turn to a gay lifestyle in order to obtain sex, causing the spread of AIDS. Thus Chinese policy has laid the groundwork for a 200-million-strong army comprised of HIV-positive men who will travel West to loot, rape, and plunder if leaders simply say, "What you are doing here is not helping. What you need is women. India has a half billion beautiful women, as does the Middle East. Have fun. Take a rifle."

While this is, of course, speculation on my part, it is fascinating that it is now possible that a highly motivated, 200-million-strong army might be created by "the kings of the East" in this manner.

I feel that since the Lord did mention that pestilence would play a part in the End Times, it is worth mentioning these diseases and pointing out that they may be a sign that we are approaching those days. — Zola

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Since then, we have become involved in futile efforts to solve the problem by retaliating more decisively than ever before, which has served as a great release from our frustrations, but it has always left us helpless again from the next attack from more and more suicide bombers. Somehow we have become helpless in the face of death as if there were no possible solution to this problem.

For the first time in fifty years we have again become a lost, confused, helpless and paralyzed people. Somehow we have resigned ourselves to suffer the constant killing of our people, like another but slower Holocaust. We have paralyzed ourselves by our sickening irrational fear of "World Opinion," which is why we find it impossible to face one simple fact.

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We will never win this war unless we immediately threaten to drive every Arab out of Israel if the killing doesn't stop.

It is no accident that the Arabs are not concerned with public opinion while killing our people, but we are terrified of public opinion before we dismiss them from our country. Somehow, we have become intimidated into believing that we are obligated to give them a place to live, and we have no right to throw them out just because they are killing our people.

It is about time we realize that public opinion is nothing but publicly expressed anti-Semitism and appeasing public opinion makes as much sense as [English Prime Minister] Chamberlain's appeasement of Adolf Hitler. Jews dying in Israel disturbs them as much as watching your neighbor killing a cockroach, even if it doesn't fill you with pleasure, you certainly don't feel remorse about it. That is why when suicide bombers kill hundreds of Jews, not a word of protest is ever heard, but when we try to defend ourselves by retaliating against our killers, the UN immediately is called in an emergency session to protect our assassins.

We are brain-dead if we accept the idea that we have to guess which Arab is our next killer. We are not obligated to victimize ourselves by letting the Arabs play Russian roulette with Jewish lives. Israelis are constantly asked the same obnoxious question "How can you throw the Arabs out; where would they go?" The answer is if they don't care whom they kill, why are we obligated to care where they go?

If a gang of killers lived across the street, would you allow them to keep throwing bombs through your window until you can find them another apartment? Are we morally obligated to become a real estate agent for every Arab suicide bomber? We are not obligated to accept a new, slower Holocaust as the inevitable fate of our people. Jordan did not take a poll of world opinion and neither did Kuwait before they routed the Palestinians out of their countries.

America did not wait for public opinion to take whatever action was necessary to protect their country, and there is no reason why we should be afraid to do what is necessary to protect the state of Israel. ■

Then shall they deliver you [Israel] up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations.... — Matthew 24:9 sible, they would always take the second alternative.

Our upcoming Pentecost tour of Israel from May 29 to June 8 is going to be a rare opportunity, and I absolutely insist that you come with me if you possibly can! Because the numbers of tourists have dropped off due to fears that the war with Iraq would be protracted, there won't be a lot of people there — which makes it the perfect time to go. You may also extend your stay until June 11 and visit the famous ruins of Petra. For further information, call Tony at (214) 696-9760.

I'll be leading a group at Eureka Springs' famed *Great Passion Play* the weekend of June 14-15. This tour includes insightful teachings, the chance to see a wonderful reproduction of the "Holy Land," and a presentation of the Lord's Passion Week. This will make a great gift for Father's Day. For further information, call Tony at (214) 696-9760.

My schedule for speaking at colleges across America's Midwest is filling up but there still may be days open, especially in August and September. Since I'd like to visit as many places as possible, churches from the Midwest to Denver are very welcome to give Claudia a call at (817) 417-0059 to see if we can work a few more stops into our calendar. It should be noted that we are speaking at colleges for free in order to reach as many young people as possible with the truth.

Our fall Israel tour is set for November 2-12 with a Greek island cruise October 29th and the Israel/Petra tour November 2-16. Check with Tony at (214) 696-9760 for more information and confirmation of tour dates. You can also call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure on this or any of the other tours mentioned above.

Please continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,



EDITORIAL

The weakness of Thomas L. Friedman and the *New York Times* in general is that they are unsympathetic to Israel. This Jewish commentator is unwelcome at Jewish groups and in my view simply spent too much time in Lebanon where he was evidently seduced by Arabs to their side of the stand. Here he wildly exaggerated the problem in Israel. — Zola

Walls of Sand

By Thomas L. Friedman, New York Times

...We must take down the wall of cement, fear and barbed wire being erected between Israelis and Palestinians. We must defuse this conflict. If we let this Israeli-Palestinian wall stand, it will reinforce the wall of Saddamism. Arab dictators will hide behind this conflict as an excuse not to change, Arab intellectuals will use it to delegitimize US power out here, and the enemies of the new leaders in Iraq will use it to embarrass them for working with us.



America. Partly that's because their media willfully distorted what we did, and partly it's because America has used its power out here more to defend oil and Israel than democracy. This war in Iraq was meant to bring the idealistic side of US power into the Arab world.

Our task now is to apply that idealism to rebuilding Iraq and resolving the Palestine question. If we do it right, I am certain the other walls in this region will be taken down by the people themselves — and never again will we have to ask for even the tiniest plot of land to bury our soldiers here.

Our first duty is to the Chosen People in the Promised Land in a time of conflict.

There is no wall of cement between Israelis and Palestinians. The Palestinians engage in common street thuggery of the sort we have in American cities, except that theirs produces fewer casualties. We do not need to defuse this conflict because the Israelis are handling it as well as can be expected. The unrest there will not "reinforce the wall of Saddamism.... [Or cause Arabs to use it as] an excuse not to change, [or] Arab intellectuals will use it to delegitimize US power out here." We should ignore all these fears and go on bringing democracy to whatever areas we can in this world. If the enemies of the new leaders in Iraq are embarrassed by that, then let them be embarrassed. Our first duty is to the Chosen People in the Promised Land in a time of conflict. We are not to assuage Arab "feelings" which aren't justified in any case. — Zola

When one of the Egyptian journalists at Feshawi's insisted that we were out to "occupy Iraq." I quoted to him a line from Colin Powell: America is as powerful as any empire in history, but when it has invaded other countries the only piece of land it has ever asked for was a tiny plot to bury its soldiers who would not be returning home. He actually smiled at that.

The moment reminded me of something the Arab columnist Rami Khouri liked to say, that Arabs for too long have seen the strength of America, but not the goodness of



"Imperialism, American Style"

By Robert L. Bartley, Wall Street Journal

President George W. Bush has been taking darts as a born-again Christian. This tells us something about today's president, and something more about today's religion.



The president comes by his faith, of course, because he stopped drinking and found God at age 40. As a Methodist, he's not exactly a speaking-in-tongues Pentecostal, but he clearly does believe that good and evil walk the world. He also says things such as, "Behind all of life and all of history, there's a dedication and a purpose, set by the hand of a just and faithful God." This comes from the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, where other presidents have said similar things. But both friend and foe have the sense that Mr. Bush really means it.

The surprising thing is how much of the carping about the president's religion, especially in the context of war against Saddam Hussein, comes from the ranks of those who represent religion. Thus, prominent theologian Martin Marty pens a piece in *Newsweek* entitled "The Sin of Pride," complaining about the president's "evident conviction that he's doing God's will."

The Christian Century, similarly, devoted most of its March 8 issue to a barrage of war criticism. "Imperialism, American Style," was the title of the salvo by eminent sociologist Robert Bellah. The Christian Century editors complained that Mr. Bush's actions, such as a handsoff attitude toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, give "tacit support" to the wrong religious perspective. They are "in line with end-times scenarios imagined by some conservative Christians and fictionalized in the 'Left Behind' series that has sold over 50 million volumes since 1995. Up to 40 percent of Americans believe that we are living in the last days, says historian Paul S. Boyer, and that history is racing toward an apocalyptic clash between the forces of good and evil. Millions of Americans believe that the Bible foretells regime change in Iraq, that God established Israel's boundaries millennia ago, and the United Nations is a forerunning of a satanic world order."

These are the voices of liberal Protestantism, which once again finds itself out of step with the pews. The pope has the same problem, of course, in declaring the war "a crime against humanity." In March the Pew Research Center found that 62% of both Catholics and mainline Protestants backed the war, compared with 44% of nonbelievers and 77% of evangelicals. In contrast to *The Christian Century*, commentary in *Christianity Today*, launched by Billy Graham, ran toward a sermon by Philip Jensen, dean of Saint Andrew's Anglican Cathedral in Sydney, Australia. To wit, "Apocalypse Again and Again: The Bible doesn't tell us when to go to war but how to live in a war-ridden world." And Marvin Olasky's *World Magazine* ran a headline "Onward Christian Soldiers," over a movie review noting that troops headed to Iraq previewed the Civil War epic "Gods and Generals."

Ardent religions are growing, while liberal ones are declining. The leading study, "Religious Congregations and Membership: 2000" by the Glenmary Research Center, found that the Mormon church grew 19.3% in the 1990s. Also gaining were evangelical churches; the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ up 18.6%, and the Assemblies of God, up 18.5%. The Roman Catholic Church, no doubt helped by burgeoning Hispanics, grew 16.2%. Meanwhile, the Presbyterian Church USA shrank 11.6%. Trailing the list was the United Church of Christ, which has rewritten its hymnal to eliminate masculine pronouns and other politically incorrect language. Over the decade it lost 14.8% of its membership.

On net, religious impulses are probably growing. September 11 persuaded others besides George Bush that evil is an active force in the world. The science of the Big Bang and DNA looks much more like the work of a creator than the cold world of Newtonian Laws and Darwinian evolution. And at least indirectly the horrors of the 20th century showed that the latter provides no moral compass.

The Scopes Monkey trial of 1925, the great defeat of the fundamentalists, has in particular come in for reassessment. Noting for example that the ACLU advertised for a plaintiff, a 2002 PBS documentary let the people of Dayton, TN, say that they were not the dolts depicted by the news dispatches of H. L. Mencken and the 1960 movie "Inherit the Wind." And in his new Mencken biography, *The Skeptic*, Terry Teachout points to the unlovely side of the philosophy animating his account: A disdain of democracy, for example, in favor of the credo of Social Darwinism, applying survival of the fittest to human communities, and its corollary of eugenics, shortly later discredited by the Third Reich.

As for the Iraq war, what do the pope and liberal theologians make of the cheering crowds in Baghdad and Saddam's torture chambers? The president's success has confounded his critics. His decision, whatever role Divine Guidance played, clearly was what psychologists call inner-directed. His war cabinet meetings did not include people such as Karl Rove, Karen Hughes or Ari Fleischer. Somehow it's better, I suspect, for a president to talk to God than to talk to pollsters. ■

Why Arabs Love Israel

By Joseph Farah, WorldNetDaily.com



Conventional wisdom suggests a huge Arab population was displaced by the creation of

Israel in 1948. It suggests the remaining Arab population in Israel has been mistreated. And it further suggests the solution to this problem is the creation of an Arab Palestinian state on Israeli land.

There are several glaring misconceptions in this view:

The Arab population displaced by the 1948 war has been greatly exaggerated. The actual figure is no more than 500,000. Even more important is the cause of that displacement. The 1948 war was declared against Israel by all of its Arab neighbors. The refugees left Israel at the urging of those Arab states. They were told to leave because their homeland was about to be liberated by Arab forces. Who is morally and legally culpable for

creating those refugees? I would suggest it is the Arab states, not Israel.

Far from being mistreated, the Arab population in Israel and in the territories administered by Israel has been freer than the population in any Arab state. Arabs in Israel vote. They elect leaders to the Knesset. They have their own political parties. They have their own newspapers. They have full rights to citizenship. They are free to speak their minds. As an Arab-American journalist who has spent a good deal of time covering the region, I can tell you there is more freedom for Arabs in Israel than in any Arab state.

Land cannot possibly be the contentious issue as the Arab and Muslim states in the

region already have 800 times as much territory as Israel. The Arabs have 50 times the population of Israel. The Arabs have all of the oil reserves of the region. They have 21 states of their own.

If conditions for Arabs are so bad in Israel, why is the Arab population exploding — and I don't mean because of suicide bombers? Why do Arabs continue to flock to the tiny Jewish state from virtually every Arab and Muslim land in the world?

In 1949, the Arab population of Israel was about 160,000. Today, it is over 1.2 million.

This is hardly attributable to higher birth rates. Most of

the growth in Arab population is due to migration. In other words, Arabs are picking up stakes in Arab lands and choosing to live in Israel.

This trend, of course, doesn't include Arab Jewish migration to Israel. No one talks about the staggering number of Arab Jewish refugees—as many as 1 million—who fled the Muslim world with little more than the clothes on their backs to reach the safety and security of the Jewish state in the last 50 years.

We're led to believe Arabs hate Israel—and, indeed, it's true there is an irrational, inexplicable form of virulent anti-Semitism growing in the Arab and Muslim world. But when they vote with their feet, Arabs seem to love Israel. They continue to choose it as a place to live over life in their native countries as they have for the last half-century.

I'd love to hear one of the Arab nationalists explain this phenomenon. $\hfill\blacksquare$





"Lying is Forbidden in Iraq" Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf, Iraqi

Minister of Information, is currently on "administrative leave." However, during Operation Iraqi Freedom at the first of April, he told a few whoppers that can't fail to get a smile with their outlandishness. Here are just few of the better ones made during news conferences before al-Sahaf vanished.

As US troops entered Baghdad: "They're not even [within] 100 miles. They are not in any place. They hold no place in Iraq. This is an illusion ... they are trying to sell to the others an illusion.... I triple guarantee you, there are no American soldiers in Baghdad."

"They do not even have control over themselves! Do not believe them!"

"We made them drink poison last night and Saddam Hussein's soldiers and his great forces gave the Americans a lesson which will not be forgotten by history. Truly."

"I can say, and I am responsible for what I am saying, that they have started to commit suicide under the walls of Baghdad. We will encourage them to commit more suicides quickly.... Their infidels are committing suicide by the hundreds on the gates of Baghdad. Be assured, Baghdad is safe, protected."

"We defeated them yesterday. Allah willing, I will provide you with more information. I swear by Allah, I swear by Allah, those who are staying in Washington and London have thrown these mercenaries in a crematorium."

"Today we slaughtered them in the airport. They are out of Saddam International Airport. The force that was in the airport, this force was destroyed.... We went into the airport and crushed them, we cleaned the whole place out, they were slaughtered."

"Yes, the American troops have advanced further. This

will only make it easier for us to defeat them."

"Lying is forbidden in Iraq. President Saddam Hussein will tolerate nothing but truthfulness, as he is a man of great honor and integrity. Everyone is encouraged to speak freely of the truths evidenced in their eyes and hearts."

"The American press is all about lies! All they tell is lies, lies and more lies!" ■

The serious point here is that truth is not held as an important virtue in Arab societies. We can believe little of what they say. For example, in the Thomas L. Friedman article in this issue, he worries about what their feelings are without realizing that these "feelings" are simply put on for effect. The quotes above are humorous but should instruct us as to Arabs' veracity. — Zola



ANTYRDOM BORUSES + SADDAM: WE ARE WIRNING + US DROPS MUSLIM-SEEKING BOM



Marching Across History

By Georgie Anne Geyer, Dallas Morning News

Every hour on television, we see the serried troops of American civilization marching and struggling across the land called, in modern times, Iraq. Strange crimson skies, as if glowing from inside out in that vast, cruel noman's land, compete with raging sandstorms to symbolize this faraway war.

But few of those troops have any idea that they are burrowing into and generously cursing sands that hide the ruins of the cradle of civilization. Few soldiers understand that they have been correctly routed around Karbala and Najaf because they are the sacred cities of Islamic Shi'ism, equal in importance to Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

But when they are home again, when the war has been resolved, perhaps some of them will pause to tell their children and grandchildren that they saw Babylon, Nineveh, Ur, Hatra, Samarra, Nippur and Ctesiphon. And maybe they will pause in wonder of what they so unknowingly walked over.

My initial confrontation with the wonders of ancient Iraq came on my first of seven trips to the country, in 1973. One day, my "minder" from the Ministry of Information asked brightly: "Do you want to go out on Friday to see Babylon?"

Babylon? I had no idea that there was anything left of the great city that was ruled, often wisely, from 604 to 562 BC by Nebuchadnezzar, where the Tower of Babel was supposedly located and where the great Hanging Gardens graced the palaces. So when I eagerly drove out to the ruins just outside Baghdad, I was stunned to see some of the red-brick walls and original gates still standing. Oddly enough, most of the houses in the neighborhood were also of red bricks — the locals had long ago raided the bricks of Babylon.

From there, I set off on a little archeological tour of Iraq, which Saddam's totalitarian government encouraged among visitors to show them the roots of Iraqi greatness. In the north, I found the ruins of Nineveh, the early city of the Assyrian Empire from 704 to 629 BC, with its large courtyard where kings would banquet while their enemies were hanging from the corners. Many of the huge carved griffins were particularly, to use a young word that is appropriate here, awesome.

Far out in the western desert south of Mosul and beyond the Tigris River, I found the best surprise of all: the



Parthian city of Hatra, a Hellenistic city that thrived at the beginning of the Christian era. Little-known Hatra is one of the great "finds" of the world, because its Greekstyle buildings are not only exquisite, but are almost fully intact.

At every site, I walked, and sat, and pondered, and dreamed. What were the human beings who lived in these places thousands of years ago really like? What had *they* dreamed about? What had driven them to build, construct and plot these great civilizations where today there is, for the most part, only desert? At times I actually felt a sense of communication with them. I became a little delirious with the wonder of it all.

It was in this piece of land — which was pulled together as a "country" in the 1920s by the British occupiers after the fall of the Ottoman Empire — that the entire story of early Islam was played out. Here the rivalry within the prophet Mohammed's family was resolved in favor of the Shi'ites, whose shrines are Najaf and Karbala.

But it was from this piece of land, too, that early Judaism and Christianity entered the world stage. The Garden of Eden was believed to be at Qurna in the south. The prophet Abraham came down from the great ziggurat, or pyramid, at Ur and traveled to the Holy Land to found the two branches of religion that stemmed from the Iraqi Mesopotamian Valley, Islam and Judeo-Christianity. Ur still stands near Basra in the Iraqi south; during the 1991 Gulf War, there was an Iraqi air force base next to it and, when the base was hit, the Associated Press led off with a sense of wonder: "Ur shook!"

Today, a lot of things are shaking in Iraq and, while coalition forces have been told to avoid hitting any of these sacred archeological places, who knows? But we can learn some lessons from even a casual study of ancient Iraq.

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Once, the river valley between and beyond the two great rivers of Iraq — the Tigris, which flows through Baghdad, and the Euphrates, which flows to the west — formed a rich, green, alluvial plain. Indeed, that agricultural richness provided the basis for the Mesopotamian empires and others that derived from it. From 762 AD until the 13th century, Baghdad under the Seljuk Empire became the center of learning for the Islamic world, revived learning in Europe and even helped to spark the Renaissance. Then the Mongols came in 1258 AD and destroyed everything.

But meanwhile, many of the early rulers had degraded or destroyed the land environmentally. Rivers changed course, and careless mankind kept moving to new cities instead of preserving the ones they had so carefully built. Today, almost all of central and southern Iraq is a barren wilderness.

There is a lot of history in Iraq, a lot of lessons there. Send this column to your servicemen or women. Maybe it will provide them with some additional understanding of where they are — and why they are. ■

There is truly a lot of history in the region Iraq now occupies and it has been amazing for many to hear Biblical locations like the Tigris and Euphrates popping up regularly on the evening news. However, I will have to take exception with Geyer's contention that "prophet Abraham" founded Islam and Judeo-Christianity. While the Muslims have awkwardly grafted him into their religious beliefs, in fact he was in no way responsible for starting that religion, which came about long after the time Christianity started. Furthermore, the god Allah worshipped by Islam is not even the same God of the Old and New Testament. — Zola

CNN and the Media Jihad

By Jack Engelhard, Israel National News

"They teeter in vision," said Isaiah. "They totter in judgment." Great and true prophets, like Isaiah, speak for their own times, and for all times. Like today, where the top newsman at CNN admits that his network played footsie with Saddam. Writing in the *New York Times,* Eason Jordan drooled about CNN's withholding news of Iraqi atrocities so that CNN could go on broadcasting from Baghdad.

For ten years, Jordan conceded, CNN reported mostly Saddam's half of the story. Reporters were warned that if they told the truth they'd be gone... or worse. This appeasement to the forces of terror is nothing less than a Media Jihad. Media manipulation? You bet. Out in the open. Are we shocked, shocked that we've been misinformed and disinformed?

Who knows what else we're not being told? For this Media Jihad is not exclusive to Baghdad. Almost all the news reported from Israel is manipulated. We have it from document to document that Arab correspondents are firstly Arabs. In other words, propagandists. We also have it that Western correspondents in Israel are coerced, at the point of a gun, to lie and deceive in order to perpetuate Palestinian Arab victimhood.

Think Jenin, that fraudulent "massacre" that was swallowed whole by the Media Jihad — and was passed along to a receptive world. Or think of that Palestinian Arab being beaten by an Israeli soldier. Turns out that this "Arab" was really an "Israeli" running from an Arab mob. But this, too, was reported falsely.

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ANATOT SECURITY PURCHASES

I can't tell you how grateful we are at our ministry for your support of the settlement at Anatot (see Jeremiah 32:15). They continue to send us photos of what you have provided for them and, in a way, they represent all of us in holding a piece of land that has been Jewish from time immemorial. Let's all plan to visit Anatot in the Coming Kingdom! — Zola

A robbery on the settlement in April proved that your contributions are essential for our security. A burglar stole a weapon as well as our personal possessions. However, through the License Plate Recognition System (provided through your generous contributions), the thief was apprehended in Jerusalem—with everything he had stolen!

Our settlement's Security Head, Adi Lesnick, is shown here with our most recent acquisitions: A patrol vehicle flanked by security equipment (obtained through your generosity). Adi is wearing one bulletproof vest with others beside him. He's holding an M16 fitted with telescopic sight. Alongside are two red and white road barriers (one sporting a military-style helmet); behind, high-intensity lights. Directly in front of the vehicle is a military communications system, portable generator, and flares.

MAY/JUNE 2003



By Joseph Farah, Washington Times

When this war is over, we must remember who supported us and who opposed us.

Recently, the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, one of the most active suicide terrorist groups in the Middle East, called on Muslims throughout the world to attack British, American and Israeli targets in response to the war in Iraq.

Who is the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade? It is a faction of Yasser Arafat's Fatah Party.

It is not a militant faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization opposing Arafat. It is not Hamas. It is not Hezbollah. It is not Al Qaeda. It is Yasser Arafat's own group of storm troopers. And that's why it is so important to understand who this group is and whom it represents. It is Arafat's will put into violent action. It is nothing more, nothing less.

Nevertheless, President Bush still seems hell-bent on creating a Palestinian state, with people like this represented in leadership, as soon as he finishes the war in Iraq.

That would be a tragic mistake. If we do so, we will be, in effect, creating a future Iraq — maybe something worse.

The news of the first American and British casualties [in the recent Iraqi war] were greeted with joy in the Palestinian Authority.

Here are some excerpts from a recent Friday sermon delivered at the Sheikh 'Ijlin Mosque in Gaza by Palestinian Authority preacher Sheikh Ibrahim Madeiris and broadcast live on Palestinian Authority TV:

"... Allah drowned Pharaoh and those who were with him. Allah drowns the Pharaohs of every generation. Allah will drown the little Pharaoh, the dwarf, the Pharaoh of all times, of our time, the American president. Allah will drown America in our seas, in our skies, in our land. America will drown, and all the oppressors will drown.

"Oh, people of Palestine, Oh, people of Iraq. The Crusader, Zionist America, has started an attack against our Iraq, the Iraq of Islam and Arabism, the Iraq of civilization and history. It opened a Crusader Zionist war against Iraq. If Iraq is defeated, if the nation (of Islam) is defeated in Iraq — this will be our last breath of life....

"This is a Zionist Crusader war. It is not I who say this; it was the little Pharaoh (Bush) who announced it when he stated that this was a Crusader attack. Hasn't he said this? I'm amazed at some of the clerics of the nation (of Islam) who cooperate with their (treachery).... I am amazed that they are trying to keep the nation away from Jihad ... and they issue Fatwas according to which this war is not against Islam, but against Iraq, as though the people of Iraq are calf worshippers or fire worshippers. Aren't they Muslims? ... I am speaking about the people, not about the regime...

"America will be destroyed, Allah willing, and Palestine, Iraq and the Middle East will become a cemetery for oppressors...."

The Palestine Liberation Organization's Faruq Qaddumi told Al-Jazeera TV last month that Iraq's battle is Palestine's battle. "First of all, we salute the Iraqi people for their brave resistance.... They are defending Iraq but indeed they are defending Pan-Arab security. Therefore, all the Arabs must stand by the heroic Iraqi people because Iraq's battle is Palestine's battle, the Arab nation's battle. Therefore, we salute them. God bless them in their heroic defense."

You saw the demonstration in the streets of the Palestinian Authority. Understand that those pro-Saddam, pro-Iraq rallies and marches cannot take place without the specific approval of the tyrant-in-waiting Yasser Arafat.

Why would we topple one anti-American terrorist only to create a new state for another? ■





By David D. Perlmutter, NewsAndOpinion.com

I keep a special notebook handy whenever I watch a "Palestinian" spokesperson or leader or advocate speaking or interviewed on C-Span, the evening news, or in newsprint. It helps me keep track of many of their inanities, but the one that is most amusing is the recurring line (which must be featured in their spin tutorials) that "we are the only occupied people in the world."

The great poobah Arafat himself has stated this claim in almost every recent interview — including chats with reporters who should know better, like Bob Simon and Dan Rather. Alas, in each case, the script is the same. A Palestinian foghorn drops the line, and I lean forward hoping for an honest, studied-up member of our free press to ask: "But what about the Tibetans or the Kurds or the...."

I'm still waiting. As far I can tell no journalist has ever informed the Palestinians (or the Americans) that the former are but only one folk in a long and mottled line of national, ethnic, regional, religious and political groups who, if they got their wishes and fulfilled their dreams, would be sitting members of the United Nations.

Which leads to a follow-up question, also never asked by the hard-hitting foreign correspondents and news anchors: Why exactly do the Palestinians deserve a state ahead of all those others? After all, American and Russian presidents, leaders of Europe, everyone spends late nights worrying about how to give the Palestinians what they want. Who does that for the separatist Christian Blacks of Sudan — against whom oil money has financed a Muslim-executed genocide of several million in the last few decades?

We might ask more pointedly why should the Palestinians, who have no separate religion, culture, history, national identity, ethnicity, or language from other Arabs, be given a homeland ahead of say, the Kurds (an independent ethnic nation for thousands of years)...or for that matter many American aboriginal peoples. Likewise, David Yeagley, a professor who teaches at the University of Oklahoma and is a descendent of the Comanche war-chief Bad Eagle, commented to me, "My people existed as a separate nation before the Ottomans invaded Europe....Why aren't we getting airplay for a homeland while some thug in Jenin is a media-darling?"

The answer is a brutal one: Money talks and (as Allan Dershowitz points out in his new book) "terrorism

works." The Palestinians are unique among the world's nation wannabes in several ways. First, they have the backing of most of the world's oil wealth and thus the industrial nations that kowtow in lust of it. The Gulf Caliphs caught on long ago that in order to preserve their own corrupt, profligate, illegal regimes they needed some perennial distraction for their ignorant masses — why not the Jews?

Nobody has ever been so calculatingly cruel before, mind you. My grandfather, for example, a Greek Christian, fought in a war with Turkey in the early Twenties. The Greeks lost the war and Turkey expelled 3,000,000 ethnic Greeks (whose ancestors had lived there since the Bronze Age). Greece, an impoverished country, did not torture their compatriots by keeping them in refugee camps: They absorbed them, the only humanitarian option possible for a humane people.

Likewise, ethnic Germans illegally expelled from Poland and the eastern territories at the end of World War II were taken in by West Germany as brothers and citizens. The iron curtain was not lined with fetid camps.

Both sets of refugees weren't happy about their fate, but when was the last time you heard about a former Ost-German hijacking a Russian plane or a displaced Ionian Greek blowing up an Ankara pizza shop?

No, the Palestinians were the best investment ever made by the Oil Sheiks and it has paid off spectacularly. (But not for the Arab people, of course. A recent report by the UN found that the total GDP, including oil, of the Arab world does not exceed that of Spain).

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PALESTINE FOR DUMMIES continued

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Another reason the Palestinians are on the front burner is violence. I recall during the Gulf War a Kurdish spokesperson was asked why the world didn't concern itself with the national hopes of his people. His answer was brutally cynical and absolutely correct: "We don't commit terrorism against Europeans." The Palestinians have ignited outrage after outrage, and each time the response of the jelly-kneed world politicians is to pay more attention to them and work harder to help them with cash and diplomatic initiatives. The bloodthirsty wheel gets the grease.

Thus, terrorism pays off and is richly rewarded: His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in contrast, will die in exile because his philosophy does not allow him to consider exponential violence.

Finally, the Palestinians are an accessible *cause celebre* of the Left. No big deal to have your crumpets with your artsy pals in a London teahouse in the morning and then fly down for the afternoon to "express solidarity" with Arafat's brownshirts. Dynamite-throwing Palestinians are chic; Tibetan orphans are not. When was the last time you saw any "human rights" activists rush to the southern Sudan to be human shields between black Christian babies and a Muslim Sudanese army aerial bombardment?

So this journalism professor and historian sits and waits for a brave journalist to ask an obvious, fact-driven question. And I fantasize that perhaps some foolhardy but honest — apparently none exist — UN administrator will announce that "Frankly, there are hundreds of peoples more deserving of a homeland and we should be helping them and ignoring the Palestinians...."

I think I have a long wait ahead of me.





Attributing Trotsky (of all people), Mailer writes that "you can tell the truth by a comparison of the lies." But what if it's all lies?

Yes, they do totter in judgment, like journalist David Newman. Upon his departure from the *Jerusalem Post*, he complained that the *Post* is anti-Palestinian state, anti-Europe, anti-BBC, anti-*New York Times*, anti-Guardian. This is just a wild guess, but I'll bet the *Jerusalem Post* is even anti-Hitler.

Newman was a left-wing mainstay at the *Post*, and he's obviously had enough of right-wingers, who actually believe that Israel means Jewish. Newman belongs to the "compassionate" Left. The rest of us keep forgetting that the moral high ground belongs to "humanitarians" in love with a nation of homicide bombers. Do they teeter in vision?

A couple of weeks ago the headline writers at *Haaretz* out-did Amira Hass herself. The headline went something like this: "Palestinians' Worst Nightmares Come True." To save on Valium, most of us skip Amira Hass. But once in a while... what the heck! Right away, in her first paragraph, she writes that those Palestinian nightmares have not come true — about being deported as the world turns to Iraq. Did not come true. Need more totter in judgment?

How about those fans of the "Road Map To Perdition," starring Powell, Blair, Sharon and A Cast of Thousands. Will someone please tell these guys that when you subtract Iraq, but add "Palestine," the score is still even in the game of terror? You've merely substituted one terrorist state for another. ■

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Pfc. David Kurns is baptized by Task Force Chaplain Ron Cooper and 1st Lt. Brian Case in the desert north of Kuwait City. Photo by Brant Sanderlin/Atlanta Journal-Constitution







Pictures that are worth a thousand words.

Ministry Outreach Tel Aviv. Robert and I went into Proclaiming the Messiah in Israel, Pt.1 By Todd Baker

Each new Gospel outreach in Israel means new challenges rich with new witnessing opportunities-a time for ministry to Israel, a time to see God's providence and power revealed there—a time to proclaim the risen glory of Yeshua the Messiah. Our outreach of April 2003 was thankfully no different in this regard as we began on the airplane destined for Tel Aviv. On our way from London to Tel Aviv, Robert and I sat next to a Jewish man from London. His name was Brian. Brian told us that his



father was Jewish and his mother a Gentile. He converted to Judaism some thirty years ago. He also fought in the Yom Kippur War of 1973. From talking with Brian we knew he was a very angry and hurting man by the fact he told us his wife died just six months earlier. It was obvious he was still going through the stages of grief. We then witnessed to him how Jesus can fill the emptiness of his heart with His power, love, and peace. But we further said none of us could earn or be good enough for God, that it was only His grace and mercy that can save us from our sinful selves.

The God of Israel did this by providing the ultimate sacrifice for our sins through the sufferings and death of Israel's Messiah as foretold in Isaiah 53 and accurately fulfilled by Jesus at His trial and death. Brian's anger was calmed, as he seemed touched by this message of God's love. He then accepted a Messianic Gospel tract and we concluded our witness to him by saying that the Messiah could replace his sorrow with joy, his emptiness from being alone with Messiah's abiding presence giving true purpose and meaning to life. He thanked us for these words and promised to read the Gospel tract showing how one can be saved. Please pray for this man that he will have such an encounter with the Man from Galilee.

We had positive and powerful witnessing encounters in

a music store and talked to a

young Jewish man named Ori (which in Hebrew means "my light"). I was looking for Handel's Messiah on CD because I accidentally left mine at home. This young man was 22 years old and had an excellent knowledge of classical music and said he loved Handel's great masterpiece. He told us his favorite song in the Oratorio was "And He shall purify the sons of Levi" from Malachi 3:3. This allowed an open door for us to share with Him why Yeshua is the Messiah of Israel and how He fulfilled these Biblical prophecies in His life, death, and resurrection that were sung in Handel's Messiah. We said these Messianic prophecies mark and identify who the real Messiah would be. Our focus was on the prophecies that foretold the Messiah would be pierced in His atoning death. Thus we showed Ori from the Hebrew text those prophecies about this in Psalm 22:16; Isaiah 53:5-8; Zechariah 12:10 and their fulfillment in Yeshua's death on the cross in John 19:7. Ori was amazed.



We offered him a Hebrew New Testament and some tracts going into more detail about how Yeshua fulfilled these prophecies as Messiah. This young man was so profoundly grateful for this gift that he said to us, "What you have given me today is invaluably important to me." I responded by telling him that we believers in Yeshua are indebted to the Jewish people for giving us the Scriptures and the Messiah. His reply blew us away, leaving us astonished and surprised. He said, "It is I who will be forever in your debt for these things you brought to me today."

I was almost in tears and moved beyond words at this witnessing encounter. Ori's overwhelming gratitude for receiving the Word of God reminded me of when Jesus marveled at the great faith unexpectedly shown by the Gentile centurion in Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 8:5-10). In the same way, similar to Jesus, in all my witnessing experience for Christ in the U.S. for 19 years, I have seldom found such overwhelming gratitude shown for receiving the Scriptures by American Christians as Ori in Israel expressed to us when we gave him the Word of God!

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