

LEVITT LETTER

“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

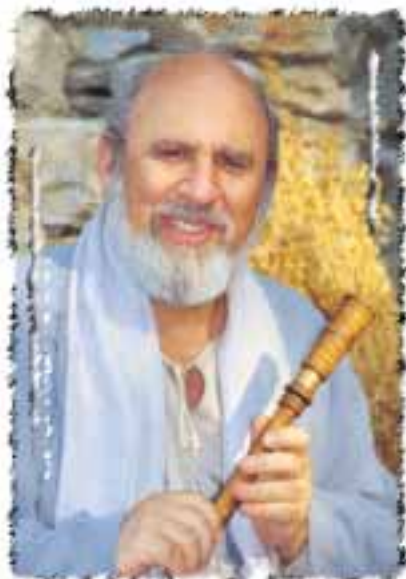
ZOLA LEVITT DECEMBER 3, 1938 – APRIL 19, 2006

Zola Levitt, founder and patriarch of Zola Levitt Ministries, died peacefully on April 19, 2006 at his home in Dallas, Texas, following a courageous two-month battle with lung cancer. He was 67 years old.

Born into a Conservative Jewish family, the youngest of three children, on December 3, 1938, young Zola grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, living a typical middle-class life, unaware of the special life mission

he was to one day undertake. Graduating from Peabody High School in 1956, Zola attended The University of Pittsburgh, Ohio State University, The University of Miami, and Indiana University at Bloomington, earning a Baccalaureate degree in Oboe and a Master’s degree in Conducting. Years later, he was awarded an honorary Ph.D. in Theology by Faith Bible College, in Kentucky.

Zola served as cultural editor of the University of Indiana News Bureau. During the 1960s, he played oboe in both the New Orleans Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony orchestras.



The year 1971 marked a turning point in Zola’s life. He attended a Campus Crusade event at Indiana University and was challenged to read the Scriptures, especially the Gospel of John. To put it in his words, “I went by night, like Nicodemus, to the campus director’s home and bought a New Testament bound by itself.”

Zola contemplated what he’d heard at Campus Crusade for Christ meetings, read his Bible and prayed, “If you’re there, show me.” He was on his front porch and saw a sign across the street that he’d never noticed before. It said, “One Way.” He felt God’s presence and accepted Him as Lord of his life that day.

Within months, Zola moved to Dallas in order to work for Campus Crusade for Christ. He resolved to devote his life to bringing the message of the Bible to others, and particularly to the Jews. He was disturbed that the Jews were missing out on prophecy, the crucial importance of Israel, and, most decisively, the Messiah Himself. He claimed that it was an irony

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Declarations of War

By Patrick Cox, contributing editor



Patrick Cox

On April 11, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that his country had succeeded in producing purified weapons-grade uranium. “I formally declare that Iran has joined the club of nuclear countries,” he crowed.

Of nearly equal historical import was the follow-up proclamation, moments later, by Ghulamreza Aghazadeh, chief of the Iranian nuclear project, who revealed that he is manufacturing 54,000 advanced enrichment centrifuges. “We are going into mass production,” Ahmadinejad then boasted.

“Experts” who, only weeks previously, had predicted that it would take Iran at least a

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of history that this marvelous book of God's words — the leading Israeli export to the whole world — was not understood by the Jews themselves.

Zola Levitt Ministries was born in 1978, and shortly thereafter Zola and Dr. Tom McCall wrote their best-selling book, *Satan in the Sanctuary*, an updated version of which is still in print today. In the years since, he authored and co-authored another fifty books.

In the late 1970s, Zola hosted a local radio talk show, *The Heart of the Matter*, in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area through which he became acquainted with many other well-known Christians, including Hal Lindsey. Radio led to television, and soon Zola had his own national show on the Christian Broadcasting Network. Nowadays, *Zola Levitt Presents* is broadcast on TBN, PAX, ABC-Family and INSP.

Travel Experience International, Zola's Israel group tour company, has taken over eighty tours and roughly ten thousand pilgrims to Israel over the past twenty-eight years. Zola taught on these tours for as long as his health allowed.

He was intensely interested in the politics of the Middle East and End Times prophecy. To keep his people informed on these topics, he created the *Levitt Letter*, which has run continuously since 1979.

Zola was a prolific composer, with twenty-two albums and hundreds of songs to his credit.

He spent much of the last five years of his life touring the U.S. in his R.V. with his wife, Sandra, teaching Prophecy and End Times events.

This multi-talented man was also an avid golfer and was for many years a strong tournament chess player.

Zola is survived by his wife, Sandra, two sons, Mark and Aaron, three grandchildren, David, James and Sarah Levitt, all of Dallas, a sister, Ruth Hammer, and brother, Harold Levitt, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a stepson, Will King of Jerusalem, Israel.

He loved to conclude his newsletter column and television programs with the trademark admonition: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." ❀



If you guessed the Upper Room on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, Israel, you are correct. On the spring tour, as our group was visiting the Upper Room, about twenty Muslims came in and hung around. We did not know what to expect and as Zvi finished the guiding lecture, and as is our tradition, we sang *Amazing Grace*.

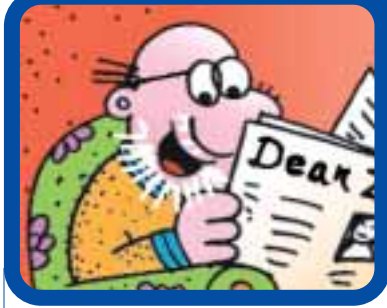
Imagine our surprise when immediately after we fin-

ished singing, they bowed down to a prayer niche (from the 13th century) and began their prayers to Allah. We were all in shock. None of us who have been in Israel have ever seen this. My questions are these: Who told them to go to the Jewish Upper Room, why are they in the Upper Room and can we pray in their holy mosques?

Just wondering....
— Sandra Levitt

Do You Know Where these Muslims are Praying?





Letters to Zola

your programs and read the *Levitt Letter*. They are so informative.

I started to fall into a lot of the false teaching from many TV ministries. Most of their philosophy is money and “loving” people into the church. It’s all “feel good” talk to appeal to the masses. There’s not much

teaching about God’s Chosen, prophecy or repentance.

I find truth in your ministry materials.

A.L.

Such A Blow

Dear Zola:

Thank you for all the information you provide us who read the *Levitt Letter* each month. How I look forward to every issue. I am so grateful for the straightforward approach you use.

As I read a recent issue, you expressed your view of the control of the U.S. ports, and you expressed my feelings about it exactly.

When Hal Lindsey left TBN, I could no longer view his program, as I don’t have access to the networks he is now on. I thought, “Oh, I hope Zola Levitt doesn’t leave, too.”

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The ministry thanks all of you for the kind letters of support. We received these before Zola’s passing on April 19.

Dear Zola:

I answered the call to Jewish evangelism and to become a Teaching Elder soon after watching your show way back in 1995. I started my Bible education with your study program, the *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies* and now I am wrapping up my Th.D several years later. You may have been the biggest influence in my life. I do not know what to say except thank you and I love you and will miss you terribly. Prayers for your family.

Mike Keffer, Founder-Director
Sure Foundations Ministries

“My Biggest Influence”

Dear Zola:

You have been an inspiration to me through your teaching. Nowhere else have I heard the clear teaching of the Old Testament Scriptures explained with the relevancy to both Jew and Christian. Over and over again, I read your books and listen to your videos.

Thank you for dedicating yourself to the ministry.

Your love for the Land of Israel encouraged me to go there recently and it was all you have claimed. Now I would like to return.

W. H.

Dear Zola:

Shalom!

First, let me say I have been so blessed by your ministry! I have learned so much and I very much love being a student of the *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*. The Lord has certainly used you to help others in their learning of the Holy Land and God’s Chosen, and also in learning prophecy. I get so excited tuning in to



One last song for Sandra.

I have depended on Hal, you and two other programs for teaching on prophetic news to keep me informed of what is going on in the Middle East (God's time clock). Then when I received the news about your cancer, it was such a blow to me. I can understand your excitement about getting to Heaven, seeing the Lord and talking to all the Saints and Prophets.

Thank you so much again. I am so glad that I've saved nearly all of your *Levitt Letters*. Thank you for being committed to continuing your ministry as long as the Lord enables you.

God Bless you and Sandra,

L.J.F.

Dear Zola:

I received your *Levitt Letter* today and you answered a question before I asked you.

There is only one Zola, but I wanted to ask if the ministry would continue. It is so desperately needed. You and your ministry are unique.

I agree wholeheartedly about the treachery of the Muslims and the veil over the minds in Washington and churches that seem not to have a clue. We will pay a terrible price for this failure.

Our God reigns,

R.W.

Dear R.W.:

Zola Levitt Ministries, our TV broadcasts, the *Levitt Letter*, our tours to Israel, correspondence course (*the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*) and the chat room and discussion board at www.levitt.com will continue doing God's work as always.

Lou, Editor

Thanks for the Check

Dear staff: Greetings to you from Yad Hashmona in *Yeshua* our Lord!

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your check designated for the purchase of a laptop, powerpoint programs and projector. Thank you very much. Separately, by regular mail, I will send you a formal receipt from *Yad Hashmona* Foundation.

May our Savior bless and reward you greatly.

In Him,

Dr. Gershon Nerel
Yad Hashmona Foundation

A Blessing to All

Dear Zola:

Zola we have just received the *Levitt Letter* via mail; your *Personal Letter* is so precious — we cried with “bittersweet joy” as we read of your confidence in the Lord. Yes, Zola it surely seems we could join you for the Rapture any time now. What a thought!!

However, if you should go before us, may I say thank you from the depths of my being for the years of teaching us of our “Jewish Roots.” My husband and I appreciate the way the Lord has blessed our lives through your ministry. We just wish we could have gone with you on tour.

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem. We love you dear brother.

J. and G.

Dear Zola:

God bless you and keep up the fire! You are a role model of the highest caliber — your strength and drive are a blessing to us all. — S.

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Dear Zola, family and staff:

I watched the program the other day with Zola speaking to all of us about his health problem. I appreciated Zola speaking to us as a family — like a dad or uncle sitting us down to tell us the truth about a family matter. I have walked that road before myself. I have had cancer and the Lord Jesus Christ healed me. But many times our healing is the greatest one of all — our homecoming! Like the song a few years back said: “at the ultimate healing we will be home free!”

That was a beautiful song that Zola wrote and played on the piano that day. I wanted to let you know how blessed I was by Zola’s attitude. When we have Christ, there is no sting in death. Yes, we hate to lose loved ones, but we hurt in a different way. Our deaths are the ultimate test of our belief. We can go out screaming, cussing and clawing, or we can lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus and lay our burdens at His feet. Thank you for showing people that we should not give up or give in, but at the same time we should live in the rest that Jesus died and rose to new life to secure for us. Thank you for sharing your faith with us. I pray for your healing, but over all else, I pray that God’s perfect way will be made perfect in your life.

God loves you brother Zola, and we do too!

Love and prayers in Christ Jesus!
— W.

Dear Zola:

Your last TV message, *A Personal Note*, was just that.

It was rich with honesty, sincerity, truth, and wisdom. It was also intensely tender. There’s so much to thank you for, but that talk was special; you were telling us the things we need to know and focus on now.

Your faith, courage, and profound love are evident. You give us a lot to live up to! I look forward to your next program (we call them “Zola visits”) and hope that this has been a week of answered prayer for you.

You, Sandra, Mark, and your staff have our prayers and love.

God Bless You!
C. and C.

Please enjoy your upcoming “Zola visits.” He will be entering your living room every week for years to come.

Lou, Editor

**“Please send me
your LEVITT LETTER
overages”**

Dear Zola:

I have watched your TV programs on TBN for over fifteen years, as often as possible. My TV dish was hit by lightning several years ago, so I depend on your monthly *Levitt Letter* now.

I so appreciate your letter and all the information compiled therein, as I feel it’s one of the few publications, or media avenues, “that tells it like it is.” Please send me your *Levitt Letter* overages and I will distribute them as one of your ambassadors.

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A few years ago, my little church, Kings Aid Station and Mission, sponsored you to talk in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Most of my church's members are now on your mailing list, but I continue to take my copy to church and point out things they need to read.

I thank God for you and your ministry. Zola, you are to me like the apostles of the New Testament. You are boldly proclaiming the truth. You are carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ to all men. I pray for your safety and the safety of your family and staff. It saddens me that you have been diagnosed with lung cancer.

We need you, Zola, here on earth for as long as God wills, to keep bringing the "end times news" to those of us who are looking upward for the Rapture that seems so near. I can hardly wait!

God bless and keep you. Love in Christ,

N. M.

50th Trip — 11 Years Ago

Dear Zola:

By way of introduction, we went with you to Israel on your fiftieth trip in 1995. The next year, at our invitation, you came to visit with us in Hartselle, Alabama — "the back side of nowhere," as you phrased it. On one evening, you were our guest for dinner in our home with other friends from New Covenant Church where you were speaking. We have often told friends this was one of the most enjoyable evenings of our lives. We were truly blessed by your presence!

We were so saddened to hear of your cancer, so we just wanted to let you know how much you have meant to us. You have truly been a blessing to us and countless others through your ministry. Both of us teach in our church (Methodist), and we can't count the number of times we have mentioned you or quoted you in our teaching.

We had planned to go back to Israel with you in March, but we just couldn't make the arrangements in time. We will be going with your group in November; and it will be sad, indeed, if you are not with us.

Please be aware that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Whatever the circumstances, we shall always be grateful to you for the trip to Israel, for your visit in our home, and for your ministry. You have sown some good seed into our lives, and we wanted you to know this.

Until you finally say, "Father, I'm coming Home," may

the Lord bless you and keep you and may He be a very present help to you and your family in this time of trouble.

Sincerely,
N. and I. G.

Theological Differences

Dear Staff:

First, I am, of course, sorry to hear that Mr. Levitt is experiencing his terrible health issues, and pray for his recovery.

I watched his TV show this morning and was quite disturbed. There is much in Mr. Levitt's theology that I, as a practicing Jew and Jewish educator, disagree with — but those are issues that reasonable people can disagree on and, hopefully respect.

My concern is that Mr. Levitt grossly misrepresents the position of what he calls "some leaders" of the "liberal churches." Neither the Presbyterian or Anglican (or any other) churches have "divested from Israel." These churches, in keeping with long-standing internal policies, are in the process of examining the morality of investing in specific targeted companies whose activities run contrary to their Christian spiritual commitments.

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In the case of the Presbyterian Church, for instance, the church is *considering* using their influence as a significant stockholder to urge the Caterpillar company not to sell specially modified equipment that the Israel Defense Forces use to demolish homes, build walls, level villages, and, in at least one case, kill people. The Church has a long history of support for Israel and using its influence to affect a variety of moral issues — and has been very clear in not wishing to undermine Israel or its security.

I think it is unfortunate that Mr. Levitt, obviously a strong supporter of Israel (as am I) holds some views on what that support should involve which are, in my opinion, ultimately self-defeating for Israel's long-term security — but that is his right.

What is *not* acceptable is the way in which he misrepresents the actions and intentions of well-meaning, committed Christians. Given the way he is often misidentified by his opponents, he should know better.

M.R.F.

Dear M.R.F.:

The IDF demolishes only the homes of known terrorists. Israel's security fence has proven necessary and successful for reducing terrorism. What Palestinian village has the IDF leveled besides those of the Israeli citizens it relocated from Gaza?

See the following letter which quotes from the PCUSA website. The church can only "rescind the process of phased selective divestment" if they are already divesting, not just *considering* divestment.

Lou, Editor

Dear Zola:

I just received this information regarding the upcoming 2006 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in June. It is being held in Birmingham, Alabama.

I thought you would be interested in reading the Israeli and Palestinian section, which will be on the agenda.

The first two paragraphs state:

Nearly 20 overtures about how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) should deal with the conflict in Israel and Palestine will be considered by this summer's 217th General Assembly.

The majority call for the GA to rescind the process of phased, selective divestment of PC(USA) stock in multinational corporations whose business practices contribute to violence in Israel and Palestine — a process launched by a decision of the 216th GA (2004).

Many Blessings,
L.A.

Dear LA: Zola recently brought up an important question concerning divestment. How is it that churches can pile up multi-billion dollar portfolios and why were these funds not instead used to assist the needy? — Lou, Editor

Dear Zola:

Hi. I have been a Christian for almost 30 years, and have been watching "Zola" on TV for quite some time.

I am sending in my first pledge check this month, and will continue my support until the Lord comes, or your ministry stops.

Zola, God bless you for all you have taught us. May the Lord come for all of us soon!

Sha-alu Shalom Yirushalayim
R. B.

Dear R.B.:

Your letter of gratitude is characteristic of many we receive from some of our most ardent supporters. Understandably, they watched our TV programs and read our newsletters an awfully long time before

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getting on board to help with our expenses. This ongoing lag between new readers' participation and support reminds me of the heroism of our supporters when we added the Thursday morning TV broadcast on the PAX network. That 67% increase in our TV airtime invoices was an incredible growth step, and our readers rose to the occasion and saw this ministry through the growing pains. Now we call on you to help us through the present transition, coping with losing Zola and covering the duties he so bravely fulfilled until just days before he passed.

Mark, Zola's son

Dear Zola:

I thought this article would be of interest, although I've known this for years. This is probably old news to you, but it's worth passing around.

Best regards
A.E.

Is "Muslim-American" an Oxymoron?

Can a devout Muslim be a loyal, patriotic American citizen?

Theologically? *No.* His allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia.

Religiously? *No.* No other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam. (2:256)

Scripturally? *No.* His allegiance is to the five pillars of Islam and the Koran.

Geographically? *No.* His allegiance is to Mecca, toward which he turns and bows in prayer five times a day.

Socially? *No.* His allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.

Politically? *No.* He must submit to the mullah's (spiritual leaders), who teach annihilation of Israel, and destruction of America, the great Satan.

Domestically? *No.* He is instructed to marry four women, and beat and scourge a wife who disobeys him (4:34).

Intellectually? *No.* He cannot accept the American Constitution, since it is based on Biblical principles, and he believes the Bible to be corrupt.

Philosophically? *No.* Islam, Muhammad, and the Koran do not allow freedom of religion and expression.

Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is a Theocracy — either dictatorial, or autocratic.

It is easy to forget that, today, Islam is at war, primarily with itself. In Iraq, Sudan and even the Palestinian territories, Islamists are murdering far more Muslims, for theological and political reasons, than non-Muslims.

While we would welcome a true reformation that would produce a secular Islam capable of living in peace with the rest of the world, there are serious reasons to doubt that this is currently possible. Even in America, Muslims who openly challenge centuries-old interpretations of the Koran place themselves in grave danger from Islamists who embrace an orthodox Islam that rejects all government not based on Sharia law. In fact, the Sunni Egyptian group al-Jama'ah Consultative Council has just issued a reward/fatwa for the lives of five American Muslim leaders, and their families, who reject the dream of Islamist conquest.

The preceding widely-distributed list of reasons why Muslims cannot accept democratic rule in any country, including America, is not a criticism of Islam by outsiders but rather, the tenants of orthodox Islamic scholars being taught in mosques daily. You should, at least, know.

— Patrick Cox, contributing editor

Dear Zola:

Your ministry has touched my life over the years and given me a deep love and understanding of God's Chosen People and His perfect plan for our lives.

I was shocked when you told us of your recent illness after just recovering from heart surgery. I just couldn't get your song "Father, I'm Coming Home" out of my mind. I do love your music and ministry and plan to support it the best I can.

Love in Christ, — J.M.

"I Shall Never Forget"

Dear Zola:

You have my highest respect. I have been watching your TV show for years. I always love to hear what you have to say. Your teachings have blessed my life abundantly. May God's great peace fill your life and heart. May the love of the Father be multiplied in and through you. Your ministry has impacted my life. I shall never forget.

C.



The Feast of Whats?

By Tuvya Zaretsky



The eight-day Jewish Feast of Weeks should begin on the 6th of the Hebrew month Sivan 5766, which corresponds to June 2nd, 2006. Sadly, there is no way to observe that festival, at least as it was originally ordained by God in the Bible. That creates a dilemma for Jewish people.

Let me explain why, and then I would like to suggest how we, followers of Jesus the Messiah, might take a “newish” approach to that holiday.

The Feast of Weeks is one of the seven festivals that God gave to our Israelite ancestors when they were still in the Sinai wilderness. The annual feasts were embedded into the agricultural calendar of the Jewish people to give them theological training. God used the festivals to create teachable moments. It was all very simple. Three times a year, Jewish men were to travel up to the city of Jerusalem to present offerings at God’s house, the Holy Temple. Each pilgrimage was an occasion for the people to get to know God better and to learn about His sufficiency.

The spring festivals launched the religious year with the reminder that God is the caring redeemer who brought His people, Israel, out of slavery in Egypt. Seven months later, during the fall, is a third pilgrimage festival called the Feast of Tabernacles. It was the harvest festival. The in gathering festival was to provide a time for worshipping our sovereign God. The Jewish people could rejoice with the God who loves with His people making their lives and fields fruitful.

In between those two festivals seasons, Passover and Tabernacles, is the Feast of Weeks. In Hebrew it is called *Shavuot* and in Greek it is Pentecost. God told the Jewish people to count fifty days after the first Sunday during Passover week in the spring. Actually, it doesn’t say “Sunday,” just the first day of the week. It actually says, “You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete Sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.” (Lev. 23:15-16)

So, fifty days after the spring festivals, the Israelites were to observe a holy convocation. They were required to

bring samples of the late spring harvest to an early in gathering celebration at the Jerusalem Temple. It anticipated an even greater harvest that was to come at the end of the fall season. God gave the people hope and anticipation to see the fruit of a relationship with Him.

An obvious problem prevents anyone from keeping the festival of *Shavuot*, the Feast of Weeks, today. There is no place to offer the thanks offering for the sample of the harvest to the Lord. Jewish people today, in Israel and elsewhere, can collect apricots and strawberries, onions and bell peppers, but there is nowhere to bring it. The Temple, along with the holy altar, was destroyed in 70 AD. It is like an invitation to a party when the host’s house is now gone.

Without that holy place to meet with God, the rabbis of modern Judaism are left with a dilemma. They have done an admirable job of creating an alternative and hopefully meaningful celebration. However, what would be more meaningful than being able to meet with God at His appointed abiding place? Where else could thanks be properly registered for all of God’s wonderful benefits? What could be more fulfilling than the specific day to celebrate His great sufficiency to meet life’s deepest need?

All the beautiful traditions of Judaism today avoid the problem created by the destruction of the Temple. The new symbolic meanings for the holy day even deny the very reason for judgment that caused God to allow the Temple to be destroyed in the first place. Our people were not obedient to God when it was their Promised Land. So, eventually God allowed the Temple service to end as an act to chasten our people and to signal His disapproval of an external form of religion. He said that He wants to be our God and we His people and He wanted to dwell in the midst of Israel. We blew it, so He abandoned the Temple — until an appointed day in the future.

The Feast of Weeks has become the Feast of What? Modern day followers of Judaism can’t fabricate an acceptable surrogate holiday. So any of the rabbinical efforts to explain new ways to observe the Holy Day do not really fill in the gap. The Temple is gone. God is not accepting the praises of the people at the Temple right now. However, the foundation for a new era is laid with the re-establishment of the State of Israel. A time is coming when that Temple will be rebuilt too.



“It is like an invitation to a party when the host’s house is now gone.”

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Zola Promoted!

A Tribute

By Terry James, www.raptureready.com



It was at the Sherlock Bali prophecy conference at Branson, Missouri a number of summers ago. Several of us were standing around the hotel lobby just outside the main conference room where the lectures and presentations were taking place. My great friend, Zola Levitt, was finished with his presentation and was making his way through the lobby.

Someone of our group had just posed the question, asking where in the Bible it explains when the Old Testament saints will be resurrected.

About that time Zola grabbed me, and smiling with that little laugh he always had, answered the question instantly when one of us asked it directly of him. He went into detail. He was one who was tremendously qualified to go into detail. There were few with the knowledge Zola had.

Then, when he was asked when he might be coming out with another book, he patted my back and said, "Ask Terry, he's my publisher." (Zola wrote many chapters for me in my books of compilation.)

That bit of kindness, I assure, could have caused a mighty swelled head — if it hadn't caused such a lump in my throat, from the emotion in my humbled heart. That's just the kind of friend Zola was, and I loved him very much. And will, for all Eternity. He was and is my Brother forever.

Zola, of course, died on Wednesday, April 19, after a brief battle with one of the most virulent forms of cancer. He had been diagnosed in February of 2006.

When asked about the cancer that — barring a decision by the Lord to perform a miraculous physical healing — would end his life on earth, Zola, with that typical little humorous chuckle he was famous for, said, "If the Lord wants to give me a promotion, I certainly don't object." He wasn't being flippant. He meant it with all his heart.

Zola received his promotion April 19, 2006. Now his assignments will far exceed even the things to do for God's service he was assigned while in this mortal flesh. His gifts were far beyond those given most of us. Perhaps that was because God knew His servant Zola would make full use of what he was given. Zola Levitt certainly did that, and the world is a more eloquent realm for his having performed his services as a very special Royal Ambassador.

Iranian leader uses Prophetic language

Thinking about my dear brother and friend, Zola, made the recent vitriolic talk by the Iranian leader all the more significant. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ranted about the thing Zola Levitt loved most, second only to His Lord and Savior — the nation of Israel.

About God's Chosen People, the Iranian tyrant said: "The Zionist regime is a rotten, dried tree that will be eliminated by one storm."

Those who follow *Zola Levitt Presents* TV program or the *Levitt Letter* know Zola many times addressed Israel as the "fig tree." He specifically dealt with the following prophecy, given by the Lord Jesus, Himself:

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. (Matt. 24: 32-33)

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Those of us who recognize Israel as the key indicator of the lateness of the hour know that far from being “a rotten, dried tree,” as the Iranian dictator proclaims, the nation of Israel is putting forth the new growth of its modern nationhood. It is by far the most productive nation in the Middle East, and takes second place to no country in the world, so far as contributing to the advancement of civilization is concerned.

So, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s vile words are the antithesis of God’s prophetic Truth. Israel is, rather than a dried up tree, a live, vibrant one that is the center of the world of nations, especially from the viewpoint of international media and the international community.

The Iranian president’s declaration that Israel “will be eliminated by one storm” will one day be proven satanically false by the Persian tyrant’s own forces. We see the prophecy concerning this in the following:

Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. (Ezek. 38: 9-12)

We are told what will happen in this “storm” against God’s Chosen People.

And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man’s sword shall be against his brother.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. (Ezek. 38: 18-22)

The modern-day Persian leader, Ahmadinejad, is deceived and deluded by the same creature that leads all who oppose God in the direction opposite of the Lord’s ways. My great friend Zola knew there is only one Way, and that is Jesus Christ, Who is *the way, the truth, and the life.* (John 14: 6)

That’s why the newly Promoted Zola Levitt, even before his Elevation to a Higher Position, always ended his time before us with words about the Prince of Peace. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

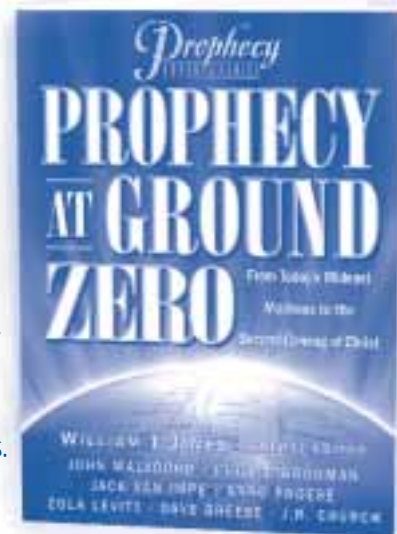
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Our Dear Friends,

Zola has now left us and the events of the last few months have caused me to reflect upon some of the places we visited and where he spoke. God's revelation in looking back has been a great comfort to me. I hope to share more with you in the future.

Several years ago, Zola and I were in Florida for the launch of the space shuttle Columbia. What a thrill to be asked to attend a shuttle rocket launch. Something right out of Buck Rogers.

At the time, because the Israelis had an astronaut going, we thought the Israeli government had invited us. It turned out that the Commander of the mission, Rick Husband, had invited us. Wow! More than that, Commander Husband had invited Zola to bless the flight. The night before the launch, each family had some kind of reception for their guests. Commander Husband's was in a church. Most of the other receptions were in hotels. But Commander Husband was a man of great belief. Zola even wore his *tallit* [prayer shawl].

This is a roundabout way of saying it was quite a celebration for the launch. A famous Christian singer was there, and we met Commander Husband's family. It was funny in a way because they were making such a fuss over Zola. Everyone was so excited to meet him and here we were with astronauts and we were so excited to meet them. It was quite a love-in, I must say.

Zola's message was about new frontiers and how the children of God went on a new adventure (Exodus) when they came out of Egypt, all the time trusting God. He spoke of embarking on a new life, one full of new discoveries. It was such a beautiful message. I did not realize at the time just how much of a new life the Columbia crew was going to have.

Many of you have called and written to share stories and prayers. For that, we are grateful. There is a real peace in our home. God is with us. I am constantly asked about Zola. I said to a close friend the other day, Zola is having bagels with the King and we're still talking about immigration and terrorism. I think Zola got the better deal.

Zola always taught that the End Times are upon us. Never more than now have we seen all that is written in Matthew 24:3-13. How much more of the "many coming in my name, wars and rumors of wars, kingdom against kingdom, famines, earthquakes, killing of Believers, hated of all nations, love growing cold, false prophets and lawlessness" could it take to make End Times? As Zola would say "NONE." We need nothing more to happen for us to be in the End Times. The good news is that all Believers will not experience the Tribulation.

A Note From Zola



Zola knew where he was going when he died. If you are not sure, please ask Christ to come into your life now.

On many occasions, Zola assured our pilgrims that his being with them on our Israel tours was only a small blessing among many. Please know that he wanted you to experience Israel through the itinerary, guides, drivers, and accommodations that he perfected and cultivated since the early '80s. Or go with someone else. But please show your support by going with an organization that works with licensed Israeli personnel.

Our June tour filled up rather quickly, and we are thankful to each of you for your pilgrim spirit in support of Israel. It is also encouraging to see that Zola's love for Israel continues to inspire so many people. Our **Holy Land Experience Tour** in Orlando has been slow in catching on, so we hope to hear from you very soon. The tour will be led by longtime ministry friend Harvey Zion, who is a Messianic Jew and has been to the real Israel. The tour is scheduled for September 1-3 — Labor Day weekend.

Our fall tour dates are set, and our brochure is now available. We suggest that you register early, as our tours have been reaching capacity quickly. The capacity isn't something that we set; it is because getting large blocks of airline seats and space in the hotels has become difficult. Things seem to be running at full capacity just now. You may choose from any of the following options for the fall: the **Deluxe Tour** (Israel Only), October 29-November 8; the **Grand Petra Tour** (Israel/Eilat/Petra), October 29-November 12; the **Grand Athens Tour** (Greek Isles Cruise & Israel), October 24-November 8; and our all inclusive **Ultra Grand Tour** (Greek Isles/Israel/Eilat/ Petra), October 24-November 12.

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Again, thank you for your prayers. We are truly *Mishpachah*, [family]. Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem,

Sandra Levitt

Bilking Uncle Sam

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com



Congress has been presented with a new study that documents that the Palestinians have inflated their population numbers by over 50 percent and that almost \$3 billion in United States taxpayer funds may have been provided as aid to the Palestinians, in part based on fraudulent data.

"American tax dollars and other international humanitarian aid have been based on inflated population numbers which have been accepted without question by governments and aid agencies. Our researchers pointed out that money has been spent to help Palestinians who were double-counted, never born or not present in the West Bank and Gaza," Bennet Zimmerman, head of the new study, titled "Arab Population in the West Bank and Gaza," told WND.

Zimmerman led a team of researchers who found Palestinians have inflated their population by close to 1.5 million, in some cases counting people in some cities twice. He was invited to testify today at a House International Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East chaired by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., probing U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

Since 1994, the United States has reportedly given nearly \$1.8 billion in direct aid to the PA and nongovernmental organizations operating in the Palestinian territories, usually delineated through the U.S. Agency for International Development. America has also provided more than \$1.1 billion to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which oversees Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza, according to State Department records.

Both the U.S. and Israel have based their information regarding the Palestinian population on numbers provided by the PA's Central Bureau of Statistics, which claims a total population in the West Bank and Gaza of 3.8 million.

But the new study, led by Zimmerman and researchers Roberta Seid and Michael Wise, puts the current Palestinian-Arab population of the West Bank at 1.4 million and Gaza 1.1 million, for a total of 2.5 million.

Zimmerman's team found extreme faults in the methods used by the PA to determine its population, including counting the 230,000 Arab residents of Jerusalem twice and retroactively raising growth and birth rates, which the study contends have been declining.

Zimmerman's study documents the PA tampered with its own data, retroactively raising its growth numbers in 2002. The new study shows a steady pattern of growth

decline leading to a natural growth rate in 2003 of just 2.6 percent.

The United States and Israel have been leading an international push to politically and financially isolate the new Hamas government.

In response to attempts to isolate his government, Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar claimed last month his terror group doesn't need "satanic" American money. "I wish America would cut off its aid. We do not need this satanic money," al-Zahar said at a news conference in Cairo.

*This supposed contempt for cash reminds me of Tevye's line in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*: "If money is the world's curse, then may the Lord smite me with it, and may I never recover!"*

— Mark, Zola's Son

The Feast of Whats? (continued)

Meanwhile, we who trust in the Messiah Jesus don't need to wait until a new Temple is rebuilt. Our thanks and praise of God is welcome and received with a Father's loving heart. The fulfillment of the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost came with the birth of the body of those who are the "first fruits of the harvest." Jews and Gentiles who worship *Yahweh* in spirit and in truth were gathered as the Lord's body, the assembly of Believers (the church) on the day of *Shavuot* or Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit of God came upon those first followers of Messiah Jesus on that holy day in Jerusalem that was reported in Acts chapter 2. Jews from around the world heard about the glorious deeds of God in Messiah Jesus during the Feast of Weeks celebration at the Herodian Temple. The whole story of the early "harvest" of Messianic Jews" on that day, about 3,000 who came to faith is all there.

So, what can be done today to observe this festival? We can take time right now to pray for Jewish people. Ask God to pour out His spirit on them just like He did on the day of Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago. We can ask the Lord to use us to tell the Jewish people now about the Good News of a fruitful life through Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. The same message back that was first made known so boldly at the Beautiful Gate on the Feast of Pentecost is the same one that saves Jews and Gentiles today. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, as a result of our prayers, and God's Spirit working through us, that literally thousands of Jewish people would respond to the Gospel? How cool would it be to see another 3,000 Jewish followers of Jesus rejoicing in the fruit of the Spirit just like in the first century? It could happen!

Passover to Pentecost Countdown

By Will King, www.imagesofisrael.com



With the Passover holiday behind us, both Jews and Christians begin counting down the days until the next big holiday on the calendar. According to Leviticus, chapter 23, we are to begin the counting from the first Sunday after Passover, which happens to be Resurrection Day, or the Feast of First Fruits. Jews, however, now begin counting from the day after the Passover and also no longer celebrate the Feast of First Fruits, possibly in order to avoid the connection to Jesus' resurrection (see also Dr. Tom McCall's article on page 9). So what are we both counting down toward, and how long do we count?

Leviticus 23 tells us that we are to count seven Shabbats, and then on the fiftieth day, which will also be a Sunday, to bring grain offerings to the Lord. This feast is known as *Shavuot*, or the Feast of Weeks. Along with Passover and *Sukkot* (the Feast of Booths, or Tabernacles), *Shavuot* is one of the three pilgrimage festivals where, in Bible times, Jews from throughout the land were required to come up to Jerusalem and the temple. *Shavuot* is also associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, and in synagogues the scroll of Ruth will be read.

Christians perhaps know the holiday of *Shavuot* by another name, Pentecost, which is Greek for fifty. It was on this day, only ten days after Jesus had ascended to Heaven, that the fire of the Holy Spirit was poured

out upon the Disciples. As they were on the Temple Mount, they began preaching the Gospel in many tongues, so that those who had traveled to Jerusalem from far away lands heard the message of Messiah Jesus in their own language — believed. Acts, chapter 2 records that some 3,000 came to know Jesus that day, the beginnings of the Church.

In many ways, we are still counting the days and eagerly anticipating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us all. According to Zechariah chapter 12, that next great outpouring will come with the return of Messiah. *And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.* (Zechariah 12:10, NKJV).

Today, besides the reading of Ruth, no great customs are assigned to *Shavuot* in the Jewish tradition. Christians, however, remember on *Shavuot*, or Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and it reminds us of the next great outpouring to come with the return of Messiah Jesus. The countdown is already underway, and we must everyday prepare ourselves and those around us for the great miracle that we are anticipating at the end of the counting. When counting down to Pentecost, it's important not to focus on the legalistic reasons of why we begin the counting on a specific day, but rather the supreme reason, Messiah Jesus. The outpouring of the Spirit and the foundations of the Church begin with His resurrection. Without this victory over death, the story would have ended there. But, because He lives, we can face all of our tomorrows. Happy holiday. ✨

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"A Gentleman and a..."

WILL KING, "Our Man in Jerusalem," has written a monthly column for this newsletter for the two years that he has lived in Israel. He also coordinates on-location interviews for our camera crew, helps with the TV shoots and assists with our tour groups. Now Will is ready to undertake a masters degree in Bible at Hebrew University and chronicle for ministry readers the highlights along the way. He will grow spiritually and intellectually and improve his efforts for this ministry. If you would like to partner in grooming an up-and-coming theologian with the highest of aspirations, then please designate a periodic contribution for "Our Man in Jerusalem." Will's article for this month appears on page 14.

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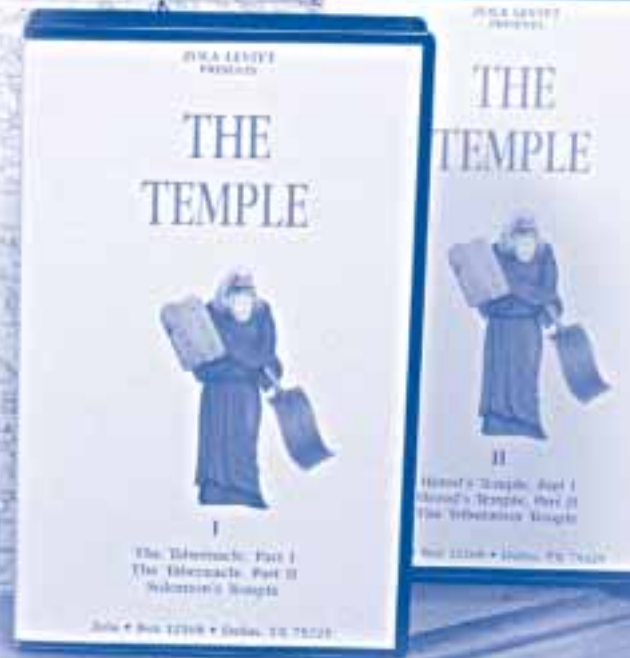
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Mission Trip to Israel – Part I

By Teresa Brown

March – What a beautiful time of year to see the land flowing with milk and honey. For me, it would have been a sight to behold anytime. But I believe that God wanted me to see my future home while it was in its glorious season of bloom. This was my first trip to Israel. My name is Teresa Brown and this is an account of a pilgrim's homecoming and the birth of a missionary.

Six months after being introduced to God's mission outreach "To the Jew First" through Todd Baker and Zola Levitt Ministries, I was partnered up with a dear sister, Sue LeGrand, and sent to Israel. Not just as a tourist, but as a missionary-in-training.

Shortly into the tour, I began to realize that I had been in preparation for this mission not for six months, but for twenty-five years.

On the first morning of the tour, Sandra Levitt introduced Todd, his partner Paul, Sue, and me to the members of the tour as ambassadors of Messiah to Israel. We weren't expecting, this but it later proved to be clearly ordained by the Holy Spirit. We began our journey through the Promised Land with these precious pilgrims praying for us at every turn.



This trip was amazing from beginning to end. The accommodations were top notch. The beauty of the land was breathtaking and the holy sites were overwhelming! I would bet that Zola's tour guides Joni and Zvi have to be two of the best in Israel. Although we had to stay with the tour group because Ms. Joni runs a tight ship, God was so faithful to His purpose and gave us witnessing opportunities every day. Sue and I were able to give a *B'rit Hadashah* to a Jewish person who truly wanted one every day that we were there. There were waitresses, store clerks, IDF soldiers, a photographer, some young Armenian men, one in particular whose name I didn't get. But when I asked him if he knew about the Messiah, he said, "Yes, some say it is Jesus Christ." He wanted every piece of material I could give him so I gave him, one of every tract we had. There were many rich encounters like this with the Jewish people and others.

Praise God for the ministry of Zola Levitt, and thank you Mark Levitt for making this happen. This ministry has given me an opportunity to see the missionary inside



Zvi Rivai, ZLM Tour Guide

me that I didn't know. A very special thank you to Todd Baker whose passion is infectious and teaching invaluable. Thanks for believing in me my friend!

The Last Shall Be... Difficult

The final and most challenging opportunity to witness came on the plane flying back from Israel. On this plane full of American tourists, most of whom were with us, I ended up sitting between two Jewish people. I was pretty tired so I slept — and slept some more. About three hours before arriving at JFK, Estial (Estelle), a sweet woman from Tel Aviv wanted to engage me in conversation. She told me she wanted to practice her English on me. We had a great time. She understood me perfectly when I talked, but a few times she had to look up words in her English/Hebrew translation to communicate back. She told me about her children in New York that she was visiting and I told her about my trip to Israel. She listened when I told her that we were sent to bring the message of Messiah to her people. She asked questions with interest and I ended up giving her a *B'rit Hadashah*. We also exchanged phone numbers and emails so that when I come back to Israel I can get in touch with her for a visit.

During this time, the gentleman on my left also listened in and apparently didn't care for what he heard. Finally, opposition had come. Not that I had been looking forward to it, but I expected it at

some point. This encounter turned out to be one of the most interesting of the journey. I was very tired and not too sharp at this point and this fifty-something Hebrew named Ivor wanted to challenge me. But the *Ra Ha hodesh* (Holy Spirit) soon quickened my heart and my words. Ivor explained to me that he is a good person and that good people will make it to heaven on their merit.

I challenged him based on the Torah that gives the requirements of the law and I asked him if he has kept them all. Then I reminded him that in this same law, God requires a sacrifice for sin, but that today there are no ceremonial sacrifices being offered. So I proposed to him that one of two things has happened. Either God Himself has provided a sacrifice once for all or He has changed His mind about sin. Ivor asked if I was Jewish and I soon realized that I had no real credibility with him because I was a Gentile. So I told Ivor the story of Harvey Chess.

Harvey is a Jewish man I met on this tour. Harvey went to Hebrew school as a child, but became a secular

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agnostic. About a year ago, he met a Gentile woman on a blind date. This woman was a Believer in Jesus and shared the good news of the Gospel with Harvey. He was, of course, not interested at first. He said his belief was that Catholics, Christians and Jews were very separate and needed to remain that way. He said, "I needed something tangible to believe in and a Jew becoming a Christian didn't make sense."

When I asked what changed his mind, he said he had two questions. Let me briefly mention, in order to demonstrate God's divine orchestration, that I had this conversation with Harvey standing in line at customs prior to getting on the plane in Tel Aviv. Now here I was sharing it with Ivor about eight hours later.

I told Ivor the questions Harvey had:

1. The origins of the Christian religion were Jewish. "The first Christians were Jews. What happened?"
2. It is undisputed even among Jews that Jesus was a good teacher and a rabbi. So why are the anti-missionaries so afraid of Him if He is only a teacher?

In search of these answers, Harvey said he found the Truth and Life. There was some silence from Ivor for a minute and then he said, "Well that's good for you and Harvey, but not for me. I don't believe that the Son of God is the only way to Heaven." I asked him if he had a son and he said yes. Knowing that Ivor can relate to the love of a father, I asked, "If you were God and there was another way to Heaven would you sacrifice your son?" He was thoughtful for a moment and didn't respond. I tried to give him some materials to read. He told me that he could not accept them because his grandparents would "turn over in their graves." I told him that his grandparents wouldn't be giving an account for him before God one day — only he would.

He said that he had made his decision long ago and he was comfortable with it. So I left him with one final thought. That is that he won't know if he made the wrong decision until it will be too late to do anything about it. If God did sacrifice His Son for him, I told Ivor, "then you will have to give an account for today because in this moment you have an opportunity to believe."

I pray that God gives him more opportunities and I told him so. I told him that I feel

confident that he will one day remember my words and see God's love for him. I could tell that he was surprised by my boldness, but he didn't seem offended.

We parted on gracious terms. He was a nice man. Of all the conversations I had on this, my first missionary trip, this one felt the most productive. His words were opposing, but he was a little more uncertain at the end than at the beginning. Sometimes we are just God's chisel while the Holy Spirit is the hammer chipping away one piece of stone at a time from the unbelieving heart. I believe that there is a piece (and peace) now missing from Ivor's heart. Only God knows how big it is.

Pray for Ivor, Estial and our brother Harvey. To God be the glory. ✨

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A brave woman stands up to repulsive thugs.

Muslims Muzzling Memphis

By Brigitte Gabriel, www.americanthinker.com



Brigitte Gabriel

Universities, for those of us who lecture on campuses, are the battleground for the heart and soul of the next generation of leaders. They are the battleground where we must fight to win back the opinion and allegiance of American college students. This is made harder when Islamists in both the college and local communities try to intimidate us and deny our free speech on campuses in some of the least likely places.

We have grown to expect these things on the major East and West Coast cities "elite" university campuses that harbor radical professors and anarchist student and radical Muslim community activities. But not in the heartland where I recently spoke at the University of Memphis. This occurred in the South, in "Bubbaland" as my friends from the region call it.

I was invited to give a lecture sponsored by Professor David Patterson of the Judaic Studies Program. When news about my appearance spread, the Muslim community both on and off campus launched a full-scale campaign to stop my lecture. They demanded that Dr. Patterson cancel my speech. E-mails flooded the University of Memphis administration and Dr. Patterson from Muslim students on campus and Muslims in the community and mosques. Here are some of their comments:

People like Brigitte are plenty in the world; they are the true enemies of Islam. And despite their rubbish talks, the truth about Islam is spreading like a wildfire across Americas and across the globe (All Praise to Allah)."

"Dr. Patterson, hosting of this lady is orders of magnitude worse than hosting of the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan."

"Do you honestly think the scheduled lecture will serve any useful purpose other than inflaming the Muslims, insulting them and spilling poison in the community?"

It is interesting to see the reaction of the Muslim community to someone with Muslim shrapnel in her body who speaks against butchering innocent people in the name of Allah. If they would put the same energy into condemning the radical element within Islam and join us in saying that slaughtering people in the name of Allah is murder not Jihad, maybe we wouldn't question their loyalty as American citizens.

Dr. Patterson refused to bow to their intimidation and insisted on going on with the scheduled speech.

By the time I showed up at the amphitheater style lecture hall on campus, police officers were already standing at each entrance. Nearly half of the hall was filled with Muslims with their leaders dressed Osama Bin Laden-style sitting in the front two rows at eye level making "their point" — which was that I wasn't going to get away with speaking freely.

Just as the program was about to begin, a Muslim student walked to the front and asked the crowd to raise their hands if they believed that this lecture was "undemocratic." They complained that I would be taking questions on cards instead of allowing them to ask them publicly. Experienced in these settings, I knew they would make speeches, spew anti-American and anti-Israeli sentiments and create chaos in the room during the Q&A. I decided that they were not going to do that. The provocative Muslim student behavior before I even began my lecture proved my foresight. Dr. Patterson explained that taking questions from cards distributed to the audience was normal protocol at university speaking events like mine. Patterson tried to calm the unruly crowd but nothing was working.

Fed up, I went straight to the podium and ordered everyone to sit. I told them, this is my lecture and I run the show. If they didn't like the way I conducted my lecture and my questions they could leave the room, now. Shocked at my behavior and authority they shut-up. The non-Muslim members of the audience applauded.

I finished, asked Professor Patterson to make introductory remarks and returned to my seat.

Dr. Patterson introduced me by telling the audience what an eye opener this lecture had become because of the reaction. He stated that he never realized that here in Memphis a speaker should be threatened for his/her safety just to speak on a college campus. He introduced me and I delivered my speech with police officers on both sides as well as about eight others in the lecture hall and around the building.

It is a sad state of affairs when any speaker on any American University campus has to be surrounded by police officers to protect his freedom of speech and person from intimidation and menace. America is the country where free speech is protected under our constitution. Who would have expected that in the home of the Beale Street Blues, W.C. Handy and Elvis, I would be confronted by Muslims trying to muzzle my free speech and perhaps all of us?

Based on what happened to me in Memphis, I think its time for Americans to wake up as to what is occurring within their very midst. It is time to be energized and empowered to stand up and fight to take back our universities. Its incidents like this that spurs speakers like me to defend our civilization and everything for which it stands. ❖

Not in Jerusalem!

Israel Today



Interim Prime Minister Ehud Olmert moved to revoke the Jerusalem residency of three Hamas Palestinian Legislative Council members and a Palestinian Authority cabinet minister. Lawmakers may expand this decision to include other known Hamas members and Palestinian Authority workers living in the city. "The right to be in the PA parliament does not include the right to be a member of a Palestinian terror organization," said Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni. Those affected would no longer be able to receive National Insurance Institute payments and would be barred from entering the capital. The Hamas Jerusalem residents threatened to appeal this decision to Israel's High Court of Justice, despite the fact that they do not recognize Israel's right to exist. Attorney General Menachem Mazuz said Israel has the right to revoke citizenship or residency under extreme circumstances such as these. This is not the first time Israel has revoked the residency of members of terror organizations.

Another Medical Breakthrough from "The Most Hated of All Nations"

Swift Healing with Israeli Technology

By David Brinn, www.israel21c.com

It's a moment that every athlete fears — when they get the news that they have a career-threatening ligament or tendon tear. And it's not just the pros. Millions of Americans play tennis, jog, or join pickup softball or basketball games every day without proper stretching, resulting in similar injuries.

Over 200,000 Americans undergo tendon or ligament repair each year, usually consisting of tissue grafting and synthetic prostheses, but rarely offering a full pre-injury recovery or a long-term solution. With tendon and ligament injuries presenting a major clinical challenge to orthopedic medicine, Israeli researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem are using adult stem cells to provide new hope for both patients and doctors.

In studies conducted on rats, the researchers at the Skeletal Biotechnology Laboratory at the university's Faculty of Dental Medicine have successfully used adult stem cells to form new tendon or ligament tissue. This novel approach for tendon regeneration was reported in the April issue of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.

"What we're doing is using adult stem cells taken from the bone marrow and genetically engineering them. By introducing specific gene proteins to the cells, they

become different cells. With this in mind, we can genetically engineer

new skeletal tissue — ligaments, cartilage, tendons," said Dr. Gadi Pelled, a senior scientist in the lab, who worked together with team leader Prof. Dan Gazit. "What happens in tendons and ligaments when there is a partial tear is that they don't regenerate by themselves — they form scar tissue, which is less elastic and doesn't provide as much functionality," Pelled told *Israel21c*.

Tendon tissue repair is detected using a special type of imaging known as proton DQF MRI, developed by Prof. Gil Navon at Tel Aviv University, which recognizes differences among collagen-containing tissue such as tendon, bone, skin, and muscle. "The imaging emits a white symbol which identifies whether the new cells generated are tendons or not," said Pelled.



The research could also affect injuries to the invertebrate disc, which, according to Pelled, "consists of, in large part, a tendon that deteriorates over time, and results in a large segment of the population suffering from lower back pain."

"Our next step will be to conduct the tests on large animals. For tendons and ligaments, goats are the best subjects," said Pelled, adding that pigs would be used for tests on the invertebrate disc.

He explained that the research has grown out of clinical trials currently being conducted on humans in collaboration with the Hadassah Medical Center and pharmaceutical giant Teva on the subject of bone regeneration using the same adult stem cells.

Life in the Seventh Century

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Sleep "divorce" counts

A Muslim couple in India have been told by local Islamic leaders they must separate after the husband "divorced" his wife in his sleep, the Press Trust of India reported.

Sohela Ansari told friends that her husband, Aftab had uttered the word *talaq*, (divorce), three times in his sleep, according to the published newspaper report.

When local Islamic leaders got to hear, they said Aftab's words constituted a divorce under an Islamic procedure known as "triple talaq." The couple, married for 11 years with three children, was told they had to split.

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The religious leaders ruled that if the couple wanted to remarry they would have

to wait at least 100 days. Sohela would also have to spend a night with another man and be divorced by him in turn.

The couple, who live in the eastern state of West Bengal, have refused to obey the order and the issue has been referred to a local family counseling center.

Only Islam would require committing adultery as a remedy for a wife sharing what her husband uttered in his sleep! How can Western negotiators ever hope to reason with such a mentality?

'Batter Up'

By Aryeh Dean Cohen, www.israel21c.com

Some will claim that baseball has ancient roots: they are certain that home runs were mentioned in the Bible and that the rod Aaron carried was actually a Louisville Slugger.

Whether or not you believe the world was created in The Big Inning, there's no doubt that despite some tough beginnings of their own, softball and baseball are scoring big today in Israel.

A determined group of immigrants from North and South America, eager to hand down a legacy of curve balls and the infield fly rule to their children, has overcome a paucity of fields to bring thousands of players — fellow immigrants and, more recently, native-born Israelis — out to the ball game.

The game may not always sound the same, however, with Hebrew invading the traditional lingo of the baseball diamond. When young Israeli kids in the network of both baseball and softball leagues spreading across the country get together, *pasul* sometimes replaces out, and a hit is a *havata*.



But as the US Major Leagues swung into baseball season, the thwack of ball meeting bat was certainly also being heard across Zion. Moreover, the sport's future in Israel is being buoyed by promises that the US-based Israel Baseball League, via the Jewish National Fund, would take a page out of Field of Dreams and build a series of much-needed, ecologically-sound new baseball fields around the country.

Even before the fields have been built, large numbers of Israelis have nonetheless come to discover the joys of the game. The Israel Association of Baseball, founded 20 years ago by "a group of parents who wanted to impart the skills of baseball to the next generation," according to president Haimj Katz, has about 900 players competing, with participants ranging in age from 8 to the mid 50s.

The game is taking root among young Israelis, either sons or daughters of transplanted Americans or Israelis who spent time in the States, attracting what Katz calls nonconformists, looking for something different from basketball or soccer."

Islamic Faith Leaders at Work

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Facilities in a British prison are being built so Muslim inmates do not have to face Mecca while sitting on the toilet. The Home Office said two new toilet blocks are being installed as part of a refurbishment at Brixton jail in south London. Faith leaders had told prison bosses it was unacceptable for Muslim inmates to face Mecca while using the toilet. "The refurbishment has been carried out with due consideration for all faiths," a Home Office spokeswoman said. "Following consultation with faith leaders within the prison, various small adjustments were made to ensure the faith issues of all prisoners are taken into account." She added: "The money spent did not affect the overall cost of the refurbishment program."

Educating Palestinian Children

Israel Today

Government-run Palestinian television continues to encourage children to join the jihad against Israel, according to Palestinian Media Watch. The following is a poem read by a young girl:

*Daddy brought me a present,
A machine gun and a rifle.
When I am big I will join the liberation army.
The liberation army has taught us
How to liberate our homeland.*

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“Leave Our Land and Get out of Here”

Israel Today

Threats against Christians in the Palestinian territories point to an increasingly unstable situation and have Believers there trying to determine just how hostile the atmosphere may become under a Hamas-led government.

The gravity of the situation was underscored by a pipe bomb explosion in front of the Bible Society’s offices in the center of Gaza City. No one was hurt, but it blew away one of the panels of the front window and caused some minor damage on the first floor.

Masked gunmen distributed leaflets threatening to burn down the building and harm the workers and their children if the operation was not shut down. “It is not clear who is specifically behind the threat, but we are taking the threat very seriously,” said the Palestinian Bible Society’s website.

The leaflet warned the landlord to evict the Bible Society by a certain date or terrorists would burn down the building. It demanded that staff members leave before the deadline and shut down the Gaza operation for good. Don’t try to relocate, the flier said, you are being watched closely.

The leaflet also said the Bible Society opposes Islam and that it is an evangelistic Crusaders’ operation supported by the Crusader West.

Because of the seriousness of the threat, the landlord asked the Bible Society to close down for a while. The organization agreed, both for the safety of its team and its Muslim neighbors, who were also terrified by the threat.

“With the worsening of the situation, the team decided to close the shop doors but continued to work inside,” the Bible Society said. “Then one of the team members received a threatening phone call in which the caller said that he saw them working behind closed doors and if they didn’t take the threat seriously, they and their children would be harmed.”

The Bible Society estimates that about 1,500 Christians live in the Gaza Strip among

at least 1.2 million Palestinians, mostly Muslims. With a sign above its doorway that says, “God’s Word is life for all” and other Scriptures, the Bible Society has a bookshop, classrooms for community development and computer classes. The Gaza branch opened in 1999.

Believers spoke with reporters on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals from Islamic terrorists in their neighborhoods. Their work in the territories is sensitive, especially with regard to Muslims who convert to Christianity.

One Palestinian Believer told *Israel Today* that he would not comment on any of the anti-Christian activities. “I’m reluctant to say anything because of the dangerous situation,” he said. He did say, however, that this threat should serve as a wake-up call for the Body of Christ to pray for Palestinian Believers to increase their strength and numbers.

The Bible Society branch in BirZeit near Palestinian-ruled Ramallah has also come under fire. But according to Believers there, this is nothing new. Molotov cocktails are frequently thrown at the building at night, causing damage, but no injuries.

On the walls outside the center, one of the vandals scribbled graffiti: “Leave our land and get out of here.”

Such sneak attacks, against meek Believers in this instance, are characteristic of the cowardly way that Islamic terrorists wage “war.”

— Mark, Zola’s Son

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Three Thousand Years of Literacy

Israel Today

A two-line inscription, apparently an alphabet, on a stone found in Tel Zayit, an ancient Biblical area of Judah between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Sea, is the most concrete evidence to date that Israelites could read and write as early as the tenth century B.C. They wrote Biblical stories, and did not only pass them on orally.

The research project is headed by archaeologist Professor Ron E. Tappy of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. "All successive alphabets in the ancient world, including the

Greek one, derive from this ancestor at Tel Zait," he said. Tappy said the stone weighs 40 pounds and has a bowl-shaped hollow carved on the opposite side of the alphabet.

Another scholar concurred: "My opinion is that this is indicative of the fact that Israelite culture was much more sophisticated than some scholars have affirmed," said Christopher Rollston, a professor at Emmanuel School of Religion in Tennessee.

This is a piece of evidence that will figure in a very important way in future discussions." ★

HebrewLesson

Shalom Zola, Hayakar

By John J. Parsons



יָקָר בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה הַמּוֹתָה לְחַסִּידָיו

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15)

יָקָר	בְּעֵינֵי	יְהוָה	הַמּוֹתָה	לְחַסִּידָיו
(2) (1)	(3) (2) (1)	(1)	(3) (2) (1)	(4) (3) (2) (1)
ya-kar	b'ei-nei	Adonai	ha-mav-ta	la-cha-si-dav
precious	in the eyes of	the LORD	the death of	his saints

In the Scriptures, God's intimate knowledge of our lives is sometimes referred to as *Ayin Adonai* — the "Eye of the Lord." Adonai's eyes are in every place, observing all that happens on the earth. "Not a sparrow falls to the ground," said Jesus, "without your Father," and even the number of the hairs on our heads are counted by God.

The word *yakar*, in both ancient and modern Hebrew, means "dear," "precious," or (when talking about prices) "expensive" or "costly." *Yakar* can also mean "heavy," perhaps alluding to the weight of ancient coins (the heavier being the more precious), or even "grievous" in the sense of heaviness from sorrow or pain.

The Scriptures declare that the death of the *chasidim*, the ones who are trusting in the Lord's *chesed* (lovingkindness and mercy), is *yakar b'einey Adonai* — "precious in the eyes of the Lord." From the point of view of the bereaved, death is *yakar* in the sense of heaviness, sorrow, or loss; but from the point of view of heaven, it is *panim el-panim* — the "face-to-face" encounter of sweet reunion, unending joy, and cherished gain.

A Jewish midrash speaks about this duality in terms of a parable. A king once sent a governor to rule a province. He ruled it well, and when his term was up and he was sent to a new province, the inhabitants of the old one honored him for his life and so did those of the new one. Thus, when the righteous leave this world its inhabitants sorrow for them, but the angels in heaven rejoice over their arrival.

Zola was certainly one of those rare individuals the Lord used to "rule a province" here on earth for a season. He was a true Jew who was a faithful witness of the salvation of the Lord God of Israel to the nations. Now that his term here has ended, we sorrow over his absence, but we take comfort that he has been promoted to a new province with the joy of heaven now forever before him.

Shalom Zola, hayakar.



decade to produce the raw materials needed for an atomic bomb, now say the country could have hundreds of nuclear weapons in only a few years.

Three days later, Ahmadinejad reiterated his promise that “The Zionist regime... -will be eliminated by one storm.” The “one storm” metaphor for a nuclear attack against Israel may not have been obvious to those unfamiliar with Islamist doublespeak, but his message was clearly understood in the Middle East.

It is important that we understand that before making his nuclear announcement, according to Iranian journalists, Ahmadinejad spent several hours in private consultation with the 12th Imam, the final Shiite prophet who went into hiding after being poisoned in the year 941. According to Ahmadinejad himself, he was told in a previous meeting with the thousand-year-old Imam, that he should run for president for one purpose, to provoke a “clash of civilizations” in which Iran leads the Muslim world in a final decisive war against the “infidel” West.

It is also significant that the threat was delivered at an international forum in Tehran convened to raise financial and political support for Hamas, the terrorist-sponsoring organization democratically elected to run the Palestinian government. It was there that Ahmadinejad pledged that Iran would replace at least fifty million of the billion dollars a year in international “aid” to the Palestinian government that has been withdrawn by Israel, the United States and the European Union in response to the organization’s refusal even to pretend that it is not dedicated to, and working for, the elimination of Israel. Intelligence analysts believe, in fact, that an earlier statement by Hamas political chief Khaled Meshaal, that his government would never recognize Israel’s right to exist, was prepayment for increased Iranian financial support.

Ahmadinejad succeeded also, at the same conference, in eliciting pledges from both Russia and Qatar to help fill the financial gap created by the withdrawal of funds from the welfare-dependent Palestinian government by Western democracies. Russian spokesmen further confirmed which side of the conflict they are on by opposing, with the threat of a veto, any United Nations effort to use diplomatic or economic sanctions to halt the Iranian nuclear program. Adding teeth to its position, Russia has agreed to sell Iran advanced air defense technologies to protect Iranian nuclear facilities.

Ironically, even as Ahmadinejad admitted that his country would continue to pursue its nuclear goals in direct contravention of UN treaties, Iran was going through the process of being elected to serve as

vice-chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission. According to Iranian officials, the country’s efforts, on the commission, will focus on disarming Israel.

On Passover, less than a week after Ahmadinejad’s announcement, a Palestinian suicide bomber in Tel Aviv killed nine and injured at least a hundred Israelis. For the first time, the Palestinian government refused to pretend that it did not support such terror attacks. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri publicly justified the Passover suicide bombing as an act of “self-defense” in retaliation for Israel’s “brutality” and “aggression” in ending its long practice of giving significant financial aid to the Palestinian government.

Zuhri explained, “The occupation seized money of the Palestinian people and urged the world not to assist the Palestinians, so this attack took place before those who agree with this aggressive attitude.” Translated from terrorist into English, that statement is a direct threat to any nation that commits “aggression” by withholding foreign aid payments to Hamas. A further Palestinian statement revealed that Jews outside of Israel may also be targeted as retaliation for the withdrawal of funds.

Only days after the Passover suicide bombing, despite the Israeli decision not to retaliate for the attack, the UN Security Council convened primarily to condemn Israel’s efforts in Gaza, to stop the regular firing of missiles into Israel — a tactic pioneered by Iranian funded Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon. Hezbollah, analysts say, now has well over 10,000 missiles stockpiled and has been recently reinforced by Iranian troops, from Revolutionary Guard units, along the Lebanese border with Israel.

During that same Security Council meeting, Israel’s U.N. Ambassador Dan Gillerman took the opportunity to point out that a fundamental and alarming shift has taken place within the Islamic world, as nations now openly fund a government that is explicitly employing terrorism to attack Israel. An official Egyptian government newspaper, in fact, had just defended the Passover bombing, the first time that the government of President Hosni Mubarak has taken such an overt position.

Financial support and the political justifications for terrorism against Israel, Gillerman said, “are clear declarations of war, and I urge each and every one of you to listen carefully and take them at face value.” Moreover, he said, “A dark cloud is looming above our region, and it is metastasizing as a result of the statements and actions by leaders of Iran, Syria and the newly elected government of the Palestinian Authority.”

There is nothing I can add. ❖

Reaping What They Sow

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Dr. Ahmad Al-Baghdadi, a reformist Kuwaiti intellectual and political science lecturer at Kuwait University, argues that the Muslims themselves — not bin Laden — are responsible for the rising hatred against them around the world. He says that Muslims living in the West have failed to repay the kindness of the countries that accepted them and instead have followed the lead of the Muslim clerics and threatened to attack these countries from within. He adds that Muslims in the West must declare that they accept Western values and sever their ties with Muslims in the East and with the religious clerics.

The following are excerpts from Al-Baghdadi's article:

Muslims are the Ones Who Failed to Present a Positive Image of Islam

“Osama bin Laden is a terrorist, criminal, murderer, and villain, and every other inhuman description applies to him as well. However, he is definitely not responsible for the rising [level] of hatred towards Muslims in the West. This hatred is reflected in numerous new measures that have recently been adopted by Western governments in an effort to stop the stream of Muslims entering America and Europe. The governments also implement laws that limit freedoms and violate human rights as another precaution, to protect the safety of their citizens...

“Even though Muslims boast that Islam is the fastest-growing religion in America and in the West... it is [actually] the religion that is most incomprehensible to the Europeans and the Americans.

“What is truly saddening is that Islam is being associated with terrorism due to the terrorists' frequent use of Koranic verses and hadiths to justify their terrorist actions.

“Statements made by preachers in the mosques, in articles and on various media channels accusing non-Muslims of heresy, the preachers' curses, and their characterization of Jews as the descendents of apes and pigs — cause Westerners to perceive Islam as an intolerant religion that rejects religious pluralism.

“The Muslims, therefore, are responsible for the distorted image of Islam prevalent in the modern West, and they are the ones who failed to present a positive image of Islam. Thus, they are responsible for the problems experienced by the Muslims today.

“Among those who incite to jihad, have you seen a single one who set out [to wage jihad] himself, or sent one of

his sons to wage jihad for the sake of Allah? On the contrary — while encouraging innocent people to wage jihad in Iraq and in Chechnya, they themselves take additional wives...”

“What Do You Expect the West to Do When it Sees its Citizens Being Murdered in the Name of Religion?”



“Osama bin Laden didn't force anyone to go to Iraq, murder its people and destroy its institutions. He didn't force anyone to murder innocent people in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, America, and Europe. Bin Laden did not tell the Muslims in the West: ‘Hate the country that gave you shelter when you fled [from your homelands], made you rich when you were poor, fed you when you were hungry, gave you freedom after the bondage you suffered in your Muslim countries, and educated you when you were ignorant.’

“You caused all these catastrophes out of your own choice and your own free will... and failed to repay the kindness [shown to you]. So what do you expect the West to do when it sees its citizens being murdered in the name of religion, when it experiences hatred in the name of religion and suffers the damages of terrorism perpetuated in the name of religion? It is only natural that the West should hate you and tighten the rope around your necks, so you do not ‘invade it from within’ as you declare in your announcements and sermons...

“The truth that we must deal with today is that people in the West no longer trust Muslims in general. The Muslims in the West must therefore sever their ties with the Muslims in the East, and repair their relations with the Western societies by announcing that they accept the humane values on the basis of which they were received in the West. They must also sever their ties with the religious clerics and their fatwas...

“If they fail to do this, they must bear the consequences and the difficulties that will ensue. They must not blame bin Laden and Al-Zarqawi, but [only] themselves for being driven, in ignorance, by the views of the clerics...”



The Jordanian Option

By Caroline Glick, *The Jerusalem Post*

Caroline Glick views Israel's decision to withdraw from Gaza as a policy of appeasement and surrender. Other writers published here, including Charles Krauthammer, view the withdrawal as a necessary move by Israel for economic, military and political reasons.

Glick's recommendation that the West Bank not be allowed complete self rule, but integrated into neighboring Jordan, is interesting and worthy of consideration regardless of one's view of the Gaza disengagement. Jordan has also been targeted by Islamists and their presence in the West Bank might allow Israel to shift more attention to dealing with the soon-to-be nuclear threat from Iran and its allies, including those in Gaza. — Patrick Cox, contributing editor

IAF helicopters recently attacked Palestinian terror training camps in Gaza in an attempt to thwart the Palestinians' rapidly intensifying Kassam rocket offensive on southern Israel. The targeted camps are new blots on the blighted Gazan landscape. They were established shortly after Israel expelled 8,000 of its citizens from their homes in Gush Katif and razed their communities ahead of the IDF retreat from Gaza last summer.

The camps were established on the ruins of the communities of *Slav* and *Neve Dekalim*.

The Palestinian rocket offensive on southern Israel and the establishment of terror training camps on the ruins of Israeli settlements are incontrovertible proof that the Israeli strategy of "disengagement" has failed utterly and completely. During the thirty-eight years of Israel's presence in Gaza, even when things were at their worst, the area never constituted much more than an irritant to Israel's national security.

Now, with Hamas in charge and al-Qaeda, Iran, Hezbollah, PA militias, Islamic Jihad and Fatah terror-crime mobs running rampant, Gaza has become more than an irritant. Today, Gaza has become a base for global jihad and a source for constant and intensifying destabilization throughout the region.

The current rocket offensive from Gaza — for which Israel has yet to come up with any effective response short of invasion—has placed some of Israel's most sensitive national infrastructures under constant attack. The daily shelling of the communities around Gaza imperils the economic viability of southern Israel.

Whereas one of the basic rationales given for the "disengagement" was that Israeli presence in Gaza was the main source of friction between Palestinians and Israelis, what is now clear is that Israel's presence in Gaza was a source of stability.

Speaking to *Newsweek*, acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert set out his plans for the future. Olmert declared his intention to push forward with his "convergence" plan in Judea and Samaria. He will forcibly expel tens of thousands of Israelis from their communities and vastly curtail Israel's military control of the areas. And he expects America to support him by financing the resettlement of some 80,000 Israeli refugees and recognizing Israel's self-declared borders. That is, he desires American support for an Israeli implementation of the Gaza expulsions and retreat on a mass scale in the strategically vital areas of Judea and Samaria.

Today, there are two paradigms for contending with the Palestinian conflict with Israel. The first one is to negotiate a peace treaty with the Palestinians in which they will get land and sovereignty in exchange for promising to live at peace with Israel. In a word, this paradigm is the paradigm of appeasement.

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The second paradigm involves an Israeli retreat from Judea and Samaria and parts of Jerusalem in exchange for nothing whatsoever from the Palestinians. That is, the second paradigm is the paradigm of surrender.

The appeasement paradigm failed at the Camp David summit in July 2000 when the Palestinians refused to accept an Israeli offer of almost everything they say they demand — Gaza, Judea and Samaria and east Jerusalem including Judaism's most sacred site, the Temple Mount. Rather than accept the deal which would entail recognizing Israel's right to exist in rump borders, the Palestinians went to war.

Instead of accepting the appeasement paradigm's failure, the Israeli Left together with the Arab League, the EU and the US government attempted to artificially resuscitate it.

Through a series of reports — Mitchell, Tenet, Zinni and then eventually the road map — the international community and the Israeli Left have maintained the fiction that appeasement is still an option. This is why, even today, when Olmert has moved to the surrender paradigm, he still pays lip service to appeasement by stating that he is willing to negotiate with Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas even though Hamas is running the show.

Yet lip service aside, Olmert and his cohorts are fully committed to the surrender paradigm and they are gunning for the Bush administration to dump appeasement and join their bandwagon. As Olmert put it to *Newsweek*, "I understand that if [the retreat and expulsion plan from Judea and Samaria] will be accepted as a contribution to a Middle East with less violence and terror, we will be able to reach an understanding with the American government about some measures of support that can be essential for the success of this move."

Unfortunately for the Bush administration, as the Gaza model shows, backing Olmert's plan will mean that the US will be giving its support to a strategy that has no chance whatsoever of making a "contribution to a Middle East with less violence and terror." To the contrary, Olmert's surrender paradigm has made a contribution to violence and terror.

So what is the Bush administration to do? Its current paradigm of appeasement has no chance of succeeding and Olmert's paradigm of surrender is also a recipe for failure. Luckily, appeasement and surrender are not the only options available for stabilizing the Middle East and diminishing levels of violence and terror.

In the current issue of the *Middle East Quarterly*, Dan Diker and Pinchas Inbari outline a paradigm that has a

better chance of success than either appeasement or surrender.

Their article, "Re-energizing a West Bank-Jordan Alliance," notes that Israel and Jordan today share a cardinal interest in ensuring that Judea and Samaria do not follow the Gaza model. As they demonstrate, there is reason to believe that from this convergence of interests, a strategy can emerge that will be capable of succeeding where appeasement and surrender fail.

The Jordanian regime is today subject to two sources of turbulence that have the potential to destroy it. First there is Iraq. Iraq's political and military instability wreaks havoc on Jordan which is economically dependent on its eastern neighbor. Jordanian terrorist and al-Qaeda commander in Iraq, Abu Musab Zarqawi has targeted the Hashemite regime. Al-Qaeda has cells throughout Jordan. Al-Qaeda operatives attacked Eilat with Katyushas from Akaba on August 19 and they targeted Amman itself in the hotel bombings last November.

Al-Qaeda's spread from Iraq to Jordan is now, in the wake of Israel's retreat from Gaza, being followed by its spread to Gaza and Judea and Samaria. As Jordanian diplomats explained to Diker and Inbari last September, Jordan is deeply opposed to Olmert's proposed Israeli withdrawal from Judea and Samaria. In their view, such a retreat would cause a spread of Gazan and Iraqi-style chaos to Judea and Samaria. Such chaos could easily endanger the Hashemite regime.

Until 1988, Arabs in Judea and Samaria were Jordanian citizens. Fearing that the Palestinian uprising which began that year would destabilize his kingdom, the late King Hussein renounced Jordan's claims to sovereignty over the areas. Yet Jordan has remained actively engaged in the areas. Some 70 percent of Jordanians define themselves as Palestinians, and most Jordanians have family in Judea and Samaria. Trade between the two banks of the Jordan is intense. King Abdullah's wife Rania is a Palestinian. In naming their son Hussein the crown prince of Jordan, Abdullah has effectively transformed the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan into the Hashemite-Palestinian Kingdom of Jordan-Palestine.

Inbari and Diker believe that the Jordanian regime may be willing today to entertain a strategy of federating or confederating with Judea and Samaria.

The advantage of such a policy for the Palestinians is that as citizens of overwhelmingly Palestinian Jordan, they would no longer be stateless. The advantage for Israel and Jordan would be that the threat that the PA's chronic instability poses to both states' security would be remedied by the presence of two sovereigns — at

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peace with one another, with decades of military cooperation behind them, and a shared interest in destroying all vestiges of Islamist terror cells in the area — in charge.

Although they do not discuss the issue of Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria in their article, there is no reason to think that a confederative or federative arrangement that would place Jordan in charge of the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria would necessitate any limitation on the right of Israel to remain responsible for the Israelis who live in the areas. Clear and straightforward arrangements regarding citizenship and security responsibilities for both the Palestinians and the Israelis can be reached with little more than a handshake, given the depth of Israel's and Jordan's shared interests.

One of the main reasons that the notion of Palestinian statehood — upon which the appeasement and surrender paradigms are based — is acceptable to Israelis is that it is believed that if the Palestinians are given sovereignty they will begin to behave like a responsible member of the community of states. Sadly, events of the past thirteen years have proven repeatedly that conferring the Palestinians with the accoutrements of statehood — including sovereignty in Gaza — exacerbates Palestinian support for jihad and instability.

With Hamas in charge of the PA and global jihadist terror groups backed by Iran on the march in Gaza and Judea

and Samaria, further empowerment of the Palestinians will endanger the survivability of Jordan and Israel. But as Inbari and Diker show, other options exist. If the Americans wish to support an Israeli policy that will, as Olmert says, make “a contribution to a Middle East with less violence and terror,” they should suggest that he consider switching his paradigm to one that has a chance of achieving that goal. ★

“They Aren’t Civilized”

By James Lileks, www.JewishWorldReview.com

Iran announces it will give Hamas \$50 million to meet the bills. Pin money, you might say. Grenade pin money, more like it.

The day after the award, a suicide bomber kills nine at a lunchstand in Tel Aviv. Hamas, speaking with the exquisite sense of nuance and reason that got them elected to run the Palestinian Authority, defends the attack. They blame Israel’s “aggression” — must have been the flowerpots knocked over on the way out of Gaza — and call the action “self-defense.”

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Hollywood and true bravery don't mix.

Missed Tributes

By Ben Stein, www.spectator.org



A few humble thoughts about the Oscars.

I did not see every second of it, but my wife did, and she joins me in noting that there was not one word of tribute, not one breath, to our fighting men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan or to their families or their widows or orphans. There were pitifully dishonest calls for peace — as if the people we are fighting were interested in any peace for us but the peace of the grave. But not one word for the hundreds of thousands who have served and are serving, not one prayer or moment of silence for the dead and maimed.

Basically, the sad truth is that Hollywood does not think of itself as part of America, and so, to Hollywood, the war to save freedom from Islamic terrorists is happening to someone else. It does not concern them except insofar as it offers occasion to mock or criticize George Bush. They live in dreamland and cannot be gracious enough to thank the men and women who pay with their lives for the stars' ability to live in dreamland. This is shameful.



The idea that it is brave to stand up for gays in Hollywood, to stand up against Joe McCarthy in Hollywood (fifty years after his death), to say that rich white people are bad, that oil companies are evil — this is nonsense. All of these are mainstream ideas in Hollywood, always have been, and always will be. For the people who made movies denouncing Big Oil, worshiping gays, mocking the rich to think of themselves as brave — this is pathetic, childish narcissism.

The brave guy in Hollywood will be the one who says that this is a fabulously great country where we treat gays, blacks, and everyone else as equal. The courageous writer in Hollywood will be the one who says the oil companies do their best in a very hostile world to bring us energy cheaply and efficiently and with a minimum of corruption.

The producer who really has guts will be the one who says that Wall Street, despite its flaws, has done the best job of democratizing wealth ever in the history of mankind.

No doubt the men and women who came to the Oscars in gowns that cost more than an Army Sergeant makes in a year, in limousines with champagne in the back seat, think they are working class heroes to attack America — which has made it all possible for them. They are not. They would be heroes if they said that Muslim extremists are the worst threat to human decency since Hitler and Stalin. But someone might yell at them or even attack them with a knife if they said that, so they never will.

Hollywood is above all about self: self-congratulation, self-promotion, and above all, self-protection. This is human and basic, but let's not kid ourselves. There is no greatness there in the Kodak Theater. The greatness is on patrol in Kirkuk. The greatness lies unable to sleep worrying about her man in Mosul. The greatness sleeps at Arlington National Cemetery and lies waiting for death in VA Hospitals.

God help us that we have sunk so low as to confuse foolish and petty boasting with the real courage that keeps this nation and the many fools in it alive and flourishing on national TV.

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A Sea of Galilee ship crewman demonstrates the fine art of net throwing during a recent ZLM Holy Land Tour.



This article contains all you need to know about Islam. Such thought processes can be dealt with in one manner only, and George W. Bush is doing it.

“Whoever Kills One of Them Will Get His Loot”

The Jawa Report, www.mypetjawa.mu.nu

Islamists Post Hit List of “Apostates”

An Egyptian group calling itself the “al-Jama’ah Consultative Council” has sent an e-mail hit list to people deemed “apostates.” The group warned that those people on the list who had left the faith would have three days to repent or they would be killed. The group also warned that the wives and children of the Muslim apostates were being followed and would be killed.

Under Islamic Law, the maximum penalty for apostasy is death.

The list includes prominent Muslims living in the West who have spoken out against violent Islamic extremism and intolerance, some still living in Muslim countries, as well as Coptic Christians who have advocated equal treatment in Egypt.

According to Copts-United, the group issued the following threat if the “apostates” did not publicly repent:

We will follow them everywhere they go and at anytime. They can never be far from the swords of truth, and they are closer to us than our shoelaces.

They are monitored day and night. We are fully aware of their hiding places, their houses, their children’s schools and the times when their wives are alone at home.

We gave our rules to the soldiers of God to execute the rule of God so that their blood can become close to God [to kill them] and burn their houses.

And we thank God that many of those infidels and atheists do not exist in the land of Islam, so that they do not defile the Islamic land with their rotten blood. They are in the land of infidelity, the land of idols, pagans, and Cross worshippers: in America, Canada, Switzerland, and Italy.

If they existed on a spot in the Islamic land, let us wash the places of their slaughter and beheading seven times to purify the Islamic land of the impurity of their blood. And let us captivate their women and enslave their

children and loot them. Let us apply the Islamic rule to them; and whoever kills one of them, will get his loot.

The fatwa was signed by Abu Dhur Al-Maqdishi, media commander in Al-Jama’ah. ✦

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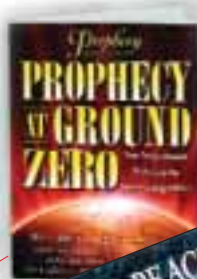
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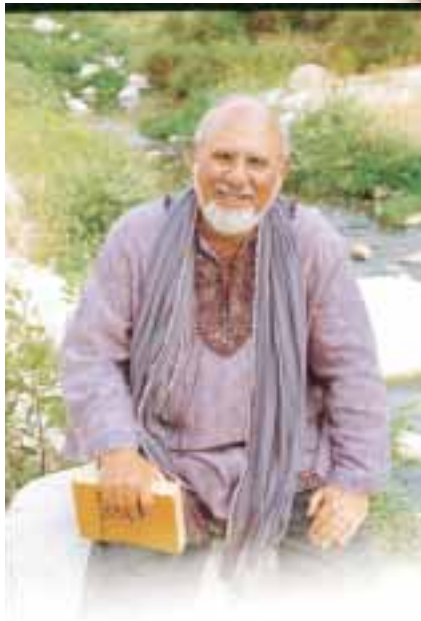
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