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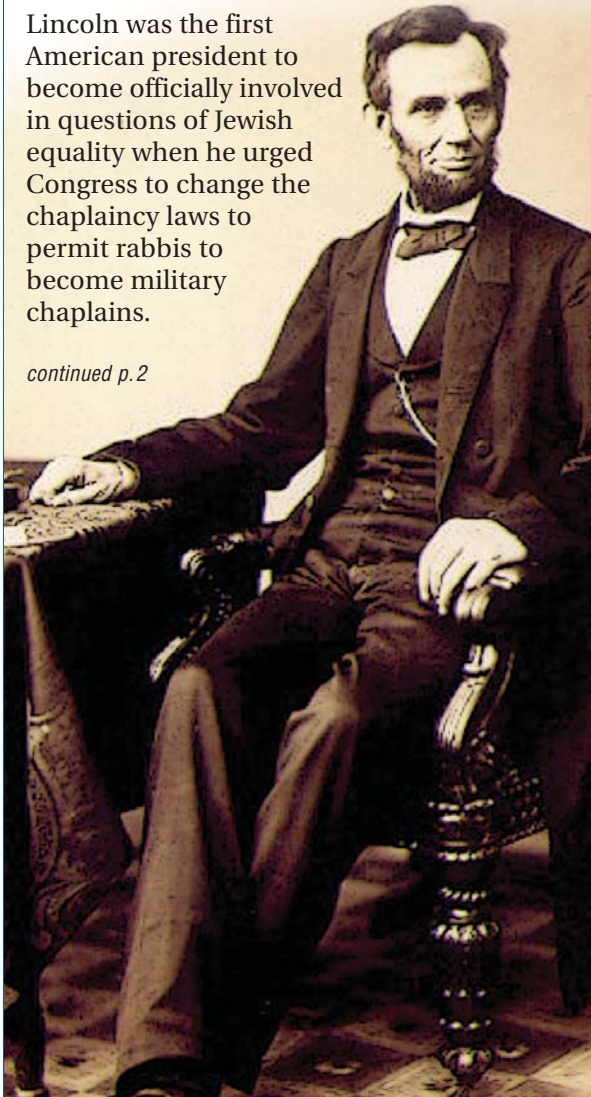
Lincoln and the Jews

By Herb Geduld, www.JewishWorldReview.com

Throughout history, Jews have had great friends and mortal enemies as rulers in the countries in which they lived. Perhaps no American president has been a greater friend of the Jewish people than Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln was the first American president to become officially involved in questions of Jewish equality when he urged Congress to change the chaplaincy laws to permit rabbis to become military chaplains.

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Hitler and Jihad

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Albert Speer, who was Hitler's Minister of Armaments and War Production, wrote a contrite memoir of his World War II experiences while serving a 20-year prison sentence imposed by the Nuremberg tribunal. Speer's narrative includes a discussion that captures Hitler's effusive praise for Islam, "...a religion that believed in spreading the faith by the sword and subjugating all nations to that faith." Hitler, according to Speer's account, repeatedly expressed the conviction that, "The Mohammedan religion...would have been much more compatible to us than Christianity...with its meekness and flabbiness."



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In January 1863, he revoked the only incident of official anti-Jewish discrimination when he countermanded Ulysses S. Grant's infamous Order No. 11, which expelled Jews from Northern Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Lincoln also appointed seven Jewish generals to the Union forces.

What were the reasons for Lincoln's concern and kindly attitude toward the Jews?

First and foremost was the fact that by the time of the Civil War, Jews had become a factor in American life. During the Revolutionary War and the founding of America, Jews numbered a minuscule 2,500 out of a population of approximately 4 million. By 1840, they had grown to only 15,000, but 20 years later, in 1860, the Jewish population had risen to 150,000, out of a nation of 30 million. The Jews emerged from a relatively docile and unseen element in the population to a viable minority, striving for its own rights and recognition. With the increased Jewish population, the future president knew Jews as admirable neighbors even in the little towns where he grew up.

Louis Salzenstein was a storekeeper/livestock trader in the town of Athens, Ill., near New Salem, where Lincoln spent six years. When Lincoln was postmaster, he collected the mail from "Old Salty's" store, which served as the regional post office. He became good friends with Salzenstein, who was remembered by a town historian as "doing more than any other man toward bettering the improvements and the mode of living in this section."



Perhaps Lincoln's most valued and personal Jewish friend prior to his presidency was **Abraham Jonas**, an English Jew who settled Kentucky and Illinois. Jonas and

Lincoln became good friends and political allies. Lincoln also had many Jewish friends during his law years in Springfield, Ill. One of them was a neighbor, Julius Hammerslough, who visited Lincoln while he was in Washington and who accompanied Lincoln's funeral train on its mournful journey back to Springfield.

There was another fundamental reason for Lincoln's affinity for Jews and Judaism. That was his profound respect and depth of knowledge of the Bible. Although he was not conventionally religious, Lincoln, like many frontiersmen of his day, had spent much time in his youth reading the Hebrew Scriptures. He would often quote from books of the prophets during his speeches to legislators and had an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the Book of Psalms.

His last words, according to his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, were, "How I should like to visit Jerusalem sometime." Felled by John Wilkes Booth's bullet, he never got his wish...but Believers know that he will. —Editor



These sentiments were also expressed by Hitler to Dr. Hermann Neubacher, the first Nazi Mayor of Vienna, who wrote that Hitler had told him Islam was a “male religion,” and reiterated the belief that the Germans would have been far more successful conquerors had they adopted Islam in the Middle Ages. General Alexander Loehr, a Luftwaffe commander executed in 1947 for the mass-murders of Yugoslav civilians, maintained a smiling Hitler had told him that Islam was such a desirable creed the Fuhrer longed for it to become the official SS religion.

Hitler appears to have viewed the uniquely Islamic institution of jihad as an appropriate model for waging genocidal, total war. During the mid to late 19th century, jihad total war campaigns—adapted to the conditions of modern warfare—were waged by the Ottoman Empire against its Bulgarian and Armenian Christian minorities.



Hajj Amin el-Husseini—a former Mufti of Jerusalem and the pre-eminent Arab Muslim leader of the World War II era—was viewed by Hitler (and also the Waffen-SS)—as a “Muslim Pope.” Hajj Amin made an especially important contribution

to the German war effort in Yugoslavia where the Bosnian Muslim SS units he recruited brutally suppressed local Nazi resistance movements. The Mufti’s pamphlet entitled, “Islam and the Jews,” was published by the Nazis in Croatian and German for distribution during the war to these Bosnian Muslim SS units. This incendiary document hinged upon anti-Semitic motifs from the Koran (for example, 5:82), and the hadith (including Mohammed’s alleged poisoning by a Khaybar Jewess), and concluded with the apocalyptic canonical hadith describing the Jews’ annihilation.

Invoking the personal support of such prominent Nazis as Himmler and Eichmann, the Mufti’s relentless hectoring of German, Romanian, and Hungarian government officials caused the cancellation of an estimated 480,000 exit visas which had been granted to Jews from Romania and Hungary. As a result, these hapless individuals were deported to Polish concentration camps. A United Nations Assembly document presented in 1947, which contained the Mufti’s June 28, 1943 letter to the Hungarian Foreign Minister requesting the deportation of Hungarian Jews to Poland, includes this stark, telling annotation: “As a Sequel to This Request 400,000 Jews Were Subsequently Killed.” Moreover, in the Mufti’s memoirs he describes what Himmler revealed to him during the summer of 1943 regarding the genocide of the Jews. Following pro forma tirades on “Jewish war guilt,” Himmler told the Mufti: **“up to now we have liquidated around three million of them.”** ★

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Pentecost Sunday, marking the end of the Easter season on the Christian calendar, is May 23 this year.

Pentecost/Holy Spirit Connection And Why Jews Don't See It

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

For Believers in Jesus the Messiah, the dating of Pentecost is one of the most exquisite examples of type and fulfillment in the Scriptures. Pentecost means fifty, and is actually fifty days from another Feast, First Fruits. These calculations are explained in Leviticus 23:10–11, 15–17. The Feast of First Fruits was to occur on the day after the Sabbath (verse 11), therefore always the Sunday of Passover week. Pentecost, then, was the day after the seventh following Sabbath (verses 15–16), which would be the fiftieth day after First Fruits and also on a Sunday.



The fulfillment of these Feasts is striking. Jesus died the Friday of Passover week and had to be buried hastily before sunset, which is when the Sabbath begins. His body remained in the borrowed sepulcher throughout the Sabbath day, but on that Sunday morning, when the priest was to offer the First Fruits offering in the Temple,

Christ arose from the dead, the first fruits of them that slept (I Cor. 15:20).

For forty ensuing days, the Lord appeared to His disciples in His resurrection body, and then ascended into Heaven. Ten days later, the Sunday of the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Believers in Jerusalem and created the *ekklesia*, the called out body of Christ, the Church. These fulfillments were obviously no coincidence, but were part of the overall plan and purpose of God in verifying the powerful meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ, and the establishment of the new body of Believers.

From then on, the Jewish Believers in Christ must have repeatedly informed the people of Israel about the nature of the fulfillment of Passover, First Fruits, and Pentecost. It must have made a great impact on the Jewish people who lived between the resurrection of Christ and the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, a span of about forty years.

By way of response, Judaism's rabbis decided that in this case the term Sabbath did not mean Saturday, but something else: the first day of Passover, or, more precisely, the first day of Unleavened Bread (the second day of Passover). What justification do they have for changing the meaning of Sabbath that way? There must have been a very strong motive to cause the



Sages to interpret Sabbath as something other than the regular sacred Saturday Sabbath.

Though we have no proof, we suggest that the change came some time after the resurrection of Christ and before the destruction of the Temple. Think of the impact the Jewish Believers must have had as they described the Lord's resurrection on the Sunday of Passover week at First Fruits and the coming of the Spirit seven Sundays later on Pentecost. The leaders must have been hard pressed to explain away the relevance of the Feasts and their fulfillment in Jesus.

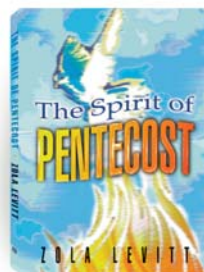
The solution they came up with was to obfuscate the calendar in such a way as to make the connection less clear between the Feasts and their fulfillment in Christ and the Holy Spirit. The strategy apparently worked because most Jewish people today—like Christians—see no connection whatever between the Feasts and the Messiah.

Instead of causing Jewish leaders to marvel over the relationship between the Feasts and the Messiah, the current festival schedule leaves Jewish scholars scratching their heads. They are perplexed over the vagueness of the dates of First Fruits and Pentecost, and why there is no clear statement in the Torah that Pentecost is the day Moses received the Law, which is the teaching of the Sages. Such appears to be part of the veil over the eyes of the majority of Jewish people that so tragically obscures the truth about the Messiah in the Law.

Nevertheless, many Jews today and a lot of gentiles who have no background in these matters are being graciously enlightened and are receiving the Lord.



Please see pp. 18, 19 to order our study booklet, CD, and/or audiocassette *The Spirit of Pentecost*.



UNPLEASANT JOURNEY



Historically Accurate Bible

By Jonathan S. Tobin

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The greatest threat to those who think Jerusalem should be off-limits to Jews comes not when Jewish-owned buildings go up in the city, but rather when Jews start digging into the ground. Because the more the history of the city is uncovered, the less credible becomes the charge that Jews are alien colonists in what the media sometimes wrongly refer to as “traditionally Palestinian” or “Arab” Jerusalem.

Now there's an amazing archaeological dig being conducted just outside Jerusalem's Old City. According to the Hebrew University, under whose auspices the project is carried out, excavations by archaeologist Eilat Mazar uncovered a portion of ancient city wall as well as an inner gatehouse for entry into the royal quarter of the ancient city and an additional royal structure adjacent to the gatehouse as well as a corner tower. Ancient buildings are not uncommon in the city, but these edifices can be dated to the 10th century BC—the time of King

Solomon, credited in the Bible for constructing the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Pottery found at the lowest levels of the dig is dated to this era. Even more significant, discovering *bullae* (seal impressions) with Hebrew names, as well as seal impressions on jar handles inscribed with the words “to the king,” means they were employed by the Israelite state in that time. Inscriptions on the jars, which Mazar says are the largest ever found in Jerusalem, showed them to be the property of a royal official.

This find provides new proof of the existence and power of the Davidic monarchy, the Israelite state that it led, and the more than 3,000-year-old Jewish presence in Jerusalem. These new discoveries, along with those of a previous dig in a different area of the city of David, contradict Palestinian claims that the Jews have no claim to the area. They also debunk the assertions of some Israeli archaeologists who have sought to portray the kingdom of David and Solomon as an insignificant tribal group and not the regional empire of the Bible. Indeed, Mazar believes that the strength and the form of construction required to build these structures correlates with

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Dr. Eilat Mazar points to 10th century BC excavation



biblical passages that speak of Solomon's building a royal palace and the Temple with the assistance of master builders from Phoenicia (modern-day Lebanon). Moreover, the discovery of Jewish seals proves that Mazar has found not the remains of a Jebusite fort conquered by the Jews but rather a great city built by David and his son Solomon.

For the last century and a half, many academics have attempted to put down the existence of the ancient Jewish kingdom—which has always served as a symbol of Jewish nationhood—as a religiously inspired fiction. Anti-Zionists and Arabs have thought that if they could destroy the idea of King David's existence as an historical figure, they could delegitimize modern Israel. The Palestinian Authority—which denies any Jewish connection to the Old City, the Temple Mount, or

even the Western Wall—has incorporated scholarly work that doubts Jewish history into its negotiating position about the city's future. The Muslim religious authority that controls the site of the Temple Mount has vandalized the area, destroying antiquities in the ancient place because its officials fear that any find revealing the Jewish origins of the place will undermine their claims that Jews are foreign occupiers in their own ancient capital.

It serves the purposes of the enemies of modern Israel to pretend that there is no such thing as biblical history or an ancient kingdom of Israel. But what Eilat Mazar and her colleagues have done is to illustrate once again just how deep the roots of Jewish Jerusalem run—three thousand years.



J'lem Should Be At World's Center By Jonny Paul, JPost.com

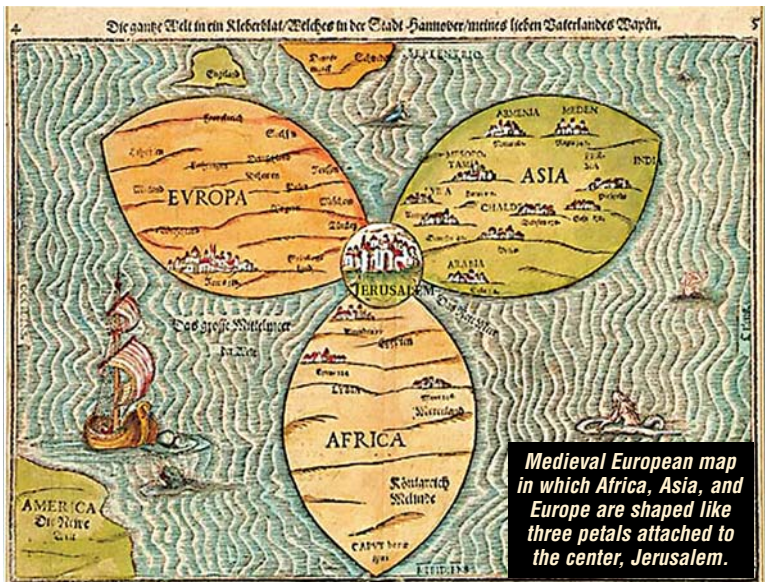
Jerusalem should return to the role it played in history, when it was the center of the world and a major destination for tourists and pilgrims from all religions, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat recently told an audience at the prestigious London think-tank Chatham House.

"I want to return the role Jerusalem played 2,000–3,000 years ago to the front of the table, when it was the center of the world, where modern civilization started, a destination for tourists, for pilgrims from all religions. Jerusalem has that potential today," he said.

Today around 2 million tourists visit the Israeli capital each year. Barkat said he wanted to reach 10 million tourists in the next decade, adding that this would lead to 140,000 new jobs benefiting all of Jerusalem's residents.

"There is not one instance in history of a city split that ever worked" —

"Understanding the needs of the different sectors of the city and the role that Jerusalem must play, it has to stay united and we have to focus; rather than the division, we must focus on the whole." ★



Medieval European map in which Africa, Asia, and Europe are shaped like three petals attached to the center, Jerusalem.

A speaker at this year's National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville reminded us attendees how profoundly cowardice dominates modern times.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Believers marshal internal resources to meet personal challenges with faith. We who understand the spiritual point about political Israel are mandated to press that point—especially now. I am in Israel shooting a series on Esther, *For Such a Time as This!* This history/prophesy/Bible docudrama considers the cyclical nature of history, the tragedy of anti-Semitism in history and prophesy, and its resolution when Jesus Christ—Israel's Messiah—returns.

This is no time for cowardice.

For years, Iran has been striving to become the instrument of the Jewish state's demise. Its anti-Israeli rhetoric and proxy wars in Lebanon and Gaza pale in comparison to its nuclear ambitions. With open Bibles, you and I can discern that Satan is the ultimate source of this struggle.

Anti-Semitism is more prevalent now than any time since World War II. So is the need to stand by Israel. Israel is lambasted in world media, picketed on campuses, forgotten by churches, and seemingly abandoned by Western governments. Many wonder whether Israel can survive. Knowing that "He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:4), perhaps we should ask whether *America* can survive if we abandon Israel.

National affairs weigh heavily upon us and many say Bible Believers need a miracle. Well, miracles happen! Remember, Israel was born out of a miracle and is preserved by miracles. Precisely for this reason, we must stand up for the story of God's saving power!

The Internet may not be the mission-field of yesteryear, but it is especially effective in reaching the young.

Number-wise, it constitutes the third largest country in the world. The health of our home churches is important, but today's mission work is spearheaded by those who exploit the new media to reach millions—as does Zola Levitt Ministries.

Television remains a powerful outreach tool via broadcast, satellite, cable, and the Internet. We spend millions each year to air *Zola Levitt Presents* on Daystar and INSP as well as the secular networks ION and ABC-Family. We don't gather as many supporters from these secular networks, but we do reach open-minded viewers who are willing to hear the Bible.

If you'd like to help us sow some seeds, now would be a good time. If you'd like to increase your own walk with the Lord, then, as Zola used to say, "Follow me to Galilee!" We've been leading Israel Tours for 27 years. We know what you want when you go, what you need, and what Israel wants and needs. Right now Israel needs caring friends like you. Come to Israel. Come with me. Come now! See pages 36 and 27 for details and call Tracie at 214-696-9760.

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Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Q If Jesus' instruction to "Love your enemies" binds Christians to speak graciously about those who oppress us, why do you, a Christian minister, knowingly offend Jesus by speaking forcefully against the Muslim people and religion?

A You probably lock your car and the doors to your home and as a parent watch your young children at the playground. So how can you object when other people's homes are burgled, children abducted, and lives destroyed?

The unknown author of the Book of Hebrews apparently didn't think that drawing attention to sin would offend Christian virtue. He exhorted readers to "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the [ir] body" (13:3). Consequently, commenting on the plight of persecuted Christians and Jews doesn't seem contrary to any sort of Christian virtue.

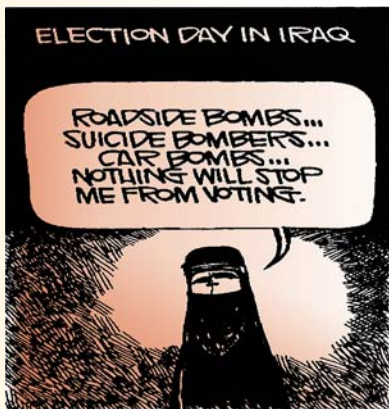
"Every three minutes a Christian is being tortured in the Muslim world," according to Majed El Shafie, whom I'll introduce you to in a moment. "[B]etween 200 million and 300 million Christians are persecuted in the world, of which 80 percent are in Muslim countries." Majed's horrible claim is backed up by *Voice of the Martyrs* (www.persecution.com), which reports on

killings, maimings, and imprisonments of Christians, mainly in Islamic lands.

A little history: approximately one million Jews have been driven from their homes in Arab lands since 1948. Those same Islamic countries now harangue and dispossess Jews' estranged cousins: Christians. If you think it unChristlike to draw attention to this fact, remember this: "First they come and destroy the Saturday people, and then they destroy the Sunday people." This is not empty rhetoric. Of the 85,000-100,000 Jews who lived in Egypt around 1948, fewer than 50 remain there now.

Let me refer you to *The International Jerusalem Post* (January 1-7, 2010), which published an article by Lela Gilbert entitled "Beaten But Unbowed." The insightful piece drew attention to the plight of the law student I mentioned earlier, Majed El Shafie. He escaped Egypt by way of the Red Sea—like Moses and the Hebrews millennia ago. Majed converted to Christianity while studying in Egypt, thereby provoking the powers that be. He was imprisoned and tortured. Happily for him, Majed escaped to Israel where he was granted asylum. He eventually made his way to Canada, where he now leads a ministry called One Free World. His ministry helps the world see the plight of persecuted Christians in Islamic lands.

Standing up for the truth is not *unChristian*—even unpleasant truths. There's no point in blindly badmouthing anyone's race or religion. But when religious faith translates into oppression, Christians should scrutinize such behavior, while following Jesus' instructions to love those who act. ★



A Revolution In Heart Disease Diagnosis

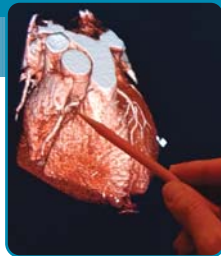
Even though it's widely known that heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. and worldwide, there's a critical piece missing from its treatment—early diagnosis. By the time a patient has suffered a heart attack, the damage has already been done—yet that is precisely when most people discover that they have heart problems. A new invention from Israel that can provide a still image of the heart may supply the missing piece.

Dr. Ehud Dafni, CEO of Israeli company Arineta, has invented the first Computing Tomography (CT) imaging system that is specially designed for the heart.

Dafni suggests that cardiac CT imaging has the potential to revolutionize

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the way patients are currently treated for heart disease. While many companies are developing medications to improve the state of the heart, cardiologists have no way to determine whether or not the medications are working.

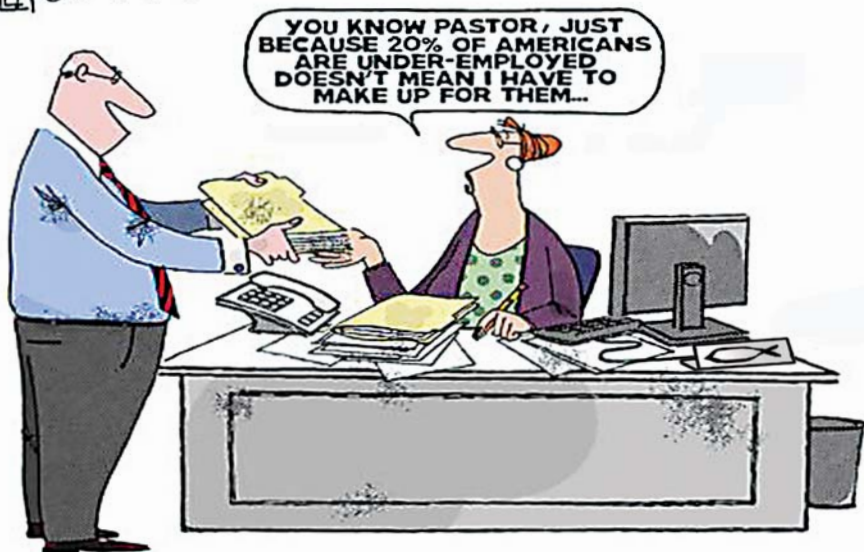


“There is no way to know if a patient will have a heart attack until he actually has one,” says Dafni. But with imaging, “Doctors can find out who will benefit from treatment, prescribe medication, and afterward follow up and see if medication worked, which you can’t today.” ★



Heart Surgery
*Today, doctors treating heart patients often don't know whether a patient requires an invasive procedure until the procedure is in progress. A new imaging device from Israel can capture a still image of a beating heart, providing early diagnosis of the world's number one killer disease.
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Jerusalem Housing Flap May Benefit Netanyahu

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By drawing a line against expansion of Israeli housing units in Jerusalem, the Obama administration is confronting a policy that enjoys a strong consensus among Israelis: the effort to ensure that the city remains united and under their control.

The fight over who will control Jerusalem has always been one of the thorniest issues between Israelis and Palestinians, who both claim the city as their capital.

U.S. officials reacted with fury to a decision in March to build 1,600 housing units in an area of contested East Jerusalem, a move that threatened to derail American efforts to relaunch peace talks.

But focusing the debate on Jerusalem may actually prove to be of domestic political benefit for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Even many Israelis who otherwise oppose the government's settlement activity in the West Bank see nothing wrong with building homes for Jews in parts of Jerusalem that were seized during the 1967 Middle East War.

"For Netanyahu, this is the best issue you could have given him," said Efraim Inbar, a political science professor at Bar-Ilan University, who said the prime minister could emerge politically stronger by refusing American pressure to limit or temporarily delay housing construction in East Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem touches an important nerve for so many Jews that they would support the government, even in a confrontation with the U.S.," Inbar said. "Even if it causes damage, sometimes you have to draw a red line."

He said about 70% of Israelis support a "united Jerusalem" under Israel's control, according to polls he has conducted.

Israel recaptured East Jerusalem after the 1967 war and dramatically expanded Jerusalem's borders to include the Old City and villages and land formerly under Arab control.

Over the decades, Israel has built large housing projects on mostly empty tracts of that land, both inside the expanded city limits and beyond the outskirts. The Ramat Shlomo project in northeastern Jerusalem is a cluster of several dozen apartment buildings that sprouted on empty land over the last decade, but with the high birthrates of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community living there, the subdivision now butts up against a Palestinian neighborhood.

Jewish families also have moved into predominantly Palestinian neighborhoods such as Silwan

and Sheik Jarrah. Typically, such families occupy a single house or apartment building, often guarded by Israeli police or private security, amid a sea of Palestinian residents. On the Mount of Olives the lone Jewish home is easily identifiable by the billboard-sized Israeli flag flapping on the roof.



In 1980, the Israeli government formally annexed the eastern portions of Jerusalem and declared the city, including the parts it captured in 1967, as its capital. The United States, the United Nations and most of the international community never recognized the moves.

Under pressure from Washington to prove that he is serious about peace talks, Netanyahu agreed in November to temporarily limit housing projects in the West Bank. But he insisted that construction in Jerusalem would continue. ★

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It was a scene straight out of a gripping spy novel. A small army of obviously well-trained security agents descended on their carefully selected human target with alacrity, ready to snuff out his life at the first opportunity. They succeeded, sparking off a fiery chain reaction throughout the Middle East.

The January 19 killing of top Hamas weapons dealer **Mahmoud al-Mabhouh** in the Arab Gulf state of Dubai dominated headlines throughout the region many weeks after the assassination took place. Based in the nearby state of Qatar, the Arab satellite news network Al Jazeera played up the dramatic story nearly every day, as did many other Arab and Israeli media outlets.



As officials in Dubai leaked additional information about the killing, it became clear that a highly sophisticated intelligence operation had indeed culminated in al-Mabhouh's death in a five-star hotel. It was the type of operation Israel is more than capable of carrying out, and has, in fact, many times before. Think of Holocaust architect Adolf Eichmann's capture in Argentina in 1960.

The elaborate Dubai operation had all the hallmarks of a first-rate spy yarn. Hotel surveillance cameras captured many of the 26 suspects on videotape: Sleek young men and women posing as European and Australian tourists, some carrying tennis rackets while sporting expensive sun glasses and tennis clothes. One member of the extensive hit squad was said to be acting as the hotel clerk, which seems a bit over the top even for the renowned spy agency that officials in Dubai say carried out the operation—the Israeli Mossad.

Whether or not the Mossad was behind the January killing (nearly all Israelis believe they were, and the Arab world apparently does as well), the mere suggestion has

flooded the shadowy spy agency with applications from young Israelis impressed by the maneuver that eliminated one of Israel's most dangerous Hamas enemies.

Joining spy agencies like the Mossad and the internal security service, the Shin Bet, had fallen out of fashion in recent decades. After all, Israel signed a peace treaty with the Palestinians and Jordan in the early 1990s, as they had with the largest neighboring Muslim country, Egypt, in 1978. Even if the accord with the Palestinians was shaky at best, it still existed, making the need for local spy agencies less apparent.

Meanwhile, Israel was evolving into a modern hi-tech country with growing economic opportunities for bright young university students. So why enter a clandestine world fraught with danger featuring long hours of grueling work?

But then Iran started issuing regular vows that the detested "Zionist Entity" would soon be annihilated. This prompted its allies Hezbollah and Hamas to step up their rocket and terror attacks upon Israeli civilian communities and military patrols. So by 2010, it was more than evident that Israeli undercover Mossad agents still have some crucial operations to carry out, as they apparently did in Dubai. ★

THE ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hillburn



PROPHECY

What exciting times these are for those really interested in Scripture. I have spoken at three prophecy conferences in three weeks. What a shame prophecy is taught in so few churches. A theologian speaking at one of the conferences cited the absence of prophecy books in seminary bookstores, where future pastors get their learning. He referred to “trendy theologians” causing an anti-prophecy, anti-Israel slant, and he lamented that seminaries used to be especially strong in prophecy, missions, etc.

At another conference with thousands in attendance, a lady lamented to me that she cannot discuss prophecy with her son-in-law. She went on to inform me that her son-in-law holds a doctorate in theology from a prestigious seminary. He thinks that Israel is unimportant, and she is totally frustrated with him.

When Dr. McCall and I wrote our bestselling books, *Satan in the Sanctuary* and *The Coming Russian Invasion* in the 1970s, Moody Press was at the top of Christian publishing and was, most certainly, deeply interested in prophecy. [Offered on p. 18,] those books are still bestsellers with this ministry (the updated *Russian Invasion* is called *Coming: The End! Russia & Israel In Prophecy*).^{*} As Moody’s interest in prophecy died down in the 1980s, sales of our books curtailed until we took over the titles. When we offered them through our

own ministry, they became bestsellers again, since the people who watch our programs and take our newsletter are still vitally interested in end-times prophecy and Bible studies in general.



Mother’s Day is coming up. Don’t forget to call your mom! In keeping with Mother’s Day, the following article appeared recently in *The Jerusalem Post International Edition*:

For five months, a mother sneaked into her son’s army base on the northern border and joined him for night guard duty because he was afraid of the dark. What makes the story reported last week in *Yediot Aharonot* even more amazing is that no one on the base ever detected the mother’s presence.

The soldier has suffered from fear of the dark ever since the Gulf War, when he was 10. Determined to do regular army service, he refused to tell his superiors about his fears and tried to overcome them on his own.

His mother, fearing for his well-being, sneaked onto the base three times a week, when he had night guard duty, and engaged her son in long conversations until daybreak. Then she returned home.

At the same time, she turned to the military authorities with a plea that her son be transferred. The army agreed to move her son to a base on the home front, where he was not given night duty. ★

A sincerely happy Mother’s Day to all!

^{*}Please see page 19 for the teaching CDs of *Coming: The End! Russia & Israel In Prophecy* and *The Tribulation Temple*.

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Erasing Ezekiel's Jewish Identity

By Ksenia Svetlova, JPost.com



For centuries Jews, Christians, and Muslims came to Al-Kifl, a small town south of Baghdad, to visit the tomb of the Prophet Ezekiel and pray. The distinctive Jewish character of the Al-Kifl shrine, namely the Hebrew inscriptions and the Torah Ark, never bothered the gentile worshippers. In the 14th century a minaret was built next to the shrine, but the interior design remained Jewish. The vast majority of Iraq's Jewish community left some 60 years ago, but Shiites took good care of the holy site.

Until now.

Recently, a local Iraqi news agency reported that a huge mosque will be built on top of the grave by Iraq's Antiquities and Heritage Authority, while Hebrew inscriptions and ornaments are being removed from the site, all as part of renovations. Some of the inscriptions are now hidden by a layer of plaster.

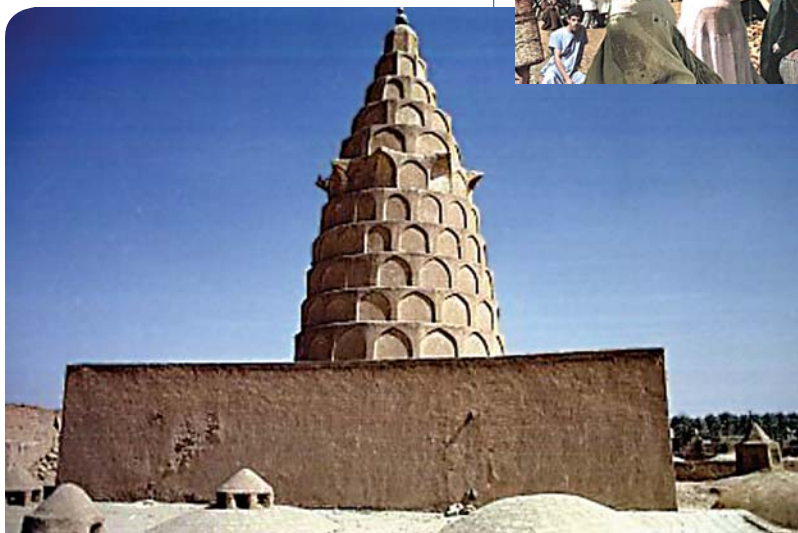
Iraqi press reports claim that the building must be destroyed because of its poor condition. Jews lived in Iraq for over a thousand years before the

advent of Islam. Many of the Muslims who visit the tomb today are unaware Ezekiel was a Jew.

Iraq, the biblical Aram Naharaim, is rich in Jewish religious sites. Not only Ezekiel is buried there, but also Ezra, Daniel, Nehemiah, Nahum and Jonah. (Another tomb attributed to Ezekiel is located in Dezful, in southwestern Iran.)

Soon after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, Iraqi authorities indicated that they intended to take good care of the Jewish sites, which might become a powerful tourist magnet. In May 2009, the Tourism Ministry declared that it intended to preserve all of Iraq's heritage sites, regardless of creed, and would soon begin the renovation of Ezekiel's tomb.

But the future of Jewish sacred sites looks grim in the intolerant current climate of post-Saddam Iraq, where only eight Jews are left, the Christian minority is severely persecuted by the fundamentalists, and ancient Shiite mosques are blown up. ★



Ezekiel's Tomb
(left)
and the village of Al-Kifl
(above)

Aid: Gaza vs. Haiti

By Jacob Shrybman, www.YNetNews.com

United Nations Secretary General **Ban Ki-moon** arrived in Israel to visit the Gaza Strip amidst demands to end a so-called siege on the terrorist-controlled territory. Yet one has to ask what siege, or blockade, he is referring to, with 738,576 tons of humanitarian aid being transferred into the Gaza Strip in 2009.



Moreover, the UN has provided \$200 million in Gaza Strip aid following a military operation that reportedly claimed 1,300 fatalities amongst a population of less than 1.5 million. Meanwhile, notwithstanding plans to raise more funds, it had provided only \$10 million to natural disaster victims in Haiti as of the end of January, an earthquake that claimed the lives of over 230,000 people and affected over 3 million. Of course, that is without mentioning that Haitians have not been attacking an innocent nearby civilian population for nearly a decade.

The international community has bought into a bold-faced lie about an Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip while ignoring the facts on the ground. International humanitarian aid has been flowing rapidly into the Gaza Strip for years and in no way stopped after Operation Cast Lead, as 30,576 aid trucks entered the territory in

2009. In 2009, 4,883 tons of medical equipment entered the Gaza Strip. In February, a new CAT scan machine was brought into the Strip.

The Gaza Strip has also been referred to as “the world’s largest prison,” implying that residents are not being able to exit the territory. Yet in 2009, 10,544 patients and their companions left the Gaza Strip for medical treatment in Israel.

Meanwhile, U.S. government officials such as Congressmen Keith Ellison and Brian Baird, both of whom visited Sderot with the Sderot Media Center, have promoted the idea of a “Gaza Siege.” They must be ignoring the fact that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pledged \$900 million in aid to be sent to the Gaza Strip following Operation Cast Lead. A USAID and DOD report calculating the aid sent to the quake-ravaged Haiti noted that all U.S. government programs have provided just over \$700 million in aid, nearly \$200 million less than to the terrorist-controlled Gaza Strip.

Over a year has passed since Operation Cast Lead and the international community is still buying into the lie about a “Gaza Siege.” Meanwhile, the Sderot Media Center has reported that over 320 rockets and mortars have hit Israel in that same year. Indeed, Ban Ki-moon should be visiting Kibbutz Nirim to see where a rocket destroyed a building recently, instead of helping promote a myth by visiting the Gaza Strip. ★





Chazak—Be Strong

By John J. Parsons

חֲזַק וְאַמֵּץ אֶל-תַּעֲרֹץ וְאֶל-תַּחַת

Be strong and of good courage, do not be terrified or shattered (Joshua 1:9)

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and do not be shattered

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do not be terrified

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and be resolute!

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cha-zak

be strong!

Soldiers are often told *chazak v'ematz* (“be strong and courageous”) before they encounter the dangers of the battlefield, but it's vital to remember that each of us is engaged in a *spiritual war* every day of our life. This war is essentially a battle *for truth*. If we accept false ideas about the nature of reality, we will live in a state of *weakness and fear*, even if our reasoning otherwise seems sound.

Before a soldier goes into the thick of battle he must be assured of the rightness of the cause. There can be no wavering or second-guessing the mission to fully engage the enemy. The whole person is involved in the fight—body, mind, and soul. Second-guessing the cause can lead to indecisiveness and lethal weakness.

Likewise the war for spiritual truth requires *total* commitment—body, mind, and soul. You cannot evade the enemy by avoiding the fight. You cannot escape this war! And since indecision is a type of surrender, you must consciously choose to engage the enemy with *all* your heart.... In this way, fighting evil is a corollary to loving God: If you truly love God, you will “hate evil and love good” (Psalm 97:10; Prov. 8:13, Amos 5:15).

It's easy to become “terrified and inwardly shattered,” but God commands us to be strong and resolute. We must banish panic from our lives. Walking in the truth overcomes the fear of man. God is Light; God is Love; God is Peace. We overcome evil with the goodness of truth (Rom. 12:21).

Nachman of Breslov once said that “The whole earth is a very narrow bridge, and the important thing is never to be afraid.” Yeshua is the Bridge to the Father, the narrow way of passage that leads to life. He calls out to us in the storm of this world, “Take heart. It is I; be not afraid” (Matt. 14:27). When Peter answered the call and attempted to walk across the stormy waters, he lost courage and began to sink, but Yeshua immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying, “O you of little faith, why did you *doubt* (literally, think twice)?”

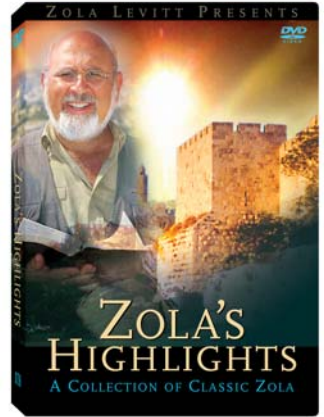
So *chazak v'ematz*—“Be strong and courageous” (Eph. 6:10). God will see to it that everything will work out for the best. He works all things together for good to those who love Him (Rom. 8:28). **Do not lose heart: Chazak chazak v'nitchazek—“Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened!”**



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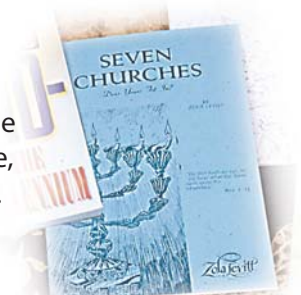
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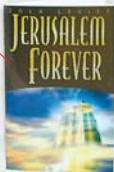
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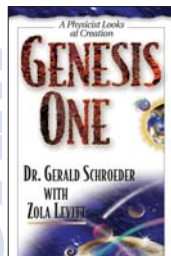
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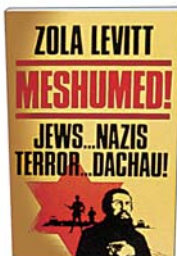
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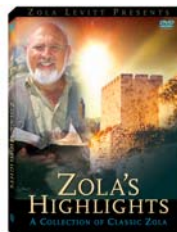
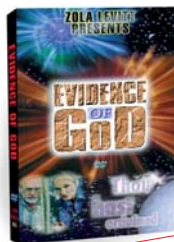


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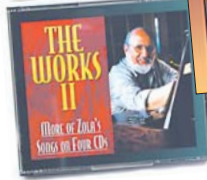
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Nearly a third of the world's countries have stiff restrictions on religious practice, either because of government policies and laws or hostile acts by individuals or groups. This impedes the religious practices of 70% of the people on Earth, since some of the most restrictive countries are very populous. The Pew Research Center found that of the world's 25 most populous countries, **citizens in Iran, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, and India live with the most religious restrictions.** The U.S., Britain, Brazil, Japan, Italy, and South Africa have the most religious liberty and the least government infringement and religion-based violence or harassment. (OneNewsNow 12/09)



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Replenish Our Missionary Fund

Since March 2001, this ministry's *To The Jew First (TJF)* fund has sent 83 volunteer missionaries to Israel. During 2007, we sent 12 missionaries, 8 in 2008, 14 in 2009, and 4 so far in 2010. Understandably, the TJF fund is depleted. Would you kindly designate contributions to the **To The Jew First Fund** to help us catch up on the budget for these trips? Thanks in advance for your assistance.

"Come Home!"

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Lotteries: Paying for Long Shots



Are state lotteries a tax on the poor? Well, they certainly exploit those who don't see the near worthlessness of lottery tickets. The roots of today's lotteries trace back to the Roman Empire. In 15th-17th century Europe, revenue from lottery sales financed construction, charities, and North American colonies. In the 18th and 19th centuries, lotteries came and went. Many states outlawed lotteries because of mismanagement and illegal practices.

To foster better financial stewardship in the Body of Christ, let's crunch a few numbers from a Pennsylvania lottery that was in the news recently. I hope the following example will help someone you know break the lottery habit.

A Pittsburgh pharmacist purchased a \$20 lottery ticket that won \$1 million. Since Pennsylvania had five million-dollar winners, the prize money totaled \$5 million. Dividing that \$5,000,000 by the ticket price of \$20 yields 250,000—the number of ticket sales at which the lottery commission broke even.

However, they sold many more than that: 625,000 tickets. At \$20 per ticket, the Pennsylvania Lottery Commission took in \$12,500,000, which, after pay-off, left a profit of \$7,500,000. That's a markup of 150% (\$7.5 million profit ÷ \$5 million in total prizes = 150%).

What was the "wholesale value" of each ticket? Dividing the \$5 million prize money by 625,000 tickets yields a value per ticket of \$8—\$12 shy of the \$20 sales price. On an emotional level, many participants suppose that it's worth \$20 to have a chance to win \$1 million. **But why pay \$20 for a chance that is worth no more than \$8?**

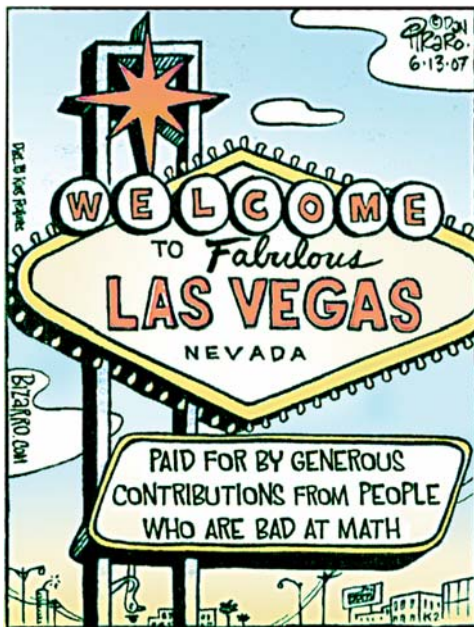
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According to the NBC's news magazine *Dateline*, Americans spend \$60 billion per year on lottery tickets. Of that amount, \$18 billion is profit for the state governments. In *Dateline's* report "How Lucky Can You Get?" Chris Hansen interviewed store clerks who had been caught on tape stealing winning tickets from their customers. In numerous states, retailers and their families were investigated and convicted after having unrealistic quantities of lottery wins and prize money—

(www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30550956).

One tactic for ticket holders to combat such theft is to sign their tickets in ink before handing them over for evaluation.

For more than a decade, Dawn Nettles has run www.lottoreport.com, an online newsletter. According to *The Dallas Morning News*, she has challenged the Texas Lottery Commission on its practices, sometimes embarrassing the agency about inflated jackpot estimates and other missteps. Perhaps it is truer now than ever that the quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.





Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

A.M.B. (AR): The obviously heartfelt testimonies from Christians in other countries are uplifting, for sure, but also a good reminder for a bumpkin like me that not all Christians are white Americans living in the U.S. Thank you.

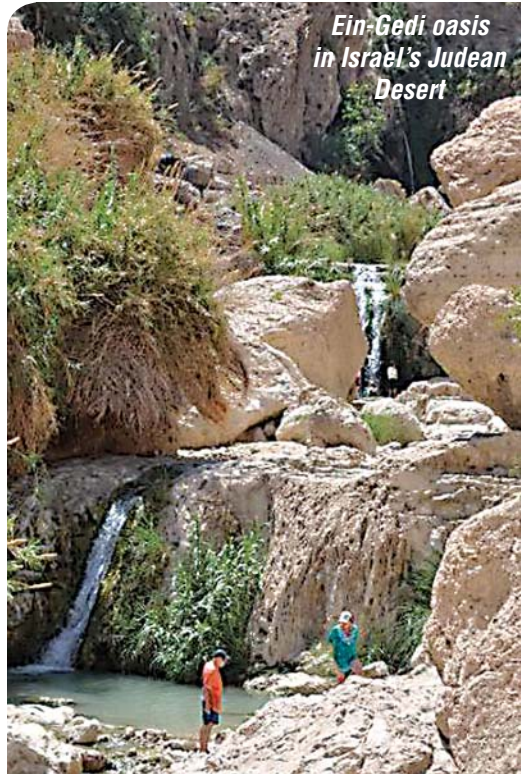
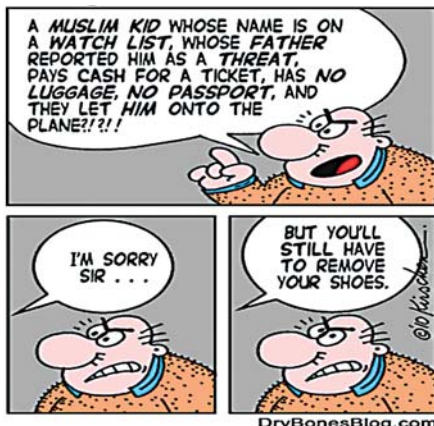
A.McK. (CA): I never understood “giving my life to Jesus” as a Jew, raised Catholic due to persecution. When I understood that without a sacrifice for my sins I was lost—the Temple was gone and no sacrifice was possible—I completely understood my Savior and His final sacrifice that saves me. Praise Yeshua! Your shows are wonderful!

S.C.B. (GA): We hung our Israeli flag that we purchased from you proudly from our porch. When relatives visiting from Florida saw it, they insisted we take it down because of the rampant anti-Semitism that exists in today’s world. We did take it down while they were here, but I intend to wash it and re-hang it in its rightful place. God will bless you mightily for the work that you do. You always have our prayers. [\[Please see page 19 to order your own flag of Israel.\]](#)

M.L. (TN): Please direct this gift for the To The Jew First missionary fund. Its reports are quickly becoming my fav part of your outstanding newsletter! [\[Note: please see “Replenish ...” on page 20.\]](#)

A.H. (CO): Just watched your show for the 1st time—it was GREAT! I was very excited to see such support in the Christian community for Israel (as it should be)! You are a blessing.

T.W. (SC): I love watching and learning more about my Jewish roots (from my love of Yeshua). Shalom! I have even taught my parrot to say “Sha’alu Shalom Yerushalayim.”



A Rose Is A Rose

Shalom Jeff,

Are you totally ignorant? The holiday of Easter came from Satan's Vatican. Wake up! And, by the way, the Messiah's name is "Yeshua" not "Jesus." —L.I.

Dear L.I.—

I'm just partially ignorant, like every other human being. No fan of Easter, I am blessed when people remember Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Personally, I prefer the Old Testament Feasts—they attest to Jesus' life, resurrection, and return. Fussing over Hebrew or English names is futile. —Jeff



Likes The News

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries.

Thank you so much for bringing us the news of the Holy Land. No one else seems to care. No one else really gets the heart of what God is doing there today. Please continue to do exactly what you are doing. I'm thrilled. Hallelujah! —S.R.W.

Menorahs Explained

Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc.

I have a question that even Jewish people that I know can't answer. Why are there different candles on the menorah? Some have seven candles and others have nine? Why the difference?

Thanks, R.A.S.

Dear R.A.S.—

The menorah with seven candles is the most common and is believed to represent the seven days of Creation. The nine-candle menorah is used only on Hanukkah: eight candles for each day of the holiday, with the ninth candle (the "servant") used to light the others. —Jeff



The Temple Is Part Of Prophecy

I appreciate your enthusiasm for Israel, Jeff. However, your interest in rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem puzzles me; to revive the bloody slaughter of sacrifice is a vain effort to please God and it makes me sick to my stomach. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life." What more needs to be said?

Sincerely, W.E.D.

Dear W.E.D.—

Here is how Zola taught this issue in the series *Thy Kingdom Come*: "There will be sacrifices in the Kingdom to come. And every time I say this, I get a hundred letters teaching me that you don't need sacrifices anymore once the Kingdom starts. Ya, the unbelievers do; they're approaching God! When an unbeliever approaches God, he's got to have a blood sacrifice. If a person is a Believer, he's got Christ's sacrifice. If he's an unbeliever, he has to sacrifice." Isaiah 56:6-7 speaks of "foreigners" offering their sacrifices and "burnt offerings" to the Lord in the Kingdom. —Jeff

Dear Dr. Seif,

I have seen on your website the video of *The Temple*. I was shocked that you and other Jews would even consider rebuilding the Temple for religious purposes: That would be like slapping down God's New Covenant, which He planned so that all the world's sins may be forgiven by the one, great sacrifice of His Son, Yeshua.

Dear Anonymous,

I'm reporting, not building. See previous letter and response. —Jeff

Understanding Your Rights

Mr. Levitt,

On page 21 of the February *Levitt Letter*, you talked about Social Security benefits for widows. My husband died at the age of 73 in September of 2007. The Social Security office said that I could not draw survivor's benefits if I earned over \$25,000 per year. When my husband died, there was only 1 income to pay bills.

If you have additional information about this area of Social Security, it would be nice to hear from you. —P.C.F.



Dear P.C.F.—

Apparently you have yet to reach full retirement age. Until that happens, you are entitled to only partial benefits, whether you're filing to receive benefits as a retiree, part-time worker, or widow/widower. The Social Security Administration can advise you on the maximum income you can earn without reducing your early retirement entitlements. They can also tell you how much your benefits will increase each year if you delay claiming them. Sometimes it makes sense to claim early retirement benefits at age 62 and then, at age 65, switch to claiming widow/widower benefits. Hope this helps. —Mark

No Other Will Do

I do not agree with Jeff's using a Bible other than the King James Version. Until he stops, I will not be sending any more money. I don't recall Zola using anything but the Authorized King James Version of the Bible. The King James Bible is the only real Bible.

Sincerely, M.A.

Dear M.A.—

There are many languages around the world, and the "authorized" King James Version is the most cherished of the English versions—and with good reason. In the interest of exposing people to the Jewish roots of the faith, I often use a Hebrew version and enjoy sharing how Jews translate it. Beyond that, I alternate between using the New King James Version and the older version. Since the KJV talks about being "loving" and "gracious," how can one be unloving and ungracious and still promote the Bible?

—Jeff

News—Not Advertising

Dear ZLM,

I was alarmed when you referred in your newsletter to www.aish.com. I went to that website to look for something about Jesus. I didn't see it. Please explain. S.B.

Dear S.B.—

First of all, thank you for asking me to explain instead of jumping to conclusions. The *Levitt Letter* draws articles from a variety of sources—both sacred and secular. For instance, I reprint worthy articles from Arab and Muslim authors and secular news sources if they offer insight. I also pass along to you worthy thoughts from Jewish authors and sources who do not embrace my faith in Jesus. I publish pieces from the *NY Times*—a newspaper I rarely agree with. Selecting a story from a news source should not be construed as an endorsement of all that source's viewpoints. Thanks for raising the issue. —Jeff

Longtime Supporter

Dr. Jeff,

Thank you for all you're doing for the ministry. I'm an old member and haven't really written since Zola died, but I am supporting the ministry, and I think you are doing a terrific job.

Sincerely, T. B.

Dear T.B.—

Thank you for the words of encouragement. —Jeff

A Completed Believer

Dear ZLM,

I am enjoying your new programs very much. I was blessed to go to Israel in November 2009, and every time I see Jeff in Israel it blesses me. I am a Messianic Believer in Yeshua. When I started finding out about the Hebrew roots, that is when I really felt like I had found what my heart had always been hungry for. I felt like a completed Believer. —Shalom and blessings, M.

God Works In Mysterious Ways

Dear ZLM,

I just wanted to let you know how meaningful John J. Parsons's Hebrew Lesson "Be Not Afraid..." was for me (March *Levitt Letter*, p. 16). I've been going through scary times in my personal life and was comforted to learn that *al-tirah* (be not afraid) is the most frequent commandment in the Scriptures. Please let Mr. Parsons know that God used him to reaffirm and strengthen a lesson He's been teaching me. Grace and Peace, D.N.



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Thanks. —Jeffrey Seif

Ask And Ye Shall Receive

Dear ZLM,

As I watched *Zola Levitt Presents* on TV this week, I realized how much I miss the *Levitt Letter*. Because the health problems of an 80-year-old body seem to consume more and more resources, my failure to make a contribution has resulted in my being dropped from the mailing. I am sure the costs to write, print, and mail these *Letters* are exorbitant, so I find no fault in list purging.

As soon as I can, I will do my best to help with the costs of production and once again receive your mailing. Meanwhile, your TV programs are wonderful and my heart reaches out to the people of Israel. Peace for the tiny nation seems difficult to obtain, but my God will have the last word one day. I watch your teachings from Israel, and wish I had made that pilgrimage when work provided funding. In the meantime, I will continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Thank you again for letting us, through your eyes, see and share the places our Savior walked. —J.K. (MO)

Dear J.K.—

“Ask and ye shall receive.” So it is with the *Levitt Letter*. Dropping us a line every now and then keeps you on our mailing list, even if you cannot enclose a widow’s mite. Other readers see that this ministry remembers our brothers in bonds—in the bonds of fixed income as well as behind bars. You owe this ministry nothing for the newsletters that bless you, thanks to your brethren who are willing to bear your share of the burdensome costs.

—Mark



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By Tracie Robbins

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Sinai In Arabia?



By David Klinghoffer
blog.beliefnet.com

Where is Mt. Sinai? And does it matter?

The second question is easier to answer than the first. If God's giving the Ten Commandments to Moses there is an historical event, then yes, wanting to attach a genuine geographical location to the mountain makes sense. But finding Mt. Sinai presents a problem different from locating the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, or the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Unlike those two holy sites, Mt. Sinai's exact location isn't attested by any clear tradition among the people you would expect to be most likely to remember—that is, the people whose ancestors actually stood at Sinai for the occasion, the Jews.

The famous “Mt. Sinai,” called Jebel Musa, in the southern Sinai Peninsula is known from Christian, not Jewish, tradition. It's popular with modern tourists who hike up to see dawn break. Bible scholars have sought to identify other mountains in the Sinai as the true Mt. Sinai, but these have no traditional backing at all. You would think that if the Sinai event really happened, then somewhere, somehow, the Jews themselves would have kept a memory of its location preserved.

Well, maybe they did. Imagine you knew nothing about later scholarly opinions on the question. What if you were simply handed a Bible and some of the more prominent Jewish traditional sources, ancient and medieval, that explain the biblical text. Let's say you had a map in front of you with the important surrounding countries and geographical features, including their ancient names, printed on it. You have Egypt, for example, on one side of the Sinai peninsula. And you have Midian, today's northwest Saudi Arabia, on the other. The Sinai peninsula is framed on its south by the Gulf of Suez to the west and the Gulf of Aqaba to the east, like two fingers raised in a victory sign. (See photo)

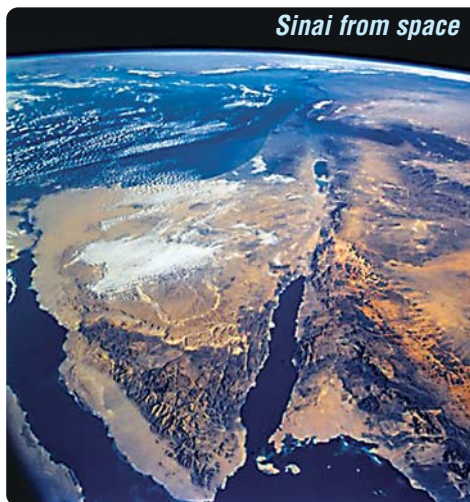
Midian is the country where Moses fled from Pharaoh when the Egyptian king sought his life. He was living there too when he first encountered God in the burning bush on the slopes of Mt. Sinai, the “mountain of God.” Many of the Hebrew prophets were shepherds, and so was Moses. The Bible relates that in search of pasture, he led his flock into the “backcountry” of the wilderness, which is where Sinai was.

Shepherds can be long-distance wanderers. But from Midian to the familiar Mt. Sinai would be an extremely long walk to take. It would require you to go all the way up and around the Gulf of Aqaba before descending on the other side and only then proceeding across the peninsula to “Mt. Sinai.”

It's for that reason and others that recent research suggests the true Sinai is not in the peninsula known now by that name but, instead, in today's Saudi Arabia. ★

Follow the author in a straightforward reading of the Bible and biblical tradition as he explains his reasoning. Visit <http://wp.me/pieUD-y8> for the full article.

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Don't Christians Care?

By John H. Hinderaker
www.powerlineblog.com



In a number of places around the world, it is open season on Christians. We read of Christians burned out of their homes and slaughtered in Pakistan. Most recently, at least 500 Christians were murdered in Nigeria. The attackers in all cases are Muslims, inspired by the warlike message of their Prophet. Agence France-Presse (AFP) reports on the Nigerian attacks:

UN chief Ban Ki-moon and Washington led calls for restraint on Monday after the slaughter of more than 500 Christians in Nigeria, as survivors told how the killers chopped down their victims.

Funerals took place for victims of the three-hour orgy of violence on Sunday in three Christian villages close to the northern city of Jos, blamed on members of the mainly Muslim Fulani ethnic group.

"We have over 500 killed in three villages and the survivors are busy burying their dead," said state information commissioner Gregory Yenlong. "People were attacked with axes, daggers, and cutlasses—many of them children, the aged, and pregnant women."

Do you remember the "massacre" at Jenin? Of course: Palestinians initially claimed that 500 had been killed, but it turned out that there was no massacre after all. In Nigeria, on the other hand, no one disputes that more than 500 Christians were slaughtered by Muslims. So where is the outrage? I don't know what denomination those Nigerian Christians were, but I have never heard a single word from any church source, local or national, about the mass murder of African Christians. No one seems to care.

No doubt readers can refer us to some Christian sources—evangelical, most likely—who have tried to draw attention to the plight of Christians in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia who are being exterminated. But any such effort has wholly failed to gain traction in the "mainstream" Christian community.

Why? I can't explain it. Maybe "mainstream" Christianity is dead, except as an appendage of secular opinion. Maybe, as the world's largest religion, Christianity has become so diffused that New World Christians don't much relate to their brothers in Africa and Asia. I don't know. What I do know is that **it is much more dangerous to publish a cartoon of Mohammed than to slice apart a Christian with a machete.** ★





Kathy Ireland— Born-again Zionist

By Ilan Evyatar, www.JPost.com

She's 5'10" with red hair and blue eyes, a former supermodel with a figure to die for and the owner, founder, and CEO of a \$1.4 billion lifestyle business: Kathy Ireland might just be Israel's perfect public diplomacy ambassador.

"I love Israel, it's very close to my heart," says the 46-year-old born-again Christian.

Ireland is a passionate advocate for Israel, with an unwavering belief in the righteousness of its actions. Her faith is such that even the most adept spin doctor would be hard pressed to come up with so much positive PR.

Faith is central to Ireland's attitude.

"As Christians, we have a debt of gratitude to Israel and the Jewish people," she explains. But, Ireland adds, there is also another kind of debt owed by the Christian world. "I've just come from Yad Vashem [Israel's Holocaust Museum], and it's horrific to think that this could happen just a few generations ago. Israel, which is a chain of generations, saw six million links in that chain destroyed. Look at the present dangers and what could happen today if threats are not taken seriously, and what responsibility the rest of the world has."

Ireland doesn't miss an opportunity to get in a good word for Israel, and adds that many of the designers she was influenced by were from Israel.

Complaints Get Saudi Woman 300 Lashes, Jail

By Henry Meyer, www.BusinessWeek.com

A Saudi woman who filed harassment claims in Saudi Arabia without being accompanied by a male relative has been sentenced to 300 lashes and 18 months in jail, Human Rights Watch said. Sawsan Salim lodged a series of complaints in 2007 at government offices and in court in the northern region of Qasim in which she alleged harassment by local officials, the New York-based rights group said. She was sentenced in January on charges of making "spurious complaints" against government officials and appearing "without a male guardian," the group said in an e-mailed statement.

"In Saudi Arabia, being a woman going about her legitimate business without a man's protection is apparently a crime," Nadya Khalife, women's rights researcher at Human Rights Watch, said in the statement. "The government needs to free Sawsan Salim and keep its promise to end this discriminatory system."

Saudi Arabia, which maintains a code of Islamic morals, said in June at a meeting of the Geneva-based United Nations Human Rights Council that it would end the male-guardianship rule, said Human Rights Watch. The system requires women to get permission from a male relative to go to classes, work, to travel, open a bank account, or receive non-emergency medical care. It also requires a woman to be accompanied by a male guardian to conduct public business, HRW said. Wahhabism, a Sunni Muslim movement, is the dominant form of Islam in Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world that doesn't allow women to drive on public roads.



Palestinians Blame Their Own Leaders... Finally!

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques
Silberdik, Palestinian Media Watch

An Arab refugee in Lebanon described in an interview on Palestinian Authority TV how he and other Arabs left for Lebanon from Israel during the 1948 war, after Arab leaders said their absence would be temporary:

"They [Arab leaders] said: 'A week, two weeks, approximately, and you'll return to Palestine,'" said Sadek Mufid.

This refugee's testimony is yet another example of how Palestinian leaders, writers, and refugees themselves have begun to speak out in recent years and openly blame the Arab leadership for the creation of the Arab refugee problem. Mufid describes a large departure to Lebanon from Israel, which led to the creation of "11 or 15 refugee camps." He does not place the blame on Israel. Other recent Palestinian accounts likewise describe a deliberate exit from Israel under orders by Arab leaders, which contradicts the Palestinian leader-

ship's charge that the hundreds of thousands of Arabs who left in 1948 were expelled by Israel.

Sadek Mufid, who left the Acre region in 1948, was interviewed on PA TV's weekly program entitled *Returning*. Each program focuses on a different refugee camp.

The following is from the text of the interview with the refugee Sadek Mufid:

"We headed first from Dir al-Qasi [northern Israel] to Rmaich [Lebanon], considering what they (Arab leaders) said at the time: 'By Allah, in a week or two, you will return to Palestine.' The Arab armies entered Palestine, along with the Arab Liberation Army. We left—we and those who fled with us—and we all headed for Lebanon. Some people came to Rmaich and others came to the villages on the border, such as Ein Ibl and also to Bint Jbeil. People scattered. And we have about 11 or 15 [refugee] camps in Lebanon."



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Jewish Refugees from Arab Countries Meet in Knesset

By Hillel Fendel, IsraelNationalNews.com

Up to a million Jews who were expelled from Arab countries when Israel was established say they deserve "at least the same" as the so-called Palestinian refugees from 1948.

A conference on the rights of Jewish refugees from Arab countries was held at the Knesset recently, with participation of supporters from Israel and around the world: Canada, U.S., and leaders of organizations of Jews from Egypt, Syria, Libya, Morocco, and other Islamic/Arab

countries. Legislation in the Knesset seeks to ensure that Israel place Jewish refugees' claims on the negotiating table between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

In April 2008, the U.S. Congress approved Resolution 185, supporting rights for Jews from



Arab countries and stating that whatever rights are granted to Palestinian refugees in any future Israeli-Arab accord must be similarly accorded to Jewish refugees from Arab countries, recognizing that the Jews were robbed and banished from their homes.



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"Bubbe," says Sadie's grandson David, "Why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"You're coming empty handed?"



Perceptions of Jews By Renowned Gentiles

"One of the gifts of the Jewish culture to Christianity is that it has taught Christians to think like Jews, and any modern man who has not learned to think as though he were a Jew can hardly be said to have learned to think at all."

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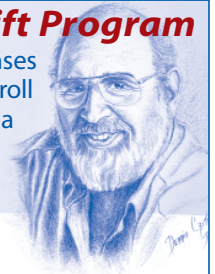
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Islamist Mindset Rationalizes, and Promotes, “Sex Sins”

By Raymond Ibrahim, www.PajamasMedia.com

Is it inconsistent for Muslim “holy warriors” to engage in voyeuristic acts of lasciviousness? Because would-be jihadists and martyrs have been known to frequent strip bars—such as the 9/11 hijackers and Major Nidal Hasan, whose “late-night jiggle-joint carousing stands at odds with the picture of a devout Muslim”—many Americans have concluded that such men cannot be “true” Muslims, that they are “hijacking Islam.”

In fact, Islamists rely on several rationalizations—doctrines, even—that make “jiggle-joint carousing” consistent with Muslim piety. Considering that Islamic law permits sex slaves (Koran 4:3), who can be kept topless by their masters, and makes sex one of the highest paradisiacal rewards, this should come as no great surprise. However, to elaborate:

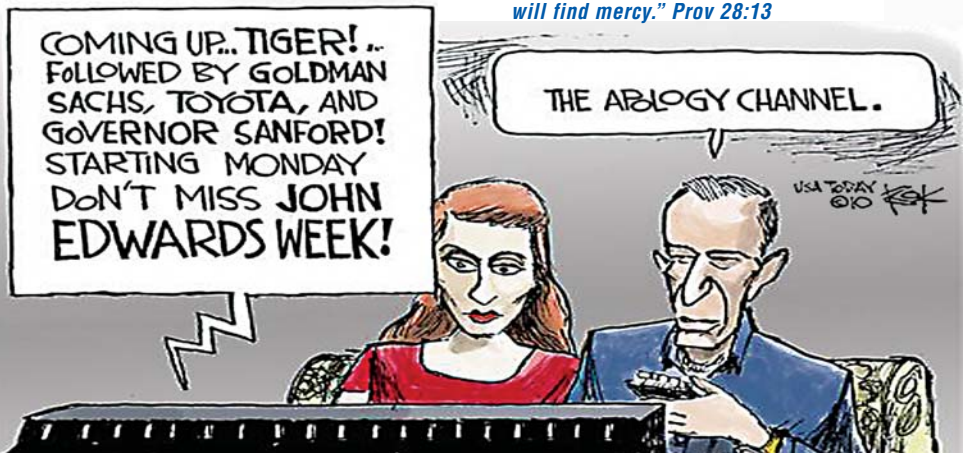
First, the doctrine of *taqiyya* [deception] allows Muslims residing among infidels to deceive the latter by, among other things, behaving like infidels, e.g., frequenting strip bars: *Taqiyya*, even if committed without duress, does not lead to a state of infidelity—even if it leads to sin deserving of hellfire.

In conjunction, the overarching Muslim principle that necessity makes that which is forbidden permissible goes a long way in helping Islamists validate their libidinous desires: “It is ‘necessary’ for me to be at this strip club so infidels come to believe that I’m just a regular bloke and not a soldier of Allah.” Indeed, sometimes the mere gratification of sexual urges is deemed a “necessity” that makes the forbidden permissible in Islam, as in this historical anecdote:

After conquering the Banu Mustaliq tribe in 628, Mohammed’s men deemed it “necessary” to rape their captive women (citing their wives’ absence and untended desires). However, they also wanted to sell these women for a profit, which posed complications, as copulating with them risked impregnating them. So they rationalized that *azl* (coitus interruptus) would solve the problem, and asked Mohammed. The prophet went one step farther and offered a cosmic rationalization, dismissing coitus interruptus as unnecessary, “for every soul that is to be born up to the Day of Resurrection will be born”—that is, **no matter what you do, you cannot thwart Allah’s will, so don’t bother.**

Mohammed also maintained that death in the jihad not only blots out all sins—including sexual ones, a la voyeurism—but it actually gratifies them: The martyr is special to Allah. He is forgiven [of all sins] from the first drop of blood [that he sheds]. He sees his throne in paradise, where he will be adorned in ornaments of faith. He will wed the *Aynhour* [voluptuous women] and will not know the torments of the grave, and safeguards against the greater terror [hell]. ... And he will copulate with 72 *Aynhour*. ★

“...whoever confesses and forsakes his sins will find mercy.” Prov 28:13



Ex-Hamas Insider: “Islam Is Not a Religion Of Peace”

By Adam Goldman, Associated Press

Mosab Hassan Yousef, who helped Israel's security forces kill and arrest members of the Islamic militant group Hamas, is probably marked for death. He should be keeping silent. But he's got a story to tell, one he delivers in his new book published in March, *Son of Hamas*.

“To be honest with you, being killed is not the worst thing that can happen,” he said in an interview. “If they want to kill me... let them do it, and they will be responsible for my blood.”

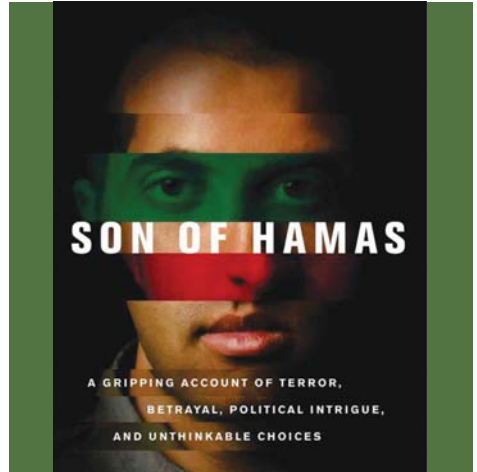
In his memoir, Yousef, the 32-year-old son of a Hamas founder, claims he was one of the Israeli Shin Bet security agency's best assets and was dubbed “The Green Prince,” a reference to his Hamas pedigree and the Islamists' signature green color.

During his interview, Yousef lashed out at Hamas, saying the organization lives in the Middle Ages. And he hurled his most inflammatory comments at Islam, which he called a religion that teaches people to kill.

“It is not a religion of peace,” said Yousef, who converted to Christianity. “The biggest terrorist is the god of the Koran. I know this is very dangerous and this will offend many people. The more you follow the steps of the prophet of Islam and the god of Islam, the more you get close to being a terrorist.”

Yousef said he started working with the Shin Bet after he was arrested and witnessed Hamas brutalities inside prison. When he was released in 1997, he started meeting with the Shin Bet and gravitating toward Christianity. Yousef thought he could do some good,

preventing the deaths of Israelis and Palestinians. “I got a chance to stop killing,” he said. The U.S. government considers Hamas a terrorist organization.



Yousef's relationship with the Shin Bet lasted for more than a decade until he decided he'd had enough. He ended his lonely and dangerous existence as a spy in 2007. The Israelis allowed him to take a break from his harrowing job and travel to America, where he stayed, working as a security guard at a grocery store.

His father, a senior Hamas leader, disowned him upon publication of his book. The son “disbelieved in God” and “collaborated with our enemies,” said the father, who's serving a six-year term in an Israeli prison.

Mosab Yousef said he didn't take it personally. “My dad is a loving person,” Yousef said. Yousef blamed his father's decision on the Koran. “The god of Koran is trying to unskin Muslims from their humanity,” he said, later adding, “Muslims are good people. But their god is absolutely bad.”

Yousef said Hamas had no idea how to govern and he hoped the violence between the Palestinians and the Israelis would end. He said he thinks his traitorous efforts will pay off. “A change,” he said, “will happen for the next generation.” ★



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— Jeff