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



Letter

Who Is A
'Palestinian'? p.9

Palestinian Corruption

By Dr. Jonathan Schanzer / TheTower.org

In the new round of Palestinian-Israeli diplomacy, difficult issues remain to be resolved: the status of Jerusalem, Palestinian refugee claims, and final borders.

But one obstacle, almost never discussed in public, has the potential to make even the most successful negotiation end in failure. The present efforts to create a Palestinian state are built atop a Palestinian political system that has long suffered from endemic corruption, abuse of power, nepotism, and waste. This hinders the ability to administer international assistance, encourage investment, or build effective institutions.

Palestinians did make an effort to clean house. After Arafat died in 2004, the Palestinians elected Mahmoud Abbas as their new president. The West billed Abbas as the anti-Arafat, and

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ATM: A Palestinian man employed by Fatah displays his money after an ATM withdrawal at the Bank of Palestine in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip (June 8, 2012).

American Generals: Israel Should Keep 'West Bank'

IsraelToday.co.il

A historical document reveals that in the wake of the 1967 Six-Day War, the American government held the opinion that Israel should retain control of the 'West Bank.'

Following the war, then-U.S. Secretary of Defense **Robert McNamara** asked the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon for their expert opinion on how Washington should approach the issue of Israel's land gains.

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Robert McNamara



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hailed the PA's new finance minister, Salam Fayyad, for his commitment to reform, gaining the confidence of the West.

However, the Abbas regime could not change the PA's negative image among its own people. Put simply, the current Palestinian regime, led first by Arafat and now by Abbas, is ossified, brittle, and distrusted by the Palestinian street. The failure to address this problem had a decisive influence on the 2006 Palestinian elections, in which the terrorist group Hamas—running under the banner of “change and reform”—defeated its secular rival Fatah.

The most obvious explanation for Hamas's success at the polls was Fatah's failure to gain the support of the Palestinian majority due to its ineptitude and corruption. A *Haaretz* report quoted a Fatah official as saying, “Every honcho got himself a fat slice of the imports into the Authority. One got the fuel, another got the cigarettes, yet another the lottery, and his crony the flour. Gravel is a monopoly belonging directly to the security apparatuses, and they earn a fortune from it that finances their operations.”

On June 7, 2007, Hamas launched a brutal military coup to wrest the Gaza Strip out of the hands of the PA. By June 14, all of Gaza was under Hamas control.

The West went into panic mode after the coup, fearing a similar takeover of the West Bank. Washington rushed to support Abbas with arms, cash, and intelligence. At this point, Abbas likely realized there was little chance that the West would ever challenge his rule over the West Bank, whose leadership concluded that the West would ignore its abuses of power and continued incitement against Israel.

And that is precisely what happened. Since then, there has been little if any improvement. Abbas pushed Fayyad out in 2013, eliminating the West's trusted man and bringing Fayyad's efforts to build accountable institutions and the foundation of a future Palestinian state to an end.



The failure to address these issues will likely give rise to the same frustration that elected Hamas, an outcome that would threaten the very peace deal Washington hopes to foster. The civil society needed for a stable state may be better achieved from the bottom up, rather than hoping that corrupt leaders will make it happen from the top down—against the interests of their profitable patronage networks and their own continued enrichment.

See the full article and supporting evidence: <http://wp.me/pieUD-1TI>



In Gaza, too, cash is still king. Hamas deputy prime minister Ziad al-Zaza (left) holds up British pounds received from British MP George Galloway (March 10, 2009).

Photos: Abed Rahim Khatib / Flash90



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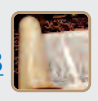


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In the June 19, 1967 "Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense" (JCSM-373-67): "Without regard to political factors" and taking a "strictly military point of view," the Joint Chiefs concluded that "Israel would require the retention of some captured territory in order to provide *militarily defensible borders*."

In particular, the generals felt that Israel should retain control over the central high ground in Judea and Samaria. They also recommended keeping the Gaza Strip, which, "configured as it is...serves as a salient for introduction of Arab subversion and terrorism...its retention would be to Israel's military advantage."

It is clear from this document that America did not deem it wise for Israel to surrender 100% of the lands captured in 1967 for the sake of a peace deal, as the Arabs are now demanding. In fact, the subsequent UN Resolution 242, which the Palestinians claim backs their demands, refrained from defining the scope of an Israeli withdrawal.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Arthur Goldberg later explained that the omission was deliberate. "The notable omissions—which were not accidental—in regard to withdrawal are the words 'the' or 'all' and 'the June 5, 1967 lines'. ... the resolution speaks of withdrawal from occupied territories without defining the extent of withdrawal," said Goldberg.

Today, the Palestinian Authority, which back in 1967 (as the PLO) was still being shunned as one of the world's most notorious terrorist organizations, insists that it will never sign a peace deal that does not include Israel's total surrender of Judea and Samaria, including the eastern half of Jerusalem. ★

What scant media coverage a story like this receives! With Iran's Muslim Mahdi end-times scenario, the whole world is in jeopardy. —Myles



Insanity Defined

Myles To Go
By Myles Weiss
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It may be apocryphal, but Albert Einstein is often credited with saying, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result.” I admit that I like that the quip may have come from one of the most brilliant men of the modern world. Einstein, the German-born, Jewish-American physicist, lived from 1879–1955. He formulated breakthroughs in mathematics and physics that literally shook the world. Whatever our thoughts on the specter of nuclear technology used for military purposes, everyone agrees that Einstein was a genuine genius.

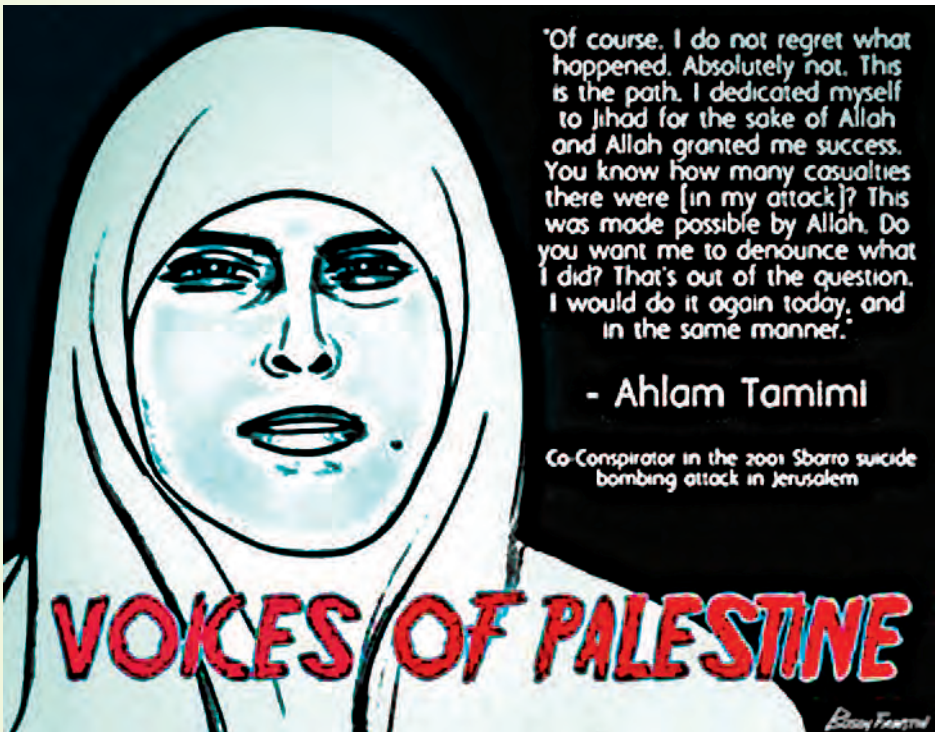
So when he tosses off a definition like the one above, we listen.

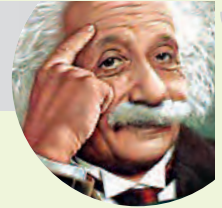
We can see demonstrated this poignant, but ultimately empty, hope—that if we just try the same thing one more time, the results will change! Another round of “peace talks” is underway. Despite decades of evidence to the contrary, the U.S. keeps trying to convince Israel and the world that **this time it will be different.**

No matter that the Palestinians refuse to recognize Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state. Ignore the failure of Israel’s unilateral gift of Gaza to Muslims, hoping for peace but instead gaining Hamas and its rockets. Overlook the recent declaration by PA president Mahmoud Abbas that new Israeli settlement homes are a “cancer.”

Above all, disregard the kisses and tears with which Abbas welcomed the most recent round of 26 “political” prisoners released by Israel under U.S. pressure. These convicted murderers are given heroes’ festive greetings and upheld as freedom fighters who gallantly murdered Israeli men, women, and children.

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Some of these luminaries include:

Damouni Saad Mohammed Ahmed: released to the Gaza Strip more than 20 years after being convicted of taking part in the brutal lynching of IDF reservist Amnon Pomerantz, who took a wrong turn into a refugee camp in the coastal territory in 1990. He was beaten to death and his car set alight by firebombs.

Yosef Mahmad Haza Haza: only 17 when he and a friend murdered hikers Leah Elmakayis and Yossi Eliyahu at a forest on the Gilboa mountain range in 1985.

Fatah member Abu-Dahila Hasan Atik Sharif: released to the West Bank 21 years after his arrest for the murder of Avi Osher, who employed him for 15 years at his Jordan Valley farm before Sharif beat and stabbed him to death.

And of course, Amer Massoud Issa Rajib: one of those convicted in the murder of Ian Feinberg who was hacked and shot to death in April 1993 in the Gaza Strip **where he had been working on economic revitalization plans for the area.**

We need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, to be sure. We also need to pray for less insanity in the Middle East, at least according to Einstein's definition! (Please see Zola's article on p. 11 about why Believers must continue to pray for peace.)

This ministry is committed to reducing the tendency to insanity. Your financial partnership keeps our voice strong! Promote mental health. Stand with us. ★



For every foolish
action...



Feast, Not Famine

Katharine Weiss
ZLP Co-host



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In this season of renewal, if we find ourselves not hungering for God, it is because we are filling up His places in our lives with substitutes. Often such substitutes are temporal in origin—pleasures that satisfy for the moment but leave us empty in the long run.

The Word is very clear: “Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). God guarantees that He will fill us if we choose to feast on Him.

What does “feasting on Him” mean? The Hebrews would often take one Scripture and mull it over, meditating on the Word. Meditating on anything is to dwell on it, to contemplate it, to study it, even to memorize it.

The Word offers many encouragements for meditating and feasting:

Psalm 1:2 – (speaking of the righteous) ... his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

Joshua 1:8 – Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Many Scriptures speak about our human longing for God:

Psalm 63:1 – when David was in the desert, his cry to God was: O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 42:1 – As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after thee, O God.

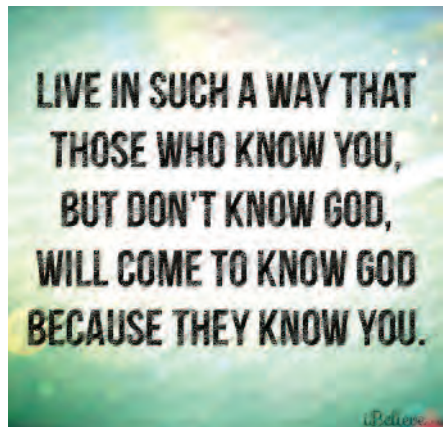
Psalm 84:2 – My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

I am reading through Psalm 119—a verse a day—simply to take each of the 176 verses, think on it, chew on it, feast on it, drink it, and let God’s Word saturate my soul.

We can select any verse that God highlights for us and pray that verse, sing it, and memorize it. Much of Hebrew learning was achieved by memorizing. Many in this generation have lost the art of memorization.

Pilgrims who journey to Israel with us find that the Word of God comes deeply alive. A spiritual pilgrimage to Israel inspires and supports any Believer’s walk.

In this year’s spring-cleaning, fasting, and renewal time, let’s make a commitment together to fast from negativity, resist empty cravings, and choose to fill ourselves with the eternal Word of God. ★



Israelis: American Jews are Important to Us

Israel Today



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Almost four out of five Israelis believe that the future of their country depends on relations with the American Jewish community, according to a survey of 500 people conducted by the Ruderman Family Foundation. Sponsor Jay Ruderman says the Israeli public understands how important the support of America's Jews is, "sometimes even better than the country's leaders."

The findings contrast with a U.S. survey by the Pew Research Center that found a growing number of American Jews are becoming less involved with Israel, Judaism, and Jewish tradition. This is reflected in the increasing number of mixed marriages and mounting support for the Palestinians. When asked about this trend in the Israeli survey, 38 percent described it as "alarming," 23 percent "sad," and 8 percent "frustrating."

Israelis fear this means that they cannot rely the way they used to on the support of American Jews who have traditionally been Israel's best friends.

This ministry's *raison d'être* is to educate people about the centrality of Israel to God's plan. It is heartbreaking to see the drift away from Zionism among Jewish Americans. Zionism is not only political, it is entwined with the greatest hopes of all mankind—*HaTikvah*, The Hope. Israel is a tiny, reborn nation celebrating life, providing breakthroughs in science and medicine, and watching for its Messiah. What a phenomenal story! —Myles ★



2013 Tourism—a Record Year for Israel

JNS.org

Israel registered a record 3.5 million tourists in 2013, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. According to the report, the U.S. represented the largest source of incoming tourism, with 18% of all visitors. Coming in a close second was Russia, third was France.

The most popular tourist attraction was Jerusalem, and 75 percent of tourists said they had visited the capital. Tourists reported being pleased with their visit to Israel, rating Israel 4.3 out of 5. ★



The Banality of Robbing Jews

By Sarah
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Last year's discovery of 1,400 paintings in the Munich home of an art collector whose father collaborated with the Nazis brought the pillage of the Jews back into the limelight. Yet the bulk of anti-Semitic looting during World War II was much more banal and more widespread.

In Paris, the plunder of Jewish possessions began when German troops arrived in June 1940. At first, it applied only to art collections. But with the Final Solution in January 1942, the confiscations spread to the entire Jewish population, mostly poor immigrants from Eastern Europe. Stripping Jews of their belongings was part of the effort to destroy them; pillage was an essential tool of extermination.

In February 1942, Hitler ordered Alfred Rosenberg, who had overseen the looting of artworks throughout Western Europe, to empty the vacant apartments of Jews. This widespread plunder, known as Möbel Aktion, occurred in France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Everything was taken: toys, dishes, family photos, tools, light bulbs. The goods were taken to sorting centers specifically established for this purpose.

With German soldiers fighting on the Eastern Front, the Nazis were short-staffed for the sorting. So they turned three warehouses into work camps. From 1943 to 1944, nearly 800 Jewish men and women worked among confiscated objects. Some saw their own possessions or those of family members.



Gen. Eisenhower inspects trove of stolen art.

Cooking utensils ▶

Items were divided into two groups. Damaged objects or personal ones, like papers or family photos, were burned. The other items were classified by category rather than source. A saucepan taken from one family would be added to a stack of other saucepans rather than kept in the original set. Stripped of their provenance, items lost their identity. Belongings became goods.

Supervisors set aside the most appealing items — porcelain, fine linens, fur coats — for themselves and their friends. Household items were distributed to German civilians as compensation for losses caused by Allied bombings. But the systematic looting and redistribution of low-value goods suggest a motivation beyond economics in a time of hardship. Though the financial rationale of Möbel Aktion was regularly questioned, the project endured because one of its objectives was to destroy all trace of the Jews' very existence.

Unlike stolen works of art — which continue to resurface — the colossal spoils of that other, mundane looting have vanished. Either they've been destroyed, or remain with German families who to this day probably have no idea where they came from. ★

Shoes ▶



Apparently, stealing family treasure was acceptable —if the victims were Jewish. —Myles

Who Is A 'Palestinian'?

BY NICK GRAY / TheCommentator.com



How do you define "Palestinian"? There has never been a state called "Palestine," a Palestinian currency, monarch, capital city, or defined international border. In fact, at the end of the Ottoman Empire in 1918, Arabs living in the area now covered by Israel and Jordan preferred to be known as "Syrian." It was the indigenous and returning Jews who called themselves "Palestinian" after the area under the British Mandate.

To satisfy promises made to Arab leaders during World War I, Britain set aside part of its Palestinian Mandate for Arab rule. The area of Trans-Jordan (now Jordan) was the Palestinian Arab state.

The idea of a Palestinian nationalist movement took off in 1967 after Israel released Jordan's illegal 19-year hold on the "West Bank" in the Six-Day War. Only then began talk of an independent state called Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital.

The 1948 war that followed the creation of Israel produced hundreds of thousands of displaced people, both Arab and Jewish. While the Jews who fled inhospitable Arab nations were integrated into Israel, most of the Arabs who left Israel were not similarly integrated into the surrounding Arab nations. They became known as the "Palestinian refugees."

To this day, most of the original "refugees" and their descendants languish in horrendous conditions. Though called Palestinians, they are not welcome in the disputed territories governed by the Palestinian Authority. Arabs in the "West Bank" are not refugees, but they call themselves "Palestinians."

They can call themselves what they like, but they have been manipulated by two generations of corrupt and cold-hearted leaders into an identity they did not have just 47 years ago (1967). The Oslo Accords (1993) cemented this identity by creating an interim government, the Palestinian Authority (PA), which has tried to fabricate credibility through its meaningless recognition as an "observer state" by the UN.

So there you have it. A "Palestinian" is an inhabitant of the disputed territories of the "West Bank" and Gaza, or a "refugee" or a descendant of a refugee.

A recent, disturbing trend attempts to label as "Palestinians" non-Jewish groups in Israel. As such, their nationality is Israeli. They refer to themselves by their cultural titles: Druze, Bedouin, Israeli-Arab Muslims, etc. *(see story on page 34)*.

Muslims and Christians of Arab descent who live in Israel with Israeli nationality may have family ties to residents of the West Bank or Gaza, but they are Israelis.

The Bedouin are indigenous to the region but not to specific localities. They are historically the travelers of the desert—nomads. The Druze are distinct from other cultures in the region. They are taught to be loyal to whichever state they live in, and so they sit comfortably as good citizens of Israel. They serve in the army and take a full part in Israeli life. But they are not Palestinians. ★

'Palestinians' have been manipulated by two generations of corrupt and cold-hearted leaders into an identity they did not have just 47 years ago.



Ariel Sharon: Heart of a Lion

BY EITAN SHISHKOFF Our Man In Haifa



Capturing front-page news in his death as in his life, Ariel (lion of God) Sharon died on January 11, 2014. In life, he strode across the pages of modern Israel's history in lion-like determination. Many Israeli journalists called him a "fighter to the end," commenting on the eight-year, stroke-induced coma from which he never recovered.



Zola chats with Sharon on his farm

Ariel Sharon

Sharon fought heroically in the wars of 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973 and was both vilified and cheered. Independent decisions and outright disobedience to orders gained him a mixed reputation. His boldness on both the battlefield and political field left no doubt of the soldier-statesman's deep patriotism and devotion to the State of Israel. Arik, as he was known, was one of the last larger-than-life Zionist pioneers.

At the same time, hinted in his unfeigned smile, there was a playfulness and warmth, known especially by those who encountered him at his home in the Negev desert. Sharon's love affair with the agricultural roots of Israel began on a small farming *moshav* (cooperative village) where he was born in 1928. His Belarusian immigrant parents grew tangerines and mangoes, oranges and lemons. His favorite spot in all of Israel was the sheep farm, only three kilometers from the Gaza Strip, where he was buried beside his devoted wife, Lily.

What inspiration, what life lessons can be gained from the chronicle of Ariel Sharon's life? Danny Ayalon

served as Sharon's chief foreign policy advisor and ambassador to the United States. Eulogizing the former prime minister, Ayalon wrote: "He felt personal responsibility for the security and well-being of this nation, and dedicated his entire life to it. He was a lion on the battlefield, in his political career, and in his personal life. ... He was able to rise above all crises. He refused to be defeated."

Regardless of one's evaluation of Sharon's controversial decisions, whether in wartime or in peacetime, he leaves us an example of forthrightness. In today's nuanced style, that is a value sorely lacking. How many decisive, self-sacrificing leaders can you name? I am personally challenged to review my own actions. Am I standing boldly for the defense and development of the nation of Israel? How does my life reflect courage, generosity, humor, vision? Am I willing to take chances for peace and reconciliation? That was the stance Sharon took at the conclusion of his career. As a warrior, he sought an end to conflict and took chances to achieve it.



Major General Ariel Sharon talks with David Ben-Gurion during a 1971 bus ride along the Israeli Army positions on the Egyptian border.

May our next steps be guided by Arik Sharon's dedication to *Am Yisrael* (the people of Israel) and to their vigor as a nation. ★

Amen, Eitan! Although Katharine and I did not support the Gaza Disengagement, we still hold Ariel Sharon in the highest regard. —Myles

Media Portrayal of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

CLASSIC ZOLA: 2000 — 14 years ago



When we consider Israel's superior weaponry and the enemy's low casualty figures, we must conclude that Israel is being very patient. Israeli leaders reason that even the most dedicated Palestinian zealot will eventually understand that this "battle" is pointless and hopeless.

At fault is the peace process. Nine [now 23] years of false hopes and posturing by diplomats and handshakes for cameras have produced exactly nothing; in fact, the process has gone backward. Rather than youngsters throwing small stones at a few border police, now Palestinian adults use rifles (given to them to police their own people) against soldiers in Israel's regular army.

Since false peace is the theme of the upcoming Tribulation Period, many expect the present situation to lead directly to the antiChrist. The most serious consequence of the media's coverage of this "war" is that it brings international pressure to bear upon Israel, which is another major theme of the Great Tribulation.

Question: Why should we pray for the peace of Jerusalem when we know from prophecy that there won't really be peace until the Prince of Peace returns?

Answer: It is God's own request (Psalm 122:6).

Though we know that Armageddon occurs in the Last Days, meanwhile peace on any potential battlefield will preserve lives, which will include some saved souls. We are never to turn our backs on Israel.

That is the meaning of this ministry's battles with Replacement Theology in the seminaries and in mainstream church pulpits. Fealty to Israel drives our constantly teaching the relevance of Old Testament prophets and the Jewishness of the New Testament. Bible, Bible, and Bible is the solution to all of Israel's woes and to our own as well.

Arabs who call themselves "Palestinians" are not particularly religious people. Jerusalem doesn't mean much to the vast majority of them, and Israel itself was never their land. The rioting mobs we see in the media typically contain a few rabble-rousers, a bunch of neutral people trying to stay away from the front, and hundreds who just yell slogans ("Allahu Akbar") and pose for the cameras. However, citizen for citizen, the majority of Palestinians would much rather live under the Israeli government than the corrupt regime of Arafat [now Abbas] and his henchmen. ★

(See Tribulation Temple p. 20)



Ask The Chaplain

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Q. Please tell me, was Melchizedek a manifestation of Jesus in the Old Testament or just a type of Christ? Thank you for your help.

A. Melchizedek, whose name means “king of righteousness,” was a king of Salem (Jerusalem) and priest of the Most High God (Genesis 14:18; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6–11; 6:20–7:28). Melchizedek’s sudden appearance and disappearance in the Book of Genesis is somewhat mysterious.

Melchizedek and Abraham first met after Abraham’s defeat of Chedorlaomer and his three allies. Melchizedek presented bread and wine to Abraham and his weary men, demonstrating friendship. He bestowed a blessing on Abraham in the name of El Elyon (“God Most High”) and praised God for giving Abraham a victory in battle (Genesis 14:19–20).

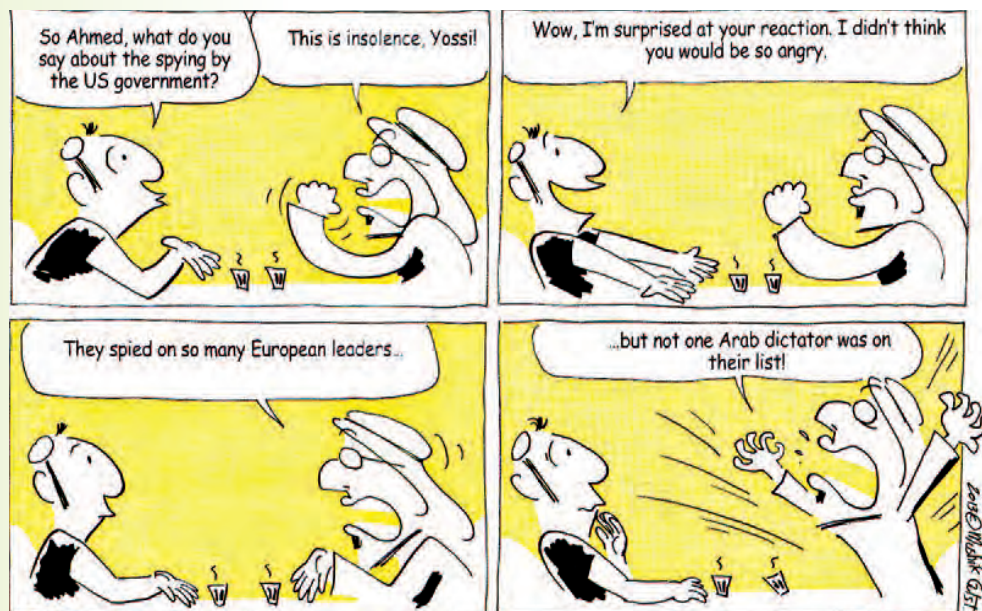
Abraham presented Melchizedek with a tithe (a tenth) of all the items he had gathered. By this act, Abraham indicated that he recognized Melchizedek as a fellow worshiper as well as a

priest who ranked higher spiritually than he did. Melchizedek’s existence shows that there were people other than Abraham and his family who served the one true God.

In Psalm 110, a Messianic psalm written by David (Matthew 22:43), Melchizedek is seen as a type of Christ. This theme is repeated in the Book of Hebrews, where both Melchizedek and Christ are considered kings of righteousness and peace. By citing Melchizedek and his unique priesthood as a type, the writer shows that Christ’s new priesthood is superior to the old Levitical order and the priesthood of Aaron (Heb. 7:1–10).

Some propose that Melchizedek was actually a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ. While possible, this explanation is unlikely. Melchizedek was the king of Salem. Would Jesus Christ have come to Earth and ruled as an earthly king over a city? Melchizedek is similar to Christ in that they are both priests and kings; therefore, Melchizedek could be called a “type” of Christ, but not a manifestation because they are not the same person. ★

When Yossi and Ahmed Meet.....

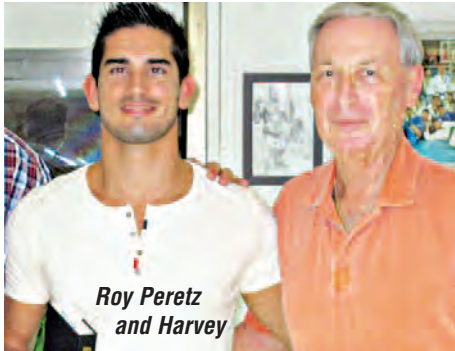


Two In Tiberias For the Lord

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER

On our most recent To The Jew First outreach, the Lord provided two open souls in Tiberias to hear our witness.

Well-known Mixed Martial Arts fighter **Roy Peretz** runs an MMA center in Tiberias. Harvey's son wanted us to visit the center and purchase some T-shirts for him. When my fellow *shaliach* Harvey phoned Roy, he happily agreed to meet us at his martial arts studio. He and his fiancée were very cordial and showed us some YouTube videos of his kick-boxing matches.



Roy Peretz
and Harvey

Roy's unassuming nature and meek disposition seemed inconsistent with what you'd expect of a jiu-jitsu fighter and MMA professional. Roy listened patiently as Harvey and I explained that every Jew needs to hear about Yeshua and then used the Messianic prophecies from Jewish Scriptures to make the case for Jesus being the Messiah. We gave him a Complete Jewish Bible (with Old and New Testaments) and a list of major Messianic prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled. Praise the Lord, Roy seemed very open to further study. He invited us to revisit him on a future trip for additional discussion.

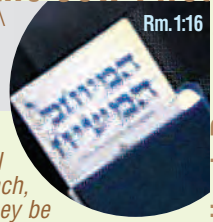
The morning we left Tiberias for Jerusalem, we had breakfast at our hotel. On a previous TJF trip, we had met **Ofri**, the hotel's cook, whose excitement at hearing about Yeshua had spilled over to her co-workers (www.levitt.com/newsletters/2013-10.pdf#page=13).

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shah-LEE-ack\n,
pl *shelichim* \
shell-LEE-kim\
one who is sent,
an emissary.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? Rm.10:15. Please visit:

www.levitt.com/announcements#messiah
for "The Promised Messiah"
printable tract.

Rm. 1:16



I had not seen her yet on this trip, but she was in the kitchen cooking omelets that morning. The Holy Spirit was at work here.

When I greeted Ofri, she kissed me on both cheeks, and with a big smile chided me for not visiting her earlier in our stay. On our previous visit we had given her a Hebrew Bible (with *Tanakh* and *B'rit Hadashah*—Old and New Testaments) and Messianic tracts. This time, the ministry gave her a book on Isaiah 53 in Hebrew, detailing the sufferings and death of the Messiah for Israel and the world. I explained to Ofri that Isaiah's prophecy predated by 700 years Yeshua's birth, ministry, and sacrificial death. Isaiah's was a major prophecy that Yeshua alone fulfilled on Calvary. Ofri joyfully took the book to study with the Hebrew text in her Bible. Lord willing, when we next return to Israel, our TJF *shelichim* will continue watering the Gospel seeds we planted in Roy's and Ofri's lives. ★



Todd with Ofri,
the hotel's cook

45 Top Israeli Inventions (17–24)

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN (r) / Israel21c.org



One of Israel’s sources of pride is the enormous number of inventions and innovations that have taken root on its soil over 65 years—despite challenges of geography, size, and diplomacy.

The ever-churning Israeli mind has brought us drip irrigation, the cherry tomato, the electric car grid, the Disk-on-Key, and much more.

The Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem exhibited and demonstrated 45 indispensable Israeli inventions. Curator Varda Gur Ben-Sheetrit said that hundreds of ingenious inventions were considered for Inventions, Inc. She emphasized that many other Israeli inventions were deserving of being included. “We were, of course, constrained by space limitations, and also not every company we invited to exhibit responded,” she said.

We continue our series of the top 45 inventions highlighted at the exhibition, in no particular order.

17. **TACount** real-time microbiology enables the detection and counting of harmful microorganisms in a matter of minutes, rather than the conventional method of cell culture that takes several hours to a few days. The technology applies to the fields of drinking water and wastewater, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage production.

18. **Solaris Synergy** innovated an environmentally friendly and economically beneficial way to float solar panels on water instead of taking up valuable land, generating energy while protecting and limiting evaporation from reservoir surfaces.

19. **HydroSpin** is developing a unique internal pipe generator that supplies electricity for water monitoring and control systems in remote areas and sites without accessibility to electricity.

20. **Mazor Robotics’ Spine Assist and other surgical robots** are transforming spine surgery from freehand procedures to highly accurate, state-of-the-art operations with less need for radiation.



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Is Israel an Apartheid State?

Famed character Crocodile Dundee is often mimicked: "That's not a knife; THAT's a knife." Well, **Kenneth Meshoe**, a black member of the South African Parliament, has lived and breathed *real* apartheid in Pretoria. And he rebukes anyone who slaps such a slander on Israel. "It is inaccurate, and it is malicious," he explains. For example, Mandela fought for the right to vote, which "Palestinians" living in Israel take for granted. "Non-Jews in Israel have everything that we non-whites in apartheid South Africa never shared with the white South Africans." For Rev. Meshoe's incisive, five-minute commentary, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBRrj0uEJgw.



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HebrewLesson



Miracle of a New Heart

By John J. Parsons

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“And you shall love the LORD your God and keep his charge” – Deut. 11:1

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The central commandment of Scripture is to love God and others, yet this is precisely the commandment we find impossible to obey. Tragically, when we look within we soon discover we are loveless at heart: “For out of the heart... comes evil” (Mark 7:21; Jer. 17:9). The essence of Torah is to love, to “do good and no evil,” but we are inherently selfish, judgmental of others, calloused, and proud. So how can we do the impossible?

There is a temptation to regard our inability to love as the result of something other than our own inner perversity, or what the Bible calls “spiritual death.” If we are not careful, we will pray that God will show mercy and compassion on that which is to be crucified, buried, and taken away. God does not reform our carnal nature but puts it on the cross to be done away with, and then He replaces it with a radically new nature based on the Spirit and resurrection life. This great miracle of God is found in union with the Messiah’s life. “Live in Me and I will live in you,” Yeshua says. “As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it finds life in the vine, neither can you, unless you find life in Me. For apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4–5). You cannot do the impossible, but with God all things are possible (Mark 10:27; Phil. 4:13).

Therefore, the ability to love comes by the miracle of God (Ezek. 36:26; 1 John 4:19). As we live in Yeshua, we find life, love, light, truth, and salvation from the hell of a loveless heart. Unite yourself with His death, burial, and resurrection; reckon yourself to be immersed into Him, death-for-death, life-for-life (Rom. 6:8–11; Col. 3:1–4). “Unless a seed falls to the ground, it abides alone” (John 12:24). Yeshua is the source of all life, and we find nourishment, strength, and fullness of joy as we connect with Him.

By faith affirm: “I have been crucified with Messiah, and it is no longer ‘I’ who live, but Messiah Who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). There is a new “I” that comes from above. The miracle of the exchanged life comes as we surrender to the truth of what God has done for us (2 Cor. 5:21). That’s the essence of the Gospel, the power of *God for salvation* to all who believe (Rom. 1:16). Therefore we do not attempt to crucify ourselves, or labor to reform our lower nature, but we instead accept that we *already have been crucified* by the mercy and power of God. We clothe ourselves in the robes of His righteousness as we celebrate God’s redeeming love for our lives. **Only then are we empowered to truly “love the LORD and keep His charge.”** ★



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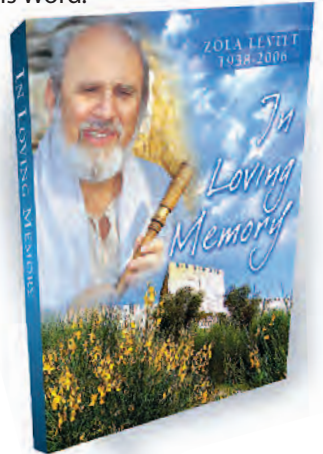
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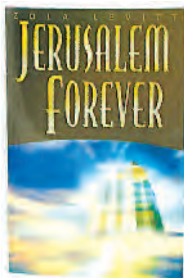


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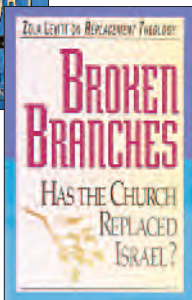
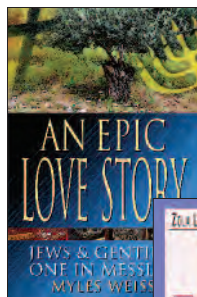
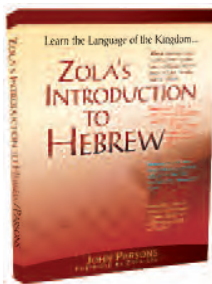
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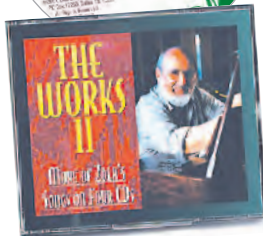
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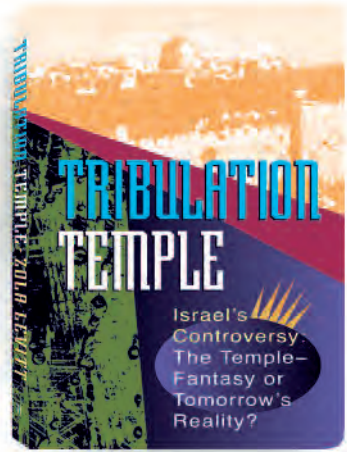


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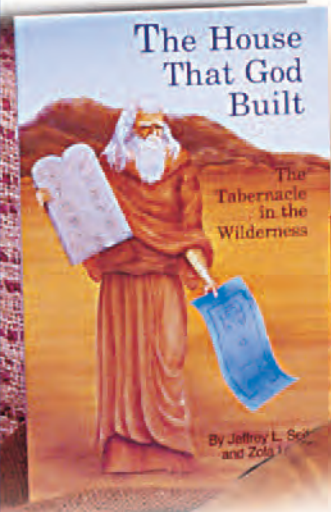
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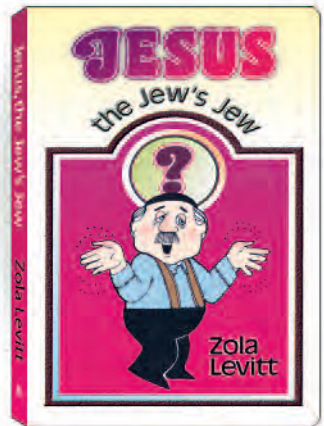
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(See Myles's response to A.L.T. on p.23).

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Kicking Addiction

A NOTE FROM MARK / By Mark Levitt

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”—*Ben Franklin*

Experimenting with drugs, including alcohol, too often lets the devil’s foot in the door. The excerpt below (see the recent *Wall Street Journal* article at <http://wp.me/pieUD-1Vx>) offers updates regarding recovery and a persuasive rationale for abstinence. Both are important to healing and prospering the body of Christ. —Mark

New research identifies the molecular reasons why alcohol and drug habits are so difficult to break, which could point the way to new medicines to help addicts. Heavy use of alcohol and drugs works on the reward centers in the brain to drive dependence. The new research reveals that such substances transform the brain’s chemical architecture. Drinking and drug use trigger feelings of anxiety and tension that can only be eased by more consumption.

In 2011, more than 21 million Americans needed treatment for a problem related to alcohol or drugs. Many try to quit, but studies show 60% or more of alcoholics and drug addicts relapse within a year. Support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous only work in a fraction of alcoholics and addicts. Pharmaceuticals often don’t work or are dropped by addicts before recovery.

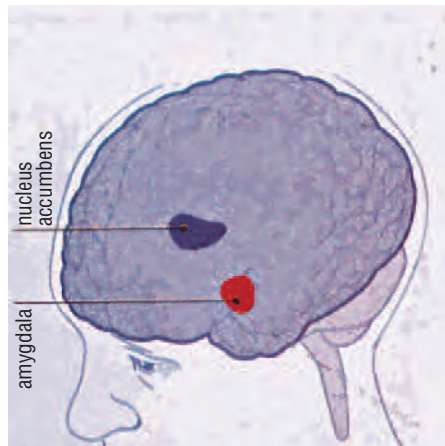
Previous research has focused on the pleasure provided by drinking or drug use, studying how neurotransmitters like dopamine help give rise to rewarding feelings—a buzz or high—that encourage further consumption. Heavy substance abuse compromises this reward system, requiring the production of ever-increasing amounts of dopamine to realize the same high.

Addiction can follow.

The brain’s stress response also contributes to dependence. Years of heavy

drinking or drug use remodel the circuitry in and around a part of the brain, the amygdala, (*below*) where these feelings of anxiety are triggered. The brain’s stress system is sent into overdrive.

The result: deep lows—constant feelings of tension that alcohol or drugs temporarily lighten, but which worsen over the longer term. You’re kind of digging a hole every time you fix the hole. In effect, the brain remembers that the substances relieve stress. The brain’s stress response gets stuck in high gear. CRF (corticotropin-releasing factor), a “misery neurotransmitter,” is thought to cause the anxiousness felt by addicts until they drink again or take drugs. The chemical is also thought to be a driver behind the difficulties that alcoholics or addicts have trying to quit, especially during times of increased tension.



Successfully treating addiction will probably require a combination of behavioral and cognitive counseling with the prescription of multiple medicines tailored to the phase of recovery and targeting both the highs and lows of dependence.

A word to the wise: What better “cure” than preventative abstinence? Please share this article with a young person.

“At the last, it [wine] bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper.”—Proverbs 23:32



Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From B.S.: I tape TV programs and watch in my private time. I am also on lesson 7 of your Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies. I feel I am walking closer toward Home.

From C.H. (CA): I understand that Zola taught how humans fulfill each of the Seven Feasts in the womb. Do you still offer that teaching? We are interested as we anticipate a grandchild this spring. —*Mazel Tov, C.H.!* The teaching you seek is in the *Seven Feasts* booklet and on the DVD *A Child is Born* (see p.18). —Mark

From Dr. A.C. (South Africa): I am interested in your Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies because it is time to restore to the Church its Jewish roots.

From C.C.: I am ordering the DVD *Evidence of God* on my mother's recommendation. —Your wise mother is leading you to some fine teaching. Nuclear physicist Dr. Gerald Schroeder offers theoretical explanations that reconcile science with the Bible. You may also be interested in our related study booklet *Genesis One*. —Mark

From V.C. (TN): Thank you so much for having a channel on Roku! —Roku is becoming a popular means to watch *Zola Levitt Presents*, especially for viewers who have lost access to certain television networks. Our ministry provides 3,000 video viewings per month, and 2,000 Roku units are watching us. To learn more, please visit www.levitt.com/roku. —Webmaster



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Olive Tree in Israel

Bringing Messiah Back to the Jews

Dear Friends,

I was reading my Bible this morning in Zechariah. Zech. 8:23 states: "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, "Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you."'"

It struck me that ZLM is doing all it can to fulfill this prophecy. Even in the face of a lot of anti-Semitism, the Church today is realizing that salvation is to the Jew first, then the gentile. I thank God for you and all your efforts to educate the Church to this fact and to bring the Church (Jesus) to the Jew as well.

Shalom —S.C. (AZ)

Shalom S.C.—

Your insight is noteworthy, in part because it is very rare.

Thank God a growing number of Christians are realizing the central place of Israel in the plan of God. Here at ZLM, we are doing our part to faithfully bring the Gospel "to the Jew first." We see that Jewish believers in Yeshua will have a growing significance in the days ahead, and we intend to stand with them as much as possible. Blessings —Myles and Katharine

By What Names Are We Called?

Dear ZLM,

Yahshua the Messiah was a Yahdaim from my research. How could he be a Jew if the latter did not exist until 500 years ago? In fact, the Messiah's followers were not called Christians until after the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD when the term was first used.

If "Jew" and "Christian" are not accurate but are terms coined by the Catholic Church, should we be referring to ourselves as such? I value your opinion and await your reply. —A.L.T. (LA)

Shalom A.L.T.—

Your letter is puzzling.

Acts 11:26 is clear: "And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." This was during the life of Paul, not centuries later.

Your spelling of Jesus' Hebrew name is also troubling. Some gentiles (non-Jews) like to spell it "Yah" (Yahshua instead of Yeshua) as if including the *Yah* legitimizes Jesus' sovereignty and connects Him with the Father (Yahweh). It is laughable for men to feel the need to lend our "authority" to the King and Creator of all!

As to your appellation of "*Yahdaim*" (Hebrew), I confess I do not know what that is referring to in your letter. The word *Jew* developed as a shortening of the word *Judah*. "Jew" was used first to describe "men of Judah" after the ten northern tribes were exiled to Assyria in the 6th century BC, then all 12 tribes when the Israelites returned. The term appears many times in the Old Testament.

May I suggest that you acquire *Jesus, the Jew's Jew*, Zola's unique testimony about his heritage and faith? (See description on page 20 and at <https://store.levitt.com/JJJ>.) I believe its sound doctrine will help you move on in faith. Blessings and shalom —Myles



Countering Islam in Prison

Dear ZLM,

Please add me to the mailing list for the *Levitt Letter*. I am glad to find someone who sees Islam for what it really is.

After attending an interfaith contemplation meeting that was held in our chapel but dominated by Muslims, I was severely beaten up by a Muslim upon returning to my cell block. The fact that the meanest, most violent people in prison choose Islam speaks volumes! —C.R. (NC)

Dear C.R.—

I am saddened but not surprised to learn that you were beaten up by adherents of the “religion of peace”—one of the most egregious misnomers in modern history! It is our joy to send the *Levitt Letter* to over 2,500 prisoners. We have seen great fruit from this outreach over the years.

I like to encourage our readers who CAN donate to do so in order for us to reach and encourage people in your situation. Keep the faith, and may God keep you safe and bring this season in your life to a swift and positive conclusion. With heartfelt thanks for your courage —Myles



Serpent-wise in Donating

Dear Myles and Katharine,

We want to donate money to help needy Jewish people in Israel. What organization(s) do you suggest? We are considering CUFI (Christians United For Israel). But we don't know who will use our donation in the wisest way and not keep a percentage for administrative costs. —Rev. Dr. E.G. and P.S. (MI)

Dear Rev. Dr. E.G. and P.S.—

While I am grateful to John Hagee and CUFI for awakening the American Church to its responsibility to Israel, I personally prefer to donate to groups that relieve the suffering of Jewish people BUT do it in the name of Yeshua! The body of Messiah in Israel does that. If you give through ZLM and designate one of our benevolence funds, 100% of your donation will then reach the poor AND they will hear about their Jewish Messiah. Blessings —Myles



A Shuk (Arab) farmer's market near Galilee

'Theology' Off the Internet

Dear ZLM,

My 47-year-old daughter (who is neither a new nor uninformed Christian) has concluded from what she read on the Internet that the Church has replaced Israel. Are you familiar with this view? How do we refute it? —M.A.K. (RI)

Dear M.A.K.—

The sad fact is that so many Christians believe what your daughter believes, it has a name: Replacement Theology. It is taught with anti-Semitic fervor around the world. Humans apparently are offended by God's sovereign right to choose: e.g., the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and His divine end-times plan for using Israel as His prophetic time clock.

Scripture from your Bible is the best way to refute RT. Help is available at www.levitt.com. Click on **Information**, **Q&A**, then **Bible Prophecy**. Also, two excellent booklets, *Zola's Broken Branches—Has the Church Replaced Israel?* (<http://store.levitt.com/BBRT>) and my own study booklet *An Epic Love Story* (<http://store.levitt.com/ELS>), give an accurate view of the destiny shared by Jews and Christians as the return of the Messiah draws near. (The booklets are also available on p.18.)

We thank God for disciples of Yeshua like you who boldly take Him at His Word! Shalom —Myles

Not Athens, Rome, Paris, Washington?

Dear Todd,

Why didn't God move His throne from Jerusalem to another capital of Western importance through the years? I've heard arguments for both moving it and leaving it. I ask not in light of biblical truth but in philosophical reasoning for an answer. —S.B.

Dear S.B.—

Jerusalem is the earthly place where God's throne will stand. Philosophical arguments aside, God promised in the Davidic covenant and throughout His Word to place His name in Jerusalem forever (2 Chronicles 6:6; 2 Samuel 7:1–17; Ezekiel 40–47). His throne has not been, nor ever will be, transferred to any other place. There is no argument in light of what God has said. —Todd ★

B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart



Take Pressure Off Water Pipes



SCIENCE: BY KARIN KLOOSTERMAN / Israel21c.org

A smart unit from an Israeli water-tech company modulates water pressure to prevent leakage, and alerts users when leaks occur.

Turning off the main waterline is one of the must-do checklist items for anyone going away on extended holiday. A pinhole leak could result in thousands of dollars in damages if a pipe suddenly bursts before you return home.

But your water system is constantly under pressure. A leak behind a wall or under the floorboards could go undetected for years, causing costly damage, wasted water, fungus, or worse—mold. An estimated one in ten U.S. homes has leaky pipes—a problem that could be plugged by Israeli company **LeaksStop**.

LeaksStop is attempting to put its finger in the dike, like a figurative Dutch boy, with a new box solution fitted on the main waterline. LeaksStop modulates your home's water pressure when your taps are not in use.

Israel21c found LeaksStop at the annual water technologies conference and expo in Tel Aviv.

LeaksStop's head of business development Gil Senesh demonstrated that when the tap is open, the water pressure is the same as it was without the LeaksStop system in place. When the tap is closed, the pressure is markedly decreased.

"When you think about how often you use your water in washing machines, toilets, and showers, it's about three hours altogether in a day. So 90 percent of the time, you are not using the water and are putting pressure on your pipes. We are lowering the pressure during non-consumption hours."

He notes that LeaksStop can also help avoid the formation of new leaks, because if there is less pressure on your pipes, there will be less wear and tear. In case of catastrophe, such as a burst pipe, LeaksStop will shut down the system. ★



Katharine and I could have used this unit before our pipes burst last December. Love that Israeli technology! —Myles



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Israeli 'Wrapping Paper' Makes Bones Heal Faster

MEDICINE: BY JOHANNA WEISS / NoCamels.com

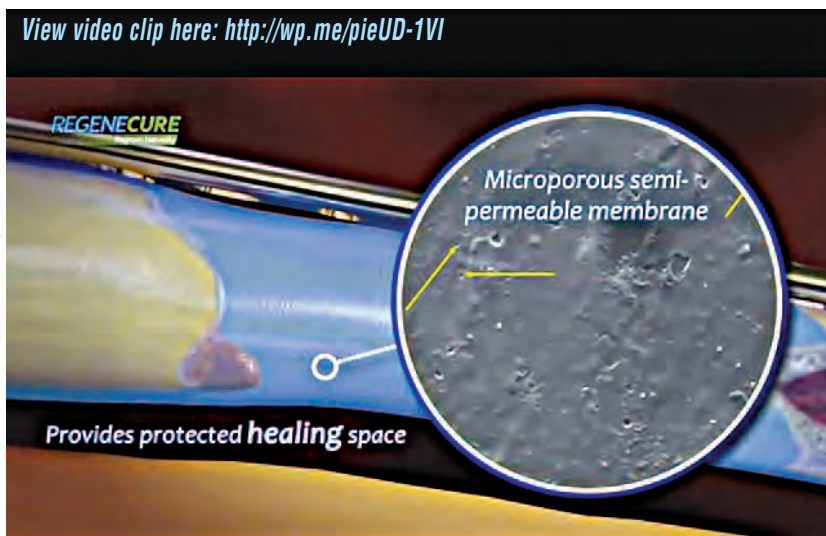


Membrane square

Israeli company **REGENECURE** is developing an intelligent “wrapping paper” that enables broken bones to heal faster, more smoothly, and even compensate bone loss.

In medical terminology, this wrapping paper is called a membrane implant. “Membranes in general are semi-selective materials, allowing certain materials to get through, but not others,” says CEO Moshe Tzabari. When the REGENECURE membrane is wrapped around the broken bone, it allows fluids to get through, but prevents cells, vigor, or soft tissue from getting to the bone. This feature is crucial for the healing process.

Tzabari explains: “If there is no barrier, soft tissue will infiltrate the wound and stop the bone from growing or make it grow in unintended ways.” The membrane implant is a transparent, thin-yet-strong material that looks like plastic wrap. However, the membrane is regenerative and can be sutured, drilled, and shaped into any geometrical form. Moreover, it attracts stem cells to grow and populate along the membrane surface.



The material, which comes from Germany, has been used in the past as a drug delivery system—to cover tablets that are not meant to dissolve in the stomach but only to take effect later. Michael Friedman, Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, discovered that the same material can be used to enable guided bone growth after fractures. The membrane implant can assist, and sometimes replace, traditional healing methods, he explains.

Comparative research has been done with sheep that suffered from fractures with high bone loss. Treated with splints only, these fractures never healed. With an additional bone-graft substitute, it took bones 28 weeks to heal. When the membrane implant was combined with the bone-graft substitute, complete healing took only 8–14 weeks.

When vets heard about the membrane implant, they started using the product in dogs and sheep.

In the dental field, the membrane implant will enable bone growth that is needed for tooth implants. Tzabari hopes the implant might even be used in cranial medicine, for example, to reconstruct face bones after serious accidents. ★



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Who Is Destroying Al-Aqsa Mosque?



BY MUDAR ZAHRAN (r) GatestoneInstitute.org

In a recent visit to Jerusalem where I visited Al-Aqsa, it occurred to me that perhaps we, the Arabs and Muslims, are the ones causing harm to Al-Aqsa, and not, as we claim, the Jews.

“You see these scaffoldings? The officials put them up to claim maintenance work is being done in order to beg donors for money. These scaffoldings have been here for years with nothing done.... The sheik just takes photos of them to show to donors. Look at the donation boxes; they collect an average of one million shekels (\$290,000) per month. We have no idea where that money goes... The poor and the needy never see any of it.” —*Members of the Muslim security staff of Al-Aqsa Mosque*

The Al-Aqsa Mosque—built on the Temple Mount where Herod’s Temple stood 2,000 years ago—is at the center of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Almost every Arab politician has vowed “to liberate Al-Aqsa from the Jews.”

In 1948, Al-Aqsa was placed under the Jordanian Waqf Ministry. When Israel won the 1967 Six-Day War and regained control of Jerusalem, it transferred control of the mosque to the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf [trust].

Jordan continues to pay the salaries of Al-Aqsa staff as a religious duty King Hussein assumed as the alleged descendant of Mohammed. Israel provides security and conducts a strict policy of refusing to allow non-Muslims—including Israeli Jews—into Al-Aqsa except on occasion.

Upon entering the silver-domed mosque, one can quickly notice how neglected it is, and badly in need of maintenance. Asked about the shocking condition of the mosque, staff members spoke on the condition of anonymity. (See quotes at top.)

At the center of Al-Aqsa, two glass cupboards exhibit tear gas shells used by the Israeli police during riots in 1987. “We’ve had these since the first intifada,” an Arab security guard said. “The managers here use these to make visitors sympathize and give donations; they are beggars’ tools.”

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The Al-Aqsa Mosque, located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

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Al-Aqsa... continued



A custodian of the washrooms where worshipers get ritually cleansed: “We are the ones who have destroyed Al-Aqsa... I have worked with the Jordanians, the Jews, and the Palestinians; I know what is really happening.”

Other staff members:

“The government of Turkey provided \$2 million to fix the washrooms, and Al-Aqsa’s administration collected \$2 million more... still, nothing was ever fixed or built.”

“All the money paid for Al-Aqsa by Arab states does not filter here.”

No one would comment at the Al-Aqsa Mosque manager’s on-site office. Repeated calls to Al-Aqsa’s designated office at the Waqf were never answered.

As a practicing Muslim, I was sad to hear that those managing Al-Aqsa are more concerned with donations and their personal welfare than with the mosque itself. Which prompts the question: Is Al-Aqsa an Islamic sacred site, or a tool to collect donations by eliciting global Islamic sympathy—just a goose that lays golden eggs for its managers? We Arabs and Muslims are the ones harming Al-Aqsa, not Israel or the Jews.

Nazi-Islam Connection

By Giulio Meotti / IsraelNationalNews.com



Many Nazis converted to Islam. Alois Brunner (*r*) was responsible for the deaths of over 130,000 Jews. The Nazi hunters of the Simon Wiesenthal Center still place him in Syria, where he was last seen in 2001, protected by the regime of Bashar al-Assad.

Brunner was one of the most zealous officials of the “Final Solution,” the plan for extermination of the Jews. The idea so haunted him that in 1985 he said to the German magazine *Bunte*: “I regret that I didn’t finish the job.” Brunner, a personal friend of Hafez al-Assad, took part in the construction of Syria’s secret services on the model of the Gestapo. Brunner is only one of a number of Nazi officials who participated in the construction of Islamic regimes and who remained in those lands after converting to Islam.

This alliance between the Nazi swastika and the Islamic Koran is well explained in a 1942 article by Johann von Leers, the best known of Nazi converts to Islam: “Islam has made an eternal service to the world by preventing the conquest of Arabia by the Jews.”

Some examples:

One of the leaders of the “Jewish Affairs” in Galicia, Erich Altern, converted to Islam and took the name of “Ali Bella” in Egypt, where he trained Palestinian terrorists.

François Genoud, the famous banker of Nazism, used the war treasure of the Reich to finance the Arab-Muslim anti-Jewish causes and in 1959 gave birth to “International Association of Friends of the Arab World.”

Walter Rauff, who invented the “gas vans” that killed 97,000 Jews during the Holocaust, in 1948 tortured Jews in Damascus.

Wilhelm Boeckler became “Abd al Karim;” the SS’s Wilhelm Berner instructed Palestinian terrorists; the SS Gruppenführer Alois Moser became “Hassan Sulayman.” ★

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The Maccabeats Sing “Cups” (D’ror Yikra)

TheJerusalemConnection.us

Is it still a *cappella* (without instrumental accompaniment) if the Maccabeats use cups and a table for percussion? The Maccabeats—a Jewish *a cappella* group—are proud to present their latest pop-adaptation. They put the lyrics of *D’ror Yikra*, a traditional Shabbat-table song, to the tune of *Cups*, from the 2012 movie *Pitch Perfect*. In this song they use Shabbat table cups for percussion.

According to one interpretation, the opening line of the song, *D’ror Yikra*, calls upon us to take advantage of Shabbat, the spiritual day of rest, and free ourselves from the mundane world.

See the song online:
<http://wp.me/pieUD-1V9>

Boycott of Israel a “Big Mistake”

JNS.org

Former American Studies Association (ASA) president and Stanford University Professor of English **Dr. Shelley Fisher Fishkin** said she believes the ASA’s boycott of Israeli universities is a “big mistake.”



“As a scholar, I deeply value the

free exchange of ideas,” Fishkin said. “Academic boycotts make the free exchange of ideas impossible. For that reason, I think the ASA’s endorsement of the boycott was a big mistake.”

Fishkin, who served as ASA president from 2004–2005, was part of a group of eight former ASA presidents who sent an open letter to ASA members—66% of whom endorsed the boycott of Israel in a December vote—opposing the move on the grounds that it is “antithetical to the mission of free and open inquiry for which a scholarly organization stands.”

The boycott is counterproductive because it is targeting some of Israel’s most open-minded institutions, Fishkin said.

“Israeli universities are often at the forefront of fostering dialogue between Arabs and Jews, of educating the future leaders of Arab universities, and of providing the next generation with the tools of critical thinking that can allow them to construct a [just and equitable] society,” she said.





Nazi Prosecutions Are Not Over Yet

By David Rising / Associated Press

German authorities recently charged an 88-year-old former member of an SS armored division with 25 counts of murder over allegations that he took part in the largest civilian massacre in Nazi-occupied France.

Cologne state court spokesman Achim Hengstenberg said suspect **Werner C.**, whose last name wasn't given in accordance with German privacy laws, was also charged with hundreds of counts of accessory to murder in connection with the 1944 slaughter in Oradour-sur-Glane in southwestern France.

Dortmund prosecutors allege that Werner C. shot 25 men as part of a firing squad, and helped as troops blocked and then set fire to a church in which dozens of women and children were burned alive. In total, 642 men, women, and children were killed.

Werner C.'s attorney, Rainer Pohlen, told the press that his client doesn't deny being at the village but said he never fired a shot that day and was not otherwise involved in any killings.

"My client contests any participation in this massacre, which he finds a truly terrible act," he said, adding that Werner C. had fully cooperated in giving statements to investigators.

If the case does go to trial, it possibly would be held in a juvenile court because the suspect was only 19 at the

time. Werner C. was part of the 3rd Company of the 1st Battalion of the "Der Fuehrer" regiment of the fanatical SS's "Das Reich" division. On June 10, 1944, just four days after the D-Day landings in Normandy, the company attacked Oradour-sur-Glane in reprisal for the French Resistance's kidnapping a German soldier.

The troops herded civilians into barns and the church, blocked the doors, and then set ablaze the entire town. Those not killed in the fires were shot as they tried to flee, though a handful managed to escape.



Oradour-sur-Glane today remains a phantom village, with burned-out cars and abandoned buildings left as testimony to its history.

Last September, German President Joachim Gauck and France's Francois Hollande met in the ghost town in a visit aimed at underscoring French-German postwar reconciliation. Gauck told a local crowd that he shared their "bitterness over the fact that the murderers have not been brought to justice." ★

(See Meshumed! book p. 36)



Ark of the Covenant's Fate

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY OWEN JARUS (r) LiveScience.com

A newly translated Hebrew text claims to reveal where treasures from King Solomon's Temple were hidden and discusses the fate of the Ark of the Covenant.

But unlike the Indiana Jones movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, the text leaves the exact location of the Ark unclear and states that it, and the other treasures, "shall not be revealed until the day of the coming of the Messiah Son of David..." — putting it out of reach of any would-be treasure seeker.

King Solomon's Temple, also called the First Temple, was plundered and torched by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II in the sixth century B.C. The Ark of the Covenant held tablets containing the Ten Commandments and was housed along with other treasures in Solomon's Temple.

The newly translated text, "Treatise of the Vessels' (*Massekhet Kelim* in Hebrew), says the "treasures were concealed by a number of Levites and prophets," writes James Davila, a professor at the University of St. Andrews.

"Some of these (treasures) were hidden in various locations in the Land of Israel and in Babylonia, while others were delivered into the hands of the angels Shamshiel, Michael, Gabriel, and perhaps Sariel," writes Davila.

The Treatise is similar in some ways to the metallic Copper Scroll, one of the Dead Sea Scrolls found near the site of Qumran. The Copper Scroll, which dates back around 1,900 years and is made of copper, also discusses the location of hidden treasure, although not from Solomon's Temple.

The Treatise describes the treasures in an imaginative way. One part refers to "seventy-seven tables of gold, and their gold was from the walls of the Garden of Eden that was revealed to Solomon, and they radiated like the radiance of the sun and moon, which radiate at the height of the world."

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Zola demonstrates the apparel worn by the High Priest of Israel as he entered the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was placed by God.

Scene from The Holy Days of Our Lord



Ark's Fate *continued*



The oldest confirmed example of the Treatise, which survives to present day, is from a book published in Amsterdam in 1648, *Emek Halachah*. In 1876, a scholar named Adolph Jellinek published another copy of the text, which was virtually identical to the 1648 version. Davila is the first to translate the text fully into English.

“The writer draws on traditional methods of scriptural exegesis [interpretation] to deduce where the treasures might have been hidden, but I think the writer was approaching the story as a piece of entertaining fiction, not any real guide for finding the lost Temple treasures,” Davila said.

The Treatise says that the treasures from Solomon’s Temple were recorded “on a tablet of bronze,” a metal, like the Copper Scroll. Additionally, among other similarities, the Treatise of the Vessels and the Copper Scroll both refer to “vessels” or “implements,” including examples made of gold and silver. These similarities could be a coincidence or part of a tradition of recording important information on metal. ★



Bas-relief image showing the Ark of the Covenant being carried (from Auch Cathedral in France)

Photo by I. Vassil

Not 'Arabs' but 'Christians Who Speak Arabic'

BY DROR EYDAR / JNS.org and IsraelHayom.com



Leading Israeli Christians gathered last fall at a Jerusalem conference to declare their own identity apart from Arab Muslims, and their support for Israel.

"We are not Arabs," the group declared. "We are Christians who speak Arabic."

Participants at the conference — "Israeli Christians: Breaking Free? The advent of an independent Christian voice in Israel" — said their history, culture, and heritage have been hijacked by Muslim Arabs in the region. They said they feel a closer affinity to Israel and the Jewish people, the origin of their culture and religion.

Of the dire situation currently faced by Christians in Arab states, Father Gabriel Nadaf, a Greek Orthodox priest, said that the realization that Israel is the only country in the region that protects its Christian minority has prompted many Arabic-speaking Israeli Christians to develop a desire to contribute to the State of Israel.

Another theme at the conference

was a reassertion of Christian identity in the region. Speakers blamed the Arab invasions of the 7th century for gradually erasing their identity. A former officer in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Paratroopers Brigade, Lt. (ret.) Shaadi Khalloul said that the way to integrate into Israeli society was through military service in the IDF, which he described as a melting pot, but also through education. Israel's Christian population is not educated in its own history, only in the history of the Arabs and of Islam.

"The typical Christian student thinks that he belongs to the Arab people and the Islamic nation, instead of to the people with whom he truly shares his roots — the Jewish people, whose origins are in the Land of Israel," Khalloul said.

Israel has one of the few growing Middle East Christian communities. ★

Identity issues are rife throughout the Middle East. Israel remains the only safe haven for Christians. Let's pray that Christian gratitude outlasts the temptation to give in to Replacement Theology, which is a major battle for Arab Believers in the Land. —Myles



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St. Gabriel's Greek Orthodox Church in Nazareth, Israel



JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.

Ads on a Jewish dating website:

Jewish male – 34, very successful, smart, independent, self-made. Looking for girl whose father will hire me.

Single Jewish woman – 29, into disco, mountain climbing, skiing, track and field. Has slight limp.

Nice Jewish guy – 38. No skeletons. No baggage. No personality.

80-year-old Bubbie (grandma) – No assets, seeks handsome, virile Jewish male, under 35. Object: matrimony. (I can dream, can't I?)

Israeli lady – 28. Serves behind the falafel counter in Moshe's Deli. Looking for nice Jewish guy with a good sense of hummus.



A cheerful heart is good medicine —

Proverbs 17:22



A History Lesson

An American, an Englishman, and an Israeli are indulging in a bit of boasting.

The American says, "One of my ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence."

The Englishman says, "Well, one of my ancestors was present at the signing of the Magna Carta."

The Israeli quietly says, "You think that's something? One of my ancestors was present at the creation of the Ten Commandments." ★



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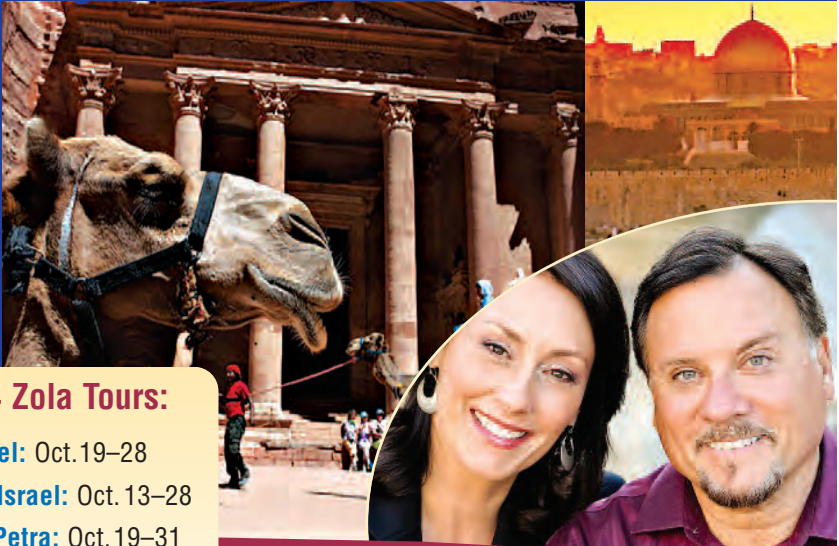
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