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Dear Reader,

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In a nutshell, here's what you'll find in this October issue.

- Hebrew expert John Parsons clarifies Ron Cantor's teaching last month (p. 11) and shows us the path to becoming whole with God (p. 16).
- New Deposit and Basic Laws demonstrate how Israel is coping with immigrants and codifying the British Mandate (8, 1). Our cover story suggests that we can settle the Muslim-Jewish dispute by invoking that Mandate: Two states — one for Arabs (Jordan) and one for Jews (Israel). Simple, right?
- Archaeologists (32) are finding evidence of historical Israel even where Muslims claim that Israel never existed... oops!
- Our Chaplain explains how everyone gets saved (12)... and it's not by the Church replacing Israel (4).
- The Harts' son shares highlights of his experience living in Israel (6).
- Our TJJ team plants seeds and prays even when it looks hopeless (13). Folks come to Yeshua via unexpected pathways, as a Messianic Jew testifies (21).
- As broadcast airtime becomes costlier and more viewers watch *Zola Levitt Presents* via levitt.tv, Mark asks where ZLM should cut next (p. 14).
- For convincing arguments regarding the May LL's forensic image of what Jesus *may have* looked like, see p. 23.
- Israeli science and medicine help move water and block disease-causing toxins. (26, 27)
- The media need straightening out... again (30, 31, 34). Seriously, they make stuff up!
- Understand why people do or don't attend church (28). Then, act!
- Israel is shooting for the moon in December and February (30).

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Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim —
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
Margot, ZLM editor

P.S. Next month's issue begins a series profiling gentiles who helped Jews. See how eloquently author J.K. Rowling (quoting Jean-Paul Sartre) shuts down an anti-Semite.

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

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Resolving the Arab-Jewish Conflict

By David Singer / IsraelNationalNews.com

Return to pre-PLO and - Hamas days

The 1964 PLO Charter said: "This Organization does not exercise any regional sovereignty over the West Bank in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the Gaza Strip or the Himmah Area ..." Good idea.

Defusing the Syria-Israel conflict and resurrecting the primacy of Security Council Resolution 242 in resolving the Arab-Jewish conflict have emerged as positive outcomes from the recent Trump-Putin summit in Helsinki.

President Putin expressed America and Russia's joint resolve with this succinct statement: "The south of Syria should be brought to the full compliance with the treaty of 1974 about the separation of forces of Israel and Syria. This will bring peace to Golan Heights. And bring a more peaceful relationship between

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REMEMBER:

Simchat Torah (Day of Celebrating the Torah) is Oct. 2,
(from sunset on Oct. 1 to sunset on Oct. 2.)

Israel's New Basic Law

By Eugene Kontorovich
The Wall Street Journal

Israel recently expressed in constitutional law the basic achievement of Zionism: Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people. Headlines soon warned that Israel was "debating democracy itself." Arab Knesset members called the newly passed bill "the official beginning of fascism and apartheid."

In reality, **Israel's Basic Law fits right in among the liberal democratic constitutions of Europe**, whose similar provisions have not aroused controversy. The law does not infringe on the individual rights of any Israeli citizen, including Arabs; nor does it create

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Serving in the IDF Follows Yeshua



BY ANNA AHRONHEIM / JPost.com

Simon Zauber believes serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is his way of following Yeshua.

“He served; so it’s very important for me to serve,” said the 19-year-old Givati Brigade soldier originally from North Carolina.

Zauber is a Messianic Jew — a Christian who believes that Yeshua is the Messiah and the only path to redemption. Due

to their beliefs, the estimated 20,000 Messianic Jewish believers in Israel have been subjected to discrimination, such as ineligibility to make *aliyah* because of the mistaken idea that Jews cannot believe in Jesus, though they consider themselves Jewish.

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“My upbringing influenced me; but more than Messianic like Simon, it was that I had a family and place in the world that belonged to the Jewish people,” said Asher, explaining that his belief in Jesus “just adds to the love that I have for Israel.”

Simon said, “My serving will show the love that Jesus has for Israel. The same love that God has for Israel is also in me.” ★



photo: Simon Zauber

Simon Zauber and his brothers at his swearing-in ceremony

His upbringing as a Messianic Jew impacted his decision to join the IDF. During his final semester at university, “I felt that God was calling me to Israel,” Zauber explained.

Zauber is one of 12 children. Six have served in the IDF, two currently serve. Four Zauber children still live in Israel, including 21-year-old Asher who also served in Givati until his recent release from the IDF.

His family’s frequent visits to Israel instilled in the Zauber children a love for the State of Israel. “Our parents are very proud of every child who came to serve,” Asher said.





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Evil Neighbors (*NOT* Peaceful Protesters)



top: Field with green grass and red flowers

bottom: The same site burned into a black field after a flaming kite from Gaza landed on it

JPost.com (credit: Elshava Pinker)

Israel — Earth's Lightning Rod



BY ZOLA LEVITT / Levitt.com/essays

The following excerpt from a chapter that Zola wrote for *Foreshocks of Antichrist*, a 1997 book on prophecy, is still relevant to current events in Israel and the world. Thus far, we have examined the series of events that make up the Tribulation. We continue noting the conditions that will contribute to its onset.



Christian preachers are not immune from anti-Israel bias in their theological understanding.

Theological Bias Against Israel

Besides the media bias, there is a kind of theological bias against Israel going on in churches and seminaries today. I refer to Bible-based churches and seminaries that over time have seemed to change positions concerning Israel. As I put it recently, my ministry started out explaining Israel to Christians, and now I'm having to *defend* Israel to Christians.

Some peculiar anti-Israel theologies have come down the road. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:3–4). If we are to expect teachers who will just tickle the ears, we have plenty now.

Replacement Theology

The ultimate scriptural error is Replacement Theology, which seeks to establish that the Church has replaced Israel. If the Church has replaced Israel in all of God's promises and covenants, then Israel no longer has a role in God's future plan. Romans 11:25–26 states "that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved." If Israel is out of the picture, that verse should read "and so all the Church shall be saved," which would be ludicrous because the Church comprises people who are already saved.

The original replacement theology was Islam, which sought—and still seeks—to

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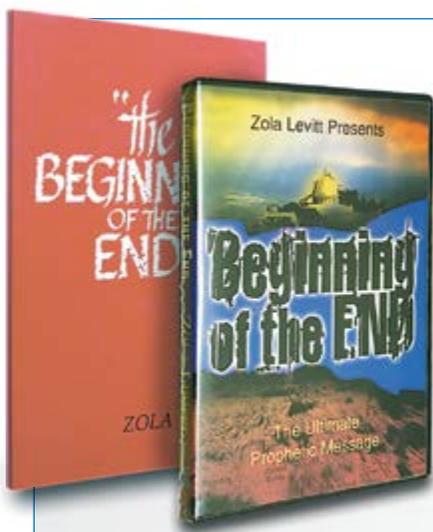


replace both Judaism and Christianity and thus take over the religious world. We in the West should be more alert than to put our Bibles away and follow in error some pastor or professor with anti-Israel or simply anti-Semitic biases. The antiChrist's religion is the final replacement theology that will seek to dominate the entire religious and secular world, and even replace Almighty God Himself! **Such contemporary doctrinal errors as "Kingdom Now," in which we need to elect the right officials in order to bring in the Kingdom by human endeavor, and "Progressive Dispensationalism," that mixes up the Church Age and the Millennial Kingdom, are ways of simply cutting Israel out of the picture, thus making the whole Bible nonsense.**

A Single People

The fact is, God chose one people — Israel — and has dealt through them since Abraham. He will continue dealing through them into the future. Thus, when we read about building the Tower of Babel and the godless ways of mankind early on in Genesis, in the same chapter we see Terah and the birth of his son Abram. God's solution to mankind's apostasy seems to be the invention of a single people through whom all nations of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:3). He continued to deal with them through the long period of the Old Testament adventures until the coming of the Messiah — a Jew, who chose Jewish disciples and twelve Jewish Apostles. And likewise, as we have seen, He will choose again from among the Jews in order to have testifiers to Christ in the Tribulation Period to come, namely the 144,000. If we interrupt that elegant design of four millennia with the idea that some global gentile organization will take this mantle upon itself, we obviously interrupt a plan of great magnitude.

When we teach that we can bring on the Kingdom ourselves without prayer or reference to Israeli affairs, we depart from God's plan. When we teach that Christ is already ruling in the Kingdom (even though the Messiah Himself entreats us to pray "Thy Kingdom come"), we confuse dispensations. We are not exactly getting the cart before the horse, but we are putting the horse *inside* the cart and cannot move forward. Bringing the Kingdom into the Church Age, as Progressive Dispensationalism does, goes in the direction of Amillennialism, a doctrine that utterly denies the thousand-year Kingdom in Israel. ★

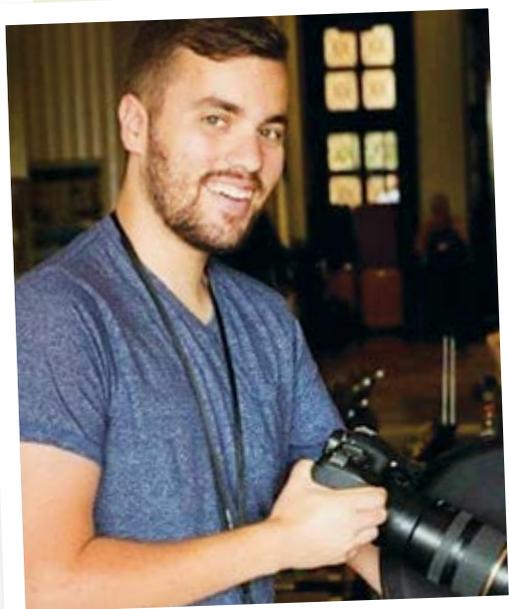


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Life In Israel

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Zola Levitt Presents



Ryan Hart with his camera

Our son Ryan visited us when he flew home from Israel during a three-week hiatus from the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. Ryan is in his third year on a sponsored volunteer program as the ICEJ's Video Production Specialist. I asked him what it's really like to live in Israel.

Kirsten. What misconceptions do you believe most Americans have about Israel?

Ryan. That Israel is dangerous. I have found the exact opposite. Some think that Israel is a Third World country. While some areas are not as advanced as others, the central hubs are modern and flourishing. As *Levitt Letter* readers know, Israel is also a pioneer in the high-tech and medical fields.

K. What is your biggest struggle in moving to a different country?

R. Trying to buy all of the ingredients needed for cooking!

K. Where do you buy food and other necessities?

R. A store just up the road from where I live has almost everything I need. The gas station across the street from my apartment stays open on Shabbat, and I can pick up last-minute snacks even after the Sabbath begins. If I'm having a lot of people over, I will walk about 30 minutes to Rami Levy — the Israeli version of Walmart! Enormous selection, cheap prices.

K. What would people be surprised to know about life in Jerusalem?

R. How much nature is close by! If you drive ten minutes west of the city, you meet the forest. To the east, the Dead Sea and an abundance of mountain hikes. No one should be surprised that walking where Jesus walked is life-changing. And the life and activity in and around the city makes it hard to be bored.

K. Do you feel racial or religious tension with the Arabs or Jews?

R. You can feel tensions at times, but much more often you see friendships pushing through. If you look for hatred and animosity, you will find it. If you look for compassion and love, then that awaits you.

K. Do you feel safe living in Jerusalem?

R. Yes. In the two years I have lived there, I have not once felt that I was in danger. I have gotten lost in the city, but people eagerly offered to help me find my way around even though we didn't speak the same language.

K. What do you do in your position at the ICEJ?

R. I volunteer at the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem as a Video Production Specialist. That means I help write the scripts, I shoot the videos, I edit them, and do a lot more. I lead worship at our morning devotions and help wherever I'm needed.

K. What is a "must-see" location that most tourists miss?

R. Most tours don't visit the Machane Yehuda Shuk — an open market where

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you can buy all kinds of spices, nuts, fruits, vegetables, meats, sweets ... basically whatever you want. Hidden alleyways lead to fantastic restaurants, and the nightlife is a blast!

K. What's your favorite Israeli food?

R. Malawach! — a Yemenite–Jewish fried bread served at jachnun bars all around Jerusalem. It's a light, flaky pastry served with hummus, spicy spread, cheese, tomatoes, olives, onions, fried eggplant, cauliflower, grilled mushrooms, and sometimes shakshuka (spicy egg dish) on top! It's cheap, fast, and absolutely delicious! (Jachnun is also a Yemenite pastry.)

K. What is the greatest attribute Israeli Jews possess?

R. A strong sense of self-worth. They know their value and want to make the most of it. That's a good message for Americans as well: You are important, and you are worth a lot! ★



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Israel's "Deposit Law"

BY CARON CREIGHTON (r) APNews.com



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In this 2018 photo, Eritrean migrant Russom Weldu Welde-slasie works at a restaurant in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Israel's roughly 35,000 African migrants say that a recent law—in which Israel withholds money from their paychecks every month and returns it only if they leave the country—is yet another attempt by an anti-migrant government to force them out.

The History of the Problem

Africans, mainly from war-torn Sudan and dictatorial Eritrea, began arriving in Israel in 2005 through its porous border with Egypt after Egyptian forces violently quashed a refugee demonstration and word spread of safety and job opportunities in Israel. Tens of thousands crossed the desert border, often after enduring dangerous journeys, before Israel completed a barrier in 2012 that stopped the influx.

Since then, Israel has wrestled with how to cope with those already in the country. Many took up menial jobs in hotels and restaurants, and thousands settled in southern Tel Aviv, where Israeli residents began complaining of rising crime.

The Plan

While the migrants say they are refugees fleeing conflict or persecution, Israel views them as job seekers who threaten the Jewish character of the state. Israel has gone from detaining them in remote desert prisons to purportedly reaching a deal with a third country, believed to be Rwanda, to have them deported there.

Israel doesn't hide its intentions behind the "deposit law," which, according to the Interior Ministry, is meant to make Israel a less attractive option for migrants. The law requires migrants' employers to hand over 20% of their salaries to the state, which keeps the money until the migrants leave, at which point they can reclaim the cash. Employers are also tasked with storing an additional 16% of migrants' salaries toward a pension fund, making this social benefit inaccessible until asylum seekers choose to leave Israel.

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While Israel doesn't shy away from the law's goals, an Interior Ministry spokeswoman said the savings provide "a proper starting point for the migrants beginning new lives outside of Israel." The state is currently holding nearly \$40 million in the "deposit accounts" of more than 13,000 migrants.

This article neglects to summarize Israel's key logic: Let our small nation help you without hurting ourselves.

Dividing \$40 million by 13,000 immigrants equals only \$3,077 savings per immigrant. That amount is not excessive in light of the proposition's context: Work here, get back on your feet, and start a new life elsewhere. We'll help you. If another country can offer a superior transition from your desperate situation, then please — Go. There. Instead.

You needn't come here and complain. We already have plenty of problems and challenges without hosting ungrateful guests. Imagine learning how to say, "Thank you." Enable us to say, "You're welcome." As my high school chemistry teacher would say: "The problem with fighting ignorance is that it fights back so hard!" —Mark ★

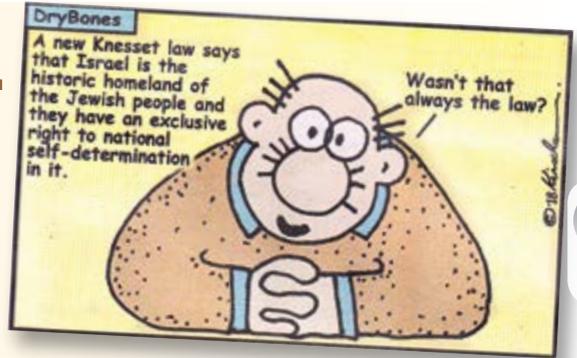
Israel's New Basic Law ... *continued from cover sidebar*

individual privileges. Those who object would also deny the Jewish state its freedom to legislate like a normal country.

The nation-state law declares that Israel is a country established to instantiate the Jewish people's "right to national self-determination." It constitutionalizes symbols of that objective—the national anthem, holidays, and so forth. There is nothing undemocratic or even unusual about this.

The new Basic Law also establishes Hebrew as the official language. Previously, Israel relied on a holdover British Mandate provision that gave official status to Hebrew, Arabic, and English. Most multiethnic, multilingual European Union states give official status to the majority language. Spain, for example, requires all citizens to know Castilian Spanish, the official national language, even if their mother tongue is Basque or Catalan.

Another controversial provision of the law—declaring "the development of Jewish settlement" to be a national value that the government should promote—essentially restates policy adopted by the international community in 1922 in the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, which sought to "en-



courage... close settlement by Jews," but does not prescribe any particular policies. By contrast, Hawaii promotes homesteading by ethnic Hawaiians, and provides preferential land policies for them. In Jerusalem, the Palestinian Authority prescribes the death penalty for Arabs who sell land to Jews.

Nor does Israel have official religions, and nothing in the new Basic Law changes that. In this respect, Israel is more liberal than the seven European countries with constitutionally enshrined state religions.

Perhaps the best evidence that Israel needs constitutional affirmation as a sovereign Jewish nation-state is the eagerness of so many to denounce measures that are considered mundane anywhere else.

Any nations that object to Israel's Basic Law should remember that "What's good for the goose is good for the gander," then weigh their hypocrisy and stop pointing fingers. —Mark ★



Resolving the Arab-Jewish Conflict *continued from cover*

Syria and Israel and also to provide security of the State of Israel. Mr. President paid special attention to the issue during today's negotiations. I would like to confirm that Russia is interested in this development and will act accordingly. Thus far, we will make a step toward creating a lasting peace in compliance with the respective resolutions of Security Council, for instance the Resolution 338."



Article 1 of the 1974 Syria-Israel Separation of Forces Agreement provides:

"Israel and Syria will scrupulously observe the cease-fire on land, sea and air and will refrain from all military actions against each other, from the time of the signing of the document, in implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 338 dated October 22, 1973."

Security Council Resolution 338 — adopted following the 1973 Yom Kippur War:

"Calls upon all parties concerned to start immediately after the cease-fire the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 (1967) in all of its parts;"

Article 1 of Security Council Resolution 242 — adopted following the 1967 Six-Day War:

"Affirms that the fulfillment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East which should include the application of both the following principles:

- (i) Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;*
- (ii) Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;"*

When Security Council Resolution 242 was passed on 22 November 1967, the

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Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was not the sole spokesman for the Palestinian Arabs, having only been so appointed at the 7th Arab League Summit held in Rabat in October 1974.

Arabs living in Judea and Samaria (West Bank/“Territories”) were Jordanian citizens and possessed Jordanian passports following these Territories being unified with Transjordan on 24 April 1950 and subsequently being renamed Jordan. The PLO was expressly not claiming territorial sovereignty in the Territories or Gaza — **article 24 of the PLO Charter** proclaiming:

“This Organization does not exercise any regional sovereignty over the West Bank in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the Gaza Strip or the Himmah Area. Its activities will be on the national popular level in the liberational, organizational, political and financial fields.”

No additional Arab state in former Palestine — in addition to Jordan — was contemplated.

Hamas had not been founded.

Resolution 242 still contains the only internationally agreed formula for peacefully ending the 100-year-old Arab-Jewish conflict.

A conference to resolve this long-running conflict in accordance with Resolution 242 — co-chaired by America and Russia — would see Israel and every Arab state in the area attending, but would exclude non-states PLO and Hamas. Such a conference now looms as a possible Trump–Putin initiative, putting Trump’s unannounced “ultimate deal” on the backburner.

Going back to 1967 could indeed be the key to resolving the Arab-Jewish conflict. ★



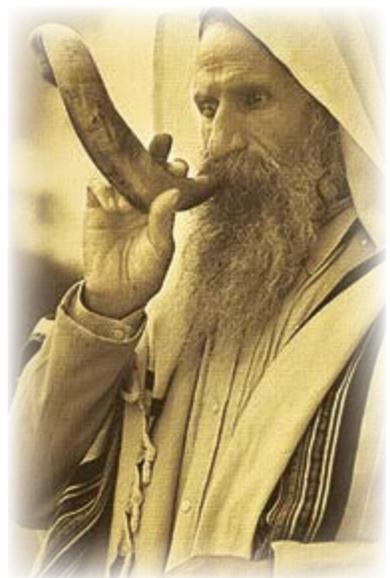
Rosh Hashanah — or Was It?

by **John Parsons**
Hebrew for Christians
Hebrew4Christians.com



In our cover story last month, Ron Cantor wrote about his observation that the Jewish New Year occurs on the first day of the *seventh* month — as far as possible from Nisan, the first month. In response, John Parsons, ZLM’s authority on Hebrew, explained that the contradiction isn’t as confusing as it appears to be:

Rosh Hashanah (“head of the year” in Hebrew) got its name because of statements made in Scripture regarding the ingathering at the end of the year in the fall, which the ancient sages inferred also marked the start of another year — in the fall. This autumn beginning was in addition to the new year of spring that would be proclaimed on Nisan 1 in anticipation of the Passover. These were clear teachings in Yeshua’s day. ★



Separate Ways to Salvation?

Dr. Todd Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
Staff Theologian



Q. Does God have separate ways to salvation for Jews and gentiles? Did the Jews murdered in the Holocaust go to Heaven?

A. We are all saved in the same way, whether Jew or gentile, and that is by faith alone in Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach alone. (Acts 16:30–31).



Peter Preaches to Jews and Gentiles, from book by Right Rev. Richard Gilmour, D.D.

Peter preached this crucial salvation truth without distinction to Jews and gentiles (see Acts 4:12; 10:43). The only difference is that the Jewish people were prepared to receive the Messiah before He came (because they had studied the Law and the Prophets revealed through the Scriptures), whereas the gentiles were largely ignorant of the revelations and Covenants that God had given to Israel.

Scripture makes clear that individual Jews who fail to receive Jesus as the Messiah will die in a state of sin and be eternally separated from God, just as Jesus warned in John 5:40 and 8:24. Matthew 23 closes with Jesus' pronouncement of judgment on the Israel of that day because they did not accept Him as the Messiah.

This is why Jewish evangelism is critically important: Jews don't have a shortcut to Heaven! The Word of God says that the Gospel must go to the Jew first (Romans 1:16) and also to the gentile. God's covenant with Abraham guarantees that the Jews will always be a nation, but the New Covenant is the only way that each one, individually, can be saved (Hebrews 9–10). The remnant of Israel (144,000 i.e. 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes) will be saved nationally when Jesus returns and they look upon Him whom they pierced and rejected (Zech. 12:10). But in the present age, individual Jews must believe that Yeshua is the Messiah in order to be saved. There is no other way (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Yeshua, not Christians, said in John 8:24 and in other places of the Gospels that if the Jewish people do not believe in Him, they will die in their sins. Jews, like gentiles, must experience spiritual rebirth in Jesus the Messiah if they are to be saved (John 3:3–5). Neither the Holocaust nor 9/11 gave anyone—Jew or gentile—a free pass into Heaven.

Any Holocaust victims who were sinless (that would be no one) or had faith in Yeshua were granted eternal life. So, yes, some were saved. Zola's book *Meshumed!* (Hebrew for "traitor" and [available in digital format](#)) gives a heartening account of Jews in concentration camps who accepted Yeshua as Messiah.

To see our ministry's replies to dozens of intriguing, frequently asked questions, please use [levitt.com](#)'s drop-down tab "Information" to access our [online "Q&A" list](#). Its categories include Jewish Holidays, Christian Holidays, The Jewish People, Christianity and Related Groups, The Bible, and Bible Prophecy. Adding one or two of these popular tidbits to your daily reading could add an enthralling dimension to your spiritual walk! —Mark ★



Planting Seeds in Mid-Flight



Robin and Sue Hopper

Flying from JFK to Tel Aviv with other **To The Jew First** (TJF) outreach members, I sat next to a friendly Orthodox Jewish man who was originally from New York City. Before taking off, I needed to take an aspirin to help the circulation in my ankles and legs, and this kind gentleman offered me his extra bottle of spring water.

When he wasn't sleeping, my seatmate studied the Talmud. My husband Robin offered him a copy of **The Return Of The Kosher Pig** (right) in Hebrew, Itzhak Shapira's journey toward the true identity of the Divine Messiah, the one previously considered unkosher and unacceptable by Jewish people. My fellow passenger gladly inspected and read it for about 15 minutes but did not keep it for himself.

Nevertheless, we continued our friendly visit during our long flight. I told him that my husband had a few volumes of the Talmud and asked if he had the whole set. Yes, he did. He told me that he had started learning Hebrew as a toddler and also that all of his family except his grandfather had died in the Holocaust. I gave him my sincere condolences. We briefly discussed anti-Semitism of the past and also of the present. I mentioned how much the Jewish



people and Israel had contributed to improving the world in the fields of agriculture, science and medicine, technology, and others. We both agreed that a more important gift to the world from Jewish people was their sharing HaShem (the God of Israel) and His Word. I expressed my belief that you need both the *Tanakh* (OT) and the *B'rit Hadashah* (NT), as without one or the other, you have an "amputated Bible" — an expression coined by Zola's mentor, Dr. Tom McCall.

I mentioned that the water he had given me reminded me that Messiah gives us the Living Water of salvation spoken of in the *B'rit Hadashah's* Book of John (John 4:10–14).

I pray that this dear lover of God will soon discover Yeshua as his true and personal Messiah. He and his wife have a large family of nine children and one grandchild. I pray for salvation for his family, as well. Even though he and

I did not exchange names, Yeshua knows him and his family by name and loves them each dearly.

As the plane landed and we parted, I reminded him to research Messiah Yeshua, the Living Water. Unfortunately, I did not yet have a complete Hebrew Bible to offer to this faithful man, as the team picks them up after we land.

Our ministry's **To the Jew First** seasoned road warriors tirelessly focus on witnessing to Jews, Arabs, and anyone else who will lend an ear to two-Testament Bible teaching. Many Israelis remark on how struck they are by the time and trouble our volunteers take to carry the Gospel's Good News to the Land whence it came! [Your donation to ZLM](#) and **To The Jew First** help Sue and the outreach team continue this productive ministry. Thank you for your prayers and giving. — Editor ★



Sue Hopper
TJF team member

Weighing and Praying

A Note From Mark
by **Mark Levitt**
ZLM Director



Which Daystar time should we keep?

Network	Day	US Time Zones			
		Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Freeform (ABC Family)	Sunday	2:30 am 5:30 am	3:30 am	4:30 am	5:30 am
Daystar Network	Wednesday	8:00 pm	9:00 pm	10:00 pm	11:00 pm
	Friday	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	6:00 pm

Month to month lately, our ministry has been deliberating whether to keep both of our airtimes on Daystar—Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons.

Which would you, Dear Reader, put on the chopping block? Perhaps neither, since both are important for reaching tens of thousands of viewers who don't have cable and won't or can't take advantage of [levitt.com](#) or [levitt.tv](#).

Surgeons must weigh which incisions and procedures are too risky for their patients. Nobody wants a cure that's worse than the disease. My analogy in August's issue likened this ministry's ongoing quest to reduce expenses to cutting fat, flesh, and bone. **I characterized our two Daystar times as flesh, though muscle would be more accurate.**

Some viewers won't set their DVRs (digital video recorders) to record our weekly *Zola Levitt Presents*; others can't. Much of our audience loves to watch live broadcasts on cable television. Do VCRs (videocassette recorders) and DVRs intimidate them?

Let's compare our two Daystar times in terms of convenience and accessibility for viewers who watch "live":

- Wednesday evening broadcasts are practical for viewers who work during the day.
- Friday afternoon broadcasts are more suitable for retirees who abide by "early to bed, early to rise."

How would an ambidextrous patient facing amputation choose between his left and right hands? He probably would postpone the decision as long as possible, advising his doctor, "I've grown quite attached to both!"

The Freeform (was ABC Family) Network, also shown on the above grid, has 1,200 cable affiliates. They give us remarkable reach. Freeform's wee-hour timeslots, however, are suitable primarily for viewers who record our program. In addition to dozens of full-power independent broadcast stations, our Dish and DIRECTV broadcasts are detailed at [levitt.com/schedule](#).

Unscrupulous televangelists have been known to implore their audiences to immediately drive donation checks to the post office. This ministry, by contrast, is neither crying wolf nor pleading about being on the verge of drowning. Instead, we're enduring a long-term, grinding battle of attrition during which we're seeking to preserve as much teaching territory as possible.

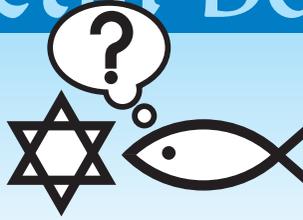
In my [July Levitt Letter Note "Pray About Your Two Pence,"](#) I reminded ZLMers not to donate beyond reason. Allow me to respectfully suggest that you pace your giving for a saga that could endure more than a year. Meanwhile, please bear in mind that your generosity in the short term will impact our decisions about the quantity and quality of our new TV programs and how far and wide to disseminate them. ★



ZLM Bulletin Board

Younger Evangelicals are Wavering ...

Over Israel. "Millennial evangelicals are less supportive of Israel and of the U.S.'s involvement in the conflict with the Palestinians. Only 58% of evangelicals ages 18 to 34 hold positive views of Israel, versus 76% of evangelicals over 65." Source: LifeWay Research, an evangelical polling group, after surveying more than 2,000 people. Gary Burge, a professor at Calvin Theological Seminary, observed that the younger generation is less likely to quote Bible passages about Jerusalem, and more concerned with ethics and treatment of the downtrodden. Supporters of Israel court young evangelicals, but so do its critics.



MEMRI Reports on McCain:

August 26: In an Alhadath Alyoum TV broadcast, Egyptian TV host Sayyed Ali referred to recently deceased Senator John McCain as a terrorist and "orchestrator of chaos." He accused McCain of orchestrating the revolutions in Syria and in Egypt, of supporting and training terrorist groups, and of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood with the goal of realizing "Israel's dreams of becoming a religious state." A banner during the segment read: "John McCain, Enemy of the Arabs, Dies at the Age of 82."

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Questions & Answers About Estate Planning



"Come Home!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details



Made Whole with God

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תָּמִים תְּהִיָּה עִם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ

“You shall be wholehearted with the LORD your God.” (Deut. 18:13)

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“your God”			“the LORD”	“with”		“you shall be”		“whole”		

The Scriptures warn that a “double-minded person is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8). The Greek word translated “double-minded” is *dipsuchos* (δίψυχος), a compound formed from δις, “twice” and ψυχή, “soul.” The word describes the spiritual condition of having “two souls” that both want different things at once. It is, therefore, a state of inner contradiction, of having two separate minds holding contradictory thoughts. The Spirit asks: “How long will you go limping between two opinions?” (1 Kings 18:21).

Notice that the word translated “limping” is *posechim*, from the same root as *Passover* (i.e., *pesach*). So how long will you pass from one desire to another? How long will you play “hot potato” with your commitments?

On the other hand, our Scriptures teach: “You must be *wholehearted* with the LORD your God.” Note that the word “wholehearted” in this verse (i.e., *tamim*: תָּמִים) is often translated as “perfect” or “blameless” in many Bible versions, though it is better to understand the word as connoting being made “complete” or “whole.” When God said to Abraham, “I am El Shaddai; walk before me and be *tamim* (Gen. 17:1), He was not saying “be perfect” or “don’t ever make a mistake,” but rather “be fully engaged.” In other words, He instructed Abraham to walk before God passionately, sincerely, with all his heart, and by doing so to “walk out” the relationship with full assurance that he was accepted and beloved by God.

Likewise when Yeshua said “Be therefore perfect as your Father who is in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48), He meant that we should be complete, finished, and “made whole” by knowing and receiving the overflowing love and light of God.

“You shall be wholehearted” is a mandate to know who we are, to know what is truly good as distinguished from what is evil, and to be united with God’s passion to be healed from our ambivalence (Psalm 86:11). We are made “whole” or “perfect” (i.e., complete) when we resolutely turn to God for healing of what divides our hearts, as it says: “The Torah of the LORD is *perfect* (תְּמִימָה), *returning the soul*” (Psalm 19:8). Therefore, understand the statement “You shall be wholehearted with the LORD your God” to be *a prophecy of transformation for your life, friend*. Be confident that the One who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion (Phil. 1:6).

Now may you know “the love of Messiah that surpasses knowledge” so that you may be made whole and filled “with all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19). Amen. ★



Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection



Close Encounters with Yeshua DVD Set

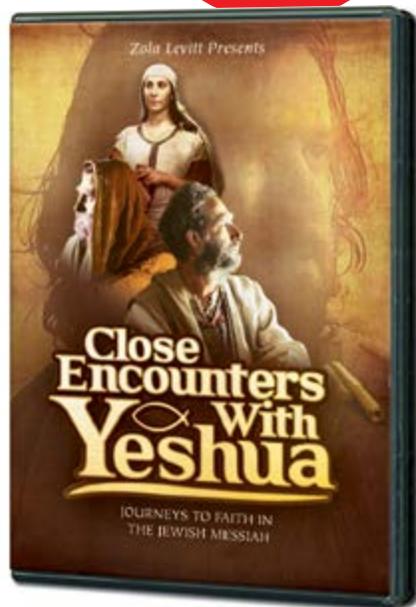
10 programs on 2 DVDs

Close Encounters with Yeshua focuses on how Yeshua/Jesus came to Earth supernaturally, ministered, and today calls people to Him. David and Kirsten Hart introduce this ten-program series from the studio, while Myles and Katharine Weiss teach from Israel.

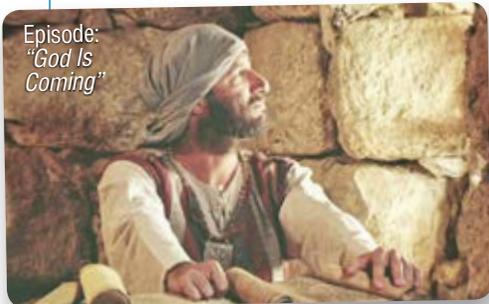
God is Coming Abraham's travels in the desert led him into dependence on and relationship with his God. *Interviews:* Dean Bye of Return Ministries; and Chaim Malespin of the Aliyah Return Center.

Humble Beginnings In a simple animal stall, Yeshua entered the world as a baby, lived to fulfill the Law, and promised to return as the Lion of Judah. *Interview:* Pastor Daniel Sayag of Carmel Congregation.

Jewish Context As a boy, Yeshua came to the Temple to offer sacrifices. Later, He became the sacrifice, the Lamb of God. *Interview:* Karen Davis of Carmel Congregation.



Episode:
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Miraculous Ministry Near the Sea of Galilee, Yeshua performed miracles that amazed many but disturbed others. *Interview:* Eric and Terri Morey of The Galilee Experience.

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Living Water At the recently discovered Pool of Siloam, location of cleansing rituals, Yeshua performed a miracle that proved Him prophet, priest, and the King we await. *Interview:* Arab pastor Vincent Shammas.

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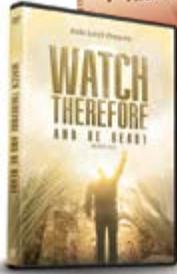
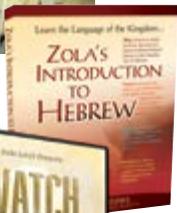
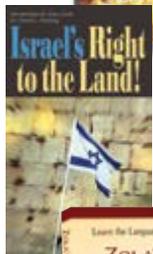
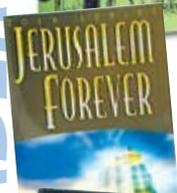
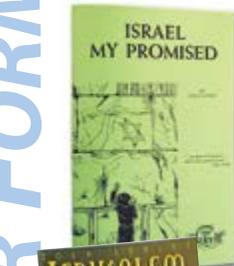
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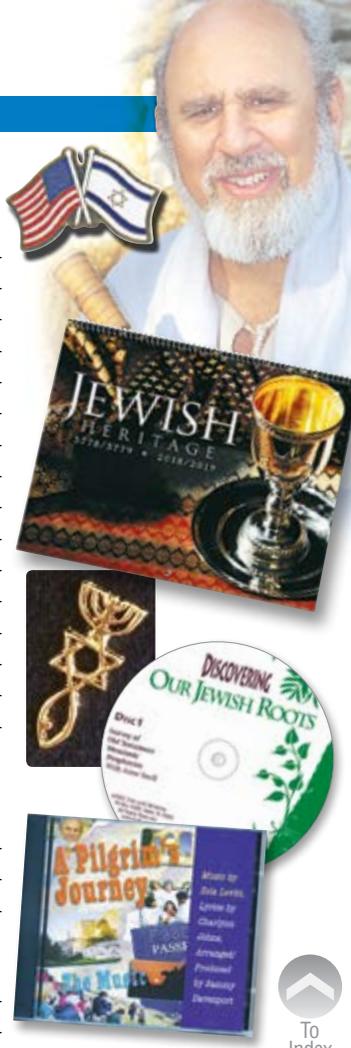


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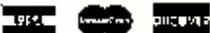
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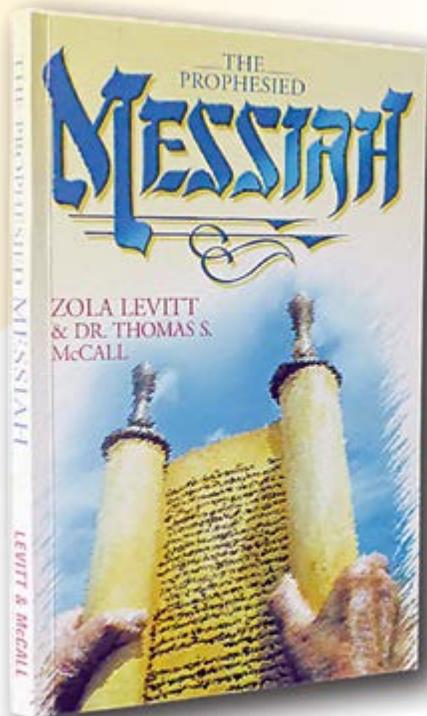
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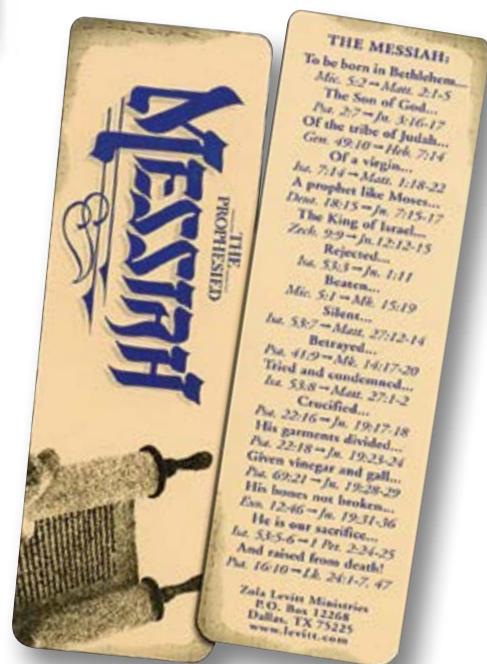
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A Messianic Testimony From Galilee



BY CHARLES GARDNER (r) IsraelToday.co.il

Early followers of Jesus, who were mostly Jewish, came under fiery persecution, often from their own people. Jesus was crucified, and many of His disciples suffered similar fates at the hands of the Romans.

Apostle Paul persecuted the “new movement” — even presiding over Stephen’s stoning — until his dramatic encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus.

In some respects, we see a repeat today as significant numbers of Jews recognize Jesus as Messiah, and many, especially in Israel, experience discrimination from their fellow Jews — though not the vicious persecution that Christians currently suffer in the Muslim Middle East.

Zev Sigulim, a Messianic Jew in Tiberias, witnessed seven years of harassment from Orthodox Jews and had to fly to Cyprus to get married because traditional rabbis don’t recognize Messianic Jews. Some even refused to circumcise his sons.

A new campaign seeks to bring discrimination against Messianics to the government’s attention. Messianic Jews from the Diaspora meet with hindrances when trying to make *aliyah* (immigrate to Israel), and yet Jews who follow Buddhism or a New Age religion do not face this second-class treatment.

Zev accepts that being a disciple of Yeshua has always been costly, and delights in a way of life totally informed by his faith. From an Ultra-Orthodox background, Zev takes his five children to a weekly Messianic congregation in Netanya, an hour’s drive away.

Many of Zev’s Polish ancestors perished in the Holocaust, after which the family emigrated to Canada, where his father married. He then moved the family to Israel, working for a Christian company and becoming a secret Messianic Jew.



Zev Sigulim

After he died in a car accident, his wife, who had noticed the change in his life, became sympathetic with Christianity in spite of opposition from the rest of the family, who disowned them. (Many Jews see Christians as historical persecutors, especially in view of the Holocaust in “Christian” Europe.)

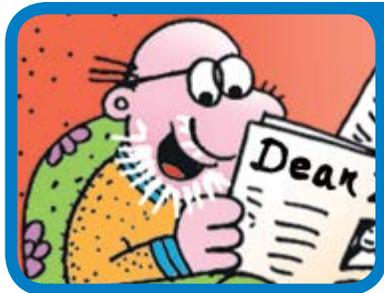
When Zev’s father died, his mother, who was pregnant at the time, became a Believer, impressed by the compassion and witness of the Messianic Jews. Orthodox Jews protesting the Messianics’ presence in the city harassed the family.

“They picketed outside our house for seven years,” Zev said. “My two brothers and I are all believers in Yeshua. But I worried about being spat at and barred from certain activities; I kept my faith to myself. Then, at the Naval Academy, a friend saw me reading the Bible and scolded me for not revealing my belief: ‘Think of all the conversations we could have had.’”

“It hit me that I had wasted my time, and I prayed to God for boldness and opportunities to speak of Yeshua. Inevitably, my faith grew.”

Pointing out that 95% of Messianics come to faith through non-Jews, Zev encourages gentiles to share the Gospel with them. But he worries that most Christians don’t know enough about the Old Testament, which is essential for witnessing to Jews. ([See p. 20 for tips of effective witnessing.](#)) ★





Letters to ZLM

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It's Good To Have Zola Back

Dear ZLM,

I have been wondering why you didn't show Zola's old teaching tapes. I tuned in today and guess what? I heard and saw our old friend! Thank you so very much. GOOD never gets out of date. — P.S.

Dear P.S. —

Though the standard definition of Zola's videos doesn't suit HDTV, the picture quality is fine on a computer screen and, as you say, his Bible lessons and teaching style never go out of date. — Editor

Where's The Love?

Dear ZLM,

Re: David and Kirsten co-hosting *ZLP*. Weren't the gentiles grafted in? And wasn't that Yahweh's plan all along? Where is the love we are to show each other as followers of Christ? From what I gather, the Harts truly love Yahweh and Israel. Don't let Satan divide us. — R.R.McD. (FL)

Dear R.R.McD. —

Thank you for recognizing God's hand in our hosting *ZLP*. We can't change the religious background of the families we were born into. If Kings Hiram and Solomon could work together (1 Kings 5), we know that God has great plans for our involvement in this ministry. — David & Kirsten

Finding Zola Levitt Presents (ZLP)

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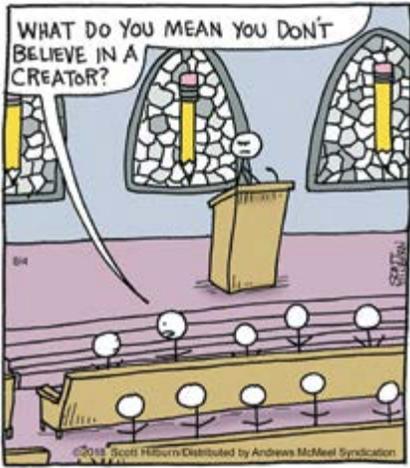
We find it nearly impossible to watch *ZLP* on TV anymore due to current scheduling, so rely on the *Levitt Letter*. I learn so much! Thank you for your service and dedication. — J.J. (GA)

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Dear ZLM,

How can I get *ZLP* air times for North Central and Western TV stations? — E.I. (TX)

Dear E.I. —

Our ministry is about to enclose our national television schedule with an upcoming *Personal Letter*. And clicking on "[Zola TV](#)" at levitt.com lets you not only see our schedule but also access our video archives, podcasts, Zola's music, and more — all free! If you've given away your printed *ZLP* schedule, please ask for a free replacement. — David

A Final Go-Round

Dear ZLM,

Your [May 2018 Levitt Letter](#) cover showed a suggestion of what Jesus may have looked like. Ha! Some people got upset, but I personally agree! What if Jesus looked like that? Are we so shallow that we stop believing in Him?

The pictures we usually see show a wimpy, pretty boy. But Jesus walked through the desert; so He could have had bugs in His beard because I'm sure a beauty salon wasn't on every corner. Most of the day, the sun beat on Him, so He could have been very dark. And the sun could have aged Him.

Doesn't the Bible say that Jesus wasn't much to look at? [[Yes, Is. 52:14](#)] He was humble. Because it was hot, His hair may have been cut short. He may not have cared about appearance. So, what if Jesus looked like the picture on your cover? SO WHAT! He's still my Savior. — J.S. (TX)



The May 2018 *Levitt Letter* cover image

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Dear Mark,

Reading [July's Letters to ZLM section](#), I felt sorry for the critical people, especially about what Yeshua may have looked like.

A long time ago I pictured Him looking like Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, so I was amazed when I saw the May LL cover. It was confirmation for me. He is no thug! Here is Cahn's picture ([top right](#)). I'm right, aren't I?

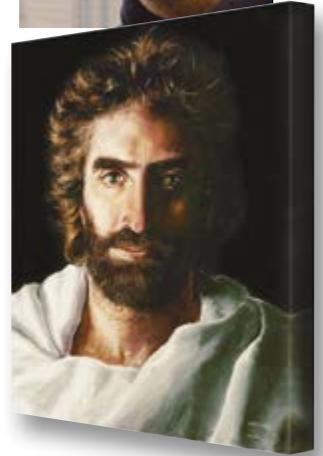
I praise the Lord for ZLM. Your dad was my first teacher in 1977 when I was born again. — D.P. (GA)



Dear ZLM,

The true story told in *Heaven is for Real* relates that 4-year-old Colton Burpo recognized the face of Jesus when he saw 8-year-old Akiane Kramarik's portrait of Jesus ([lower right](#)). Jesus uses little kids when He does things like reveal Himself in unique circumstances, because kids believe a lot more easily, and they don't question or pick apart or doubt, as adults usually do.

I believe Jesus looks masculine, with dark hair, olive-tan skin, and eyes that look right into your soul. He should look Jewish rather than white with long hair and a Roman nose. The Lord can do whatever He wants. So, if He gave Colton and Akiane a glimpse of Himself in their circumstances, it must have been to encourage and give joy to us adults. I love Akiane's painting. — A.K. (WI)



top: Rabbi Jonathan Cahn
bottom: Akiane's portrait of Jesus



Response from a ZLM staff member

ZLM's office also received multiple phone messages from an irate reader who denounced our "offensive material." Our [May cover story](#) mentioned forensic evidence that suggests what Jesus *may* have looked like during His earthly ministry. A staff member listened to the voicemails and summed up the ministry's collective take (below). We'll now let this "controversy" rest.

This poor guy. I feel for him. If you cannot encounter an opposing viewpoint without going ballistic, then your college degrees have failed you.

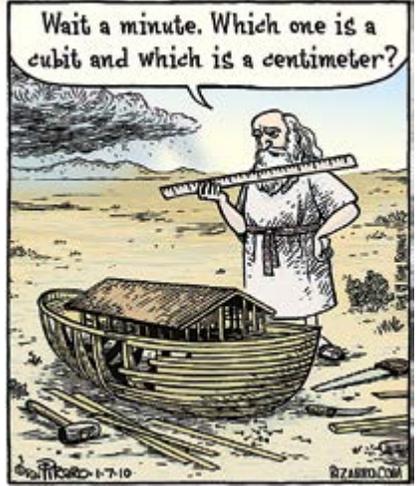
When I first saw May's cover image, I thought, "Maybe, maybe not." I didn't go rocketing off a cliff. The caller's outrage sounds like a knee-jerk reaction, but let me address his very strong denunciation in case he is not alone.

Our caller apparently neglected to engage critical thinking. First, he asserts that by publishing the article, ZLM endorses its interpretation of how Jesus could have looked. It seems not to occur to him that the point of sharing the article might be to spark insight or debate, or simply to remind Believers that Jesus didn't look like a Norwegian. Our Savior resembled His earthly kin. What does this fellow think Jesus looked like that he is so vociferously certain of what He did NOT look like?

The caller also seems to miss that the article was written for a technology and science publication, *Popular Mechanics*, by an author who reports on using scientific methods to determine what Jesus may have looked like (rather than what the rest of us rely on: images from childhood, movies, subconscious cultural prejudices, or wishful thinking). He ignores that the image "**simply depicts an adult man who lived at the same place and time as Jesus.**"

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The article clearly states, “**images of Jesus have been left to the imagination of artists, influenced by their cultures and traditions.**” And there we have it. **The only thing we KNOW about Jesus’ image is from Isaiah: “He has no form or comeliness, and... there is no beauty that we should desire Him”** (Isaiah 53:2). So we know He wasn’t handsome by worldly standards, but that’s about it. Because of His earthly ethnicity (and the reasons given by J.S. on [p.23](#)), we can be pretty certain He wasn’t tall or blond or pale-skinned.



So, what are we left with? The image in this article may not be far off. The fact is, any tangible images of Jesus are nothing more than guesswork. And no one, not even our caller, can claim with any certainty that the article’s forensic anthropologist’s interpretation is less accurate than his own.

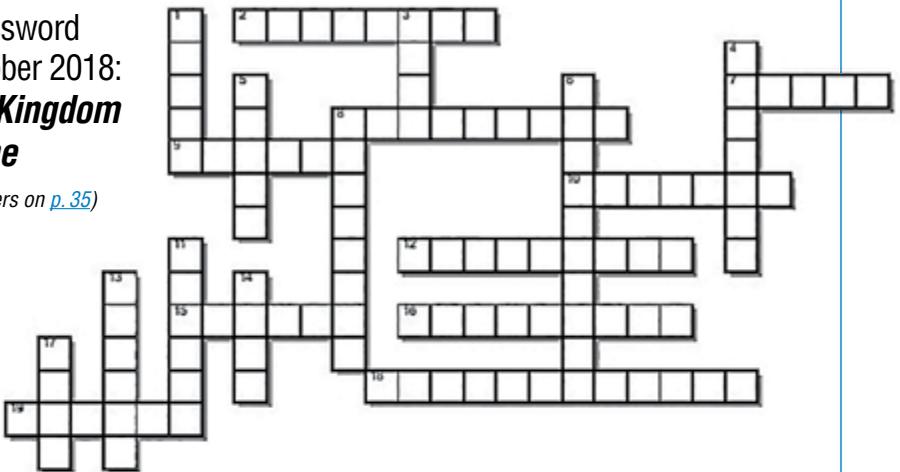
Whatever image our caller holds in his mind, encountering this report’s different interpretation has rocked the poor guy’s world.

Ultimately, this question has to be asked: **What difference does it make?** Would our dissenters still accept Jesus as Savior and follow Him if He were short and looked Middle Eastern? Will they be disappointed on that glorious day if they stand face-to-face with a diminutive, dark-haired Savior and look into a pair of dark eyes? ★



Crossword
October 2018:
***Thy Kingdom
Come***

(answers on [p.35](#))



ACROSS

2. Now is the ___ of this world... (John 12:31 KJV)
7. And God called the dry land ____ (Gen. 1:10 KJV)
8. And let them make Me a ____ (Exodus 25:8 KJV)
9. And I saw a great white ____ (Rev. 20:11 KJV)
10. Like as I ___ with your fathers... (Ezekiel 20:36 KJV)
12. The ___ shall never be removed... (Prov. 10:30 KJV)
15. And He carried me away in the ____ (Rev. 21:10 KJV)
16. He hath made every thing ____ (Eccl. 3:11 KJV)
18. Blessed are they that do His ____ (Ev. 22:14 KJV)
19. ...and He ___ on the seventh day... (Gen. 2:2 KJV)

DOWN

1. And there shall be no ___ there... (Rev. 22:5 KJV)
3. And a river went out of ____ (Gen. 2:10 KJV)
4. ... on the Lord Jesus Christ... (Acts 16:31 KJV)
5. And there shall be no more ____ (Rev. 22:3 KJV)
6. ...have we not ____ (Matt. 7:22 KJV)
8. ...and He shall ___ them... (Matt. 25:32 KJV)
11. ...for the former things are ___ away. (Rev. 21:4 KJV)
13. Ye shall know them by their ___, (Matt. 7:16 KJV)
14. For the Lord hath chosen ____ (Psalm 132:13 KJV)
17. ...every ___ shall bow to Me... (Romans 14:11 KJV)

Laser Science Taps 2,300-Year-Old Technology



SCIENCE: AMERICAN FRIENDS
OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY / AFTAU.org

Scientists at Tel Aviv University (TAU) have harnessed a 2,300-year-old water displacement technology to develop a novel laser beam that traps and moves particles in specific directions.

“We have created a light beam that looks and acts like Archimedes’ screw,” says Dr. Alon Bahabad of the Physical Optics Laboratory at TAU’s School of Electrical Engineering. “Instead of traveling in a straight line like regular laser beams, our beam consists of two helical strands, akin to the shape of DNA, and we can use this beam to move very small particles, whose size ranges between tens of nanometers to about 10 microns.”

Archimedes, a Greek scientist who lived in the 3rd century B.C., is credited with inventing one of the first effective water pumps: a broad-threaded screw, bent around an axis encased by a cylinder or a tube.



European laser warning symbol required for Class 2 lasers and higher

From Water to Light

“A major challenge in laser optical trapping is how to move particles toward a light source,” Dr. Bahabad says. “This is a problem because particles tend to move with the flow of light, or are pushed ‘downstream,’ so to speak. Our objective was to generate an upstream movement. We’ve done this by referring to an ancient idea.”

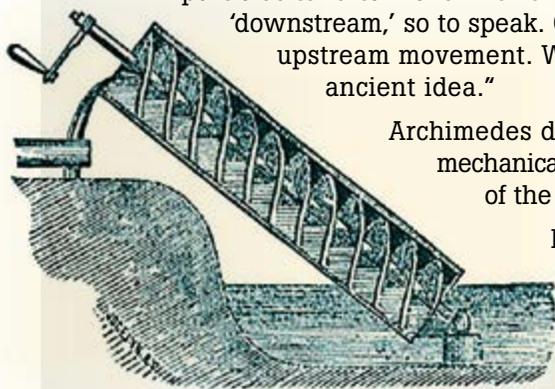
Archimedes demonstrated that the rotation of a mechanical screw displaces water along the axis of the screw, against the pull of gravity.

Dr. Bahabad and his team combined different light beams to alternate bright and dark areas. “When the particle is in a bright area of the beam, it gets hot and is pushed away by air molecules toward darker regions,” says Dr. Bahabad. “When we rotate the beam, the dark

areas move and carry the trapped particles with them. This is how a vending machine with a screw moves snacks.

“We believe that our discovery can find uses in biology, materials sciences, spectroscopy, or any field that requires monitoring different materials or biological samples.”

Video: The optical Archimedes’ screw in action. Two particles in the center of the image are trapped by the optical screw and are conveyed alternately downstream and upstream by rotating the screw in alternate directions. ★



Archimedes’ screw, from *Chambers’s Encyclopedia* (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1875).



Dr. Alon Bahabad



Medical Wine and Tea?



MEDICINE: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY / AFTAU.org

A new Tel Aviv University (TAU) study suggests there is hope — in green tea and in red wine — of treating certain inborn congenital metabolic diseases.

Most people with inherited metabolic disorders are born with a defective gene that results in a critical enzyme deficiency. In the absence of a cure, many must adhere to a strict and demanding diet their entire lives. This new research finds that certain compounds found naturally in green tea and red wine may block the formation of toxic metabolites.

The research, led by Prof. Ehud Gazit of TAU's Faculty of Life Sciences and his doctoral student Shira Shaham-Niv, was published in the *Nature* group journal *Communications Chemistry*.

The researchers considered two compounds: (1) epigallocatechin gallate, known as EGCG, found naturally in green tea, which has attracted attention within the medical community for its potential health benefits; and (2) tannic acid, found in red wine, which is known to prevent the formation of toxic amyloid structures that cause neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

"When the body does not produce a vital metabolic enzyme," Shaham-Niv said, "metabolites — the building blocks of DNA and proteins — accumulate in the body. Uncontrolled accumulation is toxic and can cause severe developmental and mental disorders. Our study demonstrates the ability of nature to produce the best candidate of drugs to treat some of the worst human maladies."

Collectively, inherited metabolic disorders include a significant portion of pediatric genetic diseases. The disease phenylketonuria (PKU), which produces the aggregation of the metabolite phenylalanine, is common. Infants with PKU must adhere to a strict diet free of phenylalanine for the rest of their lives or face severe debilitating developmental problems.

"But phenylalanine is found in most of the food products that we consume," Shaham-Niv said. "We hope that our new approach will help in developing new drugs to treat these disorders."

The new research focused on EGCG and tannic acid using test tubes and culture cell systems. The two substances were tested on three metabolites related to three innate metabolic diseases: adenine, cumulative tyrosine, and phenylalanine. The results were promising. **Both tannic acid and EGCG were effective in blocking the formation of toxic amyloid structures.** The researchers also used computer simulations to verify the mechanism driving the compounds.

"We are entering a new era of understanding the role and the importance of metabolites in various diseases, including metabolic diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, and even cancer," Shaham-Niv concluded. "The tools we have developed are groundbreaking and have tremendous potential to help a wide range of patients." ★



Prof. Ehud Gazit



Attending Church ... or Not

BY DANIEL BURKE, Religion Editor (r) CNN.com



Considering the long, slow slide in church attendance, social scientists and religious leaders blame it on everything from the Internet to the politicization of conservative Christianity. A new Pew Research Center study offers a survey of 4,729 Americans explaining precisely why they do (or don't) attend religious services.

Some of their answers are unsurprising. Americans who don't believe in religion don't attend church because ... duh.

The Reasons People Attend

Here are the top 10 reasons given by Americans who attend religious services at least once a month. Respondents were allowed to mark more than one reason; the percentage refers to how many offered it as "very important" in their decision:

1. **To become closer to God.** (81%)
2. **So their children will have a moral foundation.** (69%)
3. **To become a better person.** (68%)
4. **For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow.** (66%)
5. **Valuable sermons.** (59%)
6. **To be part of a faith community.** (57%)
7. **To continue their family's religious traditions.** (37%)
8. **Feel obligated to go.** (31%)
9. **To meet new people or socialize.** (19%)
10. **To please family, spouse, or partner.** (16%)

African-Americans are most likely to rank becoming closer to God, being a better person, and finding spiritual solace as top reasons. Sermons draw fewer Catholics than other Christians. Women claim a variety of reasons for going, while men more commonly say they sit in the pew to please their spouse.

A healthy slice of adults younger than 30 say they visit church mainly to socialize. Perhaps coincidentally, they are also less likely than older churchgoers to say they feel God's presence at services.

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The Reasons People Skip

Survey respondents gave these reasons for skipping regular religious services:

1. Practice their faith in “other ways.” (37%)
2. Are not Believers. (28%)
3. No reason is “very important.” (26%)
4. Haven’t found a house of worship they like. (23%)
5. Don’t like the sermons. (18%)
6. Don’t feel welcome. (14%)
7. Don’t have the time. (12%)
8. Poor health or mobility. (9%)
9. No house of worship in their area. (7%)

When you read the phrase “practice their faith in other ways,” it may be tempting to visualize dreadlocked “Jubus” (Jewish–Buddhists) and Thoreau wannabes wandering barefoot around Walden Pond. But that’s not the picture painted by Pew’s data.

The Believers most likely to “practice their faith in other ways” aren’t spiritual freelancers; they’re Republican women in their 50s, and a lot of them are Christian. Of those who believe but don’t regularly attend, nearly 7 in 10 identify with a particular tradition, including 6 in 10 who say they are Christian.

More than half of Believers who don’t attend regularly are women who haven’t found a house of worship they like, because they have poor health or difficulty getting around or because 54% haven’t felt welcomed by congregations. That’s especially true of African-Americans, both men and women, who don’t go to services because they don’t feel welcomed or can’t find a local place to worship.

While religious leaders cater to Millennials’ tastes, or at least what they perceive to be Millennials’ tastes — coffee bars, hip young clergy, mission trips to exotic locales — this study suggests an underserved group of Believers would like to go to services if only someone could help get them there and welcome them when they arrive.

While Zola Levitt Ministries is not intended to replace regular church attendance, tuning in to solid Bible teaching on television can narrow this worship gap that is widening in American culture.

All nine reasons for declining church attendance highlight the increasing importance of Zola Levitt Presents reaching viewers on their television and computer screens. For the 23% who can’t find a house of worship they like, our Bible lessons and inspirational praise and worship are invaluable.

The 18% who are bored by church sermons should appreciate top-drawer visual teaching on location from where most Biblical events occurred. Moreover, our teaching reaches the 14% who don’t feel welcome by congregations, the 12% who don’t have the time, and the 9% who simply can’t get there.

Even the 7% who have no local house of worship can find our program via their library’s computer connection. Beyond filling a growing need while church attendance diminishes, our cutting-edge Biblical commentary and explanation of prophecy fulfillment reaches out to the non-church-going 28% who are not yet Believers but may be intrigued by captivating television. — Mark ★





Western Wall (Kotel)

Western Wall Confusion in the UK Press

By Simon Plosker / HonestReporting.com

Jerusalem's holy sites returned to the news recently when Britain's Prince William visited Jerusalem's Old City, including the Western Wall (*Kotel*), during his stay in Israel. *The Times of London's* initial report erroneously referred to the *Kotel* as "the most holy site in Judaism."

In fact, **the holiest site in the world for Jews is the Temple Mount itself**, the location of the First and Second Jewish Temples. For the last several hundred years, Jews have prayed at the Western Wall because it was the closest accessible place to Judaism's holiest site and is the holiest site where Jews are allowed to pray.

The media's error is important as it reinforces Palestinian efforts to delegitimize Jewish historical ties to the Temple Mount. (*Please see related article next page.*)

SpaceIL Moon Launch

JPost.com

An Israeli spacecraft will launch in December with a goal of landing on the moon next February.

SpaceIL, an Israeli nonprofit organization among the five finalists for Google's Lunar XPRIZE, reiterated its campaign mission despite Google canceling the \$30 million cash prize in January.

Founded in 2011, SpaceIL ran into financing issues last December but received funds from a variety of sources, including the Israel Space Agency.

SpaceIL said its team was at the "most advanced" stage with regard to landing a probe on the surface of the moon, bringing Israel closer to "joining the prestigious circle of the three superpowers that have managed to reach the moon: the United States, the former Soviet Union and China."



SpaceIL

The spacecraft will launch on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket in December and is expected to land on February 13, 2019, completing its mission in two days' time. The probe will collect data, which will be studied at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

In 2016, the company ran a promotional campaign at Ben Gurion Airport with a model of the craft, asking travelers to send a selfie with the spacecraft, which would be brought to the surface of the moon.

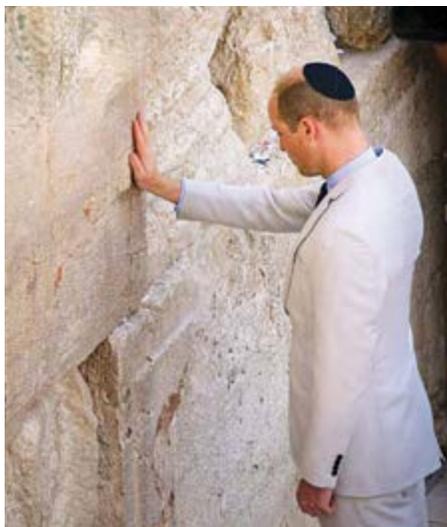
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Prince William's "Heavy Stone"

By Ryan Jones / *Israel Today*



Prince William visiting the Western Wall

During British Prince William's recent three-day tour of the Holy Land, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat requested an audience. That, however, would put the Brits in a sticky spot. Prince William's official itinerary described his visit to Jerusalem's Old City, Western Wall, and Temple Mount as taking place in "Occupied Palestinian Territories." Having the Israeli mayor of the city

*It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a **heavy stone** for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.*

(Zechariah 12:3)

show up and accompany the prince there would be perceived as an endorsement of Israeli claims to a united Jerusalem.

The British delegation invited Barkat to a reception with Prince William at their ambassador's residence in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan. But Barkat insisted the meeting should take place in Jerusalem, or not at all.

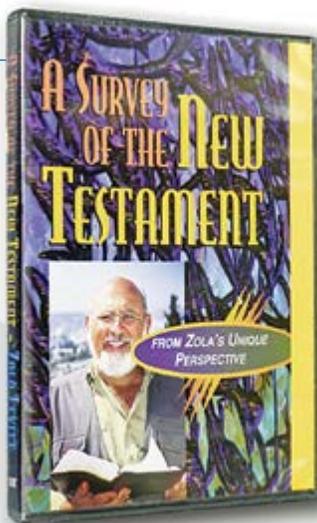
The irony is this: It was Britain's liberation of Jerusalem from Ottoman rule just a month after the Balfour Declaration's publication that electrified Christians and Jews awaiting the prophesied rebirth of Israel. Today, meeting the Israeli Jewish mayor of Jerusalem in that very same city is seen as politically incorrect. ★



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Archaeologists Without Borders?



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY AMANDA BORSCHEL-DAN (r) TimesOfIsrael.com

Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls, the most famous fruit of Israeli archaeology, were discovered, actually lies outside the accepted border of the State of Israel.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls have been described as the most important archaeological discovery of the 20th century, and I agree with that," says University of North Carolina Prof. Jodi Magness. "Of course, Qumran is in the West Bank."



University of North Carolina archaeologist Jodi Magness

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Favorite Projects

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5th-century mosaic of a fish swallowing an Egyptian soldier. The scene depicts the splitting of the Red Sea from the Exodus story. (Synagogue at Huqoq, in northern Israel.)

Magness currently directs the excavations of a Roman-era synagogue in Huqoq, which has garnered startlingly beautiful and unusual mosaics illustrating Biblical scenes, including the first depiction of Jonah in an ancient synagogue. "All of these findings are revolutionizing our understanding of Judaism in the Talmudic Period and Jewish settlement in late Roman-Byzantine Galilee," she wrote.

But for Magness, the 2007 discovery of Herod's tomb at Herodium, also outside the Green Line, is the most important recent find.

Likewise, one of the most developed and enjoyable archaeological parks in Israel today, Jerusalem's City of David, is built on land annexed by the State of Israel following the 1967 Six-Day War. For some, this mires the historical heritage site in political controversy.

But for former Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) Jerusalem district archaeologist Prof. Dan Bahat, who excavated the Western Wall tunnels in the mid-1980s, the "whole story" of Israeli archaeology in the capital could only truly begin after the 1967 war. Only then did ancient portions of Jerusalem become available for scientific research.

Although there had been excavations in East Jerusalem sites prior to the end of the British Mandate, "many of the questions from the work before 1967 only got their answers after."

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photo: Amanda Borschel-Dan/Times of Israel

Davidson Archaeological Park in Jerusalem's Old City



Bahat recalled an early visit to a part of the City of David called Area G “when there was almost nothing to see.” Today, he said, “a visit to the City of David takes at least half a day, and it’s very exciting to visit there.”

He called the Davidson Archaeological Park “the pearl in the crown” of Jerusalem archaeology, referring to the area abutting the

Western Wall that is slated to accommodate a government plan for a pluralistic prayer pavilion. (Bahat has petitioned the High Court to stop its construction.)

For the now-retired archaeologist, the segment of the park commonly called Robinson’s Arch is of utmost import. “Nowhere else can you so clearly see the results of the 70 A.D. Roman conquest, and really feel how everything ended.” ★



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Fallen Second Temple building blocks from Robinson’s Arch pluralistic prayer platform next to the Western Wall

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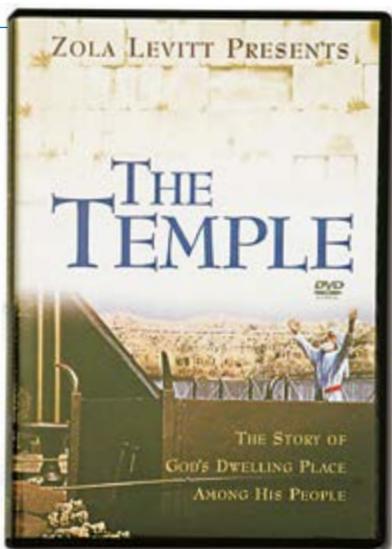
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Razan and Laila

ISRAEL TODAY

The deaths of two “innocent” participants in the demonstrations on the border between Gaza and Israel have been circulating in the media. The first victim of the alleged Zionist aggression was an eight-month-old baby, Laila al-Ghandour, who was said to have been killed by Israeli tear gas. The second victim was Razan Al-Najjar, a nurse, who was reportedly shot by Israeli snipers while helping injured demonstrators. In the case of the baby, the obvious question would be: what was a baby doing at a violent demonstration at which tires were being burned, stones were flying, and the whole area was an out-and-out battlefield?

[*The New York Times* later reported: “The Ghandour family acknowledged that Layla suffered from patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), a congenital heart disease commonly described as a hole in the heart.” *Arutz Sheva* reported: “ Hamas paid the family of the baby \$2,200 to say she died in clashes with Israeli forces.”]

The female medic Razan Al-Najjar is said to have been shot in cold blood, but the Israeli army explained that she died when Palestinians were attacking IDF soldiers who, in accordance with the strict rules of engagement, were defending themselves. Many discrepancies regarding the incident also remain.

Various photos and videos of that day show this nurse wearing different sets of clothing. In one, she is seen wearing a bulletproof vest for journalists, while

in another she dons the white robe of a medic. Her traditional Muslim headscarf also changes colors. It is anything but clear how and why this young woman died. **But for Pallywood and its fans in the international press, there can be only one conclusion: Israel is guilty.**



Palestinian propaganda cartoon

Pallywood is the Palestinians’ anti-Israel propaganda machine. In its never-ending agenda to spew faux history/news, “Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity” (to quote Abba Eban), in this case by failing to come clean when caught ginning up fake news. — Mark ★



JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.



Brotherly Love

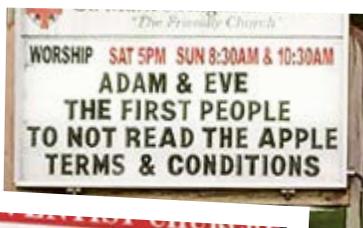
On Sunday morning, as he had been doing for a number of years, 8-year-old Abe was attending Hebrew School. His class had just discussed one of the Ten Commandments—the one about honoring your father and mother—when the teacher asked, “Now, who can tell me which Commandment tells us how to deal with our brothers and sisters?”

Abe put his hand up and answered proudly, “Thou shalt not kill.”

A cheerful heart is good medicine—
Proverbs 17:22

Signs for the Times:

Some low-tech responses by churches to our high-tech culture ★



Answer Key for October 2018 Crossword (p.25)

Across:

- 2. Judgment
- 7. Earth
- 8. Sanctuary
- 9. Throne
- 10. Pleaded
- 12. Righteous
- 15. Spirit
- 16. Beautiful
- 18. Commandments
- 19. Rested

Down:

- 1. Night
- 3. Eden
- 4. Believe
- 5. Curse
- 6. Prophesied
- 8. Separate
- 11. Passed
- 13. Fruits
- 14. Zion
- 17. Knee



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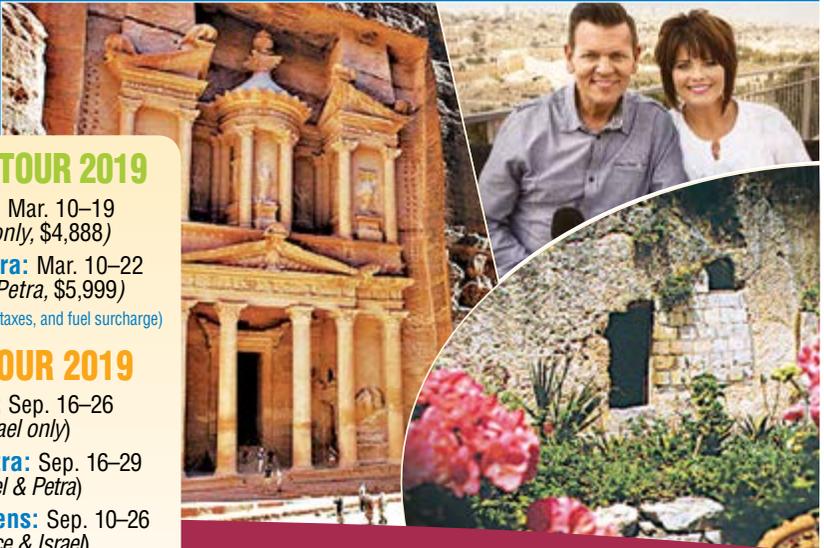
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