



Levitt LETTER

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

Rising “Christian” Anti-Semitism in America

By Michael Brown / ChristianPost.com

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Soon after I came to faith in Jesus in 1971, my mystified rabbi gave me a book that detailed the history of anti-Semitism in the Church — a shocking, painful, and often bloody history. It made for some very difficult reading, replete with disturbing quotes from revered Church fathers, Catholic popes, and the great reformer, Martin Luther.

In the eyes of many Jews, there was a straight line from the Church Fathers to the Holocaust. How could this be? The Christians I had met had a great love for the Jewish people, even a reverential respect. To this day, Evangelical Christians are Israel's best friends. “Christian” anti-Semitism? As an Iranian Christian once told me, “You cannot love Jesus and hate the Jews!”

Over time, I discovered that many Christians are completely unaware of their painful history with the Jewish people. Catholic
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When Evangelicals Make Jesus Look Scary to Jews

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Popular Evangelical pastor and broadcaster **Rick Wiles** (right) recently alleged on his “TruNews” program that the impeachment efforts against President Donald Trump are an attempt by Jews to “take over America.” These kinds of anti-Semitic conspiracy delusions are not new for the well-known Evangelical broadcaster, but in this most recent spew he has outdone even his nasty self.

The title of the broadcast is a dead giveaway: “Jew Coup: Seditious Jews Orchestrating Trump Impeachment Lynching.” In the
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NEW! Two new television stations to watch *Our Jewish Roots*:
TBN – Thursdays at 6:30 pm ET (5:30 CT) (4:30 MT) (3:30 PT)
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A New Morality?

Classic Zola
from 1981
39 years ago



TIME magazine recently ran a rather naïve article called “Aftershocks of the Me Decade” — a review of the book by Daniel Yankelovich, the pollster whose opinions frequently appear in that magazine.

Author Yankelovich thinks that the “me” decade is over with, and he predicts a new “ethic of commitment” on the American scene. “We are no longer selfish,” writes the polltaker, who termed the last presidential election [of Reagan] “too close to call.” He predicts that we are now going to become a nation concerned with the common good, full of self-denial and a “search for community.” But even *TIME* thinks “this rosy vision is fairly flimsy.”

While most of us would readily agree that the 1970s were a selfish decade, thinking people are aware that the '60s were pretty much the same, and so were the '50s. **As a matter of fact, a long line of those “me” decades started with the serpent in the garden.** I wasn't aware that America of the 1980s had found the solution to selfishness yet.

There is one way in which *TIME*'s predictor of things to come may be right after all. If the Rapture of the Church comes sometime soon, the decade will finish off nicely with “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men.”

Wouldn't it be wonderful to finish the second decade of the millennium with the Rapture this year! (I know there are two schools of counting, but let's assume that a decade ends with 10 not 9.) — Editor ★



The article mentioned here by Zola appeared in the August 3, 1981 issue of *Time* magazine.



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hour-long tirade of garbage that comes out of his mouth, Wiles explains to his gullible listeners: “That’s the way the Jews work, they are deceivers, they plot, they lie, they do whatever they have to do to accomplish their political agenda.”

Wiles goes on to warn his large Christian following that “This is a coup led by Jews to overthrow the constitutionally elected president of the United States and it’s beyond removing Donald Trump, it’s removing you and me [U.S. Christians]. That’s what’s at the heart of it.”

Believers need to be aware of the kind of hatred being promoted by these “Christians.” “You have been taken over by a

Jewish cabal,” he warns. “The Church of Jesus Christ, you’re next. Get it through your head! They’re coming for you. There will be a purge. That’s the next thing that happens when Jews take over a country, they kill millions of Christians.”

Every Christian and Jew should be concerned by these dangerous and vicious attacks on the Jewish people, which gain a lot of traction in the world that promotes lies, scandals, and hatred, especially on the internet. Of course, spreading this hate and fear reflects poorly on Jesus, and you can only imagine what the Jewish people think when an Evangelical regurgitates such venom. ★



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Note: please see our [Classic Zola Collection](#), described on [p.23](#) and offered on [p.19](#). ★

Rising “Christian” Anti-Semitism in America *continued from cover*



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historian Edward Flannery: “The vast majority of Christians, even well educated, are all but totally ignorant of what happened to Jews in history and of the culpable involvement of the Church. . . . Those pages of history that Jews have committed to memory are the very ones torn from Christian (and secular) history books.”

This is what led me to write *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood: The Tragic Story of the “Church” and the Jewish People* [see [p. 5](#)]. Since I could relate to both church and synagogue, I wanted other Christians to feel the pain that the Jewish people had felt.

Yet, in all my travels at home and abroad (mostly in Evangelical circles), I witnessed very little “Christian” anti-Semitism. To the contrary, I experienced an outpouring of philo (loving)-Semitism in nation after nation, from Mexico to Korea, Kenya, and India. Where I did see signs of “Christian” anti-Semitism, it was on the fringes.

Not so today. It is on the rise in Catholic circles as well as among Evangelicals, some of whom seem obsessed with bashing the Jews. What I have discovered is chilling.

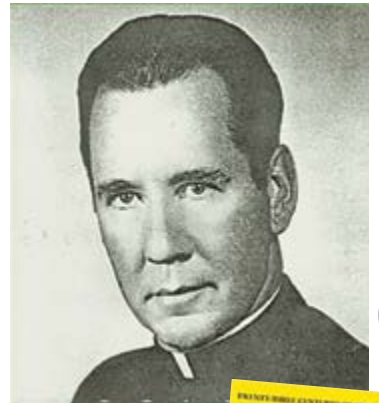
Bestselling Evangelical author **Texe Marrs (1944–2019)**: “Zionism — a satanic ideological force in opposition to all things good and even to life itself for three thousand years — and its accompanying religious disease, Judaism, are the champions . . . in terms of the total number of innocent men, women, and children being imprisoned in concentration camps, beaten, bludgeoned, raped, robbed, humiliated, and unmercifully slaughtered.”



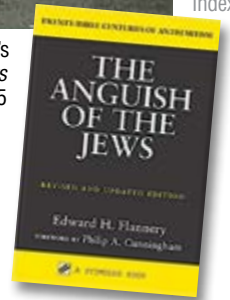
Texe Marrs called Judaism “a religious disease”

Echoing those sentiments is Evangelical broadcaster Rick Wiles on his TruNews TV network. [See cover side story.] Wiles commented, “Our culture has been decimated through pornography, raunchy movies and television shows, violent rap music, and all of it owned by the

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Father Edward Flannery's *The Anguish of the Jews* published in 1965





Rick Wiles called Jews "the synagogue of Satan"

synagogue of Satan. . . . You cannot stand for Jesus Christ and righteousness in this world without confronting the synagogue of Satan."

Similarly (albeit, with more erudition) is Catholic scholar **E. Michael Jones**: "Jews are never content to integrate themselves into existing structures, whether those structures are states, universities, art museums, or the military. They feel compelled to infiltrate and subvert the institutions which admit them as members."

Owen Benjamin, an alt-right comedian and professing Christian, declared that Jews use pornography to destroy the masculine strength of American men so that they will be unable to father children and protect their families from Jewish control. "The Jews are only one percent of the population and yet they're **in control of the media, all of banking, pornography, opioids.**"

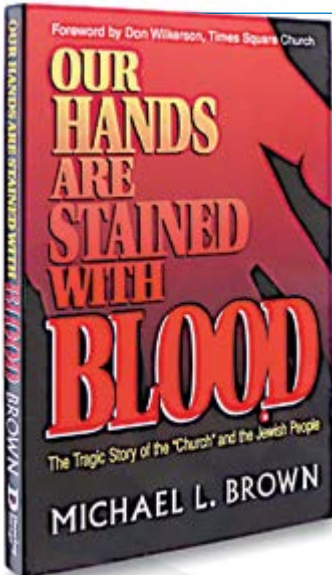


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Owen Benjamin: Jews "destroy masculine strength"

These "Christian" influencers represent but the tip of a very dangerous, lie-infested iceberg. And they reflect the alleged ideology of the Poway (California) synagogue shooter, who felt it was his Christian duty to slaughter the Jews. It's time we wake up and uproot these insidious lies once and for all. Anti-Semitism has no place in the heart or mind of a true Christian.

For more on anti-semitism in "Church" history, please see the book "[Our Hands Are Stained With Blood](#)" below. ★



[Our Hands Are Stained with Blood](#) book by Michael L. Brown

"And they'll know we are Christians by our love."

Contrary to the sweet sentiment of this hymn's lyrics, this book documents with unrelenting intensity the prolific anti-Semitism at the hands of the "Church." From the first "Christian" persecutions of the Jews in the 4th century to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust to anti-Semitism in today's pulpits, this book is a sure cure for someone who imagines persecution of God's Chosen is a hoax. It is a history every Christian must understand.

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(Please see this month's [cover story article](#), continued above.)

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The Greatest = Love

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Zola Levitt Presents



With the last name of “Hart,” I am rather fond of February. Granted, the spelling of our last name denotes a woodland creature — a red deer stag. But when you say Hart, you think and hear *heart*. February of 1989 is when David and I started to fall in love with each other. It’s been a phenomenal ride since then, and I have loved every minute of our journey. So, Happy February from the Harts to you!



credit: Lightstock

This is a month and season that traditionally concentrates on showing expressions of love. While some of us see flowers, cards, and, perhaps, chocolates as physical forms of expressing love for one another, our Savior gives us a beautiful example of what *agape* — the highest form of love — looks like.

God incarnate, the Creator and Redeemer, walked this planet in human flesh. As a man, He showed us what real love looks like. Yeshua loved the unlovely; He dined and fellowshiped with the outcasts, and He chose twelve best friends who weren’t from lofty positions. Jesus literally turned the image of love upside-down.

Yeshua made people *feel* loved. I wish I could use a time machine to go back and see for myself what His eyes looked like as He talked and laughed, enheartening weary, lost, and beaten souls. I imagine that even a single glance from Him would make someone feel immense worth and immeasurable grace.

I often ponder the Bible verse where Jesus tells us, *“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father”* (John 14:12). That verse is incredible because *you and I* have that same exact Spirit and power in us. Through the Holy Spirit, we have the same ability to look into the eyes of downtrodden souls and give them the same pure love that Jesus imparted to everyone He came in contact with. That’s an incredible ability!

We at ZLM are a ministry whose heart beats for Israel and the Jewish people. Have you been able to study the Church’s history with the Jews? It’s horrific! You are capable — whether in your town or traveling in Israel — of showing the same deep love to every Jewish person you meet, just as Yeshua did two thousand years ago. I think we could change the world, simply with our love.

This Valentine’s Day have fun. Give sweet Valentines, but also remember that you have the greatest power of love within your soul — the Holy Spirit. Speak words of kindness and change lives with a love that is beyond your natural understanding during February and beyond. ★



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Why Are You Crying Out to Me?

You may remember attending your school assemblies as a child, but we who grew up in Israel never had them.

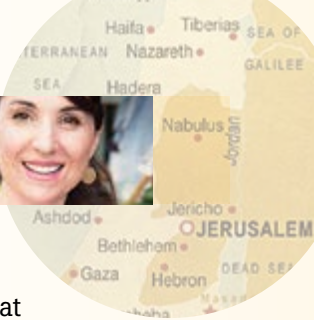
This week I happened to be at my son's middle school for morning assembly. Curious about what goes on, I listened in. The students had prepared a special ceremony as it was IDF (Israel Defense Forces) Wounded Soldiers Awareness Day.

The school invited a young commander from Golani, a highly regarded combat unit in the Israeli army, to speak to the older children about his experiences in combat when soldiers were wounded. He spoke about several local war heroes the kids had heard of and relayed details about some difficult situations his unit faced while fighting adversaries. He described life for the wounded who were living with their injuries' daily impact on body, mind, and soul.

One of his officers was badly wounded, paralyzed from his neck down. Speaking to him the young commander recalled asking: "If you knew that this would happen — that you would have this horrible injury for the rest of your life — would you have acted differently?" The officer replied: "I wouldn't have changed anything. I would have gone forward just as I did that night."

The officer's answer reminded me of the Israelites fleeing Egypt at the first Passover. Standing in front of the Sea of Reeds, Moses finds himself facing an impossible situation. He's got a sea in front of him, over a million people he's leading behind him, mountains

On the Ground in Israel
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on both sides, and the world's most dangerous army at that time coming after them.

When Moses cries out to God, God's reply is astonishing: **"Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on"** (Exodus 14:15).

Only when Moses and the people of Israel actually moved forward did God perform the miracle and save them. Up to that point, they could not imagine a resolution to the situation; in fact, they accused Moses of wrongly leading them into the desert to die! I wonder how many times we imagine the worst, facing difficult circumstances from which we see no way out. If only we could see God's perspective and move according to His plan. That knowledge is available to those who follow Yeshua, *because His death gained us full access to the throne room.*



Israel's escape from Egypt, illustration from a Bible card published 1907 by the Providence Lithograph Company

God is always looking to work in your life. He only needs someone who is willing. In these early months of 2020, are you facing an impossible situation that's holding you back? Perhaps an unfixable problem or an impossible dream? Trust in God's goodness and **MOVE FORWARD**. Miracles await! ★



Religious Freedom in Israel and the Arab World



PART 3: BY JOEL C. ROSENBERG (r) JPost.com



"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." — Proverbs 31:8–9

At a conference designed to make the advancement of religious freedom a top global priority and give voice to many who feel voiceless, the author spoke from "An Israeli Evangelical's Perspective," and focused on the state of religious freedom in Israel and the Arab-Muslim world. In [December](#) and [January](#), we reviewed Israel's widespread religious freedom and meetings with Muslim heads of state. This month we consider...

Progress in Muslim Nations

I'm pleased to report that something very hopeful is happening to the safety and freedom of Christians in the Arab world. Not long ago, radical Islamists were beheading Christians in Libya, burning down churches in Egypt, waging genocide against Christians in Iraq and Syria, and vowing to exterminate Christianity through our region.

Today, the situation in some Arab locales is vastly different.

- **SAUDI ARABIA** No churches have been built — yet — but I pray this will change soon. Still, there are important signs of progress. Thousands of extremist preachers have been fired from the mosques. Christian foreign nationals are increasingly allowed to gather in private homes for worship and Bible study without government interference. And the crown prince is beginning to reach out to leaders of other faiths, not only meeting with Evangelicals, but with the Coptic Orthodox pope in Cairo, the Archbishop of Canterbury in London, and Jewish leaders in New York.



Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud



Credit: The White House from Washington, DC.

Credit: Casa Rosada (Argentina Presidency of the Nation)



Pope Francis

- **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** Some 700 Christian churches now operate without fear of government persecution. New houses of worship are being built. And in February 2019, the UAE welcomed Pope Francis to lead a mass attended by 185,000 people and broadcast on live TV — the first time a Roman Catholic pontiff has ever stepped foot on the Arabian Peninsula in the 1,400 years of Islam.

- **JORDAN** King Abdullah II granted land along the Jordan River so that 13 Christian denominations could build

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churches and baptize Christians. Through documents like “The Amman Message” and “A Common Word,” the king has taken the lead in promoting religious moderation, tolerance, and respect for Christians. Indeed, **I would argue that under his leadership, Jordan is the safest and freest country for Christians in the entire Arab world.***

- EGYPT** Perhaps the most dramatic progress is being made in Egypt. Under the leadership of President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, every church destroyed during the Muslim Brotherhood’s reign of terror has been rebuilt. Some 6,500 new churches have applied for permission to operate legally, and more than 1,000 have already been granted approval. The rest are operating freely while their applications are being reviewed, since the new church-building law states that the government has no right to close churches that have filed formal applications.



President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Credit: The White House from Washington, DC

In January 2019, President el-Sisi asked me to bring an Evangelical delegation to attend the dedication of the Nativity of the Christ Cathedral near Cairo. I was honored to do so, and then visited the cathedral again a few days later with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

When was the last time that a devout Muslim president, leader of the world’s largest Arab country, built a church—the largest in the Middle East—and gave it as a gift to the Christians of his country on Christmas Eve?

This was a game-changing moment, sending a powerful message not only to all Egyptians, but to all Muslims, that Muslims and Christians really can live together in peace, despite our real and profound differences.

I recently met with Bahrain’s foreign minister and ambassador. I told them how encouraged I was by King Hamad’s commitment to tolerance and moderation, and by his landmark “Bahrain Declaration” issued in 2018 to further advance religious freedom.

I don’t want to paint a rosy, naïve picture. Enormous challenges remain for Christians and other religious minorities in the Arab world. Deep change must occur in education, culture, and government.

That said, as a dual U.S.–Israeli citizen and Jewish Evangelical building friendships with leaders throughout the Jewish and Muslim worlds, I see signs of hope. And I believe that when leaders of any country advance real reforms and make real progress—especially in the area of religious freedom—they should be publicly praised, even as we encourage them to do more. ★



top: Yemenite Jew blowing a shofar
middle: Druze sheiks in traditional dress

bottom: Prayer in Cairo, detail of painting by Jean-Léon Gérôme (1824–1904)



* Zola Tours pilgrims will attest that Jordan’s rose-red city of Petra lives up to Joel Rosenberg’s perceptions of peacefulness. —Sandra, Zola Tours manager

Which Occupation?



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Ask someone at random what Israel should do to resolve the longstanding Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the answer you're most likely to get is "end the occupation."

For most Westerners, this means the occupation of the West Bank (acquired by Israel during 1967's Six-Day War).

However, for most Palestinians, "the occupation" consists of "historic Palestine," which includes the whole of Israel. For most Palestinians, the occupation (*Nakba* "disaster") began in 1948 when the State of Israel was born, and only continued in 1967



when Israel took over the West Bank. **Therefore, they won't be satisfied by anything less than the elimination of the State of Israel.**

In a speech on Palestinian TV in October 2013, Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Mahmoud Abbas stated: "All Palestinian land is occupied — Gaza is occupied, the West Bank is occupied, the 1948 lands [i.e., Israel] are occupied, and Jerusalem is occupied."

In a survey, Palestinians were asked: "If Israel left the West Bank and Gaza, would there be peace with Israel?" Most answer in the affirmative until it is clarified that Israel would still exist next to an independent Palestinian state. Respondents then make it clear that "ending the occupation" means Israel proper as well.

The symbol of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which seeks to end the occupation, shows a map of not the West Bank but all of Israel, the "liberation" of which is the real goal of the BDS campaign.

The chant heard at virtually all pro-Palestinian rallies: "From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free." The river is the Jordan River and the sea is the Mediterranean Sea. In other words, Palestine is Israel. **Regardless of what Westerners think, Palestinians view the occupation to include all of Israel, in other words, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ramat Gan, etc.**

This is nothing new. Palestinians have been vowing to destroy Israel from day one, even before the 1967 occupation of the West Bank. Prior to the 1948 war, Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti of Jerusalem, made it clear that the Arabs did not intend merely to prevent the birth of the Jewish state, but "would continue fighting until the Zionists were annihilated."

Understanding the Palestinians' view of the occupation helps explain their otherwise inexplicable rejection of numerous offers by Israel and the international community to create their own independent state living side-by-side with Israel (1937, 1947, 1967, 2000, 2008). As the survey cited above makes clear, Palestinians have no interest in living alongside Israel. They are determined to end the occupation "from the river to the sea."

The next time you hear someone say, "If only Israel would end the occupation, there would be peace," ask them, "end *which* occupation?" ★



Is This Mormon Practice Biblical?

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Q. Is baptism for the dead a Biblical practice?

"What will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?"

— 1 Corinthians 15:29

A. Whenever you come across a Scripture passage that is difficult to interpret, one sure technique is to look at other Scripture to help clarify the meaning. The next step is to look at context and ask what events might have prompted the passage to be written.

Scripture clearly teaches that baptism does not bring salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, apart from anything we do (Eph. 2:8–9; Galatians 2:16; Titus 3:5). So, 1 Corinthians 15:29 cannot mean that a dead person can be saved through some sort of proxy baptism by the living (as the Mormons falsely teach and practice), or that we should baptize the dead.

Two possible situations might have led Paul to write 1 Corinthians 15:29.

1. Living Believers came to faith and were baptized after being drawn by the example and faith of other Believers who eventually died. Paul asks: If there is no resurrection of the dead or life after death, why are people coming to Christ and being baptized because of the testimonies of now deceased baptized Believers?
2. Paul had already noted various factions among the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 11:19). In another heresy, the false teachers deny the resurrection (15:12) but still baptize in proxy for the dead. Paul asks: Why baptize if the dead will not be raised from death?



Paul Preaching, from *The Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation*, 1873

The heresy of baptism for the dead plagued the church at Corinth. That it is mentioned only here precludes it from being a normal practice that the Apostles approved or actually practiced. Proxy baptism for the dead or baptizing corpses is mentioned nowhere else in the New Testament, and none of the Apostles practiced it or mention it in their New Testament writings. It was, however, practiced by heretics in the early second century of the Church.

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Is This Catholic Practice Biblical?

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Q. What does the Bible say about celibacy and the ministry?

"For it is better to marry than to burn with passion."

— 1 Corinthians 7:7-9



Paul at the Areopagus by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, between 1851 and 1860, from *Die Bibel in Bildern* (1860)

A. Apostle Peter was married (Luke 4:38), and Aquila and Priscilla were married and greatly helped Apostle Paul. In 1 Corinthians 16, Paul commended and worked in ministry with this married couple, though he does not state what they did.

Paul declares that if one cannot remain single, he should marry and work with his wife for the Lord together. Paul indicates that marriage does not disqualify them from ministry.



Sometimes a married couple can have greater ministry effectiveness than a single person, for two can be better than one, as Ecclesiastes 4:9 makes clear. If Paul were eschewing the married state for ministry workers, he wouldn't have required the fidelity of each elder and deacon to his respective wife (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:5-9).

Paul warned of extreme teachings — “a doctrine of demons” — like prohibiting marriage for Christian ministers (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Balance is the key here (Proverbs 11:1). ★

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Victorious Ministry While Under Attack

To the Jew First team member August Rosado and I had a very interesting day of Gospel ministry in Tel Aviv and Netanya. At Tel Aviv's Dizengoff mall, we shared the Gospel extensively with **Salma**, a young Muslim woman. **I asked her about living as a Muslim in Israel, and she answered that she would live nowhere else.** She thoroughly enjoys living in the Land with the Jewish people as an equal citizen, affirming that she enjoys the same rights as everyone else.

Salma listened with open attentiveness when we shared the information that the God of the Bible chose the Jewish people so that He could send her a savior. We explained that as the Savior, Jesus atoned for her sins and offered her eternal life through His resurrection.

Salma received our gift of an Arabic language Gospel tract but wanted a copy of the Bible in Hebrew, telling us excitedly that she reads Hebrew without any problem. Yes, the Spirit of God is indeed opening the hearts and minds of Muslim Israelis like Salma.

In Netanya's major shopping mall, the Lord led us to share the Good News of Jesus the Messiah with **Guy and**

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Oriya, working at the Rebar yogurt store. Earlier, we suspected that a retailer had called security to report us after August disagreed with her when she denied the validity of the New Testament for the Jewish people. **This argument apparently upset the devil.**

But Guy and Oriya understood when we explained that Messiah Yeshua connects both Testaments of the Hebrew Bible. They were very curious and demonstrably grateful to accept a pair of Hebrew study Bibles. During this awesome time of ministry, the devil attacked again when August's cell phone issued a warning that all his data was about to be erased! August remained calm and finished this time of Gospel ministry with me. Fortunately, a nearby cell phone store employee managed to restore all his data.

Though the Enemy tried his best, the Lord thwarted his attack. Consequently, we victoriously proclaimed Yeshua's Name and His inerrant Word to spiritually hungry Muslims and Jews in the Land. ★



Guy and Oriya



Calling All Spiritual Warriors

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



Back in the day, Zola would advise when this ministry was flush for the moment and invite donors to give to others. In that spirit, I owe you 1) a sincere thanks for your generous year-end contributions and 2) a reminder not to give beyond your means.

The good news: ZLM has accumulated a badly needed war chest. We're geared up, ready to wage a major battle to add some quality TV airtimes. The bad news: Satan's minions are on to our expansion vision and eager to sabotage it.



Attn: Prayer Warriors. It might be time for kneepads.

On October 20, ten tornadoes tore through the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. The one measuring 140-mph winds blasted the office building where our ministry would have moved months before if not for improved donations last spring. With \$4 million in damage, that building remains closed.

The beastly tornado did not miss our mini warehouse where we store bookkeeping records, inventory, and recording masters. In fact, it blew a gaping hole in the ceiling that allowed our neatly stacked boxes to be blown about and soaked. If the devil was aiming for the components

of our 9-CD course *Discovering Our Jewish Roots*, then he mostly missed.

Decades ago, I asked course co-creator Anne Snell (God rest her soul), if she had scars on her back where her wings had fallen off. 😊 Far be it from me to label her a prophetess,* but what a perfect item she created to offer on our television program now called *Our Jewish Roots*!

What this ministry needs now more than money is heartfelt prayer. *Levitt Letter* readers know that I don't take spiritual warfare lightly. For months, however, I've seen satanic attacks that extend beyond this ministry's mini warehouse and nearby buildings.

To begin with, hackers moved funds between our bank accounts often enough that we now must notify the bank of each and every check we write. Our website, www.levitt.com, which gets 4,400,000 hits per month, is enduring increased infiltration attempts — over 17,000 per week! Our email exchanges have been plagued six ways to Sunday, exhibiting patterns attributable to gremlins.

The [September Levitt Letter bulletin board](#) described our octogenarian 23-year staffer Dahlia. Lately, fainting spells have kept her home for weeks at a time, and now she's on leave. Tony — the same Christian soldier who writes our *Personal Bible Study Letter* — is pinch-hitting for our 13-year shipping manager, recently resigned and facing two knee replacements.

Nonetheless, worker morale remains high. Our staffers love one another, doing the Lord's work together, and you! Now, rather than requesting your best donation, we seek your best prayers for Satan to stay the hell away and for the floodgates of spiritual blessings to open wide. For you who do your best fighting on your knees, it might be time for kneepads. ★

* After all, this is a "non-prophet" ministry.



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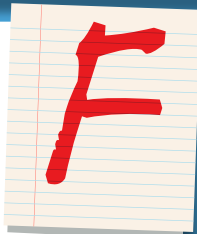
Two **NEW** TV Networks !!

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Homework or Gas Chambers?

A British elementary school teacher near London was fired after telling Jewish students that she would "ship them off to the gas chambers" if they didn't finish their schoolwork. Reportedly, 11 students in her class of 28 were Jewish. The un-named teacher was a substitute who claimed she was joking. She had no permanent employment contract at the school. Figures.



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More Than 9 Million Israelis

Israel's population of 9,136,000 inhabitants reflects a 1.9% increase of 211,000 people over the past year. Israel's 6.7 million Jews make up 74% of the populace while its 1.9 million Arabs comprise 21%. Israel has the largest Jewish population of any nation, and 43.2 percent consider themselves secular. Life expectancy is high in Israel—80.9 for men and 84.9 for women. Eighty-eight percent say they are comfortable with their situation, and Israel's population may top 10,000,000 in 2024.

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אל-תִּירָא כִּי עִמָּךְ-אֲנִי

“Fear not, for I am with you...” (Isa. 41:10)

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a-nee	ee-me-kha	kee	al-tee-rah
I am	with you	for	fear not

Yeshua forewarned of the moral depravity that would pervade mankind just before the time of His return: “Because lawlessness (i.e., *ἀνομία*, from *-α* (‘not’) + *νομος*, ‘torah’) will be increased,” He said, “the love of many will grow cold (i.e., *ψύχουμαι*, ‘be extinguished’)” (Matt. 24:12). Note the link between Torah and love: True love requires respect for God’s authority; for without that, the divine image is disfigured and desecrated. Likewise, Apostle Paul warned that the “End of Days” (הַיָּמִים אֲחֵרִית) would be marked by “times of peril” (*καιροὶ χαλεποί*), because people would become increasingly narcissistic, self-absorbed, infatuated with their own importance, abusive toward others, disrespectful to elders, ungrateful, heartless, unforgiving, without self-control, brutal, treacherous, and so on (2 Tim. 3:1–4). When Paul foresaw “times of peril,” he used the same word that described the character of the demoniacs mentioned in Matthew 8:28.

Therefore, in light of the spiritual war that rages all around us, it is vital that we remain firmly rooted in what is real by taking hold of our identity and provision as children of God. “God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power (*גְּבוּרָה* / *δύναμις*) and of love (*ἀγάπη*), and of a ‘sound mind’” (*σωφρονισμός*), i.e., a “delivered” mind, “healed” from carnal fears (2 Tim. 1:7). We are not to be troubled like the world that lives in terror of man, nor are we to crave “security” from the vain devices of mere men (Jer. 17:5). No—we must look to God Almighty, the Master of the Universe. He alone is our Refuge and Defense, the One who gives us steadfast love in the midst of these storms.

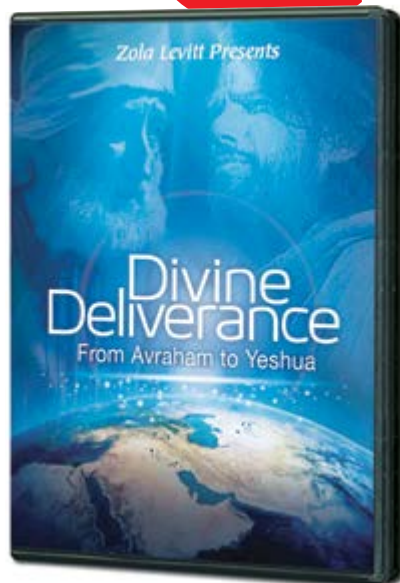
“For you yourselves are fully aware that the Day of the LORD (*יּוֹם-יְהוָה*) will come like a thief in the night” (see Matt. 24:42; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15). While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, like the birth pangs of Messiah: (*מְשִׁיחַ הַבְּלִי*), and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief” (1 Thess. 5:2–4). Note that a characteristic of this season will be an emphasis on peace and “security;” perhaps setting up a ubiquitous security grid that will monitor people. In light of this, “let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober ... having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah” (1 Thess. 5:6–9). **Amen.** ★



Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection

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Abraham A journey into an unforeseen future began with a step of faith toward a promised land. The God of Israel still leads those who follow Him, oftentimes through barren places. He shows His power in weakness.

Isaac The promise of a child to an elderly couple came in an angelic message. Father Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, involved an act of obedience by each of them. Their successful test of faith pictures the redemption to come.

Jacob Family dysfunction followed the birth of twin boys. The younger held tightly as he wrestled with the angel, wanting a blessing. Yet the best news of all time, the good news of salvation, came through this man who became "Israel."

Joseph Israel's sons experienced tension and betrayal before receiving redemption and deliverance from famine and drought. It is important that all people discover their Deliverer.

Moses At age 80, Moses heard the call of God to deliver His people out of Egypt. At that time, these former slaves gained access to the God of Heaven through His Holy Sanctuary. Today, Believers also have access to atonement and mercy. Deliverance is only a prayer away.

Ruth The loyalty of a young Moabite widow to her mother-in-law results in their deliverance from deprivation and in hope for the future as Ruth joins Messiah's lineage.

David The young shepherd boy had great confidence in his God. Anointed by the prophet Samuel, David became king of Israel and the ancestor of the King of kings.

Isaiah "He was despised... by His stripes we are healed ... all we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:3, 5, 6). The most quoted prophet of the Old Testament, Isaiah's writings point many to the deliverance found only in Yeshua/Jesus.

Ezekiel This exiled prophet saw dramatic visions of transformation: dry bones into living people, and water flowing from the dry mountaintop. God's grace and mercy fills people with a new Spirit and new life.

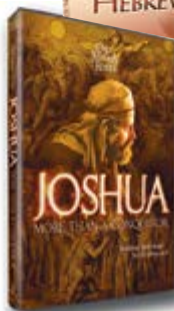
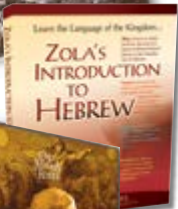
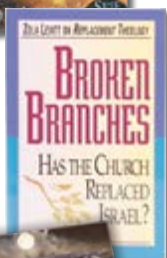
Daniel Even in the exile, Daniel kept his focus on the Lord, praying habitually. He saw events of the Last Days still to come. In these difficult times, we too should employ the powerful weapon of prayer.

Esther Winning a beauty contest positioned her to avert a pogrom to wipe out the Jewish people. God raises up people like Esther in each generation to deliver His people, culminating in the greatest redemption: through Yeshua.

Jesus On His last night, Messiah said that He wanted to be remembered by a Passover meal. He is the door, the light of the world, and the ultimate Provider of deliverance. We pray that you have experienced deliverance and follow Him.



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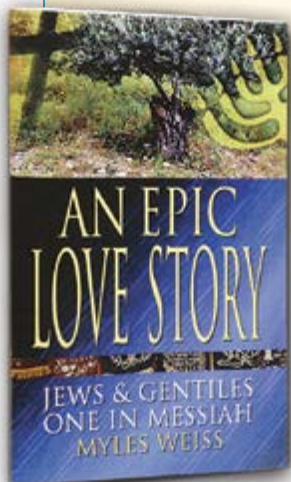
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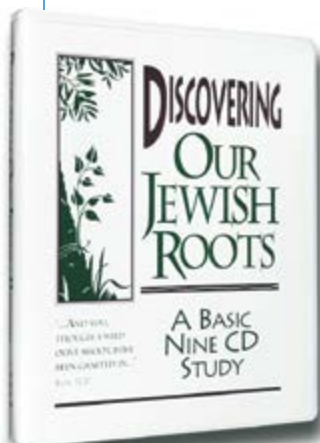
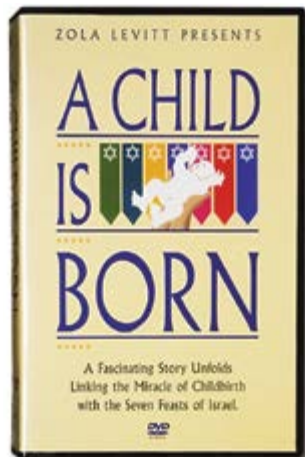
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Captured: *Winged Mossad Agent*

BY EDY COHEN (r) IsraelToday.co.il



credit: Doron Horowitz



left: vulture right: Twitter post of Mossad agent's capture

Israel's Mossad is responsible for Israel's security outside national borders. The renowned spy agency sometimes uses a variety of agents to infiltrate Arab countries according to the particular skills the task requires. In a recent case, a special agent was recruited, unlike any other.

A [video](#) posted in December on Twitter reported that a Mossad agent was captured in northern Saudi Arabia. The agent, it turns out, was a vulture. The official Saudi report determined that the "Mossad agent" was an Israeli vulture armed with photographic and "espionage" equipment. Saudi security forces were on their way to place him under arrest and take the bird away for interrogation. The poor vulture's fate is not clear, but chances are likely that it will be executed.

Alas, the innocent bird is not a Mossad agent at all but a vulture with a tracking device attached to its body by the Veterinary Department of Tel Aviv University exploring the migration of birds in the region. This is not the first time that a "Mossad agent" has been caught in Arab countries. A few years ago, another vulture captured in Lebanon was immediately suspected of being an Israeli attempt to spy on Hezbollah. About nine years ago, the Egyptians caught a shark along the coast of Sinai and, immediately suspecting that the Israelis had sent the fish, spread such rumors everywhere.

Sharks, carnivorous birds, pigeons, storks, and even squirrels have all been reported in recent years being used by Mossad. As strange as it may sound, many people believe these reports, and some of the animals were actually executed as punishment for "cooperating with the Zionist enemy." It is clear that, as most of these reports come from Arab countries, they are a result of an active Arab imagination that likes to attribute any unusual activities to a "Mossad conspiracy."

A lot of this hysteria stems from the trauma inflicted by the success of **Israeli spy Eli Cohen, who in the 1960s so successfully infiltrated Syria that he was appointed as the country's Minister of Defense.** Middle East Arabs have yet to get over the Cohen affair scandal and tend to attribute a lot of internal problems and abnormal incidents to the Israeli spy agency. ★





Letters to ZLM

For ministry products and TV programs, visit the [web store](#) and [video archives](#).

No donation too small

Dear ZLM,

My small contribution of 10 dollars at this time is not much, I know, but it's what I can afford. I want you to know that your program has been and is a blessing to me. —S.

Dear S.,

Thank you for your faithfulness! If every viewer of our program donated "only" \$10 a month, we would meet all of our budget and have a surplus to share. See Mark's column on [p. 14](#) to read how multiple donors like you have prepared ZLM to battle with Satan and how else you can help. —David

Anti-Semitism in prominent pulpits

Dear ZLM,

I enjoy the informative *Levitt Letter* each month and would love to return to Israel one day. In reading the [June 2019 cover article](#) about Replacement Theology, I was amazed at how many prominent pastors like Andy Stanley adopt a decidedly anti-Semitic stance. How can one have the New Testament without the Old Testament? —J.R.C. (KY)

Dear J.R.C.,

Our senior consulting theologian Dr. Thomas McCall agrees with you, calling a New Testament without the Old Testament "an amputated Bible."

Replacement Theology, unfortunately, will keep rearing its ugly head. We're thankful that you are wise enough to see how this false teaching has corrupted many in prominent church positions. We need to keep praying that people's eyes and hearts will be opened to the truth. We'd love you to come back to Israel with us! —Kirsten

Missing Zola

Dear ZLM,

It is amazing that our dear Zola has been gone nearly 14 years. **I back your decisions to rename the ministry and the newsletter, but please keep something of Zola Levitt's identity in the changes. He is still missed.**

I once received a postcard from the ministry telling me that Zola and his wife would be ministering nearby. I didn't realize how unique that experience would have been. I thought there would be other opportunities to see him in person. Thank you to all of you at the ministry, especially Mark! —L.M.B.

Dear L.M.B.,

Thank you for your heartfelt commiseration on missing my father. I do too.

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Please let me explain the change at ZLM for you and others with a humorous illustration:

Two Aggies (Texas A&M students) driving their pickup truck through Mexia,* Texas were bitterly arguing whether the proper pronunciation was *MEX-ee-ah* or *Meh-HAY-ya*. Finally, they stormed into the town's Dairy Queen and confronted the manager: "Please, tell us *real slow* how y'all pronounce the name of this place! Replied the bewildered manager: "Daaaaaiirrrry Quueeeeeeen." —Mark

Dear L.M.B.,

I'm writing this slowly for ZLMers who don't read very fast (another Aggie joke there; please forgive). **1) No one is renaming the ministry;** it is still *Zola Levitt Ministries*. **2) Its monthly Levitt Letter is still the Levitt Letter.** Though the television program is now called *Our Jewish Roots* instead of *Zola Levitt Presents*, **its teaching, hosts, music, classic Zola teaching segments, etc. remain unchanged.** —Manager of the Mexia Dairy Queen

* Population: <7,500. Motto: "A great place to live, no matter how you pronounce it."

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Name change

Dear ZLM,

Strongly disagree with name change. Been watching since very beginning! Okay to change to “Zola Levitt Presents Our Jewish Roots.” — G.R. (TX)

Dear G.R.,

Most television guides have room for three words at most, leaving off half of your suggested title. Since few gentiles grasp the significance of being a Levite, many will be more likely to tune in to *Our Jewish Roots* than to a TV program named for a member of an Old Testament tribe about which they know nothing. But thanks for voicing your opinion. — Mark

Challenging “Thanksgiving’s Dark Side”

Dear ZLM,

I take issue with Adam Berkowitz’s article ([November 2019 Levitt Letter, p. 21](#)) in which he implies Calvin’s and the Puritans’ anti-Semitism. Calvin was more conciliatory toward the Jews than the article presupposes. — J.D.

Dear J.D.,

You may disagree with Adam Berkowitz’s article. I’m pleased that his article got you thinking and digging for the truth. Even in America, unfortunately, anti-Semitism is once again on the rise, as you’ll read throughout this LL. Something to keep praying about. — Kirsten

Donating sensibly

Dear ZLM,

I agree with the change to *Our Jewish Roots* and appreciate the free program viewing at [levitt.tv](#). I really enjoy the *Levitt Letter* and pass it forward as well as email pertinent info to others (I wish the photos could be copied and pasted).

I recently sent a donation to you from my IRA. I don’t shop much on Amazon, but when I do, I use [smile.amazon.com](#) and designate ZLM to receive a percentage of my purchases. *Maranatha*. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! — T.W. (SC)

Dear T.W.,

Kirsten and I watch our program every week at [www.levitt.tv](#) too! Thanks for the “thumbs up” on the name change and for your timely donation to the ministry. — David

P.S. I’ve found that downloading online *Levitt Letters* as pdfs lets me copy and paste the photos.

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Dear ZLM,

Love reading your ministry’s material. Have purchased many videos over the years but have not seen any new items. How about something

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new? I like purchasing from the *Personal Letter* because there are no shipping costs. Most websites give you free shipping if you spend over \$35. Why don't you open your entire library for a month of free shipping? You might be surprised at the increase in sales.

Have a problem with your *Levitt Letters* using "Donald Trump" or "Trump" like you don't give him the same respect as the other presidents. It is supposed to be "President Trump." — B.F.

Dear B.F.,

Thanks for being a loyal reader and purchaser. I hope you're enjoying the new *Joshua* series that began last month. Watch for *Kings and Kingdoms* debuting in April.

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Dear B.F.,

I'm sorry for any perceived slight on President Trump. It isn't intentional. We reprint articles that we think readers will enjoy and often must severely edit them for space. Though ZLM appeals to Christians on both sides of the aisle, this ministry highly appreciates our Chief Executive's political actions regarding Israel. — Editor

Loving each other

Dear ZLM,

I pray that your name changes will achieve the intended results. Gentile Christians and Messianic Jewish Believers must learn that we are all one in Yeshua. It can be just as difficult to help gentile Christians understand Messianic Judaism as it is to get non-believing Jews to accept Yeshua.

Messianic Jews' reluctance to share the Word with gentiles stems from replacement theology. Gentile Christians hear the word *Jewish* and right away think "legalism." In many Christian minds, Yeshua nailed the Law to the cross, so they think that the "Old" Testament has nothing to do with them. (As one privileged to teach the Jewish perspective on the Bible at our church, I see resistance even among sincere believers in Jesus. They know Jesus, so they don't need Yeshua.)

I suspect that Yeshua won't call for His Bride until she is at peace with herself in the love of fellowship and tolerance for one another. Who wants a contentious bride? — P.T.R.

Dear P.T.R.,

Zola's message from the beginning was that we are all one in Christ. We're thankful you have caught that vision and understand its significance. — David

Dear P.T.R.,

There's been only one change — just the name of the TV program: *Our Jewish Roots*. How 'bout y'all come on in here for a free Dilly Bar?! — Manager of the Mexia Dairy Queen ★



Why Does Everyone Want to Invest in Israel?



SCIENCE: BY AVIEL SCHNEIDER (r) IsraelToday.co.il



German manufacturer Miele has decided to introduce its new battery-powered hand-held vacuum cleaner Triflex HX1 in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Israel.

Why does a small country like Israel appeal to so many global companies? They not only purchase new technologies and found research and development centers, but also introduce new products.

Intel (7,000 employees), Microsoft (1,200), Apple (1,000), IBM (600), and Google (800) already run large research and development centers here.

The investment fund L&S from South Korea, which until now only invested in

Korea, has announced Israel as its first foreign target for new investments. "Israeli innovative talents have impressed us greatly," managing director Jason Lee said. "We have identified a large number of reasons for working together with Israelis."



Microsoft



Israel remains the center of the world, especially in high-tech. Foreign corporations find it worth their while to introduce new ideas and products via Israel: Due to the long history of exile and dispersion, the Jew in general, and the Israeli in particular, often has close ties to family and friends all over the globe.

This makes Israelis some of the best advocates in the world, if you can convince them of the merits of your product. **There is simply no other nation whose people can boast such diverse connections throughout the world.** And both Israeli and foreign companies appreciate how important this is. Miele hopes that by convincing the Israeli market of the benefits of its new cordless

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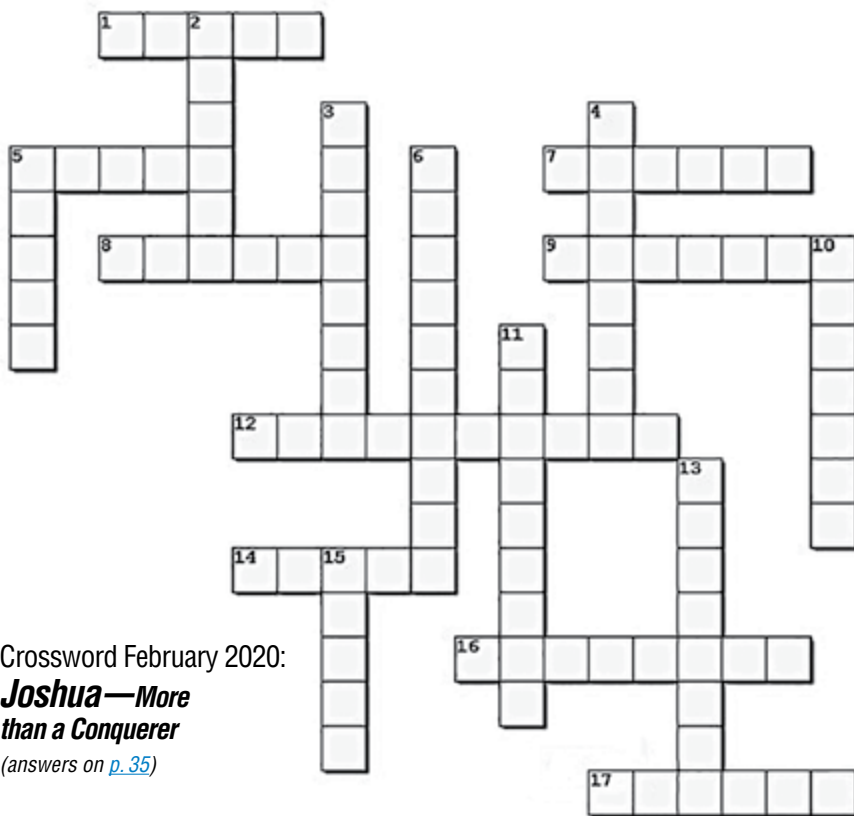


vacuum cleaner, it will gain an international market at no additional cost.

This kind of global reach is nothing new. Two thousand years ago, the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, similarly spread from Israel. And before that, didn't the prophet Isaiah say that the Torah would go forth from Zion, and the Word of God from Jerusalem? Even in Biblical times, Israel was known as a nation that could get a message out to the world.

"God did not choose us without reason. We are His best advocates," enthused Ran, who works at an Israeli startup. Nor is it without reason that people call Jerusalem the navel of the world. Israel continues to see itself as responsible for benefiting all mankind through new initiatives and messages.

Many still think Israel is a Third World country. Zola Tours pilgrims recognize quickly what a progressive, cutting-edge country this is! — David ★



Crossword February 2020:

Joshua—More than a Conquerer

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

ACROSS

1. Then ___ silenced the people... (Numbers 13:30)
5. ..."If only we had died in ___!" (Numbers 14:2)
7. Then Moses set out with ___... (Exodus 24:13)
8. When Moses sent them to explore ___... (Numbers 13:17)
9. The ___ did as Moses commanded... (Exodus 32:28)
12. Joshua told the people, ___ yourselves... (Joshua 3:5)
14. When ___ approached the camp... (Exodus 32:19)
16. ..."My ___ will go with you..." (Exodus 33:14)
17. ...Get ready to cross the ___ River... (Joshua 1:2)

DOWN

2. ... "Come here and ___ to the words..." (Joshua 3:9)
3. When Moses went up on the ___... (Exodus 24:15)
4. ... "I am making a ___ with you..." (Exodus 34:10)
5. ... "Today I will begin to ___ you..." (Joshua 3:7)
6. Be strong and very ___... (Joshua 1:7)
10. The water from upstream ___ flowing... (Joshua 3:16)
11. Your ___ will extend from the desert... (Joshua 1:4)
13. "...They are ___ than we are." (Numbers 13:31)
15. No one will be able to ___ against you... (Joshua 1:5)



Magen David Adom (MDA)

MEDICINE: **MAGEN DAVID ADOM IN ISRAEL** / mdais.org



Magen David Adom (MDA) is Israel's national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance, and blood bank service. The name means "Red Shield of David." Since June 2006, MDA has been officially recognized as a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. MDA has a dedicated medical emergency phone number in Israel, **101**. Two programs you may not know:

The Wish Ambulance

The "Wish Ambulance" is a Magen David Adom initiative that aims to fulfill the wishes of individuals who face serious or terminal illnesses and/or who are not independently mobile.

A person's last wish holds special power. It can serve as a source of comfort and peace of mind. The anticipation and preparation for the event are an opportunity to find a new sense of meaning and revive feelings of excitement and joy.

A wish come true is an important and significant triumph for the individual concerned and also provides aid and support to the family. Most wishes are emotional and very personal. Examples include:

- Participation in family events
- Rejoining the community to which the patient used to belong
- Visits to nature and heritage sites
- Attending sporting events and cultural activities

Every "Wish Ambulance" trip is coordinated in advance with the project team and the management of the site where the patient wishes to go. The fulfillment of each wish is carefully planned in coordination with the patient's attending physician, adapted to the patient's needs, and of course, accompanied by properly qualified medical staff.

The patients are transported to their requested sites in a dedicated ambulance equipped with technologically advanced medical systems and adapted to the patient's individual needs. This ambulance also contains the following:

- a high-mobility wheelchair
- a camera atop the ambulance, allowing the passenger to watch surrounding areas along the way
- a medication refrigerator
- resuscitation equipment
- a specially designed bed

The service is granted free of charge, with a warm smile and a friendly hug regardless of religion, race, or nationality.

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Magen David Adom ambulances

credit: Magen David Adom





MDA Volunteers Program

Magen David Adom, in conjunction with Israel Experience, has the perfect program for 18- to 30-year-olds. Come make a difference in Israel! Be trained as an ambulance first responder (EMS). Volunteer on ambulances throughout Israel. Be on the forefront of emergencies in Israel!

Expand your social and cultural horizons by working with Israelis and experiencing Israel from the inside. Immerse yourself in day-to-day Israeli life and connect to your Jewish roots.

Not only would you have the opportunity to learn about emergency medicine in Israel, you would be volunteering for five weeks on ambulances in the city of your choice. As a full member of the MDA ambulance team, you would be doing eight-hour shifts together with Israeli volunteers. The bond you create with Israelis and the MDA stations will change your life!

The Magen David Adom Ambulance Program teaches first-aid knowledge that can make the difference between life and death. No matter where you are in the world, these life skills are a necessity. Through intensive medical training and ambulance shifts throughout Israel, **enhance your résumé with up to 200 hours of world-renowned emergency medical training.**

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- 60-hour ambulance first responder training or 170-hour ambulance medic training
- 8-hour ambulance shifts in cities throughout Israel
- Service alongside Israeli peers
- Opportunity to save people's lives



credit: screen captures from video on www.mdais.org/en/Volunteers/

Magen David Adom volunteers



OPEN TO:

- Ages 18–30

PROGRAMS COSTS:

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- 6-Week **Advanced First Responder** Program: \$750
This includes: 8-day MDA Advanced EMS training, 8-day full-board accommodation during training course, 6 weeks of special medical insurance, and application fee. ★



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Balloons carrying an incendiary device from the Gaza Strip, May 2019

Lasers Shoot Down Gaza's Incendiaries

By staff / TimesOfIsrael.com

Security forces hope that a new laser system will help quash the scourge of airborne incendiary devices launched from the Gaza Strip — carried by balloons, kites, and drones — which have started countless fires and burned large swaths of Israeli land since their wide use began nearly two years ago.

The system, Light Blade, is intended to shoot the threats out of the sky before they can enter Israeli territory. It was developed for police and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) by three engineers from the private sector who worked with Ben Gurion University researchers and technological departments of the Israel Police and IDF.

The laser is capable of engaging targets day or night with an effective range of 1.6 miles. It can be



Sky Spotter tracking fire kites and balloons launched into Israel from Gaza

moved around on a small trailer or installed on a truck. Border Police chief Kobi Shabtai added that Light Blade “provides a near conclusive response to everything relating to balloons and kites, delivering a safe and effective solution to the drone threat.”

In June, Israel deployed Sky Spotter to spot fire-starting balloons and kites in the sky, track their progress, and then direct firefighters to their landing spots, enabling them to more rapidly extinguish the flames and reduce damage.

Sharp Rise in Anti-Semitic Views

LBNextaminer.com

Nearly one in four (24.6%) Europeans holds strongly anti-Semitic views, according to a poll by a Jewish anti-hate organization released recently. Among European Muslims in Western Europe, the incidence of such views was almost three times higher than in the general population, according to the Anti-Defamation League’s study.

A significant proportion of the 9,000 people in 18 countries surveyed agreed with statements that said Jews were more loyal to Israel than to their own country, Jews talked too much about the Holocaust, and Jews had too much power in business and finance. The study comprises an index of

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anti-Semitism:

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noun (1882) :*

hostility toward
or discrimination
against Jews as a
religious, ethnic,
or racial group

11 questions that are used to identify anti-Semitic attitudes. **"It is deeply concerning that approximately one in four Europeans harbors the types of anti-Semitic beliefs that have endured since before the Holocaust,"** said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, the League's chief executive.

Israeli Tourists Aid Egyptian Cabbie

By staff / TimesOfIsrael.com

A group of Israeli tourists in Sinai assisted and gave preliminary medical treatment to an Egyptian cab driver after his car overturned on a deserted road.

The Israelis were in a taxi traveling toward the Israeli border when they saw a car traveling in the opposite direction lose control and overturn. The group asked their cab driver to stop and rushed over to help. Yosef Malachi said that they extracted the driver, who was badly bruised and had a head wound.

"Several of the tourists with me had served as military medics in the army, so they gave him preliminary treatment to stop the bleeding from the gash in his head. He'd lost a lot of blood," Malachi added.

The Israelis called an ambulance which, due to the accident's isolated location, took 45 minutes to arrive and then stayed with the injured man to make sure he remained awake and calm. Malachi reported that the local ambulance crew thanked the Israelis for helping the victim.



credit: Yosef Malachi

Israelis help Egyptian driver after crash

"The victim doesn't know us at all, but I would be glad to meet him and see he's okay," Malachi offered. ★



Dry Bones SHERLOCK HOLMES



Jerusalem Tomb Reopens to Visitors



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY BRYAN WINDLE (r) BibleArchaeology.org

The so-called Tomb of the Kings, located in East Jerusalem, recently reopened after having been closed to the public for a decade. France, which owns the site, has completed renovations and maintenance, and now allows a limited number of visitors two days each week, providing they pre-register and pay online. The tomb is among the largest and most beautiful examples of a Roman-era tomb in the Holy Land.



The Monumental Staircase of The Tomb of the Kings

Despite its name, which mistakenly refers to the now-discounted theory that it was the tomb complex of Biblical kings, it is generally accepted that the tomb is actually that of Queen Helena of Adiabene (in modern-day Kurdistan), a convert to Judaism in the first century. Several sarcophagi were discovered within and are now in the Louvre Museum in Paris.



Statue of Queen Helena



The arcosolium of The Tomb of the Kings

The tomb's importance to Biblical

archaeology lies in the fact that it is a well-preserved example of a first-century tomb in Jerusalem. It is a rolling stone-sealing tomb with multiple burial chambers, some of which have curved arches over the burial beds, as well as numerous loculi (niches, *kokhim* in Hebrew), long narrow shafts in which the dead were placed. Today, visitors can see the remains of the 300-foot façade that was described by the historian Josephus, but they are not allowed to descend into the tomb itself, which is visible beneath a metal grate.



The rolling stone of The Tomb of the Kings

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Exploring Egyptian Mummy Bones with X-rays and Infrared Light

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY BRYAN WINDLE (r) BibleArchaeology.org



Researchers from Cairo University in Egypt have teamed up with scientists at Berkeley Lab's Advanced Light Source (ALS) in California to study 32 mummified bone samples and 2 soil samples using X-ray and infrared light. The ALS is being used to study the samples' properties, including their microscopic chemistry and structure. The bone samples come from two sites: a burial ground at Saqqara, in northern Egypt, and the city of Aswan, in the south.

The remains are from mummies in four dynasties in Egyptian history: the Middle Kingdom [ca. 2055 B.C.–1640 B.C.], Second Intermediate Period [ca. 1640 B.C.–1520 B.C.], Late Period [ca. 715 B.C. – 332 B.C.], and Greco-Roman [332 B.C. – A.D. 395]. Researchers have previously detected lead and aluminum in the bones, which they believe comes from the environment of ancient Egypt.

It is possible that the aluminum came from the potassium alum compound they added to their drinking water to reduce its cloudiness. The lead may have come from the substance they used to polish pottery. The team is hopeful that these tests will help determine whether these elements got into the bones from the environment in which the ancient Egyptians lived, or from the surrounding soil.

[Timeline perspective according to Chabad.org:](https://www.chabad.org) Joseph became Viceroy of Egypt in 1532 B.C. The Exodus of Hebrews from Egypt occurred in 1313 B.C. — Editor ★



credit: screen capture from <https://www.aurealnet.org>, video credit: Marilyn Sargent/Berkeley Lab

background: Video capture showing samples of bone fragments of mummified human remains that date back 2,000 to 4,000 years, and soil collected from the sites of the human remains **inset:** The visiting scientists, Cairo University Associate Professor Ahmed Elnewshy and postdoctoral researcher Mohamed Kasem



Palestinians Are Not Israelis



BY **ARDIE GELDMAN** (r) JPost.com

The American tourist did not comprehend when I said that Palestinians are not Israelis. She had just declared that the root cause of Palestinian terrorism was due to Israel “treating Palestinians like second-class citizens and denying them the right to come to Jerusalem.” By this she was implying that Palestinians are citizens of the State of Israel who are discriminated against and denied numerous rights. But, Palestinians are not citizens of Israel and have no right to enter the country.

Her difficulty with this idea is shared by numerous foreign visitors whose primary source of knowledge about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the mainstream media. Similar disinformation is given to people who visit the region as participants in carefully managed political tours under pro-Palestinian auspices.

Some American visitors view the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians as analogous to the relationship between white citizens and citizens of color in the United States, saying that Israel needs to become a more “inclusive” society. This opinion has been voiced by first-time visitors who have been in the country for less than a week.

No matter that Israel’s control over Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) is not “occupation” according to international law. Israel entered the “West Bank” in 1967 and took over the authority to administer the land from Jordan, which was never considered a sovereign in the area. [See “Which Occupation” on [p. 10](#).]

There is no “right” of Palestinian Arabs who reside in Judea and Samaria or Gaza to cross the 1949 armistice line and enter the State of Israel. American citizens do not possess the right to enter Israel or Canada. Foreign citizens may enter a country if permission is granted by that country.

Permission for Palestinian Arabs to enter the State of Israel, whether from Gaza or Judea



credit: Israel Defense Forces

An Israeli soldier stands guard in Nablus (West Bank) during the Second Intifada, April 2002.

and Samaria, is either granted or denied through application made to the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, whose [website](#) posts daily numbers of Palestinians who enter Israel, as well as the tons of equipment and goods that enter the Gaza Strip from Israel.

Pro-Palestinian activists might doubt the veracity of these Israeli-provided figures; the numbers grossly contradict what they have come to believe is the situation. But these numbers are corroborated by the United Nations and other international agencies that cannot be accused of being pro-Zionist.

The unprecedented level of terrorism during the First Intifada* (1987–1991) and Second Intifada* (2000–2004) compelled Israeli security forces to impose travel limitations on Palestinian Arabs, particularly their ability to enter the State of Israel. Crossing points between the State and the Palestinian areas are closely controlled.

Confusing Israelis and Palestinians and their respective rights (the former are citizens of the State of Israel and the latter are not) is but one example of outsiders’ lack of understanding the many complexities and nuances of this seemingly intractable conflict. More often than not, the lack of understanding and confusion, as in this case, serves to defame the State of Israel. ★

**Intifada*: the Palestinian uprising against Israel’s existence (what they call “the occupation”)





Yiddish Proverbs

- A man is not honest simply because he never had a chance to steal.
- Don't judge a man by the words of his mother. Listen instead to the comments of his neighbors.
- If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living.
- The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks.
- Ask about the neighbors. Only then buy the house.
- What you don't see with your eyes, don't invent with your mouth.
- A hero is someone who can keep his mouth shut when he is right.
- One old friend is better than two new ones.
- When a thief kisses you, count your teeth.
- One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can father the smartest grandchild in the world.
- Old friends, like old wines, don't lose their flavor.
- A wise man hears one word and understands two. ★



Answer Key for February 2020 Crossword (p.27)

Across:		Down:	
1. Caleb	12. Consecrate	2. Listen	10. Stopped
5. Egypt	14. Moses	3. Mountain	11. Territory
7. Joshua	16. Presence	4. Covenant	13. Stronger
8. Canaan	17. Jordan	5. Exalt	15. Stand
9. Levites		6. Courageous	



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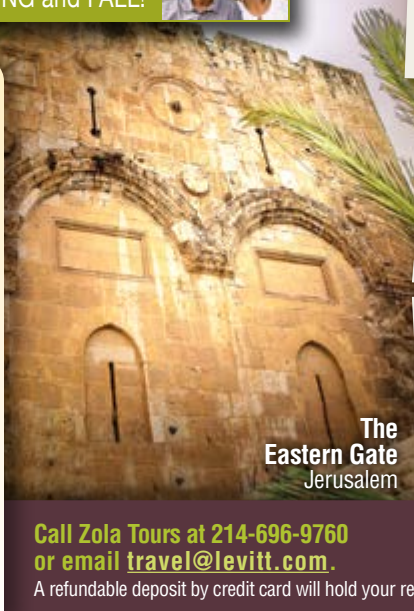
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