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Dear Reader,

October 2020

Every year around High Feast time, I wonder, "Is there anything new to share?" Then I come across an article like the one about the Jewish wedding canopy — the *huppah* — a temporary structure (like the *sukkah*) that reminds the people under its cover of God's steadfast protection. It's a fascinating parallel (p. 28). The cover story tells about *Sukkot*, so you can see the *huppah's* origin.

The article on 1973's Yom Kippur War continues with an account of one hero's white-knuckle actions (8). God's blessings certainly guided this battle.

Kirsten discusses how worshiping has changed during Covid, and how, since Paul effectively spread the Gospel during adverse times, so can we (6). Israeli scientists have been innovative during this pandemic. They're using a cholesterol drug to inhibit this virus's ability to reproduce (27). And students at Israel's Technion are *printing* cool, 3D prosthetic hands for children (26).

Chaplain Todd Baker affirms Scripturally that no matter how you debate it, Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah (12). Tony's timely Bible study of Ecclesiastes continues (4), and ZLM's webmaster Greg shares his research (7) about our Lord's name progressing from "Yeshua" to "Iesous" to "Jesus" through differences in alphabets! (Who knew?)

Looking toward November's election, Berg Productions's Clayton Herring advises us to re-watch *Kings and Kingdoms* for clues to how Godly values and behavior ensure successful leaders (21), and this month's Hebrew Lesson stresses that genuine moral conviction is an essential quality in upright leaders (16).

Please remember to vote and also to *Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6)



Margot

Margot, Editor
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P.S. If you like what you see here and on our TV programs, please support ZLM so we can continue bringing you news about Israel and the Gospel of Yeshua. Mark Levitt's state-of-the-ministry report (14) should reassure you that *together* we're fighting a winnable battle! Thanks in advance for standing with us and with *Yeshua HaMashiach*.

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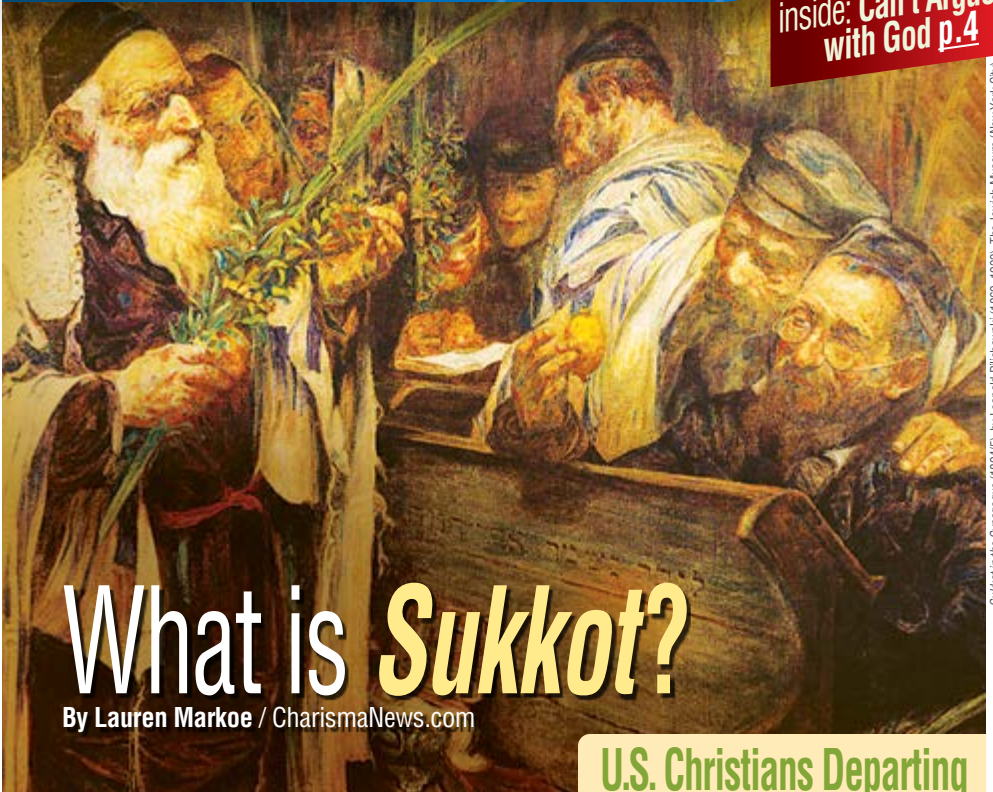
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Brethren, my heart's
desire and prayer to
God for Israel is that
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— ROMANS 10:1

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with God p.4**



Sukkat in the Synagogue (1894/5), by Leopold Pilichowski (1869-1933); The Jewish Museum (New York City)

What is Sukkot?

By Lauren Markoe / CharismaNews.com

Q. Why are my Jewish neighbors eating in a little house in their yard this week?

A: That's a *sukkah* that they've constructed for *Sukkot*, a major Jewish holiday that celebrates the harvest and commemorates the Israelites' wandering in the desert for 40 years after their liberation from Egyptian slavery. A *sukkah* symbolizes the temporary dwelling they lived in before they reached the Promised Land.

"For a seven-day period you shall live in booths," God commands in Leviticus 23:42-43. *"In order that your ensuing generations should know that I had the children of Israel live in booths when I took them out of the land of Egypt."*

Q. Can a *sukkah* be your garage, tool shed, or sun porch?

A: Nope. There are many specific rules about building a *sukkah*. Among them: It's got to

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REMEMBER:

Sukkot 2020 Friday, October 2 to Friday, October 9 (sunset to sunset)

U.S. Christians Departing from Core Truths

By Brandon Showalter,
ChristianPost.com

A new survey shows that the majority of Americans no longer believe that Jesus is the path to salvation and instead believe that being a good person is sufficient.

According to the Arizona Christian University-based Cultural Research Center's American Worldview Inventory, the latest findings—exploring perceptions of sin and salvation—show that nearly two-thirds of Americans believe that having some kind of faith is more important than the particular faith with which someone aligns.

Sixty-eight percent who embrace that notion identify as Christians, including 56% of self-described evangelicals and 62% of those who identify as

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What is Sukkot? *continued from cover*

be outdoors under the open sky, and it may not stand so tall that it feels like a house. *Sukkah* builders have plenty of choices for the wall material. But the ancient rabbis required the roof to be made of something natural, like bamboo, cornstalks, or straw. It must provide shade but also allow the stars to be seen at night.

The *sukkah* is purposely an impermanent structure that reminds Jews of earthly creations' fragility, contrasting with the solidity of faith and tradition. Meant to be a joyous place, many *sukkot* (pl) are decorated with children's drawings. *Sukkah* meals are to be shared with guests.



Etrog (citron) and silver etrog box used on the Jewish holiday of *Sukkot*

Q. How can you build a *sukkah* if you live in an apartment building?

A: Balcony. In Israel, you see them on balconies everywhere. No balcony? Apartment-dwelling Jews often build a communal *sukkah* on the roof or next to the building ... or go to the *sukkah* of a synagogue or friend.

Q. Do you have to sleep in there too?

A: **Yes but no.** The *Talmud* (Jewish rabbinic teachings) teaches that a man should dwell in the *sukkah* during *Sukkot*, making it his home for the holy days. But the obligation is lifted if sleeping there would be uncomfortable. Most Western Jews sleep in their bedrooms during the holiday.

Q. Why are my Jewish neighbors shaking a long green thing and a giant lemon?

A: The yellow citrus fruit is called an "etrog." The green thing is the "lulav," a palm branch that is grouped with myrtle and willow branches and an etrog. Together they make up the four species mentioned in Leviticus 23:40. During

Sukkot prayers, they are gathered in the hands and waved — up and down, left and right, forward and back — representing God's presence in all directions.

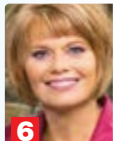
Q. I don't think they sell etrogs at my supermarket.

A: They probably don't. Jews around the world usually order them and lulavs from Israel.

[Read more about Sukkot on p. 28](#) ★



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Pentecostals. Sixty-seven percent of mainline Protestants and 77% of Catholics also embraced that idea.

Slightly over half of Christian respondents said they believe that someone can attain salvation by "being or doing good," a figure that includes 46% of Pentecostals, 44% of mainline Protestants, 41% of evangelicals, and 70% of Catholics.

In addition to the viewpoint that eternal salvation can be earned, survey results show that 58% of Americans believe that no absolute moral truth exists* and that the basis of truth derives from factors or sources other than God. Seventy-seven

percent said that right and wrong is determined by factors other than the Bible. Fifty-nine percent said that the Bible is not God's authoritative and true Word, and 69% said people are basically good.

In other words, most people believe that the purpose of life is feeling good about yourself. The Center has documented shifts in worldview among Americans in recent decades. Whereas 30 years ago, people spent considerable time thinking and learning about God, much of the current culture has become self-focused. ★

* See [page 16](#).

Can't Argue with God: Eccles. 6

Tony Derrick
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We have walked with Solomon through five chapters of Ecclesiastes in which he has given his perspective on a wide range of life situations. Solomon wrote about the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (with apologies to Clint Eastwood, et al.) regarding life. His conclusion remained the same in each entry: *"It is vanity, futility, and chasing the wind."*

What We Know (6:1–2)

Read carefully the first two verses of chapter six. Could Solomon be referring to himself? What he writes definitely fits.

We know that God greatly blessed Solomon in order for him to rule Israel with wisdom. Look back at 1 Kings 3:11–12,



Jacob Wrestles with the Angel (Gen. 32:24-32), by Gustave Doré from Doré's English Bible (1866)

Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for understanding to discern justice, behold I have done according to your words: see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you."

Even as God gave Solomon all that he could ever want, it appears that Solomon was not able to enjoy the gifts. Notice how the 2nd verse ends; *"a foreigner enjoys them."* The Hebrew word *nokri* describes an alien — a person from another land. Someone was stealing Solomon's opportunity to enjoy life.

Can you remember a time in your life when everything was running smoothly, but for some reason you had the blahs? I will answer for all of us: Yes!

It could have been caused by a judgmental comment from someone you considered a friend, or by the evil you see in the world. **Remember, Satan is active in this world, ready to steal your joy and destroy your life.** *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8).

At times, we may conclude that life just isn't fair. Let's visit another person in the Bible who had every right to question and blame God: Job. Job wasn't privy to the conversation in Heaven between God and Satan. While Job lost everything — and he did complain — he finally settled the issue of God's sovereignty. When you have time, read about Job. You will be inspired!

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Solomon's Dark Side (6:3–5)

I would prefer to skip the next three verses, but we're studying *through* Ecclesiastes. By this method, even if you don't like it, you can't skip it. Solomon mentions a few ideas that might make his life better.

What about having numerous children? He decides that doesn't help.

Now we enter the controversial dark side. Solomon concludes that if life cannot be enjoyed, it's better to never have been born or to be stillborn. I apologize because no doubt some of you have dealt with the devastation that surrounds this disappointment. I believe that Solomon has missed the mark in these verses. He is in a very dark place, emotionally.

The Darkness Continues (6:6–9)

Can a man be satisfied if he lives a thousand years twice? Solomon concludes that even a life that long ends up in the grave. If life is hard, what difference does 2,000 years make? **Extra time would not relieve man of hardship.**

In verses seven and eight, Solomon talks about working harder; but that doesn't bring satisfaction. Do wisdom and wealth automatically translate to happiness? Wait! Remember who is writing? Solomon is the wisest and wealthiest man in the world, and he is the one questioning everything.

So, should Believers* stop pressing forward? Should we stop dreaming? I understand that we each need to keep our feet firmly planted in reality and not let our dreams rule our lives. As one expression goes, we need to "keep it real."

That is not to say that our world doesn't need visionaries. If Zola Levitt had not been an inspired visionary, then Zola Levitt Ministries would not exist. Zola was a musician at heart but an educator in his soul. He had a clear vision and undaunted passion for what God wanted him to do. I think he succeeded. Don't you?

Spoiler Alert: God is Sovereign (6:10–12)

Verse 10 clearly asserts that everything is in God's hands. Nothing takes Him by surprise. As Jeremiah relates (1:5), *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."*

Do you ever argue with God or second-guess Him? I've noted verse 10 before and, believe me, it is a tough pill to swallow. Nebuchadnezzar found out the hard way that God always prevails. *"All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'"* (Daniel 4:35)

In conclusion, Solomon realizes that time passes quickly and that everyone is subject to God's will.

What does the future hold? Who could have imagined a few months ago the chaotic state of our world today? Only God knows what comes next — giving Believers all the more reason to secure our anchor to the "Chief Cornerstone of our faith." Paul wrote these words to the Ephesians, *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone"* (Ephesians 2:19–20). ★

Solomon is
the wisest and
wealthiest man
in the world,
and he is the
one questioning
everything.



* "Believer" is short for "believer in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."

The Quarantined Church

Kirsten Hart
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Our Jewish Roots



Since March, we've all been in a bit of a quandary. Most of us have endured an unforeseen state of disarray since Covid-19 began affecting our routines. Yet here we are; we've made it to October. Apparently, since you're reading this article, you're still alive and, we hope, healthy. So what do we do about our uncertainty regarding the quarantined church?

"Quarantine" generally refers to being isolated because of exposure to a disease or virus. While some of us have been quarantined, the majority sheltered in place. What a difference this new normal has made. Our churches look very different compared to this time last year. Pew sitters are navigating new waters, but they're not uncharted waters.

Covid-19 is the first worldwide pandemic in our generation that has closed church doors. Yet the Church's work triumphantly marches on. We've learned what the Apostles knew two millennia ago—the Church that the Lord Himself spoke of is neither defined nor inhibited by manmade walls. We (His *people*) are the Church, and nothing can stop God's Word from spreading from our lips.



Every fall (except this one because of the pandemic), we travel to Greece. A highlight of the Greek extension is visiting the island of Patmos. John, the Disciple and Apostle, was confined to that small island. While under house arrest there, he was shown images that he described in the Book of Revelation. Despite the shut-off location and unfortunate circumstances



in John's life, God continued to speak. Believers still read those very Bible verses today.

While Paul was under house arrest in Rome, he authored Philipians, Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon. House arrest, combined with the inability to attend "church," if you will, didn't stop Paul from sharing the Gospel. In fact, his time in confinement provided a dedicated season for writing letters and spreading the Word of God.

In some ways, this period in the life of the Church may be a blessing in disguise. The 2020 Coronavirus season has given us Christians ample opportunity to sit and read the Bible to our hearts' content. We have had time to be creative in how we worship and reach out to others. Churches everywhere have proven that even though the traditions we're used to look different, *different* isn't always bad. God cannot be contained; He is forever omnipresent. No virus can stop Him or slow Him down.

May you continue to count your blessings in this season, and remember to always pray for the peace of Jerusalem. ★



How Did “Yeshua” Become “Jesus”?



BY GREG HARTWIG (r) www.levitt.com webmaster

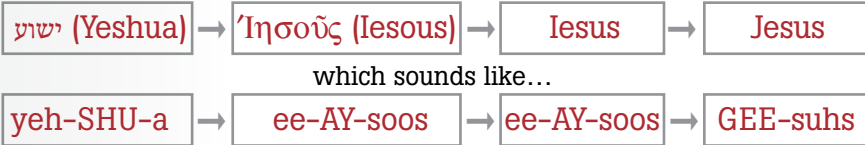
If you’ve been following this ministry for awhile, you’ll recognize “Yeshua” (ישוע) as the original name for Jesus, from Hebrew and Aramaic. “Yehoshua” (יהושע) was the common name, but it was often shortened to Yeshua. Yehoshua and Yeshua are the same as Joshua in English — meaning “the LORD is salvation.” So why don’t we call the Messiah “Yeshua” or “Joshua” instead of Jesus?

The full story can get very complicated, but here is the simple version: If the New Testament had been originally translated from Hebrew into English, His name would likely have been written as “Joshua.” But that’s not what happened.

The earliest New Testament copies we have are written in Greek. Those were translated into Latin on their way to English. Each translation comes with adjustments needed for those languages. For example, English doesn’t have some of the guttural sounds that other languages have, so when moving words into English, some sounds get eliminated. The same thing occurs between other languages.

Today’s English translations from the original Hebrew and Greek keep the previously established — and now familiar — names and their spellings to avoid confusion.

So, “Yeshua” from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to English looked like this:



Moving “Yeshua” into Greek was a rough journey:

- Greek doesn’t have a “Y” sound, so the yod (י) with a “yeh” sound becomes an IH (iota eta or Ἰη) with an “ee-AY” sound — as close to “yeh” as Greek manages. The eta (η) character originally had an “H” sound but had changed to a long A (“ay”) by around 400 B.C.
- Greek also has no “SH” sound, so that becomes just a sigma (σ) or S (“ess”).
- Male names often end in “S” in Greek rather than with a vowel sound, so a trailing sigma (ς) for S was added to the end to make it properly male in Greek. My name is *Gregory*, but in Greek it’s *Gregorius*. (I was named after my Greek great-grandfather.)

The English letter “J” was originally a decorative “I” (often used at the start of a word), and both were pronounced like “Y” in “yet.” Eventually, “J” took on a sound of its own. The original 1611 King James translation used “I” in spelling Iesus, but the subsequent Geneva Bible popularized the “J” spelling by the 1700s.

So, when “I” became “J,” “Iesus” became “Jesus” (which, as you can see, has nothing to do with Zeus, as some claim). The “J” is a reasonable replacement for “Y”: *Yerushalayim* in Hebrew becomes “Jerusalem” in English.

In Romans 10:13, Paul quotes Joel 2:32: “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” I believe this is true no matter what language you speak or which name you use for Him. God has many names and titles. He knows our hearts and knows to whom we are calling when we cry out “Jesus” in English or “Yeshua HaMashiach” (Jesus the Christ) in Hebrew.

Many Messianic Jewish Believers prefer calling Messiah Yeshua rather than Jesus, since Yeshua reflects His Jewishness. Now you know why, thanks to Greg’s detailed explanation. — David ★





The Yom Kippur War: When Israel Was Judged and Nearly Failed

PART 2: BY ADAM ELIYAHU BERKOWITZ (r) [BreakingIsraelNews.com](#)



credit: Israel Defense Forces

An Israeli Centurion tank in 1973

During Israel's 1973 Yom Kippur War, many individual heroic efforts saved the Jewish state. Here is one of them.

"Random Soldiers"

Zvika Greengold, a 21-year-old lieutenant, was visiting his parents at Kibbutz *Lohamei HaGheta'ot* (Ghetto fighters) near Haifa for the 1973 Yom Kippur holiday. It was a short leave from the army before he began a company commander course. When he heard that war had broken out, he hitchhiked to the Nafah base in the Golan. All of the tanks were on the battlefield, engaged in holding back the enemy wave, so Zvika helped with the wounded who were flowing into the base. When two damaged Centurion tanks were repaired, Zvika jumped at the chance, taking command of random soldiers and unfamiliar tanks.

His first encounter with the enemy was the 51st Syrian Tank Brigade that had broken through Israeli lines. In the first moments of battle, Zvika's tank accounted for six kills. In the darkness, the Syrian tanks had approached to within 33 feet of Zvika, which in tank-terms is "point blank." An exploding enemy tank knocked out Zvika's radio. In the heat of battle, he jumped from his tank and took command of a second tank. **Night fell, and the two Israeli tanks, with no radio contact, lost each other in the darkness.**

Zvika's tank was alone when he faced the 452nd Tank Battalion. A long line of Syrian tanks, with better fighting ability and night vision, came at him. He dodged the enemy, shooting and moving, using the cover of dark to his advantage. In frustration, the Syrians turned on their searchlights, making Zvika's job easier. Ten Syrian tanks were either damaged or dead when the Syrian forces pulled back, convinced that they had encountered a large Israeli force.

Afraid that the enemy was listening in on radio communications, Zvika did not want to give away the desperate situation and the fact that he was fighting alone. He identified himself to the Israeli high command as "Zvika Force." Colonel Yitzhak Ben-Shoham, the brigade commander, assumed it to be at least company strength (80–250 soldiers).

Later that night, "Zvika Force" joined up with two platoons (20–50 soldiers each)

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of reserve tanks. They encountered a large force of Syrian tanks. In the first moments of the engagement, Zvika's tank was hit, injuring his crew and leaving him badly burned. He leapt from the tank, his uniform on fire, and commandeered another tank. For the rest of the night, he battled the Syrians, changing tanks several times, and fighting on despite his injuries.

By morning, "Zvika Force" was winning the battle against the Syrian 51st Tank Brigade but got a desperate call to pull back. Nafah, the command center for all IDF forces in the Golan, was being threatened by 80 T-62s, the most advanced tanks at the time. Zvika arrived with the 679th Reserve Armored Brigade in time to see IDF forces abandoning the Nafah base as Syrian tanks smashed their way in.

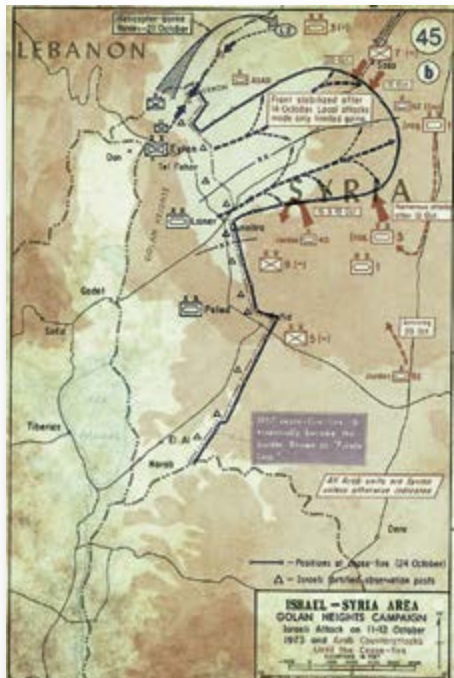
"I can't anymore"

When IDF forces finally repelled the Syrian attack, Zvika climbed out of his tank and collapsed, mumbling, "I can't anymore." **He had been battling the enemy for 20 hours nonstop, changing tanks six times** as they were shot out from under him, and claiming at least 20 tank kills. Other estimates put that number at 40.

Israel had destroyed over 900 Syrian tanks, while only seven Israeli tanks remained operational at the end of the fight. Over 2,600 Israeli soldiers were killed and 9,000 wounded, making it the second bloodiest war in Israeli history, after the War of Independence.

At the end of the Yom Kippur War, the IDF awarded Zvika Greengold the Medal of Valor for his extraordinary heroism. He is one of only eight soldiers to have earned the medal.

God continues to raise up heroes to defend His Covenant Land. —Kirsten ★



left: Syrian Attack, 6–10 October 1973, **right:** Israel Attack on 11–12 October 1973 and Arab Counterattacks Until the Cease-fire, both maps from Department of History, U.S. Military Academy

God's Blessings and Cursings

PART 2:

Classic Zola Levitt
from 1990
30 years ago



In 1990, Zola's article for the annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters became a history — spiritual and political — of Israel since the 1st century. [Last month](#), we looked at an issue that has consumed reporters since the 1st century: Who really owns the land of Israel?

Israel Under the Turks

At the time of the Crusades, when the Turks rode in, reforestation received a new meaning. These crude conquerors replaced the precious trees of the Holy Land with saltwater swamps. In the absence of its true owners — the Jews — Israel was desecrated. Not until the arson of the 20th-century intifada was the Holy Land again so purposely reduced in beauty, value, and comfort. God's country became barren and very nearly uninhabitable.

Israel in religious pagan hands fared no better than Israel in Roman hands. The rest of Israel's sad story under occupying regimes is within modern recollection. The armies of two world wars used the Promised Land as a battlefield when convenient. The British made every possible effort to keep the true owners out, stubbornly postponing the moment of recovery that would finally ensue when Abraham's rightful descendants returned. But finally, **in spite of the Romans, the Arabian Moslems, the Crusaders, the Turks, and the British, the Children of Israel did return, in an amazing fulfillment of voluminous Biblical prophecy.** And at last, the land that they loved from afar received overdue care. The real answer to "Who ought to have Israel?" became obvious.

Israel Reclaimed

The land truly received some healing when the Jewish people reclaimed it in 1948. They planted trees by the hundreds of millions, drained swamps, and eliminated one of mankind's deadliest foes — malaria — from the rebirthed State of Israel. Using irrigation wholesale to reclaim fertile territories from the wilderness soon produced in the Promised Land the most magnificent visions of the prophets. Truly, *"the desert blossomed as a rose"* (Isaiah 35:1).

The local populations prospered. Arabs who had lived in the land for centuries suddenly had the modern world delivered to their doorsteps — or, in some cases, to their tents. Water became plentiful and clean; doctors appeared within reach of every village, inoculating children and treating their parents. Schools sprang up throughout the land. Lifespans increased dramatically. The Jews, wanderers for almost two millennia, brought the 20th century back with them to their land.

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Augustus of Prima Porta, marble statue, (microphone added), 1st century A.D., Vatican Museums, Rome



Detail of *Jacques DeMolay takes Jerusalem, 1299*, a fanciful painting created in 1846 by Claudius Jacquand, hanging in the "Hall of Crusades" in Versailles



The world has seen some 600 years of Roman rule, about 1,300 years of on-and-off Moslem rule, and four decades [now seven] of Jewish rule in the Land of Israel. Thank God for those last decades!

Nobody loves a land like its rightful owners. Pride of ownership is not a myth. If we are the new generation of religious broadcasters, and if we again have the task of opining about the land of Israel, then let us learn from history. The secular forces who have controlled this ancient land merely exploited it. Alien religious forces abused the land and failed to keep up with the times. Only the Chosen People of the Bible, to whom the land was given Scripturally, have really cared for it. Biblically, a new Kingdom is coming, and it will be headquartered in Israel. After millennia of strife, the land really does need this 1,000-year age of peace. Even if our religious broadcasting brethren of the first century were divided over who should control this important land, we should not be. As Israel is prepared for its greatest role — the earthly home of the Kingdom of Peace — let us accord it to those to whom God gave it in the beginning. The children of Abraham will care for His land. And as the psalmist admonished: *"Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper who love thee!"* (Ps. 122:6).

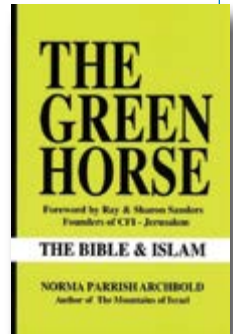
Va'avaracha m'varcheicha umekalelcha a'or — "And I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you."

— Genesis 12:3 ★

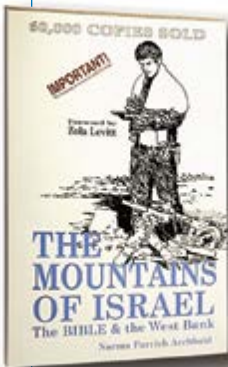
The Green Horse book

by Norma Archbold

A 21st-century exposé of misinformation, *The Green Horse* explains Islam's history, modern status, and ongoing agenda in a Biblical context. Plainly written with remarkable detail, it contains user-friendly subtitles, illustrations, tables, charts, underlined text, and maps. It includes a 5-page bibliography and Bible references and a "Gallery of Peace Promises and Terror Victims." Named for the Angel of Death's horse in Revelation 6:8—translated as "pale" but in reality "chloros" ("green"), the traditional color of Islam—this 238-page trove of scholarly treasures is fun to skim, worthwhile to read, and handy as a reference book.



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The Mountains of Israel book

by Norma Archbold

As Zola's guest on TV, Archbold presents a refreshing perspective on the Arab-Israeli conflict, especially for those who have studied Israel from a Scriptural view. Enlightening maps, illustrations, charts, and references provide a geographical orientation to the war game of all eternity.

Readers will find eye-opening quotes from witnesses who were in the Holy Land during the 18th and 19th centuries. Their descriptions characterize Israel as a treeless, barren wasteland before the Jewish people's return. Equally helpful to gentiles and Jews, *Mountains* remains valuable reading since it is presented from a Biblical point of view—God's Word and His plan, of course, remain unchanged.

Q. Does the curse of King Jeconiah prevent Jesus/Yeshua from being the Messiah?

Dr. Todd Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
Staff Theologian



A. No. Univocally no. Jeconiah — also spelled “Jehoiachin” (1 Chron. 3:16, NIV) and “Coniah” (Jeremiah 22:24) — was a king of Judah who was deported as part of the Babylonian captivity (Esther 2:6; 1 Chronicles 3:17). Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus lists Jeconiah in Joseph’s family line (Matthew 1:12).

The curse of Jeconiah is found in Jeremiah 22:24–30. First, the LORD likens the king to a signet ring on God’s hand — a ring that God will pull off (v. 24). Then,

God pronounces a curse: *“Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule anymore in Judah”* (v. 30).



Jehoiachin-Jeconiah (1553)
engraving by Guillaume Rouille

One of rabbinic Judaism’s mainstream arguments holds that Jesus of Nazareth cannot possibly be the Messiah because Jeconiah, His ancestor, was cursed by God and all descendants barred from ruling on the throne of David. The divine curse proclaimed that no Jeconiah descendant would sit on David’s throne as king of Israel.

The curse seems to invalidate Yeshua’s right to sit on the throne of David as the Messiah.

The Davidic Covenant promised that the Messiah, the “Son of David,” would reign forever on David’s throne (1 Chronicles 17:11–14). If Yeshua is a descendant of Jeconiah and the curse bars any of Jeconiah’s descendants from assuming David’s throne, how can He be the Messiah?

There are three possible solutions. **First**, the “offspring” of Jeconiah mentioned in the curse could be a limited reference to the king’s own children — his *immediate* offspring. On a related note, the phrase “in his lifetime” could apply to the entire verse 30. The curse would only be effective while the king lived. This is exactly what happened: Jeconiah was not successful as a king. He reigned for only three months before surrendering to Nebuchadnezzar’s forces, and none of his sons (he had seven of them, 1 Chronicles 3:17–18) reigned over Judah.

A **second** solution concerns the virgin birth. Yeshua only had one human parent, Mary. His mother was of David’s line, but not through Jeconiah (Luke 3:31). Joseph was Yeshua’s legal but not biological father. Thus, Yeshua was of royal blood through Mary, but the curse of Jeconiah that passed through Joseph was not passed on to Jesus.

A **third** solution: God reversed the curse on Jeconiah’s family. The prophet Haggai hinted at this possibility when he told Zerubbabel, Jeconiah’s grandson, that God would make him a “signet ring” on God’s hand (Haggai 2:23).

God blessed Zerubbabel as the governor of Judea, and he prospered in that role when the Jewish exiles returned to Jerusalem. The “signet ring” imagery of Jeconiah’s curse, repeated in Zerubbabel’s blessing, is not coincidence. Several rabbinic sources do teach that Jeconiah repented in Babylon, and that God forgave him and lifted the curse.

Ultimately, though, the curse of Jeconiah did not apply to Jesus, because He rightfully inherited the Davidic Throne by natural descent through Mary. Since God is the Father of Yeshua, Yeshua did not inherit the curse of Jeconiah. Problem solved! ★

Jerusalem in 2020

Cindy Bayer
ZLM contributor

Today, the streets of Jerusalem are quiet, apart from the afternoon cacophony of muezzins — six minarets surround me. The city, even the entire nation, has been bereft of tourists and pilgrims for several excruciating months. A raggedy-looking Old City cat deftly scales a massive metal fence at the usually bustling Austrian Guesthouse onto an adjoining stone wall. The movement raises the ire and interest of two Labrador Retriever sentinels on the rooftop across the Via Dolorosa from me at the Sisters of Zion Church. Such is the excitement here. (sigh)

Dog Days of Summer

In the uncomfortable middle of the dog days, the extreme heat wasn't the only cause of our malady. **On the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, Tisha B'Av (July 30 this year), we recount a long history of catastrophes.** Central is the destruction of the First Temple (586 B.C. at the hands of the Babylonians) and the Second Temple (A.D. 70 by the Romans) occurring 656 years later, but on the exact same date. Jews call the three weeks leading



My childhood ballet teacher Ms. Zoll taught me that the absence of a spotting point to keep in focus while performing pirouettes makes balance impossible. Padlocks and shuttered doors adorn this Old City street; my spotting point is the light I see at the end of the tunnel.

up to this date “the dire straits.” The people here go into mourning.

The term “dog days” of summer has an interesting background. Ancient cultures, like the Greeks and Romans, identified Sirius (translated “scorching”) as the brightest star in the sky. Sirius is also called the Dog Star because it is the most prominent in the constellation Canis Major. One morning just before sunrise, I saw Sirius nipping at the heels of the constellation Orion the Hunter as they rose over the Mount of Olives to herald another scorching day for Jerusalemites in face masks.

With so much of the news reporting doom and gloom, God’s words to Job have become my spotting point. He said, *“Listen to this, O Job. Stand and consider the wonders of God (37:14),”* and *“Can you lead forth a constellation in its season (38:32)?”* Job answered Him, *“I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. I will ask You, and You instruct me (Job 42:2, 4).”*

Remember the truths of the African-American spiritual hymn “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” ... and breathe. ★



A look of defeat as this dog realizes that the cat is in an unreachable place. At times I feel like that as I try to chase “normal.”



The State of the Ministry

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



In 1983, President Ronald Reagan advised, “The state of the Union is strong, but the economy is troubled.” Today, as our ministerial outreaches continue to flourish, every nation is enduring tectonic upheaval above



and beyond the waxing and waning pandemic (2 Tim 3:1). The state of this ministry is strong, but many of our viewers and readers are troubled; and they, of course, are ZLM’s lifeblood.*

Much has transpired since I wrote “Reading Between the Stars” ([August 2019 Levitt Letter](#)). ZLM had once again received Charity Navigator’s top rating of four stars, which was based largely on our 2017 finances. Now our 2019 financial statements seem a shoo-in for four stars again.

Darrell Keller has been our ministry’s volunteer financial auditor for thirty years. His diligent daughter Mary Grace, also a CPA, works at his side. Each year, they require a brief narrative to complement their examination of our bookkeeper’s financial reports and the integrity of our files. What you’re reading now will fulfill that request. Then their audit will satisfy one of many requirements for our ECFA membership’s annual renewal.

The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) charges nominal fees for scrutinizing its Christian members.

Members like ZLM must adhere to ECFA’s Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship. After we complete a detailed questionnaire each year, the ECFA evaluates each



organization’s compliance with solid, Biblical principles rather than simply assigning potentially capricious scores ([ecfa.org/Content/RatingMinistry](#)).

Thanks to updating our weekly television program’s name from *Zola Levitt Presents* to *Our Jewish Roots* in January, we were able to add the national TBN and TCT television networks. Their additional broadcasts have helped to maintain and grow our viewership—just in the nick of time, PTL. Meanwhile the integrity of our two-Testament teaching stays intact, as does [www.levitt.com](#)’s free archive of all of Zola’s best Bible teaching.



Though both of our Holy Land tour groups had to stay home this year, we remain primed for March and October pilgrimages in 2021. Our travel manager Sandra is also a seasoned mail processor, so she has had plenty to do during Israel’s tourism sabbatical—including accepting **refundable** deposits in case you’d like to reserve a spot for our next study tour, March 8–21.

Ministry management is proactively girding the organization’s loins throughout (Jer. 1:17). Staffers are receiving office equipment that enables them to work from home. Berg Productions is replacing its tired workhorse video production equipment that has become slow and outdated. We are making contingency plans for David and Kirsten to film remotely from their hometown if the need arises. Soon we’ll explore remote filming in Israel to ensure fresh Holy Land footage despite locked borders. Thanks to you! ★

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ZLM Bulletin Board



Do Jewish Lives Matter? (part 2)

(NOTE: see [last month's Bulletin Board](#) for part 1)

Yes, if you ask NBA legend **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** (pictured on left), who blasted both the sports and entertainment industries for a lack of outrage over recent incidents of anti-Semitism.

Unfortunately, Rapper **Ice Cube** (on right) roundly criticized fellow Muslim Kareem for sticking up for Jews. Abdul-Jabbar concluded: "As Martin Luther King Jr. explained: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' If we're going to be outraged by injustice, let's be outraged by injustice against anyone."



OOPS!

Caught red-handed: "Charming Kitten"—one of the most active state-sponsored espionage teams linked to the government of Iran. They accidentally uploaded five hours of videos of themselves training junior team members to hack and steal data from Google and Yahoo email accounts. In May, IBM's X-Force security team discovered and shared the Iranians' footage, which offered rare insight into hands-on hacking and was likened to a poker player showing his hand.



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Pamphlet of the Month

A well-planned will is often the centerpiece of an effective and thoughtful estate plan, making it possible to distribute cash, investments, real estate, and personal property to family and others. A will can reduce settlement costs and make "gifts of a lifetime" to favorite charities. The pamphlet **Questions & Answers about Wills and Bequests** addresses who needs a will and who needs an updated will. To receive a free copy, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box. **Request POM #21.**



Serpent's Corner: 5 Steps

Investing has been a scary roller coaster ride lately, and there's a lack of consensus among professional investors. Carl Richards, known as the Sketch Guy, is a financial planner and author. You can see his recent *NY Times* article, "Your 5-Step Guide to Navigating a Scary Stock Market" at:

[nytimes.com/2020/06/26/business/investing-stock-market-fear.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/26/business/investing-stock-market-fear.html)

His explanations bring to mind many *Levitt Letter* "Wise As A Serpent" pieces, available at levitt.com/essays. (Matt. 10:16)

"Come Home!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details



Beware the Seeming Way

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



יש דרך ישר לפני־איש ואחריתה דרכי־מוֹת

“There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death” (Prov. 14:12)

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Our postmodern culture celebrates “relativism” — the spurious notion that there is no such thing as objectively knowable truth. It is a self-contradiction to say that it is (objectively) true that there is no objective truth. The unthinking acceptance of this sophistical perspective leads to mindlessness, the lack of creativity, moral stupidity, apathy, and delusional thinking. **Popular culture preaches that there are no moral absolutes.** Therefore, terms like “right” and “wrong,” “just” and “unjust,” “true” and “untrue” should (ahem) be translated as expressions of “preference” without any reference to moral categories or structures that extend beyond the individual (or sometimes collective) will.

According to this backwards view, Mother Teresa was no better a person than Adolf Hitler. So genocide, slavery, murder, and so on, are “lifestyle choices” that express individual or collective preference but nothing else. Indeed, such a viewpoint claims that there is no way to infer an “ought” from an “is” (no “prescription” from “description”). Therefore, assigning moral praise, blame, or responsibility is ultimately meaningless.

Understand, then, that the uncritical acceptance of epistemological and moral relativism stifles the life of the mind by implying that there is no difference between truth and error, between good and evil, between beauty and ugliness, between logical and illogical thinking, and so on. However, since language and meaning are necessarily grounded in logic, naive relativism is ultimately unintelligible and incommunicable, since logic assumes that meaning and rules of inference serve as the conditions of any expression of thought.

The thinking of our postmodern culture is not based on careful reflection or reasoning. It is essentially a matter of brute force, and therefore it is rightly to be regarded as irrationalism, an implied appeal to violence, and depraved thinking. Of course, this sort of relativism is a very useful indoctrination technique. It is regularly used by political agitators, the media, by government propagandists, con artists, and even by some pastors — in short, by anyone who relies on having unthinking people that they can manipulate and control. **Therefore, the thoughtful person of truth, that is, the person of genuine moral conviction derived from intuitive axioms of reasoning, will always be regarded as an enemy to those who live and practice the lie.**

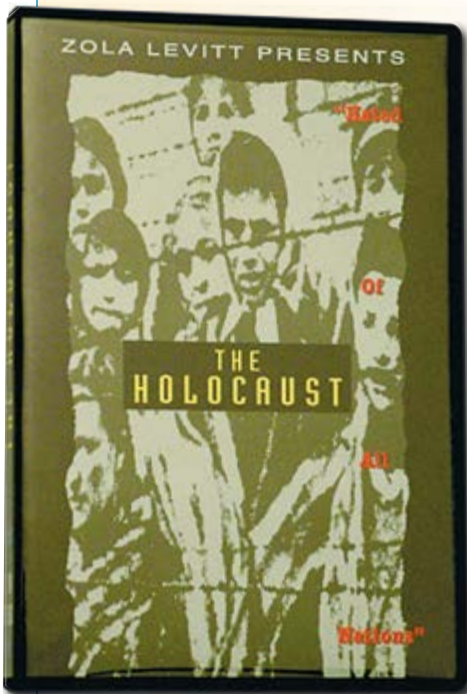
[Zola's Introduction to Hebrew](#) book was written by John Parsons. To delve more into the Hebrew language, this book is a must. See [page 18](#).

— David ★



Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection





The Holocaust

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Selected from our *Signs of the End* series, these six programs cover the most tragic event in history. Zola Levitt and his crew report on the awful Holocaust through hard-hitting interviews and an on-location taping at Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich, Germany. (Please see related letter on [p.24.](#))

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Righteous Gentiles Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, shares her concern for political support by all democracies for the State of Israel. Pam Rosewell Moore, who was Corrie ten Boom's companion and secretary, reveals some special insights into Corrie's survival during the Holocaust.



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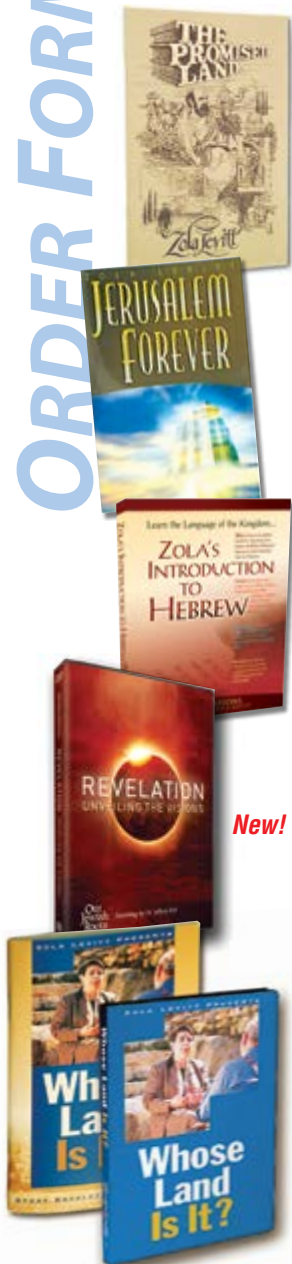
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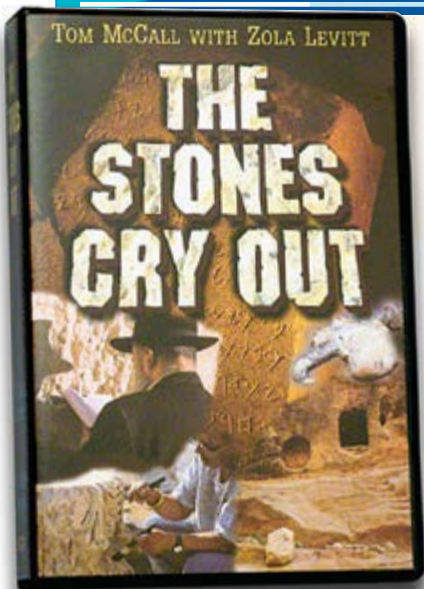
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A Man Crucified On display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, a man’s heel bone that was pierced by a nail is the first archaeological proof of Roman crucifixions in Israel.

Truth from the Stones Zola discusses how the artifacts shown throughout this series illuminate Scripture, and how Believers can be encouraged when *The Stones Cry Out*.

Please see the archaeology articles beginning on [page 32](#).



How Believers Vote



BY CLAYTON HERRING / Berg Productions

Last year, Zola Levitt Ministries created a television series that would be appropriate for election years. *Kings and Kingdoms* aired on *Our Jewish Roots* in May and June to our ministry's receptive audience. Filmed on location in Israel, the eight-part teaching from Dr. Jeffrey Seif examines the rulers of ancient Israel and Judah, from King Saul until the Babylonian captivity.

The legacies of these kings reveal lessons in Godly leadership and principle—concepts we can observe and use as guidelines when we can cast our votes, particularly this November. Here is a summary of Dr. Seif's teaching that encourages us Believers to exercise our right to vote. You can watch it on levitt.tv or on our YouTube channel.

Christians living in a democratic republic should try to elect leaders who demonstrate Biblical values and vision. Wisely exercising our right to vote requires a good deal of effort to discern what characteristics are really important from those that are not. Just as we parents scrutinize suitors interested in our children, looking to see if they have compatible values and virtues necessary to sustain a long-term marriage with our child, we must look at political candidates through a similar lens to evaluate

their ability to serve where society needs them. Each Believer wants to live a life with the Godly vision and values that lead to sanctification. We want sanctification for our home, our congregation, and our nation.

Whether voting for the local city council, the mayor, or the president, we exercise influence. Some people say that religion has no place in the public square, but those of us who believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God hope to use our influence to infuse Biblical truths into our nation and culture.

As we saw in the legacies of the ancient kings of Israel and Judah, Godly leadership results in blessings for the nation, while the opposite is also true. The lack of Biblical values and virtues in the halls of power leads a country to ruin.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Please vote... and vote early for leaders whose actions would make Jesus smile!

While our ministry never endorses particular candidates, reviewing *Kings and Kingdoms* before the coming election could be advantageous for voters who revere the Bible. Besides watching it online, you may buy the DVDs on [p. 18](#). —David ★



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Our Hands are Stained with Blood book — **Now updated!** by Michael L. Brown

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

Contrary to the sweet sentiment of that 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.

Dr. Michael L. Brown, founder and president of FIRE School of Ministry in Concord, NC, is widely considered to be the world’s foremost Messianic Jewish apologist.

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From M.P. (PA): I have supported your ministry since I was saved in 1992. Zola was my mentor. When he gave the podium to Dr. Gerald Schroeder, I believe that was a black eye on his ministry. But in the [August Levitt Letter](#), Dr. Matthew Tiscareno attacked those of us who believe the Genesis creation account (the Young Earth position). With the Schroeder incident and now this, I cannot recommend the ministry. —M.P.

Dear M.P.,

Dismissing this ministry because of a single article is a bit drastic. Beyond that, you can recommend this ministry with a clear conscience by simply disclosing the teensy proportion of content with which you disagree. If you add up all of our Bible-related teaching from television, mailings, and levitt.com, you might estimate that speculative commentary from Drs. Schroeder and Tiscareno amounts to about 0.56% — or 56 one hundredths of one percent. That would mean that **we're 99 and 44/100^{ths} percent pure, like Ivory soap** (Matthew 7:3).



Please remember that we have presented time dilation and other theories to spark **discussions on reconciling science with the Bible — not the other way around.**

Decades ago, Zola mentioned the Doppler Effect (it seems to impact a sound's pitch and frequency) as a way to help me imagine "bending" sound or light waves and dilating time (Psalm 144:4). Did you know that the light from neighboring stars is several years old by the time we see it? Some stars that we'll see tonight died years ago. —Mark



Protecting each other

Dear David and Kirsten Hart,

I was thoroughly disgusted by the photo in the [July Personal Letter](#), with your ridiculous covered faces bowing down to Red Communist China holding satanic sway over you. God is turning us over to our enemies as we lose our rights, businesses, and our country! —P.K. (NH)

Dear P.K.,

Wearing facemasks on *Our Jewish Roots* serves as an example of how to contain the spread of a deadly virus. **Americans protect fellow Americans.** If you call that allowing "satanic sway," then let's agree to disagree. We pray that we don't infect one another while doing our level best to serve you and others solid Bible teaching. —David and Kirsten



David (center, under fish logo) and Kirsten Hart (on dais, left, tilted head) and Jeff Seif (on dais, right) with staff from Berg Productions back in the studios (with masks and social distancing) May 2020

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Insights to share

Dear ZLM,

My friend wrote this short paper on keeping kosher. In the right context and with love, this may help to break some of the walls between Jewish and Christian people. God bless you! —B.D. (CA)

Dear ZLM,

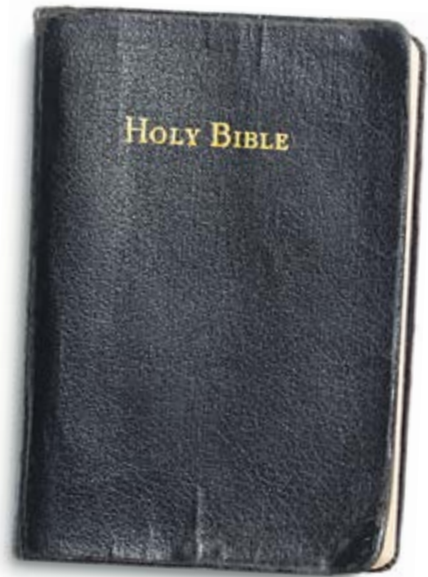
God compelled me to put together a paper “The Meaning to Life,” in which I explain through physics how the universe has an origin, there is a God, and Christ is who He claims to be—all backed up with historical accounts. If you can use this paper in any way to bring people to Christ, please do. The paper is yours. God bless you. —M.C.

Dear M.C.,

Even King Solomon pondered that question. Keep pursuing Biblical truth, and thanks for sharing your findings with us. —David

Dear B.D. and M.C.,

You both may want to participate in our [ZolaBoard](#), found on our website under the “Discussion” tab. You can post your papers for comments and also comment on other conversations. (Prov. 27:17). —ZLM Webmaster



Search your Bible!

Dear ZLM,

While eating lunch and reading my [August Levitt Letter](#), the table of contents caught my attention with “Is There Scientific Evidence for a Young Earth?”

If including this article is intended to make the reader to be like the Bereans—“in that they received the Word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so”—then Praise the Lord! If not, and your belief is in some gap theory/theistic evolution/day age theory, then feel free to call and I would love to share the Word of God with you. —M.S.

Dear M.S.,

As a teacher of Bible studies and speaker for church events, I value theories that drive people to search their Bibles for what God says. Bravo, then, if Dr. Tiscareno’s article did that for you! —Kirsten

Dear M.S.,

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” said Jesus to Thomas, who needed that added piece of tangible evidence to satisfy his doubts (John 20:29). The *Levitt Letter* tries to provide whatever ideas help people believe the Bible’s truth. We include monthly articles on discoveries in archaeology for the same reason: They point to the unquestionable veracity of the Bible’s narrative. Seeing is believing for many. And what Kirsten said. —Editor

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Where's the Holy Spirit?

Dear ZLM,

For almost 40 years as a Messianic Jewish follower of Messiah Yeshua, my research has proven there is no such thing as Christianity. It is a bunch of man-made-up junk, as far from Biblical Messianic Judaism as one can get.

My husband and I have been in churches where the dogma they practice/preach is totally unscriptural. Messianic Jewish congregations are no better; they argue that they're more Jewish than we are!

We've NEVER felt the presence of the *Ruach HaKodesh* [Holy Spirit] in any church/Messianic congregation we ever visited.

The church body is married to the world and seeker-friendly, Messianic antics included. —Mrs. A.J.M.

Dear Mrs. A.J.M.,

What an essay you sent us (edited for space)! It sounds like you've had very negative experiences in churches, and in particular, Messianic congregations. Yet you apparently have been following this ministry ... which was *founded* by a Messianic Jewish Believer and is currently taught by Messianic Jewish Believers. We certainly hope that you feel the *Ruach HaKodesh* every time you tune in our program — because that is our heart's desire. —Mark

Suggestions for ZLM

Dear ZLM,

Why you don't highlight a person or family murdered in the Holocaust and write something about their lives? It's important to share these stories of Jews who were important but slaughtered by brutal monsters. —A.S.

Dear A.S.,

The *Levitt Letter* periodically mentions particular Holocaust survivors and also heroes who helped thousands escape horrific murder. Please see [page 17](#) for a description of our TV series *The Holocaust*. Its first program includes interviews with two Holocaust survivors. **This is a Classic Zola series that you can view for free at levitt.tv/media/series/DHO.**

Please also see [page 18](#) to order our TV series *Beauty for Ashes*, which

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by Dan Piraro



Crossword October 2020:
Divine Deliverance—
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, & Joseph (KJV)
(answers on p.35)

ACROSS

1. ...be fruitful and ____ (Gen. 35:11)
4. But bring your __ brother unto me... (Gen. 42:20)
6. And Joseph found __ in his sight... (Gen. 39:4)
8. And Jacob __ Pharaoh... (Gen. 47:10)
11. So Abram ____ (Gen. 12:4)
12. And Rachel said, God hath __ me... (Gen. 30:6)
13. Therefore Sarah __ within herself... (Gen. 18:12)
14. Now Israel loved __ more... (Gen. 37:3)
18. And Isaac went out to __ in the field... (Gen. 24:63)
19. Abram dwelt in the land of ____ (Gen. 13:12)
21. And there was a __ in the land... (Gen. 12:10)
22. All these are the twelve __ of Israel... (Gen. 49:28)

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2. And Isaac __ very exceedingly... (Gen. 27:33)
3. ...surely the __ is in this place... (Gen. 28:16)
5. And Jacob __ Rachel... (Gen. 29:11)
7. This is my __, which ye shall keep... (Gen. 17:10)
9. ...sell me this day thy __. (Gen. 25:31)
10. I Am the God of ____ (Gen. 31:13)
14. And Rebekah spake unto ____ (Gen. 27:6)
15. And the __ was all over... (Gen. 41:56)
16. ...two __ are in thy womb... (Gen. 25:23)
17. And he __, and behold a ladder... (Gen. 28:12)
20. ...God will provide Himself a ____ (Gen. 22:8)



also includes Holocaust survivor interviews. And see [page 21](#) for details of Michael Brown's recently updated book *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*. — Kirsten

Dear ZLM,

I would like to see a series that touches on the subject of the Rapture. Most of us Christians believe in the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13–17). Do the Jews? I guess not. — R.P. (CA)

Dear R.P.,

Have you watched our recent TV series, [Revelation: Unveiling the Visions on Our Jewish Roots](#)? In it, Dr. Seif offers meaty teachings on the Rapture. Also, Zola wrote *Raptured* (now an eBook) that wonderfully describes this coming event. Zola's study booklet [The Second Coming](#) (see [page 18](#)) differentiates between the two separate events. — David ★

Free 3D-Printed Hands For Children



SCIENCE: BY JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH (r) BreakingIsraelNews.com



3D printed mechanical and robotic prosthetic hands

credit: Mizan Zohar, Technion Spokesperson's Office

Students at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and other volunteers are giving children in Israel, Gaza, Judea and Samaria, Syria, and other areas a helping hand—literally. They have developed and are producing mechanical and robotic prosthetic hands for children using 3D printing.

Prof. Alon Wolf's Biorobotics and Biomechanics lab (BRML) is *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) in action. Together with Haifa3D, a non-profit organization, students from the Technion's faculties of mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science work in the BRML on this unique project.

Functional prosthetic hands, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars, are not provided for free to anyone in Israel nor in many places around the world. **For a child who is growing constantly, it's impractical to buy one.** Technion students have perfected a method to make the mechanical and robotic hands inexpensively on a 3D printer.

The children are able to choose their own colors and logos for the hands— even with prints of superheroes— bestowing pride rather than shame for their new hands, which greatly improve their abilities from catching a ball to performing simple daily tasks.

Israeli children are not the only recipients of Technion's 3D prosthetic hands. Mechanical engineering students taught a group from the West Bank to make the bionic hands themselves on readily available 3D printers. ★



"We can afford the 3D printer if we use it to print more customers."

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Cholesterol Drug Tames COVID-19

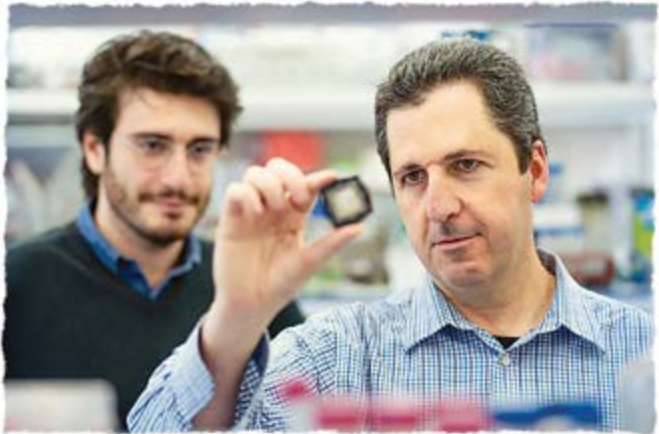
MEDICINE: NoCamels.com

Early scientific research has shown that an existing cholesterol drug may help lessen the dangers of COVID-19, downgrading it to the threat of a common cold, according to a new study by Israeli and American scientists. In lab tests, the cholesterol-lowering, FDA-approved drug fenofibrate (Tricor) showed “extremely promising results” by interfering with how the SARS-CoV-2 virus — the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 — is able to reproduce.

The study — led by The Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s Professor Yaakov Nahmias (an Israeli biomedical engineer) and Dr. Benjamin tenOever (a professor of medicine and microbiology) — appeared in the scientific journal *Cell Press* this summer.

Researching how the virus reproduces

Over three months, Professor Nahmias and Dr. tenOever conducted research on how the SARS-CoV-2 virus changes patients’ lungs to reproduce itself. They found that the virus prevents the routine burning of carbohydrates, resulting in large amounts of fat accumulating inside lung cells. This is a condition the virus needs to reproduce.



credit: Daniel Haroch

Hebrew University Professor Yaakov Nahmias conducts research on COVID-19 with existing cholesterol drug



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Screening FDA-approved medications that inhibit the virus’ reproductive process, researchers found initial success with fenofibrate (Tricor) *in vitro*. **By allowing the cells to burn more fat, the drug breaks the virus’ grip on the cells and prevents SARS CoV-2’s ability to reproduce.** Within just five days of treatment, the virus “almost completely disappeared.”

Understanding how SARS CoV-2 behaves may help explain why patients with medical conditions such as elevated blood glucose and heart disease often run a higher risk of developing severe cases of COVID-19.

“With second-wave infections spiking in countries across the globe, these findings couldn’t come at a better time,” Nahmias said, hailing global cooperation for a treatment or cure. Professor tenOever added that the collaboration “demonstrates the power of adopting a multi-disciplinary approach to study SARS-CoV-2 and could truly make a significant difference in reducing the global burden of COVID-19.”

“This course of treatment could potentially downgrade COVID-19’s severity into nothing worse than a common cold,” Professor Nahmias offered.

Professor tenOever advocates caution: “While fenofibrate does work very well in a Petri dish, this is true for many compounds. It needs to work *in vivo* (in the body) before anyone gets excited.” ★

The *Huppah* and *Sukkot*

BY TOBEY YANAI (r) JPost.com



credit: Noisè Nadjar

Detail of *Jewish Wedding* by Marco Marcuola, Venice, around 1780, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire du Judaïsme

Jews consider the *huppah* a symbol of God's love above the married couple. The traditional *huppah* features an open sky above, acknowledging God as Creator who infuses marriage with deep spirituality. Reminiscent of the *sukkah*, the temporary structure erected for *Sukkot*, the *huppah* reminds the bride and groom that they are protected by God alone and that God is their only haven and support.

The *huppah*, the Jewish bridal canopy, is one of the most beloved objects of Jewish art. It is steeped in history, customs, symbolism, and beauty. It is both the actual bridal canopy and the ceremony.

The Hebrew word *huppah*, which means "covering, or that which floats above," is based on the root word *hafah*, which means to "cover" or "hide," similar to the word *hafaf*, to "protect." This roof for the bride and groom at their wedding is open on all four sides, as Abraham's tent was, to welcome strangers from all directions.

The Origin of the *Huppah*

Originally, weddings were held outdoors with the hope that the couple would be blessed with a large family, as God's blessing to Abraham. In the Talmudic period, the grooms' fathers would set up a royal purple tent or use gold and luxurious scarlet cloth for their sons' *huppah* (pl). An especially moving ceremony involved planting a cedar tree on the occasion of a son's birth, and a pine tree when a daughter was born. When the child married, the branches and leaves from the tree were used to make the *huppah*.

The medieval community often used a *parochet*, the embroidered curtain covering the Torah ark. But eventually, using a sacred object for the bridal chamber was deemed inappropriate. Custom turned to marrying under a *tallit*, the prayer shawl, which was frequently a gift from the bride's family to the groom. Prior to the 16th century, the *huppah* consisted of a veil worn by the bride. Later, it was a cloth spread over the shoulders of the bride and groom.

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The Construction of the Huppah

Unlike many other Jewish ritual objects (e.g., the *tallit* or *mezuzah* that follow strict Biblical instructions), the *huppah*'s only rule for construction is that it be a temporary structure made by human hands.



The **Sixth and I Historic Synagogue's** *huppah* in Washington D.C.

The cloth *huppah* was originally draped around the bride and groom but was later spread out over their heads. The single cloth under which the couple are joined thus symbolizes both the new household they are forming and public recognition of their new status as husband and wife.

***Huppahs* are diverse and reflect personal taste, budget, community influence, season, and settings.** They can vary from simple cloths to elaborate tapestries and embroideries, quilts

sewn by family members, to spectacular floral creations. The materials depend on taste, budget, and the ceremony's location. While some are floral, most are fashioned from fabric: cotton, lace, organza, wool, silk, satin, or velvet.

White, symbolizing purity, is the most accepted color, while Hasidic weddings use dark blue velvet. Some are embellished with popular motifs in Jewish art, like Stars of David, pomegranates representing abundance, scenes of Jerusalem, and texts and images from the *Sheva Brachot* (seven marriage blessings).

The Great Synagogue of Rome

The Great Synagogue of Rome boasts a majestic *huppah* in pale green floral brocade, lined in satin with a scalloped valance trimmed in gold fringe.

The processional can employ hand-held *huppahs*; the poles carried by four friends or relatives represent the community's support in years to come. Poles can be made of metal or wood and can be carved, painted, or wrapped in ribbons or flowers and greenery.

After the wedding, the *huppah* can serve as a wall hanging, bed canopy or bedspread. Some couples have raised their *huppah* for a baby-naming or *bris* (circumcision) ceremony.

When Zola married Sandra in 1998, they rented a *huppah* from a Texas woman who pronounced the word with the most charming redneck accent he'd ever heard. —Mark ★



Huppah in the Great Synagogue of Rome



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Mass grave of Holocaust victims in the Ukraine

286 Holocaust Victims in Ukraine Basements

By Tamar Beeri / JPost.com

The bodies of 286 Jews, mostly women and children, were found in basements below the town square's marketplace in Sataniv, Ukraine. The once-Polish town was known to have an organized Jewish community where numerous pioneers of the Haskalah movement (Jewish Enlightenment) once lived. The population survived persecution in the region for centuries only to have the Germans come in July 1941 and in May 1942 kill 800 people, the majority of them Jews.

Of those, 286 were gassed in chambers in two separate basements, according to KGB records as well as eyewitness reports from those who returned to the city after the Second World War.

The basements were opened after the war, but they were left open without moving the bodies, with a sign marking it as the place of a mass murder. Over the years, however, the entrance disappeared below the rubble of a ruined house that had been standing above it.

After several legal battles, the local Jewish community finally gained ownership of the basements. Starting in 2019, searchers found bones and articles of clothing belonging to those murdered. A *mezuzah*, which stands at the doorway of Jewish homes, was found among the rubble, suggesting that the home above the basements

once belonged to a Jewish family.

The remains in the basements were collected in sacks and taken for burial in the city's ancient Jewish cemetery.

May this restored Holocaust monument help future generations never forget... and thwart Holocaust deniers. —David

Israel's Hockey Team Captain to Play with the Polish Auschwitz Team

By Philissa Cramer / JTA.org

When the captain of Israel's ice hockey team takes the ice for the coming season, he will be just a short walk from the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp where Nazis murdered nearly 1 million Jews during the Holocaust.

Eliezer Sherbatov, 28, signed recently to the local team in Oswiecim, the Polish name for Auschwitz. He told an Israeli newspaper that he had felt welcomed and was not fearful that hockey fans would wield anti-Semitic taunts the way that Polish football fans have drawn criticism for doing.

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Hockey: Canada v. Israel





“People in Poland are happy that a Jew from Israel came to play for Auschwitz,” he said. “I am happy to make this history, and of course want to help not forget the Holocaust.”

Sherbatov added that the dark history that unfolded less than two miles from its home rink provided special motivation to help the team succeed. “Because it is Auschwitz, I want to win the championship, the Polish Cup, and the continental title. Then everyone will know that I am a Jewish-Israeli.”

Sherbatov has played hockey since moving from Israel to Canada as a child. He has been the captain of Israel’s national team, which comprises mostly non-professional hockey players. “People would hear that I’m from Israel and they would laugh. But then they’d see me on the ice and how fast and strong I am,” he said.

German Official Praises Verdict Against BDS Activist

By Benjamin Weinthal / JPost.com

The Hesse commissioner to combat anti-Semitism lauded a Berlin court decision convicting a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement activist for assault.

“The court’s decision against an activist of the anti-Semitic BDS movement for **assaulting people during a presentation by an Israeli survivor of the Holocaust** at Humboldt University in Berlin is an important success against the violent character of BDS and its supporters,” Uwe Becker stated.

“In two ways, this decision is an important milestone in the fight against Israel-related anti-Semitism in Germany,” Becker said. “It unmaskes the violent character of the BDS movement, because it shows that even Holocaust survivors are attacked

by BDS when they speak out for the Jewish state. So it makes clear that the aim of BDS is not about peaceful protest against political decisions in Israel. The aim is the destruction and delegitimization of the Jewish state by all means.

“Secondly, this act of violence shows that BDS is not defending freedom of speech but trying to suppress any opinion that is not compatible with the political agenda of BDS.” ★

Temple Mount Sifting Project Update

By Zachi Dvira & Dr. Gabriel Barkay, co-directors

Since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, the sifting site at the Masu’ot Lookout has been perhaps the only archaeological site in Israel that did not halt operations. With limited staff and local volunteers, we have uncovered several significant finds, including clay seal impressions, coins, and gems, and we have made significant progress in the research and publication process of the finds.

Last year we decided to resume the sifting, which had been suspended for over two years. Although this increased our budget, we believed that with the help of visitors’ admission fees, the operation would eventually become economically self-sustaining. Indeed, by March, we were receiving a substantial number of reservations, such that the income was covering most of the expenses. But then came the pandemic, and the stream of overseas visitors and reservations immediately stopped.

We believe that there is historical significance in continuing to sift the Temple Mount soil. The remarkable finds, even since March, certainly justify this commitment.

Along with the sifting operation, our research activity has also progressed. Although this part of the project does not depend on income from visitors, we plan to focus solely on topics of open research that are in an advanced stage.

When life started to return to normalcy in the early summer, we prepared for a stream of sifting participants during the summer and the school vacation. Then came the second wave of the Covid outbreak. At this point, we are still allowed to host small local groups of visitors, and we are operating according to the government guidelines that are updated almost daily. We look forward to more widespread participation. ★



Two Archaeological Articles

Magnificent Gold Jewelry Excavated in Mount Zion National Park

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY DAVID ISRAEL (r) JewishPress.com



Archaeologists working for the University of North Carolina in Charlotte along the southern wall of the Old City in the National Park around the walls of ancient Jerusalem have discovered the remains of the Crusaders' siege that led to the fall of Jerusalem some 920 years ago.

A small building from the same period was excavated in the same location, with gold jewelry, pearls and precious stones embedded in its floor, alongside two crosses and a number of arrowheads.

The Crusader siege that lasted five weeks, ended on July 15, 1099, with the conquest of the city by Christian forces and the slaughter of its Jewish and Muslim defenders, which lasted another week.

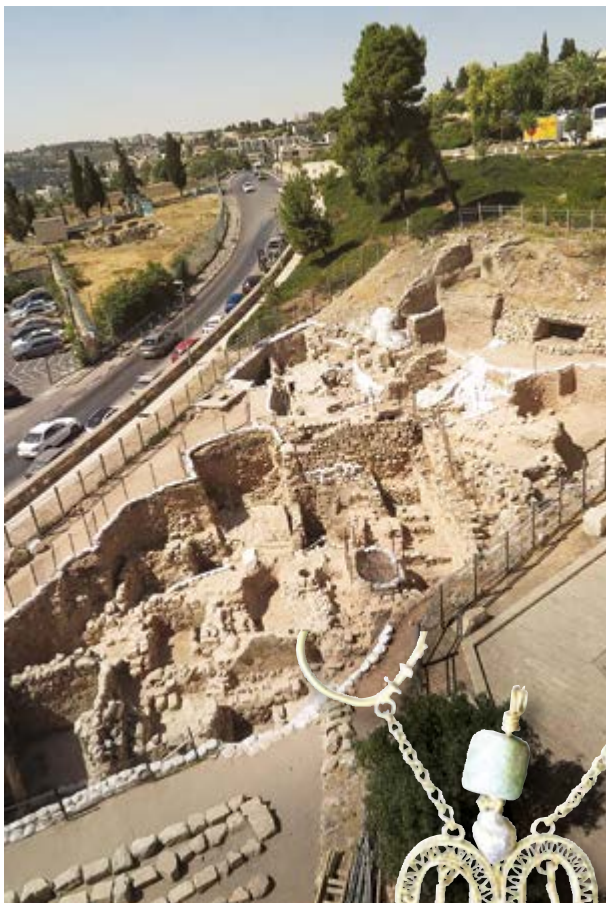
Although most of the Crusader forces concentrated on the northern side of the city, one of the forces led by Raymond of Saint Gilles and his men from Provence in southern France tried to break into the city from the direction of Mount Zion on the southwestern side.

The chroniclers tell us that Raymond's men encountered a problem when they tried to bring their siege tower closer to the wall of the city. This was because between the city and the siege forces there was a moat. Raymond paid his men with gold to fill the moat under the cover of night and guide the siege tower to the wall.

The efforts to plug the moat were successful, but the Muslims and the Jews set the tower on fire.

The excavations are being conducted by Professors Shimon Gibson and James Tabor from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte [who have guested on ZLM's television program], in cooperation with Dr. Rafi Lewis of Ashkelon Academic College.

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credits: Virginia Wilmer courtesy of Israel Nature and Parks Authority



background: The excavation near the Old City's southern wall
foreground: Jewelry discovered in the floor of a small building near the area of 1099 fighting



The moat, which until now was known only from descriptions of the Crusader chroniclers, was unearthed, showing evidence of fighting. The moat was about 50 feet wide and about 12 feet deep.



“This is a significant contribution to our knowledge of the Crusader period,” said Dr. Lewis, who is an expert on Crusader and battlefield archaeology. “This is because we found the moat mentioned in the sources and we are able to actually reconstruct the line of the fighting front.”

The most important findings, including the jewelry, were found by archaeologists who carefully exposed it from the layers of soil where it was embedded. It was suggested that the jewelry may be Egyptian in origin and could have been used as a complex earring that was also used to close a woman’s veil.

In addition to these exciting findings, the excavators uncovered the remains of buildings from the First and Second Temple Periods, as well as the extension of the city’s Byzantine *Cardo Maximus* avenue.

[These “Indiana Jones” articles about discoveries of artifacts help fulfill Daniel 12:4 about knowledge increasing in End Times.](#) — Kirsten ★

Biblical Name Comparison Supports Book of Jeremiah

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY ROSSELLA TERCATIN (r) JPost.com



A comparison between the names mentioned in the Book of Jeremiah and those appearing on archaeological artifacts from the period when the prophet is believed to have lived — around the sixth to seventh centuries B.C. — supports its historicity, said Dr. Mitka R. Golub, a research fellow at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Scholars consider uncovering ancient inscriptions with names that appear in the Bible an important tool to shed light on the historicity of Biblical narratives.

In the past few years, Dr. Golub has broadened the concept of what names can teach researchers by focusing her analysis not on specific ones but on their general characteristics and trends.

However, as she explained in the journals *Biblical Archaeology Review* and *Israel Exploration Journal*, her studies also shed light on cultural differences between the ancient kingdoms of Israel and Judah that seem to contradict the Scriptural tale, which sees them as two entities descending from one nation.

“Archaeology is my second career,” Golub said. “I previously studied and worked as a computer scientist. When I decided to devote myself to archaeology, I thought that I could bring my knowledge of statistics to apply quantitative and statistical methods to analyze the data.”



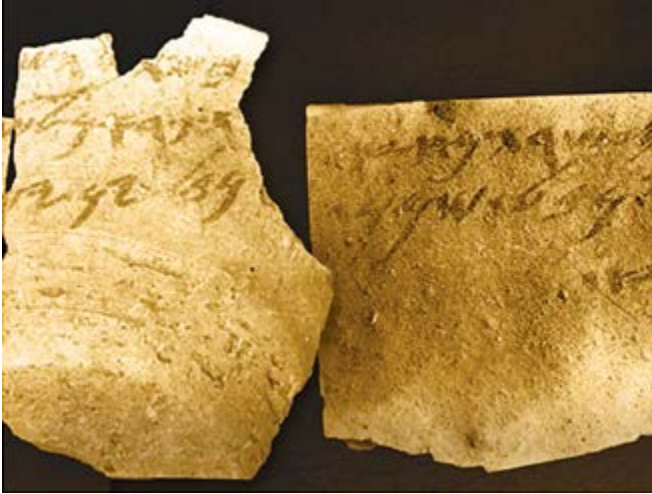
Dr. Mitka R. Golub

The researcher explained that she decided to focus on names. “We have found evidence of many names dating back to the First Temple Period, also known as Iron Age II, and they provide us with a lot of data,” she said. “My approach was not simply to highlight that a specific name on an artifact was also mentioned in the Bible, but to look into the knowledge offered by a collection of names.”

Dr. Golub examined collected names from excavated artifacts published in journals and books to gather as many names as possible. She registered features

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Ink-on-clay inscriptions (dated early 8th century B.C.) from Samaria, the capital of ancient Israel

such as their geographical origin, political affiliation, and dating as the type of artifact — pottery sherds, jars, seals, and so on.

She also paid attention to the presence of a theophoric element: names presenting a reference to the divine in their suffixes or prefixes, common among Jews during the First Temple Period

and even more popular over time. Examples: *Shema'yahu* and *Nethanel*.

The archaeologist compared 92 names from the Book of Jeremiah with 367 names from relevant excavated artifacts. She found out that 63% of the names from the first group featured a Yahwistic element — a reference to *yod-hei-vav-hei*, the tetragrammaton YHWH or specific name of the Jewish God. Moreover, 10% of the items included the generic divine name *El*, 7% presented an abbreviated theophoric element — such as *Shema*, an abbreviation of *Shema'yahu*; 3% was constituted by names with other divine names, 1% by names with divine appellatives and 16% by other names. The distribution of the categories of names in the second group proved to be similar (50% Yahwistic names; 8% names featuring *El*; 14% presenting an abbreviated theophoric element, 4% names with divine appellatives and 24% other names).

The findings suggest that the group of names mentioned in Jeremiah have the same characteristics of what has emerged in archaeological excavations. One important difference: Within the Yahwistic names mentioned in Jeremiah, the groups of *yod-hei-vav* and *yod-vav* seem to be used interchangeably (53% v. 42%), while almost all the epigraphic artifacts present *yod-hei-vav*.

As the first combination of letters was more commonly used in the ancient Kingdom of Judah while the latter in the ancient Kingdom of Israel, Golub explained that this element might simply be a sign that the author of Jeremiah did not perceive the difference as important. Also — and more likely — the book was compiled in a later period, when the use of *yod-vav* had become more common.

This observation is consistent with other findings by the scholar revealing different cultures between Judah and Israel, as well as that the Biblical account seems to reflect more closely the Judaic tradition than the Israelite one.

New questions and answers on how the names of those who lived thousands of years ago can help shed light on the connection between archaeology and the Bible continue to emerge.

[Detailing how archaeology corroborates Scripture \(and vice versa\) differs from assuming that Holy Land archaeologists suppose that the Bible actually needs corroboration.](#) — Editor ★





Art Class

Rebecca Levin was a kindergarten teacher. One day, during her art lesson, as she was walking around the class observing the children while they were drawing, she stopped at little Leah's desk. Leah was working very diligently.

Rebecca asked, "What are you drawing, Leah?"

Leah replied, "I'm drawing God, Miss Levin."

Rebecca paused and then countered, "But no one knows what God looks like, Leah."

Without looking up from her work, Leah responded, "They will in a minute." ★



Answer Key for October 2020 Crossword (p.25)

Across:

- 1. Multiply
- 4. Younger
- 6. Grace
- 8. Blessed
- 11. Departed
- 12. Judged
- 13. Laughed
- 14. Joseph
- 18. Meditate
- 19. Canaan
- 21. Famine
- 22. Tribes

Down:

- 2. Trembled
- 3. Lord
- 5. Kissed
- 7. Covenant
- 9. Birthright
- 10. Bethel
- 14. Jacob
- 15. Famine
- 16. Nations
- 17. Dreamed
- 20. Lamb



Our Jewish Roots TV Airing Schedule

Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Daystar Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 369 Dish – Channel 263				
Days	8 PM Wed 3 PM Fri	9 PM Wed 4 PM Fri	10 PM Wed 5 PM Fri	11 PM Wed 6 PM Fri
TBN Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 372 Dish – Channel 260				
Day	3:30 PM Thursdays	4:30 PM Thursdays	5:30 PM Thursdays	6:30 PM Thursdays
TCT Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 377				
Day	4 PM Sundays	5 PM Sundays	6 PM Sundays	7 PM Sundays

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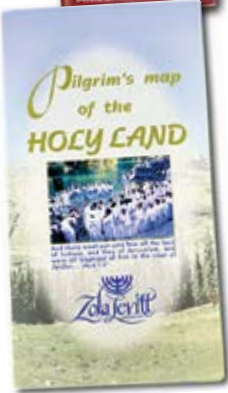
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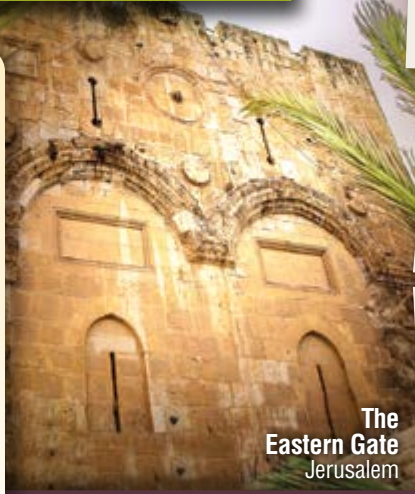
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