



Levitt LETTER

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

— ROMANS 10:1

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Prince Philip's Mother: Not Deaf to Jews

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Born at Windsor Castle in 1885, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria, Princess Alice was diagnosed with deafness at a young age and by the age of eight had learned to lip-read fluently. Known for her sensitivity to others, enhanced by her own disability, she was married to Prince Andrew of the Greek and Danish royal families.

A Refuge in WWII

Most of Greece was occupied by German, Italian, and Bulgarian troops during World War II. The Nazis began deporting Jews from Greece to death camps in Poland in 1942. Haimaki Cohen had been a Jewish member of the Greek parliament and was known to Princess Alice. He died in 1943. His wife Rachel and her family were hidden by a nun, Sister Chrisaki, on the outskirts of Athens, but had to flee after a short period of time, fearing that their neighbors would inform on them.

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NBC Corrects Its “Palestine” Error

CAMERA.org (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis)

NBC has corrected an erroneous reference to 3,400-year-old pottery originating from “Palestine.”



In “Lost Golden City of Luxor,” a fascinating segment in April about a recently discovered ancient city in Egypt, Shepard Smith mistakenly noted: “There has never been this much pottery discovered at one site—and it comes from all over Syria and Palestine, the artifacts [are] museum ready.”

Of course, the region of Canaan, as it was known at the time, did not take on the name Palestine until more than 1,500 years later, when

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Prince Philip's Mother... *continued from cover*



Portrait of Princess Andrew of Greece (1907), painting by Philip de László (1869–1937)

Princess Alice had been assisting both the Swedish and Swiss Red Cross to help care for refugees. **When she heard of the Cohens' plight, she opened the doors of her Athens home to them.** Three of Rachel's adult sons escaped Greece and reached Egypt via Turkey, while Princess Alice sheltered Rachel and her daughter Tilde in a third-floor apartment in the palace.

The Cohens remained in the palace for 13 months, with the princess regularly visiting and talking at length with Rachel. She also assigned two Greeks to keep the family in contact with the outside world. Through this communi-

cation, Rachel discovered that one of her sons had not been able to reach Egypt. He was brought to the palace to join his mother and sister.

A Risk for Royalty

Helping a Jewish family came with risks, especially for Princess Alice, since three of her four daughters had married German princes who were serving as SS officers. Her loyalty was already suspect, since Philip, her only son, had enlisted at age 18 in the British Royal Navy, where he served throughout the war with distinction.

At one point, her daughters and their SS officer husbands visited her Athens home and were suspicious of who was living upstairs. The princess played up her deafness, pretending not to understand their questioning and claiming that a nanny lived with her.

After the war, Rachel and her two children left Greece and later moved with her other children to Israel. **The vast majority of Greece's approximately 80,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust.**

A Righteous End

Princess Alice established a convent in Athens dedicated to helping the needy. Following a coup in the country, she returned to Great Britain to be near to her son and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, with whom she lived at Buckingham Palace, dedicating herself to helping the disadvantaged and needy.

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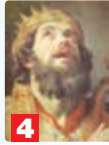
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German tanks roll through Athens on June 7, 1943





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Shortly before her death in 1969, Alice requested to be buried in Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives. She died without any possessions, having given away everything she owned. In 1988, in accordance with her wishes, her body was placed in a crypt in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives.

In 1993, the Cohen family applied for Princess Alice to be recognized as one of the Righteous Among the Nations, and a year later Prince Philip visited Israel to plant a tree in his mother's memory. Speaking at the ceremony Prince Philip said that his mother had acted purely out of faith and conscience. "For years, we did not know, and, as far as we know, she never mentioned to anyone, that she had given refuge to the Cohen family. I suspect it never occurred to her that her action was in any way special. She had a deep



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The Church of Mary Magdalene, Princess Alice's burial place, viewed from the Temple Mount

religious faith and would have considered it a totally humane action to aid fellow human beings in distress."

May Prince Philip rest in peace.
What a brave legacy his mother left. — Kirsten ★

Challenges for a Chosen People — Psalm 78:1–8; 32–39

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Psalm 78 was written by Asaph, the son of Berachiah in the family of Gershom. Asaph is noted to have written Psalms 50 and 73–83. He was a music director during the reigns of Kings David and Solomon and led the music in the tent where the Ark of the Covenant was kept in Jerusalem: *“Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals”* (1 Chronicles 16:5).

Israel has always celebrated God’s blessings with music and dancing. If you have a chance to attend a Jewish celebration, such as a wedding, you will understand. And why not? Life is meant to be lived to the fullest!

1. The Chosen People had huge possibilities (78:1–8)

Asaph reminded the people in verses 1–3 that they had the truth of the Word of God and were responsible to disseminate that truth to the next generation. That reminder is given in Deuteronomy 6:7, *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, and you lie down, and when you rise up.”*

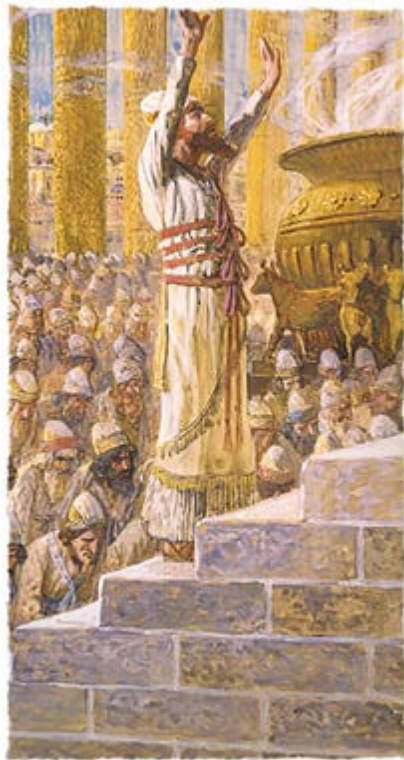
What is the “them” to which the passage refers? It is the *Shema*: *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength”* (Deut. 6:4–5).

It is no different today. **Our instruction is to teach the generation that follows us the truth of God’s Word.** It is not out of date, and we do not *make* it relevant! The purpose must always be to lead men and women to a personal relationship with Yeshua. The commands in God’s Word were given for then and now. We cannot teach speculation but must teach the truth of His Word. That is how the world is changed. It is truthful and practical.

In verse 8, Asaph addressed the fact that stubbornness had caused great distress in the previous generation. If their fathers were stubborn and rebellious, then the generation following must commit to being better. Disobedience isn’t hereditary; but it is a learned trait. The generation to which Asaph referred had stopped making an effort, or even pretending a willingness, to hear the truth. They were as fickle as the wind.

Read verses 9 through 31 and you’ll see that God provided a cloud to guide the Israelites during the day, a fire at night, and water from rocks and streams. He also sent bread from heaven (*manna*), and quail — a good source of protein for the journey — dropped to the ground in their camps. Exodus 16 relates the details. One would think that there was nothing to cause complaint, but one would be wrong.

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Solomon Dedicates the Temple at Jerusalem (detail), c. 1896–1902, by James Tissot or followers, gouache on board, the Jewish Museum, New York





2. The Chosen People had mighty problems (78:32–39)

The recurring problem of unbelief produced a mistrust of God to do what He said He would do. Our eight-part study in Ecclesiastes concluded in [April's Levitt Letter](#), but I think it's worth reviewing a couple of verses that show that vanity is a life without faith. *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil"* (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14).

Psalm 78:34–35 describes obedience only when the punishment was so severe that the Chosen People would turn back to God. When many were dying around them, the people suddenly became religious — worshipping God only as a bargain to save themselves.

That consequence brings to mind a story about a man who was taking a walk on his street and saw his neighbor sitting on his front porch with his dog. He stopped to chat and noticed that the dog was whining. When he inquired, the neighbor informed him that the dog was lying on a nail. He wondered out loud why the dog didn't move, to which the neighbor replied that he guessed it didn't hurt enough just yet. Yep; **sometimes people don't turn back to God until life hurts more than we can tolerate.** Don't let that happen to you ... please!

Verses 36–38 describe a people who continued in their rebellion even though God showed them mercy and compassion. Verses 36 and 37 portray a people deceitful even in their prayers. They were hypocritical and made a mockery of worshiping. On their journey, they had contributed gold to include in the Tabernacle ... and then crafted a golden calf. Some of Yeshua's harshest rebukes were reserved for the Pharisees when they touted their religious status while avoiding true worship (Matthew 23).

Verse 39 serves as a reminder that even though the people forgot God, He didn't forget them. God knows that His creation is fragile, and He is willing to accept each one of us as we are. Remember the words in James 4:14, *"... whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."*

Each of us has amazing potential but can experience hefty problems. Some of those problems are self-imposed. But Asaph has reminded each of us that God is with us, not against us. Be encouraged!

God's grace and mercy extends to everyone. We're thankful for that good news today. —David ★



Detail of *The Brazen Serpent*, ca. 1896–1902,
by James Tissot or followers, gouache on
board, the Jewish Museum, New York

Is Your Wood Wet?

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Our Jewish Roots



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Panoramic view of Tel Aviv, 2018

Looking for inspiration, I googled “Israel.” On the right side of my computer screen, I saw a photo of the Temple Mount and this description of Israel: “The most developed country with the highest standard of living in the Middle East.” Ladies and Gentlemen, when your computer search declares a prophetic miracle, it should **light your fire!**

You may have heard the old saying, “If that don’t light your fire, your wood’s wet.” Simply put, there are some milestones in this world that should excite you. The fact that a Google search brought up fulfilled prophecy phrases for all web surfers to read should ignite your spirit!

The Miracle of Israel

Let’s break down that internet description of the Promised Land. The little slice of land that God promised to Abraham and his descendants thousands of years ago is the *most* developed country in the Middle East. Why is such progress so miraculous? Because since Israel’s inception, Satan himself has been trying to undermine God’s covenant promise with Abraham and Isaac’s descendants.

When God cast Satan and his fallen angels out of Heaven (Revelation 12:7–9), the Earth was their domain. All the Earth was the devil’s *except* a tiny sliver of real estate the size of New Jersey — and Satan is a jealous creature. No other nation on this planet has ever been in a covenant relationship with God. Plagues, famine, giants-in-the-land, invading countries, foreign armies, and even a German dictator with a sinister objective could *not* destroy Abraham’s descendants or the precious acreage that our Savior chose for His earthly home.

The Highest Standard of Living

I didn’t grow up in a Pentecostal church, but this phenomenon makes me want to *shout!* “The *most developed* country ...!” You agree with this distinction if you have been reading the *Levitt Letter* for any length of time. Israelis consistently remain on the cutting edge of technology, scientific research, and agricultural production. And the “highest standard of living” designation? **Does anyone remember how desolate Israel looked only decades ago?** In 1869, Mark Twain described the “dismal scene” thusly: “The hills are barren, they are dull of color, they are unpicturesque in shape. The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble vegetation that has an expression

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Panoramic view of Tel Aviv, 2018

about it of being sorrowful and despondent.”

Those first hard-working settlers who gathered in *kibbutzim* (early communities based on agriculture and community defense) would be astounded to know that the Apple of God’s eye, which they fought hard to restore and protect, **now officially has the highest standard of living in the Middle East.**

Folks, I’m about to run up the aisle! Why are ZLMers so passionate about Israel and the Jewish people? Because we can look and see with our own eyes God’s daily miracles and rely on the undeniable reality that He keeps His covenants forever. Guess what? My wood isn’t wet! Hallelujah!

Zola used to say, “With Jewish brains and Arab money, the Middle East could be paradise!” —Mark ★



NBC Corrects Its “Palestine” Error *continued from cover sidebar*

the Romans named Judea *Palestina* in 135, after the Jews’ ancient enemy, the Philistines. (The kingdoms of Israel and Judea arose in the early Bronze Age, around 1,000 B.C.)

The error was initially commendably and thoroughly fixed on some of NBC’s platforms, for instance, NBCnews.com and Today.com. A note super-imposed on the video itself on both pages states: “A previous version of this story misidentified the regions where the pottery was found.” In these versions, the phrase “and it comes from all over Syria and Palestine” was deleted.

CAMERA noted that the error remained on some NBC platforms, such as the CNBC site and its YouTube page. In response, the network removed the segment from the CNBC platforms. ★

Dry Bones

Palestinian History Lesson

At first the Jews were called Palestinians and the Arabs were called Arabs.

In 1964, in response to the success of Zionism, Yasser Arafat, an Arab from Egypt founded the PLO.

In 1967, when the Arab States failed to destroy Israel, they all got behind the fiction of a “Palestinian” people and nation.

And now they (and we) are stuck with it.



Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth (Matthew 24:51)

(Note: Zola refers to the Soviets as Russians throughout this article, though the USSR did not collapse until late 1991. — Editor)

It's becoming difficult to keep up with the nations involved in End Times prophecy. Our own country is not directly connected to the End Times except as a kind of "event maker." We Americans still have considerable influence in this world, and our interactions with the nations of prophecy may be significant. At the moment, we seem to be practically

bowing down to the Middle Eastern nations that are hostile to Israel. I almost titled this article "Our Arab Masters." I think that at the bottom line we have an addiction to an Arab commodity — oil — and, like other addicts, we simply can't choose our friends. Addicts tend to move in bad company in order to have the things they are dependent upon, and that seems to be our position.

Current Conundrum

As I write, hostage takers in Beirut are teasing that they will withdraw their promise to release one of our citizens. It seems that we did not behave precisely as they dictated when we didn't send the specified official to Damascus to pay obeisance to the kidnappers' "kindness and compassion."

Watching President [George H.W.] Bush trying to mouth statements like "We are grateful to Syria for their mediation efforts" is downright embarrassing.

One wonders how long we will bow to lunatic regimes.

[Reagan foreign policy adviser] Jeane Kirkpatrick recently told CNN that the Russians, Israelis, and Europeans are the only ones who get results with Arab hostage takers. As she put it, "The Russians and Israelis retaliate, and the Europeans deal."

We deal too, if I understood the Iran-Contra hearings correctly, but we simply don't get results. The U.S. gave an enormous number of weapons to Iran, and a hostage was released ... but another soon replaced him. We practically specialize in dealing with the wrong people and being on the wrong sides of the issues. At the moment, we are selling out the nation of Lithuania in order to stay friends with Premier Gorbachev, and we bowed in obsequious (and secret) capitulation to the butchers of Tiananmen Square in Beijing last summer. The picture of American officials drinking toasts to the decrepit octogenarians of Chinese communism was a little too much for most Americans' stomachs.

Whatever the current hostage outcome, we will not have solved the long-term problems. France gave three state-of-the-art jet planes to Gaddafi of Libya, a transaction that might eventually trade thousands of lives for three, and that's not the answer either. **It's surprising how little we get for our kowtowing to tyrants around the world.** With Gorbachev we may see the Russians disarming, but they are flat

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Classic Zola Levitt
from 1990
31 years ago



Photo of Terry A. Anderson released along with a statement by his captors, the Islamic Jihad, in Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 21, 1988



Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (1981–85)



broke and probably couldn't maintain troops or weapons in any great numbers anyway. Whatever it was that we gave Iran, we certainly didn't get value in that hostage situation.

Writing about our docility with the Chinese communists who mowed down the students last June, William Safire wrote in *The New York Times*, "When we sell our soul for a mess of pottage and no pottage is served, let's at least learn a lesson.... In diplomacy, as in life, cooperation is encouraged when it is clear that contempt has consequences." The Biblical parallel is very clear: Jacob at least had the good sense to get the birthright; he didn't serve Esau only to be turned away in derision, as we often are. Safire's column was entitled: "Our 'Open Doormat'."

As for recent Arab misdoings, Yasser Arafat, that "peacemaker," was in the news again, twice defending the indefensible president of Iraq whose poison gas threats were followed by the British discovery of Iraq's attempt to ship a huge cannon, evidently to fire their gas (or something worse) at their nearby neighbors, especially Israel. Arafat resolutely spoke up for Iraq's rights on both occasions, making one wonder what the rights of barbarous aggressors really are.

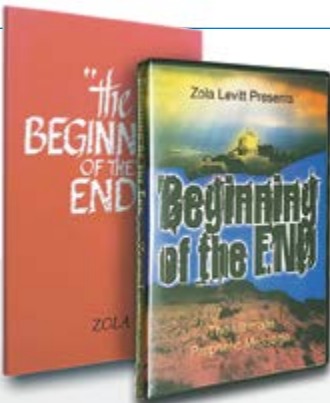


Yasser Arafat awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway in 1994

In the meantime, Eastern European nations nervously tested transporting Jewish immigrants from Russia to Israel without getting Arafat's permission. He had, of course, threatened sabotage to prevent the immigration of these oppressed people. We don't hear much anymore about our government's pretense of dealing with Arafat. Through some alchemy, we were turning the killer into a statesman; but it seems that we have been dealing with the devil.

How does all this work with prophecy?

We still have to see several global phenomena come together to produce that final seven years (the Tribulation Period) under the antiChrist. That means rampant anti-Semitism—and we are certainly getting plenty of that from the Arabs, the Russians, and, in some cases, our fellow Americans. Another phenomenon will be tremendous antagonism between nations, such as to cause people everywhere to throw up their hands and plead for a common leader who is not liable to any particular flag—in other words, a worldwide leader or dictator of a New Age, a one-world government. Thirdly, we will see an escalation of hostility and weaponry that suggests the Battle of Armageddon. The Bible will yet prove to be the accurate forecaster of the age. Keep your eyes open. ★



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Palestine vs. Israel as the Name of the Holy Land

PART 2 See Part 1 in the [May 2021 Levitt Letter](#).

Last month we noted that using the term *Palestine* when referring to the Land of Israel perpetuates ancient propaganda and plays into the Muslim hatred of Israel and the Jews. The KJV uses *Palestine* and *Palestina* where other translations use *Philistia* to denote where the Philistines settled in the Old Testament coastal area of Judea. The New Testament never mentions *Palestine*.

History of the Term *Palestine*

It was not until the Romans crushed Bar Kokhba and the Jewish revolt against Rome in A.D. 135 that Emperor Hadrian applied the term *Palestine* to the Land of Israel. Hadrian, like many dictators since, realized the propaganda power of terms and symbols. He replaced the shrines of the Jewish Temple and the Sepulchre of Christ in Jerusalem with temples to pagan deities. He changed the name of Jerusalem to *Aelia Capitolina* and the name of the area occupied by Israel and Judea to *Palestine*. Hadrian's choice of *Palestine* was purposeful, not accidental. He took the name of the ancient enemies of Israel, the Philistines, Latinized it to *Palestine*, and applied it to the Land of Israel. He hoped to erase the name *Israel* from all memory. Thus, the application of *Palestine* to the *Land of Israel* was invented by an inveterate enemy of the Bible and the Jewish people, Emperor Hadrian.

It is interesting to note that the original Philistines were not Middle Eastern at all. They were Europeans from the Adriatic Sea next to Greece. It may have pleased Hadrian to use a Hellenistic term for the Jewish land. **In any case, the original *Palestinians* had nothing whatsoever to do with any Arabs.**

Christian Adoption of the Term *Palestine*

One of the first Christian uses of the term *Palestine* is found in the works of the Church historian Eusebius, who lived in Caesarea. He wrote around A.D. 300, as the Roman persecution of Christians was ending and the Emperor Constantine began to accept Christianity.

Eusebius did not accept Hadrian's designation of Jerusalem as *Aelia Capitolina*, but he did use Hadrian's term *Palestine*. Eusebius considered himself

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Classic Tom McCall
from 1997
24 years ago



Map of the United Monarchy, before the Israelite kingdoms of Israel and Judah split under Solomon's son



Map of two kingdoms of Israel in the 9th century B.C.





to be one of the bishops of Palestine. Thus, the anti-Israel, anti-Christian name of *Palestine* was assimilated into the Church's vocabulary as the Byzantine Empire was being established.

The Church has, since that time, broadly used the term *Palestine* in literature and in maps to refer to the Land of Israel. It should be noted, however, that the Crusaders called their land the Kingdom of Jerusalem. When the British received the mandate after World War I, they called the land on both sides of the Jordan River *Palestine*. This became the accepted geo-political term for several decades, and those who lived in the land were called, and in fact called themselves, *Palestinians* whether they were Jews, Arabs, or Europeans.

Even Evangelical Christians who believe in the future of Israel have used the term *Palestine*. The *New Scofield Reference Bible* includes maps in the back entitled "Palestine under the Herods." There never was a *Palestine* under the Herods. This serious misidentification would be akin to a modern map of Texas titled "Mexico in the Twentieth Century."

The MacArthur Study Bible (1996) contains a map called "Palestine in the time of Christ." There are numerous references in the notes to a place called "first-century Palestine." Apparently, Bible-believing Christians have either knowingly or unwittingly followed the world, pagans, and despisers of Israel in calling Israel by the anti-Israel term *Palestine* — a term found throughout Bible maps, Bible commentaries, and textbooks.

Proper Designation of the Land

Using the term *Palestine* has been Biblically inaccurate and wrong throughout the Church Age. However, it is more than just wrong; it is devastating in our time when **the term *Palestine* is the cornerstone in the propaganda war against Israel and the Jewish people.** Do we want to use terms invented by haters of Christ, the Bible, and Israel? Do we want to employ terms used by the enemies of Israel, who desire nothing less than the destruction of the Jewish people? I think not.

Christians should use the Bible's terminology wherever possible. Why not return to the terms used in the New Testament? The Gospel writers referred to the Land as *Israel*. Why should we use any other term, especially now that the Jews are back in the Land and have re-established the nation of Israel among the nations of the world?

As we draw closer to Christ's Second Coming, we should understand that Satan's fury against the Church and Israel will grow exponentially. Satan hates the Gospel of the crucified and risen Messiah, and he hates the reality of Israel's restoration as the nation that will ultimately receive Jesus as the Messiah when He returns, and the nation that will be Christ's earthly headquarters. The only term we should use for the Land is *Israel* — its subdivisions of Judea, Samaria, and Galilee are also acceptable. We should make every effort to remove the term *Palestine* from our Bible maps and textbooks and use only Biblical terms in referencing the Holy Land of Israel. ★



Map of the British Mandate—Jordan was the portion split off for the Muslims/Arabs

Q. What is salvation?

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A. Biblical salvation occurs when a lost sinner is saved from eternal death and damnation by the redemptive power of Jesus Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.



Salvation goes into effect the moment the sinner believes that Jesus alone provides this salvation (John 5:24). In spite of man's expectations that he can bring about peace and prosperity, the world remains shattered by the ravages of sin locally, nationally, and internationally. The Bible, however, speaks of God's plan of grace to provide a solution to man's problem. We call it salvation, or *soteriology*. Soteriology is the Biblical study of the doctrine of salvation. It embraces all of time and eternity. It relates in one way or another to all of mankind, without exception. Salvation is the major theme of both Testaments, Old and New.

Salvation is personal, national, and cosmic; it only comes from Jesus Christ, Who came to seek and save lost sinners (Lk. 19:10). According to the broadest meaning in Scripture, salvation encompasses the total work of God by which He seeks to rescue man from the ruin and power of sin. Salvation bestows on man the wealth of God's grace that encompasses eternal life, provision for abundant earthly life, and eternal glory (Eph. 1:3–8; 2:4–10; 1 Pet. 1:3–5; John 3:16, 36; 10:10).

The word *salvation* is the translation of the Greek word *soteria* (σωτηρία, sow-teh-REE-uh). It is derived from *soter*, meaning *savior*. *Salvation* communicates deliverance, safety, preservation, soundness, restoration, and healing. In theology, it denotes a work of God on behalf of men. As such, it includes redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, conviction, repentance, faith, regeneration, forgiveness, justification, sanctification, preservation, and glorification. **On the one hand, salvation means the work of God** in rescuing man from his lost estate. **On the other hand, salvation describes the estate of a man** who has been saved, is vitally renewed, and made a partaker of the inheritance of the saints.

Three Tenses

The Bible speaks of salvation in three tenses—past, present, and future (2 Cor. 1:9–10).

Past Tense: saved from sin's penalty. Several passages of Scripture speak of salvation as completed for one who has believed in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. This aspect views the Believer* as delivered once and for all from sin's penalty and spiritual death (Luke 7:50; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15; Eph. 2:5, 8; Tit. 3:5; Heb. 7:25; 2 Tim. 1:9). So perfect is this work of God in Christ that the Believer is declared saved and safe forever (John 5:24; 10:28–29; Rom. 8:1, 37–39; 1 Pet. 1:3–5).

Present Tense: current deliverance from the power of sin and carnal nature's power in the lives of Believers (Rom. 6:1–23; 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 2:19–20; 5:1–26; Phil. 1:19; 2:12–13; 2 Thess. 2:13). This phase of salvation is accomplished through the ministry of the indwelling Spirit. It is based on the work of Christ and the Believer's co-identification with Christ in that work.

Future Tense: the future deliverance that all Believers will experience through a glorified, resurrected body (Rom. 13:11; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 John 3:2). The Christian never becomes perfect in earthly life (Phil. 3:12–14). Full conformity to the character of Christ awaits glorification. However, though some aspects of the Believer's salvation are yet to be accomplished, this in no way implies that there is ground for doubt as to the outcome of eternal salvation.

All three phases depend upon the work of God in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. ★

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



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Giving Back Two Gifts

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On our way from Galilee to Jerusalem, August Rosado and I met the young man in the picture (left). **Artur**, it turned out, was the son of Yanah, a woman who works in the gift shop near the site where Yeshua was baptized. This ministry had shared Yeshua's Gospel with Yanah the year before and had given her a Hebrew Bible.



Artur

Now we had the privilege of doing the same with her son.

The Lord had led us to stop at the coffee stand, and a song from the American Civil War playing on his iPhone opened the door for a conversation. I told Artur that my great-grandfather had fought as a Union soldier in the Civil War. That led August to mention that the location where we now stood was where John the Baptist had baptized Yeshua, noting that the Scriptures had foretold John's preparing the way for the Messiah.

August and I explained why Yeshua had come and what He did for Artur's salvation. We offered this ebullient young man a brand-new Bible in Hebrew so he could learn from God about this salvation. Artur happily accepted the Bible and some Messianic tracts. When I told Artur that the *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Holy Spirit) had led us to him to share the Good News, he replied, "Praise the Lord, you were sent here today so that I could have the Word of God!" Please pray for God's Spirit to draw Artur to a saving knowledge of *Adon Yeshua HaMashiach* (the Lord Jesus Christ).

The next day was a rainy and windy Sabbath in Jerusalem. August and I followed an ancient road

toward Jericho where the parable of the Good Samaritan took place (Luke 10:25–37). In first-century Israel, this road was dangerous, with thieves lying in wait to rob and kill travelers. Today in modern, restored Israel, this location is a national park with a Good Samaritan Museum where tourists can view artifacts from ancient Jews, Samaritans, and Christians.

Led by the Lord, August and I struck up a conversation with two Israelis working in the gift shop, **Maron** and **Tamal**. Casting our ministry under the character of the Good Samaritan, we told them that we had come a great distance to give them the gift of God's Word that points to Yeshua as the Messiah to save His ethnic people. **We explained that we were really giving back the two gifts — God's Word and the Messiah — that we had received from Israel and the Jews.**

Both young men were astonished and, of course, familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan. With their new Complete Study Bibles in Hebrew, they can read the prophecies about Yeshua in the *Tanakh* (Old Testament) and reports of His phenomenal ministry to bring salvation in the *B'rit Hadashah* (New Testament). May the road to Jericho now lead them to Yeshua the Messiah.



Maron and Tamal

[This report details a previous year's outreach because of the current pandemic.](#) — Editor ★



To
Index

Disagreeing (and Remaining Friends)

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



Israel Today magazine recently addressed the controversial question “Should Christians Evangelize Jews?” The article featured the viewpoints of two *Sabra* (native Jewish-Israeli) staffers, who described their thoughts about the missions of Evangelical Christians, Christian Zionists, and Messianic Jews. — Mark

Evangelical Christians support efforts to lead Jews to faith in Yeshua (Jesus), as Evangelism is foundational to their “Evangelical” faith.

Christian Zionist groups do not support organized or deliberate Evangelism among the Jews, believing it to be disrespectful in light of centuries of Church-sanctioned anti-Semitism.

Messianic Jews The large majority believe that Evangelism among non-believing Jews is an essential element of what they consider to be their unique calling “to the Jew first.”

Tsvi Sadan’s knowledge of contemporary Israeli culture, society, and politics enabled him to give an insider’s view in the context of GOD TV introducing an Evangelical TV station in Israel [and the flaw made by missionaries sharing the Good News with Jews]: “Most Jews see it as a direct threat to their Jewish identity ... the fundamental goal is calling Jews to convert to Christianity.”

Aviel Schneider, Editor in Chief of *Israel Today*, asked, “Wouldn’t [Christian ministers and ministries who come to Israel] be more effective reaching their own people in their own language and culture? I am sure that foreign Christian stations like GOD TV are making a lot more from donations when they can employ sexy slogans like ‘The Gospel to the Jews in Israel,’ rather than ‘Evangelism in Togo, Tonga, or Tuvalu’.”

To see the article in its entirety, visit israeltoday.co.il/read/should-christians-evangelize-jews and follow the steps to become a subscriber to *Israel Today’s* online magazine. Over the years, it has proven to be an intriguing source for widely varied, pro-Israel commentary even though ZLM doesn’t agree with everything they publish (we adhere to Rom. 10:1) — just as many of our own faithful readers periodically dispute *Levitt Letter* content (example below). In fact, Aviel Schneider has repeatedly appeared on our TV program and this fall, his fellow writer David Lazarus may interview with us.

Kirsten and I learned early on that Jewish people *don’t stop being Jewish* when they accept Yeshua as the Messiah. They will always be Jewish. They are “fulfilled” Jewish Believers, followers of Messiah, or Messianic Jews. — David ★

Dear Mark,

Our support of ZLM will not diminish no matter what disagreements we may have. Time is indeed short.

Wearing masks to help others?? Mark, please! Do some research. Wearing them is rather like putting up a chain-link fence to keep bugs out of your yard. Wearing a symbol of fear and control does absolutely nothing to stop the spread of any disease. I fear you are misinformed. — Ben (PA)

Dear Ben,

You had me at “Our support of ZLM will not diminish no matter what disagreements we may have.”

Though I re-read your letter, I remain a pro-masker and pro-vaxxer. Possibly, the *Levitt Letter* should feature Point-Counterpoint articles for such deep-seated debates (Prov. 27:17). — Mark

(See also [page 34](#).)



ZLM Bulletin Board



Do Jewish Lives Matter? (part 5)

Most definitely not to the Brazilian pastor (left) in Rio de Janeiro who prayed with his congregants for another Holocaust: "God, what you have done in WWII, you must do again; this is what we ask for in our prayers to you!" Federal police raided the Pentecostal Generation Jesus Christ Church where Pastor da Hora Lores was filmed preaching and his followers passionately repeating, "Massacre the Jews, God; hit them with Your sword, for they have left God, they have left the nations."

(NOTE: Also, see September, October, December 2020, and April 2021 Levitt Letter Bulletin Boards for parts 1, 2, 3 & 4)



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"Come Home!"

Zola
Tours
to Israel



See page 36
for details





The Sigh of Faith

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

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“We groan inwardly as we eagerly await our redemption” (Romans 8:23). We sigh deeply because we are suspended between two worlds, living in the ambiguity of an “already-not-yet” expectation, enduring ourselves as imperfect vessels longing for perfection. We’re trapped between what is and what will be, seeing the unseen, yearning for healing, believing that we shall never die, even as we die (John 11:26).

We Believers are restless for our eternal home and long for God’s presence as we walk through shadowy vales, facing various temptations, whispering our prayers in the dark. And though we must learn endurance and trust in God’s sovereign purposes, our faith nevertheless compels us to cry out, *“How long, O Lord?”* and *“Come, Lord Yeshua”* (Rev. 22:20).

Our ongoing challenge is to keep a positive attitude despite the struggles we face, and therefore we inwardly pray: *“Renew within me ruach nachon”* — a spirit that says yes (Psalm 51:10). **Surrender means accepting God’s will for our lives — saying “yes” to the promise of love**, even if we presently feel empty inside and wonder how long we can hang in there. **Answering “yes” implies saying “no” to other things — no to fear, no to anger, and no to doubt**, for example. Tragically, some people have given up and traded hope for bitterness and despair. Asking the Lord to give us a spirit of “yes” is really a prayer for the willingness to keep pressing on to our heavenly destiny, especially when the way seems dark and hope seems distant.

Though life is a struggle, we do not lose heart or become faint, since even though the outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed (literally, “raised up”) day by day. For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, that is, substance and reality (see 2 Cor. 4:16–5:8).

Meanwhile we must endure ourselves, deal with our resistance to mortification, and ask God for the tremendous blessing of keeping us from evil so that we are not consumed by grief. **Ask the Lord for strength and the will to carry on!** Shalom, friends. ★



Sar Shalom — Prince of Peace

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The Law Brought to Life Jesus speaks about divorce and the marriage bond in 5:31–32, and other human bonds in 5:33–37. Verses 38–42 deal with how to be gracious, even toward the ungracious.

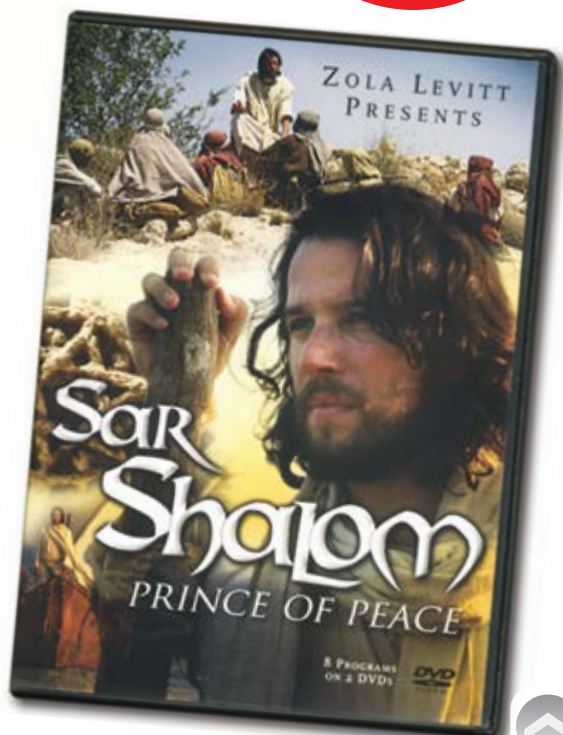
Models of Behavior Jesus teaches how to deal with enemies (5:43–48) and doing good to please God and not men (6:1–4). His teachings on prayer follow in 6:5–15.

Eternal Investments Matthew 6:16–18 notes that fasting pays dividends; laying up treasures on Earth, alone, does not (6:19–21). Generosity brings moral health (6:22–23).

God's Material Provisions Jesus challenges followers to serve either possessions or God (6:24). Blessings abound to those who serve Him (6:25–34). Believers must not rush to judge others (7:1–6).

God's Spiritual Provisions Matthew 7:7–12 addresses tenacity and God's benevolence in the Christian's life. The "narrow path" Believers must walk (7:13–14) is not the path chosen by the majority. Our "fruits" testify on our behalf (7:15–20).

Yeshua — Foundation Sufficient for Salvation Deception of self and others gives way to truth at Day's End (7:21–23). Jesus advises us to build our hope for salvation on the right foundation — Him (7:24–29). Jeff offers closing reflections.



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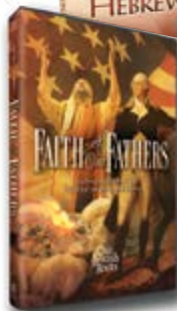
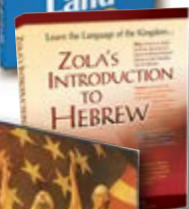
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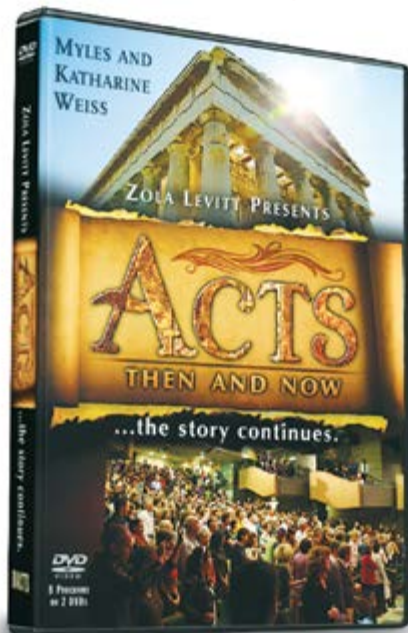
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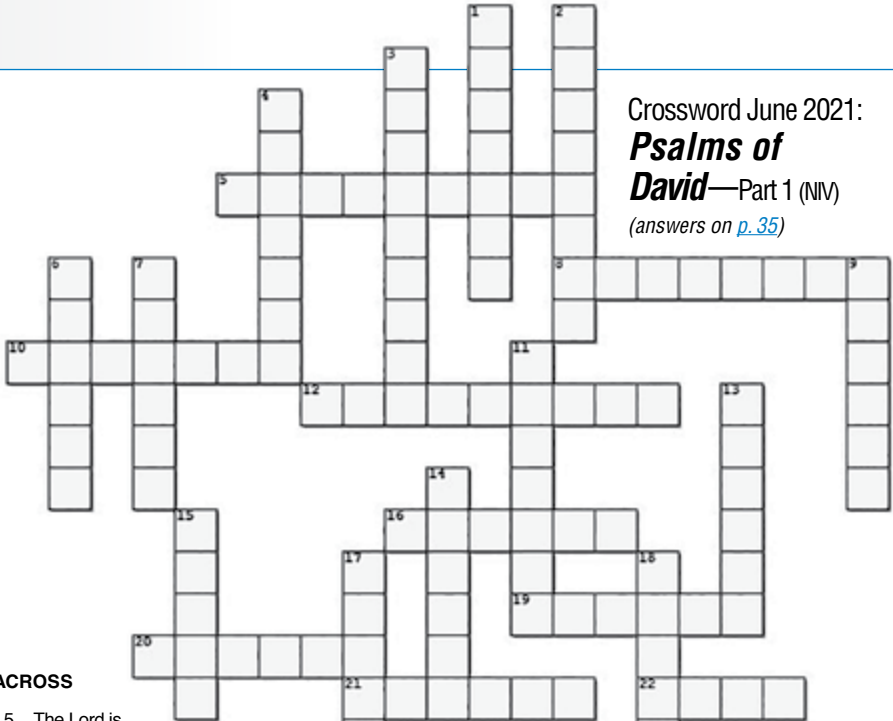
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The Price He Paid for Us In the Garden of Gethsemane, Myles discusses the blood of the sacrificed Lamb. Interviews with local Believers underscore the price to follow Jesus in Israel today.

Upon This Rock Matthew 16 proclaims the identity of Messiah. Tents of Mercy ministry provides immigrants from the former Soviet Union with humanitarian aid and "living water."

The First and the Last We get a "God's eye" view of the role Messianic Believers play in these Last Days.





Crossword June 2021:
Psalms of David—Part 1 (NIV)
 (answers on [p. 35](#))



ACROSS

- 5. The Lord is my light and my ____ (Psalm 27:1)
- 8. The Lord gives ____ to His people... (Psalm 29:11)
- 10. Sing the ____ of the Lord... (Ps. 30:4)
- 12. Surely, Lord, You bless the ____ (Psalm 5:12)
- 16. But You, Lord, are a ____ around me... (Psalm 3:3)
- 19. The Lord is in His Holy ____ (Psalm 11:4)
- 20. Blessed is the one who ____ in the Lord... (Ps. 40:4)
- 21. May He give you the ____ of your heart... (Ps. 20:4)
- 22. Your ____, Lord, reaches to the Heavens... (Ps. 36:5)

DOWN

- 1. Lord, You alone are my ____ (Psalm 16:5)
- 2. Surely Your ____ and love will follow me... (Ps. 23:6)

- 3. But I trust in Your ____ love... (Psalm 13:5)
- 4. The ____ declare the glory of God... (Psalm 19:1)
- 6. Deliver ____, O God, from all their troubles. (Ps. 25:22)
- 7. The Lord ____ forever... (Psalm 9:7)
- 9. You are my ____ place... (Psalm 32:7)
- 11. The law of the Lord is ____ (Psalm 19:7)
- 13. You save the ____ (Psalm 18:27)
- 14. I will give ____ to the Lord... (Psalm 7:17)
- 15. Fill my ____ with joy... (Psalm 4:7)
- 17. The mouths of the righteous utter ____ (Ps. 37:30)
- 18. Keep me as the ____ of Your eye... (Psalm 17:8)



Letters to ZLM

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

by Dan Piraro

Comments from our social media

Re: [Return to Galilee—Baptism YouTube video](#)

I thank all involved in this ministry that they've remained faithful to Zola's vision for this Bible teaching program. — B.R.

Re: [Passover and the Easter Connection—YouTube video](#)

When I was first saved, Zola Levitt was one of my favorite Jewish-Christian teachers/writers. I ordered all his books. He introduced me to the Christian-Jewish roots and gave me a decidedly wonderful education. Many people have been touched by Zola's teaching... and they continue to grow through your ministry. Amen! — S.V.

Eye opening indeed. My communion moments will be with a deeper awareness of God's love. Thanks for the historical connection. — J.S.

Re: [Jerusalem: Ancient Gates, Future Glory—Eastern Gate YouTube video](#)

In September of 1992, I was with Zola and his tour group looking down on the Golden Gate that Messiah Yeshua will walk through from the Mount of Olives above the garden where He wept blood and was betrayed by Judas. Next year will be 30 years since my pilgrimage. I'll never forget the lessons from Zola in Israel and in Greece to Ephesus. Shalom — J.S.

Unsubscribe me!

Dear ZLM,

You did give in to the world. You call "[First Fruits](#)" [Easter](#)? Passover is not Easter. Shame on you. I am unsubscribing so you don't try to deceive me. — R.C.

Dear R.C.,

We use the word *Easter* for clarity because that's what almost everyone calls that holiday (including the King James Bible, Acts 12:4) Using it is not meant to encourage its use or to link it with any pagan goddess. Zola wasn't fond of the word, and we haven't changed our position on it.

You clearly weren't deceived, and we presume you understood what was meant. You must have read our articles over the years explaining the Feast of First Fruits and the history of Easter. You can watch Zola teach on First Fruits for free [here](#). If it is still unclear, please let us know how we can simplify it for you. — ZLM Webmaster

Though you are now unsubscribed, perhaps you'll see this response at [levitt.com](#). [Passover is not the same as First Fruits; they are two different feasts \(the first and third of the Lord's seven mandated celebrations\)](#). Unlike Easter, First Fruits is always the first Sunday after Passover. — David

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Eschatology

Dear ZLM,

According to my calculations (based on Scripture and Jesus' date of birth), Christ can be expected to return between A.D. 2018 and 2033. Therefore, the Rapture and the Tribulation will begin between A.D. 2022 and 2026 and the other End Time events and wars will follow. Maranatha! — E.J.A., MD (IL)

Dear E.J.A.,

While men throughout the ages have speculated about the day and hour of the Lord's return, the Messiah Himself stated, *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only"* (Matthew 24:36). Verse 44 instructs Believers to live as though He's coming back today! — David

Two letters on Faith of Our Fathers

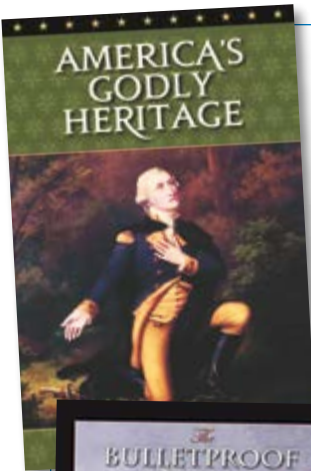
Dear ZLM,

Your program regarding American history with David Barton's commentary brought tears to my eyes. Biblical prophecy is unfolding before our eyes, but my kids (in their early 50s) are missing it. Thank you so much for your ministry! I've followed it for a number of years. — E.N.

Dear E.N.,

I am 54 and, while truth is difficult to discern today, we believe that the foundational principles of our government were Biblically based. Thank you for your support and for following ZLM's teaching. — Kirsten

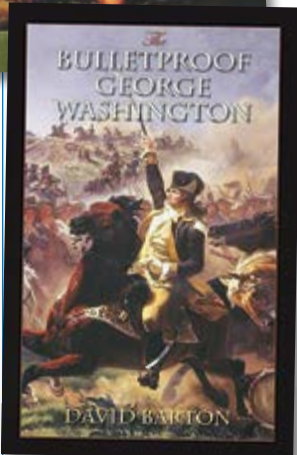
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[America's Godly Heritage](#) book

By David Barton

America's Godly Heritage sets forth the beliefs of many well-known Founding Fathers concerning the proper role of Christian principles in education, government, and the public affairs of the nation. The beliefs of Founders such as Patrick Henry, John Quincy Adams, John Jay, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Mason, and many others are clearly presented.



[The Bulletproof George Washington](#) book

By David Barton

Colonial George Washington's perilous experiences in the French and Indian War are chronicled in this riveting account of God's providence and protection. The only officer on horseback to avoid being shot down, young Washington openly attributed his miraculous escape from harm to the intervention of a sovereign God. A story once found in student textbooks, this awe-inspiring adventure is recaptured in a modern edition, complete with maps and illustrations.

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Dear ZLM,

I watched tonight's *Faith of Our Fathers* program. How can you glorify the Founding Fathers' "adherence" to Biblical principles without acknowledging that Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, James Madison, and so many other "Founding Fathers" were also slaveholders? **I found your presentation hypocritical.** — P.E.S., M.Ed.

Dear P.E.S.,

Watching only one program out of a series of eight is like imagining that a cake consists only of frosting without examining a slice. Subsequent *Faith of Our Fathers* programs discuss that many of the Founding Fathers owned slaves. Zero disrespect intended. In fact, ZLM believes that Yeshua is likely a dark-skinned Israeli. — Kirsten

Sarcasm

Written on a copy of "An Unkind Response to a Plea for Kindness" ([April 2021 Levitt Letter, p. 14](#))

I have noticed many times you do NOT accept criticism well! You always get sarcastic. (Prov. 19:20). — (Pittsburgh, PA)

Dear Pittsburgh, PA,

Proverbs 19:20 mentions hearing counsel and receiving instruction. Jesus Himself told His disciples in Mark 6:11, *"And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."*

The negative mail we receive comes most often *not* from a place of counsel or instruction but rather harsh criticism. Yet instead of simply leaving and wiping the *"dust off our feet,"* we try to respond in a *"wise as a serpent, innocent as a dove"* fashion (Matt. 10:16). — Kirsten ★



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TOM GAULD for NEW SCIENTIST

Israelis Challenge Black Hole Assumptions



SCIENCE: BY NATHAN JEFFAY (r) TimesOfIsrael.com

Israeli researchers recently picked up radio emissions from a faraway galaxy that they say may radically change the understanding of how black holes behave.

Stars are in danger of being torn apart when they get close to black holes. If this happens, the black hole consumes much of the star's material in a process that has been assumed to take place within days and last for several weeks.

But physicists from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University are raising the possibility of an as-yet-unexplained process that causes some black holes to go months or years before gobbling up the last remains of a destroyed star.

A Long Delay

"There seems to be a physical process we don't understand yet that causes a long delay between the star being destroyed and the black hole accreting its material," explains Hebrew University physicist Assaf Horesh.

The peer-reviewed journal *Nature Astronomy* just published the research by Horesh, Iair Arcavi of Tel-Aviv University, and NASA Swift Observatory director Brad Cenko. After observing optical radiation from the destruction of a star in a galaxy 700 million light years away in 2015, the researchers began searching for radio emissions, expecting to detect them for a short period.

Following the destruction of a star, physicists believe it is common for some material to enter the black hole that caused its death. As part of this process, other material is forced away by jets that are caused by magnetic fields around the black hole. The high velocity at which the jets throw the material is thought to create shockwaves that generate radio emissions.

Scientists usually detect these emissions immediately after a star's destruction

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Illustration of a star torn apart by a black hole

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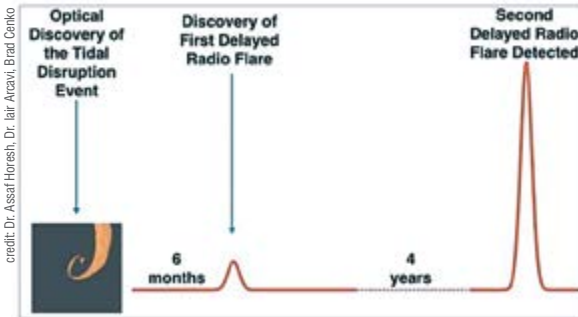
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becomes observable on Earth, but Horesh and his colleagues broke new ground by detecting emissions over a four-year period.

“We saw optical radiation after the star was destroyed, and then no radio emissions for months,” said Horesh, a lead author of the new research. “We gave what we thought would be one last shot at finding it and suddenly, six months later, there was radio emission that faded away for a year.”

“Then, four years after the initial observation, we found, once again, a very strong signal.” He said the research suggests that the period over which a black hole consumes material from a star and throws back other

material — generating radio emissions in the process — is more drawn out “and somewhat more chaotic” than previously assumed. He added that his team is looking to expand its research by identifying more radio transmissions from various galaxies. ★



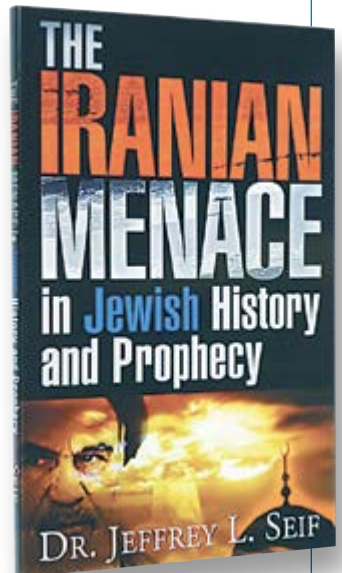
credit: Dr. Assaf Horesh, Dr. Iair Arcavi, Brad Conko

Diagram showing timescale of detection of radio emissions by Israeli researchers after the destruction of a star



[The Iranian Menace in Jewish History and Prophecy](#) book by Dr. Jeffrey Seif

Iran is central in End Times prophecy. At a time when Iran has captured the world’s attention with nuclear threats, Jeff harnesses Scriptural and secular evidence to support his case for the Iranian-Armageddon connection. After glimpsing Iran in ancient Roman and Jewish histories, you will learn the significance of prophecy in the Jewish Scriptures and apocalyptic literature. Jeff’s analysis is based on sound Scriptural understanding and two decades of academic contemplation.



(Please see Classic Zola article [“Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth”](#) on [p. 8.](#))

Anti-COVID Nasal Spray

MEDICINE: NoCamels.com

SaNOTize, the company behind a proposed antiviral nasal spray for use against COVID-19, recently started a production line in Israel, where the Health Ministry gave interim approval for the sale of the product to people over 12 years of age.

SaNOTize was co-founded by Israeli-Canadian scientist Dr. Gilly Regev and is based in Vancouver, B.C. The company developed a patented platform technology that allows for the topical delivery of nitric oxide (a naturally occurring nanomolecule with the formula NO, hence the name) to treat a variety of bacterial, fungal, and viral diseases.



Dr. Gilly Regev, co-founder of SaNOTize

The company's Nitric Oxide Nasal Spray (NONS), under the brand name Enovid, is designed to kill SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in the upper airways, preventing it from incubating and spreading to the lungs. The spray is undergoing a clinical trial in the UK and is currently in a Phase II prevention and efficacy trial in Canada. Early tests at Utah State University's Antiviral Research Institute have shown that the nasal solution inactivated more than 99.9% of SARS-CoV-2.

Animal studies with rodents performed at Colorado State University showed an average of over 95% reduction in SARS-CoV-2 viral load tested on the day following infection. Half the rodents had no detectable virus at all. This was following inoculation with the virus and two treatments of SaNOTize's nasal spray.

Dr. Regev emphasized that **the spray could have prevented much of the world's COVID-19 infection and could now help save lives in countries where access to the coronavirus vaccines is limited.** She further indicated that the goal for their Ness Ziona factory is to produce one million bottles of the spray per month. Each bottle contains a month's supply for an individual.

SaNOTize registered its nasal spray with the New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority, which permits the company to distribute and sell NONS over the counter immediately.

A clinical trial in the UK with the Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in Surrey consisted of a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase II trial. The trial evaluated 79 confirmed cases of COVID-19. It showed that early treatment with SaNOTize "succeeded in significantly reducing the level of SARS-CoV-2, including in patients with high viral loads." The majority of the participating patients were infected with the UK variant, a variant of concern.

"Our trial included patients with a variant of concern and high viral loads yet still demonstrated significant reductions in the levels of SARS-CoV-2. That result could be critical in supporting vaccines, preventing future outbreaks and safely reopening economies," said Dr. Stephen Winchester, Consultant Medical Virologist and Chief Investigator of this NHS Clinical Trial. ★



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Top Palestinian Authority official Jibril Rajoub defends glorification of mass murderers as “stars”

Equal Rights for Women Means Equal “Right” to Murder

By Itamar Marcus / PalWatch.org

Top Palestinian Authority (PA) official Jibril Rajoub recently asserted that Fatah is a champion of equal rights for women. The “proof” is that the PA/Fatah sends women, just as it sends men, to carry out murderous terror attacks:

*“If we didn’t have a culture like this [of equal rights for women], would we have wanted D*** M**** to lead an operation like this [the most lethal attack in Israel’s history in which 37 Israelis were murdered] and F*** B***** [who placed a bomb in a movie theatre]?”*

On International Women’s Day, official PA TV News singled out these same female terrorists as “role models” of honorable and fighting women.”

Israelis Win Academy Award for Film Technology

By Hannah Brown / JPost.com

An Israeli team won an Academy Award in the Scientific & Engineering category for 2021. Prof. Meir Feder of the Iby and Aladar Fleischman Faculty of Engineering at Tel Aviv University (TAU) and his former student and co-founding partner of the start-up Amimon, Dr. Zvi Reznic, shared the award with Amimon’s senior executives, Guy Dorman and Ron Yogev.

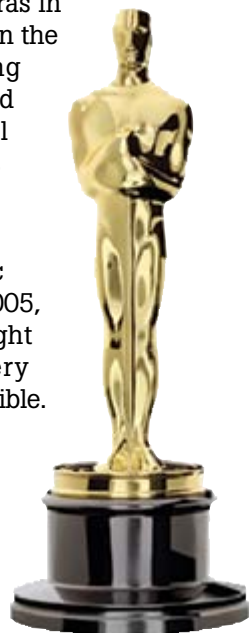
Every year, in addition to the winners of the traditional Oscars, the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announces winners in various scientific and technical categories, honored for the impact their work has had on the global film industry.

The Academy Award honored the wireless video technology developed by the Amimon team and implemented through Amimon’s chipset. Amimon was founded in 2004 by Feder, Reznic, and Noam Geri, who is also a graduate of TAU.

Feder said that **the prizewinning technology is now used throughout the global film industry**. He explained that the technology is able to transmit video shots of very high quality, reliably and quickly, from a large number of cameras in real time to monitors on the set, thereby providing the film’s director and crew with full control of all shooting angles simultaneously.

Feder added: “We developed the basic technology in 2004-2005, when everyone thought that the task was very difficult or even impossible. We knew that it was a real technological achievement, but never imagined we would win the Oscar for it.”

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Bible Illiteracy in the Church

By Leah MarieAnn Klett / ChristianPost.com

The biggest crisis facing the Evangelical, global Church today is the growing lack of Biblical literacy worldwide, according to Thomas Schirrmacher, secretary-general of the World Evangelical Alliance.

"Our biggest problem is that Bible knowledge is fading away," said Schirrmacher. "This is the utmost problem we have beyond all theological differences, financial problems, and political questions."

credit: Martin Wärmcke



Thomas Schirrmacher

In the Western world, "more and more kids that come from Evangelical families are not really rooted in the Bible," and many of them leave the faith. Their number is "counteracted" by people becoming Christians as young adults in other parts of the world.

However, these young Christians also lack deep Biblical knowledge and only know what they learned during their conversion. In rural areas, new Christians are often tasked with leading large congregations despite their lack of Biblical and theological knowledge.

"So many people are becoming Believers that the one who has been a Believer the longest becomes the leader of the church," Schirrmacher said.

"That might be three years — short for us, but long for them. With such a high conversion rate worldwide, it's difficult to follow up with discipling, teaching, and Bible knowledge. The result is that people know much less and are more, much more, open to secularism and strange things like the 'health and wealth' gospel."

*"If Evangelicals don't know the Bible any longer, then we are not a Bible movement. We have nothing else. We have no pope and no structure that keeps us together, no matter what we believe. **We need to sit down and study the Bible, know the Scriptures, and be properly equipped for ministry.** At the moment, most people who become Christians do so in countries that do not have religious freedom or human rights. Evangelism needs to be there for them."*

In an increasingly polarized society, Schirrmacher also emphasized the importance of unity, stressing that divisions within Christianity pose the "biggest obstacle" to the spread of the Gospel. "We need to find the DNA of Christianity," he said. "What we have together is the Bible, Jesus, and the Gospel.

We need to work together so that we do not fight each other when preaching the Gospel," he added, lamenting the "constant splitting of churches" within Evangelicalism.

"Our goal has to be that all of Christianity accepts the same DNA," he continued. "The fading away of thousands of different theologies that divide us from each other makes sense if we then sit down and find the common DNA. The danger is, we cannot allow these central teachings of Christianity to fade away together with minor topics. Then, there will be nothing left." ★



Historic Jewish Temple Not at Dome of the Rock?



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY BRANDON SHOWALTER (r) ChristianPost.com

credit: REUTERS/Amr Awad



above: The Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem **left:** Christian Widener, author



Contrary to the prevailing view, groundbreaking new research argues that the Dome of the Rock Islamic shrine, which sits atop the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, is not the location of the historic Jewish Temple.

In his debut book, *The Temple Revealed: The True Location of The Jewish Temple Hidden In Plain Sight*, author Christian Widener challenges the widely-held belief about where the ancient structure was once situated. He explains why the actual site is a mere stone's throw away on the Mount. Though unbeknownst to many, Biblical prophecies are being fulfilled right before our eyes.

Making Things Add Up

Widener became interested in the subject after reading various news reports and articles. As he heard specific claims that didn't make sense to him, he decided to explore the topic more deliberately.

An engineer by training, he always wants to make two and two equal four, he says, "and so if something does not add up to me, it somehow calls to me, and I keep digging."

The strongest evidence he found was when he was watching a rabbi give a tour of the Eastern/Golden Gate in the Old City. The rabbi explained that this was the famed Messianic Gate but not actually the real gate because the real gate has to be in front of the Temple, and the Temple is where the Dome of the Rock is and, therefore, it could not be the real gate.

Yet Widener revisited Ezekiel 44*, where the prophet records looking out at the Eastern Gate, and the Lord says that it is to remain shut, that it must not be opened and no one may enter through it because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered through it.

The Mishnah

"The rabbis recorded a lot in the Mishnah about Temple practices that are not in *(continued next page)*

* Ezekiel 44 describes how the Levites' and priests of Zadok's duties will be assigned in the Millennial Temple. — Tony



the Bible but are their best faithful recollections. And they're very explicit that all of the gates in the Temple out to the outer sanctuary were in line," Widener says.

(The Mishnah is the first major written collection of Jewish oral traditions, known as the Oral Torah.)

In the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, a giant Temple model as it looked during the time of Herod and Jesus likewise shows the gates aligned together, he adds. (See picture below.)

It has to be one or the other, Widener reasoned. Either the Temple is not where the Dome of the Rock sits, or the gate in question is not the real gate. As he dug deeper, he found considerable historical attestations that the Golden Gate is indeed the real one, an original Temple landmark. That realization started undoing his belief that the Temple site is where the Dome of the Rock is.

2 Chronicles 3:1 reveals that Solomon started building the Temple on Mount Moriah on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David.

"A threshing floor has to be flat. It's where you lay out the grain, put the threshing sledges over it to separate the wheat from the chaff, and tear off the stalks. It's a common practice that you see all over Israel. And when we look at the rock in the Dome of the Rock, it's not flat. It's not even close to flat," he elaborates.

As part of his investigation, he engaged Asher Kaufman's book *The Temple Mount: Where is the Holy of Holies?*

Kaufman points out in his book that the *Dome of the Spirits*— a small dome built in the 10th century that rests on a hexagonal base on the Mount— is an area of flat bedrock that is built into— and level with— the platform on which the Dome of the Rock sits. "A lot of people could look at that and say, 'So what? So, the bedrock is level with the floor,'" Widener says. But that doesn't happen by accident, he stresses.

"The only way you can get bedrock level with a giant platform like that is if they built the platform and leveled it to the bedrock. This means that the bedrock predates the platform, because the bedrock goes all the way back to the

earliest [time], back to the days when Abraham visited Mount Moriah, before anything was built there, because it's part of the mountain," Widener explains.

In other words, the landmarks are all there, "and the kicker," he says, "is that they're all in line."

"It's not some randomly located piece of flat bedrock

out there. It's directly in line, in front of the Golden Gate," he notes, adding that it's not that people didn't know these landmarks existed but that they did not recognize them as belonging to the Temple.

If Widener's thesis is correct, it's a profound paradigm shift, and it is conceivable that the Temple could be rebuilt and sit in its original location.

Next month: How likely is the Temple to be rebuilt? ★



The Second Temple Jerusalem Model at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Extremist Beliefs Among Muslim Australians



BY SHANE SATTERLEY (r) ForeignAffairs.co.nz

Most Muslim Australians do not subscribe to extremist Islamist beliefs. However, according to a recent nationwide survey, significant minorities did indicate support for some key ideological features of Islamism.

According to the survey, which was completed by 1,034 Muslim Australian citizens and permanent residents in late 2019,

23% of respondents agreed that establishing a caliphate (a form of Islamic government) is a religious obligation.



Muslims in Australia

Nearly one in five respondents (19%) said they defined jihad as an “offensive” concept rather than something that is done only in self-defense, while 10% agreed that countries with sharia law are more just and fair than Australia.

The findings are part of recent research I conducted with colleagues at Griffith University [South East Queensland, AU]. We developed the anonymous survey in consultation with Muslim Australians, including religious scholars, community leaders, and representatives of various Muslim organizations. It was distributed online with support from Muslim community organizations, groups, and individuals, who shared the link with their networks.

Who holds extremist views and why

To better understand our findings, it helps to start with an explanation of Islamism. Not all Islamists are violent extremists. Some will use the ballot box and institutions of the state to advocate for an Islamic system of government based on sharia [Islamic law]. Non-violent Islamists are still considered “concerning” due to how some intend to govern once in power, dispelling notions of a democracy.

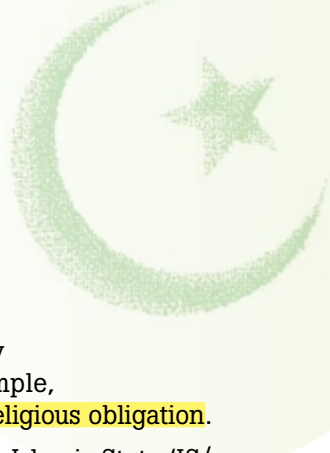
Importantly, we must emphasize that a large majority of Muslim Australians do not agree with an extremist Islamist interpretation of the religion and strongly condemn the use of violence. For instance, nearly 90% said Islam never allows violence against civilians, while 60% said they believe countries with sharia laws are not more just and fair than Australia, and 51.3% would not want to live in countries where sharia laws are in force.

Previous research has contended that factors such as social marginalization, alienation, and isolation are breeding grounds for radicalization. Our survey found this only in relation to the family.

Those who broadly supported Islamist views were more likely to feel strongly connected to the local mosque and Muslim community compared to the other respondents. The responses did not indicate social marginalization or isolation from Australian society — quite the opposite.

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However, those who agreed with more extreme views around martyrdom and attacking civilian targets were much more likely to have experienced a loss of connection to family. These respondents, though, still maintained a connection to other areas of society, particularly the local mosque.

When it came to gender, the male participants in our survey were far more likely to agree with Islamist views. For example, **31.5% of the men we surveyed agreed that a caliphate is a religious obligation.**

This number is quite striking, as it explains how a group like Islamic State (IS/ISIS) was able to use this notion to mobilize tens of thousands of recruits around the globe, including many from Australia in 2014 and 2015. It also shows continued support for this idea of a caliphate, even though IS has largely been defeated in its Middle East stronghold and lost control of its self-declared caliphate.

While there was sizable support for the idea of a caliphate in our survey, this didn't necessarily extend to more extremist views. Just 8% of all respondents expressed support for an Islamic political order and sharia law being implemented by force. And when we asked whether Islam regards civilians as legitimate targets for armed conflict, only 5% of all respondents indicated it was generally or sometimes permissible.

To better understand where those with extremist views got their ideas, we also asked participants what they considered to be the most influential sources of Islamic knowledge from a lengthy list. Those with Islamist beliefs were more likely to indicate the Koran and social media than others in the survey. And they were much more likely to indicate imams, the mosque, the hadith, and scholarly books as very influential sources of Islamic knowledge.

Using these data to counter radicalization

How do these new findings compare with international research on Islamism? Sociological research on Islamism is rare. However in 2010, a study was conducted in Denmark that found similar proportions of Muslims expressing broad support of Islamist ideas (18%) and the most extremist views (5.6%).

We have presented our survey data to Australian law enforcement and Muslim community organizations to help inform policies and programs related to countering violent extremism (CVE).

For example, our survey found the higher the educational achievement of participants, the less likely they were to agree with Islamist views. Also, those who studied STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) were significantly more likely to agree with Islamist ideas compared to those in the humanities fields.



credit: AFP/ Taoussed Mustara

Muslim jihadists

Notably, our survey also highlights just how important the family unit is to countering the radicalization process. We found a drastic drop in connection to family and friends among those who said the use of violence against civilians was permissible.

As such, **both education and connection with family must be critical areas of focus and engagement** for our CVE policies moving forward. ★

Reassurances from a Like-Minded Thinker

Greg Hartwig
ZLM Webmaster



Dear ZLM,

Do you honestly believe there is a pandemic? A real pandemic involves many continents and is **deadly**. The flu claims upwards of 30,000 people in the U.S. alone *every year*.

Wearing masks to help others?? Please! Masks are totally ineffective against any virus. It is rather like putting up a chain-link fence to keep bugs out of your yard.

Why are so many people being made to accept an experimental gene therapy (it is NOT a vaccine!)? Believers need to gather to pray and worship now more than ever! — B. & H.L. (PA)

Dear B. & H.L.,

Pandemic simply describes a disease affecting a substantial population that has spread across most of the globe. It doesn't imply its severity or impact, just its spread. This one has clearly affected most of the world, so the word is appropriate.

I agree that the effectiveness of masks is questionable at best, but they don't provide zero protection. And people have a need to feel that they are not helpless.

Yes, this may be a man-made panic, or maybe our reaction was warranted. In any case, we are now in a situation where most people expect to see everyone masked while in public and indoors. **We are all very frustrated by this, but this is where we are now, no matter how we got here.** I wore a mask only because it was a legal requirement; I still do out of courtesy to others who would be frightened if I didn't.

The vaccines are indeed vaccines, as they provide a level of immunity against the disease. That's what the

word means. Yes, the mRNA varieties do it in a way different from traditional ones, but that doesn't make them dangerous.

This is obviously a controversial topic and we are all free to disagree on the facts, which have indeed become clouded by misinformation. But as you point out, we ultimately need to trust in God. This is always the case, but made more imminent and poignant by today's pandemic. Don't disregard the idea that God may have provided the vaccine to help us get past our current situation, even if it may be a man-made panic.

Zola used to tell a joke about a man climbing on his roof to avoid rising floodwaters. A boat comes by to rescue him, but he waves it off saying, "I will trust in the Lord." Then a helicopter comes, and he does the same. He ends up drowning and in Heaven asks God, "Why didn't you save me from the flood?" God replies, "I sent you a boat and a helicopter!"

Certainly God can and does perform miracles, but sometimes He operates in more mundane ways. Ultimately, He is our only salvation, and He does have angels among us working for our good (Hebrews 13:2). He has a reason for all of the current events, and His plan will ultimately be for our good. — Greg Hartwig, ZLM Webmaster

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*A cheerful heart is good medicine—
Proverbs 17:22*



Comforting Words

A pastor, a priest, and a rabbi are discussing funerals when this question comes up: "When you are in your casket, and friends, family, and congregants are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say?"

The pastor says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a devoted family man."

The priest says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful teacher and a loyal servant of God who brought forgiveness and love to people's lives."

The rabbi says, "I would like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'" ★



"Laughter is the best medicine. Walk into a bar with a pastor, a priest, and a rabbi ... and call me in the morning."

Answer Key for June 2021 Crossword (p.21)

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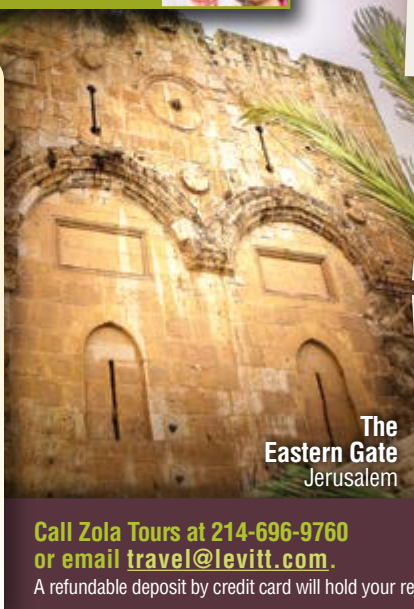
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